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## Brother Albinus (Michael) O' Flaherty FSC † 23 May 1930 – 4 August 2013

“Brother Albinus was born Michael O’Flaherty into a farming family in a village called Ballyhoneen in County Kerry, Ireland, on 23 May 1930. At the age of 14, Michael left for Castletown where he continued his education before attending religious training in the Novitiate. He was given the religious name Albinus. Brother Albinus spent seven years in Singapore teaching at St. Joseph’s Institution. After that, he returned to Ireland to earn a degree in English and Literature. He expected to be sent back to Singapore but was instead posted to Kuching.

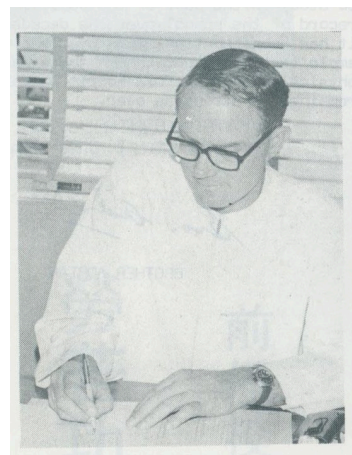
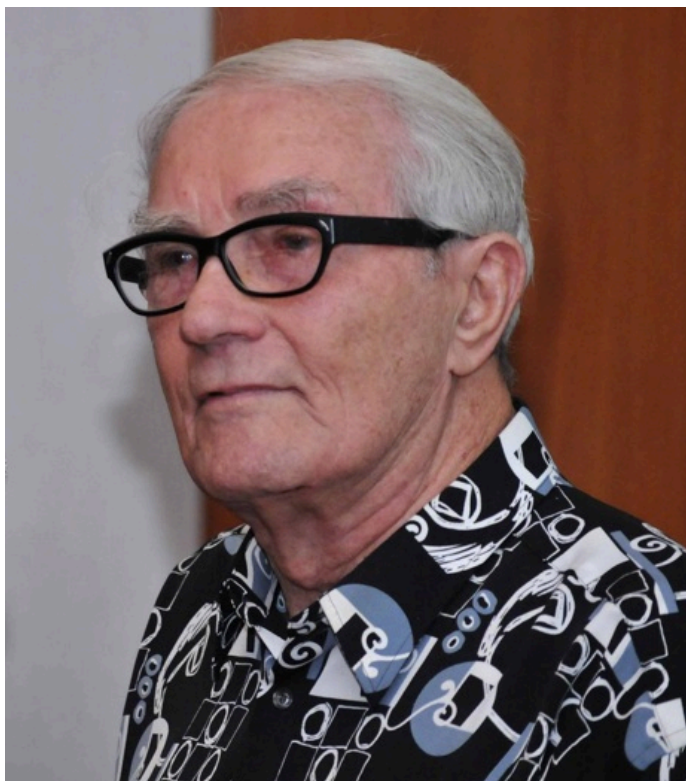
“In 1960, Brother Albinus started teaching at St. Joseph’s Kuching and later became its principal, enjoying both classroom work and sports with the students, especially rugby, which he introduced to some very enthusiastic kids. After 10 years at St. Joseph’s Kuching, Brother Albinus was transferred to Sacred Heart Secondary School, first as teacher and later as principal. Brother Albinus has devoted his life to education. His dedication is hard to match, his contributions immeasurable. Thousands have benefitted from his work academically but more importantly, in their development as well-rounded persons steeped in strong moral values.” *(Phang Chung Shin)*

In 2002, Br. Albinus invited some former students of St. Joseph’s Secondary School, Kuching and Sacred Heart Secondary School, Sibu to establish the Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) to empower the poor and disadvantaged children through a holistic and meaningful education. To achieve this, YLK set up tuition and special learning centres for all who need them, irrespective of race and religion.

Date of Birth	23 May 1930
Birthplace	Ballyhoneen, Cloghane. Co. Kerry, Ireland
Father	Morgan O' Flaherty †
Mother	Hannah Fitzgerald †

### Formation

Juniorate	Castletown, Co. Leix, Ireland	1944 – 1946
Novitiate	Castletown, Co. Leix, Ireland	1946 – 1947
Scholasticate	Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland	1947 – 1949
Scholasticate	Strawberry Hill, London, England	1949 – 1950





### Vows

Annual Vows	1947, 1948, 1949
Triennial Vows	1949 – 1954
Perpetual Vows	1955

### Academic and Professional Training

Ballyduff National School	1934 – 1944
School Certificate	1949
Training College, Strawberry Hill, London	1949 – 1951
University College, Dublin, Ireland	1957 – 1960

### Tour of Ministry

St. Joseph's Institution, Singapore	Teacher	1951 – 1969
St. Joseph's School, Kuching, Malaysia	Teacher	1960 – 1963
St. Joseph's School, Kuching, Malaysia	Principal	1963 – 1969
Sacred Heart School, Sibul, Malaysia	Teacher	1970 – 1971
Sacred Heart School, Sibul, Malaysia	Principal	1971 – 1987
St. Patrick's Private School, Kuching, Malaysia	Director, A Level Classes	1987 – 1992
St. Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre, Malaysia	Principal	1992 – 1997
Anglo Chinese College, Fuzhou, China	Teacher	1997 – 1998
Inti College, Kuching, Malaysia	Teacher	2000 – 2003
La Salle Tuition Center, Malaysia		2003 – 2013

Brother Albinus peacefully returned to our Creator at 11:28 AM on 4 August 2013 in a private hospital in Kuala Lumpur. Those who wish to pay their last respects are welcome at Tan Sri William Tan Auditorium, SMK St. Joseph from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM on 5 August and from 9:00 to 10:00 PM on 6 – 7 August. Prayers on 5 – 7 August are from 8:00 PM onwards.

*Eternal rest grant unto Brother Albinus O' Flaherty, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Faternally,

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

