

2015

MEET THE NOVICES

2016

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BROTHERS DURING THEIR NOVITIATE YEAR AS THEY DEEPLY DISCERN THEIR CALLINGS AS CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.



Brother Ryan
Anderson
Midwest District

Born: Mapleton, MN

Education: Saint Mary's University, Winona, MN (undergraduate); La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA (graduate)

Ministry experience: La Salle Academy, West Catholic Preparatory High School, De La Salle Vocational School, and La Salle University (all in Philadelphia)

What was significant for you in your discernment and postulancy experiences that affirmed you and your desire to enter the novitiate? If I have one word to describe my journey of discernment, it is invitation. I keep getting invited to new adventures and it is the saying "yes" to these adventures and invitations that allows God's plan to unfold for me a step at a time. In my postulancy, I have been affirmed by community prayer life and by being given the opportunity to discover my gifts and use them in ministries I am passionate about.

Born: Downers Grove, IL

Education: Montini Catholic High School, Lombard, IL; Lewis University, Romeoville, IL

Ministry experience: West Catholic Preparatory High School, Philadelphia, PA; John XXIII Educational Center, Racine, WI; Christian Brothers High School, Memphis, TN

How have you come to gain a better understanding of the Lasallian mission?

Through the Buttimer Institute and from working with Partners at Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, Tennessee, I believe I have a growing sense of what this mission is about, and that we are all in this together. I am impressed by the enthusiasm for the mission I have seen among our Partners and look forward to more wonderful experiences in the future.



Brother Johnathon
Emanuelson
Midwest District

Born: Yreka, CA

Education: Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA

Ministry experience: Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, San Francisco, CA; De La Salle High School, Concord, CA; La Salle Academy, Philadelphia, PA

What is exciting/energizing for you about religious life (particularly Being Brother) today?

Twice a year we connect with all the young Brothers in different places in the country. We are a very dynamic and entertaining group. We have seen growth in numbers in the past five years that we haven't seen in a couple decades and I am extremely hopeful!



Brother Javier
Hansen
District of San Francisco
New Orleans



Brother Michael
Phipps
Midwest District

Born: Haute Feuille, Haïti

Education: La Salle High School, Yakima, WA; University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO (undergraduate); Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (graduate)

Ministry experience: Lasallian Volunteer at The San Miguel School of Providence, RI; West Catholic Preparatory High School, Philadelphia, PA; St. Joseph High School, Westchester, IL

Discernment is a process. How has your discernment journey led you one step at a time?

This journey has opened doors and windows I never realized existed. Through a deepening of faith and community, the Spirit has led me into these unknown situations with gentleness. Anxiety and questions have not bogged me down in fear. Instead, they have opened my eyes and heart and soul to awe and wonder at the work of God in my life. This subtle, strange path of discernment has resulted in the beautiful discovery of my vocation.

Born: San Bruno, CA

Education: Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, San Francisco, CA; Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA

Ministry experience: Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, CA; West Catholic Preparatory High School, Philadelphia, PA; La Salle College High School, Wyndmoor, PA

What was significant for you in your postulancy experience that affirmed you and your desire to enter the novitiate?

I was extremely nervous about teaching. Christian Brothers are supposed to be expert teachers, and I did not know what would happen once I stepped in the classroom. During my postulancy, I had the opportunity to practice my skills in the classroom and grow as an educator.



Brother Joseph
Wright
District of San
Francisco
New Orleans



Brother Thomas
Johnson, FSC
Novitiate Director



Brother Thomas
Westberg, FSC
Novitiate Sub-director

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IN OUR
HEARTS ...

Forever!