

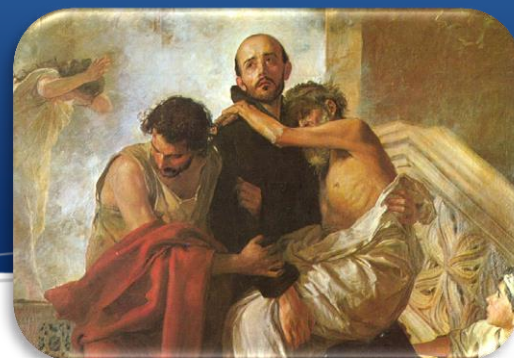


Hospitaller Order of St. John of God

U.S.A Province of Our Lady Queen of the Angels

Mission Statement

We, the Brothers of St. John of God are called to witness to the people of God, Christ's healing love as expressed by our charism of hospitality, through a community of faith and a compassionate service to God's suffering people.



Brother Ignatius Sudol Celebrates Golden Jubilee

Brother Ignatius entered the Brothers of St. John of God in September 1961 and professed his first vows on July 2, 1963. It is for this reason that we recently celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Profession at St. John of God Health Care Services in Victorville. His sister, Sr. Barbara Sudol, CSFN, DA was present and spoke of their youth humorously and their ventures in the religious life.

The liturgy was planned beautifully by Brother Peter Gelfer, O.H. and Brother Ignatius Sudol, O.H. with the assistance of Brother Anthony Scully, O.H. and Brother Gabriel Monarch, O.H., who made sure everything was befitting of the celebration. The Mass was presided by Brother Thaddeus Bui, O.H. with the pastors of the local parishes as concelebrants. Brother Peter Gelfer, O.H. was the homilist. Greg Barnes, the Executive Director of St. John of God Healthcare Services contributed to creating a hospitable environment. In attendance was David Gerardot, a companion from their early formative years of preparation for religious life. David gave a reflection on an icon of St. John of God that had recently been commissioned.

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Visit from Regional Delegate Brother Joseph Smith, O.H.

Brother Joseph (Joe) Smith, O.H., Regional Delegate of the Asia Pacific Region, completed a fraternal visit with the Brothers of the U.S.A. Province. While he was here in Southern California he attended the 2013 Assembly of the Catholic Health Association (CHA) Conference in Anaheim, CA. The theme of the conference was Living Mission in a Changing World. Brother Stephen and Brother Ignatius also attended the assembly as members of the St. Mary Medical Center Board.

Brother Pablo set up an itinerary so that Brother Joe could visit the Brothers' communities in Ojai, Apple Valley and Los Angeles. During his time here, he visited with the Brothers and heard updates from the Executive Management and the Provincial Council. On completing his visit here, Brother Joe went to Canada to offer a workshop on the Constitutions of the Brothers of St. John of God to the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd. It was encouraging and empowering to have him visit. We wish him the best with this new responsibility of animating the Order's Asia Pacific Region which includes ourselves along with the Provinces of Vietnam, Oceania, Korea, India, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and East Timor.



Front Row Left to Right: Brother Pablo, Brother Peter, and Brother Joe
Back Row Left to Right: Brother George, Brother Stephen and Brother Edward Francis



Left to Right: Mr. Giovanni Argueta, Provincial Secretary, Brother Joe and Brother Pablo



In Memory Brother Fabian Hynes, O.H.

Brother Fabian Haynes, O.H. passed away on June 24, 2013. He was a member of the Oceania Province and served as the Vatican Pharmacy Director for 50 years. He also served as the Superior of the Brothers' Community of the Vatican Pharmacy and as a General Councillor.

Brother Fabian was a good companion to the Brothers of the U.S.A. Province. Brother Pablo Lopez, O.H., Provincial offers his condolences to the Oceania Province on behalf of the USA Brothers. He will be deeply missed and will be remembered in our prayers.

November 23, 1927 – June 24, 2013

Martyrs of Hospitality

On October 13th of this year, the Beatification of the Brothers of St. John of God, Mauricio Iñiguez de Heredia and 23 companions will be held in Tarragona, Spain. The Mass and Ceremonies will be presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the causes of Saints. He will be Pope Francis’ representative.

The Brothers’ vow of Hospitality compels them to remain with the sick at the risk of their own lives. This period and time of history demanded great courage. Their martyrdom is clear evidence of the healing Mission of Jesus; they were eliminated purely for their religious commitment to the vision of St. John of God who founded the Order to care for the sick and infirm.

41st St. Joseph BBQ

On June 23, 2013, St. Joseph Health and Retirement Center hosted their 41st Barbeque on the campus grounds. Long-time benefactors enjoyed delicious chicken or tri-tip beef. The proceeds benefited the Assisted Living Project, which will be open soon.

The Brothers want to thank all who supported the event and who volunteer their time.



Local Students Volunteering at the St. Joseph BBQ.



Brother Pablo Lopez, Provincial and Brother Ignatius Sudol

Continued Story of Brother Ignatius...

Brother Pablo Lopez, O.H., Provincial received the renewal of his vows.

Brother Ignatius attended Newton Junior College and completed an Associate of Science Degree and became a registered nurse in June 1966. Brother Ignatius completed his studies at California State University at Los Angeles and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1972.

Brother Ignatius has served in a variety of positions in nursing and administration at St. Joseph in Ojai, St. John of God Nursing Hospital in Los Angeles and at St. Mary Desert Valley Hospital in Victorville. He served as Provincial Secretary for Brother Patrick Corr and Brother Hugo Stippler and was Prior and Executive Director of St. Joseph from 1983 to 1986. He also took on the role of the Provincial Archivist. He has served on various Boards, most recently on the Hospitaller Brothers Healthcare and as a trustee on the Board of St. Mary Medical Center. Brother Ignatius was very happy and extremely grateful to all who helped him along the way to this point in his life.



Brother George Attends Religious Brothers Convention

During July 19 - 22, 2013 Brother George Tecku, O.H. from the Los Angeles community attended the annual conference of Brothers in New Orleans.

The theme this year was "Brothers: Instruments of Charity". The guest speakers at this year's conference were Brother Angel Mendez, O.P. and Sister Jamie Phelps, O.P. This topic and exploration was relevant to our on-going quest for the understanding the role of a Religious Brother.

The theme for our upcoming Provincial Chapter will be Living (practicing) Hospitality bravely with hope. Moving bravely in hospitality is the giving of one's self hoping that God's merciful love and compassion touches the lives of those we serve. Brother George made many new contacts and was nourished in solidarity with Brothers of the Claretian Missionaries community here in Los Angeles.



Brother George pictured having dinner with Brothers of the Claretian Missionaries and enjoying some New Orleans music.



Mr. Giovanni Argueta and Golf Chairperson, Mr. Will Smith

Brothers Attend 27th Annual Golf Charity Classic

On June 21, 2013, Brothers Pablo, Edward Francis, George, Anthony, Gabriel and Stephen enjoyed the sunset at Angelus National Golf Club in Sunland, California. It was the 27th Annual Helper's Club Golf Charity Classic. Mr. Giovanni Argueta, the Provincial Operating Officer received an award recognizing his efforts in recruiting new foursomes and getting gifts donated for the event. The tournament raises funds for St. John of God Retirement and Care Center and offers an opportunity to get to know and cultivate new benefactors. All the players and guest had an enjoyable time and look forward to next year's event.



Left to Right: Bro. George, Bro. Pablo, Bro. Gabriel, Bro. Stephen, Bro. Ed Francis and Bro. Anthony



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