

Student embarks on journey to become a Brother



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Brother Steve Angulo at his robe ceremony in July.

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Brother Steve Angulo is a senior middle school education student with a minor in math who decided to join the Lasallian Brothers. Right now, Angulo is in his novitiate year at the De La Salle Novitiate in Hyde Park.

Becoming a brother is not an easy feat, and the process can be different for everyone. For Angulo, the first step after getting a call from God was discernment, in which he spent time getting to know the brothers and their mission. This process can take anywhere from one to two years. For Angulo, it took about a year and a half.

After discernment is postulancy. Angulo lived in the Philadelphia Regional Informational House and spent a year living with other brothers to learn about the brother's founder, De La Salle, and experience what it's like to be a brother. There is either some ministry or university work involved in this pro-

cess. For Angulo, his university work was taking classes for his degree. The second year of postulancy was spent in his home district.

Following postulancy is the novitiate year, which is Angulo's current year. This year is one of self-reflection and has no ministry or university work. Brothers learn about who they are as an individual and who they are as a brother, while also strengthening their relationship with God. This year has given Angulo time to pick up new hobbies.

"Being a novitiate and having a lot of free time, I have come to learn about gardening, playing the guitar, running, and being a math person, I've been getting into Sudoku," said Angulo. "Photography is another big thing that Brother Peter Hannon from Lewis has helped me get into."

At the end of his novitiate year, Angulo will return to Lewis, where he can choose to say his first vows. Vows must be renewed yearly for the first five to six years before final vows can

be taken. When he returns to Lewis, he will finish his undergraduate, obtain his education certificate and then soon after begin his graduate studies.

Angulo decided to embark on his journey after seeing that the brothers are human too.

"Before, religious life to me was you're in your house praying 24/7 and that's it, but once I met the brothers, I saw them joking around, talking about politics, sports, movies, music," said Angulo. "That impacted my decision to join because they're human too. They like to have fun."

Seeing the community and the Lasallian mission at Lewis helped influence Angulo to become a brother.

"The professors have a good sense of our Lasallian mission and they follow the Lasallian core values, which are working with the poor," said Angulo. "That's our mission, to work with the students that don't have the opportunity to get a good education. That's the main reason Lewis has helped inspire me to continue on this journey. Also, the whole association between the brothers and the faculty. It's not like the brothers are in their own little bubbles and just teach, we also have to have relationships with our lead partners, colleagues. That aspect has really inspired me. It's not just about us, it's also about others outside of our order."

Angulo is confident that he will take the journey to becoming an official brother to the end, but even if he changes his mind, he knows he will be teaching no matter what.

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While around campus, students saw familiar faces including President David Livingston, Provost Christopher Sindt and Associate Provost for Student Life and Dean of Retention Mary Degraw, who were waving and smiling at the students.

Bush noticed the faculty that were spread out around campus, saying, "I appreciate that. I saw them along the path. I think that's a huge progression from summer when they were being silent about the injustices."

Since the summer, student leaders have been coming up with ways to get the University's attention on social justice issues.

Member of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Ayanna Squires, explained, "The University's immediate response to George Floyd's death was silence and I believe this angered many students," she continued, "CRS has always wanted to do a BLM protest, but never had the chance so I was happy to be able to help bring it to life with the other organizations."

According to Vice President of CRS and President of SLG, Jessica Martinez, this protest has been in the works for about a month and a half. Surprisingly, it wasn't a hard event to bring on campus and had a smooth approval process. Organizers just had to ensure that all CDC guidelines were followed as well as ensuring the University's mission statement was represented.

"The only thing I feared was people thinking I was overstepping boundaries since I am not Black. I am passionate about social justices and seeing my loved ones not feeling loved and supported on and off campus angers me, so in all I know I am doing the right thing," explained Martinez.

The feedback from the protest was positive for various reasons. Member of SLG, Lindsey Knight, admitted, "For the entire summer I wanted to be part of the movement but didn't have time to. I made sure to do everything I could to be a part of this. As a result, not only do I feel proud but it made me bolder."

For Squires, her first protest experience was an, "Uplifting experience... I was nervous about the turnout because the LewisU app has been very political. I feared people who opposed would show up, but as a college student I understand that it's okay if we have differences. I felt safe and powerful to speak our message."

Organizers of this protest want to ensure that this movement is not looked upon as a trend. They want this movement to be supported by the Lewis community every day. The day of the protest, several students inquired about the next one.

Martinez's response is simple: "Don't know the next step, but it won't be a one time event."

Higher Ed Highlights

'Third' presidential debate sees a calmer conversation

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What was meant to be the third presidential debate took place at the Curb Event Center at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee on Oct. 22. The debate, moderated by NBC news anchor Kristen Welker, took on a different format, as each candidate's microphones were muted so that the other could speak uninterrupted for their two-minute windows.

Less chaotic than the first debate, both candidates discussed issues including fighting COVID-19, American families, race in America, climate change, national security and leadership.

While Former Vice President Joe Biden predicted that a "very dark" winter is ahead as COVID-19 cases begin to rise, President Donald Trump countered that under his administration, states are reopening and that there is now more research on COVID-19. When the topics transitioned to

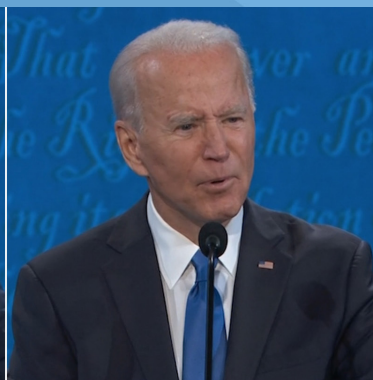
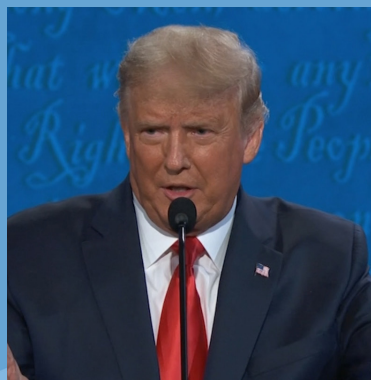
race, Trump said he believed he was the "least racist person in this room."

In preparation for the debate, Belmont University moved all students living in dorms close to the Curb Event Center, a total of about 500 students, to temporarily live at Nashville's Opryland Hotel. "This has definitely been a lot better than the first debate," said Belmont University student Zac Schaffer in an interview with News 4 Nashville. "I do think that we've kind of been able to hear more about what each candidate believes in."

Before Nov. 3, college students who plan to vote can participate in early voting or can send their mail-in ballots in.

Northwestern University students dispute campus policing

Students at Northwestern University protested in front of the school's president Morton Schapiro on the weekend of Oct. 17. This follows a tone of unrest that shook the university in June, as a



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group of students at the university circulated a petition that asked Northwestern to cut ties with local police and disband campus law enforcement. The group, called Northwestern University Community Not Cops (NUCNC), also wants the university to invest in resources for Black students.

While the protests were mostly peaceful, some student protesters were seen vandalizing chain businesses, smashing windows and placing a burned banner by Schapiro's home. In a statement released by Schapiro on Oct. 19,

the president addressed the protests.

"What started as peaceful protests have recently grown into expressions that have been anything but peaceful or productive," Schapiro said. "Crowds blocked the streets of downtown Evanston and nearby residential areas, disrupting businesses and local families, defacing property and violating laws and University standards. Some of the instigators appear not to be Northwestern students at all, but rather outside activists."

In response to Schapiro's letter, faculty and affiliates from the university's Department of African American Studies critiqued his statement, saying "It is only when your own pleasant suburban life was disrupted by student protestors that your expression of outrage and dismay to our university community rose to a level beyond the banal, the tepid and the timid."

The NUCNC released a statement as well, saying, "As a wealthy white man, Morton Schapiro knows that he holds an immense amount of privilege that those facing impending threats of 'personal attacks' do not, as he mobilized the police to do what they are meant to do-protect white property and white lives." On Twitter, the organization said Schapiro is racist and unfit for his job.

NUCNC plans to continue protesting until the university answers their requests.