

GREEN AND WHITE

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25 years connecting Franciscans

DOWN MEMORY LANE

In 1958 Br Aloysius Leonard Alves, Director of the school, suggested publication of a school newspaper. The first editorial board consisted Six Formers with Choo Kok Tong representing Form V and John D’Cruz representing Form IV. In their search for a name, Br Leonard suggested ‘Green & White’ and it was adopted. There was much enthusiasm and the publication flourished. Over time its fortune varied with the existence or talent of the Form VI classes. With the transfer of the Form VI classes to Malacca High School, the publication was suspended. It remained dormant for many years until 1991.

REVIVAL OF THE GREEN & WHITE

In 1991 Br Ambrose Loke, the then Brother Director of SFI consented to form a working committee to look into the quarterly production of the ‘Green & White’.

It was undoubtedly Mr Choe’s great love and loyalty to the school that prompted him to come forward to offer his services as Chief Editor of ‘Green & White’. The hope and vision of both Br Harold and Br Ambrose is still upheld and true till today.



The Maiden issue: The re-appearance of the Green & White that was published in October 1991

In his message, Br Harold wrote: “The re-emergence of the ‘Green & White’ will be warmly welcomed by Franciscans far and wide, linking as it will the countless ranks of those Present and Past students, teachers and office staff who look back with love and gratitude to days spent in SFI... Through the ‘Green & White’ I look forward in keeping in touch with the school I love, and being able to rejoice

in its successes and the achievements of its pupils, Past and Present.”

While Br Ambrose wrote: “I pray all you appreciative readers as well as loyal Franciscans will give Mr Choe Sim Chye your wholehearted support and encouragement.”

He further added, “Not many schools can boast of a newsletter publication to preserve and strengthen the LINK between former students and their Alma Mater. St Francis’ Institution, Malacca is one... if not the only school in Malaysia having this kind of service.”

Br Ambrose’s prayer is heard and answered. The ‘Green & White’ has survived 25 years.

The Green & White Committee would like to thank all loyal Franciscans for their contribution and support in cash, contribution and sharing of articles and in any other forms towards the publication of this newsletter. With such support we hope to serve the Franciscan Family for another 25 years!

AGE QUOD AGIS

SFI's BIG BASH..... 111th Anniversary & Reunion Dinner

The night of 21st, December, 1991 will long be remembered by Franciscans, young and old, as they took leave of their Alma Mater at the conclusion of the 111th Anniversary & Reunion Dinner.

"Attention Franciscans a voice is resounding. Promptly respond to your duty's sweet call...."

The above chorus of the SFI rally must still be ringing in their ears as they reluctantly retraced their footsteps homeward.

The shower of rain that came down just before the commencement of the dinner was indeed 'a shower of blessings'. That night, the true Franciscan spirit of understanding and togetherness was clearly demonstrated. The tables, chairs etc. were hurriedly removed from the Quadrangle when the rain came BUT as soon as the clouds cleared, out came the tables and chairs again and the fellowship continued as though nothing had happened. Syabas Franciscans!

The speech given by Rev. Bro. T. Michael and which is reproduced here is food for thought for all Franciscans. We must be Franciscans truly loyal to our Alma Mater. We must be prepared to come forward to assist SFI in any way we possibly can.

5th April, as suggested by Rev. Bro. T. Michael, is a good choice to be

the particular date for our future Anniversary celebrations. Due to time constraints, it is not possible for this year but perhaps, for a start, we can all agree to this special date for the weekend nearest to it for our 1993 SFI Anniversary Celebrations. Let us have your views on this matter.

Extract of speech by Rev. Brother T. Michael at the SFI 111th Anniversary and Reunion Dinner on 21st. December 1991

"First, a very hearty thank you, Bro. Director, Staff, Old and Present Boys for your invitation to this 111th Anniversary Reunion Dinner. I am honoured to be asked to say a few words but I notice that there are only two speakers this evening, a hint that speeches should not be allowed to spoil the occasion. Moreover, when asked to say a few words, Bro. Director did say as much. I am sure nobody will object.

I am happy to see that SFI is commemorating its 111th Anniversary. This is as it should be. We all like to celebrate birthdays, our own and those of our dear ones and friends. All the more the birthday of one's Alma Mater deserves a solemn celebration. It may be well to fix on a particular date and I can think of no better one than 5th April because it was on this date that St. Francis School started at Riverside, taking



Old Boys and well-wishers photographed after Mass, on Sunday, 22nd, December, 1991, to celebrate the 111th Anniversary of SFI. This special Mass was offered by Rev. Father Thomas Ma Maia who taught in SFI for many years.

SFI 111th Anniversary & Reunion Dinner

... featured in the First Issue: 1992

"The night of December 21, 1991 will long be remembered by Franciscan, young and old..." This was the beginning of the SFI Biennial "Home-Coming" Reunion Dinner held in the SFI Quadrangle for Franciscans far and near. These fellowships generated the spirit of genuine friendship and camaraderie among Franciscans down the years.

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Br T Michael in his speech suggested that "April 5 is a good choice to be the particular date for our future Anniversary celebration or the weekend nearest to it".

Since the 1993 SFI Anniversary celebration, the subsequent Biennial Anniversary & Reunion Dinners has been fixed on the first Saturday of April.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances the **SFI 138th Anniversary & "Home-Coming" Reunion Dinner** will tentatively be held on **April 7, 2018**.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS FOR REV. BRO. HAROLD REYNOLDS IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA

The long awaited 'event of the year' for all Franciscans finally started with a big BANG on 18th May '92 when the Singapore Old Boys started the ball rolling with the first of a series of dinner celebrations that followed to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Rev. Bro. Harold Reynolds.

This first function held at the Singapore Swimming Club was well organised and it was enhanced by the presence of the Brothers from the La Salle Community.



Edward Yee, leading Franciscans Dr. Aaron Ngim, Edward Kenneth, Eugene Chow and Edmond Chow at the staging of the School Rally.



Rev. Bro. Paul Rogers, the Director of St. Joseph's Institution, gave an interesting 'Down Under' episode or glimpses of his close association with the celebrant, his fellow countrymen, Bro. Harold.



Rev. Bro. Harold Reynolds.

QUOTE
 "..... if I were to live my life all over again, I would certainly choose the same religion but I would certainly strive to have more compassion to love GOD MORE....."



Franciscan Joseph Ng (left) with fellow Franciscans Cyril De Wit and Henry Koh.



Henry Tan of Case '68 (left) and Cheong Tim Wan.



Rev. Bro. Harold with Old Boys (left to right) Jerry De Wit, Tan Kai Chang, Eddie Goh, Gordon Chow (Chairman of the Singapore Organising Committee), Chew Kik Tong and Chris Yung.

Br Harold Reynolds Golden Jubilee celebrations in Singapore and Malaysia

... featured in the Second Issue: 1992

On May 18, 1992, Franciscans in Singapore started the ball rolling with a series of dinners to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Br Harold Reynolds. The first function was held at the Singapore Swimming Club.

Organising celebration dinners for Br Harold have become a "tradition" for the old boys that he had taught. Every year, old boys from St Francis' Institution and La Salle Secondary School, Klang will organise dinners and sponsor trips for Br Harold to come from the Philippines. The dinners were usually held in Klang, Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Singapore and even in Perth, Australia.

In recent years, due to his advancing age, his trips to Malaysia and Singapore have been less frequent. His last trip to Malaysia was in July 2015, courtesy of Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur (FCKL). Instead Lasallians will now make a trip to the Philippines in mid-March each year to join him in celebrating his birthday.

This year will be no exception. A number of Lasallians have already made plans and will be travelling to the Philippines to celebrate his 93rd birthday this mid-March.



Br John Johnston, Superior General of Brothers of the Christian Schools visited St Francis Institution, Malacca

... featured in the First Quarter Issue: 1994

On February 21, 1994, Br John Johnston, the 25th Superior General of The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, visited SFI as part of his official pastoral visit to La Salle Christian schools in Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. He was accompanied by Br Ray Raysulpido, Brother Councillor and Br David Liao, Brother Visitor of the Penang District.

Br John Johnston served 2 terms as the Superior General from 1986 - 2000. During his tenure he championed the authenticity in the lives of the Brothers; he encouraged the sharing of the Lasallian Mission by the Lasallian partners and provoked the Brothers into reflecting on global issues such as Rights of Children and Literacy.

Br John Johnston died in his home city of Memphis, Tennessee, USA on October 11, 2007.

May his soul rest in peace!



Our La Salle Brothers: Gone but not forgotten

... featured in the Second Quarter Issue: 1997

Green & White paid tribute and remembered all the La Salle Brothers who have taught in St Francis' Institution, Malacca and have since passed away. The Brothers who came to teach in the school were by and large ordinary men but their dedication and devotion to the life mission they took upon themselves, they achieved extraordinary results. Generations of Franciscans have benefitted from the dedication of these La Salle Brothers.

In recent years, 2 other Brothers who have taught in SFI had passed away, namely; Br Cassian Pappu and Br Michael Jacques.

Br Cassian Pappu passed away on November 29, 2009 aged 82 after a long illness. He had a brief spell in SFI in 1967-69 as a teacher. Later he returned to helm the school as Principal/Brother Director in 1972 until 1976. His stint as a Professor at the Immaculate Heart College in Kagoshima, Japan resulted in a **'cultural exchange'** programme involving SFI supported by Professor Mishima Moritake.

Br Michael Jacques passed away on March 31, 2011 aged 95. He was posted to SFI in May 1953 to take on his first posting as Brother Director. He also became the first locally born Director of the school. He made the uplift of the school his priority. His three years in Malacca made for a dramatic change. They were to be long remembered for his personal interest in all aspects of school life and his schemes for a better school. His disappointment was that he was called elsewhere at the end of three years when he felt his efforts were just beginning to bear results. He wanted to do so much more for the school.

THE EDITOR WRITES ...

Since its inception in October, 1991, our Franciscan newsletter the 'Green & White' has seen many changes -- thanks to our La Salle Brothers, teachers and Old Boys.

The 'Green & White' started off having all the printing done in one colour -- green -- on white paper. Less than a year later, because of suggestions from Old Boy Kevin Chua (Class '86) and others, the 'Green & White' adopted the present look together with the introduction of the 'Keep in Touch' column.

Since then, we had 'St. Francis' Institution Down The Ages', 'As We Recall', and articles attesting to the priceless contribution made to our Alma Mater by our La Salle Brothers, teachers and Old Boys. Lastly, in the 3rd issue for last year, 'Lest We Forget' column was introduced.

To continue in a vein of similar articles and other new features, we really need our Old Boys (and Old Girls) to make regular contributions. Perhaps, as Dato Dr. Joseph Travely recently suggested, our Old Boys and Old Girls ought to write on topics most relevant to their profession or work, or even experiences that they may wish to share with their fellow Franciscans. Perhaps thought could be given to such topics as 'Medicine as a career, the good, the bad and the ugly', 'Creating financing how to sell your house for a good price during bad times', 'Do good students become successful people? -- an analysis of success in the professions and business of Old Boys and Old Girls based upon school achievements.'

For a start, we are featuring in this first issue for the year 1999, an article 'From Planes To Pain' based on Old Boy

Mah Teck Wah's unusual achievements in Perth contributed by our Shenton de Rozario who also resides with his family in Perth.

I take this opportunity to thank the usual small group of Franciscans for their suggestions, articles, constant donations and above all, for their genuine interest which has kept the 'Green & White' going. The publication of the 'Green & White' Statement of Accounts which was introduced in the last issue (thanks to Rev. Bro. Michael Jacques for his suggestion) has given a better and clearer indication to our dear Franciscans, the painful struggle we have to make to see through the publication of each subsequent issue.

To those Franciscans who have been receiving our newsletters all these years but, due to some circumstances, have not responded even once, please spare us a thought. For those who get letters from the Editor, please find the time to reply or, at the very least, acknowledge receipt. We are aware that every small financial contribution which you can give will make our editorial efforts lighter.

Please remember, your newsletter cannot survive without the help and support of every Franciscan. Let us know where you are, how things are with you -- perhaps in our small way, we can even be of help. Let us know of the reunions you have or intend to hold so that the information can be relayed to your classmates.

Here's wishing all the best to everyone of the Franciscan family. Received news that Rev. Bro. Harold Reynolds will be heading this way in early April, 1999. Hope to meet Rev. Bro. Harold and as many of you as possible at SFI on Saturday 10th April 1999 when your beloved Alma Mater holds her 119th Anniversary Dinner.

Yours in the 'Green & White',

CHOE SIM CHYE B.K.T.
Editor

The Editor writes...

... featured in the First Issue: 1999

The 'Green & White' has seen many changes... started of having all the print done in one colour - green on white, then the introduction of various columns: Keep in Touch, As We Recall, Lest We Forget, and others. There were suggestions for old boys and girls to write on topics most relevant to their profession or work... However, only a small group of Franciscans contribute articles and making donations regularly.

The Editor also called on Franciscans for their support for the "Green & White" to survive - "every small financial contribution which you can give will make our editorial effort lighter".

Once again, the Editorial Committee would like to remind Franciscans to continue to send in your write-ups on your "Year/Class" gatherings with photographs (with captions), article or stories of memories of our Alma Mater for sharing with other Franciscans to us.

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PICTORIAL GLIMPSES OF WHAT BROTHER AMBROSE LOKE HAS DONE FOR OUR SFI

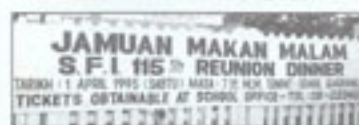
Our SFI Kompong Chmou, the 24 January Drive Dinner and the SFI Military Band at their best -- thanks to Bro. Ambrose.



Brother Ambrose is also responsible for the revival of the school's Annual Speech Day, when an opportunity is given for SFI to pay tribute to those people who have given so much of their time for the betterment of the school and her pupils.



Brother Ambrose also revived the SFI Bowling Club. Seen here with partner, Old Boy and a great supporter of SFI, Mr. David Chua Peng Long, the Club's first to Mr. Rudy Lee Chuan, the Bowling Instructors.



The Governor of Malacca being presented with a memento by one of the former students.



Through his efforts, Brother Ambrose's 'Teacher Exchange' and 'Name Day' programmes between SFI and the neighbouring Saint College, Singapore, Japan, have brought big publicity not only to SFI but also in Malacca by the presence of those students ambassadors who participated in our local Chinese New Year and also Ronglai Raya celebrations.



One of the amazing stories for a Mutual Cooperation: The SFI Old Club members have won top prizes due to the support given to them by not only their old teacher, Mr. Henry Lim, but also their Director.

Brother Director Ambrose Loke's "forced" retirement

... featured in the First Issue: 1999

The Ministry of Education reduced the age limit for retirement to fifty-five years of age, forcing the youthful Br Ambrose to relinquish the duties of SFI Principal in 1999. He remained the Br Director of SFI where his duties were confined to managing the school property while all administrative matters are directed by the Principal, Mr Ong Chong Wee, who was the first layperson to hold the post since 1902.

Though retired from administrative duties, Br Ambrose has been actively involved in the pastoral care and well-being of Franciscans. He has participated and encouraged activities of the Franciscan Alumni Associations (SFA and FCKL), Old Franciscans, PTA and the SFI retired-teachers group (F-One).

He has consistently followed the growth of SFI with dedication and interest. Br Ambrose introduced the Recess Food Programme for the poor and needy Franciscans, providing food during the School Recess. He also initiated, together with Br Michael Kum and Mr Wee Min Yong, the "SFI Learning Centre" which provides a free tuition programme for the poor and needy Franciscans. (See related article on page 22)

As he is quoted, "A Brother only retires when he expires!"

FAREWELL TO MALAYSIA'S OLDEST LA SALLE BROTHER



REV. BRO. ROBERT JOHN O'SULLIVAN

Malaysia's oldest La Salle Brother, Bro. Robert O'Sullivan, passed away suddenly on Nov. 25 after a fall at St. Francis' Institution in Malacca.

He died about four hours after he was rushed to the Melaka General Hospital.

His body lay in state at St. Francis' Institution Chapel in Banda Hill prior to burial at Bukit Serendit Christian Cemetery on November 27.

A host of Religious Brothers from all over Malaysia, Singapore and Ireland, together with members of Local Religious communities, students, teachers and friends from all walks of life gathered at the funeral mass concelebrated by six priests led by former La Salle Brother, Fr. Simon Wing.

John O'Sullivan who was born on August 15 1915 in Kilmurry, Ireland professed his first Religious vows in Dublin in 1932. He came to Malaya later that year where he was first posted to St. Xavier's Institution, Penang followed by a 10-year tenure at St. Paul's Institution in Seremban.

The Japanese invasion of South East Asia in December 1941 saw Bro. O'Sullivan spending the war years in Singapore and Baku.



The lying-in-state at the SFI Chapel.



Brother Michael Leo leading the group from the chapel, through the guard-of-honour (mounted by uniform units from SFI and St. Andrew School, Muar) up to the hearse.



The hearse leaving the main gate of St. Francis' Institution.



The final resting place for Bro. Robert - just next to Brother Edmund Matthews.

you will have to take alone. We love you very much, always and forever. Mummy you and papa had 28 wonderful years together. Now you have to cherish those memories and look forward to the many wonderful years without him. I extend the same sentiment to all of you that knew him, and loved him. Please keep his memory alive by continuing the laughter and bond with those closest to him.

On behalf of mummy, Lynn and myself, I would like to thank all of you for coming here today, and saying your final goodbyes to this wonderful and gentle man. Your presence has helped very much in what is the beginning of a long healing process. I am sure papa appreciates this immense outpouring of grief as much as we do. For those who cannot make it here today, we know that their love and support is here with us, and we thank them for that. I would

especially like to thank the Loh family for being so generous and sincere with their prayers and their hospitality towards papa in his final 12 months. Thank you to the Chung family for their hugs, their tears and their jocularity, which has kept us all light hearted despite the circumstance. Thank you, Kumah, for being a pillar of spirit and sustenance. You are a warm ray of light in this period of darkness. We thank you, mama who unfortunately can't be here due to ill health, for all that you have done for papa. Now papa and kong-kong will both be looking over you lovingly from above.

Finally, I would like to end this with a short prayer: Lord our father, we thank you for making papa's life a fulfilling and joyful one; and for making our lives so blessed to have known him. We pray that he will now rejoice in Your glory forever. Amen. ♣

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

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(Photographs courtesy of Bro. Andrew Loh 198)

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But what surprised them most was that the statue of Our Lady which stands in the middle of the pond was undamaged. The pole missed the porcelain statue by just a hair line.

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“BELIEVE IT OR NOT”

... featured in the First Issue: 2002

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT. The miracle did happen at St Francis' Institution, Malacca!

Br Robert John O'Sullivan passed away

... featured in the First Issue: 2002

“Malaysian's oldest La Salle Brother, Br Robert O'Sullivan, passed away suddenly on November 25, 2002 after a fall at St Francis' Institution, Malacca.”

In October, 1954, the late Br Robert O'Sullivan took over as Principal of St Andrew's School, Muar. The school adopted a new logo in 1955. He remained as Principal for 25 years until 1980. It was during his tenure as Principal that a little unknown school had earned itself the name and fame as the much sought after by school by parents which elbowed their ways to find a place in the school for their children education. The school had since missed a great Principal!

Long gone but always remembered by the Old Boys of St Andrew's School, Muar. Every year during his death anniversary, the Andreans will visit and clean the grave of their beloved Brother Director and Principal, Br Robert O'Sullivan, at the Bukit Serindit Catholic Cemetery.





Twin Celebration Dinner in SFI

... featured in the Second Issue: 2002

In 2002, the school attained the grand milestone of 100 years under the La Salle Brothers. It also marked 150 years since the Brothers first came to this land. But there was a problem. There were very few Brothers left to celebrate the occasion. Of the 30 who remained, most were well beyond 65 years of age. "There is no one to pass the baton to."

The Brothers have begun to pass the baton - the stewardship of their schools to other stakeholders; the Old Boys and Alumni Associations, the Parent-Teacher Association and members of the Catholic Church. The vigilance of all these groups will be necessary for the future well-being or even the existence of the school and to carry on the dream of the La Salle Brothers.

The role of Franciscan alumni preserving the legacy of the La Salle Brothers in providing quality education guided by good moral values has now become more important than ever.



From the Chapel to the canteen... the F-One (First Friday) Group

... featured in the First Issue: 2003

A tradition was established on the First Friday of each scholastic month in SFI. Since February 7, 2003 this tradition has also become a "monthly reunion" in the school canteen for all retired teachers as well as Old Franciscans from our Alma Mater. They gather, reminiscence and simply enjoy each other's presence together with the present members of the SFI staff and relish the special SFI canteen food. They have become an integral part of the Franciscan Family. There is also a similar **F-One Group** in Singapore.



First F-One Group "reunion" of 2017



Group photograph taken in front of the Church of St. John

(All photographs courtesy of the Club 250/2)

Tributes From Our De La Salle Brothers

La Salle Provincialate
15 D, Jalan Chanak 1/13,
46000 Petaling Jaya,
Selangor.

4 February 2004

Re: **Mr. Chok Chin Yong RIF**

I wish to offer a special tribute of thanks and appreciation to the memory of MR. CHOK CHIN YONG as a loyal, efficient and hard-working colleague whose invaluable services to SFI as a teacher and Headmaster so much enhanced the reputation and success of the School.

My sincere condolences to his family and dear ones.

Bro. Michael Jacques FSC
Kuala Lumpur

Alma, Chok and children

Please accept my sincere heartfelt sympathies.

MR. CHOK has been one upright gentleman whom the Brothers found most appropriate to head the SFI Primary School.

He has been extremely faithful and loyal to the school and to the Brothers. We salute this great yet humble man.

Bro. Andrew Loke
Director SFI

Deeply sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Chok Chin Yong. God rest his soul. We were both young in SFI together in the early fifties, and I quickly got to appreciate that in him SFI had a first-class teacher and an excellent Scouter.

We Brothers were even allowed to go to his Wedding - a rare permission in those days - so it was obvious that our higher superiors shared the thoughts and feelings of the young Brothers about Chok.

Later he was to become Headmaster of SFI Primary, and President of the SFA.

But for years and years, Chok was a very faithful member of the Legion of Mary and did magnificent apostolic work for it very quietly.

I remember how Chok spent almost a year preparing an old man in Merlimau for Baptism. The old man liked Chok, and didn't want anyone else to help him on his road to the Faith. I think they shared the same dialect, too.

Anyway, work by work, whatever the weather, Chok went out there on his motor bike. I can almost see that old Chinese man there at Heaven's Gate to welcome Chok.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Chok and the family as they mourn the death of a good husband and a loving father. May Chok's gentle soul rest in peace, and may God love and comfort you all.

Bro. Harold Reynolds
Manda, Philippines

**The passing away of Chok Chin Yong...
Tributes from the La Salle Brothers**

... featured in the First Issue: 2004

Franciscan has lost a favourite son whose contribution to SFI was enormous!

Br Michael Jacques described Chok Chin Yong as “so loyal, efficient and hard-working colleague whose invaluable services to SFI as a teacher and Headmaster so much enhanced the reputation and success of the school.

Br Ambrose Loke saluted him as “a great and humble man. He has been one upright gentleman whom the Brothers found most appropriate to head the SFI Primary School. He has been extremely faithful and loyal to the School and to the Brothers.”

Br Harold Reynolds and Chin Yong were teaching colleagues in SFI in the early fifties. Br Harold described him as a “first-class teacher and an excellent Scouter.”

Chok Chin Yong retired in 1980 after rendering thirty-three years of meritorious service to his Alma Mater of which twenty years as the Headmaster. He had guided the primary school with a sure and steady hand. He continued his attachment with the school by serving as the President of St Francis’ Association.

Congratulations



14 October 2006. Congratulations to Franciscan Just Brian Sengath (Class '81) and all family members on his marriage to Miss Shirley Tan at St. Francis Xavier Church, Melaka. Just is the eldest son of Old Boy Benny Sengath (Class '57) and his dear wife, the late Mabel Wong.



So. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ho Cheong Seng (Class '52) on the marriage of their son, Eric Ho Kok Meng to Miss Lilian Paan Wai Fong, on 29 October 2006.



So. Divine, the eldest daughter of Old Boy Mahendran Katty and his dear wife, Sheila, exchanged marriage vows with Sathish Kumar on 23 November 2006. Congratulations.



20 November 2006. Congratulations to Old Boy Mande Gony and his dear wife, Theresa, on their Golden Wedding 50th Anniversary.

Miss A. Thang with age of 80 years.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Franciscans Tan Sri Dethik Dr. Augustine S. H. Ong, Mahendran Katty and James Ho (all from the Franciscan Club, Kuala Lumpur) on being elected as Vice President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Committee Member of the Malaysian Federation of La Salle Associations (MFLASA) respectively.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Francis' Institution Primary School for producing 41 Five-A+ students in the recent UPSR 2006, the best in the State of Melaka. STABAS goes to the Administrators and Teachers, the PIBG and the Board of Managers.



Dr. Abd. Rahim bin Mohd.
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years 1 month



Mr. Gan Poh Seng
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years



Mr. Abdul Halim bin Ali
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years 6 months



Mr. Tan Ee Heng
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years



Mr. Tan Yee Yee Ming
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years



Mr. Tan Seng Han
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years

By this time, next year, our Alma Mater will lose the fine and unique services of seven of her working staff as they accept their retirements.

The 'Green & White' would like our present as well as our past Franciscans to reflect on this and take steps to thank those individuals for having shown all of you the correct path to take in life.

Wishing All Our Readers And Their Beloved Ones
A Very Joyful Christmas And A Happy New Year



Mr. Chan Yee Shobkol
014-62-76-110 (20 years)
20 years

**SFI staff retired
- academics and non-academics -**

... featured in the First Issue: 2004

Our Alma Mater lost “the fine and unique services of seven of her working staff” through retirement. Four of them had served our Alma Mater for 20 years or more.

Though retired, Abd Raship Khalil still assist Br Ambrose with the maintenance of the school field and other odd jobs around the school when called upon.

Gan Poh Seng and Madam Tan Ee Heng are still very much involved and attached with the Alma Mater joining the F-One gatherings and other school activities whenever time permits.

Once a Franciscan, always a Franciscan!



St Joseph's Institution, Singapore
... featured in the Second Issue: 2007

Fellow Lasallians from Malaysia joined the Josephians in St Joseph's Institution, Singapore, to celebrate their 155th Anniversary on April 30, 2007.

During the 155th Anniversary, they adopted the “**Josephian Programme**” as part of their strategic repositioning. The St Michael's Primary School was renamed as St Joseph's Institution Junior.

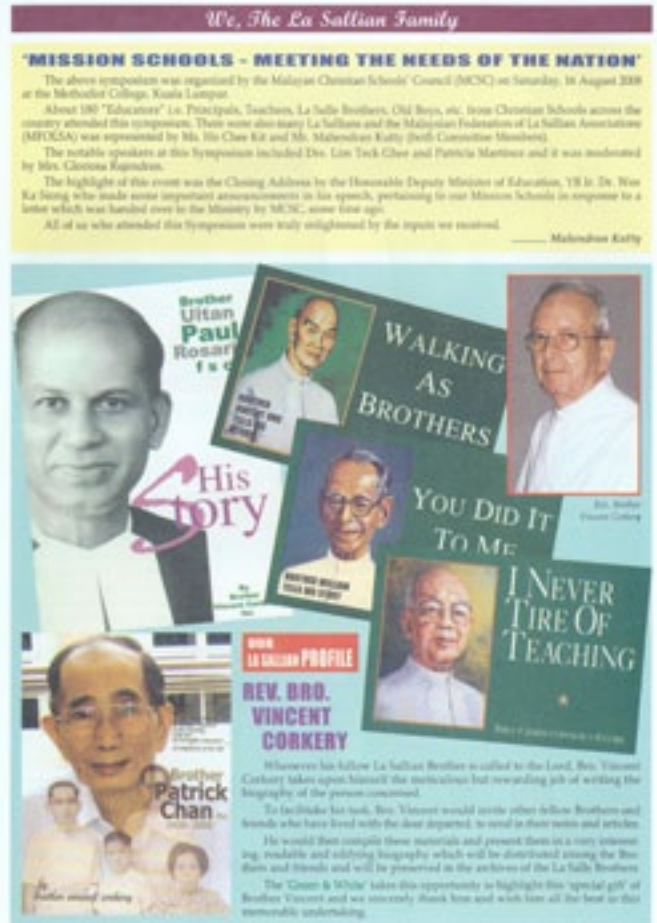
The SJI alumni also brought the school to another level for education. They established a privately funded school, St Joseph's Institution International, providing a new opportunity in the field of international education. Today both elementary and high schools are operating at full capacity and are heavily oversubscribed.

In 2016, they spread their wings to Malaysia and established the St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia, Tropicana PJ Campus (SJII-Malaysia). *(See related article on page 25)*

“The knowledge of wisdom which the Brothers and teachers sought to impart might or might not have been absorbed at the time of learning but they have distinctly helped to mould the character of the pupils in their most formative years We were educated in spiritual and moral values provided firm foundation for our deep sense of social justice and attributes which mankind must hold clear.....” (late Franciscan Howe Yoon Chong, then Singapore's Minister of Defence, 1980)

Are we Franciscans ready to take-up a similar challenge?

St Francis' Institution Malacca is still the choice of school for many parents for their children's education. If the fire of the Lasallian spirit is still burning brightly in the hearts and minds of every Franciscans, the challenge is POSSIBLE!



PROFILE of our La Sallian Brothers
... featured in the Second Issue: 2008

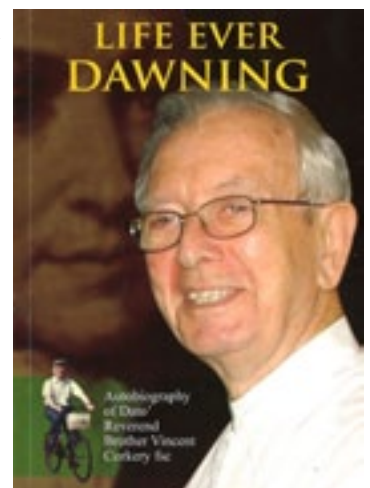
“Whenever his fellow De La Salle Brother is called home to the Lord, **Br Vincent Corkery** takes upon himself the meticulous but rewarding task of writing the biography of the Brother concerned.”

Through his vivid recollection of the past, he skillfully gleans from his seemingly mundane daily experiences and transforms them into “Lessons from the Past as Light for our Future”. These very interesting, readable, edifying biographies are preserved in the archives of the La Salle Brothers.

Br Vincent Corkery also wrote his Autobiography “**Life Ever Dawning**” which was published by the St Michael's Institution Alumni Association Klang Valley in 2014.

He passed away on March 22, 2016.

May His Soul Rest In Peace.



Years Around The School

WELCOME TO MELAKA
We would like to thank Sister Bernadette for her dear mother and other family members to know that they are always welcome in Melaka, especially to SFI.
During their last and final visit here on 21 August 2010, they did meet up with our Franciscan Family - Mr. & Mrs. Tan Hoon Kiang, Mr. & Mrs. Kumara Dasu, Miss Audrey Lim and others.

ST. FRANCIS' INSTITUTION - Our Second Home
On Wednesday 15 September 2010, five Old Boys from Class 1977, met up at their 'second home', to welcome their 'Pewee' classmate - Jude de Costa & his wife.
To Franciscan Jude, each visit to his Alma Mater brings back not only the loving memory of his dear father, Franciscan Richard de Costa, but also the unique CARING ATTITUDE instilled by our La Salle Brothers. Please read on.....

GREEN AND WHITE
The Green & White newspaper clipping shows a group of young men standing together. The caption reads: "Class of 1977: From front, 2nd row: Chong Nyong Kwong, Rajes Amir, Tan Hoon Kiang, Mr. Jude de Costa, Jude de Costa, Thomas Cho and Lim Ben Lim."

FROM ONE FRANCISCAN TO ANOTHER
It was drizzling heavily that Tuesday morning when a young Franciscan saw an old man losing his balance by the roadside curb along Koon Cheng Road. With hurried steps, the young Franciscan rushed out of his classroom. By this time, he was joined by two other schoolmates who had also noticed what was happening to the old man. By the time these three young Franciscans reached the spot, the man was quite wet and lying on the road.
Mr. Richard de Costa was finally brought to the school premises, arriving from the coast. Rev. Bro. Antonius Luke, the Director, was duly informed and after a rest and a hot drink, Mr. Richard de Costa was sent home by teacher Goh Chio Guan, assisted by a school prefect. "I thank God Almighty and these young Franciscans for helping me," said 78 years old Richard. "I am a Sabelle. My legs suddenly gave way and I simply lost control."
The Green & White is proud that this CARING ATTITUDE at SFI will prevail. This incident is just a tip of the iceberg. Throughout the one hundred and fifteen years of her existence, SFI has been blessed by this CARING ATTITUDE instilled by the Christian Brothers and her lay teachers. We should always LOVE and CARE for our fellow beings.

From One Franciscan to Another

... featured in the Second Issue: 2010

Three young Franciscans; Chong Nyong Kwong, Rajes Amirthasamy and Philip Thomas helped an old man who lost his balance while walking from SFI Primary to SFI Secondary school during a heavy drizzle. He happened to be another Franciscan, Richard de Costa

We salute the three boys for their CARING ATTITUDE!

La Salle education not only caters for the basic 3Rs but also it develops the student's personality and social being. We believe that it is very important for our boys to learn **how to live**. We want them to be effective in leading meaningful, productive and balanced lives in their vocation and in their various roles in life. Success in school, and certainly success in life, means more than just good examination results. Thus, we help our boys understand the importance of finding meaning in their work and life, and to work towards greater, more satisfying and wholesome definition of success. Student development is, therefore, an integral aspect of a holistic La Salle education.

We, The Lasallian Family

FROM ONE LASALLIAN TO ANOTHER
Our congratulations to the 7th President of Singapore, Dr. Tony Tan who officially took office on 1 September 2011.
A few months have elapsed and indeed, as Lasallian Dr. Tony Tan has pledged that day "I will reach out to all", the Green & White, on our part, is also reaching out to our SFA Melaka and the Franciscan Club, Kuala Lumpur, as well as all other present and past Lasallian Associations.
"I spent my formative years at St. Patrick's School and St. Joseph's Institution. They were schools run by the La Salle Brothers. They dedicated their lives to educating us.
The Brothers reminded us daily that we each had an obligation to help the last, the lost and the least."
(The Straits Times - Singapore, Saturday 27 August 2011)
In this respect, the Green & White welcome more contacts and "feedback" from our readers. Let us know where you and your fellow Franciscans (Lasallians) are - where all of you CAN BE REACHED. This unique Lasallian approach imparted to us all by our dear La Salle Brothers and educators, MUST ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED & CHERISHED. Editor

MUSIC ICONS HONOURED IN 500TH CELEBRATION OF CULTURE
"As part and parcel of the 500th commemoration of local Portuguese culture, history and heritage in the wake of the pioneering Portuguese landing on Malacca shores on back in 1511, the Malacca Portuguese Brazilian Association (MPBA), honoured one-time Malacca's legendary singing trio the 'Três Amigos'....."
"To personally acknowledge the historic foundation of the 'Três Amigos' at the above celebration, both brothers, Horacio da Maria (89 years old) & Arthur da Maria (79) came all the way from Perth to Malacca to join Ernie Mousavari representing the 'Três Amigos'.
The trio also paid a visit to their Alma Mater on 24 October 2011.
Class of 1958: Ernie Mousavari, Horacio da Maria, Arthur da Maria. They were joined and they all sang at the SFI ceremony.

From One Lasallian to Another

... featured in the Second Issue: 2011

On officially taking office as the 7th President of Singapore on September 1, 2011, Lasallian Dr Tony Tan has pledged that day "I will reach out to all".

"I spent my formative years at St Patrick's School and St Joseph's Institution. They were schools run by the La Salle Brothers. They dedicate their lives to educating us.

The Brothers reminded us daily that we each had an obligation to help the last, the lost and the least". (Dr Tony Tan).

Many other Lasallians from Malaysians and Singaporeans have also benefitted from the Lasallian education and have rose high in society in their various professions. We are to continue the legacy of the La Salle Heritage.

W's, The Canadian Family
'From One Lasallian to Another - Congratulations'

LA SALLE IN ASIA
 The 1st Chapter of the newly formed District of South East Asia came to a fitting conclusion on Saturday 21 March 2012 with the celebration of 150 years of La Salle in Asia. The celebrations were held at St. Xavier's Institution, Penang, the 'motherhouse' of the Brothers for nearly a year. The Thanksgiving Mass was held in the spacious school chapel followed by a tour of an area of the school set aside for an exhibition. A gala dinner rounded off the evening, with the Chief Minister of Penang State as the Guest of Honour. Let us give thanks to all the devoted Brothers and Lasallian partners who have dedicated their lives to the cause of human and spiritual education over the past 150 years.
 Courtesy of Rev. Bro. Patrick Thomas




DE LA SALLE MARKS 160 YEARS
 President of Singapore, Tony Tan Keng Yam shaking hands with 12-year-old Genastine Liu from De La Salle School at an event celebrating the 160th anniversary of the De La Salle schools here last night.
 Dr. Tan, an alumnus of St. Francis' School & St. Joseph's Institution which are among the seven Lasallian schools here, also unveiled a new \$8.2 million sports complex at St. Joseph's Institution International and launched a fund raising for the redevelopment of St. Joseph's Institution.
 More than 200 guests joined in the celebrations.
 17 photos: Shown as the Courtesy of The Straits Times (Singapore), 21 April 2012
 P1 Group meet up on their first Friday reunion on 4 May 2012, to celebrate La Salle Week at SFI.

LA SALLE GAMES
 The 2012 Lasallian Games which was held in St. John's Institution on 12 May was attended by SFI, SJA, St. Paul's, St. Joseph's, St. Andrew's, St. John's and La Salle King. St. John's organized a Students Fund for the participants aptly named 'Jungle Hunt in the City'.



Congratulations

A PLACE TO CALL HOME
St. Francis Association to operate from permanent premises
 The St. Francis Association (SFA), established in 1917 will gain its very own premises this year, after a lengthy period of 'floating around' in rented venues (R).
 A double storey building (R) costing around RM365,000 at the new phase of the Taman Kota Laksamana has already been purchased. With further renovations and extensions coupled with furnishings and refurbishments to be undertaken in April, the association's new home will be opened at a soft opening in the last quarter of 2012.
 Percy O'Neil
 (Courtesy of Brothers, 26 January 2012)




ANOTHER AWARD FOR BROTHER DAVID LIAO
 Rev. Bro. David Liao was honored as one of 8 examples of the Spirit of La Fong in this year's 50th Anniversary Celebration of La Fong Day. He was honoured with the title 'La Fong La Fong' and the endorsement from the Education Ministry in Beijing came from a special committee headed by Li Chang Chun 李长春, a member of the powerful Central Politburo. La Salle Study Centre was featured prominently in connection with La Fong Day on 3 March 2012. Rev. Bro. David said that the award came as a complete surprise to him. He has already completed 10 years of mission in China. We congratulate Rev. Bro. David and wish him continual good health in carrying out his work.
 Courtesy of Rev. Bro. Patrick Thomas

Fast Track to 2011
Brother David Liao Honoured
 Congratulations to Bro. David Liao on being conferred with the honorary title 'Dafu County Moral Example - Exemplary Comrade' in recognition of the outstanding educational contribution in China. His La Salle Study Centre has become a byword for educational excellence, much to the satisfaction of students, parents, volunteers and government officials.
 Courtesy of 'The Gateway'




COMING TOGETHER TO RENEW FOOTY LINKS
 Former and retired SK St. Francis' teacher, Mr. K. Meechay, was officially re-elected by the Malacca Indian Association.
 In a special ceremony, 73-year-old K. Meechay was rewarded for his playing and coaching contributions to the MIA in football, hockey and athletics, primary and secondary schools in Malacca as well as state senior and junior age-group teams since 1988.
 Meechay, who formed state football and hockey squads also turned up for the local All-States rugby team in domestic competitions between 1987 and 1989 before switching to full-time coaching. Among the players, who under the wings of Meechay went on to wear national colours, were Franciscans Wong Chuan Hin, Brian Carstairs and Chio Boon Chee for hockey and footballers Lim Teong Kim and brother Chuan Chin.
 Brian Carstairs and Chio Boon Chee for hockey and footballers Lim Teong Kim and brother Chuan Chin.
 (Courtesy: The Star - Franciscan Percy O'Neil)



Celebrating 160 years of La Salle Brothers in Malaysia & Singapore
 ... featured in the First Issue: 2012

The first six La Salle Brothers arrived in Singapore from France and USA on March 29, 1852, as a result of relentless appeals by Paris Foreign Missions priest Fr Jean-Marie Beurel.

Three remained in Singapore to start St Joseph's Institution while the rest sailed to Penang to establish St Xavier's Institution.

In 1852, Lasallian education system was born in Penang catering to the needs of the young for the 3 Rs, develop intellectually, gain social mobility and improve our income status. More importantly Lasallian education was critical in character formation to know right from wrong based on God given norms.

Academic excellence has to go side by side with ethical expressions. Excelling in learning is meaningless without being accompanied by a resilient character and good values. It was this fundamental perspective that convinced the La Salle Brothers that ALL had the right to education, especially the poor regardless of race and religion.

For our education to be relevant has to be Holistic that will include the intellectual, spiritual, physical and the emotional. The history of Lasallian Schools shows clearly that it was not what was taught that was important but what was learnt by the students was more important. We learnt fortitude, integrity, freedom and abiding faith in social justice in the hallowed halls of La Salle schools.

A Place to call HOME
 ... featured in the First Issue: 2012

St Francis' Association was formed under the leadership of the late P G George M Pamadasa on March 17, 1917. The Association led a nomadic for 35 years before it had a permanent building in 1952 on a lease land in the vicinity of SFI Primary under the graciousness of the De La Salle Brothers.

However in 2007, SFA had to move out of that premises in Jalan Chan Koon Cheng, when the land had to be handed back to the De La Salle Brothers, and had to operate from the upper floor of a shop-lot in Kota Laksamana.

Finally, in 2013, SFA moved into the FRANCISCAN HOUSE in Taman Kota Laksamana, and began operation on October 10, 2013.

In 2015, the Management Committee decided to buy over the FRANCISCAN HOUSE from the owners of the shop-lot so that SFA will be self-sustaining and Franciscans will eventually called the FRANCISCAN HOUSE their HOME!

It will be a wonderful way of celebrating 100 years of its formation.

Franciscan Military Band Concert

Friday, July 1, 2016: Franciscan Military Band gave an awesome performance to a packed hall at the Equatorial Hotel filled with appreciative audience. The band played several classical and contemporary pop music much to the delight of everyone. The concert with the theme **'Echoes of the Wind'** managed to raise some much needed fund for the FMB.

The band is trained by the experienced band instructor, Mr Daniel Chong and supported by dedicated teacher-advisors: Ms Phan Li Zhen, Mr Tay Chee Meng, Pn Nur Aqmar and Ms Koh Poh Swee.

The Franciscan Military Band would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to all donors and supporters and hope more donors would step forward to enable FMB to purchase new instruments to form a 60-member band in the near future.



Happy retirement Lee Siok Bee

Friday, July 29, 2016: Madam Lee Siok Bee, better known as Mrs Gan, officially retired on July 29, 2016 after serving 29 years in SFI. Madam Lee was posted to SFI on January 1, 1987 taught Mathematics and the Chinese Language. She is

a hardworking and dedicated teacher who never fail to support SFI and SFA in the various activities and events. She even volunteered to continue teaching until November 4 because SFI could not get a replacement teacher.

The La Salle Brothers and the Board of Governors would to thank her for her dedicated service. We are sure that some day she will be rewarded by her sacrifices. We take this opportunity to wish her "Happy Retirement!"



Mr Ambrose Loke presenting a memento, as a token of appreciation, to Madam Lee accompanied by Mr Lee Chee Choon (SFI Principal) on the right.



Students bidding Madam Lee farewell at the sending-off ceremony in the school Quadrangle.

SFI – Kagoshima & Kirishima Homestay Programme

Saturday, July 30, 2016, marked the beginning of the annual SFI Homestay Programme when 8 students and 1 officer from Kagoshima City and 3 students and 3 officers from Kirishima City came for the Programme. The Japanese visitors were welcomed in the school hall by Brother Director Ambrose Loke, Mr Lee Chee Choon (SFI Principal), Mdm Madelina Kuah (PTA Chairperson) Mr Tay Kim Chye (Senior Assistant for Students' Affair) Mr Yong Kheng Kwang and Mdm Chitra Sinniah (Programme Co-ordinators).



The Japanese officers were Mr Hirotohi Kanohara (Kagoshima City Hall Officer), Prof Mishima Moritake (Immaculate Heart College), Mr Nagase Hirokazu and Ms Yumi Iwasawa (Kirishima City Hall Officers). On Monday, five members of the Kirishima City International Exchange Association and their wives join the Homestay participants made an official visit to SFI. Despite the rain, Mr Suehiro Koji, the President of KCIEA and his entourage were given a warm welcome in the hall. During the official Homestay Programme, the Japanese guests, teachers and hosts were treated to a Portuguese Dance and a Chinese Yo-yo performance while the Japanese students showcased their cultural dance and songs. The Programme ended on August 3, 2016.



New Appointments

July 18, 2016: **GREEN & WHITE** and the Board of Governors of SFI would like to welcome En Azman bin Harun from SMK Haji Zainal Abidin, Penang to St Francis' Institution, Malacca as the Senior Assistant for Form 6. May your time in SFI be a productive and memorable one.

Congratulations to the following SFI teachers on their recent appointments; Ms Hong Chew Ling as Head of Language Department (**effective August 1, 2016**) and Pn Norazamah bte Khairuddin as Head of Maths and Science Department (**effective October 17, 2016**).



Let the light shines on you...

July 25, 2016: Jarred Lim (Class '85) donated 200 units of LED light bulbs. The LED lights will be brighter and at same time enabled the school to reduce its electricity bills. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jarred Lim.



Above: Jarred Lee handing over a tube of LED light to Mr Lee Chee Choon (SFI President) with Mr Ong Eng Khiam (SFA President) looking on.

SFI Primary School 77th Annual Sports Day



July 28, 2016: The 77th Annual Sports Day for the SFI Primary was held in the school field. The event was officiated by Brother Director, Br Ambrose Loke.

Seliah Mansor retired

Monday, August 2, 2016: SFI held a farewell ceremony for Pn Seliah binte Mansor, Head of the Language Department, who retired after serving in SFI for about 9 years (30 April, 2007 to August 1, 2016). She taught Bahasa Melayu and Pendidikan Sivik dan Kewarganegaraan prior to her retirement. Happy Retirement and Best Wishes, Pn. Seliah!



Pn. Seliah Mansor (with red shawl) with SFI school administrators and Madam Madelina Kuah (SFI PTA Chairperson) standing beside Brother Director Ambrose Loke.

Happy 72nd Birthday Br Ambrose Loke



Monday, August 8, 2016: Students and teachers presented Brother Director Ambrose Loke with a birthday cake (courtesy of SFI PTA chairperson, Mdm Madelina Kuah) to celebrate his 72nd Birthday. "Many happy returns, Br Ambrose."

Teachers and students sang the 'Happy Birthday' song during the Monday assembly.

Later in the evening, the F-Ones group, members of SFA, SFI teachers and friends held a birthday dinner for Br Ambrose and Mr Wee Min Yong at New Lagoon Restaurant to celebrate their birthdays.

Mooncake Festival

Monday, September 2, 2016: The 3rd Annual Mooncake Festival was a great success with positive responses from everyone. The organisers of the festival put up an impressive show including the 24-season drums troupe, songs, Wushu performance, a modern dance and musical. Mr Lee Chee Choon (SFI Principal) belted out a song titled 'The Moon Represents My Heart' once popularised by popular Taiwanese songbird Teresa Teng, much to the delight of the audience. The highlight of the event was when everyone was given a paper lantern and took part in a lantern procession to the nearby Dataran Pahlawan field led by Mr Lee Chee Choon, Br Ambrose Loke and Mr Ong Eng Khiam.



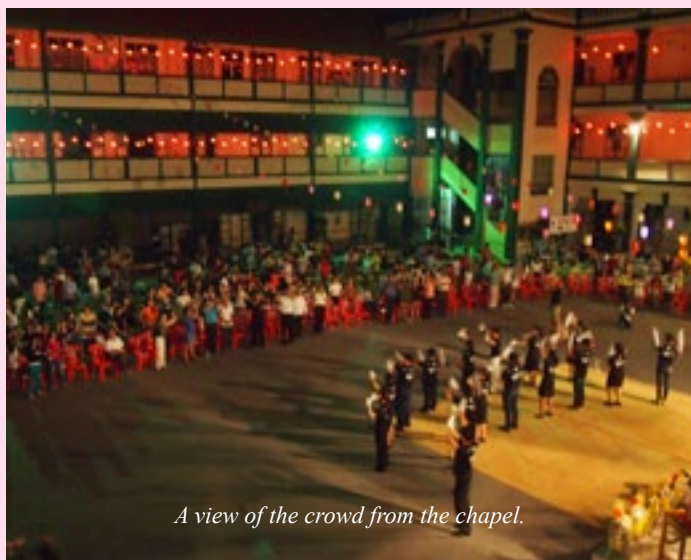
Lee Chee Choon presenting a token of appreciation to Stanley Lam, CEO of Mahkota Medical Centre.



Tan Yong Qi (L6R) dressed as 'Chang Er' with a bevy of pretty Sixth Formers holding lanterns.



The lantern procession led by Lee Chee Choon and Ong Eng Khiam



A view of the crowd from the chapel.

FRANCISCAN HOUSE Building Fund

September 9, 2016: Franciscans Foo Teck Meng and Andy Lim Weyshing (Class '04) made a donation of RM1000.00 to the **Franciscan House Building Fund** during a visit to their alma mater.

St Francis' Association and the Franciscan House Building Committee would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to Teck Meng and Weyshing for their valuable contribution.

From L to R: Foo Teck Meng, Yong Kheng Kwang (SFI teacher & SFA committee), Andy Lim Weysheng, William John Lowe (SFA Vice-President) and Simeon Lim (SFA member).



SFI Annual Excellence Award Day

Monday, October 6, 2016: SFI Annual Excellence Award Day was officiated by Dr Tan Cheng Hock (Franciscan Class of '60 & a Member of SFI Board of Governors) in the school hall. This event is to recognised and acknowledged the students'

achievements in the various sports and games, the Form 5 academic achievements, contributions and services to the school. All in all, about 80 students were awarded with school colours, certificates, cash incentives and having their names immortalised

on the Achievement Boards found along the school corridors. The highlight of the event was the naming of **"Sportsman of the Year"**, **"Lasallian of the Year"** and **"Franciscan of the Year"**.



Ong Jun Hang, recipient of the Percy Felix Joseph Award for being chosen as the Sportsman of the Year with Dr Tan Cheng Hock and Mr Lee Chee Choon.



Son Vien Xuan, another outstanding student, was named The Lasallian of the Year.



The Franciscan of the Year (Br. T. Michael Award) was awarded to Yuvaraaj Pillai A/L Mahathavan, Head Prefect 2015/2016

11th Kagoshima Asian Youth Arts Festival October 15 - 16, 2016

In October, a twenty member St Francis' Dance Troupe flew to the city of Kagoshima in Japan to take part in the 11th Kagoshima Asian Youth Arts Festival at the invitation of Mayor Hiroyuki Mori. The 16 Franciscans who had no prior cultural dance background, trained rigorously under the guidance of former Mini Malaysia dance choreographer, En Mohd Farouk bin Najib and their hard work paid off when their medley of various cultural dances was well received by the audience

in Houzan Hall on October 15, 2016. Leading the group, were Pn Hajjah Seliah binte Mansor (SFI Head of Language Department who had just retired) and teachers; Pn Nordaslina Md Dasuki and Mdm Yee Mei Har and En Farouk. Apart from performing in Houzen Hall and in the Youth Park, the group also visited various places of interest in Kagoshima and a few schools in the city including Prof Mishima Moritake's Immaculate Heart College (Junshin College).



Rekindling a 25-years old friendship with students of Immaculate Heart College, Kagoshima.



The 20-member SFI Dance Troupe at the Welcome Reception.



The 11th Kagoshima Asian Youth Arts Festival in Houzan hall in Kagoshima City, Japan.

“Coming home” for their fix of their favourite *mee-ta*



Friday, September 16, 2016: Ashok Vijay (Class ‘80) organised a homecoming gathering to savour the ‘*mee-ta*’ in SFI canteen. Many Franciscans turned up in the morning of Malaysia Day to have their ever favourite and memorable school-days noodles. It is hope that more of such events will be held so that Franciscans of all ages will be able keep in touch with one another and also with the happenings in their alma mater.



Franciscans from various ages with their teachers at the ‘mee-ta’ gathering.

LORD, IN YOU WE PLACE OUR TRUST



A special intention prayer session was held in our school chapel for 18 Catholic boys from SFI Primary who were on their journey to partake in their UPSR examination from September 5 to 8, 2016. Wish them “Good Luck”, keep praying always... Stay Blessed.

A special thanks to Br Ambrose Loke, Mr Daniel Tan Kwee Lim (SFI Primary Headmaster), Joshua, Wayne Enrique and parents for giving their time and support in helping the boys in their spiritual life. God Bless.

School Uniforms For Deserving Students ...compliments from Franciscans Class of 1979

November 25, 2016: Franciscans Class of ‘79 donated uniforms to 19 deserving boys. The project is a collaboration with the school Parent-Teacher Association. The boys were also provided with 2 pairs of shoes, socks, singlets and belt. This necessities are to prepare them for the coming school term which will begin on January 3, 2017.



Representatives from Franciscan Class ‘79 with Mr Daniel Tan Kwee Lim, Headmaster (with tie) and Madelina Kuah, PTA Chairperson (2nd from right)



Faith that Moulds Minds
Hope that Touches Hearts
Love that Transforms Lives

Annual Camp for Uniform Units



Members of the Uniform Units of SFI Primary attended the Annual Camp at Pusat Ko-Kurikulum Naning, Alor Gajah from November 11 to 13, 2016.

Tomorrow Begins Today



November 16, 2016: SFI Primary School prefects attended a Leadership Course at Hotel Sentral Riverview, Malacca. It is aimed at helping them to carry out their tasks effectively.

Canteen Day 2016

November 4, 2016: St Francis' Institution (Primary) Canteen Day 2016 was held in the school canteen. It was organised by the Parent-Teacher Association, Parents Support Group (KSIB) and school staff. It was heartening to note that many old boys came to lend their support.



CONGRATULATIONS



November 17, 2016: UPSR Result 2016 was announced.

4 boys from SFI Primary obtained 6A's, while 9 boys scored 5A's 1B and 11 boys 4A's 2B's in this year UPSR.

Congratulations to all the achievers. We are proud of you!! Also thanks to the teachers for their guidance.

AGE QUOD AGIS!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The 'Green & White' would like to thank the following for their help and services rendered in this particular issue - SFI teachers Mr Yong Kheng Kwang (Secondary) and Ms Julie Tan (Primary), Franciscans Michael Chin Sak Sin, Percy D'Cruz, Peter Ong Chui Siah and Mahendran Kutty and Peter Kiew (St Michael's Institution) for their respective articles & photographs.

Thanks also to St Francis' Association, Malacca, Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur and our fellow Lasallian Alumni Associations for their support and always keeping in close contact.

Last, but by no means least, 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.

ON THE HORIZON



Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur DINNER 2017
Celebrating 137th Anniversary of St Francis' Institution, Malacca

Date : Saturday, July 22, 2017 Time : 7.00pm
Venue : Thean Hou Hall, 65, Persiaran Endah, Taman Persiaran Desa, Kuala Lumpur
Cost per Head : RM100 only Dress code : Smart Casual

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SFI Chapel Heritage "Stained Glass Project"

Br Vernier Auguste served twice as Brother Director at St Francis' Institution – first from 1918 to 1920 and then from 1936 to 1947. It was during his second tenure that he was able to plan, design and complete the charming legacy of a chapel that is still acknowledged as one of the most outstanding school chapels in this part of the world.

A self-taught designer, Br Vernier drew up the plans in 1936. They were ambitious and featured ribbed vaulting, tapering columns, flying buttresses, and tall Gothic windows of magnificent stained glass behind the marble altar.

Br Vernier had wanted to have similar stained glass installed in the side mullion



windows running the length of the chapel but his budget would not allow it. He had to settle for plain glass and for many years he had to be content with an overly lit interior. It was only after the

war that he finally got what he wanted.

PG Mahindasa offered to have the clear panes replaced with stained glass ordered from the Brothers'

Arts & Crafts School, the *Ecoles St Lue* in Belgium. The donation was made in memory of his beloved brother PG Pamadasa.

First Friday Mass is celebrated every month when the school is in session and attended to full capacity by students, teachers, Old Boys and retired teachers.

Since the installation, the stained glass windows had never been cleaned!

Recently, Br Ambrose initiated the cleaning project. Franciscans and well-wishers donated monies for the project. Franciscan Eugene Chan (Class '79) professionally supervised his team of experts in the cleaning.

Franciscans came forward with their contributions...



October 24 2016: Mr Daniel Lee and his classmates (Class '81) presented RM2,000 to Br Ambrose Loke with Mr Ong Eng Khiam (President, St Francis' Association) and Mr Lee Chee Choon (Principal) in attendance.



November 4 2016: Franciscan Ang Teck Lee (retired Superintendent of Custom, Melaka) and his classmates (Class '71) presented RM2,400 to Br Ambrose Loke.



November 4, 2016: Br Ambrose Loke received a cheque of RM1,877 which was the contributions from Philip Tay and his classmates (Class '70).



November 25, 2016: The students of SFI also showed their awareness about the SFI Chapel Heritage 'Stained Glass Cleaning Project' by contributing a total of RM389.55 towards the cleaning project.

SFI Chapel Heritage "Stained Glass Project"

Men at work... The cleaning process... Inside and outside...



Dear Franciscans and friends,

We had successfully concluded the **SFI Stained Glass Clean Up Project** on December 10, 2016.

I wish to sincerely thank you for your help to disseminate news of the project and help to raise funds. The final amount collected will be made known in due course. The bank account specially opened for the project fund was closed on Monday, December 19, 2016.

We will no longer accept donations for the project BUT if you wish to contribute to the Chapel and its maintenance, kindly channel your donations to the existing Chapel Fund (*see details on page 28*) or contact Br Ambrose Loke at SFI.

On behalf of the project team, I thank you once again for your support.

AGE QUOD AGIS

Eugene Chan



The benches were also been repaired...

Back to where we belong...



F-One Group Malacca at their regular meeting with some guests from overseas.

Many former students will visit their Alma Mater whenever they are back in town. They came to meet their favourite teachers or just to enjoy the “mee ta”, their ever favourite and memorable school-days noodles. Some will bring their spouse and children to show them the institution that had moulded them into what they are today.

Green & White welcome each and everyone of you. Please share your memorable moments by providing us with pictures, captions, your names and the year you left school so that we can share with the other Franciscans.

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 28 for instructions.



Class 2013: John Ng, Shaun Gan, Tan Tsin How.



Class 2013: Lee Ka Ken, Mrs Goh Bee Peng (centre), Ruben Amirthalingam with Mr Yong Kheng Kwang (standing).



Class 2012: Suah Jin Shaun, Tan Wee Yi, Nagappan and Lee Ju Ann



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Class 2015: Jared Anthony Nicholas



Class 1979: Gary Wong, Johnny Tong, Leong Sang Khim, Richard Low and a friend Philip Choo.



Class 2014: Harrison Tay and Chua Siong Hock



S Thayalan has surely “out-grown” Mr Lim Boon Lye.



A WORLD CHAMPION IN THE MAKING

Keep it up Andrikl!



Photo: Andrikl Lim and his father, Mr Lim Boon Lye with Mr Lee Chee Choon (SFI Principal)

Andrikl Lim Kai Shan (1H – 2016) whose father is Mr Lim Boon Lye (SFI teacher and Franciscan Class '77) made headlines in the sports pages recently. Below are his impressive achievements in 2016 to-date :-

PBA 14th Penang Open (Malaysian) Junior Open Squash Championship 2016

Date : August 22 - 27, 2016

Venue : Nicol David International Squash Centre, Penang

Position: 2nd placing

CIMB Foundation 23rd Asian Junior Individual Squash Championship 2016

Date : September 20 - 24, 2016

Venue: National Squash Centre, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur

Position: 2nd placing

2nd CMS Borneo Junior Open Squash Championship 2016

Date: October 7 - 8, 2016

Venue: Sarawak Squash Centre, Kuching

Position: 3rd placing

11th CIMB Foundation Rising Star; National Junior Circuit 2016 – Grand Finals

Date: October 20 - 23, 2016

Venue: National Squash Centre, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur

Position: Overall Champion

AGE QUOD AGIS!



Mahendran Kuttly (Class '69), Br Ambrose Loke, Sylvian Shooi Yang Hwa (Association of Ex-Students of La Salle and Sacred Heart, Kota Kinabalu) and Yong Kheng Kwang.



Franciscans Class '98 - 5K had a "reunion" with their former form teacher Mr Wee Min Yong and Bahasa Malaysia teacher Ms Lim Bong Soo in SFI recently.



Johanian Low Tung Seng (Class '58) visited SFI with an Australian friend.



Franciscans Class '98 - 5K

Franciscans activities

Charitable Franciscans Class '72

"Humanitarian Hearts from Malaysia Sailed to a Fishing Village in the Philippines"

"You give a poor man a fish and you feed him for a day. You teach him to fish and you give him an occupation that will feed him for a lifetime." (Chinese proverb)



The boats seen in the pictures were generously donated by the Franciscans Class '72 namely; John Ng Lee Kwang, Allen Yong Kuan Hon and James Sia. The beneficiaries of these boats are the members of legally incorporated **Maharlika Mangunguma Mangingisda** (Maharlika Farmers and Fishermen Association). The association was set up in the village of Lawigan in 2016,

after being inspired by the making of the very first boat, donated by Dave Low, also a Franciscan Class '72 in 2015. **Ang Katipunan ng mga Samahang Maharlika (AngKaSaMa Inc.)** with which Dave Low has association with through some of its members, gave advice and encouragement to the setting up of the association. The motivation behind the set up was to protect the coastal environment and the livelihood sustainability of the community members in Lawigan. The first elected president is Genaro Saranara.

Note: Lawigan is a fishing village of approximately 1,500 inhabitants. It is about 72 km from Iloilo City. The closest town is San Joaquin, in the Iloilo province, in Panay Island, Philippines.

Congratulations Matthew Ong



Franciscan **Matthew Ong** (Class '06) joined **The Cancer Letter** as a reporter in 2012. His reporting has been recognised by the National Press Club, the National Society of Professional Journalists, the Association of Health Care Journalists, the Society of American Business Editors and Writers, the National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation, the American Society of Business Publication Editors, the American Association of University Professors, and the Washington, DC Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Most recently, Ong's coverage focused on the **National Cancer Moonshot Initiative**, led by Vice President Joe Biden, and reporting of adverse outcomes in a multi-year series, **"How Medical Devices Do Harm."**

Ong graduated from Marquette University in 2012, majoring in journalism, psychology, as well as women's and gender studies. He has a certificate in business administration from Georgetown University, and is the recipient of the 2016 Washington Media Institute Distinguished Alumni Award. Ong has worked as a multimedia producer, reporter and editor for various news organizations. His work has appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, where he contributed to a series

that won a 2013 George Polk Award and inspired an \$8.3 million donation to the Diederich College of Communication at Marquette University for the creation of a public service journalism fellowship program.

In a two-year investigation, Matthew Ong covered the controversy over power morcellation, a then-common gynaecological procedure. His in-depth reporting contributed to changes in public policy, hospitals across the US stopped performing the surgery; and insurance companies have largely stopped covering the procedure. It also played a role in the ending of a related clinical trial at a Harvard hospital. (From 'The Cancer Letter' website)

Matthew has won US National and Regional Journalism Awards:

- The 2015 National Press Club Award for Best Analytical/ Interpretive Journalism;
- The 2015 Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi Award for Excellence in Public Service Journalism;
- The 2014, 2015 and 2016 Dateline Award from the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists;
- 2016 Best in Business Award for Outstanding Business Journalism, Society of American Business Editors and Writers (second place);
- 2016 Health Care Journalism Award, National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation (finalist);
- 2016 Azbee Award of Excellence, American Society of Business Publication Editors (second place);
- 2015 Iris Molotsky Award, American Association of University Professors (finalist).

Greetings from Germany



Franciscan **Dennis Kong** (Class '15) sends his warmest regards, from Koin, Germany, to his teachers and fellow Franciscans. Dennis was selected for the American Field Service Exchange Programme and left for Germany on February 18, 2016. He will be back on January 15 2017, just in time to celebrate Chinese New Year with his family.

Congratulations

Albus Gan Churn Chow and **Son Vien Xuang** (Class 2016) achieved the gold medals in the Kangaroo Maths Malaysia and the silver medals in the Asian Science and Maths Olympiad. On top of that, Son Vien Xuan also came out second nationwide with a score of 97.5 in the National Chemistry Quiz recently and received his award at Eastin Hotel on December 2, 2016.

Albert Ng Wan Wei (2H – 2016) won the top place in the 4th Asia Spelling Cup held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 12, 2016. Albert Ng represented Malaysia after winning the **RHB-NST Spell-It-Right Competition** at national level. His sister Anna Ng, 12, too came out top in the primary school category. Both of them received US\$2,000 each.



Son Vien Xuang (right) and Albus Gan Churn Chow (left).



Albert Ng Wan Wei & his sister, Anna Ng

For more info : <http://www.nst.com.my/news/2016/11/188058/under-their-spell-two-msian-siblings-win-both-categories-4th-asia-spelling-cup>

Another Olympian from SFI



Franciscan **Jonathan Wong Guanjie** (Class '09) made SFI proud for being the first Franciscan to represent Malaysia in the air pistol event in the Rio Olympic Games. He made it to the 28th position and was six points short of the qualifying mark of 580 points for the finals.

Jonathan Wong, is currently pursuing aerospace engineering student in University Putra Malaysia. We wish him all the best and may he be successful in the next Olympic.



SFI Learning Centre Education for the last, the lost and the least...

Director Ambrose Loke and classes in English language and Mathematics began functioning in March 2001, occupying four classrooms in the U-shaped building. The classes cater for Forms 1 to 3 Franciscans and are conducted during the afternoons (3.30pm to 5.30pm) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The SFI Learning Centre is a Lasallian Project aimed at providing free tuition to the weak and very poor students in SFI – students who cannot afford tuition at paying centres. This project was initiated by Brother

The Centre is managed by Br Ambrose Loke as Coordinating Director and assisted by Br Michael Kum as the Programme Coordinator. Former SFI Staff member, Mr Wee Min Yong, served as the

Treasurer.

The Resource Personnel comprised of volunteers (student tutors from Forms 4 and 5). These Franciscan tutors willingly sacrifice their precious time for the cause of Lasallian Education for the last, the lost and the least. A small honorarium is distributed to the volunteers at the end of each month as a token of appreciation for their dedicated services.

Although the Centre is non-profit orientated, nevertheless it depends on the generosity of Old Franciscans and well-

wishers to help it maintain its operational expenses. Towards this end, Brother Director will like to express his gratitude to the above-mentioned for their contributions.

Through the efforts of these student tutors, SFI has managed to maintain its high profile in the PMR/PT3 assessments.

With the retirement of Br Michael Kum in 2016 and his transfer to Petaling Jaya, Brother Director Ambrose will be re-structuring the Management Board in early 2017.

We thank Br Michael Kum for his dedicated service to the Centre since its formation. - by **Wee Min Yong**

Recent Bereavement

In Loving Memory of Brother Matthew James Liew



Br Matthew Liew passed away peacefully in the early morning of November 16, 2016. During the two days wake and prayers service at Salle Hall, many Lasallians and friends, including His Grace Archbishop Julian Leow, came to pay their last respect. The funeral service Mass was held at St Francis Xavier Church, Petaling Jaya at 10.00am on November 18 followed by cremation in Nirvana Crematorium in Shah Alam.

Br Matthew was born on January 13, 1934 in Taiping, Perak. He came from a family very involved in religious and

priestly vocations. A grand-uncle was a priest, an uncle a La Salle Brother, a sister was a nun and a niece also a nun. Our Brother Director, Br Ambrose Loke and Br Andrew Loke, Country Co-ordinator, La Salle Brothers Malaysia are first cousins of Br Matthew, their mothers were sisters.

He joined the La Salle Junior Novitiate in 1949. He was the Brother Director of the La Salle Juniorate from 1970 to 1978. Then on April 1, 1985, he was elected to be the Titular Brother Visitor for the District of Penang, which comprises Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

May his soul rest in Peace.

NOTE:

A Memorial Service Mass in loving memory of the late Br Matthew Liew will be held on March 4, 2017 at 10.00am at St Francis Xavier's Church, Petaling Jaya. All are invited.



Old boy **Ivan Rodriguese** (Class '58) was called home to be with the Lord on November 5, 2016 in Singapore. We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife, 3 children and other family members.

May his soul rest in peace.

Old boy **Steven Chee Teck Guan** (Class '72) passed away suddenly on January 10, 2017. The wake was held for 2 days at the funeral parlour of St Ignatius' Church, Kelana Jaya. His former classmates from Class '72 were there to pay their respect. We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife and children. Eternal rest unto him O Lord. May his soul rest in peace.



Left to right: Peter Low Kock Chew, Lim Yew Suan, John Ee, Anthony Chan Tai Keong, James Sia, John Ng Lee Kwang, Allen Yong Kuan Hon, Lee Teck Keong.

9th Asia Pacific Lasallian Educators' Congress - APLEC 9



Malacca hosted the APLEC9... The 9th edition of the Asia Pacific Lasallian Educators' Congress (APLEC) themed *'Lasallian Working towards Peace and Justice'* was held in Malacca from 4th to 8th December, 2016 with St Francis' Institution heading the general organisational aspects under the chairmanship of Br Andrew Loke FSC, Brother Coordinator, Malaysia.

Br Ricky Laguda, the General Councillor PARC (Pacific Asia Regional Conference), in his message noted that "Working towards peace and justice is very vital to the Lasallian mission. Essential in our pedagogy (Circular 409) states that Lasallian education starts from the perspective of the poor and it integrates the preferential for the poor.

This is not something new. We can trace this practice for the educational service of the poor since the time of our founder. The Church, too, invites you to listen to this call and go forth from our own comfort in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of a peaceful and just society.

We hope the region's educators gathered will make us more responsive to the different forms of poverty that surrounds us as well as to the people who live in the peripheries

As Lasallians, our vocation lies on behalf of the poor who live in the peripheries. Justice and peace will only be a reality

if we include those in the peripheries as our priority and part of our educational agenda" he added.

Br Edmundo Fernandez, the Brother Visitor of the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD) in his message brought into focus the words of Pope Francis who in his general audience in early 2016 said, "Sacred Scriptures presents us with God as infinite mercy, but also as perfect justice. How are these two things reconciled? How can the reality of mercy be articulated with the need for justice?"

To further elucidate Br Fernandez said, "As your Brother and fellow educator, perhaps some of our actions these recent times does point towards an answer.

We have moved towards reconciliation of the reality of God's love and the need for justice in the world when we teach our students to respect life, even those criminals and drug addicts by teaching them about human rights.

We teach our students that excellence in education is not for one's own gain but the good of society. We teach our students to recognise God's presence in all, especially the last, the lost and the least.

Let me quote Psalm 85:10 and let it serve as our long term vision and may it be the fruit of our works - "Mercy and truth have met each other: justice and peace have kissed". - by *Percy D'Cruz*

The Congress that was... The triennial gatherings of La Salle Brothers, Lasallian educators and stakeholders, APLEC9 was attended by 160 delegates from Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Aimed at strengthening networking of educators in the different districts of the Asia-Pacific Region, APLEC brings together leading educationists from across the region for an enriching program of updating, sharing, forward planning and fraternal fellowship.

In his keynote address, Br Armin Luistro raised a few pertinent issues on how educators respond to the influence of social media and its threats on the truths of peace and justice that shape the minds of the youth today - drawing from his own experience as an educator and former Education Secretary in the Philippines government.

Br Normandy Dujunco touched on understanding the Lasallian spirituality and how educators should understand it more so that we can pass it on to the next generation of Lasallian teachers. His topic was *"Lasallian Spirituality for Teachers in Asia Pacific"*.

Other presenters at the four-day congress were Dr Edmund Chia who touched on the topic, *"Lasallian Spirituality in Multi-Religious Contexts"*, Dr

Gemma Tulud Cruz who spoke on *"Lasallian Education Towards Peace and Justice"*, Mr Jerald Joseph who aptly explored, *"Walking Peace, Justice and Human Rights in Our World"* and Dr Koh Thiam Seng on *"Lasallian Strategic Planning in Education"*.

The topics were geared into a common objective – Lasallian Spirituality is still very much relevant in the formation of educators, how best our young people respond to the current issues on peace and justice, what can educators do to face these challenges and strategise our plans based on the basic Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community!

In the closing speech, Br Ricky Laguda, said teachers want to transform the lives of their students because they are also moved by compassion to touch their hearts in more ways than one.

"I encourage you to network at the country level as well at the regional level. In this day and age, collaboration and sharing of best practice is key to being excellent service provider. Let us then plan for a lifetime, and educate people in the Lasallian way", Br Ricky said.

We thank Br Andrew Loke, the organising chairman of APLEC9, Br Ambrose Loke and his committee for the spectacular and memorable get-together. Besides the sessions of discussions and workshops, delegates were feted with local delicacies via the *Malacca Food Fest*, an equally thrilling boat ride, exploring the historical city of Malacca and the customary display of country cultural outfit.

We also thank all delegates for making APLEC9 a success.

Hope to see you again in APLEC10. - by *Peter Khiew, SMI*

A new beginning...

Blessing and Dedication of St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia (Tropicana Campus)



SJII-M (Tropicana Campus)

The Blessing Ceremony of the new SJIIIM took place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 in the school auditorium with the Most Rev Tan Sri Murphy Pakiam, DD Archbishop Emeritus of Kuala Lumpur as chief celebrant. Br Edmundo Fernandez, Brother Visitor and Brothers from Malaysia, Singapore

and Hong Kong joined the school Community along with Board members, Malaysian and Singapore alumni, and a large number of guests for this first ever public prayer service in the school. Another important guest was Tan Sri Danny Tan, accompanied by his two sons, Dixon and Dion, of Tropicana Corporation,

who is our corporate partner in establishing the school.

In his homily the Archbishop spoke movingly of the new mission of the Brothers at SJIIIM and of the Lasallian core values of faith, service and community which have marked out education in Malaysia since 1852. Accompanied by Brothers, he then blessed the building at various points. A high-light of the service was the blessing of portraits of our Founder which were distributed to representatives of each class to be displayed in their classrooms. The ceremony concluded with a rousing rendition by the elementary students of the song "We are Lasallian." Our founding students have taken this song to their hearts and are developing a strong Lasallian identity.

At the end of the service a commemorative plaque was unveiled by Br Edmundo and Mr Michael S'ng, Chairman of the Board of Governors. Then our Lasallian Mission Centre and the air-conditioned Dining Hall were venues for refreshments and sharing. The Brothers Community of SJIIIM wish to express our sincere gratitude for the presence and support of Br Edmundo Fernandez, Brother Visitor, Br Paul Ho, Auxiliary Visitor, Br Patrick, District Councillor, Br Andrew Loke, Country Coordinator of Malaysia, and all the Brothers and Lasallian partners. We are very happy to welcome visitors to our Community and school and do kindly keep our staff, students and families in your prayers. -
by Br Thomas Lavin FSC

Old Paulians' Association 90th Anniversary Dinner

August 27, 2016: OPA held their 90th Anniversary Dinner at Regent Hall, Seremban. It is the largest Lasallian Alumni Dinner with 1.880 people (188 tables) attending. Members from other Lasallian Alumni Associations were invited to the dinner.



St John's Institution 112th Annual Gala Dinner

October 8, 2016: St John's Institution held their 112th Annual Gala Dinner at Taming Sari Ballroom, The Royal Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The guest of honour was Br Andrew Loke. It was an enjoyable dinner. The food, fellowship and performances by the school brass band and bagpipers were par excellence. Congratulations to Mr Megat, Chairman of the Board of Governors and his committee for the 6-star hospitality and a very well-organised Anniversary Dinner.



Br Michael Kum retires... FCKL hosted a dinner in his honour



Fellow Lasallians; Ho Chee Kit & Lim Hock Thiam (St Xavier's), Michael Simon (St John's) & wife, Don Darrell (La Salle Sentul) joined the La Salle Brothers and Franciscans at the dinner celebration.

After 37 years of service, Br Michael Kum, is taking a bow. Br Michael, who turned 60 on June 28, 2016, bade farewell to the education profession after retiring from St Francis' Institution, Malacca. "I am now part of the retirees club and will enjoy benefits accorded to senior citizens. And more importantly, I can wake up a little later each morning to enjoy my precious sleep," he said lightheartedly. After devoting the last quarter of a century to SFI, Br Michael was feted with a fitting farewell cum belated dinner by members of the Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur at the Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur on August 12, 2016. At the dinner, Br Michael was presented with a copy of a coffee table book on his life – 'Br Michael Kum: Happy 60th Birthday, Happy Retirement'. The book was sponsored by Franciscan Club Kuala

Lumpur.

Br Michael retires with a remarkable sense of achievement. "I do not feel the age. I feel very blessed for the wonderful life God has given me, to have been able to teach the tens of thousands of students who went through the gates of SFI," he said. Br Michael added that he had enjoyed his calling to educate others, especially the poor and downtrodden, helping them to spell, pronounce, read and write properly. "As a student myself, I struggled to do these in my early age. After I finished school, I made it a point to impart this very important knowledge to others suffering similar fate. I knew I was cut out to be a teacher and wanted to serve society usefully," said Br Michael, who will embark on the next stage of his career at St Joseph's Institution International

School (Tropicana Campus) in Petaling Jaya. Br Michael had been teaching English as it is his favourite subject, and had always admired his former teachers who painstakingly took pride in teaching him and his fellow students.

On his farewell celebration, Br Michael said he had only expected a simple cake – so he was pleasantly surprised to have been given a guard-of-honour by the school's uniformed units in school Quadrangle, now a grand dinner by Franciscans, as well as a coffee table book on his life in photographs.

In praising Br Michael, James Sia, the Organising Chairman of the dinner, said that SFI students, teachers and fellow Franciscans had been witnesses to historic and glorious years of education in the Catholic Mission. "We salute the likes of Br Michael, who had contributed immensely to providing quality education for students from all walks of life, especially in the English language. We also pay great tribute to the La Salle Brothers who started their noble mission in Malaya in 1852, and 50 years later, started their mission in SFI in 1902." "We Franciscans and generations of Lasallians have benefitted from the dedication of the De La Salle Brothers, said James. He added that the Lasallian Alumni are committed to preserving the Lasallian's Legacy, which was guided by good moral values and discipline. – **by Adrian David**



Old boy Peter Ong (Class '57) with his wife Lucy Pang and 2nd son, Augustine Ong (Class '85) attended the dinner for Br Michael Kum (60th Birthday and Retirement from teaching at SFI) at the Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur.



Former Presidents of FCKL, Tan Sri Augustine Ong and James Sia presenting Br Michael Kum with the coffee table book.

Had an opportunity to visit Br Harold



Eric Chin with Br Harold Reynolds at the De La Salle Residencia, Dasmariñas, Philippines.

I was in Philippines for work and managed to get to Br Harold. He is still alert at 92. He sends his love to all. He is still on email and can be contacted at haroldbreynolds@gmail.com - *by Eric Chin*

Note: Eric Chin is the son of Michael Chin Siak Sin (S'pore). After completing his Pri 5 final exam in SFI Pri, he and family migrated to S'pore in 1980. He graduated with a law degree at NUS on a PSC scholarship and served as Deputy Public Prosecutor in the Attorney General's Chamber. In 2010, he was appointed as Director of National Heritage Board of S'pore. His scope of duty includes General Counsel at the National Library Board.

A Great Reunion...

"A great reunion was held recently in Petaling Jaya with one of my former guardians at Grace Villa, Banda Hilir, Malacca, Madam Louise Zinkel nee Kessler (sister of James Kessler - a Franciscan and former teacher at SFI). At this function, she also met 3 of her former students at IJ Convent, Ayer Salak after more than 50 years! They are Ir Lee Swee Eng, James Sia and John Ng Lee Kwang (SFI Class '72). Later, she also met up separately with some of her girls at a different venue" - *by Mahendran Kutty (C '69)*



Front row L - R: Louise Zinkel, Mahendran & Bro Anthony Rogers
Back row L - R: Ir Lee Swee Eng, James Sia, John Ng & Prabhakaran Nair.

MFOLSA Annual Delegates Conference 2016



Annual Delegates' Conference ("AGM") of The Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Alumni Associations ("Federation") was held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at La Salle Hall, Jalan 5/5B, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, at 4.00 pm.

At the Delegates Conference the following were elected Committee Members for the term 2016 - 2018:

President	: Michael Simon	(St John's Alumni Association, Kuala Lumpur)
Deputy President	: Joseph Lau Tee Sun	(Old Georgians Association, Taiping)
Honorary Secretary	: Josephine Tan	(Old Paulians' Association, Seremban)
Honorary Treasurer	: Lim Hock Thiam	(Xaverian Club Kuala Lumpur)
Committee Members:	: Podim Hatia	(Old Xaverians' Association, Penang)
	: James Sia	(Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur)
	: Francis Chong	(St Michael's Institution Alumni Association Klang Valley)
	: Don Darrell Augustine	(La Salle Sentul Old Boys' Association)
	: Lau Se Hian	(Muar Andreans Association, Muar)
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	: Chan Ying Wei	(Old Michaelians' Association, Ipoh)
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MFOLSA would consistently engage with the La Salle Brothers on matters affecting La Salle schools and would continue to organise relevant dialogues and workshops to address the challenges and direction for La Salle schools in Malaysia.

The Editor writes ...

On behalf of "Green & White", I sincerely thank our Almighty God for our 25 years of existence.

This year's second half publication of the "Green & White" for year 2016 is a slightly bumper issue as we, the members of the "Green & White" Publications Board, felt that our dear readers should now have a better and a much closer reaction with their now 25 years old "Green & White". Through this Franciscan Newsletter, we happily manage to keep our Franciscan Family – Old Boys and Old Girls of our Alma Mater – St Francis' Institution, Malacca, close together from generation to generation.

Since 2005, we have also shared Lasallian news in our "Green & White"! Together, as a family, we Lasallians, will forever stand tall!

I also take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our "Green & White" Publications Board for their unique, individual contribution. I also thank all our faithful readers for their financial and material support. Please continue to send in your write-ups on your "Year / Class" gatherings with photographs (with captions), etc, to us.

Sad to mention that every year the "Green & White" also receive news on the passing away of our dear readers. We must always remember to keep the memories of our Franciscan friendship alive.

Please take good care of each other, especially with your own family members. All the very best and God bless!

With love,

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