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Last Leg of Pastoral Visits. Br. Tom and I will be traveling to the Philippines and Japan for the last leg of the Pastoral Visits. We leave tomorrow 25 August for Manila and move around the communities in the Philippines until 10 September. Br. Tom will be accompanied by Br. Ricky in Bacolod while I interview the LEAD novices in Lipa and then the postulants at the Lasallian Formation Center. Then we go together to visit the two Mindanao communities and then to Bagac, Bataan. We will also be attending the meeting of the National Mission Council and, at the end of the visit, the Sector Council.

On the 10th we fly to Japan. Originally intended to be the first sector to be visited, we moved it last after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. We stay overnight in Tokyo and fly to Kagoshima and then after a day we fly to Hakodate and then finally to Sendai. We will be attending a sector council meeting at the end of the visit. Tom returns to the Provincialate on the 16th and I return on the 17th.

Prayers requested for a fruitful visit to the communities of the two sectors.

LEAD Finance Meeting and Visits of District Bursar. Br. Jose del Coss, District Bursar, Br. Mark Murphy, Br. Tom Lavin and myself will meet in Green Hills on 30 August to discuss LEAD financial concerns. We are looking at drafting a financial plan that can be presented to the LEAD Council on 1 October. Br. Jose will also be visiting some sectors to gain a deeper understanding of the state of LEAD resources. He will be visiting and meeting with key people in the Philippines and Malaysia. The following is his schedule:

29 August – 1 September Philippines
2 – 4 September Malaysia

First Profession. The first novice to profess vows in Australia in 14 years took place during the Solemnity of the Assumption, 15 August, at the community chapel in Bankstown. Br. Lewis Harwood, who had his novitiate in Napa together with three novices from the United States, pronounced First Vows in front of a small, intimate group of Brothers and family members. Join me in congratulating Br. Lewis and the Brothers of Australia. A fuller story appears in the attached PARCVIEW.

Fraternally,



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