

## Papal Nuncio Visits Bamboo School



On 23 January 2016, De La Salle Brothers and La Salle Sisters gathered at La Salle Sangklaburi to welcome His Excellency The Most Reverend Archbishop Pual Tschang In Num, Apostolic Nuncio to Thailand, on the occasion of the blessing of Our Lady of the Star Building. Our Lady of the Star building will be used by Primary 1, 2, and 3 students.

Presently, the school has Primary levels 1 to 5 and next semester the school will open Primary 6 which will complete the primary school years according to Thailand's educational system. Special thanks La Salle Foundation, Australia our regular and generous donor. May God bless those who continue to support this project. *(Br. John Pongpat FSC)*



The De La Salle Brothers and De La Salle Sisters of Thailand with the Papal Nuncio

## Closing of Sendai Brothers' Community

I would like to officially announce that Brother Superior and his Council have approved the closure of Sendai Community (Protocol # 151009). Discernment on the matter has been ongoing for more than ten years now, even before the advent of LEAD and circumstances the past four years have made the matter more pressing. The decision was formally reached by the District Council last year in Resolution DC 18 - 04.

I wish to make it clear that we are not closing the ministry, only the Brothers' community. Brothers Rodrigo and Mark Maheu will move to Hakodate. We will continue to be involved in La Salle Welfare Home through its board. Currently there are two Brothers in the board with Br. Rodrigo as chair.

Here is a write-up from Br. Rodrigo which gives us an idea of the way our ministry in La Salle Home will evolve in the next few years:



As probably some of you are aware, there are about 80 kids living in La Salle Home in Sendai, from 2 to 18 years old. For more than 100 years the children protection system in Japan had had, as a basic way to fulfil that duty, through big institutions to shelter those kids in need. (On the left you have a picture of La Salle Home) At least for the last 20 years Japan had had around 30,000 children under such a system. But things change, and also the paradigm of the children protection had shifted from individual attention to family attention. To fulfil such shift Japan is moving from big institutions towards small groups, family type institutions.

During the next 15 years La Salle Home must accommodate 35 of its children in groups of six each in a 'normal' and

'regular' house in the neighborhood and its vicinities. The first of such a group will be placed next April, together with two or three of the employees who are going to take care of them. Needless to say, such a change on the paradigm of children protection system and the mind-set of the institution, of the employees and of the kids is huge! We have been on the intensive immediate preparation process for the last two years, and the last step we took was on last November 7, when we held a disclosing and explaining meeting with the people who will be involved from the neighborhood, namely the principals of the public schools the kids will attend, as well as the social welfare authorities and the neighborhood organizations that could be affected for such endeavor. (Continued on next page)

The six kids and the employees will live in a house similar to the one below. For the children, accustomed to have a big gym and a large playground, the change will be considerable; for the employees, accustomed to be supported by a team of 35 other employees, to rely on one another only will be also remarkable. Although with some doubts, we are confident on the long term benefits of the new system. Needless to say, in order to go well and smoothly on the administrative as well as human relations changes we are facing, we rely on the support and prayers of lot of people, all of you included. Let us ask our Loving God that this new way and venture of our Lasallian Mission go well! (*Br. Rodrigo Trevino FSC*)



## Reminders

- Please go over the recently distributed **LEAD Prayer Guide** and inform the LEAD Administrator of any corrections here: <http://goo.gl/forms/wynIH1OJNU>
- Participants, Organizers, and Resource Persons of the **LEAD Directors Workshop**: Please register online for Attendance: <http://goo.gl/forms/nyvvK9eW28> and for Flight Details: <http://goo.gl/forms/ZvKAWY0gjf>
- Registration for the different **Annual Retreats** are on-going. Please register online before the end of the week. Attendance (required for ALL): <http://goo.gl/forms/x5wbeVLnuA> and Flight Details (ONLY for those flying in to another country for their retreat): <http://goo.gl/forms/ID1vkVVvfJ>

## Leadership Calendar February 2016

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
<b>Visitor</b>	Hong Kong LEAD Provincialate	Philippines Pastoral Visit, Novitiate  Canonical Visit, De La Salle Lipa	Philippines DLSHSI Formation for Administrators  Canonical Visit, LFC  JHIS-Bagac, 10th Anniversary	Philippines Canonical Visit, Bacolod  Hong Kong LEAD Provincialate
<b>AVMA</b>	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore
<b>AVVF</b>	Thailand	Thailand	Hong Kong Pastoral Visit	Thailand
<b>AVSP</b>	Philippines Pastoral Visit, USLS and SJLS	Philippines Kuya Center 25th Anniversary	Philippines Pastoral Visit, DLSU  DLSBI Trustees, OLEF Board - Meeting,	Philippines Pastoral Visit, Kaupod/Samar Volunteers Community

## Happy Birthday to our February Birthday Boys!

Eugene de Luna Jr.	03 February, 1991
Gregory Lim	03 February, 1924
Jorge Gallardo de Alba	06 February, 1959
Josaphat Ai Saw Hung Htoo	06 February, 1991
Abet King Pia	08 February, 1989
Thomas Favier	09 February, 1942
Philip Thein Oo	09 February, 1954
Edmundo Fernandez	11 February, 1964
Joseph Dougherty	14 February, 1953
Quilino	15 February, 1991
Peter Ng	18 February, 1943
Stephen Ooi	18 February, 1946
Rey Mejias	19 February, 1974
Lawrence Humphrey	25 February, 1953

### Health and Wellness: Super Foods According to Runner's World Magazine

**Broccoli.** One cup cooked supplies 276 percent of daily vitamin K needs. This may help regulate your body's vitamin D levels. Broccoli also provides phytochemicals called glucosinolates that research show may ward off cancer. EAT IT. Add to a chicken or beef stir-fry served over multigrain rice.

**Brussels Sprouts.** These mini cabbages supply blood-cholesterol-lowering fiber. One cup cooked also provides almost 100 percent of your daily vitamin C need and almost as much vitamin K as broccoli does. EAT IT. Lightly steaming allows the fiber in Brussels sprouts to go to work regulating cholesterol levels.

Fraternally,

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Kowloon