

Message from Br. John D’Cruz

It is about three years since I have been “unofficially” connected with Yayasan Lasallian Kuching. It has been a wonderful experience to observe the very systematic and practical way in which the spirit of Lasallian Education is moving slowly into the more rural parts of Sarawak.

Our Founder, La Salle, had said that we “exist for the human and spiritual education of youth, especially the poor”.

Now, in its twelfth year of existence, YLK has steadily moved from the centre of society to the students in the more rural areas who have difficulties in certain subjects and unable to keep pace with other students, or in some cases, students who are ill-suited for the highly-academic programmes in school. There is a need for an alternative system of education.

In the words of Datuk Christopher Sim in issue 6 of “Stars of Tomorrow”, great efforts are being made by our Lasallians not only to improve their examination results, but “we have placed even greater importance on developing their potential, and acquiring the skills of learning how to learn” so that such students can take personal responsibility for their learning about life through their learning experiences.

Let us then go forward in giving a holistic education not only to our students but also involve all Lasallians- whether they are teachers, facilitators, administrators or fund-raisers- in the on-going movement from “teaching” to “learning”, and from an emphasis on “organising the children’s studies” to giving all involved an experience of how to learn together, how to live together and how to love one another” so that we can build a more peaceful society.

And we do this by creating a suitable learning environment for personal and community growth through tuition centres, learning centres and small hostels for our target-group: the last, the least and the lost of the present society.

“Forward her children dear, ever with heart sincere,
Render with joy to your Mater her due,
All that is vile reject, heaven will ever protect,
Sons of St. La Salle, valiant and true.”



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12th Annual General Meeting

It was held on 28.3.2015. All former office bearers were re-elected as YLK committee members for 2015-2016. The Chairman thanked all committee members for their unceasing cooperation and sacrifice which formed the essential force to carry YLK thus far. He was happy to note that YLK continues to receive strong support from benefactors and corporations. YLK will move on to focus on improving the daily operation which includes inculcating Lasallian discipline and teaching approaches in each centre.

New Centre



Mr. Peter Yap, Chairman of YLK, with some committee members visited Kampung Sinjok, 31km from Kuching on 18.4.2015. It was identified by the team that YLK could play its role in helping the poor students there. Thereafter, William and Martin from YLK carried out an interview with the selected teachers (right photo) on 13.5.2015. We believe that this communal project which involved the use of the school premise, the contribution of the staff of SK St. Elizabeth, the villagers of Kampung Sinjok and financial help from YLK will bear fruit. This will be the first YLK La Salle Tuition Centre in Kota Samarahan Division. The Left photo shows the Headmaster of SK St. Elizabeth, Mr. John Dawi, PTA Chairperson, Ms Anna Dreba, Ketua Kampung and JKKKK members are having cordial dialogue with YLK Committee members.

Br. Albinus' 2nd Anniversary Requiem Mass and Launching of Video & Photo-book entitled "A Tribute to the Last Irish Brother in Sarawak, Br. Albinus' F.S.C"

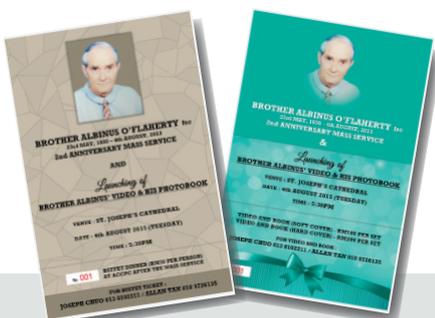
After the passing of Br. Albinus on 4.8.2013, the old boys of St. Joseph's School, Sacred Heart School, De La Salle Brothers, Malaysia and YLK mooted the idea of publishing a biography photo-book and producing a video disc as a tribute to Br. Albinus. The video included a good collection of interviews (photos above) with his ex-students. The narration on Br. Albinus early life features the original voice of Br. Albinus. It is an excerpt from an oral interview of the Irish Asia Old History Project conducted by Rosemary Lim in 2012. The images depicted on this video and photo-book are mostly from his personal photo albums and from individuals involved.

After months of effort, Br. Vincent Corkerery has completed a precise, informative and compact biography of Br. Albinus. It was then merged with the photo-book to form a unique biography photo-book entitled "A Tribute to the Last Irish Brother in Sarawak, Br. Albinus, F.S.C.". It is nearing completion. The contents of these two productions will definitely give inspiration to those who are serving in the education line and motivate students to treasure and enjoy their school lives to the fullest.

They will be launched during Br. Albinus' 2nd Anniversary Requiem Mass which will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral on 4th August 2015 at 5.30pm. It will be followed by a buffet dinner at St. Joseph's Grand Hall, ACCPC, Kuching. An organising committee comprising members of YLK, Sacred Heart School and St. Joseph's School old boys, De La Salle Brothers and other members of Lasallian family was set up to organise the function.

Order of the buffet dinner ticket, Photo-book and Video can be made to Mr. Joseph Chuo (0138102211) and Allan Tan (0109726135). The prices are as follows:

- Buffet Dinner: RM30 per person
- Photo-book (soft cover): RM50 per copy
- Video: RM50 per disc



La Salle Centre, Singai moved to new premise

On 1st February 2015, La Salle Centre, Singai moved to a new premise, St. John's Hall. The hall was built by St. John's Church Council for holding church activities. YLK also helped partially in furnishing the floor with tiles, the rooms with doors, fans and teaching facilities. With the kind consent of the Council and Ketua Kampung, Mr. Vincent Agen, YLK centre is given a private room for library, staff room and supervisor's office. Other classrooms are shared among YLK and the church's various organisations. We thank the Church Council for allowing YLK to conduct tuition and learning programme for the young children from nearby villages. The deep concern of the local leaders for the education of their young children is a good example for us to look up to.



Children, parents and teachers were excited and working hand in hand to shift the centre...



Supervisor, Mr Taka (Left) who is talented in carpentry, helps in fixing white boards and fans for the classrooms.

Finally, the children (Right) have a new and conducive environment to study.



Constant dialogue with the local community is an essential step to keep the La Salle Centres healthy.

There are five villages under five village heads in Stutong re-settlement area where one of our La Salle Centres is situated. The people are mainly rural migrants of various races. They came with their families to find their livelihood in the city.

(Left) 9.5.2015, YLK office Executive visited Tuai Rumah Mr. Jakup ak Buan and the villagers of Kampung Stampin Baru. The parents were happy to know of our presence in their midst. They promised to send their Primary 5 and Primary 6 students to our centre for tuition. We will open up to more villages so that our centre in Stutong is operated to its full capacity.



From time to time we have visitors visiting us to understand how this out-reach helps the last, the least and the lost.



(Left) Br. John was conducting the Lasallian Formation Programme which consists of five modules, for our teaching staff. This spiritual input will empower the voluntary workers to contribute their energy to help the poor students.



In La Salle Centre, BDC, students were given green peas to grow in the soil. They learnt to look after their projects. They also picked up the skills of observation and recording on the changes in the seeds. They were surprised that a seed could grow and produce many seeds. This knowledge of

the cycle of life in nature is employed to teach them about human life cycle too.



Learning about Life in La Salle Centres

Spirit of Lasallian Family: All the centres are encouraged to build closer relationship among the students and the facilitators. To be able to relate with each other as brothers and sisters is the essence of life in our centres. This close relation helps to build students' characters like self-esteem, respect and care for others etc. These should be expressed through the daily activities among the members in a centre and among centres. We hope that in time to come this will become the tradition for our centres. The following are some examples of these interactions.



Celebrating birthday together



Building self-esteem through play - the boys are proud of their achievement.



The young and the old communicate with each other in the process of learning.

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