



# THE DE LA SALLE *Dispatch*

## 1 December 2006

### **Upcoming Events**

*Advent Service of Lessons and Carols*  
Wednesday, 20 December 2006, 2 PM

*Please join the students of THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL  
for their fifth annual celebration of Advent in prayer and song.*

**Our Holy Redeemer Church**  
37 South Ocean Avenue – Freeport

### **Tidings From Brother Thomas** **Teaching Philanthropy 101**

Just as securing the financial and professional resources needed to sustain The De La Salle School is a priority of our Development Office, so too is the need to educate our students about the importance of philanthropy – what we do voluntarily to add value to our lives together.

Under the supervision and leadership of religion and music teacher, Brother Richard Lalime, the De La Salle students have recently concluded one fundraising project and are now participating in another. The first, a collection for UNICEF, garnered \$95 in coins collected to provide medicine, better nutrition, clean water, education, emergency relief and other support to children in more than 160 countries. The second project will benefit a local cause, unwed teenage mothers in several residential homes such as Momma's House, Regina Maternity Services, Mother of Good Counsel Home, and Bethany House. Each student has received a "quarter-a-day" coin card which will be collected on 21 December. In addition, donations are solicited each day at Morning Assembly. The amount raised to date is \$65. "In studying the Beatitudes, we learn that putting other people's needs before our own is a hallmark of a Catholic Christian," noted Brother Richard. "By collecting for those in need, we encourage our students to imitate Jesus in His caring for the less fortunate."

# Thanksgiving Breakfast and Prayer Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast and Prayer Service took on special significance this year when we honored all of our current volunteer tutors. Week after week this dedicated cadre of helpers provides much needed one-on-one assistance to many of our students. “Their support of our educational mission is invaluable,” praised Principal Roseann Petruccio. “We are very grateful for their generosity, patience, and hard work.” Many thanks to tutors Marie Abercrombie, Sue Bevilacqua, William Cosulich, Joseph DelGiorno, Thomas Hessel, Donna Joyce, Donald Maloney, Joseph Massaro, Lawrence Mattson, Marie Roberts, and our Lasallian Volunteer Carly Matsen.

In preparation for the service, students were asked to share something for which they are thankful. Being thankful for family, friends, food, water, and Jesus were universal themes along with a few unique reasons – “I thank my God for my school and being with my teachers and my family because they help me learn more things and help me” and “I thank my God for giving my mom a job because if he didn’t we would be poor.”

## **WORD OF THE WEEK**

**interrogate** – *to question thoroughly* (29 November)

## **Timely Tip for Personal Time Management\***

**Kathy Prochaska-Cue, Extension Family Economics Specialist**

**Eliminate the urgent** – Urgent tasks have short-term consequences while important tasks are those with long-term, goal-related implications. Work towards reducing the urgent things you must do so you’ll have time for your important priorities. Flagging or highlighting items on your To Do list or attaching a deadline to each item may help keep important items from becoming urgent emergencies.

*\*This timely tip, the eighth of 13, is brought to you courtesy of The De La Salle School Development Office.*

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