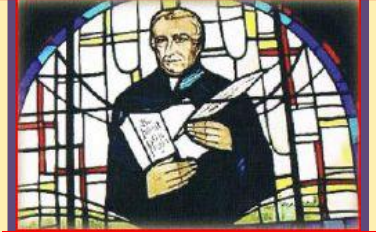


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The first week of November arrived with somewhat more than a breath of hot air! It was suffocating with temperatures around 35° C. The heat wave ended with a storm that caused floods and damage and a major power cut.

This time of year here in Buenos Aires has its own particular beauty: the jacaranda trees are in bloom all over the city.

The health of some of the Brothers of the community has been a focus of attention and concern recently. Br. Jim Doherty is recovering from a bout of very high pressure. Br. Hubert Wall was not feeling so well and an angiogram revealed that the condition of arteries and stents already implanted was far from good. Five more stents were inserted, and during which insertion Br. Hubert had a heart attack. Hubert is back in community now with eleven stents. He is slowly recovering, thanks be to God.

There have been some comings and goings: Br. Patrick Payne went to Lima for a meeting of local leaders and he found the meeting with the Brothers and the interchange of ideas very encouraging. Br. Thomas O'Connell visited Montevideo for reasons connected with the Edmund Rice Educational Association. Meanwhile we received visits from our regional leader, Br. John Casey and from the Provincial of the North American Province, Br. Hugh O'Neill, together with Br. Kevin Griffith. Brs. Stanislaus Hayes and Patrick Payne met them at the Ezeiza airport. Later the three visitors went to Montevideo to take part in some institutional and social concerns of Stella Maris College.

After their return to Buenos Aires, Brs. O'Neill and Griffith set off for Asunción Paraguay and Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Fr Pedro, O.S.B., who gave a talk in the school earlier in the evening spent the night here with us before returning to his Monastery in Los Toldos.



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La Esperanza Community– Chimbote, Perú

On 13th. November, amid great anticipation, the results of the entrance examination for next year were announced. This 2017 graduation class will be known as the St. Catherine of Siena promotion. The 165 new first year secondary students come from over 50 primary schools and will form three homerooms. As usual, competition was fierce: 340 children took the exam.



The social commitment aspect of the games: parents of the Our Lady of Guadalupe promotion proudly offer sacks of rice for distribution to poor families.

