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Closing of the Centenary, Sector of the Philippines. The Lasallian Family in the Philippines closed their centennial celebrations with a series of events and activities starting from the 14th until the 16th of June. The series began with the Centennial Honoring Rites where citations were handed out to Chairs of our Boards, Missionary Brothers who served in the Philippines and Districts/Sectors that helped the development of Lasallian Educational Mission in the country. The evening ended fittingly in a moment of silence as all the Brothers who have served in the country from 1911 were flashed on screen.

The events of June 15 were all held at De La Salle University beginning with a high mass celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, Arch. Guiseppe Pinto and concelebrated by priests who had some affinity with our schools and/or Brothers. The blessing of the Henry Sy, Sr. Centennial Hall followed right after. There were several afternoon events but the evening was capped by a musical and finally, fireworks.

The 16th, the first day of the 101st year, was the vow ceremony (First and Perpetual) for seven Brothers and acceptance into the postulancy for six young men. More on that below.

The events were graced by the presence of Br. Alvaro, Brother Superior and General Councilors, Br. David Hawke and Br. Robert Schieler, the latter having been assigned in the Philippines for many years. A number of missionary brothers who at one time or another was assigned to the sector flew back as well.

Acceptance to the Postulancy | First Vows | Perpetual Vows. 13 young men were at center stage last June 16 at the St. Benilde's Gym in La Salle Green Hills for the Acceptance to the Postulancy, Profession of First Vows and Profession of Perpetual Vows. In attendance during the ceremony were the families, friends, a number of foreign Missionary Brothers who were assigned in the Philippines before, and Brothers Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria, Robert Schieler and David Hawke were also there to grace the event.

The mass was concelebrated by Fr. Nonie Dolor (main presider), Fr. Isagani Aviñante and Fr. Dennis Meim. Dinner followed after the simple ceremony. Almost 600 guests, Brothers and members of the Lasallian Family shared in the memorable occasion.

Once again, congratulations to Antonio Gutierrez, Edmon Viroomal, John David Ong, Rado Mercado, RJ Angeles and Rainier Guillergan for being accepted to the Postulancy. Brs. Butch Alcudia, Dan Sanding, Toby De La Cruz, Joseph Daluz, Timothy (from Myanmar) and Gelo Paragas for pronouncing first vows and Br. Richie Yap for professing perpetual vows.

Fraternally,

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