

GREETINGS FROM CUPERTINO

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On May 16, we had a farewell prayer service, social and dinner at Villa Saint Joseph and the next day we took possession of the newly remodeled Marianist Center. Now all the Marianists in Cupertino are living either at the Center or at the Bordeaux House and Alcalde House adjacent to the Center. Until the finalization of the sale, Brother Joseph Nu'uanu and Brother John Samaha will be night watchmen at the San Juan Residence and the Villa. The address for all of us is given above, as is my personal phone number and e-mail address.

Mrs. Grace Pancipanci skillfully guided the staff in the transition. The smooth transition was aided enormously by Brother Charles Johnson, accompanied by Brothers Tobias Ferrer, Brian Halderman and Andy Kosmowski and novices Tom Farnsworth and Luis Gamboa. A future novice, Ray Dominguez, completed the group of special Guest Workers. They also enhanced our community prayer and liturgies. To complement the farewell to the Villa we had a prayer service celebrating the new beginning at the Center. A continual prayer is for the many benefactors who aided us so generously by giving of their time, talent and treasure. Many years ago a giant oak tree was the center of the property; now a giant bronze dove is at the entrance to the chapel.

Many of the appointments in the chapel were transferred from the chapels in the former Provincialate or Villa Saint Joseph: tabernacle, crucifix, sanctuary lamp, altar candles – and in a niche high up on a side wall is a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The altar is the same carved wood masterpiece we had at the Center, and Brother Tom Suda made a platform so that it is at a comfortable height for liturgies. In the lobby there is a fine receptionist desk across from a massive holy water font. Many of the doors are equipped for automatic handicapped access. It is possible to go through all the buildings without climbing any steps and without going outside.

The walkways outside are quite inviting – and already well used. There are many plants, but much of the landscaping is fresh green grass – a sharp contrast to the golden hills around us. You will find more photos of the

Center in FamilyOnline. Brother Gene Frank continues to report on Marianist activities via his blog. Brother John Haster's latest Director's Bulletin was No. 67! Brother Stanley hasn't numbered his communications, but they come regularly and guide us through each month. While waiting for the TV cable network to be set up, Brother Tom Deasy showed double features of DVD movies.

Father John McEnhill attended the retreat for candidates in Southern California. Father Jim Imhof faithfully takes communion to our shut-ins. In preparation for his visit to his family in Cincinnati, Father Joseph Stefanelli began studying reports of the Cincinnati Reds. Brother Bernard Foster innocently asked me what team I root for and when I replied "Reds," he offered condolences. Brother Leo Slay was a most welcome guest. He observed, asked, and gently made suggestions – occasionally revealing his thinking in unmistakable non-verbals. Brother Robert Wade faithfully raises the American flag at dawn and with the help of one of our workers lowers the flag and ceremoniously folds it before sunset. He also cares for our pet birds – tracking down one that fled to Father Larry Mann's room for refuge. Father Jack Rielly is doing very well and is working hard to recover the pounds he lost when hospitalized. But we have had to caution him about not coveting his neighbor's meal.

Nearly everyone takes advantage of the walkways around the property to enjoy the beautiful landscaping, fountains and statues. There are benches and chairs at various spots, but our top walker, Brother Charles Ehrenfeld, prefers a shady spot outside the workshop that Brother Tom Suda set up near the Alcalde House. We enjoyed a "Blue Moon" as we celebrated the feast of the Visitation. Brother Joseph Wasy is weak, but peaceful and alert. One morning he told me that he was supposed to have died that night. He seems well disposed for that final journey! Our nurses help Father Tom Hogan walk outside from time to time. Brother Charles Boglitz joins us for masses on Sundays and feasts. He was particularly pleased when Brother Larry Scrivani visited him on Pentecost.

The great solemnity of Pentecost had many features for us. The Province of the Pacific was founded on Pentecost Sunday in 1948. This year the feast coincided with Father Bill O'Connell's 80th birthday. Father Roland Bunda joined us for the festivities, enthusiastic after completing the renewal program at Sangre de Cristo and looking forward eagerly to his future assignment at Saint Anthony's on Maui. Pentecost was also Brother Bill Bolts'

swan song at Queen of Apostles Parish where he has served the past thirteen years. He announced that he has accepted an assignment to join Archbishop Raymond Roussin, SM, to create a Marianist Community in Vancouver. We also said farewell to Brother Tom Suda on Pentecost Sunday and early the next morning he was on the road back to San Antonio with a car packed with his belonging – and hopefully with great memories of his year and a half with us.

On May 25 we were united in spirit with our Marianist Sisters as we celebrated their Foundation Day, observed as the feast of Mary, Help of Christians. On Memorial Day we inaugurated the new bar-b-que. On the 30th we remembered Mrs. Nancy Romano's birthday and had the opportunity to thank her for her multiple services. Brother Gene Frank now has a companion to guide us in singing: Brother Howard Hughes who made his debut on Pentecost. Thanks to Brother John Schlund the rooms at the Center are identified not only by numbers but also by photos of the current occupants. A photo of Brother Howard seems to have caught him just as he was responding to an inquiry "How long are you staying here?" And he replied: "Until the end, I guess!"

This year we hosted the annual meeting of the Health Care Directors under the leadership of Brother Joseph Markel. Father Tim Dwyer, Mr. Paul Fanucchi, Brother Jim Jaeckle and Brother Les Kaehler came from San Antonio. Mrs. Judy Moehl came from Dayton. Brother John Haster, Brother Stanley Murakami, Mrs. Grace Pancipanci and I represented the Cupertino Center. Mr. Paul Fanucchi's wife was also our guest during the time of the meeting. Father Thomas Schroer was scheduled to attend but was forced to remain in Dayton because of illness. All of us had submitted items for the agenda which proved to be a stimulating exchange of experiences as we continue to learn from each other. Brother Vince Wayer has been very busy taking care of guest rooms not only at the San Juan Residence but also at the Center.

Many thanks for your interest in us. Be assured of our prayers for you.

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