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Brother David Jones (Xavier Finbarr) FSC †
25 August 1933 - 15 January 2013



Br. David was born to David and Honora Jones, a family of seven boys and one girl in The Line, Meelin, Newmarket, Co. Cork, Ireland.

He entered the novitiate of the De La Salle order in Castletown, Co. Laois, in July 1950, having left home to attend school there in 1947. He chose the name of Brother Xavier Finbarr in religious life. In September 1951, he went to Inglewood House, Berkshire, England, to prepare for training college entrance exams. He subsequently trained as a teacher in Hopwood Hall demesne, near Manchester, and was sent to St. Joseph's Boarding School, Kuching, Borneo, for his first teaching position.

In 1962, Brother Xavier took up a position in St. Mary's School, Sandakan, Borneo, a thriving sea-port town, also referred to as 'little Hong Kong'. He left North Borneo in 1967 and spent the following three years in Dublin. Brother Xavier returned to Hong Kong in 1970 and taught there for twenty one years before he was transferred to Kowloon. He eventually returned to Ireland to spend the rest of his years in retirement.

Formation:

Junior Novitiate	<i>Castletown</i>	10 September 1947
Senior Novitiate	<i>Castletown</i>	02 July 1950
Received Habit	<i>Castletown</i>	07 September 1950
Scholasticate	<i>Inglewood</i>	08 September 1951

Profession of Vows:

First Vows	<i>Castletown</i>	08 September 1951
Perpetual Vows		25 August 1958

Professional Training and Tour of Ministry:

St. Xavier's Institution	<i>Penang</i>	01 September 1954
St. Joseph's School	<i>Kuching</i>	01 February 1955
Ely Place	<i>Dublin</i>	02 January 1960
Teacher Training Hopwood Hall	<i>Manchester</i>	06 September 1960
Sacred Heart School	<i>Sibu</i>	14 September 1962
St. Mary's Secondary School	<i>Sandakan</i>	01 January 1963
Ely Place / University College Dublin (<i>Bachelor of Arts</i>)	<i>Dublin</i>	01 September 1967
St. Joseph's College / Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) College	<i>Hong Kong</i>	01 September 1970
Novitiate Community	<i>Dublin</i>	31 December 1989
La Salle College	<i>Kowloon</i>	01 September 1991
St. Joseph's College	<i>Hong Kong</i>	31 December 2003
Miguel House	<i>Castletown</i>	31 December 2005
Mount La Salle	<i>Ballyfermot</i>	01 September 2006
Miguel House		2012

Br. David's three older siblings also entered religious life. The first two joined the Presentation Brothers. Frank (Francis) became a De La Salle Brother and acted as sponsor for David on the day he was clothed in the habit. On helping his brother into the robe, Brother Francis said "I'm putting it on you now and I hope you'll keep it on."

Let us pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Hong Kong

