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Installation of Br. Ricky as DLSU President.

Br. Ricardo Laguda FSC, formerly the Philippine Sector Leader of the De La Salle Brothers and De La Salle Philippines President, was recently installed as the 22nd President and 4th Chancellor of De La Salle University last 14 September on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at the University's Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist was presided by Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle, who reminded all Lasallians in his homily that the way to Calvary is a path of love. The event was witnessed by Brothers and various leaders and members of the political, religious, diplomatic, business and academic sectors of the Philippine society.



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Br. Ricardo Laguda FSC

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The simple yet elegant Investiture Rites commenced after the Holy Mass honoring outgoing DLSU President, Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. and installing Br. Ricky as the new President and Chancellor of De La Salle University. In his Inaugural Address, Br. Ricky "hopes that all the stakeholders from DLSU's main campus and from its Science and Technology Complex in Biñan City, Laguna will own the process of 'creating the next great idea.' He underscores the need to promote the values of Faith, Service, and Communion in Mission, in the pursuit of the University's vision-mission to be 'a leading learner - centered research university, bridging faith and scholarship in the service of society, especially the poor.'" A simple



Br. Ricardo Laguda takes the Oath of Office administered by LEAD Visitor, Br. Edmundo Fernandez.



Br. Ricardo Laguda with former Presidents and Chancellors (from left to right) Br. Armin Luistro, Dr. Lita Quebengco AFSC and Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr.

dinner followed after the rites at the University’s Conservatory. Tribute speeches were delivered by persons significant to Br. Ricky such as his former Novice Master and now Philippine Department of Education Secretary, Br. Armin Luistro FSC.



Br. Lazaro renews his Vows and receives a plaque of appreciation from the Philippine Sector.

Silver Jubilee of Br. Lazaro. The Philippine Sector recently celebrated the 25th Jubilee Anniversary of Br. Lazaro Rodriguez last 15 September at the Our Lady of the Star Chapel. Among those present were 36 Brothers representing all the communities in the Philippines, including Br. Dodo Fernandez, Br. Tom Lavin, Br. Andre Labelle (Japan), Br. Martin Rocha Pedrajo FSC, Visitor for Antillas and Mecixo-Sur District, and Br. Ruben Rodriguez (Mexico). Br. Lazaro renewed his perpetual vows during the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided by Rev. Msgr. Rufino Suplido, Jr. (DLSZ Chaplain) and Rev. Fr. Jun Perez (DLSU-Dasmariñas Chaplain). A short program prepared by the music department followed at the Center for Performing Arts Lobby before the guests were treated to an authentic Castilian dinner buffet. Br. Lazaro delivered his response speech in his usual humorous style as he expressed his gratitude to everyone especially his parents.

Br. Nicholas Seet in Rome for “All Brothers”. Br. Nicholas is currently in the Generalate in Rome for the “All Brothers” Intercongregational Program. I am attaching the “All Brothers” publication on their first week. Br. Nicolas shared the following overview of the said program:

“Inspired by the words of Jesus (Matthew 23:8), the program is entitled: “YOU ARE ALL BROTHERS.”

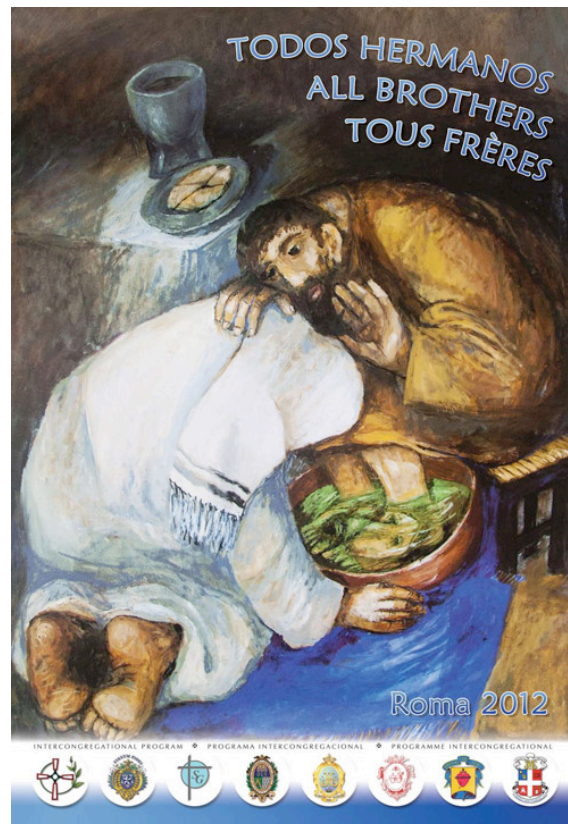
This is the first inter-congregational program of eight congregations of teaching Brothers. A total of forty eight Brothers from USA, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania are taking part in this program. The eight congregations are: De La Salle Brothers, Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, Marist Brothers, Brothers of Our Lady of Mercy, Brothers of Saint Gabriel, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Brothers of Christian Instruction and Brothers of the Holy Family.

Through this joint formation program, we will look together at our common identity and mission as Brothers in the Church and the world and improve our mutual knowledge and relationship with each other. It is also hoped that this will serve as a channel for future formation programs together and also for further discussions at the local levels of provinces/districts.”

Prayers Requested. Mr. Gerardo Trevino, brother of Br. Rodrigo Trevino, passed away last 14 September. He was 61 years old. In his message, Br. Rodrigo expressed his gratitude to everyone for their “prayers and support which helped Gerardo and all of us to have a great and peaceful last days together.” We pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family and loved ones.

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Philippines



*Poster of the “All Brothers”
Intercongregational Program*

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