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PARC 38 Lipa. PARC Visitors together with the new General Councillor, Br. Ricky Laguda, met in Lipa on August 5 and 6. The conference looked at the Statutes of the region and revised some articles according to the current reality and needs of the region. We also looked at responsibilities of the General Councillor with regards to his engagement with the different Districts of PARC. Among the resolutions was to meet two times a year, once in January and another in August. Aside from Br. Ricky, those in attendance were Br. Chris Gorringe and Br. Shazad Gil of ANZPPNG, Br. Christopher Soosai of India, Br. Denzil Perrera of the District of Colombo, Br. Peter Phat of the District of Vietnam and Br. Thomas Lavin and myself for LEAD. Mentie Knowles, our secretary for the past few meetings of PARC, took the minutes.

On the evening of the 5th we took the opportunity to spend time with the novices as we had a prayer services and a lovely dinner organized by Br. Kenneth and Br. Christy Croos, Novice Master. On the 6th the conference was hosted for dinner by the Brothers' Community with the meal lovingly cooked by Br. Hans Moran.

Thanks to Br. Kenneth, Br. Raffy Reyes (Director of the Community), Br. Christy, Br. Hans, the staff and novices of La Salle Novitiate and the Brothers of De La Salle Lipa.





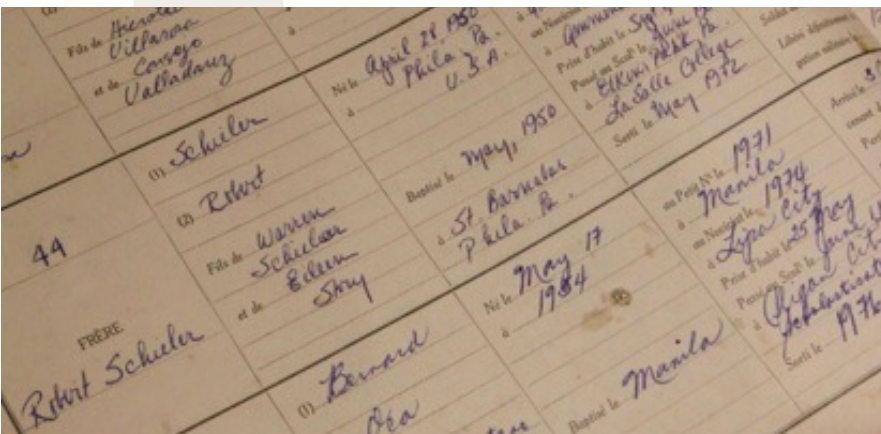
LEAD Meetings. Last week, several meetings were held in Manila and attended by Brothers from all over the District. On August 4, the Chapter and Brothers' Assembly Planning Committee was convened by the chair, Br. Tom Lavin. Present in the meeting was Ms. Maureen Cleary who will be facilitating both gatherings. The 2nd Brothers' Assembly, which will take place in Manila, also includes part 1 of the 2nd District Chapter. All Brothers in the District are encouraged to attend this Assembly from 3 - 6 December 2014 with 2 and 7 December as travel dates.

On the same day, in the afternoon, the Steering Committee for the Asian Lasallian Renewal Program (ALRP) met in order to finalise the program and budget. ALRP responds to "Line of Action B3-3" of the First LEAD District Chapter which calls for the implementation of "a pilot program for the District for Continuing Formation and Renewal in an Asian context." This will be held at Sampran, Thailand on 8 - 28 November 2015.

On August 5, the Liturgy Committee for the 2nd District Chapter, Brothers' Assembly, and 1st Mission Assembly was convened by its chair, Br. Domingo Villamil. The committee, composed entirely of young Brothers from the different Sectors of LEAD, spent the entire morning planning and brainstorming for the different liturgical needs of the three LEAD events. Finally, on August 7, the LEAD Formation Committee met and was presided by the Director for Vocation and Brothers' Formation, Br. Vic Franco.



I wish to thank all those who attended these meetings and their respective Sector Leaders for their support. I am also grateful to those who hosted the participants and organised these meetings: Br. JJ Jimenez, the Central House Administration, St. Benilde Community, Lasallian Formation Center, and the DLSU 2011 Community.



Visit to the Ozamiz and Iligan Communities. On August 7 - 10, Br. Thomas and I visited our two communities in Mindanao, namely: La Salle University in Ozamiz and La Salle Academy in Iligan City. This is the first time in a number of years that the two communities have a minimum of four Brothers. In LSU, Br. Jimmy Dalumpines continues to lead both the academic community and the Brothers community. Br. Joseph Dougherty, now in his third year in Ozamiz, still teaches English mostly to froshies. Br. Iñigo Riola has a lesser load in school as he is Vocation Promoter for Visayas and Mindanao and also oversees the young Brothers in ATC (Apostolic Training Community). The newest member is Br. Toby De La Cruz and he handles Grade 6 and Grade 10 Christian Living.

In La Salle Academy, Br. Felipe is school president and Director of the community. In school, he is assisted by Br. Alan Buenavista who is a member of the Executive Team and in charge of Campus Ministry. Two new Young Brothers make up the community: Br. Dan Sanding and Br. Paul Mata. Both are doing full time teaching.

On August 9 the Brothers of Iligan together with some special guests blessed the new Brothers Residence. The previous residence, a two story wooden structure, was the oldest community in use in the sector. It was an intimate affair led by the Bishop Elenito Galido who celebrated the Eucharist and led the blessing. Congratulations to the the LSA Brothers.

I wish to thank Jimmy and Felipe for organizing the visit.



Xaverian Karpal Singh Posthumously Honoured. “The Gandhi Memorial Trust of Malaysia (GMT) organised a special event to posthumously confer the GMT’s Public Service Award to the late Mr Karpal Singh for his record of distinguished public service. The event was held on 30 June 2014 at the Ballroom of the Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur. The Ballroom was packed to capacity with more than 400 guests attending this event to honour this great parliamentarian.

“S Radhakrishnan, the chairman of the Gandhi Memorial Trust (GMT), said that the Award was presented in recognition of his long dedicated service to the nation for more than 40 years – a brilliant lawyer, an astute politician and parliamentarian, and above all, a strong human rights activist. Karpal’s life long passion had been the pursuit of social justice and upholding the Malaysian Constitution and the rule of law. He ended his speech by stating that the late Karpal was a national treasure. He said that Karpal would be clearly missed and lovingly remembered for his great contribution and sacrifice to make Malaysia a better place that all of us in Malaysia could be proud of.” Read more of this story at <http://aliran.com/towering-msians/karpal-singh-posthumously-honoured/>

FLV 2014: French Lasallian Volunteers Experience the Lasallian Mission in the Philippines. “Twenty-seven French Lasallian Volunteers (FLV); students and adult partners, from Aux Lazariste Lyon – La Salle of the Akwaba, Les Enfants came to the Philippines for an exposure to the Lasallian Mission in this part of the world and participated in a variety of service learning programs from July 12 to August 1, 2014.

“They were able to understand the life of Filipinos throughout the three-week program in the Philippines which provided them chance to learn the culture and lifestyle through various encounters and experiences in different





communities and Universities. Among the Sector schools that they visited were De La Salle University and De La Salle College of Saint Benilde in Manila, La Salle Green Hills in Mandaluyong City, De La Salle University – Dasmariñas and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute in Cavite. In Jaime Hilario Integrated School La Salle, Bagac, they lived with foster families, conducted classes in arts, sports and French language. They also helped in the cleaning and clearing operations after the typhoon ‘Glenda’ in JHIS-LS.

“Their significant engagements in communities provided them an experience beyond the typical day-to-day life of a Filipino. Some communities they have visited are the ‘Kuya Center for Street Children,’ the ‘Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm,’ which imparts social entrepreneurship to the poor, the ‘Jungle Environment Survival Training (JEST) Camp,’ and the ‘Bahay Pag-asa’ in DLSU-D, a center for youth in conflict with the law. They also conducted activities among senior citizens and visited the families who benefited in the ‘Green Light for a Better Life’ both in Barangay Zone 1A in Dasmariñas. One memorable experience for them was providing help and assistance in the rehabilitation programs in the communities affected by typhoon ‘Haiyan’ in Trinidad Elementary School (Guiuan, Samar), where they provided school supplies for the students and diverting activities in the Tent City (Tacloban City).” (Ms. Joy Critica | De La Salle Philippines)

New Secretary to the Superior General. Brother Patrick Duffy FSC, former President of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA from 2012 - 2014 was recently appointed as the new Secretary to the Superior General. Let us keep Br. Patrick in our prayers as he begins his new ministry.



Fraternally,

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