



Affiliation of Dr. Ben Eusebio AFSC

Dr. Ben Eusebio was granted letters of Affiliation on February 16, 2018 in a Mass at La Salle Green Hills, Philippines. The Brothers, his family, friends, and colleagues were in attendance. Dr. Ben is the Executive Director of the Lasallian Institute for the Environment (LIFE) of De La Salle Philippines. Below is an excerpt of the share reflection by Br. JJ Jimenez during the Mass:

Tito [Uncle] Ben, in behalf of your Lasallian family, I wish to thank you for opening for us a new way of seeing our educational mission – for making the Lasallian family part of the important conversations that go on today in the area of environmental stewardship. In our association with you, you realise that you are joining a community that is in every way human. (Continued)

Imitate us, your Brothers in our virtue but not in our vices. You need not wear the habit and most of all, you need not be celibate. But we will ask you to live in faith; to serve zealously and build up our community. Your commitment and your affection for those who are in need will challenge us to greater faithfulness to the memory of De La Salle. I know that at someone point of your life, when you were still a student at De La Salle College, you did think of becoming a brother.

*It was a chance meeting with Br. Armin in 2001 in Indonesia when the invitation came to you to consider returning to the Philippines. It seemed so natural then for you to share your experience of environment work abroad with your own countrymen. Without you having foreseen it in the beginning, each commitment you made led to another and today, we acknowledge in you a partner in the educational mission. With you by our side, we hope to build communities that can witness to God's care. With you, we shall ponder endlessly on how God's love can truly be life-giving for us and for future generations; for the poor and for the marginalised. With you, we will live on in the seeds of the trees we will plant when they give fruit and shade to the future generations that will not know us. We are happy to share this mission with you and we are honoured to be affiliated with you. Today, we not only call you Tito Ben, we call you Brother Ben as well because that is what you have become for us. Brother Ben, welcome to our family! **(Excerpt from the Shared Reflection of Br. JJ Jimenez FSC, AVSP during the Eucharistic Celebration)***



Thailand Formation Team Meeting at La Salle Bangkok

Br. Francisco Teerayut FSC, Chair of Formation Team in Thailand together with Br. Joseph Klong FSC, Auxiliary Visitor for Vocation and Formation, Br. Stephen Kan FSC, Br. Benedict Chaiwat FSC, Br. Matthew Thawatchai FSC and Br. Sebastian Charoen FSC had a first meeting of Formation Team at La Salle Bangkok. There were many matters on Formation Program in Thailand that we wanted to discuss and make decision during this meeting together with some comments from Br. Joseph Klong.



The main matters were about the Formation Program in Thailand that we had to discuss and make decisions in order to respond to the current situation and challenges in Thailand. Aside from pressing changes that needed to be made, we also discussed and finalised the Model of Formation Program in Thailand proposed by Br. Francisco for our candidates at La Salle House of Studies, Sampran.

It is hoped that this meeting will make some progress and improve in the area of Formation in Thailand. (**Br. Sebastian Sripuk FSC**)

New Director for LEAD Scholasticate



The House of Studies (HOST) Brothers' Community ushered in the new liturgical season by welcoming a new Brother Director to guide the way. Last February 15, 2018 the community had their official turnover of ministry from Br. Antonio Cubillas FSC to Br. Kelvin Tan FSC.

The community had a simple prayer service to thank Br. Antonio's guidance and leadership and to welcome Br. Kelvin to the community. Br. Antonio has been with the House of Studies for several years working as a staff, sub-director, and for the last two (2) years as the Director of Scholastics. He will be going to Japan for his new assignment and his Brothers from HOST wish to thank him for his guidance and wish him all the best in his next ministry.

Br. Kelvin has been ministering in schools as a teacher and administrator, had been Director of communities, and was the Brother Supervisor of all Lasallian Schools in Singapore before accepting his new ministry in the Philippines as the Brother Director of Scholastics. He is the 4th Brother to take on the responsibility as Director of the LEAD House of Studies since its first community in 2011. (**Br. Vince Paildan FSC**)

Visitor's and Auxiliary Visitors' Calendar for March

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Visitor	LEAD PRV Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular LEAD PRV	Holy Week Retreat
AVMA	Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular Singapore	Singapore Malaysia, Holy Week Retreat
AVVF	Orientation, Commitment Renewal Program, Dasmariñas Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular	Thailand, Holy Week Retreat
AVSP	Speaker, Commitment Renewal Program, Dasmariñas Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular	Rome, Intercapitular	Philippines, President's Circle and National Mission Council Meeting Holy Week Retreat

News Notes

Congratulations. In 76th General Convention of Catholic Religious Conference of Myanmar (CRCM), Br. Noel Lal FSC was elected President with a 3 year term. Make us proud, Brother.

Important Events. Please take note of the following District events:

- May 19, 2018. **Inaugural Awarding Rites of the Indivisa Manent**, Manila, Philippines. Brothers' attendance highly encouraged. The Indivisa Manent is a District award which replaces the Letters of Benefaction. In granting this award, the Lasallian East Asia District wishes to recognise and celebrate the recipient's perseverance, genuine spirit of association, and generous commitment to the mission of the Lasallian Family to offer a human and faith-based education to as many young people as possible.
- May 18-20, 2018. **LEAD Mission Assembly**, composed mostly of Lasallian Partners, will be held in Hotel Benilde, Manila on May 18-20, 2018.
- February 26 - March 21. **Commitment Renewal Program** (for those preparing for final vows), Dasmariñas, Philippines. LEAD Participants: Thailand: Br. Francisco, Br. Benilde, Br. Sebastian, Br. John Niran Philippines: Br. Gelo, Br. Butch, Br. Dan. Myanmar: Br. Timothy

Happy Birthday!

Brother Gregory Lim FSC	March 02, 1924
Brother Anthony Rogers FSC	March 05, 1949
Brother Jun Erguiza FSC	March 06, 1951
Brother Andre Labelle FSC	March 09, 1930
Brother Rodrigo Treviño FSC	March 09, 1953
Brother Leonard Lewis FSC	March 10, 1938
Brother Alain Nzuzi FSC	March 10, 1978
Brother Jason Blaikie FSC	March 13, 1974
Brother Irwin Climaco FSC	March 14, 1992
Brother Harry Reynolds FSC	March 16, 1924
Brother Eugene Prapas Sricharoen FSC	March 20, 1958
Brother Mark Salvan FSC	March 22, 1989
Brother Joseph Klong Chaiphuak FSC	March 25, 1964
Brother Alex Diaz FSC	March 31, 1984

Flu Prevention

The Education Bureau of Hong Kong closed all Primary Schools the week before the Chinese New Year to prevent the further spread on influenza. Here are three easy to remember methods to stop the spread of flu:

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalisations. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year before flu activity begins in their community.
2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over-the-counter. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.

From: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>



Fraternally,

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