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**Young Lasallians Honored as “Manila’s 40 Under 40”.** Three former students from De La Salle Santiago Zobel School were awarded by Devex last 19 February in a formal event attended by more than 200 government officials, corporate leaders, philanthropists and other prominent global development professionals. “Natalie Christine Jorge (1993), Earl Martin Valencia (1999), and Ana Rosario Oposa (2006) are Manila’s 40 under 40 honourees marked by their contribution in Philippine Social development.

“Natalie has contributed in raising the quality of education in the Philippines, has promoted good governance and democratic citizenship among youth, and has put up an advocacy campaign for orphanages and day care centers, being the executive director of Bato Balani Foundation Inc., president and lead convener of Young Public Servants, and founder of Project LIA (Love In Action) respectively. Natalie has also participated in international leadership programs for her involvements in the field of social development and leadership.



“Earl’s strong belief in the ability of Filipinos to innovate has led him back to his motherland, the Philippines, and co-founded IdeaSpace, “a non-profit incubator that aims to promote economic development through technology and entrepreneurship”. Aside from IdeaSpace, he is concurrently the head of corporate development at Smart Communications.



“Anna has co-founded a movement called Save the Philippine Seas that protect the world’s richest marine resources. She was also the co-founder of Isko Cleans UP, “a waste management program based in the University of the Philippines – Diliman”. She is considered as one of the young global shapers of the Philippines.” On March 22, 2012, Anna received the Future for Nature Award in the Netherlands. She is the first Filipino and youngest recipient of the prestigious award.



“Devex, the world’s largest community of aid and development professionals, honors “40 global development leaders in the Metro Manila area who are under 40 years of age. The Manila 40 Under 40 awardees form an accomplished group of development professionals working in international organizations, the Philippine government, civil society, social enterprises and media.” Following successful 40 Under 40 events in London in 2011 and Washington, D.C., in 2010, Devex is proud to have selected the Philippines as the first developing country to host this event.



“De La Salle Santiago Zobel is gratified to have alumni who are part of today’s young development leaders. Faithful to the ideals of our founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle, Natalie, Earl and Anna are the epitome of selfless service to the lost, the least, and the last.” ( <http://www.dlszobel.edu.ph> and <http://manila40.devex.com/> )

**Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies.** “The Buttmer Institute is two weeks in length, from Sunday, June 23 – Friday, July 5, 2013 and will be held at Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga, CA. The Buttmer Institute is an intensive Lasallian formation and education program that studies the life and work of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the origins of the Lasallian Educational mission. The number of participants for Buttmer 1 is limited to 40.



“All who are engaged in Lasallian ministries, elementary, middle, secondary, colleges and universities, youth and family services and other ministries are welcome to participate. The Buttmer Institute also welcomes participants from the worldwide Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Individuals who have participated in other Regional, District or local formation programs are welcome.

“The program flyer is attached and you will be able to access the detailed Buttmer Institute brochure on the Conference website. Tuition for the 2013 Buttmer Institute is \$2,450.00. New this year is online registration AND payment. Credit card payment is due at the time of registration. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 24, 2013. More detailed information about the program is available at [www.lasallian.info](http://www.lasallian.info) under Programs & Events. Please do not hesitate to contact Michele

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## Call for Papers: Fourth International Conference on Christian Muslim Relations.

The Department of Religious Studies at Bethlehem University is organizing its fourth International Conference to discuss the place of religion in public space and in politics. We witness many changes in the Middle East and in the West. The conference is an attempt to understand the new developments and their impact on Christian Muslim relations.



The conference will be held on 2 - 4 October 2013 at Bethlehem University in Bethlehem, Palestine with the theme: "Religion and State From Theocracy to Secularism, and in between". It is open to University faculty, theologians, practitioners, clergy, politicians, sociologists, policy makers, and scholars from the Middle East, Europe, North America, and Asia. For more information, please visit this webpage: <http://bethlehem.edu/fourth-rels-conference2013> or contact Fr. Jamal Khader, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, [jkhader@bethlehem.edu](mailto:jkhader@bethlehem.edu) or (+970) 569762220.

**Earth Hour 2013.** On Saturday, 23 March 2012 at 8:30 PM, I encourage all Brothers, communities and institutions in LEAD to join hundreds of millions of people across the globe in switching off the lights of our locations and facilities across the District for one hour – Earth Hour, the world’s largest public action for the environment. By taking part in this global ‘LIGHTS OFF’ event we will be acknowledging our commitment to personal and operational actions that benefit the planet in the year ahead.

Earth Hour 2013 will be even bigger. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every government throughout the world. It is a call to take responsibility for our environmental impact and join a growing international community who are committed to leading global environmental change. To get a better sense of the magnitude and inspiring nature of the event, please take a moment to watch the Earth Hour 2013 official video at [www.youtube.com/earthhour](http://www.youtube.com/earthhour) and visit their website at <http://www.earthhour.org>

I am attaching a “How - To Guide to take Action On and Beyond Earth Hour.”

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