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(Cover) This statue of St. John Baptist de La Salle, with two boys, stands in the entrance foyer of St. Joseph's Primary School.

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Welcome

This is a bumper issue when it comes to number of pages. It is a result of so many things happening at this time of year.

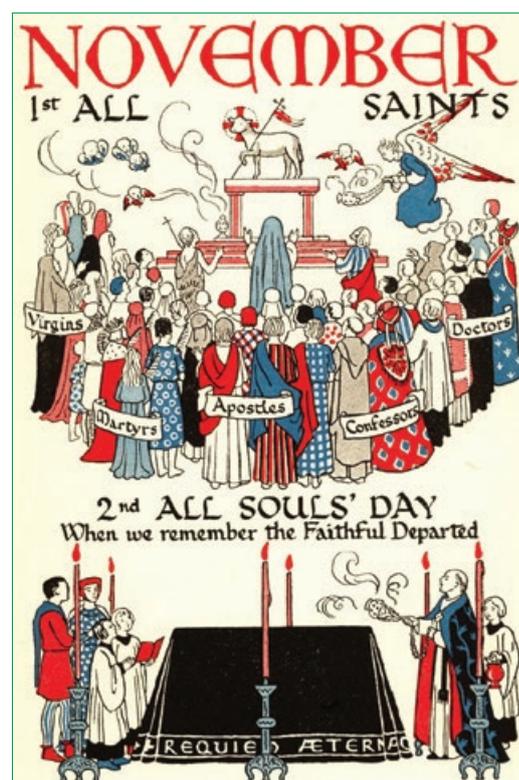
There are Speech Days, Peace Days, Bazaar Days and an Induction Day to name a few. All such help to keep our schools ticking over and surely lessons are being learnt that can't easily be taught in the classroom. Perhaps in the present world climate, we especially pray for peace-makers.

On top of all these activities, we are in the process of celebrating two major anniversaries. De La Salle Secondary School, N.T. is celebrating its Golden Jubilee while St. Joseph's College goes way back 140 years. Thanksgiving Masses, Open Days and Gala Dinners are highlights of such celebrations.

Our school of the month is St. Joseph's Primary School which is located at the edge of the Wanchai District. Despite the fact that it is rather constrained by space limitations, it is a popular school and welcomed by parents. We recall with gratitude and fondness the two Brothers who played a large part at its beginnings, Brothers James Dooley and Martin Kellegher.

Another special feature, continued from our last issue, is entitled 'A Lasallian Mission in a Forgotten Land'. A number of readers have found this story of much interest, not least because it was so little known.

November, in Catholic tradition, is the month of the Holy Souls. "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins." ■



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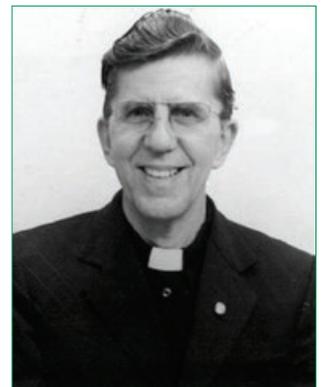
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St. Joseph's College Primary School

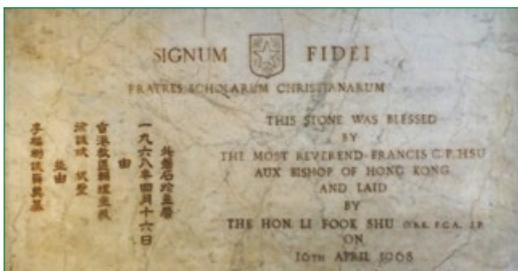


The vision of a fully-fledged Primary school that would be a feeder to St. Joseph's College was occupying the mind of at least one Brother in the mid 60's. His name was Brother James Dooley and, as Director and Principal of the College, he could see the potential of that vision.

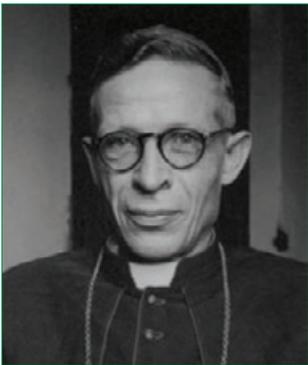
The College already accepted boys for Primary 5 and 6 and they were accommodated in six classrooms in the bowels of the earth. By tradition, the Principal of the College also took care of the Primary boys. It was in that respect that Brother James made his first move, by appointing Brother Martin Kelleher as Primary Headmaster early in 1967. At the same time he had had plans drawn up for a new Primary and, after consultation with the Brothers, general agreement was reached.



Brother James



The wheels were set in motion and on the 6th of September, the Government Land Lease was signed. The contract for the construction of St. Joseph's Primary School was signed on the 26th of October. The laying of the foundation stone took place on the 16th of April 1968. The stone was blessed by Bishop Francis Hsu and laid by Mr. Li Fook Shu.



Bishop Bianchi

Construction proceeded at a blistering pace and some classes were able to commence in September. The blessing and the official opening of the new primary school took place on the 17th of December. Bishop Bianchi was to bless the building but

lost his way in the maze of streets of Wanchai. After waiting for about 15 minutes, Brother James asked Father Granelli, Chaplain of La Salle College and former Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, to officiate. Then the Hon. W. D. Gregg, Director of Education, unveiled the plaque and declared the school open. The official party then retired to the Li Koon Chun Hall, where speeches were delivered by Brother James, the Hon. Gregg and by Mr. Croucher on behalf of the Hon. Li Fook Shu, son of Mr Li Koon Chun and the principal benefactor of the new school.

We are fortunate to have a copy of the speeches delivered both by the Hon. Gregg and by Brother James on the occasion.

In his opening remarks, the Hon. Gregg had this to say:

"I am very pleased to visit the school for the second time this year on the occasion for its formal opening. When I was here last February, I had the pleasure of witnessing the laying of its foundation stone by Mr. Li Fook Shu and of meeting the Rev. Brother Michael, Assistant General from Rome, who happened to be in Hong Kong at the time. Ten months have gone by and now an impressive school building is completed, and, if I may use a nautical metaphor, everything looks shipshape and Bristol fashion.

I well remember the day, two or three years ago, when an impressive deputation visited my old office in Battery Path. Brother James was there, accompanied by three distinguished old boys — Sir Albert Rodrigues, Dhun Ruttonjee and Mr. Li Fook Shu. They explained that St. Joseph's College had been trying for many years to establish a primary school near the College

in Kennedy Road and how with the passage of time the difficulties had increased rather than grown less. They made it clear that they wanted to get ahead with the project and invited my help and cooperation to solve their problems. As soon as the decision was taken to abandon the difficult and crowded Kennedy Road area in favour of a site in this district, which is short of good primary places, the progress, as you can see, has been rapid."



Soon, it was Brother James' turn and he made many telling points:

"Any one of the three functions listed on your programme is important enough to call for a celebration on its own merits — the Official Opening of a new school — the Official Opening of a new school hall — or the Annual Dinner of the Old Boys. Putting them altogether makes today a truly great one in the history of the Christian Brothers in Hong Kong.

The presence this evening of our beloved Bishop come to invoke God's blessing on our school is something we prize very highly. Bishop Lawrence Bianchi has with quiet, persistent efficiency built up in the Hong Kong Diocese a system of schools, hospitals and welfare institutions that would be the proud boast of any organisation that makes 'Service to Others' its motto. I am sure His Lordship is pleased to be present for the Official Opening of still another school and I can assure you, My Lord, that we in St. Joseph's appreciate your active and sympathetic interest in the Brothers' Schools in Hong Kong, and that in turn we tender you our continued loyalty and co-operation — a loyalty that has been the hallmark of our schools ever since we were invited to the diocese by one of your illustrious predecessors, Bishop Raimondi, nearly 94 years ago.

We welcome too, the Hon. W. D. Gregg, Director of Education, and the many Education Officers who have so graciously consented to be with us this evening.

We, Brothers, are schoolmen by our very vocation and this brings us into close contact with the educational authorities. It is so here in Hong Kong, and tonight I would like to express both to the Hong Kong Government and to the Education Department our appreciation of their benevolent and practical co-operation and of their liberal support of our academic projects since the far off day when Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy made the Grant-in-Aid scheme available to us until tonight when we meet to declare open this magnificent Primary School, to which Government has so generously contributed and to which Mr. Gregg and the Officers of the Education Department have given such very practical advice and sympathetic understanding.



I welcome in a particular manner Mr. Li Fook Shu. It is not my intention here to recount the unique historical connection the Li Family has had with St. Joseph's. The record of their magnanimity is around us here and in Kennedy Road, and the very Hall which Mr. Li will declare open in a few minutes is a fitting monument to the unique loyalty and to the personal generosity of Mr. Li Fook Shu himself and of all the members of the Li Family.

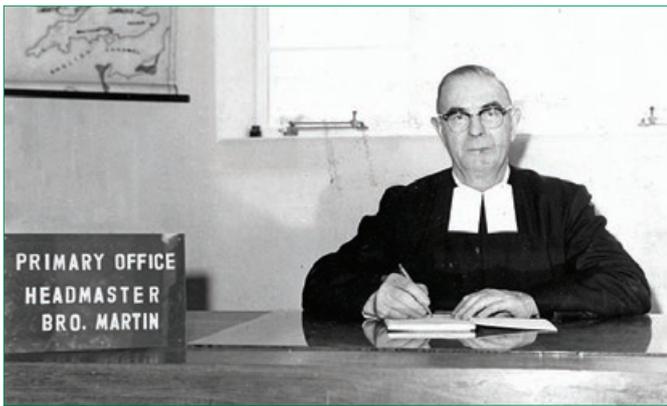
We welcome and thank our many Old Boys and benefactors who are here tonight, giving us yet another proof of their loyalty to the school and of their interest in our work. We thank Mr. Jackson Wong and Mr. Edward Ho of Wong Ng Ouyang & Associates — our Architects, and Mr. Chiu See Duen

of the Technic Investment & Construction Co., our Contractor. Their work is all around us and I am sure you will agree that they have constructed a very fine building indeed. For the remarkable achievements of the Primary School we are indebted to the Headmaster, Brother Martin and to a very efficient and devoted staff all of whom have the very best interests of their pupils at heart. For in the last analysis, it is the child that matters.

It is not the walls or the well-appointed rooms that make the school, it is the life within ... the vital realisation of the dignity of the human person as a creature of God. We have never been concerned with the nationality, race or creed of those who come to us for admission and that spirit of toleration among so many boys of different races and creeds, of varying standards of intellectual acumen, of different degrees of social standing has always been the hallmark of our schools. This, I believe, is one of the reasons why so many of our Old Boys nurtured in what I term, a miniature united nations, have become a force of good working jointly or severally for the welfare of Hong Kong. If proof were needed, we have among the many Old Boys here tonight, three whom Her Majesty the Queen has recently honoured. They are Col. H.A. de Barros Botelho, Mr. Li Fook Wo and Mr. Eric Pereira.

I congratulate them and I know that the Brothers and the Lay Staff will feel adequately rewarded if those who graduate from this school and from our other schools are likewise public spirited men who do not forget or ignore the kingdom of the spirit. If in addition to the academic standards so rigidly required in our day our graduates dedicate themselves to the service of their fellowmen and so serve their God, we will feel that our school has maintained its best traditions and that it has served its public well."

In the meantime, the school had been in operation for a few months under the watchful eye and care of Brother Martin Kelleher. Exuberant, full of zest and energy, busy as a bee, a flair for organizing, a fund-raising wizard, a hearty laugh, quaint idioms, generous to a fault- such are some of the images of Brother Martin which flash through the mind.

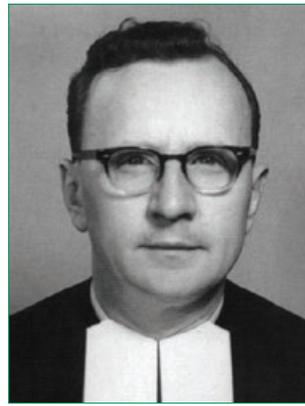


This new primary school became Brother Martin's pride and joy. Within a short period of time it had established itself as one of the leading schools in Hong Kong, much sought after by the parents. If a parent heard one of Brother Martin's quaint idioms such as, "he's a nice little laden," the parent then knew the boy was safe or well on the way to school admission. It was also noted that Brother Martin had the knack of attracting good teachers. No wonder St. Joseph's Primary thrived.

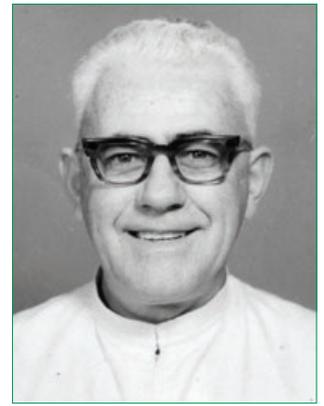
A teacher at the time had been observing Brother Martin and had this to say:

"We respected Brother Martin for his achievements in pursuing the ideals of education; yet we loved him more for the care he showed us, and for the heart-warming affection he had for the pupils. Never did he miss a chance to meet the pupils in the yard during recess time, where he shook hands with them, said 'Hello' to them, and sometimes when he felt like pleasing them a bit more, he handed out sweets to them. He acted like a kind father to them, who was always welcomed and loved. Many a time when he did not want to move about and did some reading in his own room, groups of small visitors in twos or threes would knock at his door and go to him for a friendly chat or merely for a shake of hands, after which they would disappear as quickly as they came in."

Age eventually caught up and Brother Martin had to retire in 1969 but remained on in the Primary as "Maintenance Manager". This included supervision of the school premises and facilities, supervision of the janitorial staff, running the bookstore and ordering book supplies. St. Joseph's Primary School was in his blood.



Brother Alphonsus



Brother Lawrence

Brothers Alphonsus Breen and Lawrence Kelly spent a few years at the helm before Brother Gilbert Perrier came along. Running the school became his labour of love until his death. Under his enlightened leadership St. Joseph's became one of the leading and most sought after schools in Hong Kong. Brother Gilbert's avuncular style suited staff, students and parents. His encouragement of all-round education was particularly welcomed by parents and the school produced many who were to become notable personages.

One who knew Brother Gilbert well paid this tribute:

"To the teachers, his pupils, his friends, and all who knew him in one way or another, he was a remarkable man and Brother. Few could equal him in his absolute devotedness to the education of the young. I had been working all along with him in his years in the primary school, and all the while I was deeply impressed by his genuine love for children, his constant striving for improvement, his wisdom, his kindness, and his humility. What else could we expect from an educationalist?"



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After Brother Gilbert's untimely death in 1976, the school has been led by a succession of capable and devoted lay Principals together with their staffs. Over the years particular strengths began to emerge. Besides excellent academic results, the school became well known for its high standard of English, its footballing prowess and its fine scout troop.

An interesting development took place in 1974 when the top floor of the school was converted into a Kindergarten. Brother Alphonsus Breen was the driving force and became the school's Supervisor. The Kindergarten also became, in practice, a feeder for the Primary school, a ready-made source of good students. With the arrival of whole-day Primary



schooling, the Kindergarten had, unfortunately, to close in 2012.

But St. Joseph's Primary School continues to flourish. ■



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A Lasallian Mission in a Forgotten Land

The Story of the First Foundation of De La Salle Brothers in China 1936-1948

Part 2

Introduction:

The first three pioneer Brothers arrived in Moukden (Shenyang) on the 16th of October 1936 and started the first Lasallian Mission in Manchuria, northeastern part of China. They soon settled down and began their work in a seminary run by French priests in Shenyang. They were contended with their students and worked well with the MEP priests. However, it was only a few months later that the political situation turned bad. On the 7th of July 1937, the 'Beijing Incident' took place. It was just a minor clash near Beijing between Chinese and Japanese troops but it soon led to full scale war. By December Beijing and Shanghai were among cities taken by the advancing Japanese forces.



Communication with the outside world became difficult. However, the Brother Director, Brother Marie Liguori, was still trying his best to report to his Superior and suggesting plans for future development.

Letter from Brother Marie-Liguori to Brother Assistant Romuald Hosea

31st July 1937

Dear Brother Assistant,

How delightful for us all to hear from you. Your letter arrived 19th April last. Having read it we can only conclude that our letters are going astray. We have written to you several times, and I recall quite a long letter sent in February. From what I can gather our letters go through Siberia and while we cannot be sure of this, it is widely rumoured that the service is not reliable, especially if we use the new stamps.

So we just could not follow you when in your last letter you wrote, 'As I have already written to you, be very discreet, you and your two companions when dealing with the Priests ... etc'. This letter never reached us. We are most grateful for the advice, even though I believe none of us has failed in this respect. In fact when we first arrived and had a glance around we already came to the same conclusion. Each sees to himself here, that is the priests and the Brothers, each

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working in their own domain. I have already written at some length on this matter to Brother Visitor. Consequently relations with the clergy and with Monsignor Blois are more than satisfactory.

The health of my two companions, Brothers Leopold and Barthelemy, is relatively good. Brother Leopold is beginning to show his age (54); on a daily average he manages only two hours in class. Brother Barthelemy is not strong. He had a bad attack of 'flu' last February, and has recovered. I am keeping well myself. Our meals are substantial, and I try to provide the Brothers with whatever they require.

Everything is going well in the community, charity and regularity predominate.

In class our students are a source of much consolation. These young seminarians are intelligent, hardworking and pious, very close to God. The Father Superior spares no effort in encouraging them to grow in the spiritual life, with very consoling results.

As for their studies, they pursue the classics, except that Greek is replaced by Japanese, which is now obligatory in all elementary schools in Manchoukuo. Apart from Latin, Chinese and Japanese, all subjects are taught in French. It goes without saying that we are on excellent terms with His Excellency Mgr. Blois and Father Sage, superior of the seminary. They never conceal their appreciation and praise for the work we have done thus far. We also attend to recreation, which is managed by Brother Barthelemy. He has introduced new games which the seminarians like very much. In the course of the year we have made occasional suggestions for improving conditions and facilities and Father Sage has responded most readily to these.

We have received from the Paris Procure materials for retreat reflection and the 'Brother Director's guide for Retreat'. I heartily thank you. As for the circulars of Brother Superior, I think we have nearly all of them. In August I plan to write to the Procure for any missing copies. Yes, we warmly appreciate these latest materials and are deeply grateful that you remember us. And do keep us informed of any new spiritual books as they appear; we are very far away.

As for our material situation, there is little to complain about. We have all that is necessary and convenient. The MEP Priests and His Excellency treat us very well; they gladly supply whatever we need in terms of necessary repairs and improvements. We are only too happy to accept whatever sacrifices come our way.

The climate of Manchourie is extreme, very cold in winter and exceedingly hot in summer. For two weeks in July the thermometer ranged between 800 to 980 degrees in the shade. The nights are particularly exhausting.

Right now the situation in North China is quite tense. We just do not know the exact situation as censorship is extremely tight. Everything seems normal in Manchoukuo. The cost of living is noticeably rising because lots of supplies are being requisitioned by the Japanese army. It is just impossible to predict the outcome of all this. However I feel our Superiors, our Brothers in Canada or our parents need not have any grounds for anxiety on our account.



Brother Marie Liguori

I would like to say a few words about our financial situation. Each month each Brother receives 30 yuan. In accordance with the terms of our contract the Mission pays for travel, the cook's salary, heating, electricity, water ... Up to now we have spent very much more than 90 yuan each month. Since coming here in November 1936 the cost of living has just kept rising. Financially speaking, Manchuokuo depends entirely on Japan which has an unfavourable trade balance, imports greatly exceed exports. Japan makes sure that the yen does not devalue even while the national budget keeps getting bigger, with the result that daily necessities keep rising in cost. Add to that the Beijing incident.



I feel it will be difficult to achieve both objectives. Up till now, thanks to donations from the Brothers of Montreal and Quebec Districts and to the generosity of kind benefactors, the community has managed fairly well. These benefactors have no formal agreement to continue helping us every year. I am giving you a sense of our situation; it is not really alarming; I feel next year our expenses will be less, this year we had to purchase several things: books, vestments and vestry — which should last for many years.

Allow me again to bring up the subject of reinforcements. We realize only too well that the district of Montreal cannot help us this year. But how about the District of Quebec? Could they not send us at least one Latin teacher? And Japan? How delighted we would be to have either Brother Andre or Brother Daniel. Either of them could give wonderful service here, there is no end of tasks they could perform. And perhaps we could then spare a little more time for the study of Chinese. The community of Moukden is just three members, a community where there is never a shortage of work. In Japan they have a community of four. I don't say this to slight the Sendai community, not at all. They complain of a lack of work. Once more with open arms we appeal to you — perhaps by October or November, the time of year doesn't matter.

In short we greatly desire to have two more Brothers this year, one of whom at least should know Latin. If you can kindly agree to our request, you will give great joy to this little community of Moukden and earn deepest gratitude.

His Excellency Mgr. Blois would like very much if we could open a language school in the Japanese settlement. Already he has purchased two excellent buildings situated quite close to the church and near the Japanese school run by Sisters of Saint Maur (IJ Sisters). I dare not dwell on this subject; I feel the time is not right just now. Conditions however are most favourable. If you would like me to respond to this matter, please let me know. Considering that we lack the personnel I have thought it pointless for the time being to make a formal presentation of the case to our Superiors. Besides it is important for us to stabilize our situation here in the junior seminary before venturing into other projects in Moukden.

The study of Chinese is a question of prime importance. We have been studying the language enthusiastically for a whole year. The results, in my humble view, are

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encouraging; however, I am not altogether satisfied. We need much more practice — all our students speak French! In September I am going to organize more practical courses which will give more focus on conversation. Japanese is daily becoming more and more necessary as well. Here Japan plays a role similar to that of England in the Far East, a key player in the commercial life of Asia. I would like very much for Brother Barthelemy to study this language; he is young and it can be so much easier at his age. Perhaps he will make a start in the course of 1938.

We are very distant from our two administrative centres, Rome and Montreal. What are we to do when difficult situations suddenly arise? Thanks be to God we have managed to weather such situations already over the past five years. It is a matter for further consideration. Your humble inferior never realized the challenges he would have to face with his limited resources. If only one of our community could go on transfer ... Perhaps when funds permit I can make the necessary arrangements without recourse to Brother Visitor?

Brother Leopold and Barthelemy send their regards.
The community wishes to thank you for your prayers.
Your very humble and devoted inferior,
Brother Marie-Liguori



Brother Romuald (front row, second right)

Postscript: Brother Romuald Hosea paid a visit to Moukden in 1938. He was probably asked about sending more Brothers by Brother Liguori. In 1939, Brother Liguori suggested a plan for development and that a new community was to open in Kirin, 350 km from Moukden. Then, on the 19th of October, 1940, Brother Marie-Marcel, Brother Marie-Mederic, Brother Jules, Brother Odilo, Brother Guy and Brother Hippolyte arrived in China. ■

Family Updates

The Masters



Only in recent times has the existence of the 'Masters Athletic Meet' come to the attention of some of us. It is intended for the older generations, with various categories from age 35 and over. Under the gentle persuasion of the old boys of La Salle College, three Brothers agreed to put their best feet forward. Brothers Dodo and Steve tackled the 5000m race while Brother Patrick tried the 3000m walk. The event was held at Wanchai Stadium on the 3rd of October, with typhoon signal number 3 hoisted. The rain held off until mid-afternoon. A good time was had by all and some of the vintage athletes performed admirably.



Leadership Camp



The annual Christian Brothers Schools Leadership Camp Opening Ceremony was held on the 3rd of October. The Camp itself was held on the 10th and 11th of October on Cheung Chau Island. The aim of the Camp is to train student leaders in the Lasallian Family so that they will contribute to its well-being as well as to society in general. Students from our five Lasallian secondary schools took part in the Camp which is well supported by our school Principals. Our Lasallian Volunteers, chaired by Linus Chan, have done a good job in organizing the event.

La Salle College Speech Day and Academic Prize-Giving

The Annual Speech Day and Academic Prize-Giving for the 2014–15 academic year was held on Friday the 16th of October, 2015. The College was honoured to have Professor Tony Chan, President and Vice Chancellor of the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology as the Guest of Honour. His sociable personality makes him very popular with his students. The academic results and the International and Inter-School Competition results for 2014–15 were extraordinary and the College was able to congratulate and celebrate the year's achievements with the large number of alumni, parents and friends who attended the ceremony. Professor Chan spoke about three significant experiences he had as a student that encouraged him to work hard, pursue his interests, and use every opportunity provided. Brother Steve spoke of the need to 'learn to lead' and stressed that success ultimately is being the best YOU that you can be.



Another Speech Day



The La Salle Primary School Speech Day is a major highlight of the year and never disappoints. The array of prizes and trophies presented is amazing in both quantity and quality. This year the Guest of Honour was Mr. Nelson Lee, accompanied by his wife, Ellen. Nelson has been very supportive all through the years and has contributed much to the Scout movement. He reminded the students that success in life comes from hard work, commitment and perseverance. He illustrated this by drawing on the lives of two well-known local personalities, one an old boy and the other from another school. Judging by the fare on offer, Principal, Miss Betty Ho and her staff deserve much credit for the good results of the school all round.

Hong Kong APLEC

The Hong Kong Asia Pacific Lasallian Educators' Congress members are an active group. They consist of those who are involved in some forms of Lasallian formation. Some of them are 'old hands' while others are just starting on the journey. Their most recent plenary meeting of the group was held on the 24th of October 2015. Among other things, members evaluated the recently held New Teachers' Induction Day, discussed our participation in future APLECs and came to decisions relating to the visit of Brother Superior General and Councillor.



Caritas Bazaars

Caritas is the official social service agency of the Catholic Church in Hong Kong and was established in the 1950's for charitable purposes. It aims to serve the neediest in society as well as fostering self-help projects. Every year, as part of its fund-raising efforts, various bazaars are held across the territory. By tradition, students of St. Joseph's College, La Salle College and Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) College and Chong Gene Hang College set up their own booths and the proceeds are donated to Caritas. This year the bazaars have been held in glorious sunshine and drew large crowds.



Teachers' Induction Day



About every three years an induction programme is held for teachers who have recently joined our Lasallian schools. This year the programme was held in the spacious hall of La Salle College on the 10th of October with about 80 teachers and teacher assistants participating. Also on hand to lend support were the Principals of our schools as well as Lasallian Educational Council members.

The organizing committee, ably led by chairman Brother Thomas Lavin, consisted of the 16 Vice-Principals of our eight schools. The committee made a right good job of the event. The first part of the morning was taken up with input mainly from Brothers Jeffrey Chan and Thomas. There was also a segment for the introduction of the work of our Young Lasallians. After refreshment there was group sharing followed by group feed-back. The group feed-back was both inspiring and interesting. The programme was rounded off with a photograph session. Lunch was then served and participants departed nourished in heart, mind and body.

LEC Meeting

The Hong Kong Lasallian Education Council (LEC) held one of its plenary meetings on Saturday the 21st of November and, as usual, had a full agenda to address. Three new members were welcomed in the persons of Mr. Peter Choy, Mr. Thomas Wong, and Mr. Larry Leung. After the opening prayer there was a presentation of the highlights



of the first school term which served as a good review and evaluation forum. Nikki Chan, our Lasallian Family Coordinator, gave a presentation on her work, especially those dedicated to our Lasallian Youth. Members also discussed applications to our Mission Fund and the imminent visit of our Superior General in December 2015.

Hong Kong Lasallian Peace Days

As part of the promotion of our International Lasallian Peace Days 2015, the Hong Kong Lasallian Family organized a photo reflection for secondary school pupils concerning Peace and a colouring competition for our primary students. We present some of their efforts.

In praise of a simple but peaceful life

by Lau Hiu Ting

*I felt comfortable and refreshed when I reached the top of Butterfly Hill,
watching the mountain range stretching in front of me*

And then I suddenly began to think.

What is the real meaning of peace to ordinary people like us?

I think perhaps peace may mean:

*No more fear that you may be killed in the middle of the night
by soldiers breaking into your house, carrying weapons of destruction.*

No more fear that you are eating your last meal today.

*No more fear that you may soon turn to ashes
when your house is destroyed by rockets.*

*No more fear that you need to dash to find shelter,
like a threatened little mouse,*

and to wait praying for the bombardment to be over.

*History has taught us the terrors of war so that we learn the true
meaning of Peace*

*We should treasure the chance of being able to climb a mountain,
to meet and have a drink with our friends and relatives.*



Peace

by Liu Ka Wing, Kary

All people prefer a peaceful life.

Have you ever thought that when you are going to school as a daily routine, there are children, at your age, who have to carry a heavy burden that they should not have to bear.

Because of war, they may have lost their family, they may have lost a stable way of living, they may have lost the chance of education.

We have been told that we should be concerned about all that is happening in our world

so, besides study and homework, you should also care about the big and small things around you.

Your present life may be very busy or very simple;

do not use this as an excuse to overlook all the good things around you.



Children are the best Peace Maker

by Yip Lai Chu Ada

When we are growing up, most of us experience many bad situations. We learn how to judge or misjudge people, how to challenge others, how to be mean, self-centered and we get mad easily. We forget we should keep a pure heart, we forget that the best gift for others is our smile, we forget we can earn more when we share our joy and happiness with others. I am sure our children didn't know how to humiliate or discriminate against others when they were young unless they saw it and learned it from us — the adults. Please keep an eye on yourself. Be a good model for our future generation.

This is what education is all about.



Primary School Colouring Competition



P.1-2 Champion: Alvin Mak SJPS



1st Runner-up: Theodore Tsui LSP



P.3-4 Champion: Bedivere Chiu SJPS



1st Runner-up: Young Yat Hei LSP



P.5-6 Champion: Dickson Lo CSKP



1st Runner-up: Yu Pak Sing LSP

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Celebrations

140th Anniversary

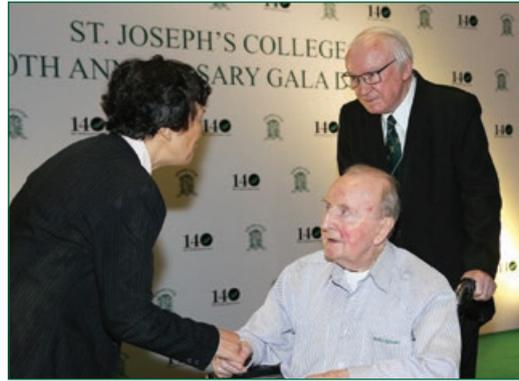
St. Joseph's College

GALA DINNER

St. Joseph's College is 140 years old. The school community, spearheaded by its Old Boys Association, were not about to let the occasion slip by. A Thanksgiving Mass had already been held earlier in the year. Now it was time for a gala dinner celebration. And what a celebration it was.

The largest convention hall in Hong Kong was booked and had to accommodate 168 tables and about 1,800 guests. The mighty celebration was held on the 14th of November, with the Honourable Sir David K. P. Li, Chairman of the school's Foundation, as Guest of Honour. School Supervisor, Brother Jeffrey Chan, led the prayer. Members of the Hong Kong Lasallian Education Council as well as past and present Principals and Supervisors





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of Lasallian schools were in attendance. In addition two special guests from Ireland, Fathers Edward Kavanagh and Ger Breen, were able to attend.

An Endowment Fund was also established on the occasion to sustain and improve the school's long-term competitiveness. Although very centrally located on Hong Kong Island, the College suffers from lack of space and must therefore ensure it possesses sufficient facilities to keep up with the changing times.

One of the highlights of the evening was a rousing rendition of the school song by a combined Primary and College choir. The 'sons of St. Joseph's' were in good voice.

The members of the Organising Committee, chaired by Mr. William Doo, JP, deserve great credit for attending to every detail. ■



Mr. William Doo



The Organising Committee

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GOLDEN YEARS

De La Salle Secondary School, N.T. is located close to the mainland China border. When it began its life 50 years ago, there was just a little village nearby and plenty of paddy fields and farmer's lands. Today, the school is gradually been surrounded by population growth spots, though the largest high-rises have not got too near yet.

Despite the encroaching urban sprawl, De La Salle has managed to keep its natural countryside environment intact over the last 50 years. The campus boasts mighty trees, fragrant flowers and shrubs and, rarest of all, green grass.

The Opening Ceremony for the school's 50th anniversary was held on the 15th of October 2015. A large number of guests showed up, including about forty Principals of schools in the New Territories. On top of that there were the school managers, the Principals and Supervisors of our Lasallian schools, representatives of our Lasallian Education Council and the Brothers.

The guests were treated to memorable speeches by the school Supervisor and the Principal and to entertainment by both staff and pupils. We don't often see a Principal and Vice Principal singing solo on stage! The Brothers presented a Papal Blessing to the school. Although the number of Catholics in the school is not high, it remains Lasallian to the core. Long live De La Salle Secondary School. ■





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