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Visit to West Malaysia. I did a canonical visit to the Brothers of West Malaysia from 25 September - 02 October. I flew to Penang to meet the Brothers of the Perak Region. I stayed at St. Xavier's where Br. Stephen Ooi is based. The Brothers of La Salle Center at Ipoh, Br. Matthew Bay and Br. Vincent Corkery, with Isaac Stephen long time community member and youth coordinator, traveled by land up to Penang on the evening of the 25th. I did my interviews of the Brothers on the 26th capped by a meeting in the afternoon and afternoon tea. On the 27th, Br. Anthony brought me to Convent Light Street School run by the IJ sisters just across St. Xavier's. The school was opened also in 1852, the same time as St. Xavier's Institution, as the IJ sisters came together with the Brothers. Sadly, the sisters are set to move out of Convent Light Street as they attempt to consolidate.

We flew to Petaling Jaya on the evening of the 27th and on the 28th interviewed the Brothers of Klang Valley. Technically there are three communities, the old Provinciate, St. John's, and La Salle Hall. In the morning I was able to talk with Br. Augustine Julian and Br. Felix and in the afternoon with Br. Matthew Lieu, Br. Lucian Ng and Br. Andrew Loke. Just before sunset





The communities of Ipoh and Penang

mass I met with the Brothers to discuss the impending coming together of the communities of Klang. They are set to be one by December 2014, at the latest.

On the 29th, I travelled with Br. Ambrose Loke and Br. Michael Kum to Malacca. Interviews were in the afternoon. On Monday, I attended the regular school assembly and addressed the students. On the way back to PJ we passed by St. Anthony's in Muar where we had lunch with the Principal and key people of the school.

I attended the first day of the Sector Council meeting on October 1 where, in the afternoon, we had a very fruitful discussion with the chairs of the Regional

Lasallian Education Councils (RLEC). In attendance also were two resource people, Datuk Nelson and Datuk Si Boon who both run very successful International Schools.

I wish to thank the Brothers of West Malaysia for the hospitality and to Br. Anthony and the Directors for the organization of the visit. I will be visiting Sabah from 17 - 20 October.

LEAD Participation in 45th General Chapter. Br. Sockie De La Rosa FSC from the Sector of the Philippines has been appointed by Brother Superior General as a capitulant to the 45th General Chapter. The Rule states that "the Superior General, with the consent of his Council, may name up to ten supplementary delegates to ensure better representation". Sockie's participation is with voice and vote and he is there as a Young Brother.



Br. Sockie de la Rosa

Br. Richie Yap, LEAD Administrator, has accepted the invitation to coordinate the Liturgy Committee of the Chapter. He will be one of three who will oversee the main liturgies of the 45th General Chapter. Our warmest congratulations to Br. Sockie and Br. Richie!

Appointment of Br. Augustine Julian FSC. Br. Augustine has been appointed as Executive Secretary of the Malaysian Consultative Council for Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST). It is a national body composed of the leaders of the different religions and one of its aims is "to promote understanding, mutual respect and cooperation between people of different religions". Br. Augustine's work with the Bishops' Conference for 17 years was a consideration in his appointment. His contract runs for two years. More power to Br. Gus!



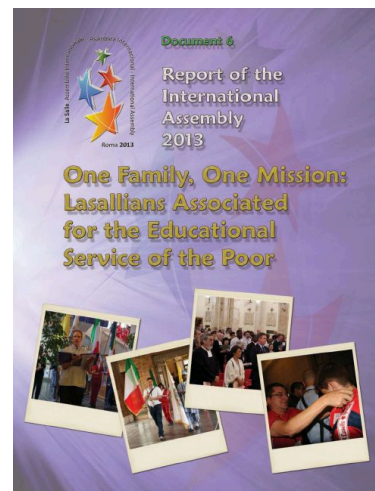
Br. Augustine Julian



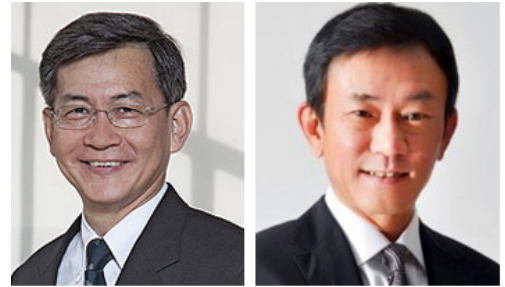
Beatification of 74 Brothers. 523 Spanish martyrs who died in the religious persecution of the 1930s will be beatified on 13 October in Tarragona, Spain. Seventy - four Brothers of the Christian Schools are included in three causes of the dioceses of Madrid (two causes) and of Tarragona (one cause). The Spanish Brothers assassinated during religious persecution number 165. A letter from the Superior General on the occasion of this beatification was sent along with LEAD Story 117 (11 September). For more information on the Spanish martyrs, you can download this document: <http://www.lasalle.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/MARTIRI-SPAGNA-Ingles.pdf>

Report of the International Assembly. The final report of the second International Mission Assembly is now available. You can download a copy from http://www.lasalle.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/IA-13-FINAL-Report_eng.pdf

Signum Fidei New Zealand. I am attaching a report from the Signum Fidei of New Zealand. Thanks to Br. Alberto Gomez for sharing the news!



SJI Alumni Appointed to Singapore Supreme Court. Saint Joseph's Institution alumni Mr Tan Siong Thye (Class of 1970) and Mr Lee Kim Shin (Class of 1976) were appointed to the Singapore Supreme Court as judicial commissioners. "Mr Tan joins the Supreme Court after having headed the Subordinate Courts since 2008, and Mr Lee from his role as Managing Partner at Allen & Gledhill. They join two other alumni, Justice Chan Seng Onn (Class of 1970) and Judicial Commissioner Lionel Yee (Class of 1982), on the Supreme Court bench." (<http://www.sji.edu.sg>)



Mr Tan Siong Thye (Class of 1970)

Mr Lee Kim Shin (Class of 1976)

Jubilee Celebrations. Next weekend, three Brothers will celebrate the anniversaries of their reception of the holy habit. The 50th Jubilee of Br. Raymundo Suplido will held in Bacolod City, Philippines on 12 October. On 13 October, two Brothers from Myanmar, Br. Mark Sixtus and Br. Hilary Htun Kyi, will celebrate their 60th anniversary in Yangon. Let us remember them in our prayers. Congratulations Br. Ray, Br. Mark and Br. Hilary!

World Teachers' Day. UNESCO celebrates 5 October as World Teachers' Day. This day is "devoted to appreciating, assessing, and improving the educators of the world." For more information, visit their website: <http://www.worldteachersday.org>



De La Salle Philippines has produced a video inspired by Paul Harvey on the occasion of World Teachers' Day and as a tool to help raise funds for three schools: St. Joseph School-La Salle (Bacolod), De La Salle Andres Soriano Memorial College (Cebu), and De La Salle John Bosco College (Bislig). You can view the video, "God Made A Teacher" through this YouTube link: <http://youtu.be/ElmfAXUi6sc>

Happy Teachers' Day to all Brothers and Partners!

Faternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Hong Kong

The Global Teacher Status Index. "The Global Teacher Status index is the world's first comprehensive attempt to compare the status of teachers across the world. It is based on in-depth opinion by Populus in 21 countries that explores the attitudes on issues ranging from what is a fair salary for teachers to whether they think pupils respect teachers to how highly people rank their own education system. There have been many international comparisons in education, but this the first time that the role of teacher status has been studied in-depth." For the full report: <https://www.varkeygemsfoundation.org/teacherindex>

