

## Br. Gene Tianco FSC Celebrates His Golden Jubilee



I was privileged to be present and celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Br. Gene at La Salle Green Hills, National Shrine of the Divine Child last 16 October 2015. Below is an excerpt from the shared refection I gave during the event:

Today's Golden Boy, Brother Eugenio Jose Tianco, Br. Gene to everyone, has enriched with his presence since 1963. If we want to quantify his being a Brother, it would be like this: Br. Gene has been a Brother for 18,250 days, 438,000 hours, 26,280,000 minutes, 10 communities, countless students and endless wonderful memories. One of the last products of the Juniorate, Gene was as a scholastic when I was in elementary in then De La Salle College in Taft Avenue and I remember coming across him several times.

I've said this before and I will say this again, Br. Gene is a highly gifted Brother. He belongs to a small group of Brothers who are engineers and this includes Cris Moreno and our current AV, JJ Jimenez. He finished his Masters Degree at the United Kingdom, was Chair of Manufacturing Engineering at DLSU in the late 90s. He was into music as well and played the Tuba with the DLSU Band in the 90s. He was also an excellent athlete, particularly in softball, but as one Brother would say, he was good in any sports he played in. For many of the young ones here you may not know that Gene also whipped up a killer Leche Flan. A Leche Flan to die for! I never got to taste it but it is stuff of legend!

I doubt if any Brother can remain perfectly and fully faithful and there will be many times in our life as a Brother where we will fall and stumble but today let us acknowledge that it is God's faithfulness that always holds us up, helps us to stand when we fall, and keeps us propped up. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Gene!

## The Vibrant Hong Kong Lasallian Youth



Two recent events, as reported by Ms. Nikki Chan, showcase the vibrant energy of the Lasallian Youth in Hong Kong:

First, the AGM of HKLYM 2015-2016 was successfully conducted on Saturday, 3 Oct 2015 at La Salle College. During the meeting, the Exco of 2014-15 submitted the Annual Report of Activities and Financial Report.

Following the presentation was the election. Supervised by the teacher advisors from CGHC, CSK, DLS and LSC, the results were as follows:

President: Ricky Yim Chun	(F.5 LSC)
Vice-president: Dustin Li Cheuk Ki	(F.4 CSK)
Secretaries: John Yim Chung Yue	(F.5 CSK)
Treasurer: Choi Tsz Ki	(F.4 DLS)
Contact officer: Chan Tsz Fung	(F.4 DLS)
Fong Kwan Ho	(F.5 CSK)

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Second, the Opening Ceremony cum Orientation Day of the annual Christian Brothers' Schools Leadership Programme, organised by the Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers, was held on 3rd October 2015. This is the 11th year of the programme.

On 10th and 11th October 2015 a 2-day-1-night camp was organised at Cheung Chau with 65 participants and helpers. Through the input sessions, games and reflection sessions, the Lasallian Spirit was strengthened and the bonding between the student leaders of our five secondary schools was reinforced through authentic practice of Lasallian Leadership. (Ms. Nikki Chan)

I'd like to thank Ms. Nikki Chan, the Coordinator of the Hong Kong Lasallian Family for sharing her energy and talents in making the Lasallian Spirit come alive in the young people of Hong Kong.

## **New General Bursar of the Institute**

**Br. Ambrose Payne FSC** former Visitor of ANZPPNG was recently appointed as the new **General Bursar** of the Institute replacing Br. Francisco Lopez FSC. Below is an excerpt from the letter of Br. Francisco:

*Brother Ambrose has been a person who has fulfilled significant responsibilities in his District of Australia where he has served in positions that go from Director of the Scholasticate, Director of educational centers, District Bursar, Visitor... In the PARC Region he is known and they are grateful to him for his support to the projects of the Region and, especially, for his collaboration, support and accompaniment to the sectors of the PARC that have less human and financial resources.*

*The Center of the Institute has benefited for his knowledge and his many varied qualities, intuition and generous availability as a member of the International Economic Council; as a member of the commission of the revision of the Rule; as a president of the preparatory commission of 45<sup>o</sup> General Chapter; and as a president of the same 45<sup>o</sup> general Chapter, among others roles*

Congratulations and best wishes, Ambrose, on your new assignment! Hopefully LEAD won't be one of your problems!

## Philippine Secretary of Education Visits Asrama Butitin, Nabawan

Br. Armin Luistro FSC, the Secretary of Education of the Philippines, was in Sabah on October 14 – 16, 2015 for an official visit to the various Alternative Learning Centres for the children of migrant Filipinos. The centres are located in the capital city of Kota Kinabalu and in the city of Keningau, which is in the interior part of Sabah. Br. Armin was accompanied by Mr. Mario Deriquito, the Under-Secretary of Education, and by Vice Consul Alvin Malasig from the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.



On October 15, Br. Armin and his party made a side trip to Asrama Butitin hostel in Nabawan to visit the La Salle Brothers and the boarders of the hostel. During the light snacks that was prepared for the visitors, the boarders entertained them with a Murut song titled “Persiangan” and a popular Tagalog song called “Salamat Sa Iyo.” The boarders were very delighted to meet Br. Armin and for the time he spent with them.

In a brief message to the Brothers of Nabawan, Br. Armin shared that the set-up in Asrama Butitin hostel could serve as a model for the Philippines especially in the remote areas of the country where the students have to walk long distances and cross rivers just to go to school. He also observed the joy in the faces of the boarders, which is an indication that they are happy to be in the hostel and that they are well cared for. He looks forward for the Lasallian East Asia District to explore the possibility of providing the educational services and stretching the Lasallian embrace to about 30,000 children of undocumented Filipinos in Sabah.

"The Brothers, staff and boarders wish to thank Br. Armin for his visit to the hostel. May God grant him wisdom and guidance in his ministry and safety in his travels." (Br. Butch Alcudia FSC)

## Congratulations Br. Solofo!



After 3 years of hard work, Br. Solofo Zazaroanadahy FSC, student-Brother from the District of Antananarivo (Madagascar) successfully defended his thesis entitled: *An Evaluation of the Levels of Competency of Senior Secondary School teachers of Institution Sainte Famille Mahamasina, Antananarivo, Madagascar: Basis of Suggested Activities for Teachers Development.* This is the final requirement for graduating with a Master of Arts in Education, Major in Educational Management at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, Philippines. (Photo from Dr. Fanny Cuyos' FaceBook)

## Health and Wellness

Brothers, did you know that *your vegetable drawer is the filthiest part of your refrigerator?*

“Even if you washed every piece of produce before storing it, bacteria can still grow as foods spoil or things leak down in there,” says Sandria Godwin, Ph.D., professor in the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences at Tennessee State University. “Some bacteria can survive in the drawer for weeks.” If you want to know how to properly wash and clean your vegetables, read: <http://www.menshealth.com/how-to-wash-produce>

Of course, we should not only keep our kitchen clean but our entire house. Keeping a clean and orderly house is essential to avoiding disease. **When was the last time you cleaned your fridge, room and house?**

Fraternally,

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Hakodate, Japan