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READING— LUKE 15:1-3; 11-32

This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again. He was lost, and has been found.

REFLECTION

It is not possible to talk about sin without talking about God's love because what is sin but the refusal of this offer of love. God probably knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. And despite of what God knows of our frailties and sins, it is not punishment or vengeance that He metes out to us. Our reading affirms clearly, God's desire is that we live and live to the fullness of our stature as His children. God's love is not a glossing over our faults. God's love seeks rather to break the bonds of mistrust, shame and disunity that underlie our sinfulness. It will indeed take some good knowledge of human nature to understand what underlies our sinfulness. This perceptive care is what liberates persons.

In our work as educators, we are similarly invited by today's reading to come to a more personal experience of God's knowledge of us and how He liberates us from whatever binds us in a cycle of sin and death. Having been loved thus, we are invited to love those entrusted to us with the same perceptive and liberating care. How has God loved you? What implications might this have on the way you love others? How well do you know the persons God has entrusted to your care? Do you know them well enough to be able to work effectively for their development?

RESPONSE

(N. HUTCHINSON FSC)

God our Father,
It is not by power or might but by Your Spirit that we are enabled to live the qualities of the Gospel. Bring healing to our lives and fill us with Your Spirit; that we may come to know more fully the greatness of Your love for us and so walk more faithfully in Your presence each day – transformed into the image we reflect – Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. AMEN.

Jesus compares those who have care of souls to a good shepherd who is very careful of his sheep. One of the qualities which our Lord says distinguishes him is that he knows them all individually. This is also one of the essential qualities required of those who instruct others, for they must get to know their pupils and discern the manner in which to act towards them. Some require great mildness, while others need to be directed with firmness. Some require much patience; others need to be goaded on...

(DE LA SALLE, MEDITATIONS)

BIRTHDAYS

15 MAR Jose Ramelle Javier (LPC)

16 MAR Br. Harry Reynolds FSC

19 MAR Erick Vengco (DLSP-ADM)

22 MAR Br. Mark Salvan nFSC

DLSHSI ASPIRANTS VISIT DLSL FOR CEAP

Winlove Bobiles, Nirroh Ampong and Darryl Cuestas, second year Physical Therapy aspirants from De La Salle Health Sciences Institute (DLSHSI) in Dasmariñas, got a glimpse of the life of the De La Salle Brothers and Aspirants in Lipa last 23-24 February. It is part of the Community Exchange Aspirancy Program (CEAP). As part of their stay-in the community, the three aspirants interacted and immersed with the Brothers, aspirants and SIKAT (*Si Kristo At Tayo*) kids and volunteers.

CEAP is a two-day program that engages a number of aspirants to the culture and activities of the different Brothers' communities in Luzon. It aims to better understand the culture of each community, observe the good practices of the community, and fully understand the Lasallian core value of communion.

For those who are interested to know more about CEAP, Aspirancy Program and the Live-In Program of the De La Salle Brothers, you may contact Eugene De Luna at (043) 756 5555 local 220 (Vocation Ministry

Office) or 228 (Marketing Communications Office).

LASALLIANS WIN PHILIPPINE ULTIMATE ASSOCIATION'S NEW YEAR'S LEAGUE



Congratulations to Lasallian Ultimate (LU), led by its Team Organizer and Coach Br. Dennis Magbanua FSC, together with Br. Sockie de la Rosa FSC, for winning its third consecutive championship in Pool B in the New Year's League organized by the Philippine Ultimate Association held at the Greenfields Sports Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. The team won the final game versus Klaw (of Biñan, Laguna) in a three hour game with the score of 15-7. All in all, this is the fifth championship of the team including one beach ultimate league crown in Bagac, Bataan last December 2012. The team has lost only one game in 40 matches since its first championship in the last three years. Twice it has won the championship via sweep from the elimination round to the finals.

Lasallian Ultimate is an Ultimate (Frisbee) Team is composed of high school and college students, alumni, faculty and health service professionals of four schools: De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), De La Salle Health Sciences Institute, De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) and De La Salle University (DLSU). One member of the team is now a Brother (Joseph Daluz) and another is an aspirant (Chuck Magno).

FUN SUNDAY AT TINAGO FALLS

The 24th of February was a bright and shiny Sunday; a great day to celebrate Brother Timothy's farewell party. Brother Timothy is a post-novice doing his two-month school exposure program in La Salle Academy (LSA). What better way to treat him out than to bring him to one of the majestic waterfalls in the city, Tinago Falls.

I was with Brs. Mikey and



Tim; Sir Fritz, a NHS faculty member; three contacts, Milton, Christi, and Jason; and two aspirants, Vince and Edwin.

First stop, we went to Tinago Falls. We rented life vests to ensure protection. Then we took a dip in the water. After that, we rode the bamboo raft, which helped us get closer to the falls. It was like having a massage!

After conquering the 443 steps back to the top, we rode the van and went on to eat our lunch. We stopped at Gloria's Lechon Haus. As the name says, its main food is lechon. We ordered lechon baboy and lechon manok, plus atsara (papaya salad) and puso (rice). We saw Br. Tim eating happily; it seemed that he likes lechon so much along with a mix of some chillies!

After eating, we chat for a while, then went back to LSA. The Brothers rested while we played some sports inside the school grounds. This was one of the best experiences I've had with the Brothers! —**From Ephraim Leif Geonzon, 3rd year HS student, LSA**

UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS



Earl Ganuelas and Jmar Cueto probably never expected that their exchange program experience would end the way it actually did. The Residencia Brothers received them with their usual hospitality. Together with the visiting Manila ABCD Live-Inners, they were given a campus tour of DLSHSI, the University Medical Center and De La Salle University-Dasmariñas for them to see a different perspective on the Lasallian Mission here in the country.

What was unexpected though was the opportunity to interact with the visiting fellow Lasallians from SM La Salle Kota Kinabalu (LSKK). Originally it was a tour of DLSZ but they ended up becoming tour guides of LSJK during their tour of Manila. It was truly an experience of fun, faith and fellowship that has been forged and sustained through social media. There was even an idea of having the CEAP include future aspirants of LSJK. With God, through the intercession of our Founder, everything is possible! —**From Br. Butch Alcudia FSC**