

The Gateway



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LASALLIAN EAST ASIA DISTRICT



Winter passes and spring is around the corner,
One in heart and hand, we welcome the New Year.
With Faith in God and Love for our neighbour,
We march on, embracing innovation,
exemplifying our school spirit.

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Welcome

Chinese New Year is fast approaching. The new year will be the Year of the Ox. Since the ox is a strong and dependable animal, we hope for a more stable year compared with the one just passing. If we can beat the virus, leave the pandemic in our wake, it will indeed be a bright new year.

Our District of LEAD lost its Dean recently, at the fine old age of 96. Brother Gregory Lim lived his life simply, cheerfully and faithfully. Since Br Gregory taught for a while in both La Salle Primary School and in St. Joseph's College, we feature him in this Gateway. May his kind and gentle soul rest in the eternal joys of Heaven.

The month of February sees the celebration of the Feast of Brother St. Benilde. The life of this 'ordinary' Brother who was gradually seen as 'extraordinary' is well worth reading. We were fortunate to have found some little-known stories about him from an old Lasallian Institute Bulletin. St. Benilde is surely the second patron of teachers and certainly of Headmasters!

You will not be surprised to see that the persons shown in our Updates are generally wearing masks. But I guess we are getting rather good at identifying despite the masks.

A Happy Chinese New Year of the Ox to all our readers!



Brother Gregory Lim **1924-2021**

Brother Gregory did not speak too much about himself. We were fortunate, therefore, when he recently agreed to give an interview for the Lasallian East Asia District. The interview gives us a lovely insight into his life, into his attitudes, into what made him tick.

“I feel indebted to the Lord for his goodness and tender love all these years of my life. The secret is trying to live in peace and harmony with my fellow men and myself. Be happy and contented with your life. It is also very important to pray for good health.

My family was made up of ten members—my father, my mother, four brothers and four sisters. We lived in the city in our early years. Later, we moved into our country bungalow at Highland Road in the Serangoon District. We lived happily in our new environment. As the years passed by, my sisters left home, one by one, to join the religious life. Two sisters joined the Canossian Sisters, one joined Les Petites Soeurs des Pauvre, the Little Sisters of the Poor.

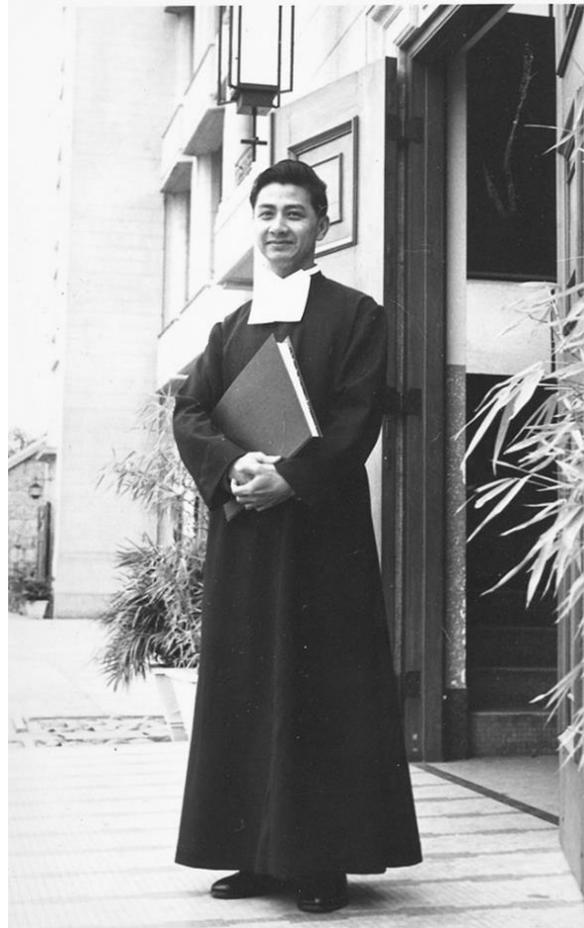
One day after the school annual retreat I heard the call of God to dedicate my life to Him in the religious life. It was about the final year of my secondary education. Anyway, I decided to offer myself to the good Lord. I wanted to be a De La Salle Brother.

When I was in school that morning, I steeled myself to visit the Brother Principal’s office. The Principal at that time was Rev. Br. Canice. I told him that I wanted to be a Brother. He must have been shocked to hear the good news! He told me that Mr. Balhachet, a former La Salle Brother, did not persevere. I was so surprised as Mr. Balhachet was my History teacher in St. Anthony’s Boys’ School.

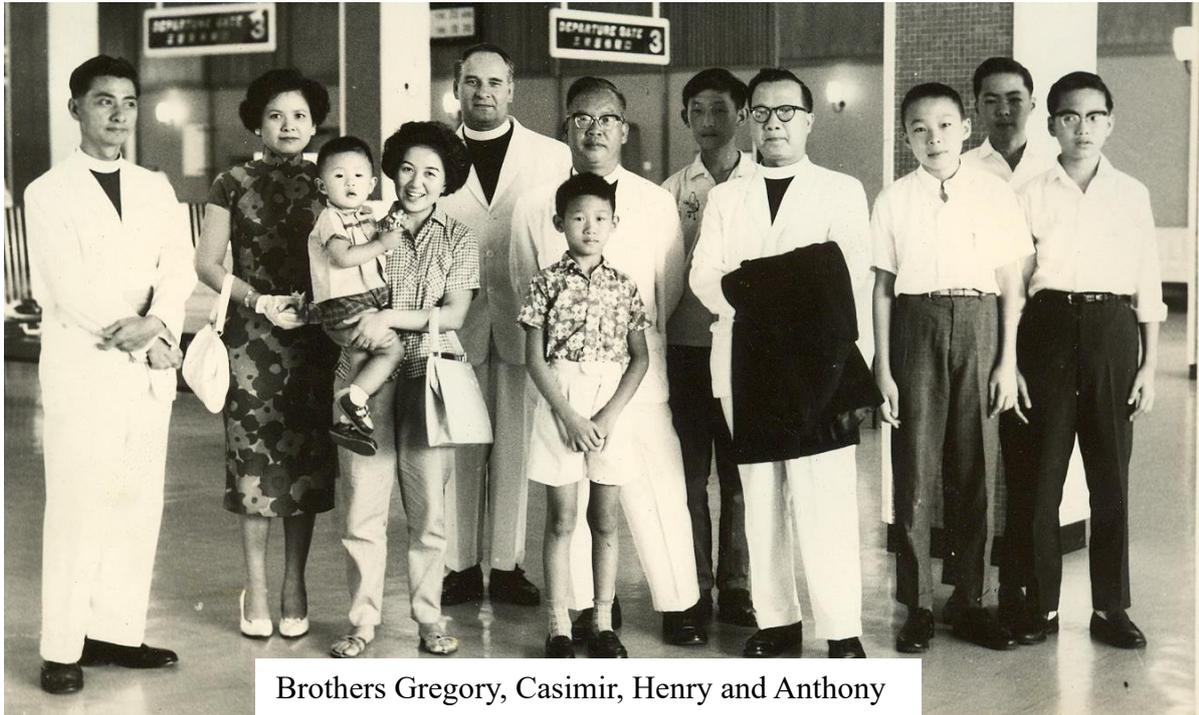
In any case, the Director did not hesitate to send me to the St. Joseph’s Training College at Pulau Tikus in the beautiful island of Penang. I managed to negotiate the juniorate, postulancy, novitiate and scholasticate successfully. Finally, I was a fully-fledged Brother ready for the educational mission.”

He considers his entrance to the Brothers as fortunate. He had joined at the age of 15 in 1940. A little over a year later, the world found itself in the middle of war, and Singapore was not spared from the death and destruction. Had he not been staying in Penang at the time, he still wonders if he would be here now telling his story.

After surviving the war, Br. Gregory’s first teaching assignments were largely in Malaysia and



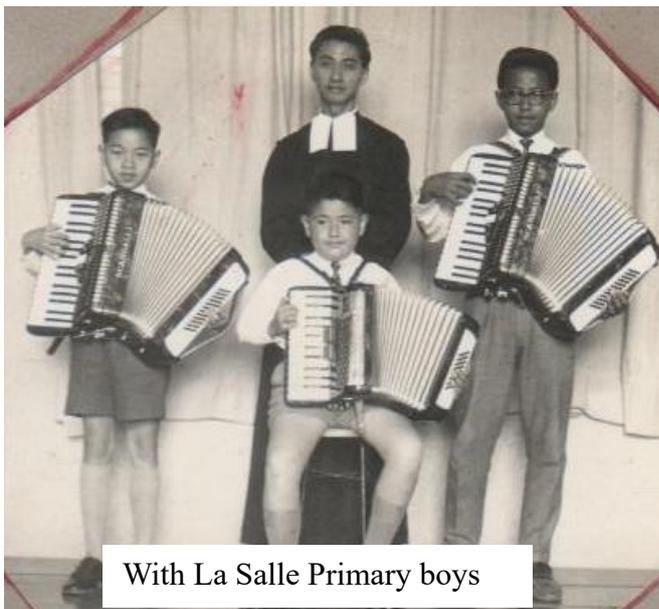
Singapore. He recalls: “In the course of time, I met many Brothers from different parts of Malaysia. They visited Penang during the school holidays or for the District Annual Retreat,”



Brothers Gregory, Casimir, Henry and Anthony

He found a particular soulmate in the kind and cheerful Br. Casimir, whose motto in life was “Be Happy,” a motto that he adopted for himself. He moved from school to school, obediently following his assignments.

He takes up the story again: “Next, I applied to teach in Hong Kong, as there was a vacancy in La Salle Primary School in Kowloon. I had an interesting life in the La Salle College community. Br. Henry Pang, Br. Anthony Cheung and myself were frequently invited out by friends and relatives of Br. Anthony. When the afternoon Headmaster of La Salle Primary School passed away, I was appointed to take his post. This assignment lasted for three years.”



With La Salle Primary boys

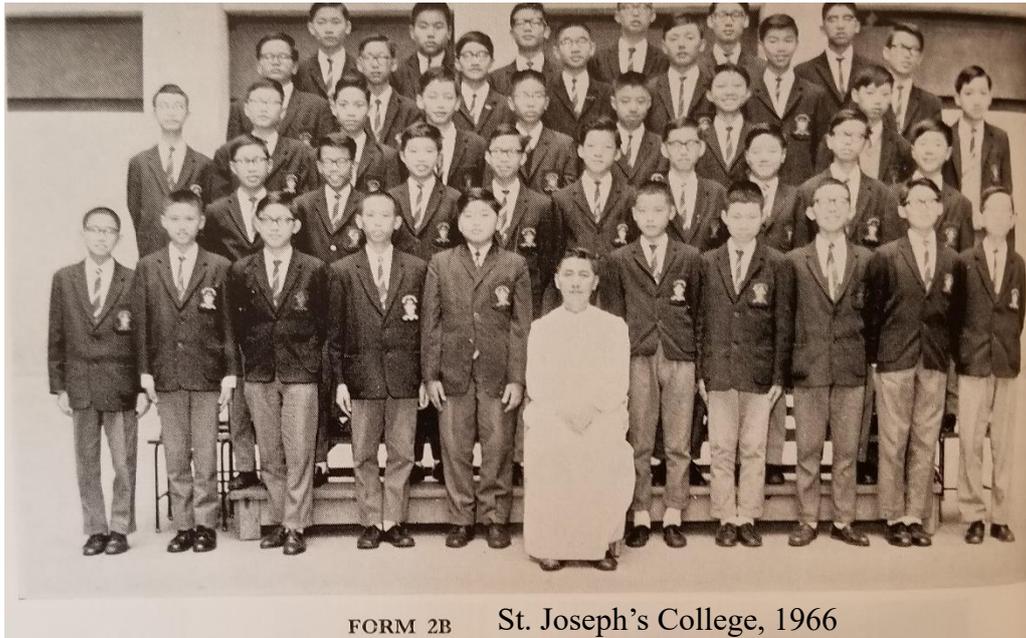
He had a liking for music and started a small accordion band, much appreciated by the students and parents.

Indeed, although Br Gregory kept a very low profile, Brothers Henry Pang and Anthony Cheung made sure he was taken out and about and in this way he made many friends. As Headmaster, the style was the man. He never raised his voice, greeted everyone politely and loved his students. He was one of the quietest headmasters one could meet.

In 1965, after a short break for further studies, he returned to Hong Kong this time being posted to St. Joseph’s

College. He was given quite a number of community assignments and taught lower Secondary classes where there were many foreign students. They were lively but Br Gregory knew how to handle them.

Br Patrick remembers those days. “I worked alongside Br Gregory in St Joseph’s College in the 60s and we were quite a contrast. Where I threw my weight around a bit and could be heard from afar, Br Gregory could hardly be seen or heard! He moved around the school so quietly you could be forgiven for not noticing. But there was one place where you would notice him, and that was in the chapel. Br Gregory never missed prayer time. That example spoke more than many words.”



Brother Gregory never forgot his time in Hong Kong and loved to visit whenever the opportunity arose. One such was the opening of the new school building and campus of La Salle Primary School in 2002. He got another opportunity when the Primary was celebrating its diamond jubilee in 2018.

“After working in Hong Kong for about ten years, I returned to Singapore where I taught many years until it was time for a change. I volunteered to teach English in Japan. I was accepted and I was sent to La Salle High School in Kagoshima. It is a prestigious school and I was there for only a year. I returned to Singapore where I continued to teach in St. Joseph’s Institution until I retired in 1984. I still continued to teach Ethics and Biblical Knowledge in St. Joseph’s Institution.

I am very happy that some of the students I taught in St. Joseph’s Institution, St. Patrick’s School and even St. Michael’s School are Brothers and priests in the various parishes in Singapore. Good example is the most effective way to foster vocations.

I am the oldest Brother in LEAD. I want to enjoy life to the full. Every day I spend some time in prayer. I love to say many rosaries every day without fail; I read spiritual books. I have a liking for Chinese, Taiwanese and Korean movies on TV. The stories are intriguing. I also like to play mahjong on the computer because it keeps my brain working. Time passes very fast. All the best, Brothers, and God bless.”

He spent most of his retirement years in the Brothers Community of St. Patrick's School, Singapore where he was well taken care of by Brothers Collin Wee and Nicholas Seet. He rarely had to seek medical attention or go to hospital.



Late in the year 2020, however, he had to be hospitalized, after which he was cared for by the Canossian Sisters at the St Joseph's Home. He passed away peacefully on 18 January 2021 at the age of 96. The wake and funeral service was held in the chapel of St. Patrick's School. Because of the Covid virus restrictions, only family members and Brothers attended.

When Br Gregory officially retired in 1984, the Br Visitor, Michael Jacques, delivered a short appreciation. It will serve as a fitting conclusion to the story of Br Gregory.

“On 3rd February 1984, Brother Gregory Lim retired from active service on the staff of St. Joseph's Institution, Singapore, after a teaching career of thirty-six years which began at St. Xavier's Institution, Penang, in 1948. Brother Gregory thus enjoys the distinction of beginning and ending his teaching career in our two oldest establishments.

Brother Gregory belongs to the tribe of honest to goodness Brothers who work quietly and dutifully year in and year out, without éclat, without noise or acclamation, fulfilling his mission with humble fidelity and constant dedication, and his unobtrusive retirement is typical of his simple and humble character. We think, however, that this event should be underlined by the profound gratitude of the whole District and of schools and communities in which he served so well. Men of his kind of humble, quiet and responsible dedication are the backbone of our mission to the young, and we would like to take this opportunity to offer to him our expressions of gratitude for what he has accomplished and for what he has stood for.

We wish you, Brother Gregory, God's continued and abundant blessings and a restful yet fruitful and active retirement in Singapore where there is till so much to do for those who have the experience and the know-how to lead our Catholic youth to mature in Christian ideals and religious living and to take their proper place in the many forms of service for the Local Church as priests, religious, and lay-apostles. God grant you enduring good health, peace and happiness of mind and heart, and success in your undertakings.”



It is with sadness yet with great faith in the Resurrection that the De La Salle Brothers of Singapore announce the passing of our dear Brother,

BR GREGORY LIM FSC
02 FEBRUARY 1924 – 18 JANUARY 2021

WAKE DETAILS: St Patrick's School Chapel

19 Jan (Tues) 1pm to 10pm

20 Jan (Wed) 10am to 10pm

FUNERAL: 21 Jan (Thu)

Details to be confirmed



Those who instruct others unto justice shall shine like stars for all eternity. Daniel 12:3

Postings of Brother Gregory

- 1944-1949 St Xavier's Branch School, Penang
- 1950-1954 St Xavier's Institution, Penang
- 1955-1960 St Michael's School, Singapore
- 1961-1963 La Salle Primary School, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- 1964-1965 La Salle Primary School (PM Headmaster), Kowloon, Hong Kong
- 1965-1966 DLSU Manila, studies
- 1967-1969 St Joseph's College, Hong Kong
- 1970-1971 St Joseph's Institution, Singapore
- 1972 La Salle High School, Kagoshima, Japan
- 1973-1980 St Patrick's School, Singapore
- 1981-1990 St Joseph's Institution, Singapore
- 1991-1992 Dunbar Walk Community
- 1993-1995 De La Salle Novitiate, PNG
- 1996-2021 Retirement, St Patrick's School, Singapore
- 18-1-2021 Death

Stories of Brother Benilde Part I

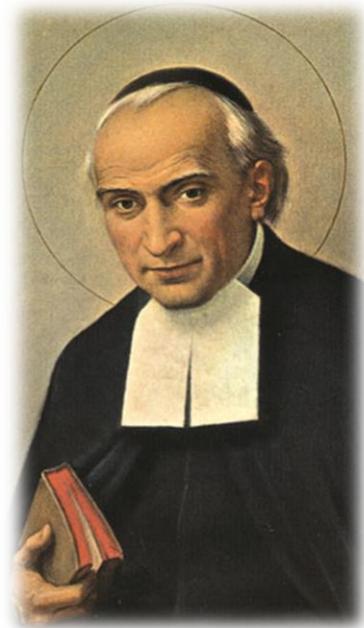
From Shepherd Boy to Schoolmaster

Long before he went to school, Pierre had been given reading lessons by his mother, so that when he did join the class of Monsieur Delais, the village schoolmaster, he was ahead of the other boys. In fact, he always came top of the class thanks to his intelligence and hard work.

In those cattle and sheep-rearing areas, children went to school during the winter months only, and as soon as the fine weather returned, off went the eight or nine-year-old youngsters, joyfully exchanging the narrow and dark classroom for the wide-open pastures, where their task was to look after the farm animals.

Pierre was no exception; he also took over the duties of a shepherd boy, looking after his father's sheep and cows.

Some of the other boys, it is true, were jealous of his good results in school, and just as boys will, they tried to take it out of him by teasing him and making fun of his small size. Others, however, seem to have been attracted by his piety and cleverness; and if their flocks were close to his, they would come and talk to him. What would you have seen then? You would have seen them gathered round Pierre, and he would be making them repeat their prayers and the catechism answers. There was, of course, nothing forbidding about these lessons in the open air, and how different they were from lessons in school!



At the same time, the animals had to be watched, and whenever one of the cows or sheep was naughty enough to wander into the next field, Pierre, like the other boys, used his own brand of language to set the dog in pursuit of the offending animal; but once that was done, he started on his lessons again.

Without knowing it, he was thus practising his future mission and showing a real knack for it. One day he would be a teacher in a Christian Brother's school, that is, a Shepherd of young boys.

Pierre had seen the Brothers once, walking along the street in a nearby town. The call to take care of youth began to grow in him. When he did eventually request to join the Brothers, they had reservations because he was so small, around five feet. They

probably thought that the pupils would laugh at him. How wrong they were!

I'd Rather Eat Potato Peelings!



Country activities of Brother Benilde' native village

At home, the place left vacant by Pierre's departure for the Brother's Novitiate seemed to grow bigger and bigger. His father was getting old, and found his work burdensome, so that sometimes he was heard to say, "if only Pierre were still here!"

His good wife used to reason with him: "You mustn't go back on the sacrifice you made to God," she said.

One day, however, the poor peasant could stand it no longer; so he took his stick and set out for Clermont to see his boy, thinking out on the way what he would say to him. Of course, he did not want to go against the will of God, but he did feel Pierre's absence.

At last, he arrived at the gate of the Novitiate, rang the bell and asked for Pierre Romancon. Pierre, now a novice, soon came along; he threw his arms round his father's neck and embraced him fondly. In a voice trembling with emotion, his father began reciting the little speech he had prepared on the way: "Pierre, don't you see that I am an old man? We feel so lonely without you. Your brother is going off to join the army and then your sister will be the only one left at home. Soon the work will be more than I can manage. I brought you up with so much care that it is wrong for you to stay so far away from us. So, I have come to fetch you; come along and don't leave us again!"

Pierre was dumbfounded, for the words went straight to his heart and hurt him for two different reasons. How could his father, who was such a good Catholic, dare to quarrel with God about him? And if he refused to go back home with him, what grief he would cause him!

Raising his heart to our Lord and Our Lady, he asked them for help; then he managed to calm down his father, whose emotion was due to grief.

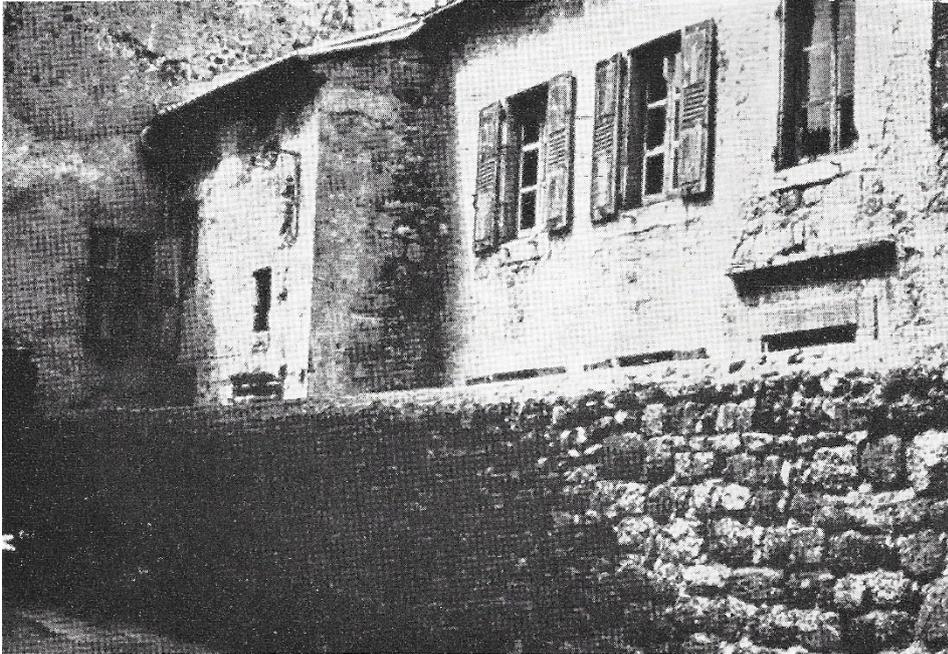
"Dear father," he said, "I share your grief and understand how lonely you will feel when my brother goes to join the army. If I listened to my own feelings, I should go back with you at once. But You know that God has called me. It is a big sacrifice for me and he wants you to share it with me. Both you and mother said 'Yes'. Please, please, do not go back on your word. Let me serve God and you may be sure that he will bless you for it. I shall always love you very much, in spite of our separation, and I shall pray for you as much as I can."

It did not take long for his father to be convinced. He knew his son.

Pierre, now called Brother Benilde, remained unwaveringly attached to his Congregation all his life. When on one occasion someone suggested that perhaps he might leave one day, his reply came quick and to the point: "I would rather live on potato peelings than be unfaithful to my vocation."

Soon the preparatory year of his religious life was finished. It was time to send him out on his first mission.

Arrival of the Brothers at Saugues



Brothers' school at Saugues

In keeping with the times, Br Benilde was sent to various Lasallian schools to teach and soon proved to be a natural teacher and headmaster.

Then, in mid-September, 1841, the rumour spread in the town of Saugues that the Brothers were arriving on the 21st; that there would be three of them and that they were coming from Clermont. The local authorities confirmed the news and it brought joy to all.

On the 21st, the crowd gathered near the entrance to the town to greet the new schoolmasters as if they were envoys sent from heaven. Suddenly, the cry went up, "Here they are!" The stagecoach came into view, traveling at a good speed. The Mayor, in his top hat, and all the municipal councillors dressed in their Sunday best, were there to perform the official ceremony of welcome. The stagecoach drew to a halt and the crowd strained to catch first sight of the newcomers.

Three Brothers stepped down, rather surprised at the solemn reception awaiting them. After the official speeches, everyone moved in procession to the house of the Parish Priest, amid much applause. Some of the crowd were heard to remark that it was the first time they had ever seen a Brother.

"Just look at the little man in the middle! Perhaps he is the Superior and he looks like a holy

man.” Some of the more cynical remarked that the Brothers had sent their weakest. The bigger boys, knowing they could no longer escape going to school, wondered whether the Brothers were strict or not.

The school was not quite ready and the Brothers stayed for a few days with the Parish Priest. When the new school building was ready in early 1942, the Brothers moved in. It was placed under the protection of St. Joseph. Br Benilde was to live there for twenty years.

The Day of the Whistles



Br Benilde was really fond of the boys and they were fond of him. When they saw him on the street, they would run up to him. Some would hold his cloak, hoping to receive a holy picture, or a smile or some token of affection.

He made his lessons attractive by means of comparisons and stories and the boys listened attentively. Through one of these, the younger boys learned that when Br Benilde was a boy of their own age he liked to make whistles. They thought he would be happy if they made whistles too. This they proceeded to do and the next morning when they were all lined up to enter the classrooms a deafening sound of whistles filled the whole playground and echoed throughout the town. The whistles were of every shape and size, and the notes they gave out covered the whole scale. The Brothers on duty wondered what it all meant, especially when the concert developed into a mad competition.

Then Br Benilde appeared in the playground. At once he realised what had happened, especially when he was shown some of the whistles. With a smile, he put the Brothers at

their ease, and then allowed the boys to blow to their hearts content for another minute or two. He then made a sign to stop the serenade. He collected some of the best whistles!

Afterwards, whenever the Brothers spoke about that day, they called it the ‘Day of the Whistles’. Br Benilde realised that the little fellows had only wanted to please him. But he drew a lesson for the Brothers. “How careful we must be,” he said, about what we say in front of the boys!”

A well-Earned Medal

The Primary School Inspectors gave high praise to the way the school at Saugues was conducted and also to the great qualities of the headmaster. As a result, Br Benilde was awarded

a 'prize'.

One day, the boys of the lowest class had just gone into school. The prayer was over and Br Benilde was ready to begin his Catechism lesson, when suddenly the door opened and in walked the Mayor, a graceful old man with white hair. He greeted Br Benilde and then turned to the boys. "I expect you are surprised to see me here," he said, "but you needn't be alarmed; I am only bringing you a piece of good news. You all like your teacher, don't you?"
"Oh, yes, sir."

"He makes you work hard and every year I am happy to present you with your prizes. Don't you think that your teacher deserves a prize too?"
Cries of "Yes! Yes!" rose from the classroom.

"Very well, then; today I have come to give him a Diploma and a Silver Medal on behalf of the Chancellor of the University of Clermont."

He pinned the medal on Br Benilde's robe to the cheers of the boys.
"Br Benilde," said the Mayor, "I perceive that your boys are happy that your work has been rewarded. If you allow me, I would like to give them a school holiday!"
"I agree wholeheartedly" said Br Benilde.

The answer was greeted with thunderous applause, which of course aroused the curiosity of the boys in the next classrooms. They soon found out the cause for the Mayor went round all the classes, presenting Br Benilde adorned with his medal and announcing a special holiday which was greeted everywhere with great applause. Br Benilde said he was deeply grateful for the honour but kept repeating "I've done no more than my duty." Perhaps the difference was that he had done his duty to perfection.



Family Update

Lasallian Education Council

The Hong Kong Lasallian Education Council met online on the 23rd January with full attendance. The meeting lasted about 3 hours. After the Opening Prayer the topics discussed included the Hong Kong Lasallian schools ongoing Viability and Vitality situation; the LEAD Lasallian Mission Council update; the Hong Kong Lasallian Mission Fund update; a review of the progress on the revamping of the Brothers property and country house adjacent to De La Salle Secondary School; the projected arrival of some new Brothers for Hong Kong and individual school updates. An important topic also was the raising of the issue of support for our staff and students in the new normal. The next meeting is scheduled for the 29th May.



Reduce Stress

At a recent Lasallian Education Council Meeting, the question of online teaching was discussed in some detail. One member had been tasked with doing some research on this topic. It turned out that rather high percentage of our teachers were experiencing stress particularly when it came to the question of using IT for online learning. As a follow up to this concern, a Principals meeting was held online on 2nd February 2021. The main purpose was to discuss how to share good online teaching practices among the staff of all our schools. The Principals saw the benefits and, to this end, a conversation will first be organised after Chinese New Year with IT teachers-in-charge in our schools. This may lead to a wider sharing of good practices among all our IT staff with the hope also of closer networking.





La Salle College Aerospace Laboratory

La Salle College attaches great importance to "whole-person education". Recently, the first school aviation laboratory in Hong Kong has been set up in the school to promote the "Aerospace" project and to cooperate with the school's STEM curriculum development concept. It has received support from many former students. Students can experience professional aviation training comparable to real driving and explore the scientific theory of aircraft operation.

The third runway of the Hong Kong International Airport is going to be fully operational in 2024 and so it is expected to offer more than 50,000 job opportunities in the aviation industry. La Salle College, in a first for Hong Kong schools, has taken a big step forward and set up an Aerospace Laboratory. This is very much in line with the development of STEM courses, perfectly blending science, technology, engineering and mathematics together, externalizing knowledge into practice, and encouraging students to learn by practice.



The Aerospace Laboratory is equipped with a full motion Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved advanced aviation training device, the FMX Redbird. These can provide a realistic training environment like 3-axis motion and wrap-around visual effect. It can simulate pitch, roll and yaw real-time movements of a plane when you control the flight yoke system. Since the flight instruments are almost identical to the real plane, learners can be well-prepared before getting into the real plane for the first time.



The Aerospace Laboratory also features six PC desktop flight simulators which provide ample opportunities for one-on-one pilot training with instructors.



All this sophisticated equipment lays a solid foundation for the implementation of the "Aerospace" programmes. La Salle College Aerospace Laboratory, together with the Hong Kong Aerospace Leaders Association, offers three tier courses to students: (1) introductory aviation course; (2) advanced aviation course; and (3) solo pilot training course.

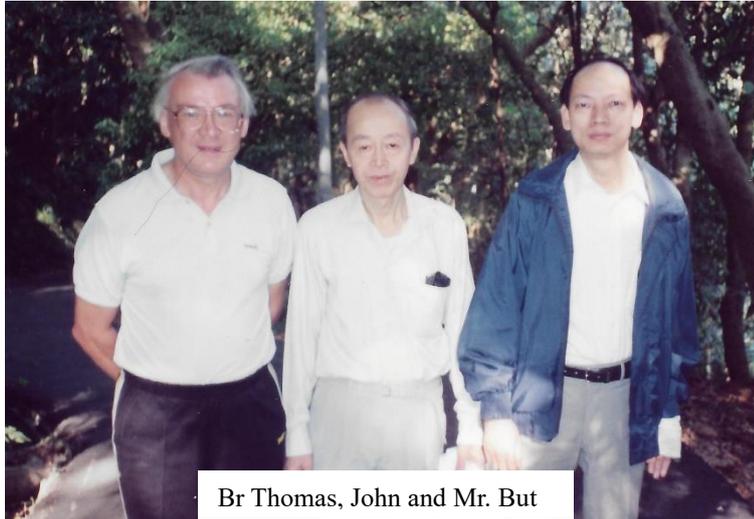


A number of old boys of the school are helping with the project which will get more off the ground once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

The School community is looking forward to the inauguration day – to lift off!

A Man Apart: John Chan Wai Yiu

In the not too distant past, Hong Kong was part of the District of Penang, comprising Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. The District had a long tradition of publishing newsletters. In 2011, the newsletter was entitled “Lasallian Updates” and that issue contained a lovely tribute by Br Thomas Favier to an old stalwart of the school, St. Joseph’s College. The man’s name was John Chan, a name familiar to generations of Josephians. Br Thomas wrote as follows:



In 1931, Brother Matthias Linehan became the Principal of St. Joseph’s College, Hong Kong, and remained until 1936. He was a gentle and saintly man and certainly the embodiment of all that is good in a La Salle Brother.

As Principal he used to walk the corridors of the school to ensure that good order was maintained. It is known that he more than once gently cautioned a particular Irish Brother against frightening the boys during class with his

somewhat excessively loud voice! One of these somewhat timid boys was John Chan Wai Yiu.

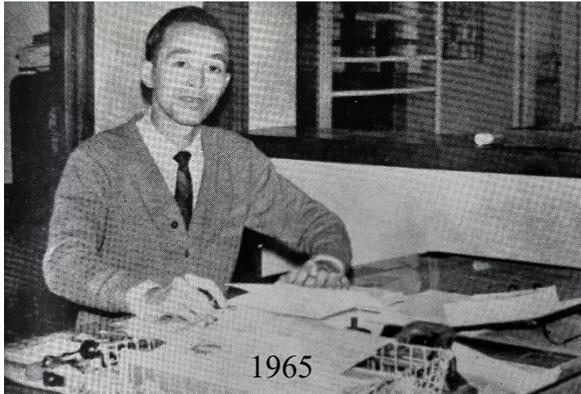
John continued his education in St. Joseph’s College under Brother Matthias’ successor (and fellow County man) Brother Stephen Buckley. Very soon came the upheavals caused by the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong when school was temporarily suspended. John Chan finished his schooling and approached the new Principal, Brother John Lynam, seeking a post as clerk in the school office.

Brother John to his eternal credit offered his namesake the post, and the rest is really the history of St. Joseph’s College.

When the school reopened after the war Mr. John Chan’s major task was to bring some order to the school documents and records. All such documents had been destroyed during the war. Working quietly and at his own pace he brought order back to the school office and in addition undertook many key jobs in the running of the school. Only after many years did we realize how much he really contributed. When he finally retired, we had to get 3 clerks to take his place!

Very often elderly Josephians came back to the school from overseas seeking a Hong Kong identity card. The school had to provide proof that they had studied here. With all pre-war records destroyed, these men were invariably sent to Mr. Chan. He sat them down in his office and asked them some searching questions: “Who was your Principal then? Who was your English teacher?” Finally, when he was convinced of their authenticity, he produced a pre-typed form, filled in relevant details and took it to the Principal to sign.

As well as his office duties Mr. Chan looked after the needs of the Community. He bought necessary items for the large number of Brothers, looked after the post, typed letters, served as



prudent ‘financial advisor’ and kept sensitive information to himself. In addition, he arranged bus and tram tickets for students, prepared and typed out transcripts and recommendation letters, handled repairs and emergencies, took care of the school janitors and assisted new Principals in settling to the Hong Kong way of doing things.

After Brother John Lynam came Brother Raphael Egan (1949-1958). Then Brother Brendan Dunne, Brother James Dooley,

Brother Alphonsus Breen, Brother Patrick Tierney and Brother Thomas Favier. One mischievous Brother asked Mr. Chan which of all the Principals he worked with was the best. Diplomatic to the end, he replied, “They were all very good”.

When it came to retirement age Mr. Chan approached the Principal with the suggestion that he should now retire as he had reached the age set by the Education Department. The suggestion was turned down and on hearing it he walked away silently but with a smile on his face. He continued ten or more years after. When the team of 12 school inspectors came to the school for a full inspection the Principal decided to act first and inform the head of the team that we had been breaching the Department Ordinance in Mr. Chan’s case. The understanding man said, “I saw nothing, I heard nothing, I’ve said nothing.” Later he secretly went to visit Mr. Chan. His verdict was: “what a lovely, sincere and gentle man he is!”

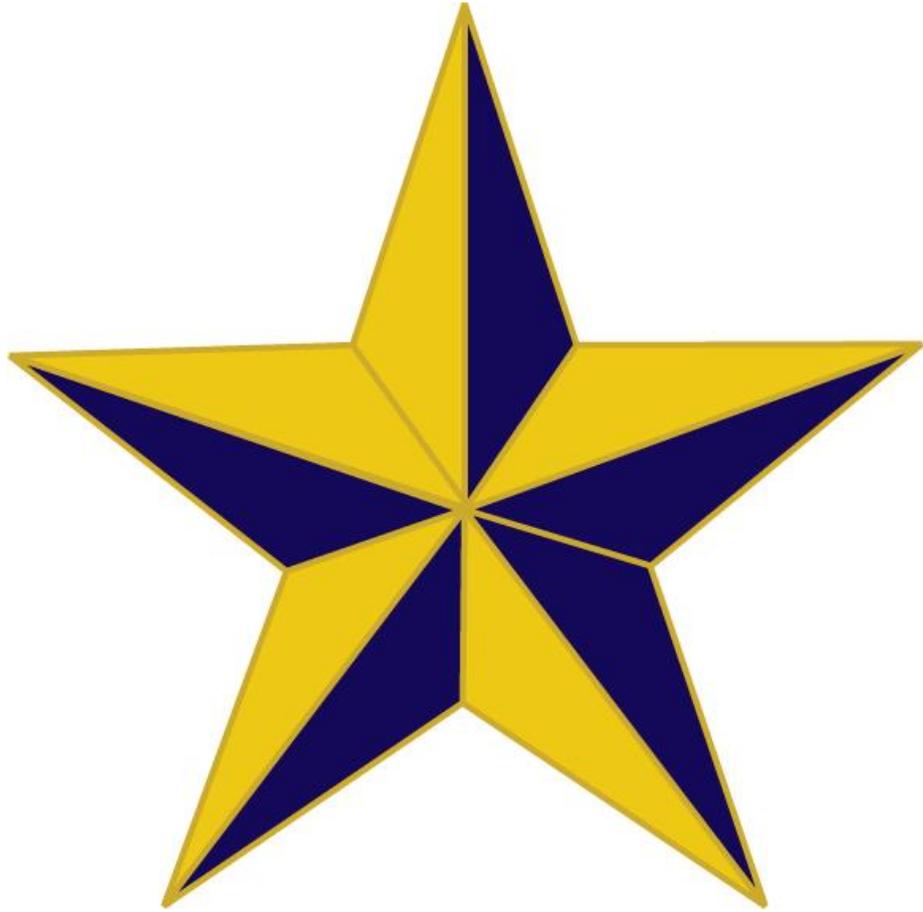
Finally, Mr. Chan did retire but only at his own timing in 2002, having served his Alma Mater for 56 years. This must be a record! On our visits to him during Chinese New Year we found him somewhat physically weak but mentally very alert. At his bedside is a medium-sized wooden statue of the Virgin Mary given to him as a wedding present by Brother Gilbert Perrier all those many years ago. Brother Alphonsus Breen Director always presented him with a generous red packet, which he cheerfully accepted.

Mr. Chan passed away peacefully on November 30th 2010. We attended his funeral and conveyed our sympathies to his wife and son Cyril.

Mr. John Chan won the love and esteem of many Josephians. He also won the confidence and trust of numerous Brothers and members of staff. He heard much and he knew much and it was the mark of the man that he would not pass it on.

Thank you, Mr. Chan! God will reward you!
Indeed “a lovely, sincere and gentle man!”





Great Things Are Possible



We are one, and we are many.....