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**Affiliation of Sister Corazon Manalo DC.** LEAD presented the Letters of Affiliation to Sr. Corazon Manalo of the Daughters of Charity last 28 June at La Salle Green Hills, Philippines. PARC General Councillor, Br. David Hawke, led the affiliation rites during the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It was an intimate occasion attended by Brothers, members of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, and family and friends of Sr. Cora. Below is an excerpt from the shared reflections of the Philippine Sector Leader, Br. Jose Mari Jimenez:

*“Today’s affiliation of Sr. Cora is an acknowledgement that she is our partner in the Lasallian mission of educating young people, especially the poor. In many ways, it is part recognition and part challenge. We acknowledge her contributions to the work of the Lasallian family in the Philippines particularly her work as professor at De La Salle University; her work in our school boards and her mentoring of Lasallian leaders. But for this mission to continue and to thrive, we will continue to need her to witness with us and discern with us.”*



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*“This affiliation is an act of faithfulness to the future of the Lasallian mission. We consciously associate with people of different orientations and backgrounds, because inbreeding is the surest way to kill the mission. Precisely because Sr. Cora is not a De La Salle Brother that we associate with her, because we need her perspective to challenge us and keep us true to our commitments. We do not want to surround ourselves only with those who are like us in every way. The challenge of our association is to nurture diversity in every possible way so that our understanding of our commitments is deepened and enriched and more possibilities are opened up to us to live our mission today.*”

*“Our gratitude goes to the family of the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentians for having shared Sr. Cora with us and having nurtured her into the kind of leader and educator she is today.*”

*“Sr. Cora, thank you for being one with us. Today, you are not only one with us. We number you as one of us. Take care to copy our virtues but none of our vices. We will need you to be a little different from us because your witness will continue to be a challenge to us. If our mission is to survive, we will need to welcome the challenge your witness brings. But most of all, continue to bless us Sr. Cora. Today, we no longer call you our sister but our brother as well. Welcome to our family.”*





**First Vows and Acceptance to the Postulancy.** LEAD marks another milestone this year with eight (8) Brothers professing their first vows last 29 June. Both the Sectors of Myanmar and the Philippines celebrated this momentous occasion with around 400 family, friends and guests. Br. Thomas Lavin (Auxiliary Visitor), Br. Joseph Than Htaik Aung (Maymyo Formation House Director), and Br. Vincent Keating (Novice Master) also witnessed the event. Before the Profession of Vows, four young men were accepted to the Postulancy program of the Philippine Sector: Eugenio S. De Luna Jr., Felix Joseph J. Murillo, Irwin Anthony A. Climaco, and Marvin Y. Sipin.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Brothers Bosco La Ga Mung Htoi, Francis G-La Seng, and John Win Kyaw of Myanmar and Brothers Abet King T. Pia, Angelo Paolo S. Mata, Cliff Ferdinand R. Sy, Edgar S. Esparagoza, and Mark V. Salvan of the Philippines gave a heartwarming video response sharing their vocation stories, hopes and dreams.

The Sector of Myanmar now has 21 professed Brothers while the Philippines made a breakthrough of 50 professed Filipino Brothers.





## Lasallians in Thailand Celebrate Teachers Day

**Day.** Last 27 June, students in Thailand honored their teachers as they celebrate “Wai Kru Day” or “Teachers Day”. Wai Kru Day is the day of the year when Thai students show the most respect to their teachers by participating in a big school ceremony. At this time, they thank their teachers for the knowledge they have given them, for the gift of learning, and also wish them good luck in the future school year and in their future lives. Thai culture fosters a deep respect for educators and the “wai kru” ceremony is very formal and decorative and a vital part of the traditional Thai educational system.



**II International Assembly Signum Fidei.** The II International Assembly of Signum Fidei commenced last 1 July with the theme: *“Being today Signs of Faith, Builders of community, Ambassadors of God’s love.”* The assembly will conclude on 12 July. Br. Raffy Reyes is the Brother Advisor of the six PARC delegates: Myra Patambang (Philippines), Teresa Castaneda (Philippines), Joyce Gomez (Malaysia), Teddy Justinus Tandaju (Indonesia), Bernadette Fredricksen (New Zealand) and Lawrence Lihinikadugamage Don (Sri Lanka). 3 July is designated as the World Day of Signum Fidei Prayer:

Dear God, our FATHER,  
in Jesus you call all of us  
to be Signs of living Faith.

By the light of the Holy Spirit,  
lead us to be thankful for this gift,  
and confident witnesses to his Good News.

By your loving providence  
you have chosen us to live,  
commit and celebrate our faith

in a Lasallian Signum Fidei Community.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin,  
we pray fervently that You bless the work of our  
International Assembly.

“Together and by association”, help us to follow  
in the footsteps of St. John Baptist de la Salle,  
so that we might become salt for the earth  
and light for the world,  
especially among those most in need. Amen.

**Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Mannar District of Colombo.** On Saturday 22 June two major events concluded the Diamond Jubilee year. While the three pioneering Brothers (Cesar, Hilary, Boniface) arrived in 1951 to open St Xavier's School, the Jubilee was celebrated two years after 2011 due to the situation in the north of the country at the time. The Rt. Rev, Dr Rayappu Joseph, Bishop of Mannar celebrated the Jubilee Mass in St Sebastian's Cathedral in the morning while an impressive cultural show was held in the evening. Brother Alfred Melchior and Inego Amalan were present from the Delegation of India, several Brothers travelled from Colombo and I was honoured to be invited and present as Chief Guest. The Brothers now have three communities in the north and are present in several schools with repeated requests for them to take on further responsibilities. The impressive and informative jubilee magazine published in Tamil and English reports that 30 vocations to the De La Salle Brothers have come from the Mannar District. Bro S Sathiyaraj, a Novice at Lipa comes also from Mannar. Congratulations to Bro Yohan and his collaborators who planned a fitting celebration. *(PARCVIEW | 29 June 2013)*

**Pastoral Visit to LEAD.** During the past couple of days I continued my visit to LEAD in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. My eyes were opened to the Lasallian Mission in this part of LEAD. In a full schedule, I met with the Brothers, Archbishop Ha, visited St Joseph's Primary and Secondary Schools, visited two of the several learning and tuition centres, the food for the urban poor programme, an urban farmlet programme and the House of Peace. A Wednesday evening meeting of over 100 Lasallians, including Young Lasallians was an occasion to update people on "Trends and Challenges" in the Institute and PARC. Former students of Lasallian schools in Sarawak are fully involved in all the projects. To find out about the Lasallian Foundation's work with rural children in the learning and tuition centres visit: [www.ylk.org.my](http://www.ylk.org.my) Brothers Albinus and Justin, both of whom are in "retirement" are involved in teaching and tutoring young people in Bible and English. To see their involvement is inspiring. *(PARCVIEW | 29 June 2013)*

**CIL Vocations Programme.** Bro Mawel, Director of CIL informs that 11 Brothers and 3 Lasallian Partners (1 female, 2 males) from 11 countries in PARC are registered for the CIL session on vocations. Hence 14 are attending from PARC with the possibility of an additional 2 La Salle Sisters from Vietnam registering also. This is a wonderful response from the Region and indicative of the commitment of Brothers Visitors/President to vocations' ministry. Thanks to all. *(PARCVIEW | 29 June 2013)*

**District of Vietnam.** Today Bro Peter Nguyen Trong Dai professes his Perpetual Vows. Congratulations to Peter and the District of Vietnam. Bro John Pill is in Vietnam to facilitate a workshop on Circular 451. He will visit some of the communities in the District while in the country. *(PARCVIEW | 29 June 2013)*

Fraternally,

**Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC**  
Philippines

**Meet Pope Francis**  
(in 4 minutes)

<http://en.catholic-link.com/2013/06/26/meet-pope-francis-in-4-min-in-15-languages/>

[http://youtu.be/rHL4P1\\_GFM](http://youtu.be/rHL4P1_GFM)

