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Myanmar's "Come and See". "Greetings from Myanmar, Kalaw Come and See Program 2013! First, allow me to thank you for all your support to both our physical and spiritual needs of our Come and See program. We are now in our sixth month and two months to go before we end our 2013 Come and See program. This year we have 13 candidates with us and most of them are come from the hills, villages and a few town boys. For some, they have never met a Brother until they came to us, or when we went to "fish" them. Some of them came to us after hearing about the Brothers from some priests or other religious. And so for the majority, the first sight of the Brothers they had was after their arrival to try their courage and generosity.

"Most of them had never been in the boarding departments or ever been away from home. We make them live here as if it were their home, where they work together, play together, study together pray together with some guidance for them to use their own initiatives for their own good and for the welfare of the house, so as to prepare them for community life later on.

"Last March 2013 all the Come and See candidates went for birds shooting as day out. They were awarded one bird for 1000 Ks, unfortunately they were able to get only three birds. The Come and See candidates have to





collect the firewood from the forest for cooking their daily provisions. They are also taught to work and play to enable them to get physical exercise to toughen them, to make them healthy and also know and appreciate the value of work and not to be afraid of physical work when it becomes necessary, either for their own requirement or to be able to teach others in their future apostolate.



“Come and See candidates also are made to do some praying, and they are taught to understand the value of prayers, to have a love for prayer, and one day to become men of prayer. The candidates also enjoy meals together as Brother’s communities. In-house studies include courses in Prayer, English, Computer, Human Development, Life of St. La Salle, Scriptures and Catechism. The classes are conducted by the Brothers in the community and by outside teachers.

“Come and See Program also provide an exposure program where they will experience teaching, at the same time they will be able to experience the mission of the Brothers in Myanmar. For their exposure we take them to Pyin Oo Lwin where the Brothers have boarding department and Postulancy and Aspirancy

formation houses. During their exposure period, all the Come and See boys will be able to experience teaching, guiding, helping the boarders during their study and prayers. Last June 4, during the Come and See exposure, they also had a chance to play with the Aspirancy and Postulancy formands. Thank you very much Brothers and Lasallians, with a promise of prayers for all of you and the assurance that Our founder St. John Baptist De La Salle walks with you all in your missions.” *(Br. Moris | Kalaw Come and See Newsletter)*





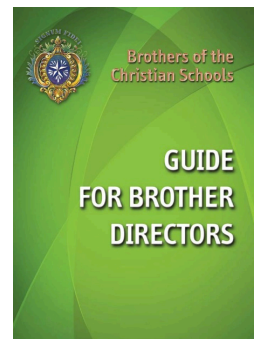
Mindanao Communities CAP. I joined the two communities in Mindanao in the Sector of the Philippines for their Community Annual Planning. The two communities are in Northern Mindanao. La Salle Academy Brothers Community is in Iligan City, Lanao del Norte and La Salle University Brothers' Community is in Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental. The two communities are readily accessible via a 15 minute ferry crossing between the Mukas Port (Lanao side) and Ozamiz Port (Misamis side). The Mukas port is about 50 kms from Iligan City.



There are three brothers in each of the two communities. In La Salle Academy, the Director of the school and the community is Br. Felipe Belleza and the two Brothers with him are Br. Mikey Cua and Br. Allan Buenavista. Mikey teaches primary students full time and does vocation work as well. Allan is in charge of Campus Ministry handling retreats and recollections. In La Salle University Brothers Community, Br. Jimmy Dalumpines is Director of community and President of the University. Br. Joseph Dougherty, from DENA, is a full time professor teaching in the tertiary level and Br. Iñigo Riola is teaching in the high school and handling campus ministry work in the college. The two communities have agreed to come together regularly in the course of the year for special occasions and events.

Thanks to Br. Felipe and Br. Jimmy for organizing the CAP.

Manual for Brother Directors. I am attaching in pdf form a Guide for Brother Directors from Br. Felicien Bora, Procurator General. I hope this will be a helpful in guide in your pastoral and administrative functions.



45th General Chapter Logo. “After looking at over 80 logos that were received, the Preparatory Commission for the 45th General Chapter unanimously selected the logo created by Brother Felipe de Jesús Luna Ocadiz, FSC, whose design makes a clear reference to the Chapter slogan: *“This is God’s work and also your work.”* This Brother is in charge of formation for young people in the Districts of Antilles-South Mexico and North Mexico. Our cordial congratulations and sincere gratitude go to Brother Felipe.



“The Commission is very grateful for the participation of so many Brothers and other Lasallians that supported this contest. Your participation shows great appreciation for the Institute and it is a clear expression of support for the Lasallian mission in which we all participate. Encouraged by the support received through this initiative, the Commission will continue preparing for the 2014 General Chapter.” (www.lasalle.org)



Prayers for Br. Oliver O’Leary FSC †. “I received the following words from Chris Moller, Acting Principal at Francis Douglas: ‘And so a mighty Totara has fallen. It is with mixed feelings that we received the news of Br Oliver’s death. We feel sad that another of our beloved Brothers has left us and yet we are happy in the knowledge that he will most surely be at peace. As the first New Zealander to become a De La Salle Brother his contribution to the life of our College has been immense even though he never set foot in a classroom at Francis Douglas. For us, Brother Ollie was the epitome of what it is to be truly Lasallian. A measure of the impact he made lies in the way that even staff who hardly knew him at all acknowledged his genuine concern and interest in everyone and his gentle welcoming presence. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. May his spirit continue to live on among us here at the College’.” (*Now You Know... District News ANZPPNG | 8 July 2013*) Brother Oliver O’Leary celebrated his 100th birthday on 20 May 2013.

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Malaysia

Lumen Fidei. Attached is the first encyclical (5 July 2013) of his holiness, Pope Francis. The encyclical was written “with four hands” together with retired Pope Benedict XVI.



Visitor’s Calendar

Date	Event	Venue
July		
07 – 10	Sector Council Visit to St. John’s Community	Malaysia
12 – 15	Sector Council	Myanmar
18 – 20	St. Patrick’s 80th Anniversary Dinner	Singapore
22 – 25	Visit Kelvin Tan	Australia
28 July – 9 August	International Young Brothers Assembly 8 Day Retreat	Philippines