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READING— MARK 8:27-35

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it.

REFLECTION

There is something essentially wrong with the question: How do we motivate our students? The question assumes that motivation is something given to students rather than something they already have. It presupposes that motivation is extrinsic rather than intrinsic to the individual. Often we fall into the trap of thinking that rewards will get people to want to do better, when what we have effectively done is to alienate them from their truest, deepest desires.

Jesus motivated His disciples and it was not comfort or reward that

He offered them, but the challenge of the cross. Through this, He engaged those who followed Him and offered them the opportunity to be part of something noble and humane. By making discipleship challenging, Jesus brought His disciples to a deeper awareness of where their value lay as persons. Do we provide opportunities for those we accompany to discover their potential to be generous? How have we challenged our students or co-workers? Do we live in a way that challenges others to become generous?

RESPONSE

Jesus, our Brother, help us to accept today the tensions that come with daily living. Help us not to want comfort too much for fear of losing the opportunity to discover You. As we lose ourselves for Your sake today, may we be reborn to new life. AMEN.

THE WELL OF GRIEF

David Whyte

Those who will not slip
beneath
the still surface on the well
of grief

turning downward through its
black water
to the place we cannot
breathe

will never know the source
from which we drink,
the secret water, cold and
clear

nor find in the darkness
glimmering
the small round coins
thrown by those who
wished for something else

BIRTHDAYS

21	John Sebastian Bagasbas	DLSP-IMU
	Ferdinand Fernandez	Sector Finance Services
24	Br. Allan Buenavista FSC	
27	Maria Teresa Godoy	Residencia FSC Community
30	Dr. Carmelita Quebengco AFSC	
	Br. Antonio Gutierrez FSC	

LASALLIAN FEASTS

22	Br. Ambrose Leo and Companion Martyrs of Valencia
27	Blessed Scubilion Rousseau

DLSL CELEBRATES A MILESTONE



From its humble beginnings 50 years ago, De La Salle Lipa (DLSL) has reached a milestone.

Celebrating the golden jubilee of the institution, initially on 06 June for the soft launching and on 28 June for the grand

launching, the entire community was in unison for the momentous occasion.

The solemn and surreal ceremony on the soft launching kicked off the year-long celebration. Despite the modest event, it gathered people from the past and the present, which led to a fruition of a perfect commemoration. The event began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by the laying of the time capsule, which included an original copy of the following: a print advertisement, the school's daily bulletin of the same date, a collection of written messages, the present school logo, the golden jubilee seal, the first school logo and other written mementos from various sectors of the school. A specially made granite marker stands on it to immortalize its significance. Justice Jose Mendoza, pioneer Batch '63, and Mr. Elmer Almodovar, a pioneer administrator, were among those who spoke on the special occasion. in behalf of their contemporaries.

On the other hand, the grand launching served as the ultimate expression of the DLSL community's gratitude for the overwhelming blessings of the institution for the past 50 years. Each member of the community participated in an array of fun-filled yet meaningful extravaganzas. Opening the program with a con-celebrated Holy Mass led by His Eminence Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales, the event was also graced by Batangas Vice Gov. Mark Leviste and Lipa City Mayor Meynard Sabili.

The festive mood could be felt all over the campus while the contagious animus radiating from every Lasallian made the festivity all the more unforgettable. And this was only the beginning of a year-round celebration for the golden anniversary of the institution. Please visit the official web site <http://goldenjubilee.dls.edu.ph/> to see the launching's photos and to learn more about the upcoming activities.

—By Catherine M. Perez

PROJECT FREE

PROJECT FREE (Flagships to Reach Educational Excellence) is a special project of the Eduardo Cojuangco Foundation and the University of St. La Salle, in collaboration with the DepEd and the Tarlac State University. It provides competitive scholarship grants open to the public elementary and secondary school teachers of the Province of Tarlac.

Launched in July 2010, around 2,000 teachers availed of full scholarship grants and transportation subsidy for various graduate programs: Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with eleven specializations, Master in Educational Management (MEM), Master of Education (MAEd) with seven specializations and Doctor of Education (EdD).

The first batch, consisting of around 850 MAT scholars, graduated last 23 June. Around 600 MAEd and MEM scholars are expected to graduate in November 2012,

while 120 EdD scholars are due to graduate in June 2013.

Project FREE Tarlac traces its roots to a long tradition of collaboration between the University of St. La Salle and Amb. Eduardo Cojuangco and his family. Since 1999, Amb. Cojuangco has funded Project FREE for the 4th District of Negros Occidental, where over 1,300 public elementary and secondary school teachers obtained their masteral and doctoral degrees within a three-year period, Project COPS, which funded the graduate studies of 120 police officers in Negros Occidental and Bacolod City, and Project Learn and Earn, which funded the skills training of almost 1,000 out-of-school youth in various TESDA-certified programs.

Deeply sharing the Lasallian Mission of evangelization through education, Amb. Cojuangco is the lead donor of the University's scholarship program with special focus on the public school sector, through the teachers and the out-of-school youth. —From Dr. Elsie Coscolluela

MANILA ABCD'S ASPIRANCY RENEWAL AND SIGN-UP



As the first term of the Manila Aspirants, Brothers, Contacts and Discerners (ABCDs) has come to an end, its number is little by little increasing. From 21 aspirants at the beginning of the term, the Manila community has been able to reach out not only to students from De La Salle University and De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, but also to students and professionals nationwide.

Last 29 June to 01 July, the Manila ABCDs had their first term retreat at the De La Salle Santiago Zobel, wherein 16 aspirants renewed their contracts in their desire to continue in the aspirancy program. Three out of the 16 were former LFC* aspirants during their secondary education in La Salle Green Hills (LSGH) and have expressed their desire of continuing their discernment by renewing with the Manila ABCDs.

Currently, the Manila ABCDs is composed of 29 aspirants and is still growing. They are:

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| 1. Earl Ganuelas | 17. Eugene Orodio |
| 2. Timothy Gatmaitan | 18. King Baldivino |
| 3. Ej Marchadesch | 19. Patrick Salazar |
| 4. John Macapagal | 20. Marvin Sipin |
| 5. Nico Ordenez | 21. Patrick Dalmacio |
| 6. Miggy Amurao | 22. Maurice Gravidez |
| 7. Peter Tenido | 23. Felix Murillo |
| 8. Paolo Punzalan | 24. Nico Mariano |
| 9. Geno Robles | 25. Ryan Nicolas |
| 10. Jester Rubite | 26. Serge Sebastian |
| 11. Andyo Abusmas | 27. Mark Domaldo |
| 12. Amiel Lopez | 28. Tom Nepomuceno |
| 13. Luigi Celdran | 29. Irwin Climaco |
| 14. Jyron Raz | |
| 15. Melvin Rubiano | |
| 16. Mark Caseres | |

As they are about to start their second term for this school year, will we expect an increase in their number? That's for us to discover.

—by **Marvin Y. Sipin**

BR. MIKEY'S SINGAPORE VISIT



In 1851, Fr. Jean Marie Beurel brought six Christian Brothers to Singapore and Malaysia, establishing the first Lasallian Presence in Asia. One hundred sixty years later, we look at where this presence has spread in Singapore.

Education is very essential to Singaporeans and the eight Lasallian schools in the country administer to that need. These schools are: four Primary (St. Joseph's Institution – Junior, St. Stephen's School, St. Anthony's Primary School and De La Salle School), three Secondary (St. Joseph's Institution, St. Patrick's School and St. Joseph's Institution – International), and one Tertiary (La Salle College of the Arts). With the Ministry of Education's extensive support in the country's schools (including Lasallian schools), I must say that they do a terrific job in ensuring good, quality education for its citizens.

Just like the country, the Brothers' community in SJI is a multi-national one. Brs. Jason and Paul are Malaysians, Br. George is American, Br. Kennedy is Indian, Br. Arian is Filipino and Br. Dominic is the only Singaporean in the community. While SJI is a mixture of nationalities, St. Pat's is homogenous, consisting purely of Singaporeans, Brs. Nicolas, Collin, and Gregory. The Brothers are actively involved in the three secondary schools as teachers and administrators and they do regular visits to other La Salle schools. Aside from educational institutions, the Sector has an apostolate called Hopehouse (patterned from Bahay Pag-asa) managed by Br. Collin Wee FSC.

I spent four full days visiting the different La Salle schools in Singapore; interviewing, documenting and digesting all the information I acquired in the process. The Sector Leader, Br. Paul, was gracious enough to tour me around the island and teach me how to use the public transport systems (bus and MRT). I admire Br. Nicolas' patience in explaining to me Singapore's Educational System, which follows the British style of teaching. Brs. Jason and Arian exposed me to their classes and gave me some time to talk to their students in SJI and SJII, respectively. Br. Collin oriented me with the Hopehouse ministry during my visit there. And Bernard Teo, a former Brother and currently a faculty of SJI, enlightened me with the Lasallian culture and mission in Singapore. Thanks to them, the week I spent in Singapore gave me fruitful lessons and insightful realizations that broadened my horizons regarding the Lasallian Mission in LEAD.

—By **Br. Mikey Cua FSC**

PARC YOUNG BROTHERS' MESSAGE TO THE INSTITUTE



We are the Young Brothers of the Pacific Asia Regional Conference. We gather as Brothers who carry with joy our diverse backgrounds of being Lasallian witnesses and Christian catalysts in the Church of Asia and the Pacific. We recognize the crucial role of creating the future we desire for the young people in our countries, the Institute and the Church.

We affirm that the total consecration we made to the Holy Trinity is in the context of Communion with our Brothers, whom we live with, partners, whom we work

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mr. Teodulfo Limas Jr., husband of USLS Integrated School Principal Mrs. Ma. Del Pilar Limas, passed away on 16 September. We pray for the consolation of his family.

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VOCATION NOVENA
16-25 SEPTEMBER

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong
service of You.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender
themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus
Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective
paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin
Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

(<http://www.usccb.org>)

Agustin and Espital conceived the project after reflecting on what they could contribute to the Centennial Celebration and promote biking as a healthy and eco-friendly lifestyle as well. Espital, a community development graduate of DLSU-D, works for a non-government organization, while Agustin, who finished his Bachelor of Arts in Communication also from DLSU-D, is a graphic artist at the DLSU-D Marketing Communications Office.

The Amazing Raise: A Bike-For-A-Cause from Luzon to Mindanao was supported by DLSP, La Salle Institute for the Environment (LIFE), Blood Red, Bodato Burgers, Primal Wear, Red Dot, De La Salle Alumni Association and Rapid Printing.