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READING— JOHN 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

REFLECTION

Food is an important resource, which, in many cultures, brings people together. One only has to think of Filipino celebrations and how they are never complete without food. Many times, the presence of food is itself the invitation to celebrate. This past week, when many of our countrymen experienced the difficulty of being displaced because of floods in Metro Manila, Lasallians from all over volunteered and shared their resources so that rice and clean

water can be distributed to those severely affected communities, revealing once again the power of food to bring us together. In them and in their generosity, Jesus, the Living bread, truly lives. Floods and food are also political. They are the result of decisions made by people which in turn affect other people— positively or negatively. Jesus offers Himself as the bread of life so that those who eat may find well-being. What choices have we made that affect the well-being of other persons?

RESPONSE

God, our Loving Father, transform the little that we have into Your goodness for others today. Give us courage to make the choices that will matter in lives of our brothers and sisters today and in the future. AMEN.

WHO WILL FEED THE WORLD?

Against a background of increasing food insecurity, agriculture in developing countries must undergo a significant transformation in order to increase production and respond to climate change. It is estimated that feeding 8.2 billion people— an additional 1.4 billion— in 2030 would require raising overall food production by some 50 percent between 2005 and 2030. Feeding a larger urban population in a context of increasing scarcity of land and water, while also adopting more sustainable production methods, is a daunting challenge. It should be noted that hunger and malnutrition are due not so much to the unavailability of food as to the inability of the poorest members of society

to access it at an affordable price. Feeding the world by 2030 requires, on the one hand, efforts to increase food production and therefore food availability and, on the other, measures to ensure that the poorest and most marginalised sectors of society have the purchasing power to access what food there is available.

Seventy-five percent of the world's poor and undernourished people are located in rural areas and depend on agriculture directly or indirectly for their livelihoods. Five hundred million smallholder farms worldwide are supporting around two billion people or one third of humanity. (Wegner, L. and Zwart, G. Who Will Feed the World. Oxfam Research Reports. April 2011.)

LASALLIAN FEAST DAYS

13 August	Saint Benilde Romançon
02 September	Blessed Brother Solomon Leclercq (Institute feast)

COLLEGE OF ST. JOHN-ROXAS GRADUATES FROM LASSO

After twelve years of supervision under the Lasallian Schools Supervision Office (LASSO), the marker of excellence signifying its graduation was unveiled at the College of St. John-Roxas during the celebration of its 13th Foundation day last 23 July.

Over a twelve-year period, the College of St. John-Roxas has realized its mission in the community by providing quality human and Christian education to the young Capizeños through the zealous initiative and efforts of its founders, incorporators and key benefactors. The efficient and professional management of all areas of school operations has guided the school in the pursuit of its philosophy, vision and mission by the dedicated administrators and competent faculty members and staff.

This momentous event was preceded by a Holy Mass officiated by His Excellency the Most Reverend

Msgr. Jose F. Advincula, Archbishop of Capiz; and Rev. Fr. Jose Arturo Emilio Arbatin, the new chaplain of the school. In attendance were Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, Chair of LASSAI; Br. Narciso Erguiza FSC and Br. Jaime Dalumpines FSC, Trustees; Br. Ophelia S. Fugoso AFSC, LASSO Executive Director; Dr. Herminia D. Torres, Former Executive Director, LASSO; Sr. Teresita Octavio, LASSO Superintendent; Dr. Judith Aldaba, LASSO supervisor of CSJ-R; and Ms. Presentacion Gabriel, former LASSO supervisor of CSJ-R; Atty. Antonio Ortiz and Engr. Antonio Balgos, original incorporators, were also present. Mrs. Josefa Puentebella represented her brother, the late Br. Rolando Dizon FSC, founder of CSJ-R.

A medical mission was conducted in the afternoon for the community partners of the school from Brgy. Banica. A CSJ-R Night, organized by the alumni association and the faculty association of the school, capped the celebration with performances of parents, students, faculty, staff and alumni. A highlight of the night was the release of paper lanterns carrying the wishes and prayers of the members of the community for the College of St. John-Roxas. (Report from Ms. Gloria Chavez, President-Chancellor, CSJ-R)

SECTOR ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS

The Brothers of the Sector of the Philippines are currently preparing for their Sector Assembly on 13 October by undertaking community-based reflections. Entitled **Shaping our Future Together**, the exercise hopes to surface the Brothers' response to the needs of the Lasallian Mission for the next three years. Reflections are being done by the Brothers in three inter-related areas: Religious Witness, Mission Priority Areas and Vocation & Formation. The last similar exercise undertaken by the Brothers was in December 2007 at the last Philippine District Chapter.

FORMING FORMATORS AT DLSZ



Last 17 July, the formators of De La Salle Zobel had a session with Br. John D' Cruz FSC from the Sector of Malaysia. The session, which aimed at reinforcing facilitating skills for formation, is part of

DLSZ's on-going program for renewal and enhancement of knowledge and skills for the local formators. Around 35 persons, all graduates of the Sector's formation programs, were in attendance. Our gratitude to Br. John D' Cruz FSC for sharing his skills and expertise with Filipino Lasallians. His skills in formation ministry are a real gift.

NEW FACES IN COMMUNITY – FRENCH VISITORS & BR. JOE DOUGHERTY FSC



Br. Joe Dougherty FSC barely fitting in a pedicab in Ozamiz.

The Sector of the Philippines continues to open its doors to many other Lasallians who wish to know and share our Mission. The Lipa Brothers' Community is currently hosting two Agriculture students from La Salle Beauvais, Mr. Paul Levefre and Mr. Simon Vergerio. Both arrived in the Philippines last 02 June. They are being exposed to the kind of agriculture done in the Philippines, while getting to know the Lasallian network and having the opportunity to hone their communication skills in English.

Brs. Jimmy and Iñigo of the Ozamiz Brothers' Community, on the other hand, have welcomed Br. Joseph Dougherty FSC to their community. Br. Joseph is from the District of Eastern North America and was Faculty at La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania prior to coming to the Philippines in June 2012. He holds a PhD in Theology and an MA in English. He is currently a visiting professor at La Salle University (Ozamiz), teaching English. He finds his students earnest, eager and energetic. Br. Joseph will be in the Philippines until school year 2013-2014.

GETTING TO KNOW LEAD: VISIT TO THE BAMBOO SCHOOL



I am very thankful to the Brothers of the Thailand Sector for facilitating my visit to the 'Bamboo Schools'.

The Bamboo School 1 was established by

the Thai Brothers to respond to the educational needs of young people from Myanmar, living near the Thailand-Myanmar border. It teaches basic literacy across different ages and abilities. I was fortunate to have met

four volunteers from La Salle Madrid and their teachers. The school also provides transportation and materials, all without cost.

I was also lucky to see the Bamboo School 2, which is built out of concrete and teaches a formal curriculum. Br. Victor Gil FSC manages their computer center, cables and all. Br. Joseph Klong FSC led the morning prayer ceremony, wherein the kids wore their Karen and Mon attire. I was able to hitch a ride when they sent the kids back to the border. A special thank-you to Br. Francisco Teerayut FSC for driving me for 12 hours back and forth!

—Report from Br. Aikee Esmeli FSC who visited educational works of the Lasallian Family in Thailand. It was part of an exposure program for Young Brothers, which aimed to show them the realities of other Sectors in the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD).

BR. RICHIE YAP BEGINS NEW MISSION ASSIGNMENT



Br. Richie Yap FSC left for Hong Kong last 08 August to begin his new mission assignment in the LEAD Office in Hong Kong. Br. Richie will be assisting Br. Dodo Fernandez FSC with the administration of LEAD. While in Hong Kong, Br. Richie will also be attending courses in the Master of Education (MEd) program of the University of Hong Kong.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Mr. Jesus Magbanua**, father of Br. Dennis Magbanua FSC, who died on 07 August. His earthly remains were laid to rest at the family plot in Sum-Ag, Negros Occidental last 12 August. Thank you to all those whose prayers and support accompanied Br. Dennis' family during this difficult time.

Prayers are also requested for the speedy recovery of **Br. Feny Alburo AFSC**, who is being treated for gastroenteritis. She is currently confined at the De La Salle University Medical Center in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

TOP LASALLIAN STUDENTS HONORED

Last 02 August, the Top Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines were honored at Malacañang Palace. The nationwide search narrowed the field to 30 finalists, among whom were six Lasallians: one from University of St. La Salle; two from De La Salle Lipa; and three from De La Salle University. The affair was graced by

President Benigno Aquino III; CHED Chair, Dr. Patricia Licuanan; RFM Chair, Mr. Jose Concepcion Jr. and his son, Joey Concepcion. The annual awards is sponsored by the RFM Corporation and recognizes students' achievements in academics and leadership.

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Kurt Gerrard T. See

BS Applied Economics

Congratulations to our students. May their achievement inspire Lasallian educators to seek out the best in every student.

LASALLIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS UPDATE

Once again, the members of the entire Lasallian Family have proven their unity and generosity in responding to the needs of our fellow Filipinos who were affected by the floods in Luzon. The response of the different DLSP schools, which includes our students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and the Brothers, was overwhelming. There were also private individuals and friends from here and abroad who gave their financial support through the DLSBI RCBC account.

The DLSP-LJPC core team will meet on 22 August to discuss the following items:

- Areas covered by each DLSP school;
- Number of families served; and
- Recommendations/Feedback/Comments based on the report of the schools/individuals

On behalf of the beneficiaries, thank you so much for your generosity and spirit of volunteerism.



It is CUTE
to be a BRO!



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VOCATION NOVENA

16-25 AUGUST

Let us pray that more young people will be inspired to commit their lives to the Lasallian Mission.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you chose Saint John Baptist de La Salle to give your people a Christian education. Give your Church teachers who will devote themselves to help young people grow as Christian men and women. Help us, the family you founded through this Saint, to be faithful and zealous ministers of Your word. We ask this through Christ, Your Son and our Lord and Brother. Amen.

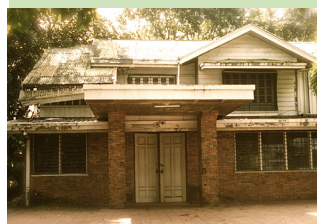
St. John Baptist de La Salle. Pray for us.
Live Jesus in our Hearts. FOREVER!

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

This school year, five DLSP schools are celebrating jubilees. De La Salle University-Dasmariñas and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute celebrate 25 years as a Lasallian school. De La Salle Lipa and De La Salle John Bosco College are both celebrating their Golden Jubilee as institutions while University of St. La Salle is celebrating 60 years. For the next few weeks, we will take a look at some interesting facts about these schools.



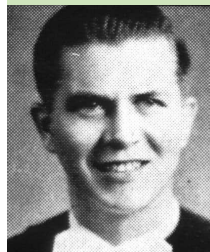
In 1987, ownership and management of General Emilio Aguinaldo College were transferred to Frere (Saint) Benilde Romançon Educational Foundation Inc., a non-stock, non-profit sister corporation of De La Salle University Inc. Under the new management, it became a Catholic Institution and a member of the De La Salle University System with a new name: De La Salle University-Emilio Aguinaldo College (DLSU-EAC).



The first Brothers' Residence in Bacolod (photo on left) was owned by the late Doña Concha Cuaycong located at 10th Street, Bacolod City.



In 1969, St. John Bosco Technical High School for boys and the St. Margaret Mary's School for girls formally merged and became a coeducational institution: St. John Bosco School. The transfer of grade school pupils from St. Margaret Mary's School to St. John Bosco School campus was completed in 1970.



On 07 January 1962, Brs. H. Gabriel, N. Alphonsus, C. Richard and V. Gilbert asked Br. Henry Virgil FSC to vacate his post as Dean of Engineering at De La Salle Taft to live in Lipa and supervise the construction of the school in Lipa.