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**Thailand Pastoral Visit.** The 12<sup>th</sup> was a big day with Brs. John and Sebastian making their first profession of vows, the first Brothers of LEAD to do so. All the La Salle Brothers and Sisters of Thailand were present as well as the family and close friends of the two new Brothers. Br. Eugene and Br. Joe Klong stood as sponsors for John and Sebastian respectively. The ceremony was held in the beautiful St. John Baptist De La Salle Chapel at La Salle Bangna and the reception in the school hall. In the afternoon of the same day, the Brothers gathered for an assembly where Br. Tom and myself presented data from LEAD as well as strategic directions mapped out by the LEAD Council.

Our last day the 13<sup>th</sup>, Br. Thomas and I were presented to the student body of La Salle College in Bangna. After the

assembly, I interviewed Br. Francis Chaochaiyapat and shared my appreciation for his three and half years of leadership in the delegation. I also met the officers and members of the La Salle Alumni Foundation of Thailand for lunch as they shared with me their concerns.

**Appreciation.** My appreciation to all the Brothers of the sector of Thailand for the warm welcome and hospitality that Br. Thomas and I received. We felt truly welcomed in all the communities we went to. We got to know and appreciated the Lasallian work in the schools and in the different ministries of the Lasallian Family in Thailand.

I wish to thank Br. Francis Chaochaiyapat for his leadership of the past three and half years. It was under his Presidency that Thailand made the decision to join the Alliance Council that led to LEAD. Br. Francis accompanied and drove Br. Thomas and myself to all the communities during our pastoral visit.

My deep appreciation goes as well to Br. David Hawke and Br. Mark Murphy, Delegate and Administrative Assistant respectively. Their principled leadership led to ensuring that systems and proper objective procedures were instituted in the delegation.

**New Sector Leader.** I appointed Br. Stephen Kan as Sector Leader of Thailand effective 15 June 2011. I am certain his experience as President of the Delegation in the 90s will be useful to him as he accompanies the Brothers and Lasallian Family of the sector of Thailand.

Fraternally,

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(In Dasmariñas, Cavite)