De La Salle University – Science and Technology Complex. This academic year 2013 - 2014 marks the beginning of the actual integration of De La Salle University in Manila and the Science and Technology Complex (STC), formerly De La Salle Canlubang (DLSC), which is located in Biñan City, Laguna. The 50-hectare campus was built on land donated by the family of the late National Artist for Architecture Leandro Locsin. Since 2003, DLSC provided science and technology-based primary, secondary, and tertiary education.

As part of the integration, De La Salle University will own and manage the Integrated School and will henceforth be called the DLSU Integrated School. A new building is currently being constructed which will enable the complete transfer of all classes of the Integrated School from the main building to this new facility. The Integrated School has over 1000 students from Kinder 1 to Grade 11. “DLSU Science and Technology Complex is envisioned to become a key resource for scientific advancements and technological innovations in the country, underscoring the Lasallian tradition that integrates faith and service through knowledge generation. The development for the new campus includes new academic buildings, state-of-the-art research centers, modern dorm facilities, and staff housing. With its proximity to the Laguna Technopark and commercial centers, it enjoys a vibrant and healthy urban-suburban mix that is expected to provide momentum for its development.”
(http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/stc)
Signum Fidei Manado, Indonesia. The Signum Fidei Consecration Ceremony and aspirancy process ran well and as planned in Manado, Indonesia. The Mass was led by Bishop Joseph Suwatan with concelebrants Father Revi and Father Boni. We thank Br. Jun Erguiza and Br. Rey Mejias for their support and hope that we are going deeper and further on our Lasallian Spirituality. (Mr. Teddy Tandaju)

Bethlehem University’s New VP for Development. Bethlehem University Vice Chancellor, Brother Peter Bray, has appointed Brother Stephen Tuohy (former SECOLI Director) as Vice President for Development, beginning in August 2013. Br. Stephen will replace Brother Jack Curran who has served the University for 10 years. “Let us continue to work for justice and peace – and a brighter future for all in this Holy Land. Blessings,” – Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD, 31 May 2013.

Still Burning Bright. “TYGER Tyger, burning bright, In the forests of the night / What immortal hand or eye / Could frame thy fearful symmetry?” It was as a Form Six student in St Xavier’s Institution, Penang (many moons ago), that I was first exposed to the William Blake poem, The Tyger. I was thoroughly enchanted; it helped that I was born in the Year of the Tiger and it’s my all-time favourite animal.

“Reciting the lines in a commanding baritone and with a slight Irish lilt was Bro Casimir Hannon, who taught us poetry. The Ireland-born Bro Casimir – who set his sights on becoming a La Salle Brother at the age of 14 – was also the school principal. Alongside my English Literature teacher Mrs Helena Loh, Bro Casimir helped to shape my appreciation for the language – and inevitably set me on the course of becoming a journalist. I also had the honour of acting with Bro Casimir in a school play; we spent many afternoons rehearsing my lines as Bro Casimir was a stickler for good diction.

“I was fearful and nervous as he was, after all, the headmaster but despite his larger-than-life persona (to us students), he was incredibly humble and kind-hearted. It was telling that when it came to curtain call, Bro Casimir got the loudest applause of the evening. Bro Casimir remains a beloved figure for those who studied under him.
until his death in August 1997. I managed to pay Bro Casimir a final visit; even when he was critically ill, he remembered my name and the times we spent together on the school play. Holding my hand, he wished me well in life. (And yes, I cried like a baby that day.)

“My other favourite teacher is Mrs Chia Tong Saik who taught me Economics. I sucked big time at that subject but she always encouraged me and said that I could do better. And you know what? Thanks to her persistence and patience, I did show (a very slight) improvement. In a feature I once wrote (Fond memories of St Xavier’s, Dec 7, 1997), I recounted how I met up with Mrs Loh and Mrs Chia on a visit back to my alma mater.

“Re-reading the story, one line still rings true: “I did not give up the opportunity that day to thank the duo for their tireless efforts; it strikes me as amazing the dedication they pour into their work every single day, despite the (undeserving) knocks the teaching profession sometimes gets”. (To digress, it’s strange that we still refer to our teachers as “Mrs So-and-So” even after leaving school all these years. I guess it’s a sign of respect.) Kudos to the teachers who inspire their students. You are our unsung champions.” (William K.C. Kee, The Star Online Malaysia | 16 May 2013 | http://thestar.com.my/lifestyle/story.asp?file=/2013/5/16/lifefocus/13085141&sec=lifefocus)

**Prayer for the International Young Brothers Assembly.** I encourage all Lasallians to pray for the intentions of our young Brothers especially for the success of the upcoming International Young Brothers Assembly 2013 to be held in Dasmariñas City, Philippines on 29 July - 7 August. Information on the assembly can be found at [http://iyba.lasalle.org](http://iyba.lasalle.org)

**Prayer in Preparation for the Assembly**

**Lord God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

You who inspired St. John Baptist de La Salle
the work of Human and Christian Education of the young, especially the poor.
In his path, generations of Brothers and Lay people, together and by association, devote themselves with zeal and faith in their service.

We thank you for the many young Brothers whom you call to follow Christ to save humanity,
We place into your hands the International Assembly of Young Brothers,
Enlighten their hearts and minds, particularly those of the delegates,
that they may work for your great glory.

Give them the courage to face the many challenges
and renew their commitment to the Lasallian Educational Mission.

May your Holy Spirit help them discern in faith and hope on the horizon of our mission
for you wanted, through Jesus Christ, to save all your children
so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, in union with the Holy Spirit,
Saint John Baptist de La Salle and all our Saints and Blessed Brothers. Amen.
Habit Taking La Salle Novitiate, Lipa. On 7 June, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, 14 Novices from the Region will receive the religious habit. We keep them in our prayers. A number of Visitors will be attending.

Institute in Cambodia. There are currently four Brothers of the District of Vietnam in Cambodia. They work in a kindergarten and a boarding hostel. Two of the young Brothers are studying both English and the Khmer language. Bro Jean Baptiste also known as Bro Hiep or Bro Sokly (Cambodian name) is the Director. He has Cambodian citizenship. Along with a group of dedicated women teachers, the Brothers administer the kindergarten situated across the river from the capital Phnom Penh. Later this year the kindergarten will be upgraded to a primary school. Over the past couple of years a number of Lasallian volunteer groups from Australia have worked in Cambodia.

Affiliation Father John O’Connor. Fr John O’Connor of the Diocese of Christchurch in New Zealand has been granted Letters of Affiliation by Bro Superior. John is known not only to the District of ANZPPPNG but also elsewhere in PARC where he has conducted retreats and seminars. The Affiliation ceremony will be held in Sydney on 22 October.

General Council Programme on Revised Rule. Bro Michael Valenzuela of the Sector of the Philippines (LEAD) is currently walking the Brothers of the General Council through the revised Rule draft to be presented to the 45th General Chapter.

Meditations for the Time of Retreat in Tamil. Bro Arockiadoss of the Delegation of India has initiated a project to translate the Meditations for the Time of Retreat into Tamil. This will be an asset for our Tamil speaking Brothers and Lasallian Partners in India and Sri Lanka. The project marks the 50th Jubilee celebrations of La Salle, Tuticorin.

News from Pakistan. Bros. Rehman and Tabish have gone back to the Philippines and are settling in Manila for their post Novitiate Programme. During their short visit to Pakistan they pronounced their First Vows in Faisalabad in the presence of the Brothers of the Area and the parents and families of the two Brothers. They also attended the La Salle Day function in Faisalabad. We wish them good luck and God’s Blessing in the next phase of their formation.

Novice from India. Novice Ponsingh from the Delegation left on 31 May to join the rest of the Novices who started their Novitiate program on 17th May. Brother Vincent Keating, the Novice Master, sent a message that Ponsingh arrived safely at the Novitiate, Manila. Let us keep him in our prayers for his perseverance.

Schools in India. All our three schools have performed exceptionally well in the tenth standard government examination. The results are excellent. Congratulations to all the students, teachers, support staff and the Brothers.

The results:
- Lasalle School, Tuticorin: 100%
- St. Joseph's School, Keelamudiman: 100%
- St. James School, Suranam: 99%
Organic Waste Farming at LSC. “The College Health & Environment Promotion Team led by WU Wai Man (4G) and Ms Lau have added organic waste farming to the environmental initiatives started at La Salle College this year. Initiatives include: paper recycling, litter free campus, responsible canteen behaviour (clearing away our own dishes and utensils), edible organic gardening (coming 3rd in the Community Organic Farming Competition), nutrition guidelines for the Tuck-Shop and Canteen using the international traffic light classification (green, yellow, red) for regular, often, sometimes. The latest project of the Team has been the purchase of an organic waste recycle machine that takes food waste from the canteen and turns it into fertilizer for the school gardens. This project has been sponsored by the EDB.” (http://web.lasalle.edu.hk)

Sector of Singapore Website. The official website of the Lasallian Family in Singapore has been updated. It is still under construction but they are building in it up slowly over the next few months: http://www.lasalle.sg

Fraternally,

Br. Edmund L. Fernandez FSC
Myanmar

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