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Visit to St. John's Community. I attended the council meeting of the Sector of Malaysia on July 7 at Petaling Jaya and took the opportunity to spend two nights with the community at St. John's in Kuala Lumpur. There are three members of the community with Br. Andrew Loke as Director of the community. Br. Matthew Liew and Br. Lucian Ng are the two members. Br. Andrew sits in most of the boards of our schools in Klang valley. In the Sector Council he is in charge of "New Initiatives". Br. Matthew, former Visitor, is retired but sits on a number of the sector's school boards. Br. Lucian is semi retired but does his ministry in a nearby soup kitchen. I had a short interview with each one and, with Br. Anthony Rogers, met with them as a community. The KL and PJ communities are set to come together as one by the end of 2014 and this came up in our meeting.

On the evening of the 9th, we were treated out to dinner by Irene Tan, a close friend of the Brothers. Thanks to Br. Andrew, Br. Matthew and Br. Lucian for the warmth and hospitality.

45th General Chapter Letter. I am attaching the second "Information Letter" from the Preparatory Commission for the purpose of helping you to know how the next General Chapter is being prepared. Kindly see to it that Brothers in your community are informed about the updates. The explanation of the Chapter's logo can be found in the Institute's website: <http://www.lasalle.org/en/2013/07/45-gc-this-work-is-the-lords-and-it-is-also-our-work/>





My Buttimer Institute 1 experience (23 June – 5 July 2013). I have to admit I was not keen to attend the course even though there was encouragement from Bros. Mark Murphy and George Van Grieken. How many times have I read and listened about the Founder that there would be anything new at Buttimer? Like any good Brother, I prayed and reflected on it and took the plunge.

The participants were mainly Lasallians from different ministries in USA, New Zealand, Eritrea, Canada and Singapore. Be they (Brothers or Lay partners) working in schools, universities or other Lasallian services, the stress was on Association. All are members of the Lasallian family. All contributing to the mission which primarily is the well-being of the young people entrusted to our care. Circular 461 on Association was very much in the minds of the facilitators. We were constantly reminded that we are a Lasallian family of many nations.

Bro. Jeffrey Calligan was the facilitator for Buttimer 1 and he introduced us to the Founder as a man rather than a saint. As we read two chapters each day from “The Work is Yours” by Luke Salm, he peeled away the hagiography and biography on the Founder to reveal to us a man who had great trust in providence. His trust in

God was manifested in his zeal for the education of the young especially the poor.

Bro. Jeff's responses to the many questions and remarks made by our group gave insights into the Founder that I had never known before. I felt ashamed that my interest in John Baptist de La Salle had remained in the periphery for so long.

So what does it mean to be Lasallian? To be Lasallian is to be willing to take risk! It is to hope in face of the temptation to despair. It is to love when the object of our love seems most unlovable. To be Lasallian is to be people of heart! Never failing courage! To be a professional promoter of the growth of good in the lives of the young, especially in the lives of the young who seem debilitated and unable to secure it for themselves.

This is the journey I now have taken as I consolidate from what I learn this year and I look forward to the next part when I begin to take a closer look at Lasallian pedagogy in 2014. *(Br. Paul Ho)*



La Salle College Geography trip to Sabah, Malaysia.

Twenty-five La Salle College boys and staff left Hong Kong on Saturday 6th July for a 10 day geography trip to Sabah, Malaysia. The programme is being conducted by the National University of Malaysia and will involve volcanic studies, oceanography, studies in conservation and sustainability, and human geography, with both classes at the university and field trips. Students will also visit La Salle

College Kota Kinabalu which was started by our very own Br. Raphael Egan in 1958. (<http://web.lasalle.edu.hk>)

International Young Brothers Assembly. During the next two weeks, LEAD will welcome Brothers from different parts of the Institute. Some are arriving early to visit other Sectors before proceeding to De La Salle University - Dasmariñas in the Philippines for the International Young Brothers Assembly. The Assembly will begin on 29 July and will formally end on the evening of 7 August. Their output will be presented to the 45th General Chapter next year.



The Assembly will be attended by 37 Young Brothers. Accompanying them are 9 Brothers and Resource Persons, including Br. Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, Br. David Hawke, Br. Jesus Rubio, Br. Joseph Felix, Br. Joseph Fernando, Br. Michael French, and Dr. Carmelita Quebengco AFSC. LEAD Auxiliary Visitor Br. Tom Lavin will also be present during the Assembly and LEAD Bursar Br. Jose del Coss will assist as a Translator. Let us include in our prayers the intentions of the young Brothers and all those involved in the Assembly.

Venerable Brother Juanito. On Friday, July 5, 2013, the Cause for the process of Brother Juanito (Brother Bernard-Philippe Fromental Cayoche) was completed by the signing of the decree on “heroic virtues.” Brother Juanito is now Venerable.

His Cause began in Mexico City on August 2, 1995 and that part was concluded on February 27, 1999 after 103 sessions. When the process arrived in Rome, the dossier was opened on May 27, 1999. Once the validity of the diocesan survey was verified on December 1, 2000, the Positio was prepared and that was delivered to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on October 13, 2005.



The vote on the part of the theologians took place for the first time on January 27, 2012 (the vote was not entirely affirmative) and the second vote took place on January 19, 2013 and the vote was broadly positive. The subsequent approval by the cardinals and bishops, obtained on July 2, opened the door for the Decree of Venerability which was proclaimed three days later. A miracle, examined and approved, will lead our Venerable Brother to Beatification. (www.lasalle.org) Venerable Brother Juanito founded the Congregation of Sisters, Hermanas Guadalupanas De La Salle.

This coming October, 74 Brother Martyrs will be beatified: <http://www.lasalle.org/en/2013/07/beatification-of-74-brothers-of-the-christian-schools/>

Fraternally,

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100 People. If the World were 100 PEOPLE, 26 would be children, 74 are adults, 8 of whom would be 65 and older; 83 would be able to read and write; 17 would not; 7 would have a college degree...

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