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Oral History

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Questions for Brother Arthur Bangs Interview

Please state your full given name.

Where were you born?

What was the date of your birth?

What are your parent's full names?

Do you have any siblings? If so what are their names and ages?

Where did you grow up in your pre adolescent years?

What was it like growing up in this area?

Where you close with your siblings?

Who had the most influential presence and/or influence in your young life? Can you please elaborate about this? Any specific stories come to mind?

When did you first know that you wanted to enter into the Brotherhood?

Was this something that you had always known you wanted to do, or was it a more spur of the moment choice?

Can you explain the process of becoming a Brother to me?

Did you feel like you were in the right environment from the start or did it take a while to feel comfortable in your new surroundings, with a new name?

What kind of education were the Brothers pushing for you to focus on at this point? And what direction were you planning to take under your education studies and your vow as a Brother?

What was La Salle University like as an undergrad student? Do you think it was a different experience for you verses the students not take the vows of the brotherhood? How so?

Can you describe what the campus was like in personality and looks at this time period? As an undergraduate there were no female students or teachers on campus, what was that like?

In order to fill your responsibilities as a Brother, you had to first teach in secondary school environments. What led you back to LaSalle to teach at the college level?

How was LaSalle different upon you return back to your stomping grounds? Much had changed, can you reflect on some of that with me?

The campus I am sure had vastly diversified in those years you were away, including the introduction to of woman. How did you feel about this and did you play a role in the enrollment of woman?

What about racial issues of this era? What was the vibe of the campus and how did you yourself feel as an educator and a Brother?

What was the philosophy of the counseling center when you entered in 1969? What were your colleagues like? Did your personal beliefs match those of the school? Of the Brotherhood? Tell me about this.

How did the center evolve in the next ten years?

One major accomplishment within LaSalle was being the director of LaSalle in Europe starting in 1979. Can you tell me how this opportunity came about?

What do you think made you the most qualified candidate for this position?

Can you tell me the goals and objectives of this program?

Was it a success or failure?

What was your role within the counseling center?

The actual expericene—What was it like? Can you please give me some of the best memories? Some of the worst memories over there?

What led you back to the States? Had much changed since you had gone to the LaSalle in Europe program?

How has the Brotherhood changed or evolved since you entered?

What are some of the positives? Negatives?

What do you think it is specifically that brings the Brother together at LaSalle?

Is there anything that bothers you about the Brotherhood? Is there anything you hope to see change in the future within the Brotherhood?

Did you find it difficult to relate to teenagers when you first entered the Brotherhood?
Do you find it hard now to relate to students as a Brother?

How has it changed, and when have you been able to make the strongest connections with students, and when have you had the hardest time connecting? Can you be specific and elaborate?

Do you think the Brothers have a similar way in thinking as any other order or the Catholic Church specifically? If so, who, and why?

What is your greatest accomplishment as a Brother? As a member of LaSalle? As a person?

May we discuss your brother Bob Bangs, and what you did for him? What was it like to be Bob's brother?

What was it that made you decide to give Bob your kidney in order for him to have a chance at living a fully life?

How does it make you feel when you read the writings of your brother, and him call you a hero?

In what ways does you brother's quiet bravery influence you in life? As a Brother? As a member of the LaSalle community?

I have brought with me a card that was celebrating you on you 50th Jubilee. Can you talk to me about what this day was like for you? What was the most memorable part of the day? The ceremony?

What was it like to hear the people around you in your life reflecting on you and celebrating your fifty years in the Brotherhood?

What does it mean for you to be in the Brotherhood for over fifty years? Have you accomplished many of your goals? Do you still have any large goals to accomplish as a Brother?

What do you think will happen to the Brotherhood in the years to come?

Do you think that LaSalle University has changed with fewer Brothers around teaching on campus? Positives? Negatives?

What was 9-11 like on campus? Can you explain?

Where there any other specific events or eras since you've been at LaSalle that stand out the most, or carried the most altering influence on LaSalle?