



Inspired by Our Founder's Teaching, Thailand

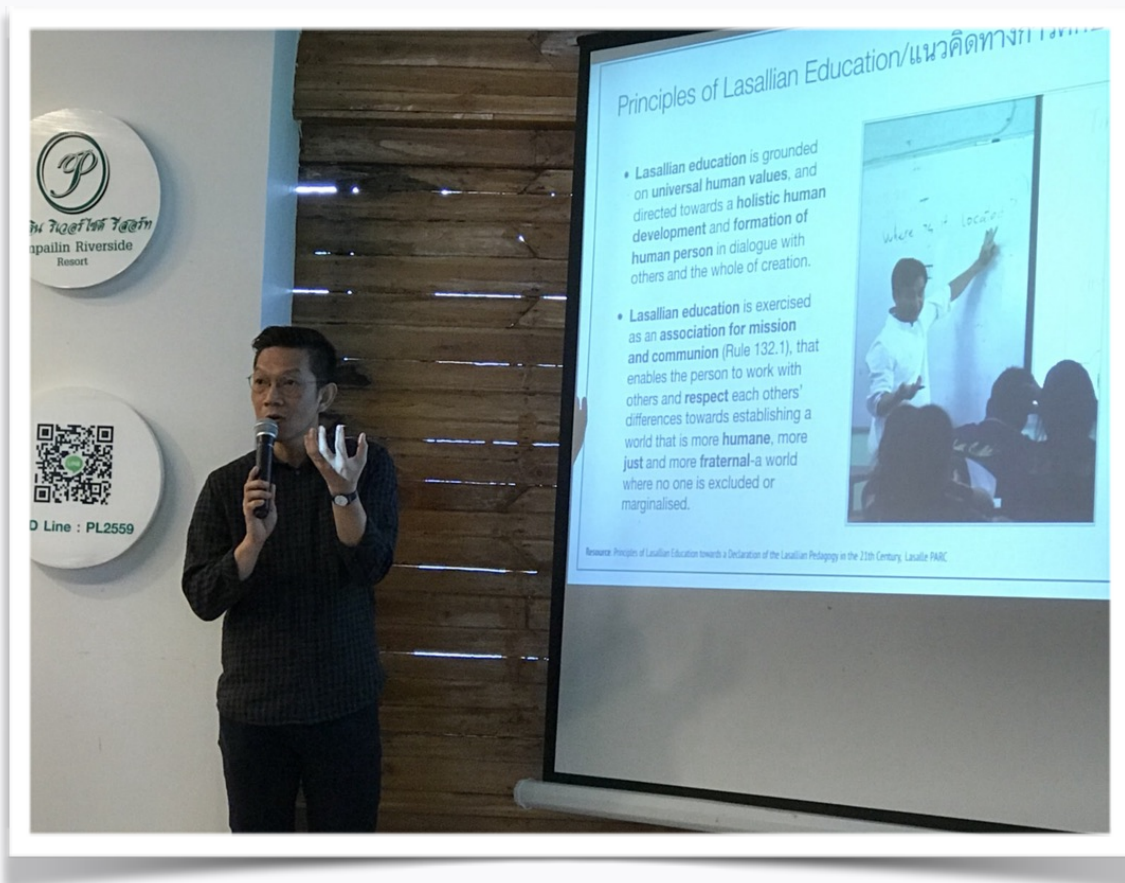
On 11 May 2018, the Brothers at La Salle Sangklaburi organized a seminar and workshop for teachers before 1st Semester begins. We gave input on Lasallian Education and Professional Education inspired by the teachings of our Founder. I was blessed to be part of this event and shared some Lasallian educational ideas to them as well.

On that day, we began our session with a games from Br. Matthew that encouraged teachers to get to know one another. There were 2 sessions in the morning on that day. (Continued)

The first session was all about sharing our Lasallian Education that I tried to share with teachers. Most of my sharing and reflections were inspired by our Institute documents:

- 1.Principles of Lasallian Education towards a Declaration of lasallian Pedagogy in the 21st Century.
- 2.MEL BULLETIN 52, Contribution of St. John Baptist de La Salle to the Esteem for the Teaching Profession.

In the 2nd Session, Br. Victor Gil Munoz gave some input on ‘Child Protection.’ He tried to explain and encouraged teachers to treat our students properly and not fall into these issues on ‘Child Abused.’ We also had lunch together after this seminar and workshop there.



I would like to thank Br. Joseph Klong and all Brothers in La Salle Sangklaburi for allowing and supporting me to share with teachers on Lasallian Education. I hope that they will learn many things about our Lasallian Education and put them into practice while teaching in our school. **(Br. Sebastian Sirpuk FSC)**

Understanding GRACE in our TEACHING



If we fully understand the lesson of grace, then we'll understand: since my performance doesn't define me, I don't have to be the center of attention in my classroom. I can do experimental things, and fail. I can get out of the way of my students... I can open up the classroom for things like inquiry-based learning. I don't have to be in control of everything. I don't have to worry about what people will think of me.

I'll give a recent example of where I had to think about these things. A couple of years ago, a former student came to me with an idea. He was creating an online learning platform, and wanted to pair up videos of my Real Analysis course with scrolling notes and social learning features, and I said: that's interesting... what would it involve? He said: we would just have to record your class and put it on YouTube! And I hesitated.

Then he said, it would cool if my class could try out the software and he could run some experiments... and what he was suggesting sounded to me like a radical overhaul of the way I would teach my class. And it made me nervous. This is getting to be a bit much, I thought.

But upon reflection, what I realized is the only reason I hesitated is because I was fearful of losing control, fearful of crazy internet comments and what others would think of me. And I could extend him a great grace by helping him pursue his passion.

So I agreed to have the class taped. What's interesting is the unexpected grace that occurred as a result of the YouTube experiment. The students were excited about it. They loved the fact they could watch the videos later. They didn't stop coming to class, as I had worried about. And to my surprise, I began to get grateful e-mail from people around the world. Many of them didn't have access to a university, were facing particular economic hardships, or learned best when they could pause and rewind lectures.

For them the videos were a grace they didn't have to earn. I had thought at the beginning of the semester, I would just take down the videos at the end, because I was so worried. But I never took them down, because I realized they are serving a needed function for the least fortunate in our global community, and for people who learn differently.

(This is an excerpt of a reflection shared by **Fr. Adrian Danker, SJ**, Principal of SJI, Singapore. Photo also from Fr. Danker's FB. Read the entire reflection at: <https://mathyawp.blogspot.com/2013/01/the-lesson-of-grace-in-teaching.html?m=1>)

Eulogy for Br. Gene Tianco FSC (An Excerpt)

Bro. Gene entered my life in 1989 when he came to DLSU. Over the following decade he and I bonded in ways which I will always treasure. He brought me all over this country, letting me experience customs, culture, food from Luzon to Mindanao. When one thinks of Gene, what comes to mind? Food: lechon, chicharon, bulalo, crispy pata, dinuguan, leche flan!! All the things he so loved, and all the things he introduced me to. There were an endless number of times when I had to say to him, "Gene you should not be eating this," only for him to reply, "It's Ok! I am taking medicine for this." And there were an endless number of times when I was at table with him at various functions and he would ask, especially in later years when he had more difficulty walking, "Marty get me a little more lechon," which meant get me a full plate of it. How could one ignore his request!! Gene took me all over the Philippines, Luzon, Cebu, Bohol, Mindanao, to so many town festivals, to so many banquets, to so many supervised schools, and to so many restaurants in Chinatown or Binondo, Tagaytay, Hong Kong, Singapore, you name it. In Bacolod one time he said, "Marty, let's go out and have oysters." I didn't know that it meant getting, what seemed like a bushel of them, going to a park and spending the afternoon eating oysters. There was never a dull moment when one was with him.



But let's not forget the many other talents that he had, that he developed and polished to perfection. His former students will remember him as that amazing competent professor/teacher, in the classroom and out. I remember him going to DLS Araneta at times, and just sitting in the lobby and canteen area all morning long, surrounded by students, chatting away. The same thing happened when he went to the Salikneta Farm. When he appeared, work stopped, and the students just swarmed around him. His story telling ability, his home town advice endeared him to so many over all the years. Everywhere he went, he was sought out for his advice, his inspiration. And he was rewarded with the food he loved. So much so, that some said, he simply went whenever he became hungry for you know what. (Br. Marty Selner FSC)

(Full text in the attachments)



Visitor's and Auxiliary Visitors' Calendar for July

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Visitor	Thailand, Leadership Team Meeting and Directors' Workshop	Australia, Canonical Visit to Br. Mandy	LEAD PRV	Malaysia, PARC 44
AVMA	Thailand, Leadership Team Meeting and Directors' Workshop	Singapore	Singapore	Malaysia, PARC 44
AVVF	Thailand, Leadership Team Meeting and Directors' Workshop	Thailand, OAV	Thailand, OAV	Thailand, OAV Malaysia, PARC 44
AVSP	Philippines, Iligan and Ozamiz Brothers' Community Annual Planning; DLSP CHA Basic Ecclesial Community Training of Trainors Thailand, Leadership Team Meeting and Directors' Workshop	Myanmar, Pastoral Visit	Myanmar, Green Hills Community Annual Planning	Singapore, Meeting with Donors Philippines, Ramon V. del Rosario Awards Philippines, DLSBI & OLEF BOT Meeting Malaysia, PARC 44

News Notes

Personnel. Br. Mawel Pajarillo FSC was appointed LEAD Director for Continuing Formation. Br. Gus Boquer FSC, our LEAD Bursar, was re-appointed to the International Economic Council by Brother Superior. Congratulations and all the best!

Congratulations. Br. Josue Traore FSC graduated from De La Salle University-Dasmariñas with a Masters degree in Psychology, major in Clinical Psychology. May you bring back a wealth of knowledge to your District, Brother. We're proud of you!



Happy Birthday!

Brother Domingo Villamil SC	July 02, 1977
Brother Dominic Chong FSC	July 05, 1939
Brother Raphael Tanet Lertwaja FSC	July 05, 1991
Brother Gelo Paragas FSC	July 09, 1989
Brother Butch Alcudia FSC	July 10, 1980
Brother Jimmy Dalumpines FSC	July 15, 1949
Brother Egbertus Joikul FSC	July 14, 1961
Brother Dominic Chamlong FSC	July 16, 1979
Brother Oliver Rogers FSC	July 22, 1933
Brother Bobby Casingal FSC	July 22, 1958
Brother Jeffrey Chan FSC	July 22, 1967

Wellness

How to Live, According to Anthony Bourdain

Show up on time.

“Show up on time. I learned this from the mentor who I call Bigfoot in Kitchen Confidential. If you didn’t show up 15 minutes exactly before your shift—if you were 13 minutes early—you lost the shift, you were sent home. The second time you were fired. It is the basis of everything.

Be certain of nothing.

“A few years back, I got the words, ‘I am certain of nothing’ tattooed on my arm. It’s what makes travel what it is, an endless learning curve, the joy of being wrong, of being confused.”

Write like no one’s reading.

“The absolute certainty that no one was ever going to care about or buy or read Kitchen Confidential was what allowed me to write it. I didn’t have to think about what people expected.

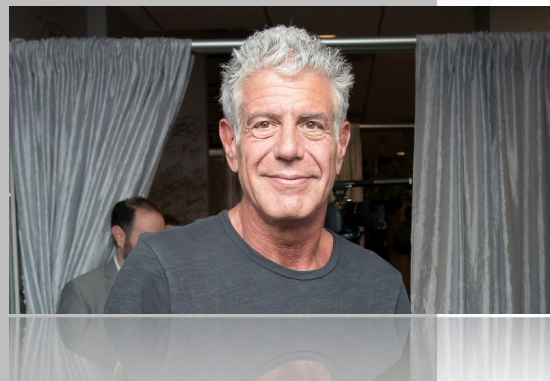
Don’t overlook the oddballs.

“Create an esprit de corp, and a feeling that you are an elite, that even if you have the [hardest] jobs within a large organization, you should feel proud of the fact that you’re part of something.

Be willing to stumble.

“I’m a big believer in winging it. I’m a big believer that you’re never going to find perfect city travel experience or the perfect meal without a constant willingness to experience a bad one.

More at: <https://lifehacker.com/how-to-live-according-to-anthony-bourdain-1826677246>



Fraternally,

Edmundo Fernandez FSC