

## Visit to Jaime Hilario, Bagac, Bataan (1 and 2 July 2015)

Since I was not able to visit Jaime Hilario School last year I decided to visit them first this year. So the day after Br. Ray Suplido's installation as the 23rd President of DLSU, I took the 3-hour land trip to Bagac, Bataan.

Since I have not visited in a year and half, I was pleasantly surprised at the development of the school especially the new HS building designed by College of St. Benilde students and supervised by Architect Jun Benito. With the HS building, 90% of the Campus Development Plan is done.

The community of Brothers here is probably the youngest in the District with Br. Rey Mejias as Director of the school and the community. Br. Rey is new this year, coming from his three-year stint as Director of the Scholastics. The other new Young Brother is Br. Edmund Viroomal FSC, fresh from the Scholasticate. Br. Edmund is teaching English full time to grade 8 and 9 students. Br. Abet Pia, is now on his second year although technically his first full year in community as last year he was on Apostolic Training. Br. Abet teaches Chemistry and Christian Living to grade 10 students. Br. Aikee Esmeli is the fourth Brother but is preparing for his final vows in August next year. He is in charge of a number of areas, including Buildings and Grounds, as he assists Br. Rey in the running of the school.



The student population is now up to 447. The pioneer group of students, is now in Grade 10 and will graduate in two years' time.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Br. Mandy Dujunco FSC who spent three years as Director of Jaime Hilario. Br. Mandy is preparing for his Doctoral studies at the Australian Catholic University. Thanks to the Brothers especially to the Director, Br. Rey.

## Visit to the Formation House in Maymyo, Myanmar (6 – 8 July 2015)



I flew to Myanmar on the 5th of July and travelled to Maymyo (Pyin Oo Lwin) the next day to interview their candidates: five aspirants and nine Come and See candidates based in Kalaw.

The Director of the Aspirants is Br. Joseph Than Htaik Aung and is assisted by Br. Mark Sixtus and by Br. Philip Thein Oo. The three of them take their turns in teaching the aspirants. Br. Joseph is also director of the other community, the Juniorate. However, he is assisted well there by Br. Francis La Seng and Br. Stephen Mark so that frees him up to accompany the aspirants. The five aspirants are preparing to go to

Manila in 2016 for their postulancy. Currently, two incoming novices from the District of San Francisco New Orleans are in Maymyo teaching English to the aspirants. They are Br. Javi Hansen and Br. Joey Wright.

The Come and See candidates are based in Kalaw but I did not need to go there as they were in Maymyo for an exposure to teach the borders. There are nine candidates being accompanied by Br. Timothy.

Thanks to Br. Lawrence and Br. Joseph for arranging and organising my visit.



## La Salle College B-Grade Win Elite Schools Rugby Championship



On Monday 6th July, 4 elite boys schools, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College, Ying Wa College, and Diocesan Boys, held the annual Elite Boys Schools Rugby Tournament. A-Grade came 3rd Overall and B-Grade won the B-Grade Championship. Congratulations to the teams for their determination and effort, the coach from the HKRU, and Mr Ma and Mr Yip (TIC's). (Read more news from LSC Hong Kong at: <http://web.lasalle.edu.hk/eng/home.php>)

### Health and Wellness

We all get a “snack attack” once in while. Instead of grabbing the nearest bag of chips and a can of soda, here's a list of healthy alternative snacks from Cassie Shortsleeve that you can binge on: 1) Cottage Cheese, 2) Healthy Ice Cream (frozen yoghurt could be an Asian alternative) 3) Babybel Cheese, and 4) Watermelon Slushies. For more details, click: <http://www.menshealth.com/nutrition/snacks-you-can-actually-binge-eat>)

Fraternally,

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