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6th International Lasallian Days of Peace. Today marks the beginning of the “6th Annual International Lasallian Days of Peace” spearheaded by the “International Council of Young Lasallians.” This year’s theme, “Creating Bonds of Peace Together,” invites all Lasallians from 21 September (*United Nation’s International Day of Peace*) - 21 October to initiate group prayer services, activities, apostolates and community - building workshops that promote peace and justice in our society. Aware of the current events in Asia, I enjoin all Lasallians to respond proactively and participate in similar endeavors that will facilitate reconciliation and interdependence.

You can read the message of Superior General Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría through this webpage: <http://www.lasalle.org/en/2012/09/create-bonds-of-peace-together/> and view it at this YouTube link: http://youtu.be/TRjSzwQh4_M

The International Council of Young Lasallians requests that we send them photos and other documentations of our activities through this email address: icyl@lasalle.org or by posting on their Facebook Account: [Young Lasallian’s Council](#) or Facebook Page: [Young Lasallians - Jóvenes Lasallistas - Jeunes Lasalliens](#).

You can download the ILDP Posters through this Facebook link: [ILDP Official Poster](#) or through this Dropbox Folder: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tx8cy7i763u2889/YbXn16VGhb>



Final Draft of the Revision of the Rule. Together with this issue of LEAD Story is the final draft of the Revision of the Rule sent by Brother Superior General. Br. Alvaro sent us the following message:

“Fraternal greetings to you in the hope that this letter finds you well on the personal level and in the leadership ministry that the Lord has entrusted to you.

“On September 15 Brothers Ambrose Payne, President of the Revision of the Rule Commission, and Alain Houry, Secretary for the Commission, handed over the final draft of

the Revision of the Rule which will be presented to and studied by the next General Chapter for its approval.

“First of all, I want to thank personally and in the name of the Brothers on the General Council and the entire Institute the members of the Revision of the Rule Commission for the laborious work they have done with such dedication, multiple consultations to all the Brothers in the Institute, regular meetings, following Lasallian tradition, as we recalled in Circular 459 – we have all been made protagonists of our history. And with the certainty that the sum of all our views, in spite of the diversity and the plurality they represent, will be the guarantor of success for the work of our 45th General Chapter.



“One more step is needed and it is no less important. This is the task of studying this final draft on the personal, community or District level, not for the purpose of sending new reactions but so that each District or Delegation can see the way to synthesize and discern these reactions in such a way that the capitulants who will be elected will be bearers of a District vision. Naturally, also, the Brother who wish can send their personal or group notes to the Center of the Institute as indicated in the Rule (110).

“I have the firm conviction that this study can also be a time of grace, conversion and renewal since this is not just a simple academic or intellectual effort but a call to make the Gospel our primary Rule and to live the constitutive elements of our vocation more authentically in the changing world in which we live and in a Church and Consecrated Life that seek to be renewed in their following of Jesus and in an Institute that is called to continue being an instrument of salvation for young people, especially the poor, the unloved and those who do not find meaning in their lives.”

Fraternally yours in De La Salle,

Bro. Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría
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Superior General

Reflections from “All Brothers”. I am also attaching the second publication of the “All Brothers” Intercongregational Program. Br. Nicholas Seet continues to send us updates on his experience and reflections in Rome:

“From last week, with Prof. Nurnia Caldich who led us in an exegesis of the story of Cain and Abel and the early model Christian community in the Acts of the Apostle, what struck me was that I can understand and appreciate myself better only in relation to the “other.” The more open I am to my brother, the more I can understand myself better in the context

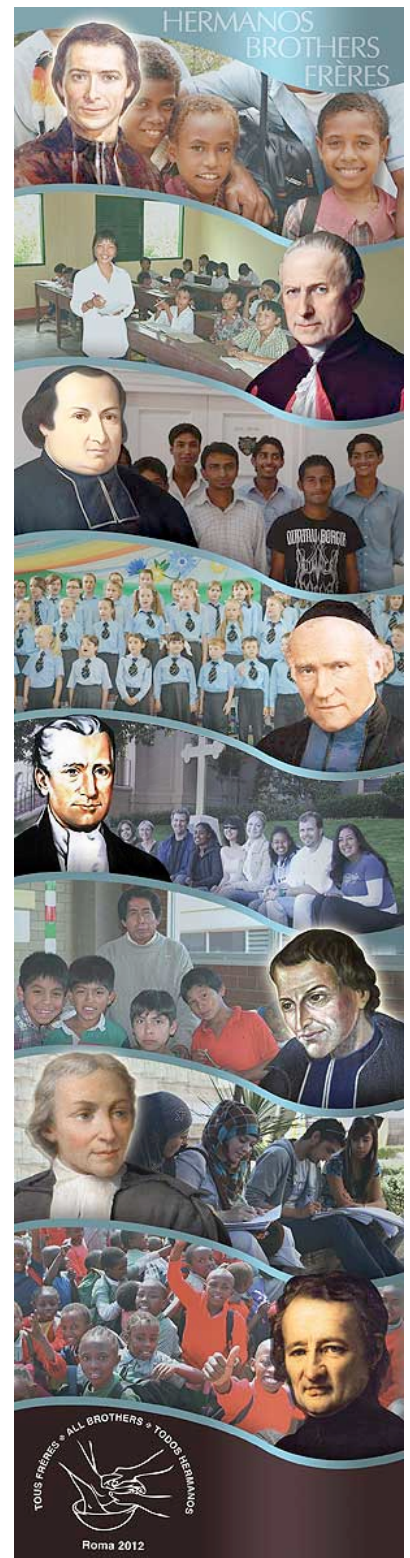
of community living. In addition, God's choice of Abel over Cain's gifts could be seen not in the light of unfairness but rather that God being God has the right to make a choice as in the choice of the Jews to reveal himself. This does not mean that He does not favour or reject non-Jews.

"I found the sharing of Br. Sean Sammon FMS particularly enjoyable as he shared with us about community living. I noted from him that as Brothers we live the primary form of religious life and we must reclaim this because of the "clericalisation" in the Church. I like that like Mary, we have no power and no privileges in the hierarchical church because we belong to the charismatic dimension of the church. He also interestingly mentioned the topic of sexuality in religious life which needs to be talked about.

"Our overnight stay at Assisi was more a pilgrimage with prayers, Mass and explanations of Francis' idea of brotherhood. It is interesting to note that the OFM and Conventuals are clerical orders while the Capuchins are not categorised as a clerical order.

"This week, the session by Br. Jose Ignacio SC on 'Community Living' further deepened my understanding of Brotherhood and community animation. Perhaps, I need to re-look at the way I have animated the community and also that each Brother is responsible for the life of the community.

"The session on 'Shared Mission' by Br. Antonio Botana FSC was an eye-opener. I only realized today...yes today rather late though..that our charism is for the Church and not for the Institute alone. He shared with us the Church as Communion in that we must share our charism with our associates / lay partners so that they can also find their vocation. As Brothers, we need to undergo a conversion process to see that they and us are on a horizontal plane and provide formation for both ourselves and our lay partners to understand shared mission. I raised the issue of non-Christians to which he gave a response that we need to find the answer together with our non-Christian colleagues."



Jubilee Celebration of Br. Hans Moran. Br. Hans Steven Moran of the Philippine Sector will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Reception of the Holy Habit on 6 October 2012 at the National Shrine of the Divine Child, La Salle Green Hills. Attached is a copy of the invitation. Let us keep Br. Hans in our prayers.



Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Hong Kong

The Lasallian World in 5. Know the recent news in the Lasallian World. Click on the hyperlink (*words in blue*) below in order to access the following stories:

- PARC:** [Asia - Pacific Lasallian Youth Congress 9 in Thailand](#)
RELAF: [Formation of Lasallian Staff in the District of The Gulf of Benin](#)
RELAL: [Br. Leonardo Tejeiro appointed as Visitor of the District of Bogota - Colombia](#)
RELAN: [Diocese of Sacramento Honors Brothers \(with video on YouTube\)](#)
RELEM: [“Lasallian Educational Fraternity” of France in Parménie](#)

Lasallian Links that Every Lasallian Should Know.

The following Lasallian websites are highly recommended for personal, communal and apostolic uses:

In The Footsteps of De La Salle: A Vocation Journey
<http://www.dlsfootsteps.org>

The Lasallian Family Portal
<http://www.lasalle.org/en>

Lasallian Resources:
<http://www.lasallian.org.au/public/resources/index.cfm?loadref=3>
http://www.cbnosf.org/prayer_services.htm
<http://www.prayingeachday.org/>
<http://www.lasalle.org/en/resources/>
<http://www.lasallian.info/template/page.cfm?id=9>

