

## Vocation Summer Camp 2015



Annually, the Aspirants and Contacts of the Philippines gather together for a Summer Camp, incorporating the core values of Faith, Service, and Communion. Below is an excerpt from the reflections of Miggy Diño, a Contact from La Salle Green Hills, one of the participants:

“The De La Salle Brothers’ Vocation Summer Camp 2015 [held on April 27 - May 1, 2015] was an event I will never forget. I, a recent graduate of La Salle Green Hills, was just trying to get used to the fact that I was leaving the portals of my beloved school, which I considered home. But then the camp was held at the retreat house of LSGH where I spent 14 years having recollections and team building events at. So, full of joy, I gladly accepted Brother Mikey’s offer to join the camp as a Contact.

During the duration of the Summer Camp I got to know my fellow campers a whole lot more. For one, I got so much closer to my batchmate from LSGH and to my surprise, we had so much in common and we got to know each other to a deeper level. I also met a lot of the other participants from the other communities. We all built a bond that we will forever cherish and I am so proud to call them my brothers.

The evening of the second day, we started planning for the Bagac exposure trip. This was the time where I really stepped out of my comfort zone and tried to make friends outside of my community. We were assigned to lead a workshop for the kids where we decided to teach origami. We were given 20 minutes for each group before they had to switch. So Milton, an aspirant from the 1911 community suggested that we divide ourselves into pairs since we were only 6 in our group. Our pairs were Milton and Jeano making paper flowers, Andrei and Migs making paper windmills, and Tonton and I making paper planes. We were tasked to make paper airplanes and ask them to write their dreams on them so that we would offer them during the bonfire.





The kids in Bagac were so joyful. It made the trip so fulfilling. What struck me the most was when the kids were writing their dreams. They looked so inspired and they knew that no matter what their dreams were they would achieve it. That made the whole experience the best. I saw that their intentions were so pure and innocent. They had this certain sparkle in their eye which made me forget about going back to Manila right away. It hooked me so much that I had separation anxiety when we left.

With the camp coming to an end, we started to feel the separation anxiety seep in so Thursday night, we stayed up until 3:45 am playing Uno and another group also playing cards. Just trying to spend as much time as we could with each other. We certainly did not regret staying up even though the next day was our ABCD Olympics. We just really wanted to spend even more time with each other.

Overall, the camp is something that will always be in my heart. I will forever cherish the experience and the people that I have met. It was where I met my brothers. It helped me decide that I really want to become an aspirant and hopefully be one of the Brothers. It is and will always be the start of a new chapter in my life.”

“Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in community.”

– Psalm 133:1



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## Vietnamese Brother and Teachers Visit La Salle College, Bangna

Br Joe Hung FSC from Thailand, just finished his PhD in the DLSU and has returned to his home District, Vietnam. He immediately applied what he learned and arranged for a group of teachers to visit La Salle College, Bangkok. Here's an update from him:

“Truong Vinh Ky Primary school is the first La Salle school [in Vietnam] established after 1975. After 10 years of growth and development, the school was gained dedicated Lasallian Partners, who have been working together with the Brothers for quite some years. To celebrate 10 years of Association in Lasallian mission, on May 28, the school organised a trip to Thailand for teachers and staff in order to encourage and motivate them to get involved more and more in our mission.”



## First Vows of Br Philip Bancha FSC



*God has chosen you to do his work* (MTR 4.1)

Congratulations to Br Philip Bancha on his first profession! This event was held on 30 of May, 2015 at St John De La Salle Chapel, La Salle College, Bangkok, Thailand. Br Joseph Klong FSC, Auxiliary Visitor for Vocation and Formation assisted by Br Stephen Kan, served as witnesses to the event. Thai Brothers, La Salle Sisters and teachers from the four Lasallian schools in Thailand came to celebrate and congratulate him on his first profession of vows. "The Gospel, Jesus Christ and the Rule will be part of my life as a Brother", Br Bancha said. (Br. Pongpat, Text and Photos and Br Perapong, Photos) Br Bancha will fly back to the Philippines and stay at the House of Studies in De La Salle University to begin his his Scholasticate.





## St George's Institution, Malaysia Celebrates its Centennial

St. George's Institution (SGI) was the latest school in LEAD to celebrate its Centennial on 5, 6 and 7 June 2015. The celebration brought together key Lasallians of Malaysia as they travelled to Taiping, a lovely, quaint town in Perak. The three day celebration began on June 5 at 2:00 pm with the Opening Ceremonies and the standard speeches and followed by the First National Lasallian Youth Congress. The congress brought together students from most of the Lasallian schools in Peninsula Malaysia. June 6 was the highlight of the celebration with an early morning parade of marching bands from the different La Salle schools and other groups closely affiliated with SGI. The afternoon was devoted to the "friendly games" including footsal and Tug of War among others. Unfortunately, the rains ended the games prematurely.

The word "historic" was heard spoken by many Lasallians as this was the first time that students, teachers, key Old Boys from the different schools came together for a gathering of this nature. It gave a strong sense unity among the participating schools. The presence of the Brothers were greatly felt with 10 Brothers from different communities present for the event.

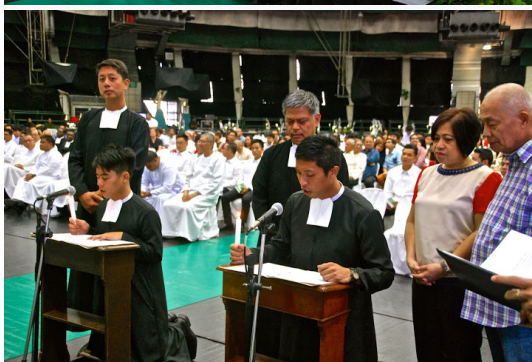
The organisation of the celebration was spearheaded by Joseph Lau and Chair of the Board, Paul Loh. It was supported by the Federation of Lasallian Alumni headed by President Michael Simon.

(Photos from Br Matthew Bay)



## Acceptance to the Postulancy, First Vows, and Final Vows

15 June 2015 was a milestone for the Lasallian East Asia District. Twelve young men were warmly accepted into the Postulancy Program: Ah Do (Myanmar), Clyde Ericson Nolasco (Philippines), Evan Shersy Telebrico (Philippines), Gregg Louise Tolentino (Philippines), Khun Lazarus (Myanmar), Luis Angelo Enriquez (Philippines), Michael Vincent Roli Paildan (Philippines), Nay Lin Oo (Myanmar), Nge Bo (Myanmar), JustinePatrick Aquino (Philippines), Saw Lin Aung Zaw (Myanmar), and Dan Naw (Myanmar). Their one year program will be at the Lasallian Formation Centre in Green Hills.



Four Novices, having completed their Canonical Year in Lipa, professed vows for the first time: Eugene De Luna Jr. FSC, Irwin Anthony Climaco FSC, Joseph Pi FSC, and Marvin Sipin FSC. They now begin their first year in the Scholasticate at the House of Studies in DLSU.



And after seven years of temporary vows, Br Alex Diaz FSC made a life-long commitment to “association for the educational service of the poor”. Br Alex is a Lasallian since he was a little boy. He finished his primary, secondary, and bachelor’s degree at the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod. While at University he was already keen on service, being a leader at the Saint Brother Miguel Academy, a volunteer Sunday School for young and poor children.



His first assignment was in La Salle Academy, Iligan where he was a secondary teacher and moderator of the student government. After three years in Iligan, he then took on the role of vocation promoter for the Brothers in the Philippines and many young men owe the discovery of their vocation to his relentless and persuasive talks around the country. He is currently the Director of the Lasallian Formation Centre where he is in charge of the formation program for Myanmar and Filipino Postulants.

I’d like to thank Br JJ Jimenez FSC, the Central House Administration, and La Salle Green Hills for making a this event meaningful.

Congratulations Brothers! Be assured of our prayers and support!

(Photos from Br Ruben Caluyong)

## Birthdays

Wishing our June Birthday Celebrants a very Happy Birthday!

Ruben Caluyong	01 June	Collin Wee	20 June
Timothy	03 June	Paul Ho	21 June
Mario Zammit	04 June	Richie Yap	23 June
Aikee Esmeli	08 June	Stephen Zeim Thu	25 June
Thomas Lavin	16 June	Ricardo Laguda	26 June
José del Coss	19 June	Michael Kum	30 June

## Visitor's Calendar

### 1st Week of June

Hong Kong, Provincialate  
Malaysia, St. Geroge's Institution

### 2nd Week of June

Hong Kong, Provincialate  
Philippines, Vows

### 3rd Week of June

Malaysia, Singapore Retreat  
Thailand  
Myanmar

### 4th Week of June

Philippines, Lasallian Partner's Council Planning  
Hong Kong, Provincialate

## Health and Wellness

**Break Some Eggs!** Remember when we were scared to eat eggs? Happily for omelet lovers, a study published in January in the American Heart Journal suggests even people with coronary heart disease can safely eat two eggs a day without negatively affecting their blood pressure, cholesterol, or body weight. Vive l'oeuf! One egg packs six grams of protein and provides vitamin B12 — that's good news for vegetarian runners, who often don't get enough of this vitamin since it's most abundant in animal sources. Eggs are also rich in choline, a brain nutrient that aids memory, and lutein, an antioxidant essential for healthy eyes. The majority of the nutrients are found in the yolk, so eat the whole package. (Source: Runner's World March 2015)

Fraternally,

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