

Habit Taking and Mission Sending



I was able to attend the habit taking of our Novices from LEAD. Seven young men took the habit on 16 May 2015 at the National Shrine of the Divine Child, La Salle Green Hills, Mandaluyong City, Philippines. This event signified the beginning of their Novitiate at Lipa. Let us keep Matthew, John Paulo, Rafael, Chuck, Nico, Paul, and Niño in our prayers.

We also gave a send-off to Brothers who will be working in other countries. Br. Mandy Dujunco FSC will be moving to Australia for doctoral studies and at the same time he will be working for the vocation team of the ANZPPNG District. Br. Raffy Reyes FSC and Br. Butch Alcudia FSC will be working in Nabawan, Sabah, Malaysia.



Br. Raffy, reflecting on mission, quoted St. Francis: "*Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.*" I feel that this is a good reminder for all of us that mission means "being Christ" to those whom we serve, wherever we are, at all times. Raffy, Butch, and Mandy, we wish you all the best in your new assignments!

Congratulations, Br. Solofo!

I wish to congratulate to Br. Solofo Zazaroandahy FSC for a successful proposal defence of the first three chapters of his Master's Thesis: An Evaluation of the Experiences of Senior Secondary School Teachers of Institution Sainte Famille, Mahamasina, Antananarivo, Madagascar: Basis for a Proposed Teachers' Development Program.

He will be busy in the next few months, gathering data and writing the remaining chapters, then defending the results of his thesis. He hopes to graduate and return home to apply his skills in his home District of Antananarivo. My thanks goes to his Director, Br. Gus Boquer FSC and the Residencia Community for their constant support.

China's National Table Tennis Players and World Champions visit La Salle College, Hong Kong

On Wednesday 13th May the head coach Liu Guoliang along with Ma Long and Ding Ling who won the 2015 World Table Tennis Championships at Suzhou visited La Salle College. The La Salle College Table Tennis Team (Hong Kong 2015 Champions) were able to watch the World Champions play as well as join them in games and get a few tips. La Salle College Team members and students were also fortunate to get some souvenirs and autographs. *(From The News Section of <http://web.lasalle.edu.hk/eng/home.php>)*



Approval of the Revised Rule



Here is an excerpt from Br. Superior's letter to all the Brothers, dated 14 May 2015, announcing the approval of our Revised Rule:

"Dear Brothers:

On the eve of the traditional celebration of our Founder's feast day, I am happy to inform you that the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has approved the revision to our Rule. I am further delighted to share with you that, with the exception of one article, all the modifications and changes to the various constitutions and statutes were approved as

presented. The revision to the original article 71 (article 73 in the Revised Rule), which concerns the Liturgy of the Hours, was not approved; therefore, article 71 in the current Rule remains as written..." (Read the entire letter at: <http://goo.gl/fNo3CQ>)

Update from the Bamboo School, Thailand-Myanmar Border

Br. John Pongpat FSC began his new assignment in the Bamboo School and he sent this update:

Welcome back to school! We officially began our academic school year. The students and the teachers are happy to return to school after a long holiday from mid-March to the mid-May. This year there are six Brothers working in the school namely Brs. Joseph Klong FSC, Director of the Brothers' Community and School, Victor Gill, Mario Zammit, Lorence and two young Brothers, John Pongpat and Chaiwat.





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An Invitation: Lasallian Educators' Conference, Middle Swan, Australia

I received an invitation to a Lasallian Educators' Conference hosted by La Salle College in Middle Swan, Western Australia. This is open to LEAD Brothers and interested partners. Those interested may contact the organisers.

Fraternally,

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