



Message from Br Thomas, Auxiliary Visitor, LaSalle East Asia District, Hong Kong

Warmest greetings and prayerful best wishes to our Lasallian Family in Sarawak at the start of a new year. I am very grateful to Mr. Peter Yap, Chairman of Yayasan LaSallian Kuching for the invitation to pen these words of greetings and I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Brothers, to express our deepest gratitude for the extraordinary and moving final farewell you gave to our beloved Brother Albinus. In Gaelic we pray for him: "Ar dheis De go raibh anam".... may his soul be at God's right hand.



His place of rest is now marked by a beautiful headstone which is topped by a Celtic Cross in memory of Brother's Irish roots. It also displays the biblical quote from Daniel 12:3 "Those who instruct others unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity". These words of the angel to Daniel were much loved by our Founder St John Baptist De La Salle. In his meditations he used them to remind Brothers and teachers that their reward will not be on earth but in Heaven where "they will shine like stars in the midst of those they have instructed." This edition of the "Stars of Tomorrow" is a loving tribute to Br Albinus as a 'shining star' and it will be treasured by all of us who had the privilege to know him.

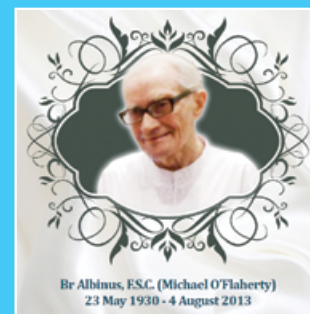
It is gratifying to note that the UPSR scores of the students attending the tuition centres continue to improve. But exam scores alone never tell the full story of a quality Lasallian education. In his message for Issue No. 4 Br Albinus expressed his dream as being: "to help students to cross the boundaries into a new life....to make learning a lifelong love." Congratulations and thanks to the YLK management and teachers for keeping this dream alive and having a significant impact on the lives of so many young people in need of help.

As we begin the New Year of 2014 and look forward to the Year of the Horse I would like to suggest that, whatever our role may be, these beautiful words of Mother Theresa be our inspiration and guide: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Br Thomas Lavin, fsc

Br Albinus O'Flaherty devoted his whole life to help students cross the boundaries into new life and to enable them to find their destinies. True to his vocation as an educator of the La Salle Order, he was passionate about educating the least, the lost and the last; irrespective of race, creed and religion.

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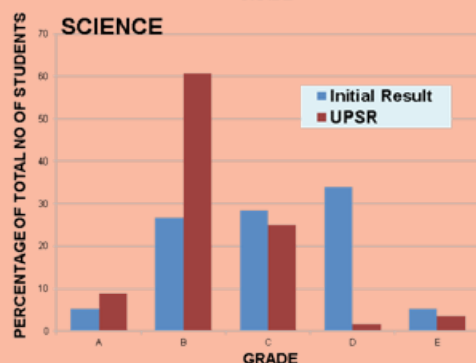
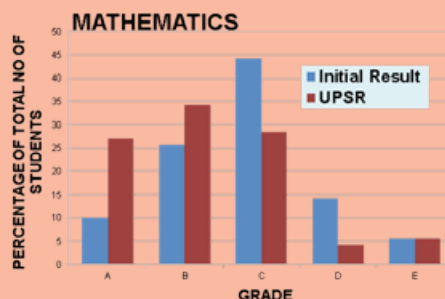
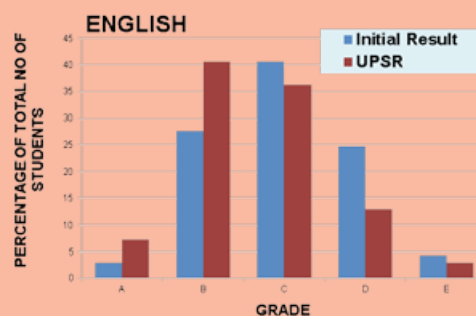


UPSR 2013 Results of YLK Students...

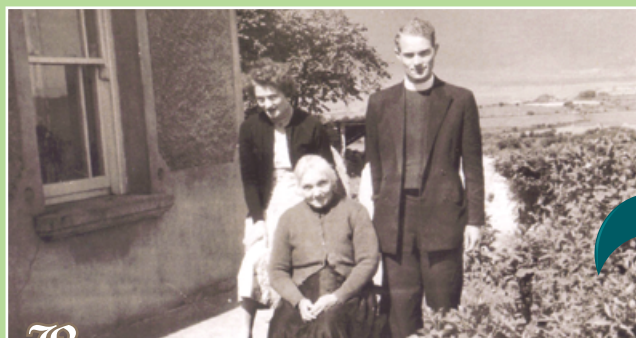
We are proud to report that our students showed significant improvement in the 2013 UPSR.

Improvement in Grade	No. of Students Improved in Grade		
	English	Maths	Science
E to D	2	1	1
E to C		2	1
D to C	10	4	9
D to B		5	10
C to B	14	14	14
C to A	1	4	
B to A	3	8	4
Total No. Of Students Improved in Grade	30	38	39
Total No. Of Students Who Sat for UPS	69	70	56
Percentage of Improvement	43.4%	54.3%	69.6%

The table (left) and charts (below) clearly show that there is a great improvement in Grade A and Grade B. In addition, the numbers of students with Grade D and E has reduced significantly.



A Brief Look into the Life and Times of the Late Br Albinus...



Br Albinus was born into a devout Christian family of Morgan O'Flaherty and Hannah Fitzgerald on 23 May 1930 at Ballyhoneen, Cloghane, County Kerry, South of Ireland.



He joined the La Salle Order in 1944 and after his scholastic and religious formation, he was trained as a teacher at St. Mary's Training College, Strawberry Hill, London. In 1950, he volunteered to go as a missionary La Salle Brother to teach in the Order's many schools in the Far East. His first posting was St. Joseph's Institution, Singapore and taught there with distinction.

In 1970, Br Albinus went to Sacred Heart Secondary School, Sibuluh (SHS) as a teacher. He was the Principal from 1972 until 1987. He was passionate that a student should gain holistic education and to excel in studies as well as sports. Under his guidance, SHS excelled in both studies and sports.

Kick-Off!

In conjunction with the 25th Anniversary Celebrations of the Sibuluh Division Rugby Union, an exhibition match was organised on 24 April 2010 in honour of Br Albinus. Rugby was a sport he loved, played and coached.



(Photo Courtesy of Paul Wong, former student of SHS.)

In 1957, he returned to Ireland to read for an Arts Degree at the National University of Ireland majoring in English and Latin. Br Albinus was posted to St. Joseph's Secondary School (SJS), Kuching in 1960 where he subsequently became the Principal.



Staff of SJS, 1969. (Photo from Ad Astra, school magazine of SJS.)

In 2002, Br Albinus founded the Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) together with some former students from SJS and SHS. Through YLK, Br reached out towards the disadvantaged children in both rural and urban areas. YLK offers free tuition programmes for Primary Five and Six students. It also offers free learning programmes for children with different learning abilities.



The opening of the first La Salle Centre, Sibuluh in April, 2002.

To-date, YLK has five centres in the rural areas outside of Kuching and three centres in Kuching. YLK is determined to carry on the works initiated by Br Albinus and will continue to open up more centres to reach out to more disadvantaged students.



Journey of Br Albinus:

- From Ireland to Singapore
- From Singapore to Sarawak
- From Sarawak to China and back to Sarawak

After "retiring" in 1987, Br Albinus became the director of A Levels at St. Patrick Private's School in Kuching and later in 1992, he was the director of St. Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre. Never one to stop working, he left for Fuzhou, China to teach English in 1997. In 1998, he was back in Kuching as a lecturer of World Religions at INTI College and in 2000, he was back at work at the St. Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre.

"Make the best of everyday and celebrate all that you are."

Br Albinus

(23 May 1930 - 4 Aug 2013)

A Tribute to Br Albinus O'Flaherty (F.S.C.)...



Br Albinus, FSC was called to the Lord on 4 August 2013. With his passing, the Lasallian Family lost a much-beloved member. As the Lasallian Family mourn the loss of Br Albinus, members of the Lasallian Family, including Yayasan LaSallian Kuching are determined to carry on his works in *educating the least, the lost and the last; irrespective of race, creed and religion.*

Br Albinus' dedication and passion in educating the young produced many successful students; among them are government officials, priests, professionals and so forth. His contribution towards education was acknowledged not only by parents and students but also by the Government of Sarawak. He was awarded with the Ahli Bintang Sarawak and Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti.



Br Charles M O'Leary, FSC., a confrere and close friend:

"Br Albinus lived life to the full and ... his life was 'a benediction'... He was a man of faith, a spiritual, prayerful person..."



Datuk Christopher Sim, former student of Br Albinus and Advisor of Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK):

"Br Albinus was a great teacher of men... He was born with the spirit to serve others... He did this single-mindedly, without complaining and without claiming credit for himself..."



His Grace Archbishop Dato John Ha, Archdiocese of Kuching and a former student:

"Brother Albinus was indeed a great man, a great educationist and a great religious. But his greatness did not lie in his position as a top man in authority in the Government or in any social stratum. Rather, his greatness lay in his selfless dedication

to the least of all Christ's brothers and sisters, to the "lost, the least and the last", to find them and integrate them in society as people with dignity and respect, as Christ would have done..."



Br Albinus welcoming Br David to Kuching on 25 June 2013.

Br David Hawke, FSC, General Councillor, Pacific Asia Regional Conference (PARC):

"My recent time with him during my visit to Kuching was indeed a blessing and I could not help but notice the love people had for him and he for them. He was indeed one in a million; so dedicated to the people whom he served. I really enjoyed his company while in Kuching.

"His legacy, love for education and the projects he initiated in collaboration with many Lasallians will continue with the Lasallian family in Kuching and elsewhere I am sure..."

Mr Peter Yap, Chairman of YLK and former student:

"(Br Albinus) was always on the move to seek out the lost, the last and least to help them in their studies just like what he had done for us in Sacred Heart School..."



Mr Adrian Pink, nephew of Br Albinus:

"I always looked forward to his company, he was great company. He was a live wire, everybody will miss him... He was a devout Catholic, a man of fine principles, completely dedicated to his work... education for all..."

MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO...

WHEN I COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD
AND THE SUN HAS SET FOR ME
I WANT NO RITES IN A GLOOM-FILLED ROOM.
WHY CRY FOR SOUL SET FREE?

MISS ME A LITTLE - BUT NOT TOO LONG
AND NOT WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED LOW.
REMEMBER THE LOVE WE ONCE SHARED,
MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

FOR THIS IS A JOURNEY WE MUST TAKE
AND EACH MUST GO IT ALONE.
IT'S ALL PART OF THE MASTER'S PLAN,
A STEP ON THE ROAD TO HOME.

WHEN YOU ARE LONELY AND SICK OF HEART
GO TO THE FRIENDS WE KNOW
AND BURY YOUR SORROWS IN DOING GOOD DEEDS.
MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO.

(A POEM BY EDGAR A. GUEST)

The **Life and Times of the Late Br Albinus** and the **Tribute to Br Albinus** are based on various sources including texts of eulogies.

Around La Salle Centres...

DLK is happy to celebrate its 1st Lasallian Family Day at La Salle Centre, Singai on 9 November 2013. Students from all centres entertained the guests with great performances. The Family Day ended with a delicious lunch prepared by members and friends.



Welcome to Our Family Day!



Invited guests included Prof Dr Sim Kui Hian, President, Old Josephians' Association (2nd from left) and Br Justin (right).



"We are La Sallians..." from La Salle Centre, Singai



Let's do the Bara-Bara, Biri-Biri!



"I Love You, Mum" from La Salle Centre, Skibang...



Well done! Br Justin awarding one of the students with most improvement.



One of the many lucky winners receiving a hamper from Mr Peter Yap, Chairman, YLK.

Recently, YLK was fortunate to receive 20 sets of used computers from Praxis and Swinburne. Thanks to them, we can now enhance our teaching, learning and administration.

PCs Galore!



We also thank Florence Teo, Nguok Moi, Shirley Su and son for their kind contribution of carefully chosen books for our centres.



Meanwhile at La Salle Centre, Stass, a joint Open Day with SK Stass was held on 26 October 2013. The students showcased their works of love.

In another development, YLK is planning to open a new centre at Entubuh, Serian in January 2014. SK Entubuh has kindly offered YLK to use its facility while the Headmaster will assist to source for volunteer teachers for the tuition programme.

50 of our students had early Christmas cheers in November when they joined Mr Jon Warmington, General Manager, Hilton for the lighting up of Hilton Christmas Tree. The children had a fun time with great entertainment, games and a sumptuous dinner.



Mr Jon Warmington (centre) lighting up the tree together with the students.

Last but not least, we rejoice that ECM Libra Foundation is extending its sponsorship towards YLK until 2016. Thank You, ECM Libra Foundation!

Signum Fidei...

Br Columba, another beloved principal of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Kuching, launched his book, *Living Our Faith in Kuching* on 2 Oct 2013. Mr Raymond Teo and other former students helped to publish the book and bring Br Columba to Kuching.

During a simple ceremony on 18 Dec 2013, Mr Raymond Teo presented a mock cheque of RM42,200.00 to YLK which is 50% from the sales of the book. Our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Br Columba, Mr Raymond Teo and his team for the contribution.



Mr Raymond Teo (right) presenting the mock cheque to Mr Peter Yap, Chairman, YLK witnessed by Datu Aloysius Dris (left), Mr Jacob Wong (2nd left) and His Grace Archbishop Dato John Ha (3rd left).

In Memory of A Beloved Mentor...

At its annual dinner on 11 Oct 2013, the Sacred Heart School, Sibuan Alumni Association of Kuching donated to YLK and its alma mater as a tribute to the late Br Albinus. Syabas!



SJS is 131 Years Old!

DLK thanked the Old Josephians' Association for inviting us to share our cause at the 131st Celebration Dinner of St. Joseph's School.



Ora et Labora: La Salle Brothers Honoured...

After launching his book, Br Columba flew to Sibuan to officially open the Shamrock Concourse at Sacred Heart Secondary School (SHS) on 6 Oct 2013. The Shamrock Concourse was built in remembrance of the 15 De La Salle Brothers (13 Irish and 2 local) who had served in SHS.



(Photo Courtesy of SHOSA)

Br Thomas Lavin, FSC in Kuching...

The Lasallian Family in Kuching also welcomed Br Thomas Lavin, F.S.C., Auxiliary Visitor, La Salle East Asia District (LEAD), Hong Kong recently. While in Kuching, he paid his last respects to Br Albinus.