

Our Annual Reunion BBQ May Be Cancelled This Year But We Need Your Support More Than Ever

The Reunion BBQ is the Alumni Association's Annual Fundraiser Benefiting the Priests and Brothers of Dominguez Seminary.

Please Help Make this Fundraiser a Reality even if We Can't Be Together in Person.

I'll buy my virtual meal ticket(s) \$35 ea. _____

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Come join your classmates in an "On-Line" Reunion Saturday August 29th, at 11:00 am PDT We will use zoom - The ID and Password will be sent to you.

Our Annual Alumni Reunion and BBQ may be cancelled this year but you can still join your fellow alumni in our "On-Line" meeting.

The agenda for the "on-Line" meeting will be:

- 1) First we will be addressed by the provincial, Fr. Rosendo
- 2) Next will be updated on Dominguez Seminary by Fr. Brian
- 3) Following Fr. Brian, we will have a tribute to Fr. Leo Mattechek
- 4) Next we will have the Raffle drawing and
- 5) Finally everyone will get a chance to say hello to all their old friends.

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FATHER BRIAN CULLEY, CMF



Father Brian was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1949, and joined the Claretians in 1980. He studied at GTU in Berkeley, worked with Father Louie Olivares at La Placita, with our

seminarians in Chicago, as campus minister, vocation director, and in parishes in Texas, California, New York, most recently as associate pastor of St. Anthony Claret in Fresno, CA. In January of this year, he took on the post of superior at Dominguez Seminary.



Summer 2020

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PROFILE





We have a considerable number of immigrants in the U.S. and Canada. It made us realize that we have to facilitate the ecclesial integration and participation of migrants and refugees in our own parishes, and provide needed pastoral care. As community leaders, we will also need to know the current U.S. immigration policies, and work for the reform of the system.

Alumni Council Supports Dominguez Priests and Brothers

By John Crowe '64

The Claretian Alumni Council, 13 members led by Bob Loera '63, is successfully building on its two-pronged mission of aiding the retired priests and brothers at Dominguez Seminary and providing fellowship and spiritual support to its members.

The three-decades-old tradition of the Alumni Reunion and BBQ is going virtual this year due to the corona virus. With the annual fundraiser and social cancelled, we will be gathering in person August 2021. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets. We still need to meet our fundraising goal.

The Claretian Alumni Lecture Series, begun three years ago, provides alumni and families an opportunity to explore their faith. Fr. John Molyneux CMF, editor of US Catholic Magazine and the pastor of San Gabriel Mission, was the most recent speaker. A social follows each program.

At Christmas, alumni gather with residents for a holiday tree-trimming, providing resident an individual gift. Under the leadership of Ivey and Pete Gomez, an alumni Christmas social benefits the Claretian orphanage in Juarez.

The Council has stepped up fundraising. We have added air-conditioning to the dining room and community room and improved the neglected pool area, now The Upper Garden. Most recently, we installed five-automatic doors to assist residents using walkers and canes. More projects are planned.

The Council will be working with the order to celebrate the centenary of Dominguez Seminary in 2024. We are supporting the province as new, additional functions are reviewed.

We want to grow the Council and will be using video-conferencing to aid participation. If interested in Joining, call or text me at 213-999-6380.



LOCKDOWN Dominguez Seminary 2020

The wildlife take over the grounds while the fourteen of us shelter in place behind closed gates.

March 15 Sunday is the last public Mass in our chapel. Grounds are closed to outsiders. Seats are spread out in chapel for safety, we sit two to a table in the dining room, and use Q-Tips for the monthly anointing of the sick. **April 11** Easter Sunday, Father Ed Andres dies peacefully in home hospice care. Friday is his funeral, livestreamed for family/friends in Spain and Perth Amboy. Burial at San Gabriel. **May 1** one of our employees tests positive and is quarantined. We notify the County Health Department. **May 7** Father John Hampsch has chills, is fine the next day, and goes into isolation. Now we are all wearing masks in public areas and eating in two shifts, one to a table, because of our "communitarian" living arrangements. All test and prove negative for the virus, but are quarantined in our rooms. **May 14** is our last community Mass. The library, community room and chapel are off limits. We can take off our masks outdoors when away from others. **May 22** we come out of isolation for a celebratory lunch in the dining room. Afterwards, Brother Paul Roy comes down with a fever and chills. He feels fine the next day, but we are back in our rooms for another 14-day-quarantine by supper time! His test results will take three to five days. After some pleading, we are allowed outdoors for twenty minutes at a time AM and PM so our paths do not cross. Earlier we had no restrictions. June 5 we are back together in the dining room again in two shifts. We move about freely outdoors with proper precautions and have Mass together again, no Morning Prayer, no singing, no preaching, over in 30 minutes. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are together once again for Trinity Sunday.

Claretian Migration Ministry on the Border

Father Rohan Dominic, CMF, February 22, 2020

a report on a visit by lay associates and Claretians

Because the Migrant Protection Protocols, known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy makes it hard to enter the U.S., an estimated 60,000 asylum seekers have been sent back to Mexico, where individuals, families and children are forced to wait many months, without any assurance.

The USA-Canada and Mexican Provinces cosponsor Our Lady of Hope, the largest parish in the diocese of Ciudad Juárez. In addition to caring for the pastoral needs of the residents and immigrants, it is also involved in several social activities, including psycho-social counselling, and work with the laborers in the many factories of the city.

They have converted one of the parish houses into a shelter for over forty asylum seekers from different Central American countries. Father Carl Quebedeaux, an American, is fully engaged in migrant ministry, working with many civil society groups including the Casa del Migrante of the diocese of Ciudad Juárez.

The Parish urgently needs additional financial and personal assistance in order to provide quality services and protection to the thousands of migrants and refugees affected by multiple psycho-social, economic, and political problems.

When we crossed the international border into Mexico to visit the Claretian activities we encountered the hard realities the very moment we entered. There had been a shooting incident. Roads were closed, and there was a strong military presence in the city. In spite of that, we had an opportunity to talk to several migrants and refugees in the shelters we visited.