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From Lipa, we had a brief stopover in Green Hills and moved to the two Mindanao communities --- La Salle Iligan and La Salle University Ozamiz. Br. Ricky and I landed in Cagayan de Oro and traveled to Iligan City. The youngest community in the Sector of the Philippines has three Brothers namely: Brs. Raffy Reyes, Alex Diaz and Mikey Cua. Br. Raffy is the Director of the school and the community and looks after the needs of the two Young Brothes. Br. Alex teaches the high school full time and is also moderator of the Student Council and Br. Mikey teaches Grade 6 classes and is volunteers for staff formation activities.

At the time of the visit, Iligan was still recovering from the flood that devastated the city and its environs. The Brothers and the Lasallian Family of Iligan wish to thank all Lasallians who helped, through their prayers and other contributions, in their recovery.

From Iligan, we traveled by land to the port and by ferry across the bay into Ozamiz City. LSU community has three Brothers. Br. Manny Sia is the Director and at the same time he is also the Vice Chancellor for Mission. Br. Allan Buenavista is the University's planning officer and sits in the President's Council meetings. He helps the different department heads in their strategic planning. Br. Jimmy Dalumpines is the University President but he is also involved with the local diocese a professor of Scripture in the Major Seminary. He teaches every Wednesday and Thursday.

Br. Ricky and I returned to Green Hills on February 24 in time for Donors' Night where we gathered together all our generous Lasallians who, in some way or form, helped us in our educational mission in 2011.

February 25, 26 and 27 were days devoted for the Lasallian Formation Center in Green Hills. I was able to interview a total of 6 postulants, 3 incoming scholastics and 1 current scholastic. In the course of the visit the three postulants (entering the novitiate in May) from Myanmar arrived. The following is the vocation picture for the Philippines for 2012 – 2013: 6 postulants, 6 novices, 7 scholastics (two in the old program and five in the new). The scholastics will be joined by three from LEAD. Kudos to Br. Vincent Fernandez for his accompaniment and work.

The last community we visited was Jaime Hilario in Bagac, Bataan. I left at 5:00 am from Green Hills and arrived in Bagac about 7:30 just as the students were filing in. Br. Jun Estrellas is the Director of the community and teaching Christian Living to grade 5 students. He is also in charge of canteen services. Br. JJ Jimenez is Director of the school. Aside from supervision of teachers and instruction, he is kept busy with his involvement with the community. He is also currently working on his Doctoral program on Environmental Studies at Miriam College. Br. Iñigo Riola is the scholastic on Apostolic Training. He teaches Christian Living and does other things in the school particularly supervising construction and renovation.

My thanks to Br. Ricky and the Directors for the organization. I will visit three more communities sometime in the coming months, namely: De La Salle University, St. Benilde Community (La Salle Green Hills) and Residencia (Dasmariñas).

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