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II International Assembly for Lasallian Mission. “From May 6 until May 16, 2013, at the international headquarters of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Brothers) in Rome, 162 Brothers and Lasallian Partners from around the world are gathering for the Second International Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission. Along these days, the delegates – 1/3 Brothers, 2/3 lay men and women – will learn from one another, from Institute leadership, and from outside experts about the reality of Lasallian education around the world and of the needs of youth globally.

“The purpose of this Assembly is to discern, discover, and articulate the realities of the Lasallian Educational Mission in light of the Lasallian charism and to express a collective future vision by identifying major challenges and recommending responses to these challenges. The theme of the Assembly is *One Family, One Mission: Lasallians Associated for the Educational Service of the Poor.*

“Specifically, delegates will explore issues in the areas of pedagogy, pastoral ministry and evangelization, and educational community – especially as these affect the Lasallian commitment to the educational service of the poor. The outcomes of this International Assembly will be offered to the Brother delegates at the 45th General Chapter in the spring of 2014 and will be promoted to the worldwide Lasallian Family. These International Assemblies were created in the year 2000 and take place every seven years, before the General Chapters. An international Preparatory Commission has been preparing for the Assembly since 2010.” *(Press Release, Greg Kopra)*



Attached to this issue of LEAD Story is the Opening Message of our Superior General, Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, during the Assembly. You can also check their daily updates at www.lasalle.org

PARC Reports from #IA13. “The schedule here is a certainly a tight one. Be assured that the delegates you fare welled some days ago are focused and on task. The PARC team has performed well during the first two days:

“On day One the PARC Region Display conceived, created, and resourced between, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila and Singapore over hundreds of kilometers via SKYPE and email would have won first prize if there was one. The PARC Oral Report was presented very ably by Francis Loh from Malaysia and was noted for its clarity of presentation and enthusiastic delivery. Today Tracy Adams the CEO Of BoysTown , Australia gave a masterful presentation and fielded questions for an hour following on the Lasallian nature of the work of BoysTown. Having spent he last two days in review, tomorrow the delegates begin the process of setting the agenda for the future” *(Br. John Pill | 7 April 2013)*



Diamond Jubilee: Brother Matthew Liew FSC. “Brother Matthew served with distinction as teacher but mostly as headmaster from 1957 to 1985 in various Kuala Lumpur schools and La Salle Canning Garden in Ipoh. He served as Director of Juniors 1967-1981 while Headmaster of La Salle School. He is affectionately remembered as a dynamic, innovative and caring educationist.

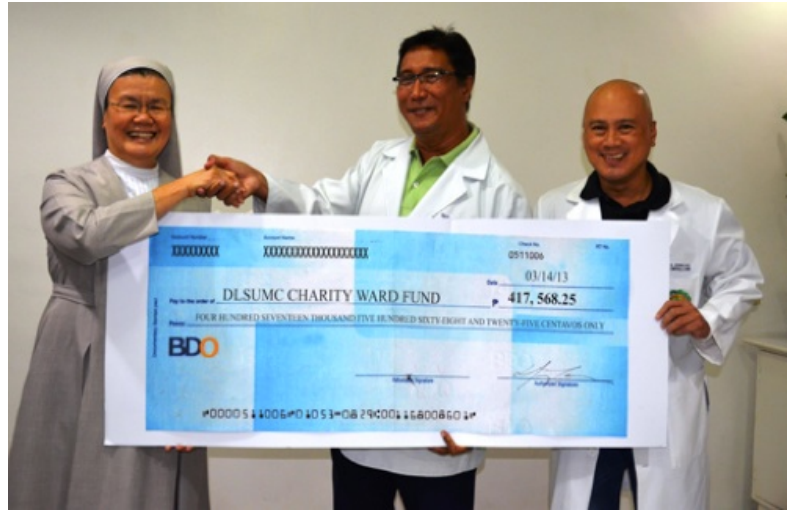
“In 1985 at 51 he was appointed Brother Visitor for a period of six years. As Visitor he is remembered as a supremely caring person. His greatest challenge was in 1988 when there was a change in government policy. Brothers holding promotional posts had now to retire at 55. All hailed his courage in taking the issue even to the highest levels. He fought strenuously to maintain the status quo but all in vain. The major Lasallian schools were affected. It was heart-breaking for Brother Matthew.

“In retirement he assisted Brother Andrew Loke at De La Salle Language Institute

for some years till his health gave way and he had to opt for a simpler life style. We wish him God's continued blessings for the way forward, always convinced the best is yet to come." (*La Salle Malaysia | May 2013*)

On 15 May 2013, the Sector of Malaysia will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Br. Matthew Liew FSC at St. John's Institution in Kuala Lumpur. Fraternal congratulations to Brother Matthew!

iSmile w/ 1 La Salle Raises 417K for Charity Services. "The iSmile with 1 La Salle project has truly gone the extra mile. Beyond changing the lives of 147 children with cleft lip and palate, the joint De La Salle Health Sciences Institute (DLSHSI) and Operation Smile International mission turned over to DLSUMC a total of Php 417,568.25 for its Charity Ward Fund. The donation was the excess from the total funds raised for the whole project, which was reported to be Php 921,422.00 of cash and in-kind donations.



"The bulk of the money raised was spent for the laboratory tests for the medical evaluation of close to 200 patients and the operations of the whole mission, including the board and lodging of more than 50 Operation Smile volunteers aided by more than 100 local volunteers from DLSHSI, transportation and other materials. This event marked the 30th foundation anniversary of Operation Smile and was made more meaningful by the celebration of DLSHSI's Silver Jubilee.

"The project, led by the Alumni Relations and Affairs and Resource Generation offices, was overwhelmingly supported by the DLSHSI community, company partners and friends, including the local governments of the cities of Dasmariñas, Imus and Tagaytay; the municipality of Carmona and the province of Rizal. Sales of the iSmile with One La Salle merchandise also raised more than Php120,000." (*De La Salle Philippines Central House Bulletin 1213 - 19*)



The Lasallian Rural Education Services (LRES) | Kuching, Sarawak . "In 2002 the first La Salle Centre for tuition was started in a renovated Balai Raya in Kampong Sibuluh in the Bau District of Sarawak, about 25 km from the city centre of the State capital, Kuching. Since then seven other La Salle Centres have been opened. To date we have three centres within the city and five in the rural villages, outside the city, all within the district of Bau, the heartlands of the Bidayu ethnic group of Sarawak.

"Of the eight La Salle Centres two are purely for the Learning Programme, one for Tuition classes only and the rest are for both tuition and the learning programme. All



these are projects under the Lasallian Rural Education Services or LRES as it is popularly known among the members. By members is meant members of the Yayasan Lasallian Kuching or YLK for short.

“The YLK is a charitable foundation formed by a group of Old Boys of Sacred Heart Sibiu and St Joseph’s Kuching, both of which had Brother Albinus O’Flaherty as principal at different times. Prior to 2002 they had met several times before setting up the Yayasan or Foundation. The principal object is to promote human and spiritual formation and the Lasallian ethos among children and youth, especially the poor, particularly those in rural areas of Sarawak. Their website is www.ylk.org.my



“The tuition classes are conducted for students of year 5 and 6 in primary school to help them do well in the UPSR examination. Thus far our classes have been very successful in this area as most of our students have improved tremendously in their performances.

“The Learning Centres are a recent introduction, recent because it was not a part of the project from the beginning. The first Learning Centre started in February 2009. This happened when Br. Justin Mobilik fsc entered the scene. Together with Mr Vincent Sijore, the former Headmaster of SK St John Singai who had freshly retired and who was at that time the Supervisor of the La Salle Tuition in Kampong Singai, they started the first Lasallian Learning Centre in Sarawak. The first batch of students, boys and girls, were sixteen in number. They were mostly from the nearby SK St John Singai.

“After one year the new programme gained popularity such that the trend was now towards Learning Centres. The process entailed helping children who are in school or out of school, often labelled slow, naughty or not interested or tardy or even lazy and stupid. However we know these students are none of these things. They had to be understood and helped in their particular needs. This is what is being done at the learning centres. Soon the teachers/ facilitators began to see the joy of achievement in the faces of these neglected children.” *(La Salle Malaysia | May 2013)*



Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary School

40th Anniversary. “We were pleasantly surprised when Cardinal John Tong accepted our invitation to celebrate the 40th anniversary Thanksgiving Mass for Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary School despite the many calls on his time. The Mass took place in the school Hall, full of teachers, students and parents. The Cardinal reminded everyone to imitate the virtues of St La Salle so that knowledge will be joined with wisdom. The students sang sweetly and were engagingly devout during the Mass. There was also a special intercessory prayer for the school founder, Brother Herman Fenton.



“One of the highlights to mark the 40th anniversary of Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary School was an Open Day held on the 13th April 2013. After two weeks of gloomy, rainy weather, the sun shone bright on the 13th and made for a warm atmosphere in the school campus. The exhibitions on display were of a high order, well arranged and artistically presented. Of particular note was the planting area, where organic vegetables could be bought on the spot. The school chapel, a little gem, was welcoming in itself. Fast - forward to the golden jubilee in 10 years time!” *(The Gateway 46 | April 2013)*



Welcome to LEAD: We wish to welcome the following Brothers to our District:

Br. Simon Andrew Tran Van Thien FSC from Vietnam will arrive on 01 May to begin his MA in Counseling at DLSU. Br. Simon will be based at DLSU - Manila.

Br. Martin Sellner FSC will be arriving on 18 May to join the Manila community. Br. Martin, who returns to the Sector after many years in the United States, will be principally based at De La Salle Santiago Zobel School to assist in the mentoring of Science teachers and in the animation of the community.

Fraternally,

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