

# GREEN AND WHITE

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## The Franciscan spirit lives on...

The Franciscan spirit of friendship shone out among a thousand and fifty pupils, teachers, La Salle Brothers, friends and supporters of St Francis' Institution at its 136th anniversary celebration and homecoming reunion dinner.

Held at the open-air quadrangle at the secondary school along Jalan Banda Hilir, old Franciscans came from all over the country, and from Singapore, Australia and New Zealand to attend the reunion.

They all called on the present generation of students to uphold the unique Lasallian philosophy and ethos. This was proven halfway through the dinner when all stood up to render a rousing rendition of the School Rally, led by Bro Michael Kum and members of the celebration's organising committee.

Bro Director Ambrose Loke said, "I am a proud 'product' of SFI. I am always pleased to see the overwhelming response and attendance from Franciscans, far and near, throughout the years, whenever such gatherings are organised. These events provide us, Franciscans, with a great opportunity to reminisce and to rekindle our friendship, which is the foundation of the Franciscan spirit and our identity in the great Lasallian family.



**Pic on the right:** Senior Franciscans, age 80 years and above, joined the La Salle Brothers with the cake cutting.

**Front Left - Right:** Michael Chin, Ong Eng Khiam, Kumara Das, Bro Matthew Liew, Cyril De Witt, Alfonso Gonzales and Sim Bin Teck.

**Back row Left - Right:** Simon Buenaventura (He is not 80 years! He is our EmCee for the night), Hilary D'Cruz, Bro Paul Ho, Bro Andrew Loke and Bro Thomas Lavin.

Bro Ambrose said, "The dedication, steadfastness and fidelity of the Lasallian ideals and the Franciscan spirit are second to none. This same inspiration and spirit must always continue to dominate the whole philosophy and work ethics of the school in general. Only then will SFI justify its continuance as being something more than just an ordinary school. All undertakings should be totally committed to the service of the country through education, formation and training of its citizens." - **By Percy D'Cruz.**

*More pictures on the next page...*

## WE ARE FRANCISCANS. AGIS QUOD AGIS



*The atmosphere on the School Quadrangle was very vibrant*



93 years old Alfonso Gonzales (Class '38) came all the way from Singapore with his family to join in the celebration.



Reunions are great, we meet our schoolmates, have a great time sharing all and sundry. Over the years, the "Class" gets smaller. We had one table at the 2014 Homecoming and I was very pleased that 25 schoolmates of the Class of '64 turned up for this year's Homecoming. Since 2014, we had lost two schoolmates who were very active in the St Francis' Association - Joseph Ng and Paul Lai. Rest in Peace, Joseph and Paul.

What a Grand Homecoming it was last night!



**Class '80:** "An awesome SFI Homecoming 2/4/2016 - 136th Anniversary Dinner! A very special occasion meeting up with old school classmates of 1980 ... many of us for the 1st time after 35 long years. What a night! What a night indeed!"



You can count on them. Franciscans Class '70 have always been very supportive of any Franciscan events.



One Loyal Franciscan! Despite his disability Franciscan Chandra Jogi (Class '80) made every effort to attend the Dinner to be with his former classmates. "The greatest gift of life is FRIENDSHIP".



"Friendship is not about whom you have known the longest, it's about who came and never left your side". Franciscans Class '65 came with their spouses.



"The warmth of a friend's presence brings joy to our hearts, sunlight to our souls and pleasure to our life". Thumbs Up! And Peace be with YOU! That's what seems to be in everybody's mind.



**We are the young ones!!!** It's our first Homecoming Dinner and we hope for many more dinners to come. We are ready to receive the 'baton' and continue to carry on the Tradition and Legacy of Franciscans!

## SFA Annual Dinner 2016

**January 2, 2016:** The SFA Annual Dinner has without fail attracted good attendance. This year's event was co-organised by Class '77.



The Organising Committee - The people behind the scene who made things happened.



Class '70 with their former teachers; Ong Eng Khiam, Bro David Liao and Sim Bin Teck.



Class '73 has been a strong supporter of SFA activities.

**Standing L to R:** Datuk Ong Kian Eng, Dr Moy Kok Wah, Daniel Wong Kuan Meng, Tan Cheng Chuan, Gary Lim, KL Chong, David Chiang Leong Chan, Lin Sze Pin, Yeow Boon Leong aka 'Badak' & Ferdinand Fernandez.

**Seated L to R:** Low Hock Kim, Ricky Gan, Jeremy Yeow, Seow Huey Yin, Thomas Lee, Jack Sim Chew, Gan Kim Heng & Dominic Peng.



Former teachers and their spouses. "Once A Franciscan Always A Franciscan".

**Seated L to R:** Mr & Mrs Wee Min Yong, Mr & Mrs Dhorai Raja, Mr & Mrs Francis Sim Kim Hai and Mr & Mrs Low Heng Soon.  
**Standing L to R:** Tan Ah Tiong and Yoong Yee Soon.

## Memories are made of this...

**April 2, 2016:** I arrived in school early for the SFI 136th Anniversary Dinner. I met my friends from Singapore; (from left) George Tan, Cyril De Witt and Michael Chin (on my left).



As we walked to the chapel for the "Thanksgiving Mass", I caught up with Bro Ambrose Loke and James Sia. However, George Tan went missing. I supposed he was also busy catching up with old friends. - *By Peter Ong.*

## Malacca F1 Group



**Left - Right:** Yoong Yee Soon, Choe Sim Chye in red, Bro Ambrose Loke, Ong Eng Khiam, Ignatius Lim, Mrs Choe, Dhorai Raja, furthest standing Lee Bun Chuan, retired Principal of SFI, Sim Bin Teck and Sim Beck Choo.

**Seated on right:** Lee Tick Seong. (Martin Wee came later and not in picture...)

## Singapore F1 Group welcomes Michael Seet

**June 8, 2016:** Singapore F1 met at their regular haunt at Toa Payoh, Lorong 1. They had great pleasure in introducing their latest member of their group. He is none other than Franciscan Michael Seet (Class '64).



**Seated Left - Right:** Michael Chin Siak Sin, Cyril De Witt, Michael Seet & Choe Sim Chye.

## UPSR Briefing

**Jan 21, 2016:** There will be a change in the format in the UPSR examination in 2016 and beyond.



**Above:** Daniel Tan Kwee Lim, SFI Primary Headmaster explaining to the parents about the new format while Ms Madelina Kuah, PTA Chairperson took down notes.

**Below:** Parents listening attentively to the briefing in the canteen.



## Catherine Tan retires ...

**April 1, 2016:** Mdm Catherine Tan Gek Neo, the SFI Primary Senior Assistant was given a send-off in a trishaw during her farewell ceremony. Madam Catherine served in SFI Primary from July 16, 2013 to April 1, 2016. The ceremony was also attended by PTA Chairperson Ms Madelina Kuah and SFA President, Mr Ong Eng Khiam.



Madam Catherine Tan was given a send-off in a trishaw.



To Teacher With Love: Madam Catherine Tan receiving farewell gifts from the students.



On this ground we shall build a new 4-storey building block for the use of future Franciscans...

**January 17, 2016:** Despite the slight morning drizzle (showers of blessings from heaven) Bro Ambrose Loke performed a ground-breaking ceremony with prayers and later with the traditional "changkul" to break the soil, assisted by Ong Eng Khiam, SFA President.



## Team Building For A Better Tomorrow

**April 9, 2016:** The SFI Primary Parents-Teachers Association sponsored a half day team-building event for teachers at Sparks Wood Adventure Park in Durian Tunggal, Melaka. The teachers participated in a host of team-building activities which ended with lunch at the park.



## Young Franciscans do the school proud

Zidane Hakimi Bin Mohamed Zaidi won the 3rd place in the 'Pertandingan Bercerita' for Bukit China Zone. Meanwhile, Ian George Taye Cheng Ean was the runner-up in the Melaka Tengah Schools' Public Speaking Competition. Pierce Emmanuel Kessler won the 3rd place in the Melaka Tengah Story Telling Competition.



Mr Daniel Tan (SFI Primary Headmaster) presenting the certificate to Pierce Emmanuel.



Ian George (in white uniform) with other winners of the competition.



Zidane with his teachers.

Franciscan Kabinash (Pic left in green t-shirt), representing SK St Francis, won 1st Prize for story telling in Tamil Language at the Melaka State Level Competition for the Primary School category held at Sek Keb Lesong Batu, Alor Gajah.



## SFI Chinese New Year Celebration

**February 5, 2016:** The Annual event was graced by the honourable Datuk Wira Chuah Ghee Lye (Melaka State Police Commissioner). The celebration kick-started with the kompong and lion dance performances which accompanied the guest of honour to the stage. Among the performances of the day were by the 24-season drum troupe, the Franciscan Military Band, Dragon Dance and Wu Shu. Apart from these, the audience was also entertained by the KAYAF 2015 dance troupe, Indian and Chinese Cultural performances and a magic show.



*Left to right: Bro Ambrose Loke, Mr Lee Chee Choon, (SFI Principal), Datuk Wira Chuah Ghee Lye, Mr Mak Chee Kin (PTA Chairman), Dato Laksamana Mohd Ali Fardon (Chairman, Board of Governors).*



*A bevy of beauties and young men presenting a Chinese Cultural performance.*



*A Melaka Chitty performance by the 2015 KAYAF dance troupe.*



*This is the first time a dragon dance performance was seen in the quadrangle.*



*The closing act was by the 24-season drum troupe.*

## SPM Results. Our boys did well!

The SPM results were announced on March 3, 2016 and SFI was the third top school in Melaka. 26 Franciscans obtained straight A's in their SPM and top of the list is our Head Boy, Seet Tzu Hwan and Aaron Yong Tse Wei who achieved straight A-plus. Congratulations, Franciscans!



*The SPM high achievers with Mr Lee Chee Choon and Mr Ramachandran.*

## Robotics Competition

The SFI Robotics Team clinched the 1st prize in the Robotic Competition organised by UTEM held on March 26 - 27, 2016. The team, led by their advisors Pn Noor Aini Abd Rahman and En Amin Siddiq bin Kamarunzaman, received certificates and RM150.00 cash.

In the Junior Robotics event, organised by SMK Tinggi Batu Pahat held on March 31, 2016, our team emerged runners-up. The team received a trophy and certificates.



*The Robotics Team with their teachers / advisors Pn Noor Aini and En Amin Siddiq and Mr Lee Chee Choon.*



*The Junior Robotics Team with their teachers /advisors and Mr Lee Chee Choon.*

## Choral Speaking team emerged third

**April 4, 2016:** SFI Choral Speaking Team clinched the third place in the state Choral Speaking Competition and was presented with a cheque of RM1,500 and certificates.



*Mr Lee Chee Choon (SFI Principal), Mr G Chandran A/L S Govindasamy, Ms Judy Fernandis and Ms Koh Poh Swee with the team members.*

## Liew Lim Hoe retires

**April 24, 2016:** Ms Liew Lim Hoe, a dedicated and much loved English teacher, clocked her last day in SFI on April 23, 2016. Liew served in SFI for 23 years from July 1, 1993 and taught English to the Upper Secondary and Form 6 students. "Best Wishes and Happy Retirement, Ms Liew! and hope to see you often during the F-Ones' gatherings."



*Bro Ambrose Loke presenting a plaque to Ms Liew with Mr Lee Chee Choon looking on.*



*Ms Liew flanked by her present and former Form 6 students.*



*Students wishing her farewell in the School Quadrangle.*

## La Salle Week

**April 12, 2016:** Bro Ambrose Loke launched the La Salle Week on April 12, 2016 during the school assembly. La Salle week is an annual affair where teachers and students are reminded of St John Baptist de La Salle's and the La Salle Brothers' mission and sacrifices. In keeping with the school's tradition, a play depicting the life of the founder, a series of talks and the Big Brother Programme were held in conjunction with this event.



*Above: Bro Ambrose Loke launching the La Salle Week with Mr Lee Chee Choon.*

*Below: Bro Michael Kum leading the singing of 'We Are Lasallians'.*



## Meeting of Lasallians

**June 26, 2016:** Members of Old Xaverians' Association, Penang, led by Podimhatia the Hon Secretary, included a visit to SFI in their itinerary during their recent tour to Historical Malacca. Bro Ambrose Loke, Ong Eng Khiam and some members of SFA were on hand to welcome their fellow Lasallians from the Pearl of the Orient. Later, Bro Ambrose gave them a briefing on the history of the school.



*Members of OXA and SFI in the School Chapel.*



*Exchange of mementoes.*

## SFI 77th Annual Sports Day

**May 5, 2016:** SFI held its 77th Annual Sports Day with James Sia (Class of '72) as the guest of honour on May 5, 2016. Since 'Superheroes' was the theme of the day, the march past was a lively event with many costumed characters from Stormtrooper to Superman leading the various classes around the field. After the oath taking ceremony led by the head prefect, Lee Chee Choon and James Sia gave their speeches extolling the students to live up to the school motto of 'Age Quod Agis' - 'Whatever you do, do it well'. This was followed by a performance by the Franciscan Military Band and the track events. The Sports Day ended at 6.00 pm and Edward House was the overall champion.



**From left to right:** Ms Sabrina Lee, Datin Ashiah Alkaff, Ramachandran, Ong Eng Khiam, Lee Chee Choon, James Sia, Bro Ambrose Loke, Mdm Madelina Kuah, Mdm Maya and Mdm Shamnee.



Green Lantern, Iron Man and Bumble Bee.



Characters from Star Wars leading 2K in the march past.



Superheroes invaded the SFI field.



**Edward House:  
The Champion**

## Franciscans Class '77 in the fore front yet again

**June 27, 2016:** The new Prefectorial Board 2016/2017 was installed during the morning assembly. Dr Raj Kumar (Class '77) officiated at the installation ceremony which is steeped with the Franciscan's tradition. Maintenance of discipline and the tradition of the School are utmost importance to the Prefectorial Board.

At the same assembly, Franciscans Class '77 also made a contribution of RM7,000 to PIBG for the SFI Military Band in response to their effort in raising fund for both the SFI Military Band and the 24-season drum troupe.



**Above:** Dr Raj Kumar addressing the Prefectorial Board and students.

**Below:** Franciscans Class '77 with Bro Ambrose Loke, Lee Chee Choon (Principal), Ong Eng Khiam (SFA President) and Madelina Kuah (PIBG Chairlady)



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The Franciscans Military Band has long established itself as one of Malacca's most successful school bands. The 24-season drum troupe, meanwhile is a much celebrated ensemble in the Malacca folk music scene.

As the school does not receive government funding, we are dependent on parents, alumni, well-wishers and proceeds from performances, which unfortunately are not sufficient, to cover all current expenses.

Therefore, we are embarking on a fund-raising project and we hope to seek your financial support and contributions. Any amount you are willing to donate will be greatly appreciated!

**NB:** Attached please find the "Appeal Letter" from the PIBG for your kind consideration.

Celebrating Bro Harold Reynolds' Birthday



Bro Harold with Dr Tan Cheng Hock and James Sia.

Franciscans Dr Tan Cheng Hock and James Sia, with 7 other Lasallians from La Salle Klang, went to Manila from March 12 till March 15, 2016 to join Bro Harold to celebrate his 92th birthday. We also spent some quality time with him and brought him with us on our visit to some La Salle Universities in Manila and Lipa, the Rizal Memorial Park and had lunch at "Barbara's". God willing, we will be going back to Manila in mid-March next year to celebrate Bro Harold's 93rd Birthday!!!

**N.B.:** Those of you interested to make a trip to the Philippines for next year's celebration may contact James Sia at [jsia@smu-mailing.com](mailto:jsia@smu-mailing.com) or +6019-6678297.



In the chapel in DLSU Manila.



At the DLSU Science and Technology Complex situated on a secured 50-hectare campus in Laguna. The DLSU Science and Technology Complex is envisioned to become a key resource for scientific advancements and technological innovations in the country, underscoring the Lasallian tradition that integrates faith and service through knowledge generation.



Lunch at 'Barbara's'

Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever.

**May 31, 2016:** Franciscan Lee Tick Cheong (Class '77), went on a company trip to the Philippines from May 29 to June 4, 2016. He took time-off to visit Bro Harold at the *De La Salle Residencia*. "Finally my prayers were answered! I feeling very happy and nice to be able to meet up with Bro Harold!!!"

Bro Michael Kum retires

**June 28, 2016:** Brother Michael Kum, the last teaching La Salle Brother in Malaysia, retired today after 37 years of service, of which more than 20 years were spent in SFI. Students, teachers and fellow Franciscans witnessed an historic event - "Another glorious era in Catholic Mission Education closes." A great tribute to the La Salle brothers who started their noble mission in Malaya in March 1852 and 50 years

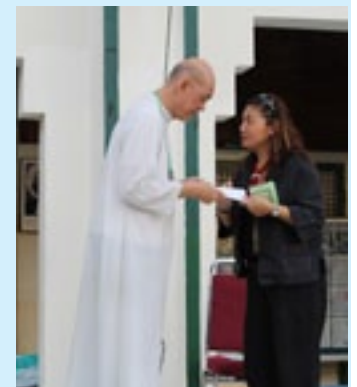
later stated their mission in SFI, in 1902. We Franciscans, and generations of Lasallians have benefitted from the dedication of the La Salle Brothers. The role of Lasallian alumni preserving their legacy in providing quality education guided by good moral values has now become more important than ever. Our very best of wishes to Bro Michael. May God bless and protect him.



Bro Michael inspecting the Guard-of-Honour accompanied by Lee Chee Choon, SFI Principal.



Lee Chee Choon presenting a souvenir on behalf of the School.



Madelina Kuah made a presentation on behalf of PIBG.

# Singapore F1 Group As we recall with Love and Friendship...

**June 14, 2014:** There was much excitement today. Shirley and Ignatius Sim, aka Bin Teck, made a cameo appearance at our Singapore F 1 meet. Bin Teck was a wealth of knowledge and a treasure trove of information about our Alma Mater.

**July 2, 2014:** The day belonged to Howe Kian Chong, George Tan & Wilson Teh who provided us with much fun and laughter.



**Sept 18, 2014:** Our Singapore F1 group called on Franciscan Rev Fr Aloysius Ong, Asst Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Peace at Sandy Lane. He is the one in brown T-shirt, standing next to his father Peter Ong, in the blue-stripe shirt. Later, Joseph Ng gave us a lunch treat.

**Jan 5, 2015:** Bro Ambrose paid us a courtesy call. There was much excitement that day as he was our first VIP for 2015. His visit was the beginning of a great year for our Singapore F1 group.



**June 15, 2015:** Full attendance today with the presence of Joseph Ng, George Tan, Kian Chong & Dr Lau T K. As per normal, Kian Chong was there to refresh our memories of SFI back in the 50's.

**Feb 29, 2016:** For a change, we took a group picture on the lawn next to a coffee shop. The highlight of the day was the meeting of 2 friends - schoolmates of Kim (CHIJ Malacca) Christine & Jane Pierre.



## Franciscans Class '64 celebrated their 70th Birthday

**April 1, 2016:** With the assistance of Colin Goh, Jimmy Tan Leong Tiau, Louis Lee Poh Hock, Tay Loo Wee, Michael Seet, all the known classmates near and far were contacted to attend the Joint 70th Birthday celebration in Malacca on April 1, 2016 (*April Fool's day*), and follow on with the School Reunion on April 2, 2016.

The clarion call was heard all the way in Perth, Penang, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. 25 of our classmates responded. Terence Marbeck and Norman Elly came all the way from Down Under, Lim Choon Heng came down from Penang, Chong Hian Foong from Ipoh, and Richard Yeo, Sonny Geh, Lee Teck Ban, Lee Heng Kheng, Tony Tan Kim Hock from Kuala Lumpur. From Singapore and Johor Bahru, Michael Seet, Felix Ng Fatt Hing and Ong Ting Hock. Of course the Malacca boys, Colin Goh, Louis Lee Poh Hock, Jimmy Tan Leong Tiau, Chan Teck Cheng, Tan Hock Kiat, Heng Fook Kim, Damian Sta Maria, Francis Tan Jee Fong, Tan Teck Beng, Stephen Ho Wan Lock and Tay Loo Wee, are the class stalwarts who have always supported our gatherings over the years.

Some came with their spouses, and altogether we had a gathering of more than 30. Some of us have not met since we left SFI. It was a good catch up time, regaling

our adolescent antics of our school days. To add to the festivities, Michael Seet arranged to get from SHISEIDO goody bags for the ladies present. A commemorative T-Shirt to honour the occasion was made with the sponsorship of Ms Irene Ong and Michael Seet, and we all wore it at the School Reunion the following evening.

Tay Loo Wee arranged a game of golf for the die-hards at Ayer Keroh Country Club on Saturday. The Morning Golf was not great but the fellowship and bonhomie was stupendous. After the game, Tay Loo Wee hosted us to a wonderful lunch.

30 of us gathered at the School Reunion on the April 2 at the school Quadrangle, and for many this was their first return to their Alma Mater, and the transformation of the school from our school days was incredulous.

I must recognise the tremendous effort of Colin Goh, who organised the Venue, the T-Shirts and to Jimmy Tan for his treasury function.

We all enjoyed the two wondrous days immensely and hope to make this a biennial affair.

- **By Michael Seet (Class '64)**



At the Pines Hotel, Malacca on April 1, 2016.

**Seated from Left to Right:** Francis Tan Jee Fong, Louis Lee Poh Hock, Lee Teck Ban, Sonny Geh, Jimmy Tan Leong Tiau, Chan Teck Cheng

**Standing from Left to Right:** Chong Hian Foong, Tan Hock Kiat, Tan Teck Beng, Richard Yeo, Norman Elly, Lee Heng Kheng, Stephen Ho Wan Lock, Heng Fook Kim, Michael Seet Yong, Tay Loo Wee, Terence Marbeck, Ong Ting Hock, Lim Choon Heng, Tony Tan Kim Hock, Damian Sta Maria, Felix Ng Fatt Hing, Colin Goh.

**April 22, 2016:** Franciscan Class '73 organised a class gathering at the Sheraton, Malacca Club to celebrate their 60th birthday in great style and fanfare.

Their special guests were Bro David Liao (who flew in from China), Bro Ambrose Loke and Mr Ong Eng Khiam.

The celebration began in the morning with a Thanksgiving Mass in the school chapel celebrated by one of their classmate Rev Fr Michael Teng.

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Rev Fr Michael Teng (Class '73)

This was followed with a walkabout around the school bringing back the good memories their had in school. For some of them it was "back to school" after more than 30 years. Lunch was held at Hatten Hotel.

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Many of them came with their beautiful wives. They also formed a band, comprising John De Souza (leader), Terry Chew (lead guitar), Yeow Boon Leong aka Badak (keyboard), Jeremy Yeow (percussion), and Michael Leong (vocal) who came back from Australia to provide the entertainment. It was a wonderful weekend to remember!



*They are proud to be **FRANCISCANS!**  
All looking smart in their specially made t-shirt with the SFI crest embroidered on it.  
They are **LEGENDS** indeed!*



*The wives who came. "Thumbs up to them,"  
by Bro David Liao.*



*The Band specially formed for the  
"Special Day".*

## Revival of the Inter-La Salle Games?...

**April 2, 2016:** In conjunction with "Homecoming Dinner", the Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur (FCKL), lead by Lester Sta Maria and assisted by Jonathan Choe, organised an "Inter-La Salle Hockey Carnival" at the Bukit Serindit Sports Complex, Malacca.

Old boys from St Paul's, St John's and SFI participated. The initiative got very encouraging responses. Terence Rajasingham, from St Paul's remarked, "It is a meet up of old friends and hockey players from these 3 La Salle schools and what memories it brought back. It was not about winning but more importantly the Lasallian brotherhood that mattered. A good effort by FCKL to initiate and organise this event. Let us hope this will carry on. Hopefully in future events more old boys of other schools will be present. What was glaring and heartwarming was that present to play were Chinese, Malays, Indians, Punjabis and Eurasians. That is about the Christian Brothers' school." Gobinathan also of St Paul's, responded by volunteering to organise the next series in Seremban in 2017. Congratulations to the organisers and the participants.



*Ex-Olympians from SFI who played on that day: Michael Chew (left) who represented Malaysia at the Los Angeles Olympic in 1984, Paul Lopez (centre) and K Dharmaraj (right) was at the Barcelona Olympic in 1992.*

*Other Franciscan players who had represented Malaysia in hockey at the Olympics are Jack Johnson (1968 Mexico Olympic), Wong Choon Hin (1972 Munich Olympic and 1978 Montreal Olympic) and Lam Mun Fatt (1996 Atlanta Olympic).*



*The Team from St John's Institution,  
Kuala Lumpur.*



*The Team from St Paul's Institution, Seremban.*



*SFI came with a big squad.*

## A GRACE-FILLED VOCATION CAMP

Excerpt from twentyeleven by Bro Kelvin Tan (Singapore).



The stillness and tranquility of the Brothers' Bangalow welcomed the young men from St Joseph's Institution (Singapore), St Patrick's School, (Singapore), St Francis' institution, Malacca and St John's Institution, Kuala Lumpur as they arrive for the **First Singapore-Malaysia Vocation Camp** in Pantai Kundor, Malacca on December 6 to 10, 2015. It was a serene and quiet gateway for 20 Lasallians (4 of them from SFI) who wanted to know more about the consecrated life of the Brothers.

Despite cultural differences, one thing that is admirable in the LEAD District is the collaborative effort and support of one another. What one country lacks in resources, another provides. This was evident in the recently concluded Vocation Camp. The assistance of Bro Butch Alcudia and two animated Aspirants from the Philippines - Mico De Leon and Cyrill Esolano - and the expansive and idyllic surroundings of the Brothers' Bungalow in Pantai Kundor helped in the success of the vocation camp where the students from both Singapore and Malaysia experienced a sense of what it means to be called to make a lifelong commitment to God.

## Answering God's call

Another vocation from SFI



Bro Martinian Lee (in blue t-shirt) with Rev Fr Simon Labrooy, parish priest of Church of Divine Mercy.

Franciscan Bro Martinian Lee (Class '98) entered St Peter's College, Kota Kinabalu in 2011 for his Initiation year. In 2012 he went to St Peter's College (Major Seminary), Kuching to do this Theological Studies. He is now in his third year and should complete his studies at the seminary at the end of 2017.

Recently he did his 4 months pastoral formation at the Church of Divine Mercy, Shah Alam.

Bro Martinian Lee is the son of Franciscan Dennis Lee (Class '57).

## My journey of Faith...

**March 26, 2016:**  
*"Therefore, prepare your minds for action, discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the Grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed" – 1 Peter 1:13*

Sunday evening Bible studies and occasional weekend retreats for nine months that would culminate in my Baptism at the recent Easter Vigil would summarise my spiritual journey that began in July 2015.

It was tough, having to forego Sunday evening appointments and family commitments just to stay with the course, not forgetting the resentment



from some close family members and friends.

When the Holy Water was poured over my head by the Priest, Fr Lawrence Andrew, followed by Confirmation

and Holy Communion, I gave a sigh of relief and thanked God for the New Life that I received through these Sacraments. I also felt a sense of accomplishment, more than anything that I had achieved earlier in my life. I also felt that I should have done it much sooner but then again, everything happens in His time.

*"For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world – our Faith". 1 John 5:4*

Having studied in a Catholic school and spending five years as a Boarder in St Francis' Institution, Malacca, I had a sound foundation of the Catholic Faith. Even after leaving school, I had kept in touch with my beloved Alma Mater by

attending reunions and much later, the formation of Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur (FCKL) and my involvement in the Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Alumni Associations. All these activities kept me close to the La Salle Brothers and I prayed and sometimes attended Mass with them.

So, my conversion to the Catholic faith or my "new beginning" did not happen suddenly or come as a surprise to many who know me well. But a few who heard of my intention actually remarked, "Hey, I always thought that you are a Catholic!" I took that as a compliment! - **By Francis Mahendran Kutty (Class of '69).**

# Thousands remember Brother Vincent Corkery Educator and Lasallian Icon



Datuk Bro Vincent  
Corkery fsc

**Ipoh, March 22, 2016:** Irish missionary Datuk Bro Vincent Corkery fsc, who passed away on Mar 22, was buried with full honours on March 23, 2016 at St Michael's Church (SMC) cemetery after the funeral Mass. St Michael's Institution brass band and Sam Tet School band played as Bro Vincent's coffin was carried out of SMC by the Lasallian Brothers. SMI students lined the route and gave a farewell salute as the coffin passed by.

Those who knew and loved Bro

Vincent were stunned after hearing of his passing at age 87, though many knew he had been ill in hospital. Although he appeared to be recovering, he died at 12.18pm in hospital on Mar 22.

Throughout the two days of wake and prayer service at SMC, people of all races and religions came to pay their respects to this gentle man who was a very humble friend, a kind and dedicated teacher, mentor, spiritual advisor and a highly approachable man who never judged others. Indeed, as many testified, he only gave encouragement and saw the goodness in people.

The overwhelming number of people who came for the funeral sprang from all walks of life and age groups. Dazed with sorrow yet thankful for having had the chance to meet him in their lives, they poured into SMC until it was full. Others had to go to the nearby parish hall where there was live streaming.



The funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Sebastian Francis, of the Penang diocese, concelebrated with Archbishop Julian Leow of Kuala Lumpur Archdiocese, Msgr Michael Cheah of Penang diocese, Fr Francis Anthony, and priests from Penang diocese.

In his homily, Bishop Sebastian said, like the late Bro Ultan Paul, Bro Vincent's death during Holy Week and burial during the Easter triduum, the most sacred days of the Church, was a blessing.

"We are given a picture of Jesus as a suffering servant of God during Holy Week. Prophet Isaiah invites us to

journey with Christ as a disciple, with our tongues and ears.

"Bro Vincent was a man deeply in love with Jesus, his Master, Lord and Saviour and when you are deeply in love with Jesus, it is reflected in your face. You will embrace all, as Jesus did, and be inclusive of all.

"Bro Vincent embraced all, and spoke as Jesus did and he listened as Jesus listened. He was a great writer too, and although he didn't shout or cry out, he made his voice heard when it came to the education of the young and his mission.

"It is my prayer, that everyone who benefitted from his mission and commitment, will carry on his flame of service to all, including the last, the least and the lost.

"We are not simply to talk about laurels of the past, but to continue the mission of being a missionary of joy. Bro Vincent was all that, as he reflected the God of Joy, fidelity and mercy. We honour a man who witnessed to Jesus Christ by his life of poverty, single-mindedness to his mission and total obedience to God," he said.

Noreen Stanley, Bro Vincent's niece, also gave a eulogy on Bro Vincent's early life in Ireland, growing up on a farm, and how he worked hard at his tasks, never complaining despite having a bad back.

Tan Sri Lee Oi Hian, as representative of the Old Boys association of St Michael's Institution, said Bro Vincent touched many lives.

"Bro Vincent's spirit of gentleness, genuine love and humour, as well as Christ-like values, inspired all of us. He reminded us that education is for the masses," he said.

At the grave site, Msgr Michael Cheah said the final blessing and, together with fellow priests who studied at SMI, sang the school's anthem, before the final song "Amazing Grace".

Bro Vincent was born in Cork County in Ireland on Nov 4, 1928. He joined the La Salle congregation in 1942 and took his first vows as a Brother in 1945. After teaching in Singapore and continuing his education in Ireland, he was posted to St Michael's Institution in Ipoh in 1957 where he taught English, Literature and History, as well as serving as Brother Sub-Director.

In the 1960s, he was the state supervisor for oral English, and served in the early 1970s as secretary general of the national conference of the heads of Secondary schools. He was appointed brother director of SMI from 1971 until 1976. One of his accomplishments was doing away with academic "streaming" of classes and introducing mixed ability classes at SMI, something which stands till today.

He served as secretary for the Brothers' Councils for Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Bro Vincent celebrated his 70th jubilee as a La Salle Brother in 2015 at SMI. Despite his age, he never really "retired" but continue to work at the La Salle Centre, writing books, and documenting articles, as well as helping to raise funds for projects carried out by the La Salle Centre and for the school.

## Deeply Missed And Forever Etched In Our Hearts



**Douglas Hilary Pereira** was called Home to be with the Lord on February 13, 2016 in Perth, Australia at aged 70 years. May his soul rest in peace.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;  
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;  
THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

*Below an extract from the letter from **Simon Mok (Singapore)** to Jenny and family.*



Franciscan **Alan Low Kim Bock**, aged 79, was called Home to the Lord on May 2, 2016. We, old boys of SFI Malacca, Class '55 will never forget his past contributions,

both in kind as well as in deeds. We, together with 'Green & White', convey our deepest condolence to Shirley, their 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

I personally have fond memories of Alan, back in 1955 when we were in Form 5. Our form teacher then was Bro John Edward, and a very holy, serious and no-nonsense kind of educator. In this kind of situation, learning would have been very dull indeed if not for our Alan. Rain or shine, Alan was there to provide us with fun materials for us to laugh at ourselves and at each other.

Outside of class, Alan was a disciplinarian, being on the school's Prefectorial Board. He was firm even with his classmates but always fair and we respected him for that. Alan will be sorely missed by all of us.  
- **By Michael Chin Siak Sin (Class '57)**

*Dear Hilary's Family members & Alumni of SJTC,*

When Coleman Baptist informed me of the sad news of Hilary's passing, and having recovered from the initial shock, I began to reminisce about the good times together. I suppose memories are all that we can claim.

In 1969 Hilary joined St. Patrick's, Singapore, and during the few years there, our close friendship developed. Hilary was nothing if not a good, nay, an excellent community man, being involved wholly in all the activities of the fraternity. Those formerly in the brotherhood will know what I mean.

On his holidays while studying in Belfast, he must have kissed the Blarney Stone more than once, because as well he was an engaging and humorous conversationalist. To say he was a marvellous teacher is not to do him justice. A good story-teller by nature, his history and literature classes were in rapt attention as he set forth the exploits of some historical personage, but as always, replete with captivating embellishments and with wit to boot. His former pupil, Bobby Nazareth, can vouch for this. His recall of details was amazing.

In this regard, when the three of us - himself, Coleman and I - would be waxing eloquently on some topic, I could barely recall the gist, but he, as a matter of course, would fill in the enthralling bits-and-bobs, with Coleman's prompt fascinating additions. Unfailingly there would follow unseemly loud laughter and much merriment within the "hallowed halls."

This was another facet of his personality. Hilary was a humorous and fun-loving individual. Seldom did he show gloom on his countenance. In fact, a little coaxing would elicit a wide smile or a hearty burst of hilarity. In great mirth he regaled us with story after story, bursting forth like an overflowing vessel...

Now, I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to Jenny and the family on the untimely death of dear Hilary, my good friend.

## Lasallian Family News

**May 5, 2016:** Three La Salle Brothers, from different parts of India, stopped over in Malaysia for a few days, before going back to India after their spiritual training in the Philippines. They visited the La Salle schools and Brothers' community in the Klang Valley. Accompanied by Irene Tan (La Salle Klang), they took the opportunity to also visit SFI and paid courtesy call on Bro Ambrose Loke and Lee Chee Choon.



**L to R:** Bro Ignaci from Boys' Town, Madurai, Lee Chee Choon, Bro Arockiasamy from Tuticorin, Bro Ambrose, Bro Thomas Michael from Suranam and Ms Irene Tan).



While in Petaling Jaya, the Brothers had dinner with the Malaysian Brothers hosted by Che King Tow (La Salle Klang).

**L to R:** Bro Anthony Rogers, Bro Julian Augustine, Bro Thomas Michael from Suranam, James Sia, Ms Irene Tan (La Salle Klang), Ignaci from Boys' Town, Madurai, Bro Arockiasamy from Tuticorin, and Che King Tow (La Salle Klang)



**Members from the Lasallian Family at the SFA Dinner. May the Lasallian Spirit Lives On!**

**Standing L to R:** Goh Boon Hiang & Lau Se Hian (Muar Andreans), Michael Simon (St John's Alumni) & wife, Joseph Lau (Old Georgians Taiping), Ong Eng Khiam, Ho Chee Kit (Xavieran Club KL), Tan Hoon Keong, S Rasadurai (Old Georgians)

**Seated L to R:** David Foo (Michealian Klang Valley), James Sia, Lee Kok Keong (Old Paulians), Peter Sinniah (La Salle Brickfields).

## THE EDITOR WRITES...

Our "Green & White" will celebrating her 25th Anniversary come 2016. Indeed, we have come a long way. We hope that we can still be the vehicle carrying articles, stories and pictures from our Old Boys and Old Girls of their Class and Year gatherings and achievements.

Congratulations to Class '73 and Class '64 for celebrating their 60th and 70th Birthday respectively. May you will have more birthdays together.

Congratulations also to the Organising Committee of the **SFI Homecoming Dinner 2016** for successfully organising yet another grand event. This year we saw a record number of attendees.

We also take this opportunity to wish Ms Catherine Tan (SFI Primary), Ms Lim Liew Hoe and Bro Michael Kum all the best in their retirement.

To our faithful readers, please continue with your support. Continue to keep in touch and please continue with your feedbacks - send us your write-ups, photographs etc concerning whatever events or gatherings.

Please take good care of each other. All the very best and God Bless.

**Choe Sim Chye BKT, Editor**

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Opening balance as at January 1, 2015

- In Bank	RM 10,616.26sen
- Cash in Hand	RM 57.10sen
Donations received in 2015	RM 7,745.00sen

**Total Income** **RM 18,418.36sen**

#### Expenditure Incurred:

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**Total Expenditure** **RM 9,812.26sen**

Closing balance as at December 31, 2015

- In Bank	RM 8,549.00sen
- Cash in Hand	RM 57.10sen

Total Balance in Bank and  
Cash-in-hand  
as at December 31, 2015 **RM 8,606.10sen**

N.B.:No cash transactions incurred during 2015

*Prepared by:*

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*For Bro. Ambrose Loke, fsc, Director, SFI*

## ON THE HORIZON



### ASIA PACIFIC LASALLIAN EDUCATORS CONGRESS

*Date:*

DECEMBER 4 to 8, 2016

*Venue:*

HOTEL EQUATORIAL, MELAKA

*THEME:*

**Lasallians Working Towards  
PEACE and JUSTICE**

ASIA PACIFIC LASALLIAN EDUCATORS CONGRESS (APLEC) is organized every three years. Each country in the Asia Pacific Region is allocated 10 (ten) places but since Malaysia is the host we can be a bit more generous.

#### Program Highlights

*Sessions on:*

- "Lasallian Spirituality in Multi-Religious Contexts"
- "Lasallian Spirituality for Teachers in Asia Pacific"
- "Lasallian Education Towards Peace and Justice"
- "Practical Aspects of Peace, Justice and Human Rights"
- "Lasallian Strategic Planning in Education"

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Lastly, our grateful thanks to all donors and well-wishers who have helped, in one way or another, in the publication of our 'Green & White' and all our readers for their support and encouragement.



25 years connecting Franciscans...

Green & White Publications: Oct 1991 – 2016

The Green and White Newsletter enters its 25th year this year! Since the First Issue in October 1991, this Newsletter has continuously updating the news and events in SFI, as well as reports of visits to the Alma Mater and gatherings organized by Past Franciscans. The Newsletter is greatly indebted to Mr Choe Sim Chye, who not only single-handedly edited each issue since its humble beginning but also see to the printing and distribution. In view of Mr. Choe's recent family commitments, the Green and White Publication Board has been reorganized by Brother Director Ambrose in 2015 with Mr. Choe as Advisor and Chief Editor. The present Editorial Board comprised passionate Franciscans who has undertaken the responsibility to continue its publication.

Since the article in the last issue, "Green And White: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow?", an appeal was made to Franciscans to help sustain the publication. Green and White Newsletter need a healthy financial standing to carry on publication. Our financial status is never strong. Thanks to this small band of loyal contributors (whose names are published in each issue), the Newsletter managed to survive 25 years.

As this is the 25th year, the Publication Board plans to have a Commemorative Issue to mark this anniversary (1991-2016). This issue will replace the normal July-December 2016 and will feature outstanding events and happenings in the past years. As such, we need financial support for ensure the continuity of the Green and White.

Franciscans, we need your monetary contributions, however small. The cost of printing and mailing has increased tremendously over the years. We need your assistance to sustain the Newsletter. This is a non-profit making venture and the Franciscans on the Board are all great volunteers who have sacrificed time and energy to ensure the success of each issue.

Donations can be handed to Bro Director Ambrose or by cheques, made payable to "Green and White" or via Bank Transfer to Green & White account with Maybank (a/c 5-04085-11204-6). Receipt will be issued by our Finance coordinator, Thomas Cho, once confirmation is received.

Age Quod Agis.

Wee Min Yong,  
for Green and White Publication

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