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**Final Profession of Br. Normandy Dujunco FSC.** On the feast of St. Miguel Febres Cordero and the eve of Chinese New Year, Br. Mandy professed his perpetual vows in the presence of family, Brothers, friends and students. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist was presided by his good friend, Lingayen - Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas, D.D. and concelebrated with La Salle Green Hills alumnus, Fr. Dennis Meim SBD.

In his homily, Archbishop Villegas pointed out that the celebration was about the presence of Jesus in everyone and the perpetual vow of God to love every human person. He added later on that the best school was the Christian home and reminded parents to teach their children about God, about their souls, and the existence of everlasting life.



The vow ceremony itself was simple and solemn. Br. Mandy made his request to the LEAD Visitor before leading the congregation in the Litany of Saints. Postulant Rado Mercado chanted the litany while Br. Angelo Paragas FSC accompanied him with the piano. Afterwards, Br. Mandy professed his perpetual vows surrounded by his parents, Br. Dodo, Br. JJ (*Philippines Sector Leader*), and his religious sponsor, Br. Dante Amisola. Br. Mandy was given his

professional ring before receiving the accolade from the Brothers and affiliates.

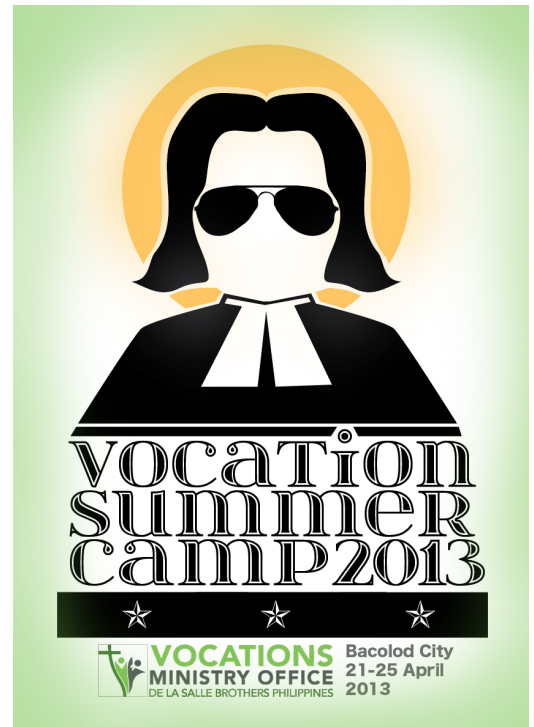
During his response, Br. Mandy thanked all the people who accompanied him in his faith journey and all his students, past and present. His students and faculty from Jaime Hilario Intergrated School - La Salle were there as well.



As people moved to the lunch reception, the guests were treated to a live performance of the JHIS-LS Drumbeaters. Br. Thomas Lavin, Auxiliary Visitor, was also present to grace the event. Br. Mandy is the 115th Brother with Perpetual Vows in the District. Congratulations Br. Mandy and may God bless you abundantly!

**Vocation Summer Camp 2013.** Philippine Vocations Coordinator, Br. Alex Diaz, is currently preparing for the annual Vocation Summer Camp. Since its inception almost a decade ago, the Vocation Summer Camp gathers Aspirants, Brothers and Contacts every year for a few days of retreat and recreation.

This year, the Camp will be held on 21 - 25 April at Balay Kalinungan (*House of Peace*) in the University of Saint La Salle, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. During its first meeting, the LEAD Vocations Team has agreed that the next meeting will coincide with the Vocation Summer Camp. Please feel free to contact Br. Alex for any inquiries.



## 7th International Lasallian University Leadership

**Program.** "The Seventh International Lasallian University Leadership Program will be held at the Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome 2 - 15 June 2013. It is targeted for university faculty and administration and is specifically designed to assist universities in their

ongoing programs of faculty formation and enrichment. Participants in this formation program will return to their home communities to be resource persons, mentors, and animators of the Lasallian mission.

“For two weeks, participants will work with other members of their own institution, within their own region or with colleagues at another institution to develop a project, program or strategy that can be implemented upon their return home. Once they return home, they will be asked for regular reports on the progress of their projects. We will be monitoring to see how the program is impacting the development of Lasallian Mission on our campuses around the world.” (Br. James Gaffney FSC, Chair, LACUP)

Letters of Invitation and Registration Forms have been sent to University Presidents. I, likewise, encourage our Universities and Higher Educational Institutions in LEAD to participate in this program.

## INSTITUTE SNIPPETS

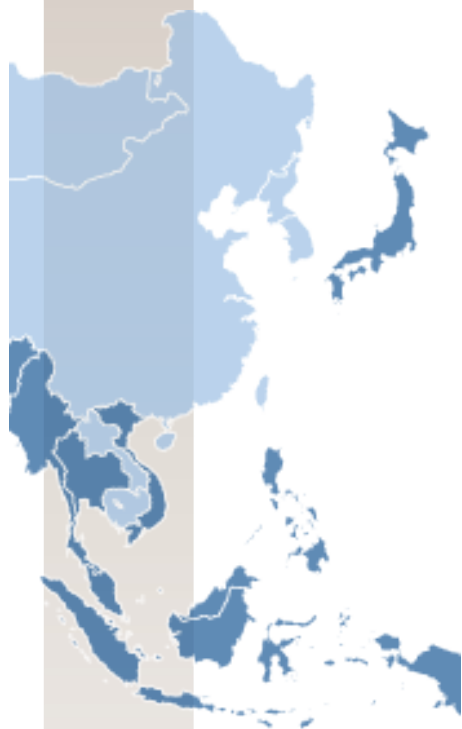
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**Continuing Formation.** During 2012, Br. Eugene Van Ly Nguyen (Bankstown Community) participated in a number of courses at the School for Seniors run by the Wesley Mission in Sydney. As well as following some new courses during 2013, this year he will teach a course on meditation. There are a variety of courses offered including languages, memoir writing, physical wellbeing, dancing and for the technically challenged a workshop on mobile phones. For those in Sydney, take a look at [www.wesleymission.org.au](http://www.wesleymission.org.au) and you may find a course you like. The Bay Institute [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au) offers a range of correspondence courses and adult faith online courses. (Now You Know... District News: 04/02/13)

**Young Brothers in Pakistan.** The Patronal Feast of Aspirants (*young men considering the Brothers' life*), the Feast of St Miguel, fell on February 9th. A special celebration was held at Miguel House in Faisalabad. The occasion was an opportunity to thank Br. Sajid Bashir for the important work he had done in the Miguel House of Formation. Br. Qumar John, who has been teaching at Lasalle High School in Faisalabad, is the new Director of Miguel House. There are currently nineteen aspirants in the four year Aspirancy program. Br. Sajid has accepted a new appointment as Director of the Catechist Training centre in Khushpur. The Rule of the Brothers of the Christian Schools reminds us that, “*the Brothers consider their “principal function” consists in the work of evangelisation and catechesis.*” (Now You Know... District News: 11/02/13)

**Lenten Fast Calendar.** The Social Justice Committee of CLRI (NSW) has prepared a Carbon Fast Calendar. The object of the Carbon Fast Calendar is to give us a daily reminder of the steps that we can take -and hopefully make permanent to improve energy use in our world. Please find the calendar attached. (Now You Know... District News: 11/02/13)

**Institute Statistics.** I am attaching the Statistics of the Institute as of 31 December 2012. The following data pertains to LEAD:



<i>Number of communities</i>	37
<i>Brothers</i>	136
<i>Hong Kong</i>	8
<i>Japan</i>	13
<i>Malaysia</i>	25
<i>Myanmar</i>	18
<i>Philippines</i>	47
<i>Singapore</i>	8
<i>Thailand</i>	19
<i>Average age</i>	59
<i>Brothers with Perpetual Vows</i>	114
<i>Brothers with Temporary Vows</i>	22
<i>Brothers in Countries other than their own</i>	20
<i>Deceased Brothers</i>	4
<i>Brothers who left (with Perpetual Vows)</i>	2
<i>Brothers who left (with Temporary Vows)</i>	1
<i>New Brothers with Perpetual Vows</i>	1
<i>New Brothers</i>	8
<i>Novices</i>	9
<i>Aspirants and postulants</i>	12

Fraternally,

**Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC**  
Philippines

**Catholic News.** Get the latest updates from the Vatican through its news website, <http://www.news.va/en> , and its videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/vatican> . If you want to combine research while reading the headlines, <http://www.newadvent.org> has a Catholic encyclopedia, online Bible, and a good collection of Church documents. Another reliable source of news is <http://www.romereports.com> as it is a premier site for Catholic videos. If you wish to get reports from both sides of the Atlantic, go to the American <http://www.ncregister.com> and the British <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk> . Finally, if something is stirring within the Catholic Church and in the Catholic blogosphere, there is always the reliable <http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com> for breaking Catholic news stories complete with insightful commentaries.

**Meatless Meals.** You may find the recipes section of <http://www.meatlessmonday.com> helpful as we begin our Lenten observances this week.