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Sector of Myanmar Retreat.. The Brothers of Myanmar gathered in Pyin Oo Lwin (Maymyo) for their annual retreat 23 - 27 April. Br. Nicholas Seet of Singapore was the retreat master. His theme was "Brotherhood" and he echoed his experience in Rome when he attended a Brothers gathering from different Brothers congregation all over the world. The retreat culminated with the renewal of vows of Br. John Ne'O and Br. Moris Thar Gyi. The council also met on the 26th and a morning assembly was conducted on the 27th. I wish to thank Br. Nicholas for taking time out from his hectic school schedule to spend a week accompanying the Brothers of Myanmar. Thanks too to Br. Lawrence for organizing the retreat.

Lasallian Saints of Yesterday...and of Tomorrow.

"The second edition of the 82-page pamphlet LASALLIAN SAINTS OF YESTERDAY...AND OF TOMORROW has recently been published. It is an update of the work that was done in 2007. Inside are brief sketches of all the Lasallian Saints (13), Blessed (151), Venerable (6) and Servants of God (3) who, by following the teaching of the Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, have been brought to or are in the process of being brought to the glory of the altar. This pamphlet gives brief glimpses of those who never left the confines of everyday life and also those who shed their blood in fidelity to the Lord Jesus. Like its predecessor, this pamphlet has been published in four languages and may be requested from the Postulation Office (rmeolo@lasalle.org) for only the cost of shipping."





International Assembly 2013. The International Assembly 2013 (IA 13) is currently taking place at the Generalate in Rome from Sunday, May 5th to Friday, May 17th. The theme of the Assembly is “ONE FAMILY, ONE MISSION: Lasallians Associated for the Educational Service of the Poor.” The objective of IA 13 is ‘to continue the work of IA 2006, which is, to discern, discover and articulate the realities of Association and the Education Mission in the light of the Lasallian Charism and to express a collective vision of the future by recommending orientations, areas of emphasis and some lines of action’.

The delegation of LEAD is composed of Br. Thomas Lavin (Auxiliary Visitor), Mr. Nicholas Wing Fui Ng (HKG), Br. Rodrigo Treviño Fernandez (JPN), Dr. Francis Kok Wah Loh (MYS), Ms. Fritzie Ian P. De Vera (PHL), Br. Jose Mari L. Jimenez (PHL), Mr. Jose Ramelle Javier (PHL), Mr. Ronald D. Holmes (PHL), and Sr. Sunantha Jeeranaikal (THA). Also present is Dr. Carmelita I. Quebengco (PHL) as Co-Secretary of the Lasallian Educational Mission.

The results of the Assembly will be presented to the 45th General Chapter in 2014, in the same form as that with which IA 06 influenced the 44th General Chapter of 2007. The International Assembly is an authentic means of collaboration and a framework of orientation for the Lasallian Mission all over the world.

International Assembly Webpage: <https://sites.google.com/a/lasalle.org/prova-ai-2013/>

Documents and resources: <http://www.lasalle.org/en/international-assembly-2013/>

Jaime Hilario Integrated School Community.

“Late last year, I received news that the new community in Jaime Hilario Integrated School-La Salle in Bagac, Bataan will be composed of three young Brothers. My first thoughts were that this would be a very dynamic year and that there will be plenty of room to explore possibilities for the school. Apparently, years ago, there were communities that were composed entirely of young Brothers. This was the time when there were many young men who wanted to join our ranks. As we all know, vocations have taken a slump for a while. For a long time, it seemed that our institute was aging.



“In a community like this, I see first and foremost as a sign of hope. Slowly, thanks to the painstaking work of our vocations promoters, the numbers of De La Salle Brothers are increasing in the Philippines. Now once again in a long time, the average age of Brothers in our sector is decreasing. There is a shortage, not of aspirants and contacts, but of mentors who must accompany them (Of course, this is a happy problem). Whenever I see our vocation picture, I cannot help but look forward to a more dynamic response to the challenges being posed to us in our ministries.

“I cannot help but feel very grateful to be called to become a member of this community. Br. Gelo, being a psychology major can do a lot of work in bringing our guidance program to fruition. Br. Aikee on the other hand has a passion for community development and uplifting the lives of the poor. Yes, this new community does seem like an experiment but it is one that holds plenty of promise. Together, we do hope we can bring JHIS-LS a step further.” (Br. Mandy Dujunco)

District Calendar 2013 – 2015. Updated as of 4 May 2013.

Date	Event	Venue
2013		
May 5 – 19	International Assembly 2013 (Mission)	<i>Generalate, Rome, Italy</i>
July 1 – 13	II International Assembly Signum Fidei	<i>Generalate, Rome, Italy</i>
July 20 – 22 July 23 – 28	International Lasallian Youth Meeting 2013 World Youth Day 2013	<i>Niterói, Brazil</i> <i>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</i>
July 29 – August 7	International Young Brothers Assembly 2013	<i>Dasmariñas City, PHL</i>
August 24 August 25	LEAD Mid Term Evaluation LEAD Council 10	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>
October 28 – November 8	CIL 2013: Formation Program for the Pastoral Ministry of Vocations 1	<i>Generalate, Rome, Italy</i>
November 11 – 29	CIL 2013: Formation Program for the Pastoral Ministry of Vocations 2	
November 3 – 23	PARC Renewal Program for Young Brothers	<i>Pattaya, Thailand</i>
November 21 – 24	LEAD Mid – Life Workshop	<i>Pattaya, Thailand</i>
November 20 November 21 November 22	LEAD Economic Council 04 Council Day of Reflection LEAD Council 11	<i>Pattaya, Thailand</i>
November	Lasallian International Village for Earth (LIVE)	<i>Philippines</i>
2014		
January 7 – 31	CIL 2014: Animating Lasallian Groups and Communities	<i>Generalate, Rome, Italy</i>
February 13 – 15	LEAD Senior Brothers Assembly	<i>Philippines</i>
February 9 – 15	3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians	<i>Generalate, Rome, Italy</i>
April 12 – June 8	45th General Chapter	<i>Generalate, Rome, Italy</i>
November	1st LEAD Mission Assembly 2nd LEAD Chapter and Assembly Part 1: All Brothers	Details to be finalised
2015		
May	2nd LEAD Chapter Part 2: Chapter Delegates	Details to be finalised
November	1st LEAD Young Brothers Assembly 2nd LEAD Vocations Summit	<i>Ipoh, Malaysia</i> Details to be finalised

LEAD STORY

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LEAD Heritage Buildings. Few of the original buildings of our first institutions in LEAD have survived the rigors of time, the growth of our student population, and city development. Here are a few that continue to stand and have received recognition either as a heritage site or for its impressive architectural style:

St. Joseph's College | Hong Kong. The North Block and West Block of St. Joseph's College at 7 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong were declared historical monuments on 18 August 2000. The Classroom Block, i.e. the present North Block, was opened in 1920 while the Science Block or the Chapel Block, i.e. the present West Block was opened in 1925.

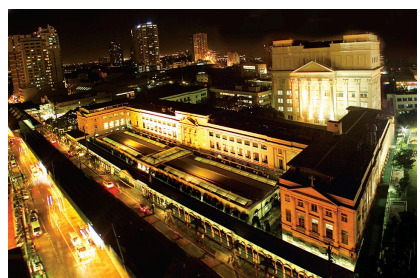
St. Joseph's Novitiate | Malaysia. St. Joseph's Novitiate, built in 1925, is one of the finest examples of Penang's colonial architecture. It is also the centerpiece and inspiration for Gurney Paragon, which preserves its entire structure within the mall itself. The Novitiate building is a two-storey structure with a chapel occupying the upper floor. It has lovely stained-glass windows of the Founder and Blessed Solomon, and the statues of Mary and St. Joseph.

St. Michael's Institution | Malaysia. The architect who designed the first block of the present building (1923) was the French born Brother Vernie Auguste. The construction of the block containing 14 classrooms, an office and a bookshop, the Brother's quarters and accommodation for 50 boarders was completed in 1927. It was among the first schools to use reinforced concrete, for better fire resistance. Today, It is one of Malaysia's heritage buildings.

St. Paul's High School | Myanmar. The school's main three-story red brick colonial era building is a landmark protected by the city of Yangon. The school was founded as St. Paul's English High School by the Brothers in August 1860. In April 1965, when the military government nationalized private schools, the school was renamed as "Basic Education High School (BEHS) No. 6 Botataung".

De La Salle University | Philippines. The St. La Salle Hall of De La Salle University is an H-shaped four-storey structure built in the neoclassical style. It was built from 1920 to 1924 to serve as the new campus of De La Salle College. It is the only Philippine structure featured in the book "1001 Buildings You Must See Before You Die: The World's Architectural Masterpieces" published by Quintessence Editions Ltd. in 2007.

St. Joseph's Institution | Singapore. Until 1996 the Singapore Art Museum was St. Joseph's Institution, one of Singapore's oldest Catholic boys' schools. In 1992, the building was gazetted as a national monument and it was converted into the Singapore Art Museum, which opened on 20 December 1996. Many of the building's original features were sensitively preserved.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Mannar. The Brothers in Mannar are organizing few programs to commemorate the 60th year arrival of the De La Salle Brothers in Mannar. This is mainly to thank God for all the blessing he has showered during the past 60 years of the committed and dedicated services in Mannar. There will be a sports festival and many other programs. Please cooperate with the organizers and join them in this great grace filled occasion. *(DLS Provincialate COLOMBO CIRCULAR NO: 07-2013-BD-80)*

Br. Christy Croos. Br. Christy will be finishing his studies by the end of July and will visit the Novitiates in Mexico and in Colombia and will be back in Sri Lanka in September. He is expected to be in the Novitiate – Lipa, Philippines by the first week of November 2013. We wish him all the best and God’s blessings in his studies and in his future plans. *(DLS Provincialate COLOMBO CIRCULAR NO: 07-2013-BD-80)*

Engage. “Engage” is the new quarterly email newsletter of the De La Salle Brothers in the District of ANZPPNG. It features the latest news from the Brothers and the Lasallian community including upcoming events, information about projects and opportunities of becoming a volunteer. Feel free to sign - up and receive their latest issues at http://www.delasallebrothers.com/sign_up.asp



Fraternally,

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Five Websites to Spark Your Creativity. Here’s a list of five useful sites to inspire some creativity:

WebUrbanist has a huge variety of content, with articles on art, technology, and even abandoned places. You’re bound to find plenty of things so interesting that you’ll have a hard time not being inspired. weburbanist.com

Moodstream can play a stream of music and images that precisely fits the mood that you want. There are preset moods – stabilize, simplify, intensify, refresh, excite, and inspire. moodstream.gettyimages.com

The 99 Percent might not have the stuff to directly inspire you, but it’s a website with articles dedicated to topics like creativity and inspiration. Articles are not only divided into industries – such as graphic design, technology, and writing – but also into unique categories like collaboration, passion, and prioritization. the99percent.com

FFFFound! surely has some of the most unique images on the web. Just take a quick browse through FFFFFound! and see what new ideas fall right into your lap. ffffound.com

WhyNot? is a website meant for the exchange of ideas. Users offer ideas that they have in all kinds of subjects, including businesses, cars, computers, phones, and even pets. www.whynot.net