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(Cover) This statue of St. John Baptist de La Salle stands in the Prayer Room of Chong Gene Hang College.

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Welcome

We are wrapping up this academic year with the Gateway 59 issue.

The graduation ceremonies and dinners have been held, the end of year examinations finished and the Report Cards distributed. Admission of students to both Primary 1 and Form 1 has also largely been completed. We hope all our teachers and students will enjoy a relaxing summer break.

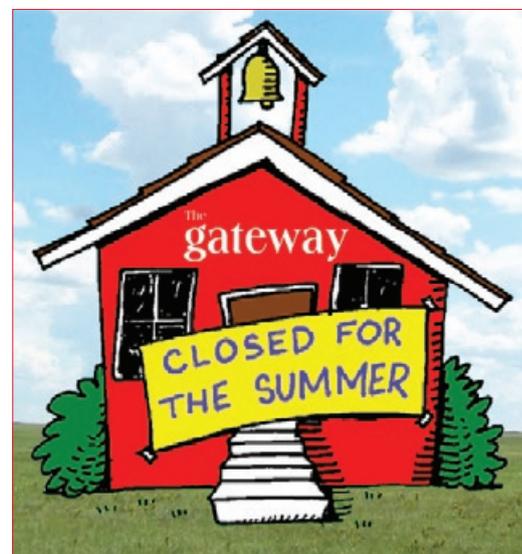
With this issue, we bring to an end our series of articles on the experience of a community of Brothers in Malaysia under Japanese occupation. 'In Our Hearts Forever' was originally written by Brother James Dooley and he wrote well.

Our school feature article is on Chong Gene Hang College, a Lasallian school located on the East side of Hong Kong Island. The story of its origins contains many inspirational points.

In this issue we also have a reflection on 'Touching Hearts', one of the core values of a Lasallian education. We are grateful to the late Brother Damian Lundy of the District of Great Britain for this reflection. May he rest in God's love.

We wish all our readers in the northern hemisphere an enjoyable summer holiday. ■

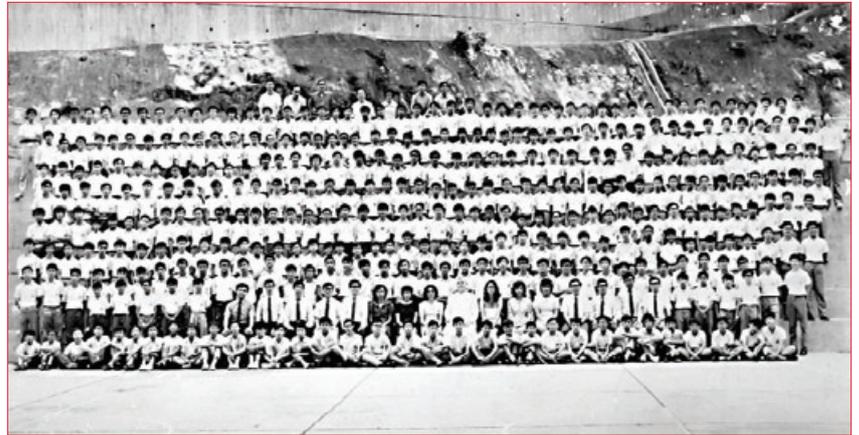
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Our Pathways

Chong Gene Hang College

Chong Gene Hang College is the youngest of the secondary schools run by the De La Salle Brothers in Hong Kong. It is situated in Chaiwan on east side of Hong Kong Island and opened its doors in 1971 to serve boys living in the resettlement estates and squatter huts nearby. Many of these had fled from China during and after the Cultural Revolution. The College was the first secondary school to open in the area.



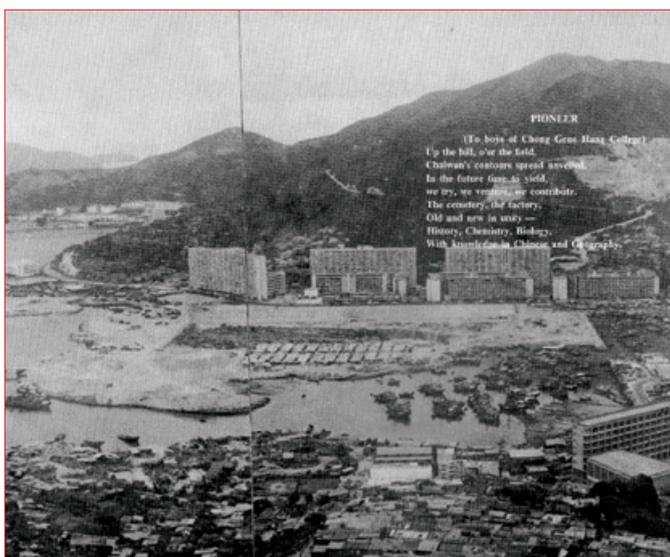
The pioneer Brothers and staff had to work in less than salubrious surroundings. Amenities were few and transport inadequate. Squatter huts dotted the steep hillsides. Parents had to work hard to make ends meet. Yet they turned out their children beautifully for school.

As far back as the mid 1960's, the dream of a new Lasallian school on Hong Kong island, apart from St. Joseph's College, was floating around in the mind of Brother James Dooley. Eventually, in the early part of 1966, the Brothers submitted an application to Government for a site for another secondary school on the island.

Sir Albert Rodrigues, an old boy and Government Executive Councillor, visited Bro James concerning the application. He explained that it was Government's policy at the time to develop secondary schools in Kowloon. Hong Kong Island's quota was said to be filled. Chances were very slim indeed for approval for a subsidized school on the island, but Brother James was undaunted. As he remarked, the main reason for the Brother's request was to ask that a site be reserved, for future development.

Brother James continued negotiating with the Education Department and on the 19th January 1968, visited possible school sites in Chai Wan, in the Eastern part of the island. Two sites were found to be unsatisfactory. One site, however, near Maryknoll Primary School, was worth consideration.

Brother Alphonsus Breen had taken over as Director at St Joseph's and on the 12th February 1968 he visited Chai Wan with architect Jackson Wong and decided to apply for the site on the seafront near Maryknoll Primary School.



By now, Government appeared to be responsive towards the building of a new secondary school in Chai Wan, especially since it was a new resettlement and industrial area and there was a need to cater to the many children of factory and industrial workers. Expecting a positive answer for the new school from Government, fund raising began.

On the 17th December 1968, at the annual dinner of St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association which followed the official opening of St Joseph's Primary School, Mr. Croucher made an offer of \$25,000.00 for the proposed school in Chaiwan if the old boys present would pledge a similar sum. Brother James was asked to announce this. In a matter of minutes a total of \$69,000.00 (including the \$25,000.00) was pledged.

By the 6th February 1969, hopes for the new school were so high that copies of the school plans were sent to Rome and to Brother Visitor. There was a further boost in May 1969 when The Hon. Sir Albert Rodrigues consented to chair the fund-raising campaign.

Suddenly, in March 1970, the man who would ensure sufficient financial footing for the new school appeared on the scene. His name was Mr. Chong Gene Hang. The story goes like this.

In 1925, Mr. Chong left Hong Kong for the United States with two goals in mind — to make as much money as he could and to donate it towards the building of a school to be named after his late wife and himself.

"I worked extremely hard for over 40 years in the laundry business in Boston, Massachusetts, scrimping and saving every dollar possible.

But it has been worth it. I have had very little education myself. Therefore, I wanted to do something to further the cause of education and to be associated with it in a permanent way.

Today is the greatest day of my life."

Such were the words of Mr. Chong when he handed the cheque for half-a-million Hong Kong dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Principal of St Joseph's College, Brother Alphonsus Breen. It had taken Mr. Chong more than 40 years of frugal living to amass this sum.

The money, together with a subvention from Government and other private donations, would go towards the building of Chong Gene Hang College in Chaiwan. The school was expected to be completed in the following year.

Mr. Chong and his wife had returned to Hong Kong in 1968, but at the time Mr. Chong did not know "how to donate my money." His wife had died in September, and it was one of her last wishes that he do something about it.

Mr. Chong, a simple man, sought the advice of a Mong Kok shopkeeper who, in turn, directed him to the Mong Kok City District. The City District Officer, Mr. Albert C. C. Lam, recalled how Mr. Chong walked into his office about six months earlier and asked to whom he could donate \$500,000.00 towards building a school.



Mr. Lam immediately realized that at the time St Joseph's College was holding a fund-raising campaign for the building of a new secondary school in Chai Wan. The school would be named after the person who made the largest single donation.

The interested parties were brought together, introductions were made and a brief ceremony held.

The Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr. David Akers Jones, said the donation was in keeping with the immemorial and high traditions of the Chinese people.

After years of effort and preparation, site formation began in August 1970 and on the 25th January 1971, Brother Michael Jacques, Assistant Superior General, arrived for the laying of the Foundation Stone. The Foundation Stone was blessed by Rev. Father B Edmonds, MM, PP, and laid by Mr. Chong Gene Hang. An introductory speech was given by Brother Alphonsus Breen followed by one from Mr. Chong Gene Hang. Then it was the turn of Brother Michael Jacques who, in part, had this to say:



"It is a great privilege and a source of gratification for me to assist at this ceremony of laying the foundation stone of another school of the Brothers in Hong Kong; especially for one of this type, catering for the less-privileged students of the re-settlement area, a project which must certainly draw down the blessings of the Founder of the Christian Brothers, St. La Salle; who established his order mainly for the education of the sons of artisans and the poor.

This school will be known as the Chong Gene Hang College, as a memorial of Mr. and the late Mrs. Chong, who have contributed the sum of half-a-million dollars towards the erection of a school in a poor area. We are indeed, Mr. Chong, very sensible of your generosity and sense of civic duty. After your life of hard work in a foreign land, you have come back to the land of your people to devote your life savings to the education of the less-favoured children of the community. It is a most inspiring and noble gesture which will ever be gratefully remembered by all the students who are able to enjoy the fruits of your years of toil, and will, I hope, endeavour to emulate your virtues, your diligence in honest work, your generosity and interest in your fellow citizens.

The Lasallian tradition rightly insists on the acquisition of noble ideals which make for a stable character adorned with the virtues which constitute the real and abiding strength of a human being. A love of order and discipline is essential at every stage of human endeavour and, if the student is able to cultivate the habit in school of faithfully attending to his duties, his success in life will be the better assured, and nothing will stop him from attaining his rightful place in the community."



Sadness broke in on the story when, on the 26th February 1971, Mr. Chong Gene Hang was laid to rest in Tsuen Wan. He had not been well for some time. He had desired nothing more than to see the new school taking shape. God granted him his wish. His memory, and that of his wife, is held in honour to this day and portraits of Mr. Chong and his wife have been displayed in the school foyer since the beginning. Brother James Dooley had already paid Mr. Chong a fitting tribute.



Mr. & Mrs. Chong Gene Hang

“Mr. Chong Gene Hang is one of the most wonderful and most disarmingly simple men I have ever met. Men like Mr. Chong are a sign of hope and optimism — that in this world of materialism and dog-eat-dog there are still noble and embarrassingly generous people. Mr. Chong is a living example of the old-world, charmingly simple Chinese gentlemen, so conscious of his own lack of academic perfection that he sacrificed, in one magnificent gesture, so much of his hard-won earnings to provide for countless youths an education which he himself was not privileged to receive. In this world of materialism and greed his generosity is an inspiration and an example to us all.”

The next step was the appointment of the first Principal of the new school. Brother Brendan Dunne was the man selected for the task as of the 5th August 1971. Since the new school was not yet quite ready for occupancy, St Joseph’s College Primary School kindly came to the rescue by loaning 5 classrooms as a temporary measure. Brother Brendan was also assisted by Brother Antoninus Chan for the first year or two of operation.



September 1972, Chong Gene Hang College, now settled comfortably in their own fine building, produced their first school magazine, “The Pioneer” and it was a creditable endeavour for a first. It breathed a spirit of pride in the new College and a new sense of hope in a relatively deprived area. Brother Brendan always managed to steer an assured and happy ship.

He had to commute every day from St. Joseph’s College to Chong Gene Hang, but there was no complaint. At once he got down to business, recruited a young staff and set about creating a warm and homely school climate. He spent eight years in this post and the school soon developed a spirit and identity of its own with a strong sense of belonging among staff and students. Brother Brendan’s generosity and largeness of heart was much appreciated by both the school and the local community.

Six years after the opening of the College, Brother Brendan invited back his former pupil and school architect, Jackson Wong, as Guest of Honour on Prize Giving Day. Jackson had had many meetings with Mr. Chong Gene Hang and held him in high esteem. Jackson called him “a man who showed great concern for the young people of his own race and who instead of writing to the papers, decided to do something for them. Instead of cursing the darkness, he decided to light a candle — and what a candle!”

In 1979 Brother Brendan reached retiring age and bade farewell to a school he loved and set fair to flourish. He was succeeded by Brother Lawrence Blake who built well on the good practices already established. Brother Lawrence was a firm believer in

the role of the teacher in the classroom and often stressed its importance. In an interview he had this to say:

"I have not come across anywhere more devoted, tolerant and hardworking teachers. I am greatly edified by the amount of time, energy and patience they give to their students. Many sacrifice their lunch break to help the students as well as helping them before and after school."

He also encouraged extra-curricular activities. The school has been blessed with Principal stability and capability since its foundation. There have only been five Principals to date.

The school's 20th anniversary duly dawned and Brother Patrick Tierney, among other things, had this to say in the presence of the Guest of Honour, Mr. Li Yuet Ting, Director of Education:

"We are here this morning to commemorate 20 years in the life of a school. Nothing very extraordinary about that, you may think. After all, 20 years is a relatively short span of time ... not old enough for 'grey hairs' to appear.

Why, then, is 20 years in the life of a school worthy of celebration? I believe it is so because it has now arrived at a youthful maturity, at a stage when we can afford both to look back at our origins and look forward to the future.

It is timely then to first and foremost thank almighty God for all the good that has been done through His instruments. To name a few ... Mr. and Mrs. Chong Gene Hang, our benefactors; Brothers James Dooley and Alphonsus Breen who signed the contract; Brothers Brendan and Lawrence our former Principals; Father Edmonds our former Chaplain and a host of others whose contribution to the well-being of Chong Gene Hang College will remain unsung. To one and all, we offer thanks.

Twenty years of growth is also worthy of celebration because we can now look forward to the challenges of the future, to the next 20 years. Chong Gene Hang College has grown in stature over the years. It can be said with commendable pride and satisfaction



that the College has largely succeeded in achieving a sensible balance between academic and extra-curricular activities and that it seeks to develop and turn out well-rounded students."

Fast forward and the school's 40th Anniversary celebration took place in 2010/11. Two very special initiatives in the anniversary year was the construction of a grotto for an outdoor statue of Our Lady. This was followed with the conversion of an existing space into a Prayer Room. These are two lasting monuments to the 40th anniversary.





Over the years, Chong Gene Hang College has developed its own special features. It has developed a strong Visual Art scene and organizes both internal and external Art Exhibitions regularly.

It also hosts an annual inter-school Mathematics contest. Another annual highlight is the production of a Musical Drama which attracts much school and public support.



On the sports-field, the Chong Gene Hang boys hold their own and have had a good track record particularly in Athletics, Football, Basketball and Cross Country. Their most recent success came in indoor-bowling, with their three representatives becoming inter-school champions.



At one stage in the school's history, in 1986, girls were admitted into Form 6 and 7. This practice came to an end in 2010 in the wake of Government - restructuring which saw the demise of Form 7 and the introduction of a through-train from Form 1 to 6.

An interesting feature of the school is the project which resulted in the construction of a 'Green Roof.' The school successfully applied to Government for approval and sponsorship, to the tune of \$500,000. Work commenced in 2009 and was more or less completed in 2010. Besides greenery and flowers, there are plots for the growing of vegetables, including cabbages, lettuces, peppers and beans. Students, under the supervision of teachers, look after these plots and it is an educational exercise.

The Alumni Association of the school is well established and has a deep sense of belonging to the school. It has set up scholarships, contributes to the school's improvement projects, gives career guidance presentations and supports sports activities. A number of past pupils are also on the teaching staff.

Another interesting feature of the school is that there have only been five Principals in the last 40 years or so. They were Brothers Brendan Dunne and Lawrence Blake, Mr. Ho Kong Hin, Mr. Frederick Kwok and the present incumbent, Mr. Li Siu Wah, Alan, all of them hardworking and caring much for the school. Such continuity in administration makes for a sense of stability and security. ■



... ONE FAMILY



In Our Hearts Forever

— by Brother James Dooley

“Japanese soldiers ... very bad ... all go to hell!”

This is the final part of the ‘In Our Hearts Forever’ series first started in *The Gateway Issue 50*. It traces the experiences of Brother James Dooley and his Community during the World War II Japanese occupation in Malaysia.

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Official Memorandum.

From: PERAK KEISATSU DUCHO
(C.P.O. PERAK)

To: Ipoh, 16.11.2602 19
Rev. Brother Denis,
St. George's School,
Taiping.

ENEMY ALIENS TO SWEAR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

You are requested to instruct the following Brothers to present themselves at the Chief Police Office, IPOH, on 25.11.2602 at 3 p.m. to take an oath of allegiance to the Nippon Government :-

1. Rev Bro. Denis
2. " " Felan James
3. " " Finen.

Orambukage
ドテ警察部長
(C.P.O. PERAK)

One morning on our way back from our lesson, I heard my name being shouted out. It was one of the Chinese sailors we had within Taiping prison, now working in the town. He dragged me into a shop and it was coffee and Chinese cakes for everybody. “My teacher in prison!” he roared, “Damn Japanese, all go to hell!” while I listened, terrified, noting he had improved his vocabulary since the time I had helped him. He told me the story of their release and how the fiddler and the carpenter had returned to jail asking to get in because they were starving. The guards hunted them away threatening them with a life sentence if they did not clear off. Eventually, they got work on another ship.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE NIPPON GOVERNMENT

The Japanese authorities were after us again, this time ... an offer from the Chief of Police, State of Perak, to swear an oath of allegiance to the Nippon Government:

THE ORDER:

We noted with alarm that the three Irishmen were now being referred to as “ENEMY ALIENS” in spite of the very many representations we had made to the Japanese authorities, military and civil, that Ireland was neutral in the Second World War.

Brother Finan had already left us for Ipoh, Brother Denis was much too ill to travel and so I set off alone, bearing a medical certificate of excuse for Denis. I went to St. Michael’s Institution, our own school, confiscated by the Japanese and now being used as their Government Headquarters. I was led into the Brothers’ chapel where a huge Japanese flag replaced the altar. There we stood, a few Irish Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and myself watching a Japanese officer, strut, sacriliciously for me, from the sacristy. We had to fill in and sign various forms and then, with raised hand, swear allegiance to the Nippon (Japan) Government. The officer dismissed us curtly, threatening ‘serious punishment’ if we went back on our oath. On the way out, an elderly Irish Sister said in a fierce stage whisper, “Don’t mind this tyrant. That wasn’t an oath at all!”

“It won’t be long now ...”

Brother Barnitus Kennedy (Offaly)— a man of deeply revered memory in the District of Penang— representing Brother James Byrne, Visitor, came to see us by train from Penang. Near the Convent where we were staying, he was ordered out of his rickshaw in pouring rain and forced to bow to the sentries. They followed him in and grilled him in a most rude and haughty fashion. The degrading visits had started all over again. The Kenpeitai trumped up grotesque excuses to tear our place apart looking for radios, for British soldiers and for Japanese deserters even— any pretext to harass and torment us.

We discussed our present situation with Brother Barnitus. It was evident Kenpeitai persecution would continue. Judging by the contempt with which our honest attempt to qualify in Japanese had been treated we would never get our school back or be allowed to teach in their time. We had advised our benefactors not to visit us, fearing for them and their families and we had no other dependable means of support. Denis, our Director was down with frequent bouts of malaria, although typically, he let on, “Sure, I’m in full form, man!” In fact, none of us was really robust.

Dispersal

It was decided we had better disperse. Brothers Leo Manicasamy, Bernard Rioch, Francis Rosario and Austin Watts would remain on in Taiping to be a presence among the people who would feel let

down if all the Brothers departed and to be present to claim back our school when liberation came. Brothers John Teo, Gaston Tremblay, Benignus Soh and James Dooley would go south to Communities where Japanese interference was less. Brother Denis would remain on in Taiping temporarily and then move to Penang for medical care and rest.

The Kenpeitai with a mixture of reluctance and relief issued us with Travel Documents ... good for one journey only and to be handed to the Kenpeitai authorities at our new destination.

The actual breaking of our Community was, for me, the saddest parting I had experienced since I left my home in Ireland many years before. The complete upheaval of our accustomed way of life had formed us into a closely-knit fellowship where we supported each other by prayer, helped each other in sickness and suffering and bore with each other when hunger and captivity put great strains on human relationships.

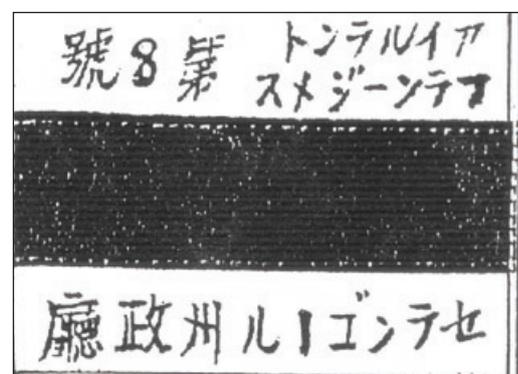
Brother Denis ventured out to visit a very supportive friend and express the Brothers' thanks for all his help. Both were promptly questioned by the Kempetai. Fortunately, they had a previously arranged topic of conversation ready and there was no further trouble. People dropped in, always one by one, bringing us little gifts, usually articles of clothing and food for the journey and to wish us Godspeed.

"It's only a matter of time ..."

To make our leaving all the more bitter we had to walk past our own occupied St. George's and a building being used instead of it as a school. The boys, most of them young, were in the playground. The more senior students were working for a living or to avoid conscription into the Japanese army.

The boys ran over to the fence and nervously waved us goodbye. One boy's treble floated after us, "Goodbye, Brothers, it won't be long ..." echoing the open-secret rumour rife in the town ... the Japanese army was retreating on all fronts, it was only a matter of time ... alas, wishful thinking.

We squeezed into a carriage in silence. The train gathered speed and the regular click-clack of the wheels seemed to take up the boy's farewell, "It won't be long! It won't be long!" I was assigned to St. John's Institution, called Bukit Nanas Gakko during the occupation years. I had to register with the local Japanese authorities all over again. They gave me a lapel tag "to be worn all times" and a Certificate which stated that I was from Irish Free State, that I was twenty seven years old and that I was unemployed.



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Number 8
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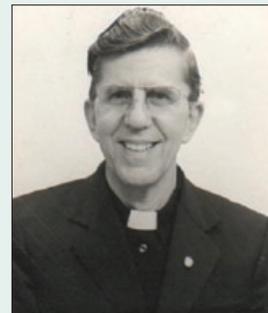
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	職業 (Pekerjaan)	Unemployed		School	年齡 Umor) 27 yrs.	
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THEIR MEMORY WILL LIVE 'IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER'

Brother James Dooley was Principal of St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong, from 1964 to 1970 after which he taught in La Salle College until called to Rome in 1977.

For more about Brother James, please read our Issue 6 at <http://www.lasalle.org.hk/pages/docs/TheGateway06.pdf>



Family Updates

Golden Service

Brother Thomas Lavin arrived in Hong Kong on the 1st August 1965, a sparkling 22 year old. He was assigned to teach in La Salle College, Kowloon. It did not take long for him to make his mark both in teaching and in extra-curriculars. In teaching, he brought on his pupils nicely and they achieved excellent results in both internal and public examinations.

But it is in his outside class activities that Brother Thomas is probably best remembered, and especially in the fields of football and athletics. He had been appointed Sportsmaster of the College and he brought it to new heights in sporting prowess. La Salle was the team to beat in those years.

The Brothers in charge were well aware that Brother Thomas was good at taking on challenges. And so, later in life, he was assigned to take charge of the Lasallian Mission in Nigeria, then to become Principal of La Salle, Kowloon, then to head up the education brief at Bethlehem University, then to take on the role of Brother Visitor/ Auxiliary Visitor in Lasallian East Asia, and, his latest challenge, to be President of the first Lasallian International School in Malaysia. This is scheduled to be up and running by September 2016.

A group of La Salle College old boys, led by Joseph Lee, wanted to mark Brother Thomas' services to education over the last 50 years. They got together and organized a dinner of friends on the 19th June 2015. Speeches were made, a birthday cake cut and a short video shown. The night was rounded off with the singing of the school song. May our heavenly Father grant length of days to Brother Thomas.



Ordination to Priesthood



The Hong Kong Lasallian Family is pleased to announce that a young old boy of St. Joseph's Primary School, Carlos Cheung, was ordained a priest through the imposition of hands of the Bishop of Hong Kong, Cardinal John Tong, on the 20th June 2015. Carlos's first Mass was held on the 21st June at St. Benedict's Parish Church, Shatin. Carlos joined the Society of St. John Bosco (Salesians). We congratulate him and pray for more vocations to the brotherhood and priesthood.

Lasallian Educational Council

The Hong Kong Lasallian Educational Council (LEC) meets at least three times a year and forms ad hoc committees as required. The most recent meeting was held on the 30th May. Among other items on the agenda, there was an Annual Report from the Family Coordinator, Nikki Chan, and a final discussion and decision on the challenging matter of Chinese characters for various common Lasallian terms. A special feature of the meeting was the awarding of long-service Lasallian medallions to three retiring members— Paul Woo, Measure Hung and Tse Shek Kam. They have served the Lasallian Family with devotion for many years.



Tabernacle Consecration

St. Joseph's College is one of the few schools in Hong Kong with a full size chapel, dating back to 1925. It is housed in the West Wing which has been declared a historical monument by the government.

On the 13th June, a Mass was celebrated in the chapel for the solemn consecration of a new tabernacle. The tabernacle was recently purchased by Brother Jeffrey Chan, Supervisor of the College, from the proceeds of money donated by some Old Boys. Besides the Brothers, a goodly number of old boys turned up for the event which was organized by the 'Sons of St. Joseph', a body which strives to promote knowledge of the Catholic faith.



Cultural Prizegiving 2015



On Thursday, the 4th June, La Salle College held its Annual Cultural Prizegiving ceremony honouring student achievement in the performing arts, including music, dance, drama, and speech. The 2014/15 year was one of the most successful in the College's history in terms of the performing arts. There were Golds and Championships at all levels, enough to whet the appetite for more.

Guest of Honour was old boy and renowned Hong Kong pop song singer, composer, arranger and musical director, Mr. Anthony Lun. He had studied at both La Salle Primary and La Salle College before pursuing his musical education. He has written over 300 songs of which 44 have been No. 1 on various charts. In 2013, Anthony was welcomed into the Hall of Fame by the Composers and Authors Society of Hong Kong (CASH) for his life time contribution to music.

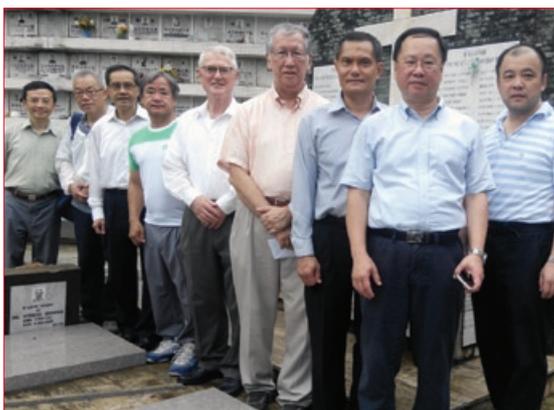
UMAEL 2015

UMAEL is the international association of our worldwide Lasallian alumni. Every four years it hosts a Congress so that participants can share and be inspired by the Lasallian vision and mission. It is an opportunity for alumni from different nations to connect and to enhance links of friendship.

This year the Congress was held in a Lasallian Polytechnic University in Beauvais, on the outskirts of Paris. The Theme was 'Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve'.

Our District of LEAD was to the fore and our Hong Kong Lasallian Family was ably represented by Brother Thomas Lavin, Leonard Chu, Gordon Fong, Larry Leung and Nikki Chan.

Placement of Bones



The Brothers who die in Hong Kong are buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Happy Valley. The gravesite has an underground room or crypt where, after exhumation, the bones of the deceased are placed. The most recent exhumation was that of Brother Patricius O'Donovan. A simple ceremony was held at the gravesite on the 22nd June prior to the placing of the bones in the crypt. Brother Patricius was in Hong Kong for nearly 40 years and spent most of that time teaching or retired at St. Joseph's College. We pray that Brother Patricius now enjoys the light of Christ's face in Heaven.

Touching Hearts

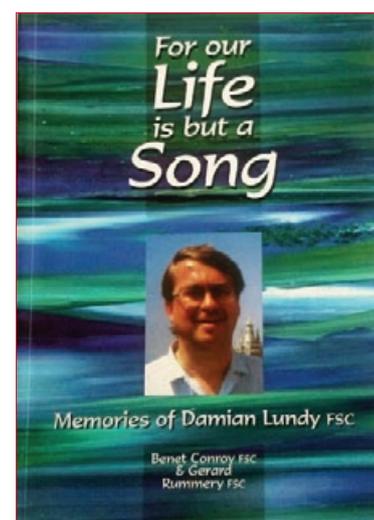
St. La Salle wanted his teachers not only to teach well but also to touch the hearts of the children confided to their care. Brother Damian Lundy, a De La Salle Brother, reflected on this ideal.

TOUCHING HEARTS can mean:

- To look at little ways of giving recognition and affirmation
- To help transform what is plain and ordinary in someone's life
- To make someone feel great, feel special
- To show that you value persons for who they are, not just for what they have or do
- To say the right thing at the right time
- To show concern by remembering personal details about people
- To see what is within a person
- To hear what people are really saying and act accordingly
- To do little things which become very significant

Brother Damian himself did his best to do all of the above and, in so doing, led a joyous and fruitful life. He was a religious brother of the De La Salle Order. He died in 1997 at the age of 53 from a hereditary kidney disease.

He is widely respected as a leading innovator in many forms of Catholic ministry and education in the UK. He is credited with devising the currently standard form of Catholic Residential Youth Work and for writing many popular hymns and prayers and leading seminars and conferences.





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