

# The Clarion



*Newsletter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction*

**Alfred, ME:** After a delayed flight from Paris to Boston, Brother Yannick Houssay, Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, undertook a two-week visit, from Dec 9 to 23, 2008, of the American Province, interviewing the Brothers and bringing them his message and that of the general administration.

After spending three days in Alfred, he flew to North Canton to spend another three days with the five-brother community at Walsh, U. and attend Brother Robert Gonneville's reception of the Founder's Award and the December graduation.

From there he flew to Boston and spent a day in Fall River, Mass. to meet the three-brother community and completed his tour in Plattsburgh, visiting the other three-brother community.

*(Below)*

**Brother Yannick, ready to receive the Brothers for their interviews in Alfred**



**Superior General, Brother Yannick Houssay (center) with Brothers Jerome Lessard and Marcel Sylvestre of the Walsh Community**

## Superior General Completes First Tour of Province



Brother Houssay, 59, was born and educated in Plélan-le-Grand, 30 kilometers from Ploermel, France. All his years of formation led to advanced studies in theology at Angers. His teaching career extended from 2 years in Haiti, fulfilling military conscription, a year in Bain-de-Bretagne to three years at the juniorate of Derval.

Before becoming superior general in March, 2006, he spent 13 years as director of vocations for the Rennes province, and then four years as its provincial. His experience led to his four-year appointment as Provincial of all the French brothers when they became one province at the General Chapter of 2000. When he was elected superior general in 2006, he was serving in Togo (Lome) in a community for student brothers.