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VOCA TION NEWS

Did you know...

- November 18 – 20 was the Contact retreat at Cape May. Seven young men from across the U.S. participated in the weekend. Bro. Stephen Glodek gave the retreat. More details in the next edition of *Vocation News*.
- January 27 – 29, 2006 will be retreat weekend for both the Hawaii region and the Ohio region.
- Men in the Formation Program

Temporary Professed:

- Aaron Sonnenburg is a member of the Washington Street Community in Dayton and teaches at Chaminade-Julienne.
- Brian Halderman is a member of the Marybrook Community in St. Louis and is a student at Washington University.
- Tobias Ferrer is a member of the community at New Creation Monastery in Charlotte and works in ministry to the Hispanic community there.
- Isak Keyman-Ige is a member of the Casa Maria Community in San Antonio and ministers to the retired and ill brothers.

Second Year Novices:

- Armando Añeses is a member of the Casa Maria Community in San Antonio.

- Dennis Bautista is a member of the Marybrook Community in St. Louis and assists in the Province Vocation Office and the Communications Office.
- Alfredo Chavez is a member of the Comunidad Marianista San José in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz in Mexico.
- Andrew Kosmowski is presently teaching science at Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth, TX. He will work in Campus Ministry next semester.

First Year Novices:

- Bob Jones, Steve Paone and Roberto Rivera are currently living at the Novitiate at Mount St. John in Dayton, Ohio.

Aspirants:

- Tom Farnsworth and Luis Gamboa are currently living at the St. Al's Community in Cleveland, Ohio. They are both ministering at local schools.
- Thanks to Andrew Kosmowski for staffing a vocation booth at a Hispanic vocation fair in Fort Worth, Texas.
 - In October the Marianists in the Philippines hosted their first live-in. Some comments from Bro. Richard Joyal:

“All three of us felt good about our first weekend live-in experience. The three (who participated) also felt positive. Two of the three will have a prolonged live-in for two months starting November 20th. The other one from the city will continue to be in close contact with us. We plan to start the Aspirancy Program in June. Before that we hope to have more of the weekend encounters.”
 - The weekend of October 21 – 23, Vocation Directors from all across the Province met in St. Louis. Bro. Charlie Johnson was assisted by facilitator Lisa Gooding from the Marianist Development Office, Bro. Brian Halderman, and Novice Dennis Bautista. They discussed what gives us passion in vocation ministry; what needs to be done to better understand the young men and women in the Church today, and how to plan for the future of this important ministry.
 - Do you show “passion” about vocations? Why? Why not?
 - The vocation booklet will be printed and sent out to the communities before December.

- A vocation booth at the National Youth Conference in Atlanta, GA in October was staffed by Dennis Bautista, John Thompson, Nicole Trahan (pre-novice with the FMIs), and Charlie Johnson. Approximately 18,000 young Catholic men and women attended the conference.
- Anyone interested in pictures/posters of the Founder, our Martyrs, and Mary and John at the foot of the Cross, please contact Bro. Leo Willett at the Novitiate in Dayton, OH.
- What are you doing for vocation ministry?
- Marianist Contact Joe Melendrez (UD sophomore) is presently attending Chaminade University for a semester. Joe and his roommate are running around the island of Oahu seeking donations to World Visions, an organization attempting to end poverty through education. Way to go, Joe! If you would like to help, contact Joe at melendja@notes.udayton.edu.
- Marianist Contact Luis Guerra is presently teaching at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, OH as a member of the Lalanne Program. Good job, Luis!
- Our Province Formation meeting was held at Eureka on November 10 – 13. More details later.
- Keep checking the mail for a package from the vocation office!
- Dan Richter, Coordinator of the Marianist Volunteer Program, reports that six volunteers are currently serving in San Antonio, Cincinnati, Houston, and La Chinantla (Mexico). Liz Cooke, who was originally placed with Catholic Charities in New Orleans, has relocated to Houston to assist Catholic Charities there after hurricane Katrina. Six volunteers in the first year of the re-established program is great. Congratulations, Dan!
- Something to ponder: Every Marianist community and each religious has the responsibility to foster new vocations (Rule of Life 6.7). *If I genuinely believe in my vocation, in Father Chaminade, and in the Marianist Family, I have an obligation to see that it not only continues, but does so with vitality. My vitality is the life of the Society. How is the community living/surviving/thriving in and through me?*
- ***HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE!!***