Welcome!
by Brother Michael Murphy, FSC

On behalf of the staff and student leaders in Mission & Ministry, I would like to warmly invite you to take a moment to read the inaugural edition of our monthly MMC E-Newsletter. Our goal is twofold: first, to enhance and expand our communication with the campus community, and second, to encourage you to participate in some of the programs, events, and activities that we offer every month.

It is indeed quite fitting that we introduce our e-newsletter in November given that the month begins with the great feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We invite you to recall and express heartfelt gratitude for all those people in your life who have lived lives of gracious integrity. In the foyer of our Chapel, a “Día de los Muertos” altar has been created which allows you to remember loved ones who have passed away. Feel free to bring a picture of someone who has died and place it on the altar. Furthermore, we would also invite you to stop by the Mission & Ministry Center to see our renovated lounge. Our principal goal was to re-imagine the space in order to give greater emphasis to warm and generous hospitality that is a hallmark of the culture of spirituality that we seek to foster in MMC.

Let us be animated by the words of Pope Francis who, in the Joy of the Gospel, invites us to see “every human being [as] the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love.”
Fair Trade goods are implicit within the title: fair. From far away farms to our shopping carts, Fair Trade products come from farmers and workers who are justly compensated. Fair Trade is about spending money buying day-to-day goods to improve an entire community’s day-to-day lives. Saint Mary’s is the only Fair Trade Certified college in Northern California. We seek to promote the awareness and advocacy of Fair Trade goods through two key events happening the month of November…

1) FAIR TRADE FRIDAY: Friday, November 7th from 9AM-12PM, the Mission and Ministry lounge will host complimentary Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolates alongside other Fair Trade products for purchase. Whether you know everything or nothing about Fair Trade, be sure to stop by for a cup of coffee and piece of chocolate on us!

2) FAIR TRADE THROWDOWN: Wednesday, November 12th from 12:30-1:30PM, we will host a “bake-off” in Dryden Hall. Bring your Fair Trade baked goods potluck-style and compete with other faculty, staff, and students in a blind taste test. There will be prizes. Matt Carroll, head of Sodexo, has offered to give students any necessary Fair Trade ingredients for free—just show him your recipe!

The next Fair Trade Friday will be held on November 7th from 9am to 12pm in the Mission and Ministry Center.

Lasallian Community

The Lasallian Community is a Sophomore living learning community on campus. They take a course on the life of De La Salle, do regular service at Saint Martin de Porres, and have community nights.

In September, the community took the fifth grade class on a field trip to an Oakland A’s game. Each community member had a 5th grade buddie to spend the day with.

Santiago Community

The Santiago Community is a Junior and Senior living learning community on campus. They create events around Faith, Service, and Community every month.

This month the community held a Sugar Skull Decorating event to decorate the Dia de los Muertos altar. Students from the Santiago community, and the SMC community participated in this event.
Reflections of a Lasallian Volunteer:

Hi! I’m Chay (like Chai tea!) Tanchanco and I am a graduate student in the Counseling department, on a full scholarship as a Lasallian Scholar. I would not be here today if it weren’t for my experiences as a Lasallian Volunteer in Memphis, TN. I served as a music and computer teacher, as well as after school care and technology support person, at a small, low-income, diverse elementary school in the mid-South for two years; and I loved every beautiful and challenging minute of it.

It’s hard to sum ‘one of the most life-changing experiences of my entire lifetime’ up in a few sentences, but if I could say one thing about it... I would say this: the Lasallian Volunteer program provides you with connections and support that will stay with you the rest of your life. When I came out of college, I was looking for a place that would bring me closer to the world of service while giving me a support system based in faith and in passion for changing the world. When I joined, I had no idea what “Lasallian” was or who the Christian Brothers were. Despite that, I found a sincere energy of deep love of service for those who need it most in the brothers, in my co-workers, and in my LV peers, even when we were thousands of miles apart. As a result of my time as a volunteer, not only did I have the support I needed to grow into my professional self, I was also given the chance to develop spiritually, especially when it came to matching my actions to my values. I learned humility and integrity from interacting with my community of brothers and volunteers, with my new friends, with my students, and my co-workers. I found deep meaning in my future career choices because every single day, I think of those I am dedicating myself to help and join.

I could be doing infinite “other things”, but I cannot emphasize enough how happy I am and absolutely sure that I am exactly where I need to be. I am incredibly blessed to have met the people that I did, from the Brothers to the students to the people I work with, to the other LVs with whom I am proud to share my experiences. Making connections, gaining support, and being inspired by those who have given their lives for service are forces that will continue to move me forward in faith and service as I work to bring a little bit more light to our world.

For more information on the Lasallian Volunteers program, visit: www.lasallianvolunteers.org
Applications available online - November 3rd * Priority Deadline - February 15th

Reunidos en Fe y Familia!

Nov. 9th
5pm Spanish Mass
Main Chapel
Followed by dinner in Dryden

The Mission and Ministry Center, in partnership with the College Committee on Inclusive Excellence, the Women’s Resource Center, the Registrar’s Office, the Health & Wellness Center, and Leadership Studies Programs, is sponsoring a Women’s Retreat this November!

The weekend retreat will focus on topics including: learning to value your identity, practicing reflection, learning to maintain self-care, nurturing spirituality, and building an inclusive community.
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