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**Tropical Storm Washi, Philippines.** On December 16, typhoon Washi (Sendong) struck the southern part of the Philippines. The continuous rains unleashed flash floods in areas like Cagayan de Oro and Iligan, where we have a school (La Salle Academy), and left more than 1,300 people dead and countless homeless.

During the typhoon, Brothers Raffy Reyes, Alex Diaz, and Mikey Cua were in Iligan. The school grounds were flooded but little long – term damage. Some relatives of our school personnel perished from the flood, and many houses of our faculty, staff students, and alumni were destroyed.

The Sector of the Philippines, through Br. Ricky Laguda, Sector Leader, wishes to express its gratitude to Br. Alvaro, Sector of Japan, USA-Toronto Region, District of ANZPPNG for their aid and support.

**Welcome.** Bro John Pill takes up his appointment as Director of Lasallian Services for PARC on 1 January. See the PARC website for further information. He will attend PARC 35 and join the St Patrick's community, Singapore during February. His current email is [johnpill@delasalle.org.au](mailto:johnpill@delasalle.org.au). We keep Br. John in our prayers. Many thanks to Br. Mark Murphy who is will concentrate on his work as Consultant at SJI International in Singapore and as Administrative Assistant in Myanmar.

**Sangre de Cristo.** The Visitors of the USA – Toronto Region announced last 22 December that the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of Sangre de Cristo will be its last due to declining enrollment. The Center will close in August 2012. Attached is the press release.

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