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VOCATIONS MINISTRY REPORT

May - September
2022



DE LA SALLE BROTHERS PHILIPPINES
Vocations Ministry Office
2022-2023

INTRODUCTION

Dear Brothers and Fellow Lasallians,

I am glad to share with you this Vocations Ministry report that covers the highlights of vocation ministry activities from May to September 2022.

The report continues to be aligned with the three strategic directions that have served as our response to the Generalate's call to enhance the "Culture of Vocations" in our schools and communities. These strategic directions come from the guidance of ***Circular 475: From Hope to Commitment - Understanding Lasallian Vocations.***

You will notice that each strategic direction begins with a summary and is followed by the highlights of the activities related to that section. While this report conveys the essential updates in each area and the accomplished activities in relation to it, I wish to acknowledge that there continues to be countless initiatives in our schools and communities that contribute to vocations ministry.

With this, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Lasallian Partners, Brothers, students, and friends who have generously shared themselves in the great work of vocations ministry. I continue to believe that more than our efforts of organizing, planning, and strategizing on the sector level, the most effective initiatives for vocations ministry are in the genuine relationships and human experiences formed in our schools and fraternal communities.

For these and more, I continue to be grateful.

Fraternally,



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VISION-MISSION

The Vocations Ministry Office of the De La Salle Brothers of the Philippines is a community of Brothers, Lasallian Partners and students, committed, together and by association, to strengthening the culture of vocation, formation, and accompaniment in all Lasallian educational institutions in the Philippines.

By promoting all Lasallian Vocations, creating structures of formation and accompaniment for those discerning the Brothers' life, and empowering the Lasallian Vocation Teams, the Office aims to help each Lasallian discover the call of God, respond to the inspiration of the Spirit, and bear witness to the love of Christ.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- A** Promoting all Lasallian vocations through various platforms and engagements
- B** Providing structures of formation and accompaniment to those discerning the Brothers' life
- C** Empowering the Lasallian vocation teams through holistic accompaniment

VOCATION CAMPAIGN



The theme “Yes, Bro!” encapsulates all our thrusts this year. It represents first, Jesus Christ our Brother who loves all, calls all to follow him, and sends all to serve all. Second, it describes the enthusiastic response that a person expresses to Christ in various and unique vocations inspired by the Spirit.



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SUMMARY

The overarching vision of the Vocations Ministry Office with regard to the promotion of Lasallian Vocations is rooted in the belief that each person has a vocation. This is manifested through the various activities that directly and indirectly raise young people's awareness of vocations and in particular the vocation of the De La Salle Brothers. With the easing of the mobility restrictions related to the COVID19 Pandemic, in-person engagements have been combined with online initiatives that have been existent.

Online promotions highlight the continuation of the "**Becoming Brothers**" program, where interested young men meet the Brothers online and are given sessions that discuss the life of St. John Baptist de La Salle, and that share an overview of the phases in the Brothers' life. To complement this initiative, **TalkFSC** has continued to encourage young people to schedule online conversations with the Vocations office, where they are given a safe space to discuss their questions about the Brothers' life. It is worth celebrating that two (2) of the current Postulants have gone through our online initiatives in the past year.

In-Person engagements have also been instrumental in promoting Lasallian vocations in the schools. It is encouraging to note that schools have resumed their vocations ministry programs and have started to implement sessions that touch on the concept of vocations. There is a growing awareness of the possibility of integrating vocation awareness in student activities, most notably in **formation sessions, leadership training seminars, youth ministries, and non-formal engagements.**



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SUMMARY

Our efforts to promote the Brothers' life have also led us to look into the possibility of campaigning in our **La Salle Supervised schools**. A meeting was conducted to present the life of the Brothers and the various possibilities of vocations ministry. There continues to be a need to coordinate better in terms of the programs that may be implemented.

Digital promotions continue to be vital in traversing the digital space. With the collaboration of **De La Salle University's Student Media Groups**, in particular **Green Giant FM and Archers' Network**, we now have a rich repository of vocation materials available to all. Also, thanks to Br. Irwin Climaco FSC, the general public may reach the Brothers through a **digital contact card** that leads to our social media platforms and web pages.

All of our efforts to promote Lasallian vocations will surely bear fruit in God's time. Hopefully, this inspires us to look for more creative ways of communicating the joy of our life to the young people entrusted to our care. With the resumption of our campus life, I wish to encourage our schools and Lasallian Vocation Teams to generate more creative content that will reach the hearts and the realities of the people in the local scene. On a more personal note, I believe that with the opening of our physical doors to our Lasallian family, this would be the best time for the Brothers to promote our life as we continue being visible on campus, being fishers of men and women, and calling young people to follow Jesus, our Brother.



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HIGHLIGHTS



31 May 2022

*Brothers and Beyond -
Student Leadership and
Vocations*

La Salle University, Ozamiz

23 July 2022

*Student Government team
building and planning*

La Salle Academy, Iligan



28 July 2022

*Leadership Training and
Vocation Awareness Talk*

*University of St. La Salle,
Bacolod*



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04 August 2022

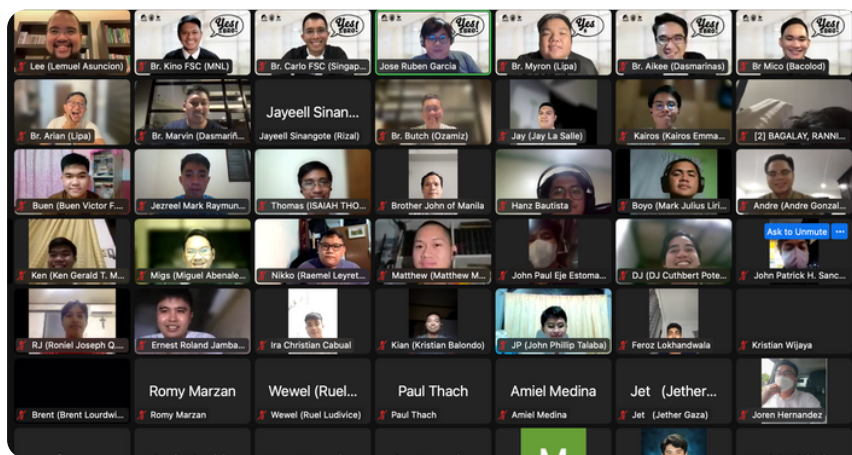
Meeting with LASSO schools representative

Zoom

26 August 2022

Becoming Brothers 1
35 Attendees

Zoom



01 September 2022

Talk on Lasallian Vocations to Night & Day High School Lasallian Partners

De La Salle Zobel

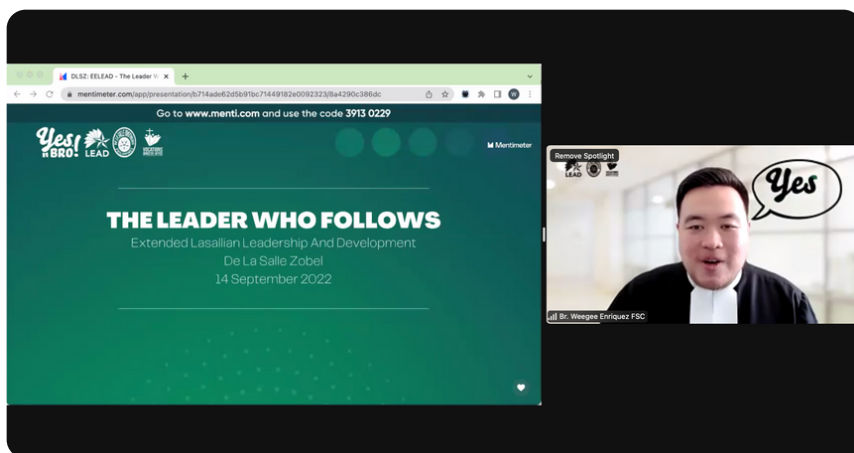


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HIGHLIGHTS



14 September 2022

*The Leader Who Follows -
Student Leaders' Formation*

De La Salle Zobel

22 September 2022

*CL Teachers' Formation -
T.H. Groome's Shared
Christian Praxis Approach*

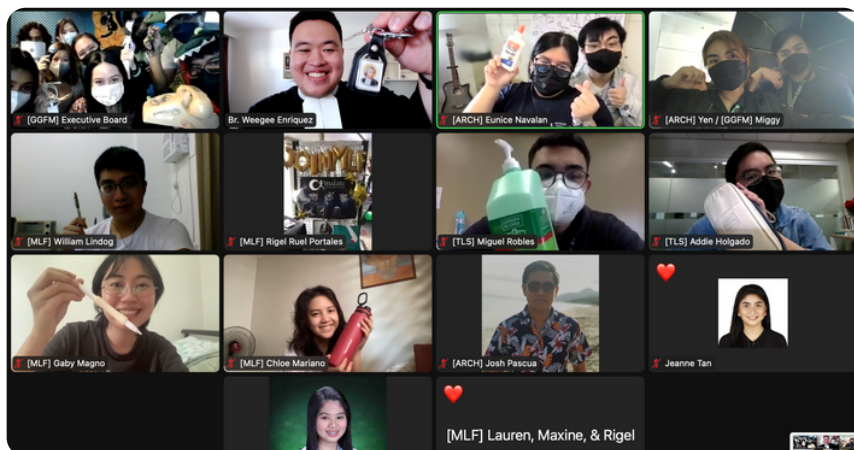
La Salle University, Ozamiz



28 September 2022

*Student Media Groups'
Formation Session -
Lasallian Vocations and
Purposeful Leadership*

De La Salle University



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SUMMARY

The past two years have been bittersweet for us in the area of accompaniment for our Aspirants and Contacts. While we have seen a drop in numbers in the past two years, we know that this is expected after having enhanced our understanding and appreciation of what it means to be Contacts and Aspirants.

Through the years we have understood that **CONTACTS** are young men who are interested and curious about the life of the Brothers. They are accompanied through initial engagements with De La Salle Brothers, intermittent invitations to the Brothers' Community to join us in our community prayers and gatherings, and our apostolic ministries. I wish to encourage our Communities to offer the **Brothers' Live-In Program** only after several of these initial engagements. This is to give time for the young person and the Brothers to get to know each other more, before sharing the live-in experience. Hopefully, having this arrangement will make the BLIP more meaningful, with deeper conversations and reflections. Today, we have 35 Contacts from 4 out of 8 Communities.

After the Brothers' Live-In Program, we continue to accompany our Contacts with regular engagements and conversations until such time that they start considering the possibility of becoming a De La Salle Brother. Only then do we bring up the idea of applying for the Aspirancy program.

ASPIRANTS are those who are already considering the life of the Brothers as a possible option for themselves. We expect that Aspirants are at least in college and have the appropriate maturity and motivation when engaging in the program. Our general program for Aspirants involves regular monthly conversations with a Brother-Mentor, regular faith and community gatherings, and an apostolate related to education. It is of utmost importance that all Aspirancy communities have an **Apostolate**. The apostolate serves as a major experience for reflection during their monthly conversations with their mentor, with their fellow Aspirants, and in their overall discernment.





Providing structures of formation and accompaniment to those discerning the Brothers' life

SUMMARY

National and regional gatherings of Aspirants are organized throughout the year to encourage camaraderie and build a sense of communal discernment. These gatherings are also meant to offer formative sessions and opportunities to engage in the ministry of education. Today, we have 27 Aspirants from 5 out of 8 Communities.

Our Aspirants who have been in the program for at least 6 months, who are graduating or are already young professionals, and who are recommended by their mentors, are considered eligible **CANDIDATES FOR THE POSTULANCY**. These Aspirants are given a series of Discernment Retreats that are specifically made to assist them in their serious consideration of the life of the Brothers. While they are still considered as regular Aspirants, they are aware of the upcoming decision that they are to make with regard to their vocation to the Brothers. This year, we have 6 Candidates for the Postulancy.

The following pages share the highlights of our collective effort for all our Contacts and Aspirants. These highlights convey the importance of local initiatives from Brothers Communities. I wish to thank our Brothers' Vocation Coordinators for preparing the overall vocations plan for their Community. Without them, our local vocation efforts will be futile. I also wish to thank our Brother-Mentors for their constant effort in following up with our Contacts and Aspirants, our Brother-Directors for their generous support for all our vocation efforts, our Communities for being welcoming spaces for discernment, and of course, each and every Brother and Lasallian Partner who has advanced our vocation efforts in their own capacities and fields of influence.





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BROTHERS' LIVE-IN PROGRAM

I had the wonderful experience of joining our Brothers' Vocation Coordinators from Manila (Br. Kino), Iligan (Br. Ivan), and Ozamiz (Br. Jeano), in coordination with their Communities, as they opened the Brothers' House to welcome our young candidates with their respective **Brothers' Live-In Program (BLIP)**.

The Brothers Live-In Program is the flagship vocations ministry initiative of the De La Salle Brothers of the Philippines. It has been present for many decades and has been a crucial program in the lives of many Brothers. Young people are invited to spend several days in the Brothers' Community to experience the day-to-day life of the Brothers. During their stay, learning sessions, prayer experiences, and community gatherings are organized to highlight how the Lasallian values are present in our life.

I would like to highlight the special effort of our Communities in Mindanao in coordinating their schedules so that they can share certain sessions and come together for the community gathering. I hope that the rest of our Communities can consider doing this because I have witnessed how it exponentially adds more meaning to the otherwise already meaningful experience with the Brothers.



B Providing structures of formation and accompaniment to those discerning the Brothers' life

VISAYAS - MINDANAO ASPIRANTS' CONFERENCE

The return of in-person school engagements sparked the return of our accompaniment programs for our Contacts and Aspirants. One of the highlights of our accompaniment programs is the **Visayas Mindanao Aspirants' Conference**, held in La Salle Academy Iligan City, from May 27 to 29, 2022. The event centered on the life and story of John Baptist de La Salle and his encounter with Adrian Nyel. Sessions were conducted with the theme of discerning God's movements in one's life through our experiences of joys and challenges. The VMAC was coordinated by the VMO together with the Brothers' Vocation Coordinators of our Communities in Bacolod (Br. Mico), Iligan (Br. Ivan), and Ozamiz (Br. Jeano).



B Providing structures of formation and accompaniment to those discerning the Brothers' life

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL ANNUAL PLANNING

Our Brothers' Vocation Coordinators (BVC) continue to guide and mentor our Aspirants and Contacts in creating their community and personal annual plans. Templates have been made available by the National Vocations Ministry Office to assist the BVCs in carrying out the programs for the year.

The **Community Annual Plan** encourages our Aspirants and Contacts communities to have **learning sessions, prayer and community gatherings, apostolic ministries, and vocation promotion initiatives**. These provide them with the necessary experiences that may serve as materials for reflection in their discernment of the Brothers' life.



The **Personal Annual Plan** provides our Aspirants & Contacts with the essential guide questions that they may consider as they reflect on areas for growth this year. The personal plan is their baseline reflections that they may return to during the mid-year and year-end reflections.

Aspirancy Communities in photos, during their Community & Personal Annual Planning

(from the top): Manila, Bacolod, Iligan, and Ozamiz



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HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING OF PRE-POSTULANTS' FAMILIES



The Vocations Ministry Office organized an online meeting of the Brothers and Families of our pre-postulants. It was a great way to share the program that the Pre-Postulants will undergo, which was formulated by the District.

SAINT BROTHER MIGUEL ACADEMY - BACOLOD

Last September 10, 2022, inspired by St. La Salle and St. Brother Miguel, and grounded on the Lasallian core values of faith, service, and communion, SBMA finally had the opportunity to continue its mission to provide catechism classes.

The Brothers, aspirants, and volunteers had a wonderful time accompanying the Bahay Pag-asa residents to grow in faith, fraternity, and service as they strive their best to live as authentic Christians and disciples of Christ. (FB/SBMA Bacolod)





Empowering the
Lasallian Vocation Teams
through holistic accompaniment



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SUMMARY

Having a clear, sustainable, and systematic program is the cornerstone of all things about vocations ministry. One of the goals of the National Vocations Ministry Office is to ensure that our Lasallian Vocation Teams in all La Salle schools have **sustainable vocation programs** that they can realistically implement in their localities. To achieve this goal, the NVMO created a **vocations ministry operational framework** that clarifies the responsibilities of the LVT, the expectations from the team, and their relationship to the Brothers' Community,

The framework clarifies the main responsibilities of the LVT. It states that each LVT is expected to:

1. Create a school vocations plan that includes promotions, activities, intentional youth communities, and vocation-discernment programs.
2. Refer 25 Contacts to the De La Salle Brothers throughout the school year
3. Submit quarterly vocation reports to the Board of Trustees and the National Vocations Ministry Office.
4. Meet quarterly to report on their progress and the upcoming programs.
5. Coordinate with the Brothers' Community in accompanying and referring possible Contacts

To ensure that the Lasallian Vocation Teams are accompanied in their tasks, LVT Planning Workshops have been implemented, both online and in-person. The LVT Workshop discusses the culture of vocations, the vocations ministry framework, the duties of the LVT, and finally, the planning of initiatives. The LVT Planning Workshop concludes with the selection of the LVT Convenor, a Lasallian Partner, who ensures that plans are implemented.

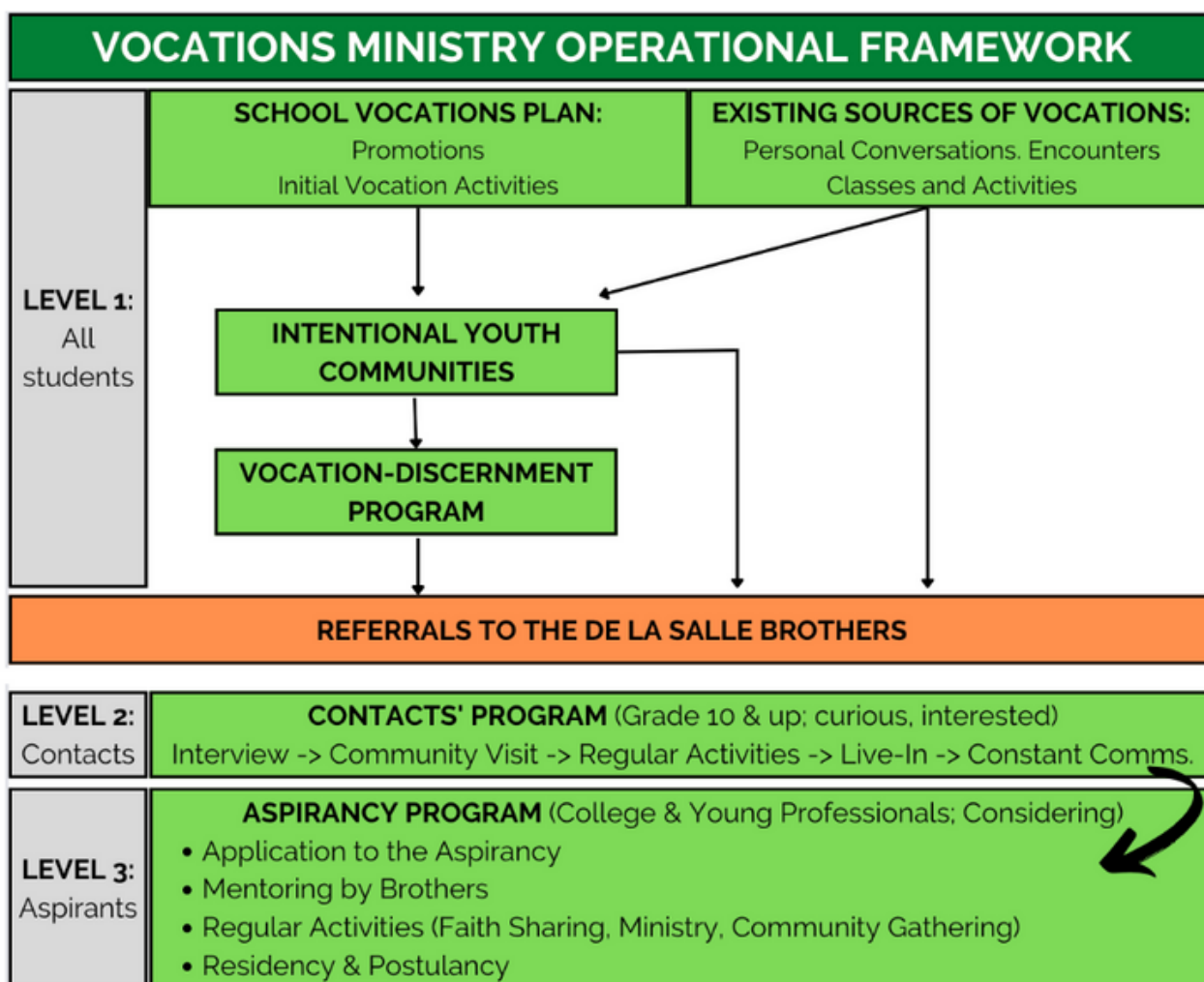
Special thanks to all our Brothers and Lasallian Partners who have generously shared their time and effort in helping me organize the details of the workshops in the schools that I've visited. I also wish to acknowledge the untiring support and fraternal warmth extended by all the Brothers' Communities that have been gracious hosts during my vocation trips around the country.





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VOCATIONS MINISTRY OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK



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LASALLIAN VOCATION TEAM WORKSHOP & PLANNING



De La Salle Araneta University
22 June 2022



De La Salle Zobel
24 June 2022



La Salle College Antipolo
12 July 2022



DLS - Andres Soriano Memorial College
14 July 2022



La Salle Academy
22 July 2022



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LASALLIAN VOCATION TEAM WORKSHOP & PLANNING



St. Joseph School - La Salle
29 July 2022



La Salle Green Hills
05 August 2022



De La Salle University - Dasmariñas
08 August 2022



De La Salle - College of St. Benilde
10 August 2022



De La Salle University
11 August 2022



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LASALLIAN VOCATION TEAM WORKSHOP & PLANNING



Benilde Antipolo
23 August 2022



La Salle University
21 September 2022



De La Salle Lipa
30 September 2022



University of St. La Salle
04 October 2022



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