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SPECIAL FORMATION ISSUE

“We know that spring is near because what was dead seems to give signs of life. In spite of the winter apparent in certain regions, we cannot help but to see the signs of life that God awakens in the entire Institute. We are called to be “sentinels of dawn”, active signs who cause the light to “come out like dawn.”
(Circular 466: They Will Call Themselves Brothers, p. 72)



Formation Communities. This special issue of LEAD Story features the houses of formation in the District. Let us remember in our prayers our Brothers in initial formation and those who accompany them. During our District Chapter, we have set a target of "45 new members at different stages of initial formation by 2015." Why 45? During the Chapter, our District had 136 Brothers. If 3 Brothers worked together to accompany one young man in his discernment in the next 3 years, we would hopefully attract 45 new members. May we continue to promote our vocation to many young men through our active witnessing of our faith, service, and community.

Formators *	:	13 Brothers	Novices	:	10 (14 PARC)
Scholastics **	:	13 (15 PARC)	Postulants (Pre - Novitiate)	:	9

* working full -time in formation

** in different stages of their scholasticate and not yet in full - time active work

2009 Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life. The study conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) on behalf of the National Religious Vocation Conference is available online: http://www.nrv.net/best_practices . “The findings from the study suggest a number of “best practices” for vocation promotion. These include instilling a “culture of vocations” and involving membership and leadership in concerted vocation promotion efforts; having a full-time vocation director who is supported by a team and resources; using new media, especially websites and other online tools; offering discernment programs and other opportunities for potential candidates to meet members and learn about the institute; and targeting college students and young adults as well as elementary and high school students to expose them to the possibility of religious life and inform them about the institute.” You can download the complete study through this hyperlink: <http://www.nrv.net/member/download?id=365>

Scholasticate 2. The Scholasticate 2 is a “sub - community” of the Brothers Community of the University of Saint La Salle in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. Br. Bong Servando FSC serves as Director for both communities.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Butch Alcudia, Dan Sanding, Bong Servando (Director), Joseph Daluz, and Toby dela Cruz

House of Studies. The Scholastics 1 (or post Novices) reside in the House of Studies at De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. Br. Rey Mejias is the Director with Br. Alex Diaz as the Sub - Director and at the same time Vocations Coordinator for the Philippine Sector. Scholastics from other Districts of PARC are also members of this community.

L to R (LAST ROW):
Rehman Javed
(Pakistan),
Bosco La Ga
Mung, and
Paul Mata

L to R (MIDDLE
ROW):
Edgar
Esparagoza,
Francis G. La
Seng, Johnny
Perapong, and
Samuel Tabish
(Pakistan)

L to R (FRONT
ROW):
Mark Salvan,
Abet Pia, John
Win Kyaw and
Cliff Sy



Novitiate. The PARC Novitiate is in Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines. Br. Vincent Keating FSC is the Novice Master and assisting him are Br. Jun Estrellas FSC and Br. Peter Foo FSC.



L to R (BACK ROW): Josaphat Ai Saw Hung Htoo, Pongsingh Anthony Clarence, Quilino Quiti, Sathiya Gnanakkone, Stephen Zeim Thu, Roshan Abeykoon, and Br. Jun Estrellas (Staff)

L to R (FRONT ROW): John David Ong, John Khasochan, Benedict Panomworachai, Rado Mercado, Br. Vincent Keating (Novice Master), Br. Peter Foo (Staff), Edmon Viroomal, Thomas Gaw Lu, Thomas Waburi, and Ranier Guillergan

Lasallian Formation Center * The Lasallian Formation Center is the home of the Postulants in the Philippines. It also serves as a pre - Novitiate house a few months before candidates enter the Novitiate in Lipa. It is located on the 3rd Floor of the Central House in La Salle Green Hills, Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines. Br. Vincent Fernandez FSC is the Director with Br. Manny Hilado FSC assisting him.



L to R: Postulants Irwin Climaco, Felix Joseph Murillo, Eugene de Luna and Marvin Sipin

La Salle Formation House. Located in Maymyo, the La Salle Formation House is home to the Postulants and Aspirants of the Sector of Myanmar. Their Director is Br. Joseph Than Htaik Aung FSC together with the staff, Br. Mark Sixtus FSC and Br. Mario Zammit FSC.



L to R: Br. Mark Sixtus, Postulants Joseph, John Soe Aung and George Aung San Oo, and Br. Mario Zammit



L to R (BACK ROW):
Aspirants Augustine Phyo Thi Ha, Pasquale Zaw Thein, Bosco Min Htet Ko and Polycarp Sain Myo Aung

L to R (FRONT ROW):
Anthony Ahye, Lwi Gi, Dennis Chal, John Paul Aung Kyaw Win, and Br. Joseph Than Htaik Aung FSC

La Salle House of Studies. The formation house in Thailand is in Sampran and is home to the Postulants and candidates of the Sector. Br. Simon Phanom Wittyunakorn FSC is the Director and is assisted by Br. Sebastian Charoen Sripuk FSC.



L to R: Br. Sebastian Charoen Sripuk FSC, Rapahel Thanet Lertwaja, Peter Thawatchai Panomworachai, Philip Bancha Pichitpraipana (Postulant), Paul Anuwat Yasachai, Matthew Thawatchai Chumkamta, John Worawut Chinsee, Joseph Thapananan Sanyakorn (Postulant), Cornelius Surasit Merpea, Luke Thatsaworn Nonthiboot, and Br. Simon Phanom Wittyunakorn FSC

“Come and See” Community. Kalaw is home to the “Come and See” Formation Program of the Sector of Myanmar. Br. Morris Thar Gyi FSC (*in black shirt*) is currently the Director of 12 candidates (*in alphabetical order*):

Alexander Si Thu Aung
Augustine Nay Lin oo
Dominic Shar Reh

Escriva Nay Min Soe
Francis Zaw Dan Naw
Justine

Lazarus Khone Gna
Lucas Ah Do
Paul Aung Htoi

Peter Lin Aung
Philip Tan Ja
Sebastian Thant Zaw Oo



Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Hong Kong