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VOCATION NEWS

Did you know...

- Special congratulations to the Philadelphia Phillies for their recent World Series victory! Phillie's outfielder, Shane Victorino, is a 1999 graduate of St. Anthony's High School in Maui.
- Welcome to our new Contacts: Rick Collins form Honolulu
 Louis Guerra from San Antonio
 Mark Motz from Dayton
- I would like to welcome Patrick McDaid to our Province Vocation team.
- Thanks to Paul Quinn of the Mercy Siena Community for his "vocation" advice to me.
- I visited with an inquirer in the Wilmington, Delaware area right before the Chapter.
- Thanks once again to the Comunidad Marianista San José for their hospitality during my recent visit to Puerto Rico. I spoke with the community about our Province vocation efforts. I was also able to speak with seventh and eighth graders from the Colegio. I learned that my talk is good both in English and Spanish! Gracias!
- Thank you to the Jackson Street Community in Hollywood, Florida for their hospitality during my visit in late September. Thank you, Brothers!
- During my visit in Florida I met with Contact Hugo Bastida and Inquirer Daniel Bolanos. We had some very fine conversations.
- I heard that Jesse O'Neill and Pat McDaid organized an excellent retreat experience for our aspirants in San Antonio.

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- Have you invited anyone to consider joining us?
- Thanks to the Casa Maria Community for the hospitality shown to me during my brief visit to San Antonio. During my visit I met with Contacts Louis Guerra, José Gonzalez and Aaron Filsinger. I also had a very productive meeting with the Holy Rosary Community.
- I was invited to give a brief vocation report at the Director's Meeting in October. Some considered my report the highlight of the weekend.
- Special congratulations to Brian Halderman, a member of our vocation team, for his profession of Perpetual Vows on October 4th at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Cincinnati. Congratulations, Brian!
- I invited six of our Contacts to join us for the vow weekend. Michael Chiuri, Andrew Caruso, Julius Militante, José Gonzalez, Aaron Filsinger and James Perry joined us both in Cincinnati and Dayton for the weekend. I believe that the entire celebration was a good experience for everyone.
- Very special thanks to the Stonemill-Kiefaber Community for their great hospitality shown to our Contact visitors. I am very grateful for your witness of Marianist hospitality! Also, thanks for putting up with me for almost two weeks.
- Special thanks to Aspirant Joe Janosik for his help during the vow weekend.
- Members of our Vocation Team participated in the recent NRVC Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky. Tom Pieper, Charlie Wanda, Laura Leming, Gretchen Trautman, Jim Wisecaver and Sean Downing attended the weekend meeting. Although I was not one of the keynote speakers, I was asked to participate in a panel discussion about "Restructuring and Vocations." My talk was good, but came off really well because some of the other panelists were bad.
- The Vocation Team then traveled to Dayton and joined with Dennis Schmitz, Brian Halderman and Sister Patricia Knopp, SND for our own vocation meetings. We had two days of very fine meetings with discussions and strategic planning conversations. Thanks to Sean Downing for organizing the meeting in Dayton.

We concluded our meetings with a surprise celebration for Sister Patricia Knopp, SND. Sister Patricia is retiring in December after 11 years with us at the regional office at UD. The vocation team was joined by members of Sister Patricia's order including members of her leadership team. Present and former vocation directors for the regional office joined in the celebration – Dan Klco, Joe Tedesco,

Tom Pieper, Charlie Wanda and Sean Downing. Many thanks to Sister Patricia! Blessings and Best Wishes to you!

- Thanks to Andrew Kosmowski of the Waldron Community in St. Louis for agreeing to organize and coordinate our Look, Listen and Lounge Program being held at Governor's Island this upcoming summer.
- Thanks for praying for vocations. Now, go out and invite someone you believe may have a vocation. All they can say is "no" and they might say "yes."
- Thanks to Ed Brink and John Habjan for inviting me to speak at the Principals and President's meeting this past week in St. Louis. I talked about our men in formation and shared some information about the Province and the inquirers who contact me.
- Thanks to Laura Leming and Tom Pieper for the Discernment Retreat they presented at Governor's Island. More details will come in our next newsletter.
- Thanks to Al Kuntemeier for speaking with an inquirer from the Forth Worth area.
- Once again, thank you to David Schuyler for his advice.
- Thanks to Bro. Charles Cumiskey for giving me some reading material on vocations.
- **P=Prayer**
T=Talk
A=Act
- Thanks to David Murphy for requesting vocation materials for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.
- Thanks to Gross High School President, Rebecca Cleveland, for volunteering to invite Contact David Valpone to visit Gross.
- The Vocation Summit in Hawaii will be held January 16 – 17, 2009. More information about this very important gathering will come out in early November.
- Thanks to David Paul for his suggestion of a book on vocations.

- The Contact Retreat will be held at St. John's Rockaway from December 11 – 14, 2008. Steve O'Neil and Bob Donovan will be the main presenters. Brian Halderman will coordinate the weekend with assistance from Ray Dominguez. More details later.
- What is your community doing about vocations? What are you doing about our future?
- Thanks to the St. Al's Community who will host Contact Andrew Caruso next week.
- I will visit the Alumni Hall Community in November.

That is the vocation news for now! Please send me any news so that I can share it with the Province.

Please pray for vocations during this month especially, as we remember the Marianists who have gone before us to sleep in the Peace of Christ. We have taken their place. Who will take our place?

Peace!

Charlie