

About Bro. LeRoy Viera and Heribertus Denny

I was commissioned to write a missive regarding two of my fellow members of the West Hills Marianist Community: Bro. LeRoy Viera and Heribertus Denny, two artists in their respective fields – LeRoy in ceramic statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Denny a photographer. Here is some background on both men.

Brother LeRoy Viera is an 83-year-old Marianist who has spent his life in school maintenance and in recent years also making ceramic statues of “Our Mama” the Blessed Virgin Mary. He lost one of his eyes forty years ago in an accident while building a Marianist residence. He had lost some hearing as a young man who left high school to go and protect the nation during World War II as a sailor. His one remaining eye has a cataract, but he is hesitant to get it removed because it’s his only eye.

The Indonesian Heribertus Denny is of Chinese descent and for three years is in our Marianist Contact program. Although having a degree in finance, his employment has been drawing blueprints for an architect for nine years. His avocation is photography and he could probably make this his full time occupation. This interest he shares with me and we go for many “photo ops” as possible. We have also been available to the Province for photos that have appeared in Family On Line.

Denny bought some remote light sources and took photos of Bro. LeRoy’s statues. The photo presented to you today is one of his. It was taken at about 3:00 PM one afternoon. This fact is presented to you because the photo itself belies this knowledge. One would think that it was taken at a much later time.

Denny asked me to be the wordsmith to bring their artwork to your attention. Bro. LeRoy, the creator of the statue, and Denny, the photographer who captures the artwork of LeRoy with his camera. If you would like to see more of Bro. LeRoy’s work or purchase one of his Madonna statues call him at 818-347-8034 or email him at LeRoy23241@aol.com. If you would like to see some of Denny’s work, his email address is hbdenny@yahoo.com. He also has a website: <http://hbdenny.co.cc/>

Sincerely,

Bro. Jim

