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## Singapore President Tony Tan Keng Yam concludes Fullerton-SJI Leadership Lecture Series II.

“The second series of the Fullerton-SJI Leadership Lectures was concluded on 5 November, graced by alumnus President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam. In his closing remarks to more than 300 students, Dr Tan spoke about Social Reserves, the intangible bonds that will help the nation ride through difficult times.



“An old boy of St Patrick's School and then in St Joseph's Institution (SJI), Dr Tan said he had benefitted from the Lasallian education, and remained grateful till this day to his teachers and the La Salle Brothers who taught them to be the best that they can be, to lead useful lives and to contribute to society. He said, *“SJI was founded more than 160 years ago on the vision of the Reverend Father Jean Marie Beurel to serve everyone in our multi-racial, multi-religious society. I am glad that SJI to this day still adheres to Father Beurel's vision although SJI has gone through many changes to adapt to an evolving educational landscape and to meet the needs of newer generations of students. In the Lasallian tradition, SJI continues to embrace all members of our community regardless of race, language, creed or religion. SJI students are taught to see themselves as part of a larger community, and to serve all segments of our society. These Lasallian values are timeliness and remain as relevant today as in Father Beurel's time.”*

<http://www.sji.edu.sg> Read more about this event at <http://goo.gl/cG4Vu3>



CIL PART 1 CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE

## CIL2013 PARTICIPANTS

**7** DISTRICTS  
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**12** DISTRICTS  
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Day	Participant	Topic
Mon	4	Br. Jesus Sastre Garcia
Tue	5	Br. Jesus Sastre Garcia
Wed	6	Br. Felix Joseph
Thu	7	Br. Jesus Rubio
Fri	8	Br. Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria

### “To what extent are we an attractive group for today’s youth, both as a religious vocation and as a Lasallian lay partner?”

This was the one of the questions that Brother Alvaro invited us to reflect on in his address to the CIL participants on the last day of the second week. Afterwards, we had an open and friendly dialogue with the Superior General about our concerns and reflections on the pastoral ministry of vocations in the Institute.

The second week provided very important ideas as a promoters of the Lasallian vocation. Br. Jesus Sastre Garcia spoke about the intersections of two freedoms: human and divine and the role of the promoter as the facilitator of this dialogue.

Brs. Joseph Felix and Jesus Rubio encouraged us to enter into dialogue with the realities of the ministry from other regions. We had also the opportunity to share existing pastoral practices and identify trends in pastoral ministry from a Lasallian perspective.

We also had a chance to celebrate the gift of our Lasallian vocation during this week in 2 special and very significant events. The CIL group joined the generalate community, many alumni and friends of the Brothers in the special mass for the Brother martyrs of the Spanish revolution.

The second event was the concluding ceremony for the first part of the program and the community gathering sponsored by the RELEM group.

My reflection on the Brothers’ and partners’ shared experiences on the pastoral ministry of vocations is that, although we face many difficulties and harsh realities, we should be confident that what we are doing is God’s will and that God is working today to bring about new life and vitality. **[Victor Gutierrez FSC]**



Friday Morning Prayer Service



With Br. Alvaro after the Martyrs’ Mass • Women of CIL2013





**Welcome Br. Michael French.** We welcome Br. Michael French who will be back in the District this time as Speaker for the Mid Life Workshop to be held on 21 - 24 November at the Redemptorist Retreat Centre in Pattaya, Thailand. The workshop which aims to help the participants understand the various perspectives involved in midlife transitions will be attended by 22 Brothers from all over the District. Br. Michael was the retreat master and translator during the International Young Brothers Assembly held in the Philippines last August 2013.

**Updates on Relief Drive for Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda).** Response to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) is now a global effort. Some of our campuses in the Philippines have received overwhelming support in the form of donations and volunteers to repack the relief goods before being deployed to the typhoon's hardest hit areas. The United Nations said the Philippines will need US\$301 million to rehabilitate and recover from the disaster. So far, 40 foreign governments and 21 international groups have pledged aid. To date, the typhoon has claimed 3,633 lives, injured 12,487 and 1,179 are still missing. About 1.9 million are displaced and are now being served inside and outside evacuation centers. A total of 422,290 are inside 1,142 evacuation centers across several islands. Electricity has yet to be restored in 5 provinces and in more than a hundred towns in 10 other provinces.

We thank the Institute for assisting in the collection of donations. The following appears in the Institute website:

*"With the devastation of super typhoon Haiyan, the Lasallian community is coming together to offer assistance to our fellow Brothers, associates, friends and families. The Brothers report considerable need for both immediate support, in the form of food and water supplies, as well as long-term support for reconstruction in damaged classrooms.*

*"Individuals and groups who wish to financially assist in helping our schools and communities restore operations can make a donation to De La Salle Solidarità Internazionale - ONLUS:*

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or through PayPal via our USA affiliate La Salle International Foundation (<http://www.lasalleinternational.org>). All funds collected will go towards educational, health and humanitarian relief for the Philippines." (<http://www.lasalle.org/en/2013/11/lasallians-respond-to-typhoon-haiyan/>)

Fraternally,

**Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC**  
Thailand

