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Brother Joseph Lian Thang FSC †
27 May 1975 – 23 May 2014



It is with deep sadness that we announce the tragic passing of our dear Brother Joseph Lian Thang FSC of the Sector of Myanmar. Br. Joseph just completed his first year of ministry in Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines and went to Myanmar to attend his brother's ordination. On their way home after the celebrations, their van with 12 passengers fell off a cliff. According to Br. Noel Lal FSC, his own blood brother, Joseph, their eldest sister, two nieces and the driver died instantly.

"Br. Joseph Lian Thang was born on May 27, 1975 in Lum Bang Village, Falam Township in Chin State, Myanmar. He grew up and studied elementary education in his home village as his father, U Ngun Gyung - a Lasallian from St. Albert High School - Maymyo, was the headmaster of the school. When he was in grade 7, he went to the La

Salle Juniorate in Maymyo for his schooling but returned to his village the following year. He returned to the La Salle Juniorate when he was grade 9. In 1991, the De La Salle Brothers resumed their formation program and recruited a number of young boys in Yangon. Having experienced the Brothers life in Maymyo and with the invitation of Br. Anthony FSC, he went to the La Salle Provincialate in May 1991, as he showed his interest in the Brothers vocation together with his younger brother, Br. Noel Hrang Lal FSC. He finished his matriculation in 1993 from No. 3 BHES, Mayangone. He then joined La Salle Postulancy program.

“He entered the Novitiate in Yangon and received his holy habit on **7 April 1994**. He made First Profession on **April 14, 1996**. After the Scholasticate program, he was assigned to the La Salle Computer Center as a lecturer. He made Perpetual Vows on **May 27, 2001**. He became the Director of La Salle Computer Center in 2001 and was sent to the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod City, Philippines in 2004 and earned his Masters Degree in Computer Science in 2006. He returned to Yangon and became the Director of the La Salle English and Computer Center. In 2009, he was assigned as staff in the “Come and See” Program in Kalaw and later became the Director of the La Salle Juniorate in 2011. He returned to the Philippines and was assigned at De La Salle Lipa in 2013 to present.

“As a Brother, he was credited for his obedience and generosity. He was a man of patience and calm; he never showed his anger nor impatience. He was dedicated to his assignments and was passionate about computers. He was on home visit for his younger brother’s priestly ordination and golden Jubilee of the Catholic Church in his village when he and his family became victims of a tragic accident. This has been a heartbreaking incident for the family as the eldest sister and two other nieces of Br. Joseph Lian Thang were among the victims. Currently, Br. Noel Hrang Lal FSC has been taking charge of the situation and Br. Lawrence Goh FSC, Sector Lead of Myanmar, will be attending the funeral for support. The burial services will be held in his village although they have yet to determine the date.

“Let us remember the departed souls and the bereaved families in our prayers. May they rest in peace.” (Br. Anselm Ling John FSC)

Eternal rest grant unto Brother Joseph Lian Thang, 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,

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