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**ATC Conference Day.** “The Apostolic Training Community (ATC) Conference Day last September 6, 2014 gathered 6 young Filipino Brothers namely Br. Abet King Pia FSC, Br. Butch Alcudia FSC, Br. Dan Sanding FSC, Br. Joseph Daluz FSC, Br. Toby deal Cruz FSC and Br. Paul Mata FSC. These Brothers are currently doing supervised full time ministry for the first time in different Lasallian Communities in the Philippines. The ATC program is the next step after the Scholasticate years.



“Held at the Fagela Room of the Central House, the Conference aims to help these young brothers in instruction, formation and vocations. Tapped to do achieve its purpose are young lay partners and brothers who have been immersed in the ministry.IMG\_0038

“Four sessions with themes on Classroom Management and Teaching Strategies by Mr Jun Remiter and Ms Tess Bongiad of La Salle Green Hills ; Reflection on the LEAD Guidelines on Sexual Harassment Issues by Br Inigo Riola FSC; Reflection on Lasallian Vocations Today by Mr. Ritchie Bongcaron of DLSU Dasmaringas; and lastly, Reflections on the 45th General Chapter by Br. Sockie De La Rosa FSC. The day ended with a good hearty meal while continuing the conversations about the young Brothers’ individual reflections on the conference.” (Br. Butch Alcudia)



**St. Xavier's Institution (SXI) visits the Philippines.** “On September 13 to 21, eight students accompanied by two teachers from St. Xavier's Institution in Penang, Malaysia went to the Philippines for an exchange program in partnership with La Salle Green Hills. Their 9-day trip was filled with meaningful activities such as classroom discussions, interaction with Filipino students, staying with foster families, seeing Manila's historical landmarks, and visiting La Salle schools.

“Mr. James Koay and Mr. Emmanuel Dorai shared about the culture of their school to help the people in need through their annual “Charity Drive”. It is a project of the students to raise funds in their own creative way for their chosen cause or organization. For this year, they decided to donate the funds they collected to Jaime Hilario Integrated School-La Salle in Bagac, Bataan.

“After seeing the different realities here in the Philippines, Fabian, one of students from SXI, realized that, “We should all appreciate what we have and not take things for granted. Some people don't know how fortunate they are and now I'm grateful for everything in my life.” The whole experience was an eye opener for the students and they wish to come back and do more. (Mr. Demy Cruz Jr.)



**Lasallian Youth from the Philippines participate in the Lasallian Leadership Training Camp (LLTC) - Singapore.** “Last 6 to 9 September 2014, 12 Young Lasallians from the Philippines took part in the LLTC at St. Joseph’s Institution (SJI) in Singapore. This was the first time that schools from another Sector in LEAD participated in LLTC. The 4 - day leadership & formation program allowed the students to be engaged in discussions and activities about leadership principles and practices. Prayer periods were also in place and gave the students time to reflect on their learnings and realisations as the program progressed. Moreover, the program served as a venue to deepen the students’ understanding on our common Lasallian identity. The Philippine delegation is very thankful to the Lasallian Family in Singapore for taking good care the group. Our special thanks too, to the Organising Team of LLTC. Animo La Salle! *(Mr. Keane Palatino)*



**Hong Kong World Peace Day Celebrations.** “On Saturday 20th September, La Salle College hosted the Hong Kong United Nations World Peace Day Celebrations. The Celebrations were organized by the Hong Kong Peace International Foundation and were supported by the Hong Kong Lasallian Family of schools. Distinguished guests included a number of Consuls and Consul Generals and His Excellency Mr Vincent Piket, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao. The programme included speeches and items



from various guests and La Salle College students and a flag waving ceremony involving La Salle Primary School. Appreciation goes to the logistics coordinated by Mr Tse and Ms Nikki Chan, La Salle College CathSoc, the five Uniform Groups (Police Corp, Air Cadet, Scouts, St. John Ambulance, Red Cross), and members of the HKLYM from St. Joseph’s College, Chong Gene Hang College, Chan Siu Ki La Salle College, and De La Salle Secondary School. Lasallian schools worldwide join the UN each year in promoting peace through events and skill training, building acceptance, tolerance, harmony and understanding, and dialogue and fraternity among all peoples.” ([www.lasalle.edu.hk](http://www.lasalle.edu.hk))



**De La Salle Philippines Student Council Federation (SC-Fed).** “Presidents of the Student Governments (SG) and Student Councils (SC) from our 11 Tertiary Lasallian schools gathered last 20 to 21 September 2014 at the De La Salle Zobel school to officially formalise their partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will ensure continuity of plans and directions on a network level. Highlights of the MOA included priorities on Leadership & Formation, Good Governance, the Environment and Education. The SGs / SCs committed to ensure that programs under these areas be sustained and initiated not only in schools, but on a network level as well and foster more collaboration among Young Lasallians. Our special thanks to Carlo Inocencio, current President of the De La Salle University Student Government, and his OPRES team for hosting the first ever SC-Fed meeting!” *(Mr. Keane Palatino)*

**SJI Remembers Brother Kevin Byrne FSC.** Tributes to Br Kevin Byrne can be found at the website of St. Joseph’s Institution Independent: <http://sji.edu.sg/subpage.php?id=579#BrKevinByrne>

**Prayers for Hong Kong.** I would like to encourage the entire Lasallian world to pray for the people of Hong Kong. May the Holy Spirit guide all leaders to find a just and peaceful resolution to the current situation.

**Birthdays.** Let us remember in our prayers our dear Brothers who are celebrating their birthdays this October:

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| 3  | Br. Herbertus Gampok | 15 | Br. Victor Franco           | 21 | Br. Joseph Than Htaik Aung |
| 3  | Br. Marvin Sipin     | 15 | Br. Francis Suriya Toeysoi  | 23 | Br. Benedict Chaiwai       |
| 4  | Br. Felix Murillo    | 16 | Br. Emmanuel Sia            | 24 | Br. Simon Phanom           |
| 10 | Br. Peter Foo        | 17 | Br. Luke Chaiporn Kitmongol | 29 | Br. William Soe Thaung     |
| 11 | Br. John Hla Maung   | 18 | Br. Rafael Reyes            | 29 | Mr. Ramon Del Rosario AFSC |
| 15 | Br. Charles O’Leary  | 19 | Br. Vincent Fernandez       | 30 | Br. John Win Kyaw          |

Faternally,

**Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC**  
Philippines

