



NAVIGARE

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Fun Facts

1. Don Quijote is considered one of the MOST important books in Spanish literature.
2. There are many different Spanish dialects like Catalan or Valencian.
3. Madrid has the OLDEST restaurant in the world - El Restaurante Botin.

Did you know?

The university the Navigare are attending is the Ecclesiastical University San Damaso, which was founded in 1990.

2 Truth and a Lie..

1. Robert was class president.
2. Stephen has lived in Japan and Belgium.
3. I wrote stand-up comedy.

Wait until the end for your answer.



Getting Used To It Yet?

With September drawing to a close and October making its way onto the calendar, there seems to be no sign of slowing down anytime soon in the House of Formation La Gavia. With the establishment of the (normal) daily schedule of the Disciples and the arrival of university classes, things are slowly beginning to fall into place. However, while the Disciples and the Navigare rapidly shift their focus towards the studies of the new year and the beginning of the apostolates with inaugural hikes, there are still plenty of moments spent in community amongst each other. Within these last two weeks, Robert and I completed our Spanish academy classes (complete with a certificate of our Spanish level), and Stephen survived his first month of Spanish classes at the university.

In spite of all the work and extensive study, it's something we're getting used to while being in community with the Disciples. Here's to moving forward and diving headfirst into our university studies, apostolates, and beyond!





On top of a misty *Sierra de Gredos* with Kairos
(from left to right-Stephen, myself, Fr. Carlos
Granados, Robert, Ignacio de la Lastra)

Leadership

This last month, the Disciples have been introducing the Navigare to their traditions, apostolates, special prayers and their daily routine. Navigare is ultimately a year of leadership, learning how to become leaders of our own. The apostolates that we participate in are Kairos, Montaneros, and Nazaret. These different apostolates encompass one of the main missions of the Disciples; that is, to work with families and the youth. Each of the Navigare have been assigned a different apostolate to work on leadership. Stephen and myself, along with Br. Riley and Br. Stephen, were assigned to the apostolate of Montaneros or “Mountaineers.” Montaneros is a group based out of the Stella Maris College for young boys, in which we conduct small mountain hikes and organize activities, to ultimately offer these boys a friendship with Christ in prayer and practice. Robert, along with Br. Mark was assigned to the apostolate of Nazaret, which is similar to Montaneros, only with young adolescents and teenagers (I can only hope Robert has had more luck getting along with Nazaret than the Montaneros; the younger boys have yet to get in line). All the Navigare participate in the Kairos apostolate in which we conduct our own hikes and activities, yet we continue to ask ourselves about the greatness that we’re each called to with Christ.



All communications dropping...



Sailing into historical waters with this masterpiece.

Out & About in Community

While the Disciples are all about routine, study, and prayer, they also leave time to explore different facets of Spanish culture like art, historical places of importance to Spain, “pueblos” or small towns, etc. The Navigare accompanied the brothers on a cultural visit to the “Museo Naval,” learning about the history and the importance of the Spanish Navy throughout the ages. One thing about cultural visits with the Disciples: tourism is not permitted. You don’t do a cultural visit just to go “ooh” or “ahh.” Cultural visits are done with a sense of purpose. That said, we enjoyed looking at all the different exhibits of model battleships, paintings and detailed descriptions about famed captains, historical battles, and much more. Looking back, I don’t think this visit was by accident. We are the Navigare after all and what better place to learn to navigate than the Museo Naval? After our visit, the Navigare were given some “homework” to study a famous Spanish figure, ship or battle that we really liked and give a small presentation about our chosen topic. Even in Spain, we’re given extra homework and research but with a purpose, it ain’t busy work around here.



A Disciple Tradition...

Biblioforum

This picture might look like college students in study session, but don't let the eyes fool you. It's actually the Disciples and the Navigare conducting a "Biblioforum." What is a Biblioforum, you ask? A Biblioforum is where the Disciples come together to read and ponder the Word of God. As Matthew 4:4 states, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds through the mouth of God." Therefore, to understand the Lord, one must meditate on the Word. Meditating on the Word gives life to everything we do, from prayer, studies, chores, and tasks alike. Here, we can be seen reading and discussing the book of the prophet Joel. Joel is one of the lesser-known prophets of the Bible with only 3 chapters, yet it contains much wisdom in only so many verses. If one takes time to read this book, it may be written long ago, but it still very much applies today in our modern world. One thing is certain; our Bibles won't be dusty coming off the shelves during this year of Navigare!

Answer: Robert was *close* to being class president, but he did not win.