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"Find Your Path" A Discernment Retreat

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart sponsored a discernment retreat April 11-13, 2008 at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula, LA.

Seven young men joined a staff of Brothers to talk about discerning God's call for them. Talks were given on "Vocation", "Human Needs", "The Sacred Heart" and "Where do you go from here?" Each participant had a Brother as a spiritual guide to walk with them during the retreat experience and to answer questions.

The group also came together for prayer each morning and evening and Br. Louis celebrated Mass before lunch each day.

The next Discernment Retreat, "Search Your Heart", will be held on the Jersey Shore December 12-14, 2008 at the St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat Center. Contact a Vocation Director near you to sign up or fill out the contact form here.











The Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart



Lord, it was your will that the Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, be founded by Father André Coindre to respond to the needs of young boys of his day and that it be re-founded by Venerable Brother Polycarp.

Grant that through the intercession of that same servant, and following his example, we may believe in your love, and that it may strengthen us daily as we seek new ways to spread it according to the needs and mentalities of our contemporaries.

Then, Beloved Heart of Jesus, we will be able to praise you for the holiness of our Brother Polycarp and through him kindle a fire of love which will spread throughout the world.

Amen.

Br. Conrad Pelletier, SC, Postulator

Kevin Piper Accepted Into Candidacy Program

Kevin Piper has been admitted to the U.S. Federation's Candidacy Program beginning this fall. As a candidate in that program, Kevin will live in Syracuse, New York, and attend Le Moyne College, a Jesuit university in Syracuse, to complete his undergraduate degree. He has about another year and a half left before obtaining his Bachelor's degree.

Kevin is 21 years old, a graduate of French Settlement High School, the grandson of Ray Lorio, the former Brother Antoine (first vows - 1942), and the grandnephew of our own Brother Farrel. Kevin has been a seminarian for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, studying at St. Joseph's College in Covington, Louisiana. This summer he will be a counselor at Camp Stanislaus, and then later in the

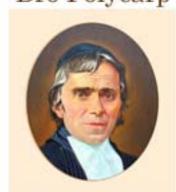


CANDIDATE: Kevin Piper (top) visits with Br. Michael (right) and Mr. Jit Lah, a Myanmar refugee living in Syracuse, NY.

summer move to Syracuse for the beginning of the fall semester which begins at Le Moyne on August 25th.

Letter From Postulator - The Cause of Br. Polycarp

Study commission on Venerable Bro Polycarp



The following two paragraphs are the first and last paragraphs from the recent letter from the Postulator for the cause of our Second Founder, Br. Polycarp.

One of the responsibilities given by the superior general in council to the new postulator and to the committee for the Cause of Venerable Brother Polycarp is "to underscore his fidelity to the charism of the founder." This "open letter" to the brothers, to our partners in mission and ministry, and to the friends of Father Coindre and Venerable Brother Polycarp is intended quite simply as a reflection on this theme.

I am convinced, as are we all, that we are on the threshold of seeing Venerable Brother Polycarp beatified. In the words of the superior general of the Religious of Jesus and Mary, at our meeting at Christmas time, "Get him beatified as soon as possible, and then we'll join forces for the

beatification of Father André Coindre."





A Brief History

Three Brothers from Ottawa first arrived in the Philippines in 1959. They came in answer to a request from the Bishop of Davao and took charge of Cor Jesu College in Digos.

From the moment they arrived, the Brothers were determined to open the Institute to young Filipinos. In 1962, they built a juniorate near Davao City. Eleven boys aged fourteen to twenty immediately undertook their formation while also following academic courses at the nearby seminary.

In 1976 they took over the operation of Cor Jesu High School at the request of the Bishop.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart in the Philippines

Pictured at left on the day of transfer and in front of the Brothers Chapel in Catalunan Grande, are the professed and soon-to-be professed Brothers of the Philippines Delegation.

The occasion marked the transition of the Delegation of the Philippines to a new relationship within the Institute — from a

delegation with the Province of Canada to a delegation under the auspices of the US Federation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart with the New York Province serving as the canonical link. Prior to the liturgy there was an assembly of the delegation to review the New York Province Directory as well as other documents related to the transfer. During the visit, Brothers Joseph Holthaus and Joseph Rocco also met with the Delegation Council as well as with Brother Edgardo in his position as President of Cor Jesu College.

Along with ministering at Cor Jesu College, the Brothers organize performing and visual arts for underprivileged children, songwriting contests for local young music artists, and develop youth leaders to perform community service and youth camps. The Brothers are also involved in Spiritual Direction and Retreats with the young people in the community.



YOUTH RETREAT: Br. Rogelio Bayod leads a faith sharing session as part of a weekend Youth Retreat on Samal Island.

There are presently five young men in formation and fourteen Brothers living in three communities.



FORMATION: Seated left to right in the Brother's Dining Room in Catalunan are Novice Brothers Cornelio Baguio and Rogelio Eneco, Postulant Michael Buscato, Novice Brothers Diosdado Mondejar and Lamberto Solis.



COLLEGE: Cor Jesu College in Digos is owned and operated by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of the Philippines. It encompasses educational levels from Pre-School through Elementary through Graduate with a total enrollment of 3,000 students. It will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2009.

Zambia 2008 Mission Trip

On June 15 students from Bishop Guertin, Catholic High, Brother Martin and LSU will travel with brothers and faculty members to Malole, Zambia to do work at St. Francis Secondary School.



The primary focus of this years trip will be to make repairs and paint the dorms for the students who live on campus.

Ryan Griffin, a junior at Bishop Guertin going on this missionary trip, says he wants to not only learn about the culture but also to understand the way people live in third world countries. "I think it will open my eyes to how different people's lives are in places so different from America. I think it will make me appreciate what I have and make me realize how lucky I am to live in such a safe and successful country."

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Syracuse Ministry Now Working With Refugees

The Brothers in Syracuse, NY are now working with Catholic Charities in their Resettlement Program. Many refugees come to Syracuse because it is an area well known for its hospitality for those fleeing troubles and seeking a new life. Catholic Charities helps refugees find homes, furnishings, and jobs. Case workers act as advocates as these needy people navigate through the American systems. Catholic Charities also offers programs for youth to socialize and learn the American Culture.

The Brothers are working to help the youth and some adults with their English. Most of the refugees are from



TUTORING: Br. Bill Cawley (right) tutors two teenagers from Thailand in English.

Myanmar (formerly Burma). Actually, they are of a culture called Karen, which has its own language and customs. It is a minority culture in Myanmar that has been persecuted. Most

refugees escape to Thailand and may live there for months or years before seeking passage to the United States.

The Brothers are finding the work challenging but rewarding. Most of the students have been acquainted with the English alphabet, numbers, and some phrases. They are well motivated, eager to comprehend English as best they can. They know that to succeed here they must strive to adapt to their new home.



ASIAN APOSTOLATE: Br. Michael celebrates the end of the year party with students.

off, the kids relax and unwind by playing computer games, foosball, and board games and 30 minutes later they are ready to do their homework. The Brothers go around assisting anyone who needs help. They enjoy the children's energy and eagerness to

The Brothers are also working in a new after-school program that is part of the Asian-Apostolate. There are about 75 students from grades K-6 and most of them, though born in the US, are children of refugees. They all speak English, but most are bilingual. After being dropped



SYRACUSE COMMUNITY: The Brothers community in Syracuse standing in front of their house. (Left to Right) Br. Bill, Br. Ronald, Kevin Piper, Br. Michael

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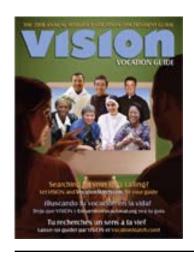
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Vocation Match In National News — Again

The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric for Thursday, April 17 showcased the VISION VocationMatch as one of the ways the Catholic Church has gone "high-tech" in its promotion of religious vocations. The story also gathered some of its background statistics from VISION's recent Trends on Vocations press release.

Click here to view to the CBS clip. The link to the clip is also available on the VISION website homepage.

"A Day In The Life" - Article in Bishop Guertin Newspaper Tells Story of Local Brothers

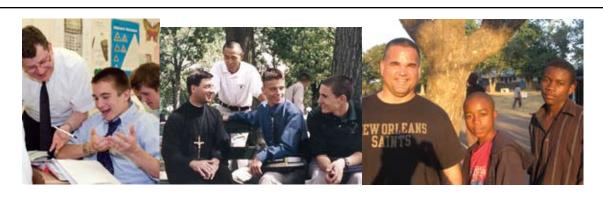
In the December, 2007 issue of The Cardinal News, the Bishop Guertin High Schools student newspaper, there was an article written about the daily life of the Brothers in the local community in Nashua, NH.



NASHUA COMMUNITY: The local community next to Bishop Guertin High School sit down for the evening meal.

One Brother states in the article, "The value of community prayer and worship are important to each of us as is time for socializing and simply enjoying each other's company."

Click here for the full article



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