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Br. Justin and Br. Herbertus renew their Vows witnessed by Br. Anthony Rogers (Malaysia Sector Leader) and Br. Dodo



Dual Jubilee Celebration. The La Salle Brothers in Malaysia celebrated a dual Jubilee of two Brothers on 13th October 2012 at St. Martin's School Tampasak Tambunan, Sabah Malaysia. Brother Justin Mobilik celebrated his Ruby (40th anniversary) Jubilee of final Vows and Brother Herbertus Gampok his Silver (25th anniversary) Jubilee of final Vows.

The celebration began with a Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Boniface Kimsim, a former student of Brother Justin Mobilik in La Salle Secondary School, Kota Kinabalu. Accompanied by traditional musical instrument, gongs, the two Jubilarians joined in the procession to the School's chapel together with the Brothers and some family members before the Eucharistic celebration.

Traditionally, the Brothers in the Sector celebrate Jubilees at the end of annual retreat where almost all Brothers are present. This is a first time for the Brothers in Sabah to celebrate such occasion. The presence of the Brother Visitor, Brother Edmundo



The Jubilarians cutting the cake.



Brother Justin and his family.

Fernandez was a great support and encouragement to the Brothers particularly the two Jubilarians. The huge number of family members as well as friends of the two Brothers present at the occasion adds colour to the celebration.

Brother Justin was a school principal in St. Martin's Secondary School Tambunan and a teacher in La Salle Secondary School, Kota Kinabalu. Currently, he is coordinating and helping in the administration of 8 Lasallian Centres (*tuition centres and learning centres*) scattered around in the city of Kuching and in some villages in Bau District in the state of Sarawak, East Malaysia. The tuition centres give lessons, revisions and tutorials to students of Primary 5 and 6, mainly to help them to score grades in the UPSR, a government exam at the end of the six-year primary education. Whereas, the learning programme centres cater for students from Primary 2 upwards, particularly those who



Brother Herbertus and his family.

have not yet mastered the reading, writing and mathematical skills. Most of these are the students who are called “slow-learners” or those that have lagged behind in their studies and need help to catch up with the other students.

Brother Herbertus is also a former teacher at St. Martin’s Secondary School in Tambunan. He is now assigned in Asrama Butitin Nabawan, a student hostel located at the heart of Sabah. This project is to help good but poor and needy students from surrounding more remote localities who are studying in the government secondary school in Nabawan. Various programmes have been prepared to help the boarders to acquire a holistic education. They are given opportunities, facilities, and environment where they can develop their potentials so that they will become knowledgeable, competent and responsible citizens .

In his speech, Brother Edmundo Fernandez thanked all those present at the Eucharistic celebration and congratulated both Brother Justin and Brother Herbertus for being faithful to their vocations as La Salle Brothers. In their speeches, too, both Brothers Justin and Herbertus expressed their gratitude to God for their gift of Consecrated Life. They both were very thankful for the support given by various groups and individuals who made the celebration a success. To continue the celebration, all those present were invited to share fellowship at a buffet lunch reception in the school. *(Br. Egbertus Joikul)*



The Brothers in Sabah (Left to Right): Brs. Peter, Herbertus, Egbertus and Justin with Br. Dodo

Br. Albinus O’Flaherty. Last 20 October, Br. Albinus experienced breathing difficulties, which disturbs his sleeping. An old boy of his took him to a hospital where he was admitted and later moved to the ICU where he has been placed on oxygen to help his breathing. On 23 October, he was transferred to a private hospital - Timberland Specialist Centre. He is still in the ICU but expects to be discharged in the next two days. Let us pray for the recovery and good health of Br. Albinus.



Vocations Promotion in Hong Kong. Br. Jeffrey Chan is currently the Vocations Coordinator for the Sector of Hong Kong. Since his transfer from Singapore, he has been busy initiating activities that promote our way of life to young men and educators in the Sector. Among these are visits to Brothers' Quarters, Christian Brothers' Leadership Camp, Christian Brothers Schools Exchange Programme, Vocation Talks, Days of Recollection, involvement in Staff Development and accompanying students during official overseas trips. He has generously made himself available to various activities in all the Lasallian institutions. Let us continue to pray for good vocations in Hong Kong and that the efforts of Br. Jeff and the Brothers in Hong Kong will come to fruition in the near future.

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Hong Kong

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