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Visit to Malaysia. My visit to the Brothers of Malaysia were done in two parts. The visit to Sabah (East Malaysia) took place in July 10 - 15 and coincided with the quarterly meeting of the Brothers from Sabah and Sarawak. There are eight Brothers currently working in East Malaysia: two in Nabawan and six in the "central" community of Kota Kinabalu with "satellite" ministries in Sarawak and Tambunan. In Nabawan, Br. Egbert Joikul and Br. Ignaci Heri work in our boarding department in Asrama Butitin and give formation sessions and classes to the boarders in the afternoons and evening. They are also kept busy by teaching in the Indonesian school nearby.

In Sarawak, there are a number of Learning and Tuition Centers being accompanied by Br. Justin Mobilik and John D' Cruz. While Br. Peter Ng and Br. Charles O'Leary does ministry of presence in St. Martin's in Tambunan and La Salle in Kota Kinabalu respectively. The two Community Directors are Br. Peter Foo and Br. Egbert.



Part two of the visit was from August 29 to September 4 in West Malaysia. I stayed in Petaling Jaya from August 29 to September 2. On August 30 I attended a celebration of Br. Ambrose Loke's 70th birthday and Golden Jubilee as a Brother. This was organised jointly by the Old Boys of La Salle Sentul and St. Francis in Malacca. It was attended by his siblings, old boys of both schools, key Lasallians of West Malaysia.



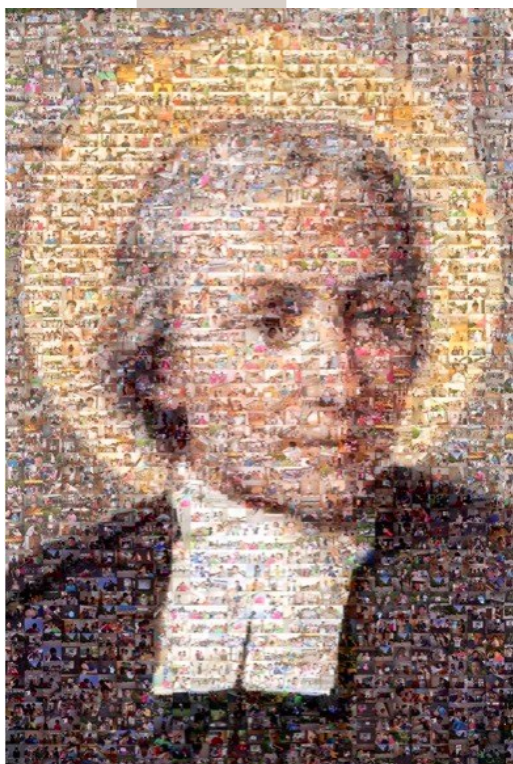
On August 31 I interviewed nine Brothers from PJ, St. John's in Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh. Staying in Petaling Jaya, the Provincialate of the legacy District of Penang is Br. Augustine Julian (Director) and Br. Felix Donohue. Both continue to be involved in some of our school boards. In St. John's is Br. Andrew Loke (Director), Br. Matthew Liew and Br. Lucian Ng. Both communities are in the process of coming together. In St. Francis, Malacca is Br. Ambrose (although he is recovering from a knee replacement in PJ) and Br. Michael Kum. In La Salle Center in Ipoh is Br. Matthew Bay (Director) with Br. Vincent Corkery. La Salle Center, with Isaac, is busy with preparations for Asia Pacific Youth Congress in December.

On September 1, I met with the council of Brother Directors. We spent the whole morning reflecting on the concerns of the communities. I also spoke about the coming District Assembly and Chapter. On the 2nd, I travelled to Penang and spent a few days with Br. Stephen Ooi.

I wish to thank the Brothers of Malaysia and Br. Anthony Rogers for the warm welcome and for organising the visit.

Huether Lasallian Conference 2014. I am attaching an invitation for the Huether Lasallian Conference to be held on 20 - 22 November 2014 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. This year's conference theme is **The Lasallian Mission: Word, Witness and Invitation**. Speakers for this year's conference are **John Allen, Jr.**, Editor of The Boston Globe and best-selling author, **Dr. Carole Eipers**, Vice President and Executive Director of Catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc., and **John Donahue-Grossman**, Director of Retreats at La Salle Manor in Plano, IL. Updates and additions to the conference will be posted on <http://www.lasallian.info/programs-events/huether/2014-huether-lasallian-conference/>





Lasallian Genome. Below is an article written by Br. Fermin Martinez FSC explaining the photo mosaic of our Founder created by the students of Hakodate La Salle High School:

“In the last issue of Harvard Business Review (sept 2014) Tarun Khanna writes about a quite fascinating and challenging issue “Contextual Intelligence”. As I began to read his ideas somewhere his words echoed in my head and heart. We, the Brothers, bring with us the wisdom from the Scripture accompanied with our common Lasallian heritage. These two pillars become the common core in our apostolate. Do we in the name of orthodoxy and faithfulness convey the same content in identical way to whomever we address in daily basis? Or do we localize the heart and memory of our message?”

“In LEAD we are present in seven different geographical Sectors. Our task may sound already a huge challenge to anyone embarked in any global issue. We know by heart that it is not only that we are in “seven Sectors” but even within each Sector we serve a wide range of cultures, personalities and characters. Our experience tells that we must “personalize” our contacts with each individual we encounter. The more we get involved with specific people we must go back to the Jesus Way and to the spirit we have learned from our Lasallian formation; we must put at the center of our commitment the student,

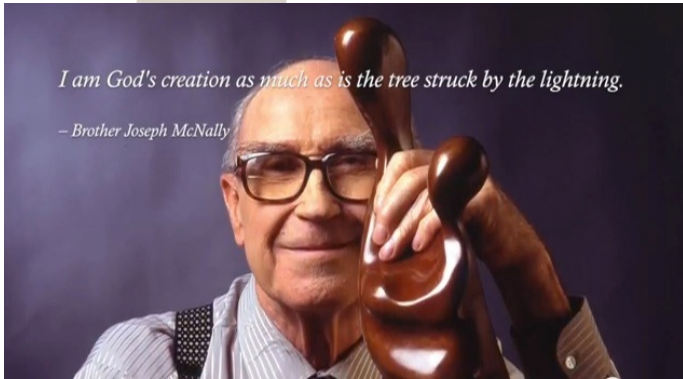
the teacher, the parent, the provider. If we ever want to make the changes we have always been dreaming about as how to be a Brother to our brothers and sisters, we must contextualize.

“Allow me to apologize for this long introduction to make my point for what I intend to present here. A few weeks back here in the most northern educational community in the District, we held the annual school festival. Such school events in fact become symbols and icons of the culture of each institution. Visitors can grasp the identity of the institution as they step in. They see beyond faces, they can feel how teachers and students interact in such a community.

“A month before this annual event took place, two students came into my office to propose me a project they have thought for some time. They wanted to take pictures of the two-day-event and make with those pictures perhaps a collage or “something” as a memorial to leave behind for future generations. The two students became a team of six senior students; they took more than 2000 pictures of the event. They reduced each photograph and placed them in a mosaic format for pictures in a computer. Before printing out their collage they pasted a well known portrait of the Founder as the context for the finishing product. The result was a poster that will be hanging in a wall in the lobby of the school.

“If we would see the result of this small project of a handful of young teenagers from a broad and deep perspective, we will be able to see that for them Saint La Salle has embedded the Genome Niponica. In this new portrait, Japanese faces make us see the same international Saint De La Salle. For them, La Salle DNA has become their own. In other words, Tarun Khanna research comes true; localizing a global spirit is a two-way-avenue. Adults in this educational community have tried to convey a message to teenagers and the young have

shown us the effects of such interactive personalized relationship. The portrait of the Founder accompanying this article shows the work of these six Japanese Lasallians.”



Tribute to Brother Joseph McNally. On the 12th anniversary of Brother Joseph McNally's passing, a tribute was held at the Singapore Art Museum on 27 August, in an intimate evening of remembrance and gratitude for everything he has been, and done for Singapore art. The tribute video can be viewed at YouTube: <http://youtu.be/ubn1b7XNPes>

Brother Joseph McNally FSC founded the LASALLE College of the Arts in 1984 and was one of Singapore's champions of the creative arts and arts education. Thanks to Br. Vincent Corkey for sending me the link.

Chapel of the Pearl of Great Price. De La Salle University in Manila celebrated the first Holy Eucharist in its new Chapel of the Pearl of Great Price last 8 September on the feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. Originally located in St. Joseph's Hall, the new chapel is now in the north wing of the St. La Salle Hall and incorporated the original tabernacle, which DLSU Vice Chancellor for Lasallian Mission, Br. Michael Broughton FSC cited as the only one with that shape in the country.

The unique tabernacle was designed by the late **Brother Joseph McNally FSC**. He used capiz shell (mother of pearl) as the main material, not just for the external layer of the metal tabernacle but also for the aureole behind.

September Birthdays. Let us remember in our prayers our dear Brothers who are also celebrating their birthdays this month:

- 13 Br. De La Salle Sayam Ngamdee
- 20 Br. Simon Tran Van Thien
- 24 Br. Jean de Dieu Randriaznasolo

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
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