

GREEN AND WHITE

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Br Ambrose Loke honoured at the SFI 137th Anniversary Dinner in Kuala Lumpur



July 22, 2017: Good planning and fine weather culminated in yet another gathering of Franciscans, several La Salle Brothers and guests from other Lasallian Alumni Associations at the Thean Hou Temple Hall in Kuala Lumpur to a dinner to celebrate the 137th Anniversary of SFI.

The highlight of the evening was the honouring of Br Ambrose Loke FSC as our **“Man of the Hour”** during the dinner. The Citation was read by FCKL President, Francis Mahendran Kutty after which Br Ambrose was garlanded and showered with confetti. Next, James Sia presented him with an album full of a collection of photographs that showcased his childhood as a student and Boarder in SFI, his journey in the Novitiate and finally his life as a De La Salle Brother till today. He also received a gift token from James Sia on behalf of FCKL.

The celebration cake was cut by the La Salle Brothers and Franciscans celebrating their birthdays in July. Lucky draw prizes of fruit baskets followed with Organiser Raymond Yeo (C '77) on standby.

Even though the attendance this year was only about 320 people, those who came really enjoyed the sumptuous 8-course Chinese menu which came all the way from Sekinchan and the free flow of beers.

Entertainment throughout the dinner was provided by Bernard Gomes (C '69) and his FBI Band. Bernard also doubled as the MC for the evening.

This year the dinner was organised in collaboration with Franciscans from Class '79 and Class '80.

...by Francis Mahendran Kutty (C'69)

The legacy of Br Ambrose Loke lives on...

“Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in Heaven”. – Luke 10:20

To Lasallians in Malaysia, Br Ambrose Loke needs no introduction.

He was born on 8th August 1944 in Johor Bahru. Had his early education in Singapore and Johor Bahru. Was a student and boarder in SFI from 1956 to 1959 and in St Xavier's Institution from 1960 to 1961. He had his training in the Novitiate in Penang from 1962 to 1963. Br Ambrose taught in the following schools before coming to roost in SFI in 1989: -

1. St Michael's Institution, Ipoh from 1967 to 1969.
2. St Francis' Institution, Malacca from 1970 to 1973.
3. La Salle Secondary, Petaling Jaya from 1976 to 1979
4. La Salle Sentul as Brother Principal from 1981 to 1988
5. SFI as Brother Principal from 1989 to 1999
6. Br Director of SFI since retirement in 2000 till now.

Ever since his retirement in 2000, he plays an advisory role in the day to day running of both SFI Primary and Secondary schools. This is to help preserve the Lasallian traditions and ethos that drive our boys to perform well in their studies and everything else that they do.

Br Ambrose sits on the Board of Governors of both our Primary and Secondary schools and several other La Salle Schools in Kuala Lumpur and the southern States.

Currently, he arranges Catechism classes and the monthly First Friday Mass in our Chapel. The Chapel is usually filled to capacity. Mass is always followed by our famous F1 Gatherings in our School Canteen which continues to attract many Old Boys, former teachers and some well wishers.

Franciscans will forever remember Br Ambrose for his role in reviving our Franciscan Newsletter, the Green & White together with our beloved Choe Sim Chye in 1991. We are now into our 26th year of publication.

Lastly, Br Ambrose has been a La Salle Brother for the last 53 years. We pray that God will grant him good health and inspiration to carry on the good work of our Founder St John Baptist De La Salle.

In recognition of his selfless service and sacrifices to the La Salle Mission in Malaysia and most importantly to St Francis' Institution, Malacca, Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur will honour him as the "Man of the Hour".

Thank you Br Ambrose and God bless.

...citation by Francis Mahendran Kutty (C'69)

165th Year of the Presence of La Salle in Malaysia



Left to right: Br Thomas Lavin, Br Ambrose Loke, Br Andrew Loke, Br Danai Kingkan, Michael Simon (President MFOLSA) Br Michael Kum, Br Edmundo Fernandez (Br Visitor LEAD), Br Paul Ho, Rt Rev Julian Leow (Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur), Br Lucian Ng, Br Jason Blaikie, Br Julian Augustine, Br Matthew Bay and Br Anthony Rogers.

September 16, 2017: The Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Alumni Associations (MFOLSA) organised a dinner at Tropicana Golf and Country Resort to celebrate the 165 years of La Salle Mission in Malaysia and the 40th

Anniversary of the establishment of MFOLSA.

Below is the address by Brother Visitor of LEAD, Br Edmundo Fernandez, at the function.

The story of the Brothers in Malaysia is an interesting one and like most beginnings of Lasallian Presence around the Institute, it starts with a request from an Archbishop or a Priest who knew the quality of education the Brothers provided. In the case of Malaysia it was the request of Fr Jean-Marie Beurel, a Frenchman from Brittany who knew and respected the Brothers' work in France. He wrote to the Superior General in 1844, but it took eight years before the first Brothers to arrive. And so in 1851 six Brothers: 3 French, 2 Americans and an Irishman, set sail from Antwerp in December 8 and after nearly four months in sea, landed in Singapore. A few days later Brothers Venere, Lothaire and Jerome King proceeded to the island of Penang. From this humble beginning of six Brothers in two communities, Lasallian presence spread across Asia and the Pacific to 472 Brothers, 90 communities and about 200 ministries today. And you can rightly be proud that the seed of Lasallian Presence in Asia was planted here in Malaysia and in Singapore. The District of Penang, was at one point, the Crown Jewel of the region and included not just Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong but also Burma, Thailand and the Philippines. From a point of view of number of Brothers, the high point was in the 60s. In one community alone, in St Xavier's Institution there were nearly 30 Brothers living together. Today, that is the same number of Brothers in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia put together.

I just wish to point out, if you look at the history of the De La Salle Brothers in Asia you will note that most of the missionaries came from English speaking countries, particularly Ireland but also America. We owe a debt of gratitude to these Missionaries, they on whose shoulders we stand on today. To live in hot and humid climate, faced with many challenges, governed by total obedience to our Rule in a life that was, even in the best of times, austere, is to me, nothing short of heroic.

And so we come to today, 165 years after the first Brothers landed in our shores. The context is radically different and the needs have changed. Allow me to raise 3 points:-

- This is stating the obvious, but the number of Brothers will continue to contract. The last Brother who was active in our

traditional schools, Michael Kum, retired two years ago. I wish I could bring in Brothers on a longer term basis, but even if I am able to do that, at best it would be 2,3 maybe 4 Brothers. We will no longer have the numbers we had 10 or even 5 years ago. While the Brothers will continue to be the heart and memory of the Lasallian Mission, any conversation on the future of the La Salle in Malaysia should consider this reality.

- I've always said this since the inception of LEAD - one of gifts Malaysia brings into the table of LEAD is it's Lasallian Family. By this I mean mostly the Alumni but I also mean teachers, parents and students. In my years of going to Malaysia your deep sense of loyalty to your school stands out. However, if the Lasallian Education in Malaysia is to continue to develop and flourish beyond what we have now, each of you must commit yourself not just to your own school but to the larger Lasallian Mission which animates all our schools in Malaysia.
- I am glad that the Federation is spearheading discussions and talks about Revitalization. The Brothers are fully supportive of Project Revival and hope that the alumni can throw their support behind this important undertaking. There will be a lot of challenges ahead, it will require commitment, maybe even capital. But most of all it will require imagination and creativity. I understand you have looked at many options - trust schools, private schools, international schools, etc. But whatever options you decide I pray you do not forget that Lasallian Education has preferential option for the poor and that our schools are always open to the Last, the Lost and the Least.

To conclude. Given the dwindling number of Brothers and the challenges that beset our schools, it is easy to speak about Death and Diminishment. But I see the current situation as the beginnings of a New Phase of Lasallian Education in Malaysia - where the Old Boys walk hand in hand with the Brothers to bring new life and new energy and to find new ways of being Lasallian in the Malaysia today. All the Brothers in LEAD join me in Congratulating the Brothers and all the Malaysian Lasallians as you celebrate 165 years of La Salle in Malaysia

Forward with courage...



The Lasallian Distinguished Fellow Award recipients.

Left - right: Megat Mizan Nicholas Denney (St John's), Paul Loh Eng Wah (St George's), Ong Eng Khiam, Br Edmundo Fernandez (Br Visitor LEAD), Michael Simon (President MFOLSA), Tan Sri Dato' Kamaruzzaman Shariff (St Xavier's), Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dr Syed Jalaludin Bin Syed Salim (St Xavier's), and Datuk Lee Seng Chuan (St George's).

September 16, 2017: Celebrating a birthday or even an Anniversary is a normal thing everywhere but to commemorate 165 years of La Salle Mission in Malaysia and the 40th Anniversary of the formation of The Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Alumni Associations (MFOLSA) is certainly a feat. And to do this on 16th September, 2017 which coincide with our 54th Malaysia Day was truly a blessing for all Lasallians who converged at Tropicana Golf & Country Resort in Petaling Jaya for the Gala Dinner. 17 out of the 19 member associations were represented that night, including those from East Malaysia - La Salle and Sacred Heart Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Love and comradeship pervaded the Ballroom as Lasallians were seen shaking hands and hugging each other at almost every one of the 26 tables. This was the true Lasallian spirit that has followed each one of us from our school days till today.

Our Guest-of-Honour was none other than Br Edmundo Fernandez FSC, Brother Visitor of Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD).

His Grace, Most Rev Julian Leow Beng Kim, Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur was amongst the many VIPs present. The St John's Institution Alumni Band was in attendance to accompany the VIPs into the Grand Ballroom while "The Nightbirds" were on stage to belt out

evergreen numbers throughout the night.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to seven outstanding Lasallians who had served their respective schools and in the field of education. Citations were read out by the MC before each award was presented to the recipients by Br Edmundo. The President of St Francis' Association (SFA), Ong Eng Khiam was one of the recipients. He is the longest serving President of SFA having helmed the association from 1993 till today.

Even after the Dinner had ended at about 10.30pm, some groups of Lasallians remained in the Ballroom to

catch up with former classmates and long lost friends from other La Salle schools while the band played on.

Even though our La Salle Brothers continue to diminish in numbers, we the Old Boys will carry the torch for these gallant men who have given up their families and everything else to devote their lives to educate us as espoused by our Founder St John Baptist De La Salle; education for the last, the lost and the least.

Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. – Romans 12:11

Onward ... the MISSION !!!
...by Francis Mahendran Kutty (C '69)



The Organising Committee

Left to right: Samuel Selvaraju (St Anthony T Intan), Joseph Lau (St George's Taiping) Josephine Tan (St Paul's Seremban), James Sia (Chairman, Organising Committee), Michael Simon (St John's KL), Lim Hock Thiam (St Xavier's Penang), Francis Chong (St Michael's Ipoh), Dhevan Nair (La Salle Brickfields), Don Darrell Augustine (La Salle Sentul) and Michael Choo.

MAN OF DISTINCTION - Ong Eng Khiam



September 16, 2017: Congratulations to Ong Eng Khiam, President of St Francis' Association Malacca, who was bestowed the **Lasallian Distinguished Fellow Award** in recognition of his significant contribution towards the Lasallian Mission in Malaysia, particularly to his alma mater St Francis' Institution, at the Gala dinner to celebrate the 165 years of La Salle Mission in Malaysia.

Ong Eng Khiam is a through and through Franciscan. He had his education in SFI, was a teacher in SFI for many years. The President of SFA for 24 years. He is also in the Board of Managers for SFI Primary and Board of Governors for SFI Secondary. He will attend any school function when time permits.

Citation of ONG ENG KHIAM

A dedicated, caring leader and a doyen of the group of SFI retired (F-One group) teachers; ONG ENG KHIAM has helmed the School's Alumni Association, the St Francis' Association (SFA) for 24 years since 1993 and still going stronger. He also currently sits on the Board of Managers and Board of Governors in the Primary and Secondary school respectively since 1993. He also served as the President of MFOLSA for a short stint of one term.

During this long tenure, he has made many changes for the betterment of the Association. He also mooted the idea to set up a Franciscan Club in Kuala Lumpur to Tan Chin Shu and this got the latter started the FCKL Protem committee.

At the beginning of the new millennium, he has added new vigor into the Association by introducing younger and energetic members into the working Committee. This far-sighted move has transformed the former dormant Association into a forward moving one. He has also uplifted the former image of a "gaming centre" for Franciscans to a more vibrant level by introducing sports activities for the younger members. Today the "gaming session" has been abandoned.

SFA Annual Dinners in the past were closed gatherings of members. Since the last few years, a change in the set-up has enabled the Franciscans in the year-group reaching the "retirement age of 55 years" to organise each succeeding dinner for the Association. The response to this change in the organization has reaped huge rewards with succeeding generations of Franciscans out-doing each year as a gesture of gratitude to their Alma Mater. Proceeds from such Dinners were distributed to the various organisations in SFI, each according to their respective needs.

As a tribute to his long years of dedicated service to his Alma Mater, the De La Salle Brothers, during the Official Visit of Brother Superior in March 2010 to Malacca, awarded to our long-serving President, the title **BENEFACTOR** of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. It is indeed a well-deserved honour!

Ong Eng Khiam's passion and dedication to the Franciscan Cause and Mission makes him a shining example for ALL Franciscans – Past, Present and Future – to emulate.



Ong Eng Khiam with the committee members of St Francis' Association and other fellow Franciscans celebrating the joyous occasion. It is proud moment for Franciscans indeed!

Rt Rev Bernard Paul, Bishop of Malacca-Johor visited SFI



Bishop Bernard Paul was received by Lee Chee Choon, Principal of St Francis' Institution.

October 5 - 6, 2017: Franciscans were honoured and privileged to have Rt Rev Bernard Paul, Bishop of Malacca-Johor as the Special Guest at the SFI Annual Speech & Prize Giving Day 2017.

The next day His Grace, Bishop Bernard Paul celebrated the First Friday Mass at the school Chapel. It was well attended by the students (both Primary & Secondary), teachers, parents and old boys. After Mass, His Grace blessed the students who will be sitting for their examinations.



Franciscan of the Year 2017
Jonathan Aidan Royan



Lasallian of the Year 2017
Daniel Michael



Sportsman of the Year 2017
Tay Sui Xiong



Rt Rev Bishop Bernard Paul with the school administrators and members of the Board of Governors.



Students who will be sitting for the year-end examinations being blessed by His Grace, Bishop Bernard Paul after the First Friday Mass.



Rt Rev Bishop Bernard Paul with the Primary School teachers, parents and pupils after the First Friday Mass in the School Chapel.

27th National Lasallian Youth Convention La Salle Centre, Ipoh

December 13 - 18, 2017: Young Lasallians from all over Malaysia and its neighbouring country Singapore gathered for the 27th National Lasallian Youth Convention at La Salle Centre, Ipoh, Malaysia. The theme for this year's convention was "Lasallians Beyond Boundaries" which is anchored on the regional theme "Lasallians without Limits". This convention aims to acknowledge their present realities and urge the youth do something about it. Young Lasallians were also challenged to go beyond their boundaries and reach out to serve the lost, last and least. The convention tackled different topics such as The Life of the Founder, Lasallian Spirituality, Lasallian Principles, Lasallian Virtues, team building activities, Realities of being a Lasallian, and social realities. There were 78 students who joined the convention. Isaac Stephen Anthony, Coreen Patricia Paul and Br Matthew Bay together with the organising team were there to lead this event. Br Edgar came from the Philippines as a facilitator. It was a very inspiring gathering for young Lasallians who were interested and willing to respond to the many realities that they are experiencing at present. After this gathering, young Lasallians were challenged to become the light to others, especially those who need it. *(Br Edgar Esparagoza FSC)*



August 18, 2017: Special intention Mass, rosary and adoration was offered in the school chapel for 21 Christian boys who were to partake in their UPSR from September 11 to 14, 2017. Special thanks to Fr Cyril (SFX Parish Priest), Br Ambrose Loke, Daniel Tan Kwee Lim (Headmaster of SFI Primary), parents and Wayne Enrique for the support and assistance in making this event a success.

'AGE QUOD AGIS'



The young Franciscans with their teacher and mentor Nicholas Roy Shankar Balraj at the National Lasallian Youth Convention held at the La Salle Centre in Ipoh.



SFI Primary Bowling Squad showing off their certificates with Headmaster, Daniel Tan Kwee Lim and teachers. Congratulations for their achievements.

MSS Melaka Bowling Championship 2017

1. Individual Category: First place (Darryl Ariel Punzalan Soo)
2. Doubles Category: Third place (Darryl Ariel Punzalan Soo & Leon Anthony Lopez)
3. Team Event: Second place (SFI Team A)

Tenpin Bowling Championship involving Ariel Punzalan Soo:-

1. High Games Boys U-12 Category: Score 224.
2. Boys U-12 Masters Category: Third place.
3. All Event Boys U-12 Category: First place.

Darryl Ariel Soo will represent MELAKA in the Boys U-12 Category at the National Championship.

~AGE QUOD AGIS~

Immersion Trip from St Stephen's School, Siglap Singapore Establishing a Young Lasallian Network



May 25, 2017: 15 young Lasallians from Singapore, accompanied by their teachers, visited SFI Primary as part of their 4D3N trip to Malacca. During their day exchange program with their counterparts in the Primary School, the visitors were entertained with Choral Speaking and Tarian Endong. by the host. The visitors were also taken on a conducted tour around the School. ...by Julie Tan

12th Kagoshima Asian Youth Arts Festival 2017



October 17, 2017: Our team representing St Francis' Institution, Malacca consists of 16 members and 3 accompanying teachers, Encik Azman bin Harun, Puan Nur Aqmar and Ms Judy Fernandis, left for Japan to participate in the 12th Kagoshima Asian Youth Arts Festival (KAYAF) 2017.

Prior to the 2-Days performance in Houzan Hall and in the Chou Park, the team visited the Museum of the Meiji Restoration and had a School Exchange Program with Miya Elementary School. After their performance, they had another Exchange Program with Kagoshima Immaculate Heart College

Before heading home on October 25, the team visited the Uenohara Jomon Forest, Armura Observatory, Sakurajima Visitor Centre and also experienced footbath at the Parking of Station Tarumizu. ...by *Paul Lai Nai Shern (Secretary, KAYAF Team 2017)*



CONGRATULATIONS



October 30, 2017: This is the first time a **Graduation Ceremony** was organised for Form V and Upper VI students of St Francis' Institution, Malacca. The Guest-of-Honour was Ong Eng Khiam, a former student and teacher of SFI, and currently the President of St Francis' Association, Malacca.

Graduation day is a roller coaster of emotions for grads and their families alike. It's a moment of celebration, achievement, hope for the future and reflection on the past. *"Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning."* — *Senator Orrin Hatch*

Kirishima Homestay 2017



November 29 – December 6, 2017: SFI sent 8 students, accompanied by 2 teachers, to the 8th Student Exchange Programme – Kirishima Homestay Programme.

The friendship that Br Ambrose, Mr Mishima and the Mayor of Kirishima shared that gave us a chance to represent SFI at the Homestay Programme in Kirishima, Japan. Through this programme, we were able to broaden our horizon and widen our perspective towards the Land of Rising Sun. It was also a perfect chance for us to improve our Japanese language so as to learn their unique culture and way of life. The places that we visited were Kirishima and Kagoshima, located in Kagoshima Prefecture. Kirishima is a city full of nature as its mountains know no ends and they are accompanied by the calm waves, while Kagoshima is a modern city with many sky-scrappers.

On arrival at Kagoshima International Airport, we were greeted by the government officials from Kirishima City Hall. We visited many interesting places. St Francis Xavier Landing is a place that had our attention. We learned the history when he was in Kagoshima.

We made a social visit to 3 High Schools and 1 College. We had a whale of a time interacting with the students. Their hospitality was excellent. We were also amazed by their high quality of discipline. For example; if the school sets one hour for interaction, they have only that one hour. After that, they have to go back to class for lessons. They are not only trained to be discipline, but also time conscious.

We spent 3 wonderful nights at the Iki Iki Exchange Centre then only we met our host families. The moment I met my host family my heart melted. They were so warm and nice. We got to know each other in a short time and they treated me not just a guest, but as part of the family. Although it was just for two short days they brought me out to visit five popular landmarks in Kagoshima City.

Mount Sakurajima, a well-known active volcano, has been repeating major eruptions. Among them, in a major eruption in 1914, lava filled a 400-meter wide strait causing the island to connect with Osumi Peninsula on the opposite shore. Approximately 10 billion ton of lava, a volume without parallel in the world, flowed out. Nevertheless, the high spirits of the Japanese had re-built the city from “the ashes” and the modern development of the city today proved their dedication and commitment.

We also visited Sengan-en, a Japanese style stately home and landscape garden. Sengan-en was built in 1658 as one of the residences of the powerful Shimadzu clan.



“Every good thing must come to an end”. It was time for us to say good-bye to this amazing country. However, we do believe that this is not the end, it is just the start of a new beginning. We will definite visit Japan again in the future. We would like to thank the officials of Kirishima City and our beloved host families for their unconditional love and care. The high Japanese social values and culture, including their discipline, cleanliness, politeness, punctuality and hospitality will remain in us. We want to spread these values to our fellow students and instilled them in everyone of us so that we can be fine Franciscan.

...by Basil Khoo Yeo Wei (5 STEM 1, 2018)

Congratulations and Thank You



On behalf of “Green & White” and all Franciscans, I take this opportunity to congratulate and wish former SFI teacher, Yong Kheng Kwang, all the best on his recent promotion transfer in May, 2017 to Anglo-Chinese School, Malacca.

Yong has faithfully served our Alma Mater, “The Franciscan” and “Green & White” for 16 years

Being in our “Green & White” team, Yong has been in charge to provide news on happening in both SFI Primary and Secondary Sections.

Thank you so much, Yong Kheng Kwang, from all of us.

Age Quod Agis ...Choe Sim Chye BKT, Editor

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Lee Soon Luwi
Senior Assistant,
Administration



Haji Razip b Sudirian
Senior Assistant,
Co-Curriculum



Lee Siang Ping
Head of Department
of Human Studies



Edie Gan reported for duty on December 8, 2017 as the new Headmaster of SFI Primary.

RETIREMENTS



18 September 18, 2017: A simple ceremony was held in the De La Salle Hall, SFI Primary, to bid farewell to its Headmaster, **Daniel Tan Kwee Lim**, who would be retiring on October 1, 2017. Daniel Tan assumed the post of Headmaster, SFI Primary, on November 1, 2014, from SK Seri Bandar, Ayer Leleh, where he was the Headmaster.

Throughout his term as Headmaster, he has been very accommodating and has brought many changes and improvements to the school, both physically and academically. With the outstanding achievements in

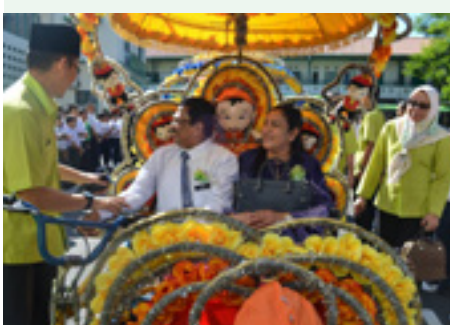


the UPSR assessment over the past few years, he has transformed SFI Primary into one of the most preferred school among parents in the State of Melaka. Physically, he has seen to the construction and completion of the TCC Academic Block, besides upgrading many facilities in the School. He has never failed to keep the members of the Board of Managers informed of the development in and around the School. The Board of Managers had expressed hope that he will continue to assist and advise the School in future redevelopment matters.

The “**Green and White**”, on behalf of the Franciscan Family, would like to thank Daniel Tan for his sacrifice and effort during his tenure as Headmaster and wish him a very restful and blessed retirement.

His successor, Edie Gan (*see picture top right*), reported on December 8, 2017. Like Daniel Tan, he was also from SK Seri Bandar, Ayer Leleh, where he served as Headmaster.

We welcome him to the Franciscan Family and wish him a happy stay in SFI Primary! AGE QUOD AGIS
...by Wee Min Yong



Vijayakumar a/l Narayansamy and his wife Vanitha a/p G Rencasamy was given a grand send-off.

July 4, 2017: SFI Primary bid farewell to **Vijayakumar a/l Narayanasamy**, popularly known as Vijay, who retired after more than 31 years of dedicated teaching service to SFI Primary.

Born on July 5, 1957, he started his service in SFI on February 1, 1986. He was a caring and dedicated Lasallian educator. He taught English Language and Science. He also headed the English Language Panel. A part of being the Secretary of the Parent-Teacher Association (PIBG), he was also the Treasurer of the Staff Committee. Throughout his teaching career in SFI

Primary, he was the Sports Secretary as well as the School's Athletics Coach and Scoutmaster.

He has lived his vocation and profession of teaching and moulding the students. He will be missed by his students and colleagues.

The Franciscan Family thanked Vijay for his long and dedicated service to the School and the Lasallian Mission and we wish him a very pleasant retirement! *...by Julie Tan*

Singapore F-One Fellowship Meetings



August 26, 2017: Fellowship with Choe Sim Chye, Peter Ong Chui Siah, George E, Cyril De Witt, Helena and Michael Chin at Sunset Way.



December 22, 2017: End of the Year Fellowship with SFI Ex-Boarders at Tim's Restaurant and Cafe.



Congratulations to Franciscans Class '66

July 30, 2017: Franciscans Class '66 came together to celebrate their 50th Anniversary since leaving school.



November 4, 2017: A great Reunion for Franciscans of Class of '68, '69 and '70 for nasi lemak at the house of Mohd Abu Bakar (standing) in Shah Alam.



The SFA Committee Members are a team of passionate, dedicated and hardworking Franciscans who made the long journey to fulfill the wishes of many to have a permanent home call "THE FRANCISCAN HOUSE". They have to raise RM450,000 by 2020 towards achieving their dream.



target to raise RM100,000 but the journey continues...

Franciscan Family Day event in October 2017 is one of many events to be organised by SFA to help raise funds for their Franciscan House project. The support received for the Family Day was overwhelming and the event turned out to be a huge success. Unfortunately, they missed their

Franciscans and well-wishers can make their contribution as follows:

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Account No:	006 2012 013 957
Name of Bank:	AmBank Bhd

Once A Franciscan Always A Franciscan



Every time when Franciscans are back in town for a vacation or having a gathering with their former classmates, without fail they will visit their Alma mater.

July 27, 2017: It was the same for Franciscans Class '74 "came home" to visit their former teachers Dhorai Raja and Br Ambrose Loke.



When Arthur Sta Maria, now residing in Perth Australia, was in town for a vacation a visit to his Alma Mater was always in his agenda. He met up with some of his former teaching colleagues and friends.



Arthur with K Machap. They were teaching colleagues in SFI Primary

LIFT A HAND LIGHT A HEART CHARITY FUND



Songs of Love & Inspiration Roston Sta Maria PROFILE

Royston Sta Maria was born in Malacca and has been a professional musician for all his working life. In 1982 he teamed up with Francisca Peter to form the popular Roy & Fran Duo and have released two albums which became instant hits and made them household names. They have performed on TV, radio and have done many concerts throughout Malaysia. In 1985 they parted ways and Roy went on a solo career and has continued to write, perform and produced other albums and has taken part in many local and International song competitions, including the Asean Song Contest and Golden Kite World Song Festival. Recently his hit song

Mula Nya Di Sini was performed at the closing ceremony of the SEA Games 2017 held in Kuala Lumpur. The song was also chosen as the theme song for this year's Merdeka day celebrations and was aired on all TV Channels and radio networks to promote harmony, togetherness and unity. Their music is still played on radio, TV and on you-tube.

In 1988 Roy migrated to Perth, Australia and continues to perform in venues and functions with his group Eurasia and also composes songs in his free time.

The release of 'SONGS OF LOVE AND INSPIRATION' is his first English CD in Perth and is a compilation of songs written and recorded in three different countries including Perth, Malaysia and Singapore and features professional musicians and singers from these countries. All proceeds from the sale of the CD will go St Francis' Institution, Malacca.

Contribute to St Francis Institution, Malacca fund raising project.

Inspired by the success of the *SFI Charity Dinner and Musical Concert 2015*, Royston decided to embark on another charity drive for his beloved Alma Mater.

Get a CD or two and enjoy the Musical Journey with Roystan Sta Maria.

You can purchase the CD at RM25 (self-collect) or RM30 (courier) from

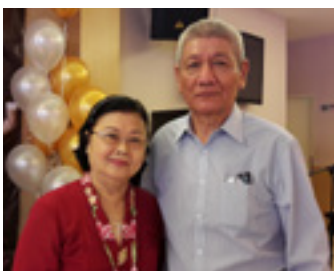
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| Mahendran Kutty | 016-3061839 | KL |
| Madelina Kuah | 019-6657221 | Mcca |
| Dr Josephine | 012-7379346 | Mcca |

"God gave me the gift of music for which I made a wonderful career in my life. The music gave me great joy, made me a lot of friends and provided me with many memorable moments. This CD represents my gift back to God through the church".

...Royston Sta Maria

Franciscan Family

Congratulations to our fellow Franciscans



Our heartfelt congratulations to Mr & Mrs Dennis Lee who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. May the Lord bless them with good health.

During his younger days, Dennis has been very involved with his Alma Mater having served in its PTA, Board of Governors and also the Organising Chairman of the Biennial SFI Home Coming Reunion Dinner for several years.



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Tan Cheng Huat (Class '69 on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter Julie to Raymond Pang.



Franciscan Tan Peng Heng (Class '72) who has been bestowed the award "Bakti Cermelang Melaka" by the Governor of Melaka

Lasallian Family

La Salle Brothers from LEAD were in town

Thirty nine brothers from East Asia Districts (LEAD) were in Kuala Lumpur to attend a MID-LIFE course and workshop from December 2 - 4, 2017.

Irene Tan, former teacher of La Salle School Klang when Br Harold was the Brother Director of the school from 1968-1976, had the opportunity organised two dinners to welcome Br Gus L Bouquer, President of De La Salle University Dasmarias, and the La Salle Health Science Institute and at the same time to thank him for taking good care of our dear Br Harold Reynolds.



Julian Fung (*standing 7 from right*) hosted the dinner on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Unique Seafood Restaurant, P Jaya. The dinner was attended by 11 senior Brothers from LEAD. As both dinners were hosted by La Salle Klang Old Boys, many of the guests were from La Salle, Klang. However, I had the privileged to attend the dinner and meet Br Gus and the other Brothers from LEAD.

On Tuesday, December 5, the Mid-Life Brothers were taken on a half day city tour which was sponsored by an alumnus of La Salle Klang - Steven Teow (*standing at extreme right*).



Che King Tow (*standing 2nd from left*) hosted the dinner on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Noble Mansion Restaurant, Petaling Jaya. Br Gus Bouquer is seated in the centre. Other Brothers who attended were Br Dante Amisola (President, De La Salle, Lipa), Br Joseph Klong (Auxillary Visitor), Br Dennis M Magbanua (President, De La Salle College of St Benilde), Br Antonio Cubillas (from Mexico going on a posting to Japan), Br Andrew Loke (Br Co-ordinator Malaysia) and Br Paul Ho (Auxillary Visitor).



In the evening a dinner was hosted by the Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Alumni Associations at the Royal Selangor Club for the Brothers. This showed the dedication of the alumni for the Brothers in Malaysia. ...**Peter Ong Chui Siah (Class '57)**

Reunion of Alumni of St Joseph's Training College, Pulau Tikus, Penang



November 25 - 26, 2017: A gathering of 17 Alumni from St Joseph's Training College (SJTC) was held on 25th – 26th November in Penang.

The event on 25th November began with the Registration and Tea at 4pm in the Eurasian Community Heritage House in Pulau Tikus, Penang. The two Special Guests for the gathering were Br Andrew Loke (Director for Malaysia) and

Br Dato' Anthony Rogers (Director, St Xavier's Institution).

Mass was said by Father Nelson Joseph in the Community Hall followed by buffet dinner and fellowship in the Heritage House.

The following morning at 10am a dialogue session, chaired by Br Dato' Anthony Rogers, was held in the Conference Room in St Xavier's Institution. The theme being "The Role of SJTC graduates in the future of the Lasallian Mission". There were active participation from those who attended and many concrete suggestions and proposals were presented to the De La Salle Brothers for the future action.

This was followed by a farewell hawker food lunch at the New World Food Court nearby.

For those who stayed back, at 3pm, a health talk was given by Joseph Chia (1964-1965), who flew in from Perth for the gathering, in St Xavier's Institution.

The proposed dinner that evening at the Chinese Recreation Club was cancelled to allow the participants free to indulge in their personal activities.

There was a proposal to have the next Reunion in Ipoh in 2018. ... *by Wee Min Yong (1966-1967).*

Brief History of St Joseph's Training College, Pulau Tikus, Penang

St Joseph's Training College (SJTC) was founded in 1918 as a Novitiate and Scholasticate for the training of young Brothers and from the beginning its training programmes received informal recognition from the government.

In 1957, Brother Visitor Fintan Blake sought and obtained official recognition for the courses conducted as well as authorisation to accept lay student teachers.

In 1960, the first group of lay trainees were enrolled for the two-years teacher training course. The first Principal was Br Patrick Loh, ably assisted by Br Ulrick Currie. From the beginning, the project was successful in every way. The quality of training proved to be of a high order. These teachers returned in most cases to the very schools from which they had come and helped greatly to preserve and further strength the traditional character of these schools.

In addition, Br Joseph Yeoh as catechetical specialist set up an excellent resource centre and published a series of

textbooks adapted to local need and conditions. Later, another Brother, Br John Matthew produced a similar series for the teaching of civics and moral education.

A change of government policy in 1968 limited the intake to Brothers and Sisters only. This greatly reduced the role of the College and Br Ulrick who was the Principal at that time, persevered through difficult conditions, among others the diminishing number of vocations to the teacher orders just then.

In 1975, it was decided to suspend all courses and arrangements were made for the Brothers to be accepted into government training colleges.

In SFI, besides the teaching Brothers, the following three teachers were the alumni of SJTC: Francis Sim Kim Hai (1965), Joseph (AR) Zainoh (1966) and Wee Min Yong (1967). ... *by Wee Min Yong.*

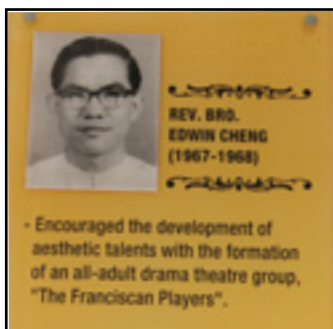


Emile Cheng Swee Teck

Former Br Edwin Cheng, Brother Director of SFI (1967 - 68)



Singapore F-One bid farewell to their dear friend Emile Cheng Swee Teck.



November 20, 2017: Emile Cheng Swee Teck who was called home to the Lord on November 20, 2017.

He was the Brother Director of SFI from 1967 to 1968. During his term as Director, he encouraged the development of aesthetic talents with the formation of an all-adult drama theatre

group, **"The Franciscan Players"**. They had successfully produced **"The Government Inspector"** in 1967 and **"Hotel Paradiso"** in 1968.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May his soul rest in peace.

Tan Kim Starr

Franciscan Class '72

October 9, 2017: Franciscans of Class '72 lost another of their former classmate, Tan Kim Starr, who passed away peacefully on October 8, 2017. May his soul rest in peace.



Left - right: Anthony Chan Tai Keong, James Sia, John Ng Lee Kwang, Robert Guan Cheow Kee, Lim Sia Ho and Kenny Tan Kian Wah.

Below is an excerpt of Simon Mok's email to Wee Min Yong describing Emile Cheng and his passing.

The obituary notice of his passing away was completely missed by his former confreres and myself. It's a great pity I could not say my last goodbye to a very dear friend from our teaching days in St George's Institution, Taiping (1966-67) and St Patrick's School, Singapore (1969-71).

He was soft-spoken and kindly and never heard to raise his voice, though he could be forceful when stressing a point which he knew to be right.

On many occasions, long after his retirement in Singapore, we would meet with mutual friends, especially another good friend, the late Br Matthew Liew, (whom I got to know very well from my brief stay in St John's Institution, K.L.), and share a simple meal while reminiscing on the days gone by. At other times, when he was still driving, we would just motor around and recall the good moments.

He had a passion for writing beautiful poems. He too had a good ear for music and played the flute. These two activities reveal clearly his character: a gentle, refined soul, pleasant in speech and demeanour and, a peaceable and humble man.

Certainly I shall miss his pleasant smile and his many emails - always very uplifting and useful - and his many family snapshots when he was a young boy growing up to adulthood and, his overseas-travel photos with his wife, Linda. We never failed to send each other warm greetings when Christmas and Chinese New Year approached.

Regrettably, this will be no more.

May God be merciful and grant him eternal peace.

To dear Emile,

*May the Lord bless and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.*

Num. 6: 25-27

Your dear friend,
Simon Mok

2 Former Teachers passed away

July 13, 2017: Former Headmaster of SFI Primary, Lye Kim Kong died from a motor vehicle mishap. He was the Scout District Commissioner of Kota Melaka.

December 17, 2017: Ravindran Royan, a former teacher also died from a motor vehicle mishap at Simpang Empat. He was an Malacca State hockey umpire and a members of SFI theatre group, "Franciscan Player".

May their souls rest in peace.

Remembering Ting Ah Pat

In fond memory of my dear and departed classmate Ting Ah Pat, I sincerely feel that our dear readers of "Green & White" should know of Ah Pat's contribution to our Alma Mater way back in 1952.

Ting Ah Pat was then the best artist in our Class. To celebrate the Coronation of the then Princess Elizabeth of England in 1953, Ah Pat did a huge banner which was proudly displayed on the frontage of SFI facing Jalan Bandar Hilir and the then padang.



Sadly, it was only during the second week of March, 2017 that I received a phone call informing me of our dear Ah Pat's demise two years ago. I sincerely thank the caller for her good deed.

As for Franciscans and Lasallians are concerned, we will always cherish the fellowship we share with each other....*by Choe Sim Chye BKT (Class '52)*

ON THE HORIZON



SFI Home Coming Dinner 2018

Celebrating 138th Anniversary of St Francis' Institution, Malacca

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018 Time: 7.00pm

Venue: SFI School Quadrangle

Cost: RM60 per person or RM600 per table

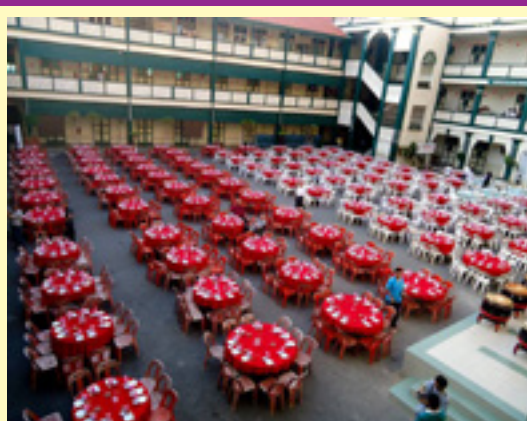
Dress code: Smart Casual

Thanksgiving Mass in the Chapel @ 6.00pm

The tables are empty! They are to be filled!

For more information and bookings , please contact:

S Dhorai Raja	012-6010764	Ong Eng Khiam	012-6392238
Phillip Tay Chuan Thye	012-6231678	Mahendran Kutty	016-3061839
Br Ambrose Loke	012-6818844	William John Lowe	012-6646323



CALLING FRANCISCANS FROM CLASS OF 1968, 1969 & 1970

You are cordially invited to a **HOME COMING GATHERING**

at our Secondary School Canteen on
Saturday, March 10, 2018
from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm

This gathering includes a tour of our school including our Chapel and SFI Primary.

For details, please contact:

Francis Mahendran Kutty @ +6016-306 1839 or
Haji Mohd Abu Bakar @ +6017-3022468)

Thank you and God bless.

A chance meet the La Salle Brothers

There will be 48 La Salle Brothers from LEAD (including the Brothers from Malaysia) will be in Malacca for the De La Salle Holy Week Retreat from March 26 to April 1, 2018. Br Gustavo Gutierrez, General Councillor for Association and Mission will be the facilitator. He last visited SFI in May 2016.

We are inviting Franciscans and friends to join the Brothers for the Easter Vigil Mass in the evening of March 31, 2018 in the SFI Chapel followed by a fellowship.

Those interested to attend please contact the following:
Br Ambrose Loke @ +6012-6818844
James Sia @ +6019-6678297

The Editor writes ...

Thank God our "Green & White" has seen yet another successful year as 2017 comes to a close.

All Franciscans and Lasallians, including myself the editor, thank the "Green & White" Publication Board for their individual effort and contribution.



The "Green & White" takes this opportunity to wish Singapore Ex-President Lasallian Dr Tony Tan and his family all the best with our Lord's blessing.



Incidentally, our own Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Razak is also a Lasallian.

To all readers of "Green & White", thank you for your sincere connection. Your write-ups, photographs, etc, really keep us going forward.

All of us must remember, firstly, the fond memories of our own dear and departed family members and secondly, our dear and departed fellow Franciscans and Lasallians.

All the best and God bless.

"Age Quod Agis"

Choe Sim Chye, BKT, Editor

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For Br Ambrose Loke, fsc, Brother Director SFI

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