

## Br. Martin Sellner's 60th Jubilee Celebration

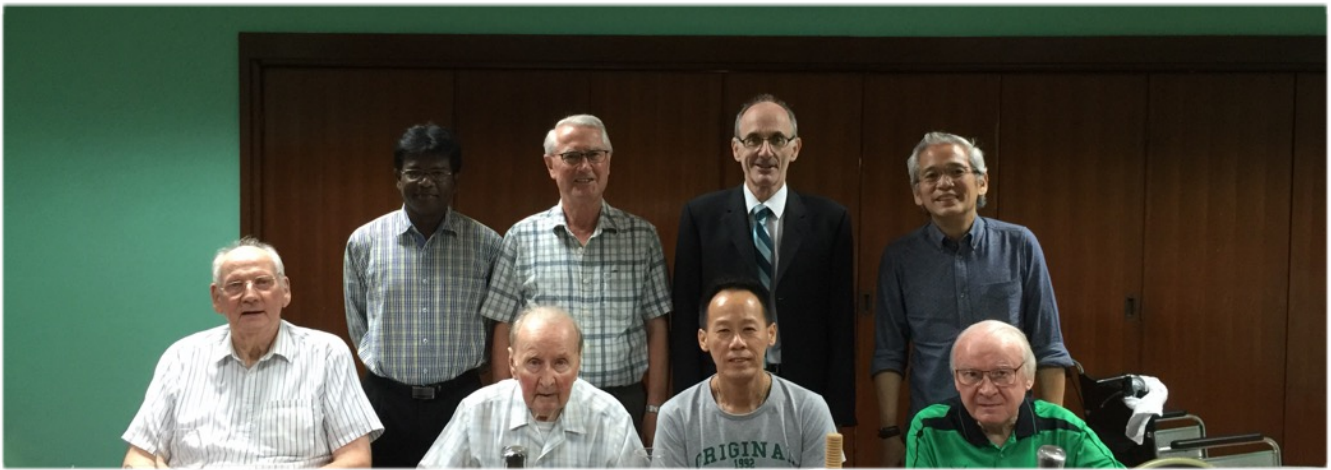
I heard that Br. Martin's party, held at De La Salle Zobel, last November 8, was a blast! Congratulations Marty! I've asked permission from Br. JJ to share an excerpt from his shared reflection during the Mass for his 60th Anniversary. Thanks to Br. Ruben for the Photo.

*"Sometimes we think we have given to God our all. But God surprises us always and in truth, God is the one who gives to us. We may think we give to God our time and our energy and our life. Our mornings and evenings and midnights. But in the end, it is God who showers us with so many blessings and our life is not empty from all our giving but overflowing with so much gifts. The brotherhood has been fruitful because of people like Br. Martin – men who have given what they have to God. Br. Martin is one of the last two of that wave of American brothers at DLSU who had come over to the Philippines as missionaries. The fruitfulness our mission enjoys today, we owe to Br. Martin and the many other generous brothers who have left the familiarity of home to be Brothers to us. Time and again, Br. Martin has remained open to the different ways God calls him to give of himself. When I knew him in the late 80's, he was this strict and demanding Chemistry teacher. He left the Philippines to return to the US to care for his sick and elderly brothers. He asked to return to the Philippines and now animates our teachers and students reminding them how well-loved by God each one of us is. Through all these changes, Br. Martin remains a brother. And you can see that whatever it is that Br. Martin gave up and lost for the Lord, he has been blessed many times over with the joyfulness we see in him today."*



## A Gathering of Hong Kong Brothers

The Brothers of Hong Kong (minus Br. David Liao) gathered together to quietly celebrate my Silver Jubilee. The Brothers of La Salle College went to St. Joseph's College for a simple dinner and socials. This is the first time in three years the Brothers of Hong Kong spent some time together. Thanks to Brs. Steve and Pat and Chris for making all the arrangements!



L to R, sitting: Br. Larry Blake, Br. Alphonsus Breen, Br. Jeffrey Chan, Br. Thomas Favier  
standing: Br. Chris Soosai, Br. Patrick Tierney, Br. Steve Hogan, Br. Dodo Fernandez



**St. Joseph's College** has undergone many changes since its establishment in 1875. Our College is now one of the most prestigious schools in Hong Kong, in both academic and extra-curricular areas.

Academically, Josephians have consistently scored outstanding results in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE), Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) as well as Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE). We have a high university entrance rate and a number of our students have also gone on to top universities around the world

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*"God of love, set me aflame with love for you  
and for my neighbor."*

- St. John Baptist de La Salle



The Philippine Lasallian Family is in solidarity with France,  
the birthplace of its Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle,  
on its pursuit of peace and justice.



**#prayforfrance**

Br. Ray Suplido, President of De La Salle University-Manila, sent me this picture. Let us continue to pray and work for justice and peace in the world; and pray for the repose of the victims' souls and the comfort of the victims' families in France.

## Reminder: Renewal of Vows

I'd like to remind all young Brothers who are applying for the renewal of their temporary vows: the deadline for the submission of your letters is on 21 November 2015.

## Announcement: LEAD Directors' Workshop

In an initial meeting to plan the LEAD Directors' Workshop the following Brothers were identified to be part of the steering committee:

Br. Dennis Magbanua FSC (Chair)  
Br. Nicholas Seet FSC  
Br. Luke Chaiporn FSC  
Br. Rey Mejias FSC  
Br. JJ Jimenez FSC  
Br. Joe Klong FSC  
Br. Paul Ho FSC

The workshop will be April 9 and 10, 2016 in La Salle Bangna, Thailand. The 8th and 11th are travel days. Expect to receive more details from them in the near future.

## Health and Wellness

I have good news for my fellow coffee drinkers: **People who drink more java may live longer**, new research from Harvard suggests... Researchers studied more than 200,000 people for up to 28 years. They discovered that among nonsmokers, those who drank 3 to 5 cups of caffeinated or decaf coffee a day were 15 percent less likely to die of any cause than those who didn't drink the beverage at all.

Keep the coffee brewing Bros!

Read the entire article: <http://www.menshealth.com/coffee-drinkers-live-longer>



Fraternally,

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