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**Br. Kyoichi Ishii FSC | March 24, 1924 – August 2, 2012.** Brothers, let us pray for the repose of the soul of Br. Ishii who passed away on August 2 in Sendai. Below is a lovely write up by Br. Rodrigo Trevino, Sector Leader of Japan.

After 88 years of a fruitful and exemplary life among us, Br. Kyoichi Ishii returned to our Father's house early in the morning of August 2, 2012. The employees of Parusia, the Foster Home for the elderly where Br. Ishii lived the last 16 months, called the Brothers with the sad news of his confirmed death at 0:10 hours of that day.

Br. Ishii was baptized Joseph, so in the Japanese way of calling people he was Joseph Ishii Kyoichi, born on March 24, 1924 in Tokyo. He joined the Brothers in April 1948 and since then his three great passions have been: De La Salle, the initial and ongoing formation of the Brothers and personnel, and Social Welfare, specially the children.

After a brief stay in Kagoshima he spent two years in Rome, coming back to Japan to be Director of Novices from 1961 to 1968 in Sendai. He was asked again to do such a ministry again in 1993. During the whole time his research on the Founder and Lasallian spirituality was tireless, and his production of written material on the subject was impressive! Seeing his little figure bent to the tables and desks deep into the night was not an uncommon sight!

He became the Director of La Salle Home from 1971 and stayed faithfully on the post until 1990 when he took a break to continue his studies on De La Salle, to return again as Director in 1992 after two years of Lasallian Studies in Rome. Among the many papers he wrote on Social Welfare was a comparative historical chart of the situation of France and Japan related to education and social welfare. This has been commended by several people related to foster homes in Miyagi prefecture.

He also made a wonderful job related to our schools. His detailed preparation of the Seminars on Lasallian history and spirituality for lay people was a treasure. Besides, he also accomplished great goals as President of the Board of Trustees both in Hakodate La Salle School as well as in Sendai.

Living with him in community was a delightful blessing! It was his mantra not to bother anybody with anything. When we moved to our new community house, it was amusing to see his 43 kilos frame carrying 20 kilos of books, another of his treasures! His amazing ability to praise people, and his skillfulness to deny any recognition towards himself, made it very gratifying to be around him.

Let us ask him to continue with us and to help us to, even in a small portion, emulate his greatness.

Fraternally,

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