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marked the date when 10,715 and almost 13,000, respectively, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas students, administrators, faculty, staff, benefactors, parents and friends came together, and became one not only to form the Biggest Human Lasallian Star but, ultimately, to contribute to the education of future Lasallians through the One La Salle Scholarship Fund.

The magic of the great Human Lasallian Star will resonate even further on March 4, 2012 (Sunday) at CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard Pasay City, Manila as the 17 La Salle Schools in the Philippines, with other Lasallians, friends and benefactors, come together and form a strong star formation with a target of at least fifty thousand attendees at the in celebration of the 100 years of Lasallian Presence in the Philippines.



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DLSU-D is Most Sustainable and Eco-Friendly School in CALABARZON

Once again, DLSU-D was recognized for its environmental efforts as it was hailed the 2011 Most Sustainable and Eco-Friendly School in CALABARZON in the tertiary level category. With this, the university is named as one of the national finalists in the 2011 Search for Most Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Schools.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)—Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and Smart Communications, Inc. organized the nationwide search in support of the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan and the United Nations Decade of Education



The three vice chancellors (from left) represented the university during the awarding of the plaque.

for Sustainable Development. The announcement of the national winners for each category will be

on Nov. 16 as part of the National Environmental Awareness Month.

Another feather in DLSU-D's cap: ARPO bags National Best PESO award



Golla (right) also recognized the members of his team, Leo Manansala (left), coordinator of placement services and UPESO Deputy Manager, and Menchie Peralta, ARPO's office staff, for working beyond the call of duty.

Since 2009, the Alumni Relations and Placement Office (ARPO) has consistently garnered awards for the university through their creative efforts as an academe-based Public Employment Service Office (PESO). On its first year as a recognized PESO, the office was awarded the Best Academe-Based PESO in 2009 and Regional Best PESO for 2010 to 2011. Just very recently, ARPO Director Nathaniel Golla was awarded as Outstanding PESO Manager.

ARPO goes beyond the regional title and bags the National Best PESO Award, besting 113 other PESOs in the NGO/SUC

(Schools/Universities/Colleges) category. "This is an affirmation of the commitment of DLSU-D to support the agenda of the national government in strengthening local employment, solving the job-skills mismatch, and pushing back unemployment. We will continue to serve our fellow Filipinos and every Lasallian [in] their pursuit for better career opportunities and quality way of life," Golla shared.

The winner of the search was announced in the 11th National PESO Congress. The Search for the "National Best PESO" is an annual recognition of the contribution of PESO on employment facilitation programs and of the implementation of relevant initiatives for its constituents. The 11th National PESO Congress, spearheaded by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and PESO Philippines, Inc., was held at the Waterfront Insular Hotel in Davao City. *With reports from the Alumni Relations and Placement Office*

Exploring tourism industry in Cavite

The Cavite Studies Center held the 13th annual seminar on local history and culture in Cavite last Sept. 23 at the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite. The seminar dubbed "Exploring Tourism Industry in Cavite: Prospects and Challenges" featured 2011 Gawad Bayani awardee Joselito Tibayan in his talk on the organic farming and agri-tourism in Palangue

Agrarian Reform Cooperative. Another speaker is Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine Curator Angelo Aguinaldo who shared about the national shrines and museums in Cavite. With the hope of helping the Provincial Government of Cavite and the Provincial Tourism Office market the industry to people in and out of Cavite, CSC invited city and municipal tourism officers,

students and faculty from schools offering tourism courses, elementary and high school teachers, and interested individuals as participants. Among the notable attendees of the event are Cavite 1st District Rep. Joseph Emilio A. Abaya, Governor Jonvic Remulla, and Cesar E. A. Virata, president, Cavite Historical Society, Inc. *With reports from the Cavite Studies Center*

Faculty-media consultants share crisis management tips

The Communication Arts Department spearheaded a seminar dubbed “Dealing with the Media in Times of Crises” last Sept. 17 at the Tanghalang Julian Felipe. Atom Araullo of ABS-CBN, Cecille Lardizabal of DZIQ 990 AM Radyo Inquirer, and Mark Salazar of GMA 7 make up the powerhouse lineup of panelists in the seminar. Araullo, Lardizabal, and Salazar are media practitioners who are currently teaching Journalism in the university.



The speakers shared tips on making press releases, holding press conferences, and answering ambush and phone interviews. To make the experience more meaningful for the participants, drills based on simulations of possible university crises were also conducted.

An outstanding Imuseño

Dr. Myrna Ramos, vice chancellor for Mission, External Affairs, and Advancement, was awarded the Gen. Juan S. Castañeda Award to Natatanging Imuseños for her exemplary achievements in the field of Educational Administration.

“I would like to share the award I received to my family [and the] members of the [DLSU-D] family,” Dr. Ramos shared. She personally received her award in the 24th Gawad Parangal held on Oct. 7 at Diamond Hotel, Roxas Blvd, Manila. The awarding was part of Imus’ celebration of its 236th Foundation Anniversary as a municipality.



Municipality of Imus Councilor Jem Yulo-Guinto awards the medal and plaque to Dr. Ramos.

Ayaw ko ng plastik!



In a move towards going carbon neutral, the campaign “Ayaw ko ng Plastik!” spearheaded by the Lasallian Community Development Center, in cooperation with the Environment and Resource Management and Campus Development Office,

was officially launched on Sept. 21 at the Lake Park as part of the activities during the Students’ Week 2011.

The campaign title says it all. If the university has long prohibited styrofoam/styrophor materials in the campus, DLSU-D will now ban the use and entry of plastic bags used as carriers of products starting Nov. 1 of this year. Concessionaires and any other entities selling their merchandise in the campus will be requested to use alternative carriers such as reusable bags, commonly known as eco bags, for their consumers. Violators of this policy will be penalized and the collections

will go to the Employees Dependent Scholarship Fund. On the other hand, Sept. 23 marked the start of “No Plastic Drinking Straw Fridays” to further encourage the community to consciously lessen their consumption of plastic.

Teodosia Sarao-Osteria Memorial Lectures monograph



Oct. 13 marked the launching of the maiden issue of the Teodosia Sarao-Osteria Memorial Lectures monograph held at the Hotel Rafael Centennial Hall. The first issue contains three articles written and lectured by two well-regarded researchers from the university: College of Liberal Arts Dean and former Cavite Studies Center Director Emmanuel Franco Calairo and Cavite Studies Center Director Teresita Unabia.

In the words of Dr. Trinidad S. Osteria, “There could be no more fitting tribute to my mother, Teodosia Sarao-Osteria, than this compilation of professional lectures given in her honor. These are themes that are closest to her heart.” The compilation includes “The Early Centuries of Cavite/Manila-Acapulco Trade: Impressions of Wealth and Glimpses of the Society Then” by Unabia while “Escuelas Y Maestros: Isang Preliminaryang Pag-aaral Ukol sa Edukasyong Pampubliko sa Bayan ng Imus sa Pagtatapos ng ika-19 Dantaon” and “A Retrospect of Cavite Women and Their Contribution to Post War Philippine Education” were authored by Dr. Calairo.

The launching was spearheaded by the offices of the Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research, Mission, External Affairs, and Advancement, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, and the University Research Office.

1st place in La Salle Trivia Challenge

John Jefferson Besa, a 4th year BS Human Biology and aspirant of the De La Salle Brothers, and Kennie Kabeen Alegno, 19, a BS Accountancy student in his 5th year, won 1st place in the 2011 La Salle Trivia Challenge. The challenge was organized by and held in La Salle University-Ozamiz in Mindanao last Sept. 16. The trivia challenge aims to acquaint Lasallians of historical facts, people and events that are relevant to the centenary celebration and to foster camaraderie among members of the Lasallian Community across the country.

Besa and Alegno were coached by University Lasallian Family Office Director Gemma Gosgolan. Together, the team bested seven other participating La Salle schools from the Philippines: DLS-Canlubang, DLS-College of



St. Benilde, DLS Health Sciences Institute, DLS-Lipa, DLSU-Manila, John Bosco College in Bislig, and the organizing school, La Salle University-Ozamiz. Questions in the trivia challenge revolved around the life and experiences of the Holy Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and historical facts about the De La Salle Brothers and Lasallian schools.

With reports from the University Lasallian Family Office

Freshmen take CGEAT

Freshmen students took their Collegiate General Education Achievement Test (CGEAT) last Sept. 16. "[CGEAT] is mandated by De La Salle Philippines (DLSP). All freshmen students of La Salle all over the Philippines are required to take [this test which is adopted from the DLSP's General Education Curriculum Standards]," explains Dr. Christian George Francisco, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. The vice chancellor for Academics and Research tapped Dr. Francisco to be the chief coordinator of the assessment test with Dr. Ann Margaret Martin of the Student Wellness Center as his assistant.

The individual results of the CGEAT will serve as a basis in developing the current curricula. To realize this, a post-test will be administered after a year to plot the development of the students and the results will be forwarded to DLSP. Dr. Francisco elaborates that the results could help the university determine which area of teaching should be reinforced, depending on the results.

Japanese students tour DLSU-D

Students and faculty members from Nagoya College of Foreign Languages (NCFL) visited DLSU-D last Sept. 13 as part of their Airline Course: Philippine Training 2011. Fifty students, accompanied by two faculty members and NCFL Vice Principal Hisao Nakagawa, were immersed in Philippine culture through the performances of DLSU-D Chorale and Performing Arts Group.

The Japanese students commended the students from the College of International Hospitality Management for their hospitality. "The tour was fun. [The students are very hospitable,] they even gave me [a] present," shares one of the students. Aside from the campus tour led by Tourism students, they also experienced how a typical lunch break is like at the University Food Square and rode the university's E-Jeep through the help of Parents Organization of La Salle Cavite.

The students' educational tour in the Philippines was organized by Blue Planet



Students (right) from Nagoya College of Foreign Languages applaud as they watch the DLSU-D's HRM students flaunt their flirtending skills (left).

Explorer (BPE) with the aim of enhancing their English language capability and improving the Japanese ability to adapt, survive and succeed in a highly competitive global workplace. DLSU-D is the only university they visited during their weeklong training with the Philippine Airlines. Certain points are being discussed between the University Linkages

Office and BPE on the creation of English programs and relevant tours tailor made for BPE's Japanese clients. Student internships, faculty visits, outreach program assistance, and cultural exchange programs, among others are also being looked into. A percentage of the revenues earned from the confirmed groups will go to DLSU-D's scholarship funds.

From DLSU-D to Indonesia

It was in January of 2011 when Indonesian students from Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya visited DLSU-D. Eight months after, four faculty members and 13 students that make up the DLSU-D delegates flew to Indonesia for an Academic and Cultural Immersion Program in Widya Mandala from Sept. 11 to 17.

The visit in Indonesia is part of the implementation of the memorandum of agreement between DLSU-D and Widya Mandala. In their weeklong immersion, the delegates enjoyed a jam-packed schedule as they experienced academic life in Widya Mandala and tour famous destinations in Indonesia. "[There were] full activities for the days. It was tiring but it was very fruitful," University Linkages Office Director Wilson Jacinto shares. Indeed, it was rewarding as the group also planted mangrove buds for the conservation of the mangrove forest in Indonesia's Greget, Gresik-East Java. The visit further paved way for discussions on future research collaborations and how partnership between the two universities can further



The DLSU-D delegation poses with members of Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya who gave such warm welcome to the Filipinos.

be strengthened.

On Oct. 24 to 28, two engineering faculty members of the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology (CEAT) visited Widya Mandala to deliver lectures. This is once again part of the university's international linkages faculty exchange program. CEAT Dean Jose Rizaldy De Armas and Engr. Philip Ermita lectured on "4G Technology Implementation" and "Supply

Chain Management," respectively, before electrical and industrial engineering students of Widya Mandala. This coming Lasallian Festival celebration in February, Engineering faculty members from Widya Mandala are scheduled to conduct a lecture series among engineering students of DLSU-D as part of the memorandum of agreement. *With reports from the Engineering Department.*

PolSci stude debates in int'l competition



Raji Paul Tañada (2nd from right), grandson of Lorenzo M. Tañada, is part of the Philippine delegation that flew to Indonesia to compete in the 2011 ASEAN Youth Capacity Building Debate Competition and participate in the Tunza International Children and youth Conference on the Environment

Another student that visited Indonesia is Raji Paul Tañada, a fourth year AB Political Science student, together with students from Miriam College and Ateneo de Manila University to represent the country's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the 2011 ASEAN Youth Capacity Building Debate Competition. The Philippine debaters ranked 5th in the competition held on Sept. 25 to 27 in Indonesia.

The debate competition was part of the Tunza International Children & Youth Conference on the Environment spearheaded by the United Nations Environment Programme and Indonesia's Ministry of Environment. Held from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1, the conference gathered around 1,400 children and youth participants to discuss significant environmental issues. DLSU-D was chosen by DENR to be one of the representatives as the university is the Most Sustainable and Eco-Friendly School in CALABARZON.

IE stude shines in 44th Shell National Art Student Competition

Rick Donald Manzon, a graduating BS Industrial Engineering student, was among the top finalist that was given Honorable Mention in the Shell National Students Art Competition (NSAC). Out of 129 national entries from the sculpture category, his *Bayanijuan*, a 12"x8"x18" sculpture made out of wires and cloth, was among the few that received the judges' nod. The awarding and exhibit opening was held last Oct. 18 at Ayala Museum, Makati City.

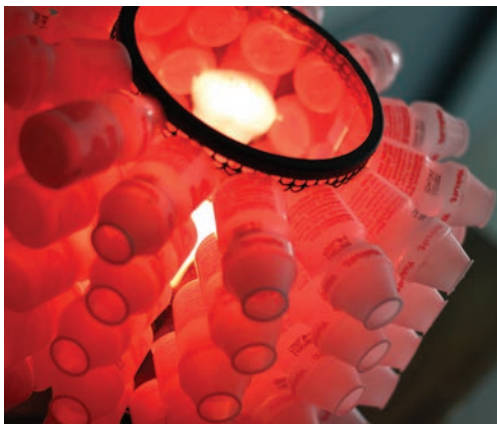
It was also Manzon who spearheaded the exhibit dubbed "Light: The Industrial Engineering Light Exhibit 2011." The exhibit featured Manzon's lamp and chandelier collections using recycled and reused plastic materials such as PET bottles, bottle caps, and plastic spoons with the help of the Environmental Resource Management and Campus Development Office (ERMCDO).



His goal is to "inspire other engineers to make better things" and he finds this an effective step to help minimize waste produced from plastic. In some pieces of his chandelier collection,

he used paper cups and macaroon wrappers, which, though made of paper, still have plastic and wax component that take time to decompose. His collections used minimal light bulbs and ones that require low energy. The exhibit ran from Sept. 19 to 23 with Office of Student Services Dean Paul Gatpandan and ERMCDO Director Marlon Pareja as honored guests during the ribbon cutting of the exhibit.

A lamp made from used Yakult bottles, designed by Manzon.



A series of victories for the Patriots

For the third straight year, the men's and women's volleyball team of DLSU-D Patriots claim the title as champions in the volleyball tournament of the 10th Universities and Colleges Athletic Association held from Sept. 15-Oct. 21.

Meanwhile, the men's swimming team of DLSU-D swam their way to gold with panache in the Universities and Colleges Athletic Association swimming competition held on Oct. 8 in the university swimming pool. Kevin Claveria finished first in the 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly while Jerome Magallanes was the fastest in the 50m breaststroke. The swimming team led by Gerry Sergio III also won the freestyle and medley relay events.

The Patriots invaded 16th Philippine Sports Commission-University Games held on Oct. 24 in Capiz State University. The men's swimming team won 1st runner up while the women's team, 3rd runner up. On the other hand, the Patriots placed 3rd in the Table Tennis Men Category of the same competition.

Blood donation drive collects 64 units.

The Lasallian Community Development Center, in partnership with De La Salle University Medical Center, held a bloodletting activity at the Lake Park last Sept. 19 to 20 and collected 64 units of blood in those two days alone.

Promoting international relations

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Willington Onuh was invited to visit the Southeast and Bloomington campuses of Indiana University (IU) from Oct. 8 to 13. In the invitation letter sent by Dr. Walter Ryan, dean of Research of IU Southeast, he mentioned that Dr. Onuh's presentation about DLSU-D three years ago was impressive, thus leaving positive thoughts about potentials for collaboration in various areas.

With IU being one of the leading public research institutions in USA, Dr. Onuh took the chance to presented the Cavite Development Research Program to members of the IU community during his recent visit. "Their response was overwhelming. . . According to them, they have never seen a research roadmap so complete, so detailed, so interestingly written. They are all intrigued by this and they want to participate," shares Dr. Onuh.

Instead of going directly home after his IU visit, Dr. Onuh traveled further east to St. Mary's College of California to have Dr. Bethami Dobkin, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of St. Mary's, sign the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Among the areas of cooperation stipulated in the MOU are student and faculty visit and exchange, collaborative research activities, and curriculum development in the graduate and undergraduate level of the College of Business Administration, among others.

Byaheng Verde stops at MERALCO



MERALCO-Dasmariñas Branch was the third stop of the Alumni Relations and Placement Office (ARPO) for its Byaheng Verde: Alumni Reach-Out Caravan. On Sept. 21, ARPO gathered 15 alumni members working in Meralco. Prior to this visit, ARPO met with 13 alumni members working in the Municipal Government of General Trias, Cavite. Byaheng Verde is a means of ARPO to meet members of the alumni, share updates and developments of their alma mater, and gather feedback to help the university better serve its graduates.

Trailblazing through 2011 Students' Week

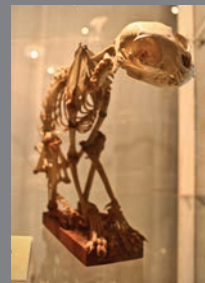
"TrailBlaze: Young Lasallians' Revolutionizing Education through Service." This is the theme of this year's celebration of Students' Week that seeks to renew the students' commitment and dedication to contribute to the realization of the Lasallian mission. The Student Development and Activities Office spearheaded the weeklong celebration which lasted from Sept. 19 to 24.

To "revolutionize" the community, in the word's most positive sense, various units and student organizations came up with relevant activities such as seminars on National Situationer on Education and students' rights, film showings, classroom to classroom voters' education campaign, and outreach programs, to mention a few.



KABALIKAT DAY. Staff members of DLSU-D enjoy a day away from their desks during the culminating of the Kabalik ng DLSU-D Sportsfest held last Oct. 21. In photo are the members of the winning team led by Jaime Patani (right, holding the flag) of the Office of the University Registrar.

Back to the 19th century



Museo De La Salle and the Biological Sciences Department held an exhibit dubbed "SCIENto: Philippine Life and Biodiversity Then and Now" at Fe S. Panlilio Room, the Zaguan,

Museo De La Salle last Sept. 19. SCIENto, pronounced as "ciento," the Spanish translation of "hundred," showcased 100 scientific species from the 19th century up to the present. With the aim of promoting Philippine life and its biodiversity, students and faculty representatives from various high schools were invited to the exhibit and toured Museo De La Salle afterwards.


This collaboration between the Museo and Biological Sciences Department is an opportunity for the Museo to start possible programs with the BSD such as preservation of Museo taxidermy collection, scientific identification of Museo plants, and possible studies on wood preservation. In return, the Museo can provide its technical expertise on exhibition once BSD develops their natural history gallery. *With reports from Museo De La Salle*

DLSU-D stude tops Cavite Philippine Statistics Quiz

Applied Mathematics frosh, Dhenmar Chua, outmatched 41 students from 20 universities and colleges in the 11th Provincial Elimination of the 20th Philippine Statistics Quiz held last Oct. 21, at First Cavite Industrial Estate (FCIE) Conference Hall, Langkaan, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite. This annual competition is held in celebration of the 22nd National Statistics Month themed "Quality Social Protection Statistics for Focused Targeting: Improving Outcomes, Changing Lives". Chua will represent the province in the Regional Elimination slated on November 2011 at Lipa City, Batangas. He was jointly trained by Normalyn Pantino, Challiz Feranil, and Nelda Nacion of the Mathematics Department. *With reports from the Mathematics Department*



A moment of grace

A man in a green shirt and sunglasses is looking out over a building with a statue. The background shows a large, ornate building with a statue on top, surrounded by trees and a clear sky. The man is in the foreground, looking towards the building.

**"I adore in all
things the will of
God in my regard."**

These were the words of St. La Salle before he breathed his last on the 17th of April, 1719. Hundreds of years after his death, the Founder has left a legacy through the life he lived. Until the present, the echo of De La Salle's life and works continue to make miracles--through touching hearts, teaching minds, and transforming lives.

The 12th of September is a solemn afternoon as members of the DLSU-D community welcome the arrival of the relic of St. John Baptist de La Salle. Flown all the way from Rome, Italy, the relic of the Founder arrived in Manila on June 15 of this year, just a day before the official opening of the Centennial Celebrations of the Lasallian schools across the country. From De La Salle Health Sciences Institute, the relic was brought straight to the Ugnayang La Salle where the procession to the Holy Rosary Chapel started.

with the Founder



A sea of green.

Students wait in front of the Administration Building to join the procession as the university welcomes the relic on its arrival.



The reliquary holds a first class relic: a part of the radius bone of the forearm of the body of St. La Salle. The relic was given as a gift from the Superior General, Br. Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria FSC, as a gift to De La Salle Philippines on its Celebration of the 100 Years of Lasallian Presence in the Philippines.

Br. Gus Boquer FSC, EdD, always very particular to details, guides the students as the reliquary is being transferred to their shoulders.







Being the visible and powerful reminder of the life of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the presence of the Founder's relic holds the people in the Holy Rosary Chapel spellbound.

To accommodate more participants on this momentous day for the university, the committee installed an LED screen outside of the Holy Rosary Chapel. *Photo Credit: Alarcon Likha*

Seize the moment.

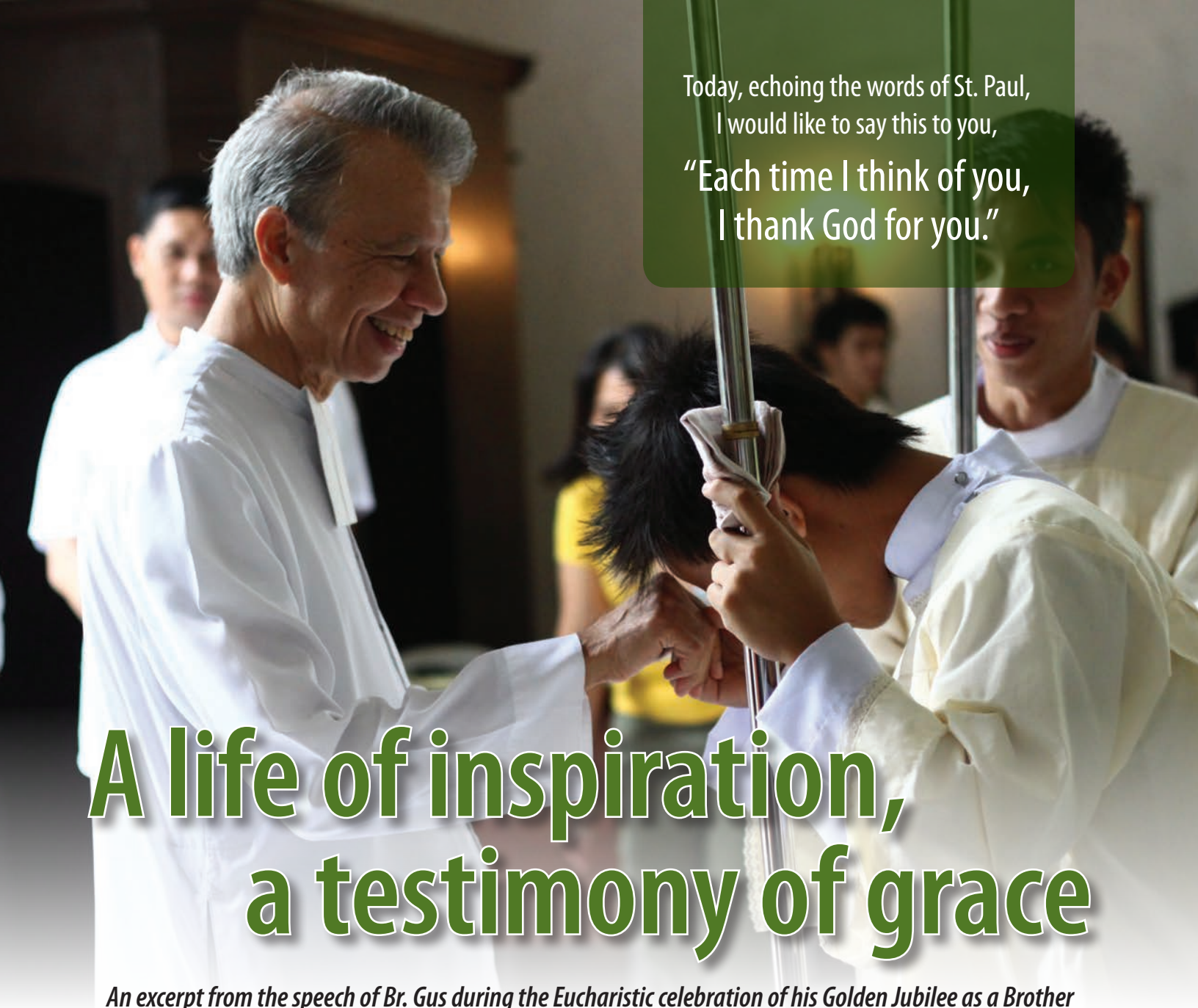
Br. Gus encouraged the community to talk to the Founder, not just to ask, but to commit and offer what we can for the university.





Together with the relic is the traveling exhibit featuring a collection of images, media, and memorabilia that relive the history of the Philippine Lasallian Brothers through the century. Installed in the Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo, the traveling exhibit is a collaboration between De La Salle Philippines and the School of Design and Arts of De La Salle - College of Saint Benilde for the Centennial Jubilee of the Lasallian Presence in the Philippines.





Today, echoing the words of St. Paul,
I would like to say this to you,
“Each time I think of you,
I thank God for you.”

A life of inspiration, a testimony of grace

An excerpt from the speech of Br. Gus during the Eucharistic celebration of his Golden Jubilee as a Brother

For 50 years, I have been blessed with many, many graces. Graces that allowed me to be an instrument of our Lord to make life just a little bit better than what it was for many, many persons. In all my assignments since 1961, when we entered as novices and all the way today, all these 50 years that I have been a Brother, I have always accepted what was asked of me. I simply said yes and I knew by saying yes, the graces will come not just in trickles, but overflowing.

For 50 years, as I look back, I thank God for the opportunities given to me of transforming lives and building dreams and hopes. My coming to

I simply did what He asked and never questioned. There were many challenges, many trials but they were all, to me, opportunities. For me, they were opportunities to create possibilities and make them happen.

De La Salle University- Dasmariñas is an act of God. The Lord wanted me to open the windows of this university to let fresh air come in so that God may be honored and glorified. That we can have life much better for those who have so much hopes, so much dreams and that these dreams and hopes, especially to those who do not have much opportunities [may] come true. In my stay here for four years, these dreams and these hopes became realities.

I simply did what He asked and never questioned. There were many challenges, many trials but they were all, to me, opportunities. For me, they were opportunities

to create possibilities and make them happen. And in this university, for the last four years, many possibilities have been created, and many of these possibilities that were created happened.

I thank you, my very dear friends who have always been responding to God's call to assist in His work in this world, in this university. I thank you, our administrators and faculty members and, most especially, members of the non-teaching staff, the rank and file who are partnering with us to make this a paradise of the academe. A paradise where the experience of God will be lived and shared. It is so important to keep that in mind that if we lived and shared the experience of God, we will do wonders; not just for ourselves but for others. This is what St. La Salle always wanted since he started the Brothers [in] 1681, this is what he wanted: to see the realities of life, respond to God's call, obey His instrument and take a leap of faith.

Today, for those [of] you who are here, especially those of you who have been there for the De La Salle Brothers all these years, our Lord is smiling upon you. Our Lord is blessing you with graces that you will never imagine what this will be in His own time. [As] St. Paul has said: eyes have not seen and ears have not heard what God has prepared for those of you who have loved me. You made a better community than what it can be in the eyes of the world.

This university has a role to play as a catalyst for social transformation. That is what we want to do. Our Cavite Development Research Program, which will be in effect for the next 50 years, will be the centennial gift of this university to the province of Cavite. It will be a gift of life. Where there [are impossibilities], this research program will create a future of hope for this province. It will be a province that will be looked upon for its leadership of development and accomplishments. This is the



real research that will help everyone. From the richest to the poorest to the most powerful. [Everyone] will benefit.

I deeply thank our Lord for bringing me here to you, and you to me. As I see you all today, you who represent many others in this institution, I ask you to take good care of this university,



All of us must continue to dream. All of us must continue to hope and never ever say, "I cannot do it." Just trust God, take a leap of faith, and that will be possible.

to stand up for this university, because in this university, you have all the blessings. We will not be here in the next centennial year but what is important is today, we are going to respond to make possible [for] students who would like to come here, and in all our other 16 Lasallian schools, to become scholars. Scholarship goes beyond tuition. It has to do with many,

many other possibilities. It is my commitment, because of the gifts I have been given, to be enthusiastic at being able to raise friends and funds. We will, together, raise as much as the Lord wants us to raise.

We will open our doors, our gates, our windows for opportunities. This is what this celebration is all about today. The best time to serve the Lord is when it is difficult to serve Him. Because in serving Him in those difficult times, and sharing the best of you under difficult circumstances, the Lord comes back to you over a hundredfold. All you have to do is look into the history of salvation and you see how men and women have responded to God's call in difficult times, and as a result, they have left a legacy. And legacy is the good we do today will live long beyond us. This is what La Salle is all about.

Let us respect each other as professionals. Let us love one another as Christians. This is what the Lord wants us to do. And you who are here today, who are members of the Lasallian family who have worked hand in hand with all of us with all kinds of assignments in this institution, keep this in mind: the Lord will always be with you.

As I say all of these, I have two thoughts to close this morning with you. First, let us never stop dreaming. Let us never stop hoping. Today we have light because of a dreamer. Today we have La Salle because of a dreamer who transformed society who brought in together

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From left: Br. Arian Lopez FSC, Br. Dennis Magbanua FSA, Br. Gus Boquer FSC, Br. Richie Yap FSC, Br. Lazaro Rodriguez FSC

MEET THE BROTHERS OF RESIDENCIA LA SALLE

Although La Salle, through the Frere (Saint) Benilde Romancon Educational Foundation Inc., took over the school in 1987, it wasn't until 2002 that the structure that was to become the Brothers house was put up.

Residencia La Salle opened its doors on June 23, 2002 to a very special group, a mixed community of Brothers (Brs. Ray Suplido, Ceci Hojilla, Jun Estrellas FSC) and lay partners (Jo Tero, Josie Burgos, Art Noronio) who served as the animators and formators for the entire District, the LAFT community.

The first all-Brothers' community was assigned to Residencia by Br. Edmundo Fernandez FSC in 2006. It was composed of Brs. Gus Boquer, Kenneth Martinez, Dennis Magbanua and Mario Dacanay FSC.

Today, there are 5 Brothers in Residencia who work in 4 different schools. Despite working in different schools in different capacities, the Brothers come home to Residencia as equals. They find time to pray and eat together and schedule activities like recollections and outings. In fact, they function like a family... certainly not a typical one but a family just the same.

Br. Dennis serves as the Community Director and is the president of De La Salle Zobel. In Residencia, however, he IS the Big Brother in his capacity as community director. With BroDen in Zobel, serving in the Campus Ministry Office, is Br. Lazaro, who is a Mexican

Brother who served for 14 years in Japan. BroLaz keeps the medicine cabinet well-stocked and assists Br. Gus in keeping the Brother well-fed.

Everyone knows that Br. Gus is the president of both De La Salle University - Dasmariñas and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute but in Residencia he is responsible in keeping the Brothers well-nourished – spiritually and bodily – as econome (kitchen-in-charge) and sacristan.

Br. Richie is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Mission of De La Salle Canlubang. He takes care of the guests, the aspirants and contacts, and the garden and fishpond. The newest addition to the community is Br. Arian who is preparing for his final vows. He is the community librarian, IT liaison and secretary.

One common project that Brothers involve themselves in is vocations work. Today, there are 17 aspirants and 15 contacts among the 4 schools served by the Residencia community. It is hoped that more young men from our schools will join the Brothers and the Residencia Brothers are committed to making that happen. However, the Brothers need the support of the rest of the Lasallian community in heightening the awareness of the Brothers' vocation and in helping identify potential candidates.

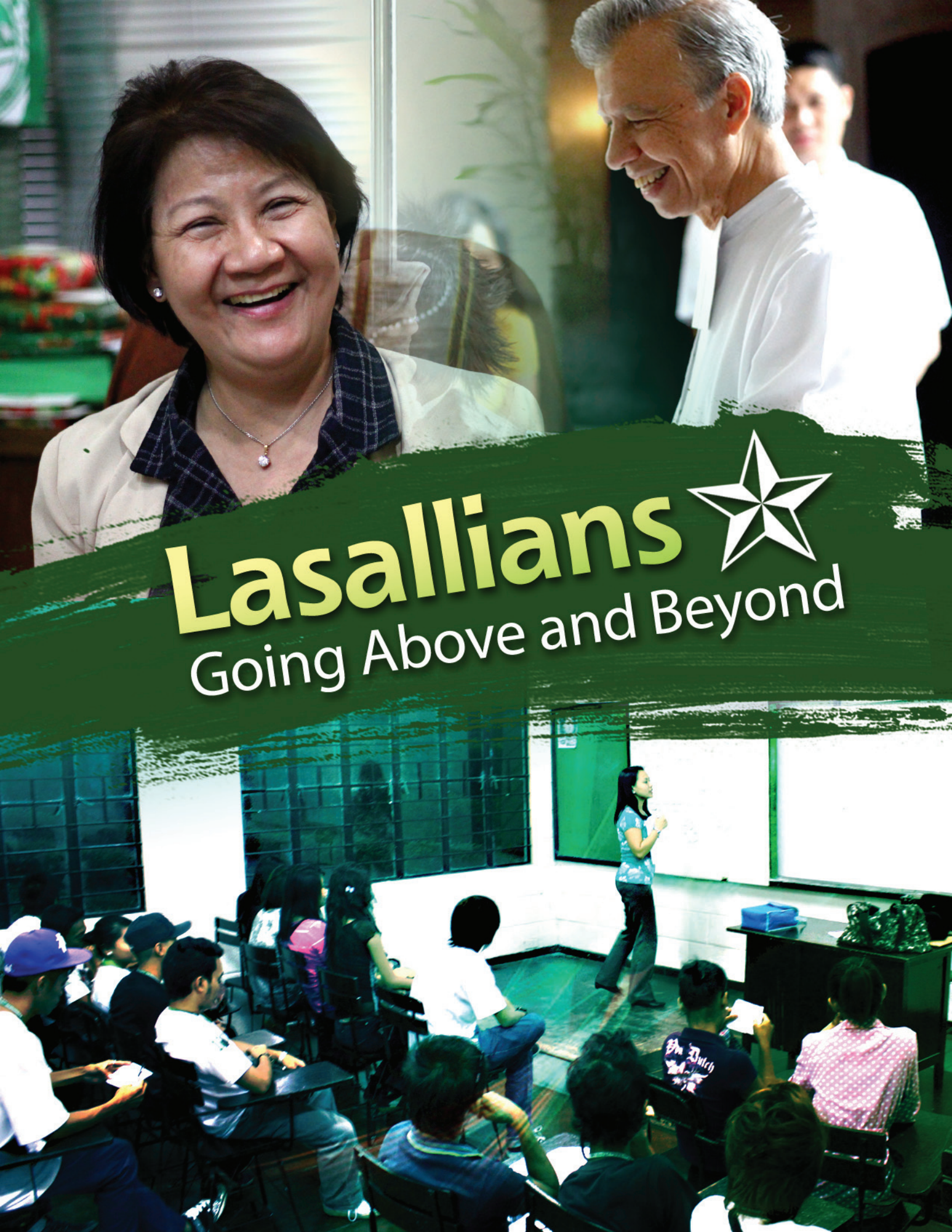
The Residencia Brothers take care of 4 schools: DLSU-D, DLS-HSI, DLSZ and DLSC with a total student population of around 22,000 students and 2,284 in Cavite, Laguna and Muntinlupa.



POPULATION	STUDENTS	PERSONNEL
DLSZ	4,386	394
DLSC	1,500	300
DLSHSI	2,862	460
DLSU-D	13,499	1,130
TOTAL	22,247	2,284

THE RESIDENCIA BROTHERS ARE ON THE INTERNET. 'LIKE' AND 'FOLLOW' THEM ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER.

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Lasallians

Going Above and Beyond

People usually have this proclivity to ignore the basics we enjoy everyday. Clean air. Potable water. Sufficient food. We enjoy all these now, we waste them, like we will never run out of them anytime soon. We keep the faucet running when we brush our teeth or take a shower, oblivious to the fact that 10 years from now, a water shortage awaits Cavite. And water crisis is just one of the many problems that will plague us and the next generations if no intervention is done now.



Cavite Development Research Program: The Next 50 Years

With this, DLSU-D makes the move. Now. Not when the magnificent province of Cavite has drastically collapsed, but now. This is where the Cavite Research Development Program (CDRP) comes in the picture. A brainchild of DLSU-D President Br. Gus Boquer FSC, EDD, CDRP plots the Cavite research roadmap for the next 50 years in a bid to address pressing issues of the province through research.

“Doing nothing is not a Lasallian way and doing nothing is not a Caviteño’s way of doing things [as well].” This is what Dr. Willington Onuh, assistant vice chancellor for research (AVCR), emphasized during his talk on the launching of the project. CDRP was formally launched on Sept. 1 at the Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo with representatives of local government units present to witness this great day for Cavite.



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Paving the road to sustainability

Cavite is a magnificent province full of potentials and possibilities. This is why it came as no surprise that Cavite is one of the fastest growing and most-densely populated provinces in the country. However, with the rapid urbanization and industrialization comes population growth and possible harm to the environment. What will this mean for us as we grow old? For the next generations?

This is just one issue that CDRP will try to intervene through research. “If you look at the history around the world, you would see that careful planning using research has been able to be a great intervention,” Dr. Onuh shares during the launching.

With this, he has identified four major research thrust areas of CDRP: agriculture, land use and environmental impacts; urban systems and applied technology; eco-tourism and enterprise

development; and good governance and cultural heritage analysis. As its mission, CDRP proposes to organize quality research into these four interrelated mission areas to benefit the province of Cavite's quest for sustainable economic, social, and environmental development.

Under these major thrusts are still more specific areas and questions that future research works will try to address. Among the questions is: What are some strategic and innovative should be developed for the sustainability of good potable water supply for Cavite's increasing residents?



As Br. Gus cited, Cavite will face severe water shortage in 10 years. He recalls his visit to Singapore and recalls how this country even smaller than our province was able to develop a water resource generation system that will help reduce the need to import water from Johor, Malaysia. They established a water reclamation technology that purifies treated wastewater (yes, from the sewage!) to make it potable once again. They did not wait for Malaysia to close their pipelines. They are steps ahead and so once it happens, they are ready.

Will Cavite ever have such sophisticated water resource generation system? Will Caviteños, and the rest of the Filipinos, ever have such innovative mindset? It is going to be a long, difficult and challenging venture, yes, but not impossible with the help of CDRP and the people working together towards a goal. As Br. Gus said, "It will require discipline, tenacity. The university will take the leadership role and when it is done, the province of Cavite will become the role model in the whole Philippines in what can be done with the possibilities that we all have. This nation is rich in potentials everywhere."

A challenge, not a problem

"The biggest challenge standing in the way of the CDRP is how to find funds and partnerships to help us carry all these. We believe that we can form partnerships and collaborations with industry, with the local government, with all the stakeholders in the Philippines and around the world," shares Dr. Onuh during the launching.

The AVCR has been concentrating his efforts in this flagship project to reconstruct the ways the community is doing research. He asserts that with research experts in the university coming together, using their interdisciplinary backgrounds, the university will produce good proposals that will have a very high probability of getting funding. "It involves actually trying to go out and getting as many partnerships as possible. Get ourselves involved in a market of funding for research. That involves [many] proposal preparations and packaging, so [international, national, regional organizations] are there. It's not insurmountable but it's [going to] be a difficult phase," he adds.

University Research Office (URO) Director Jacquelyn Morta shared how in the next coming months, their office, in collaboration with the office of the AVCR and the Cavite Studies Center, will become more aggressive in tapping external funding agencies for possible research grants.

With CDRP, the university will work hand in hand with the local government units in helping put into action what is written. The representatives present during the

launching found the project very relevant and showed willingness to collaborate with the university.

Br. Gus made it clear that the university will not ask for funding from the government but expressed that they may approach the university to open certain urgent concerns on areas where the university's research expertise is needed. "We'd like to get them involved as researchers as well, as collaborators. Because they understand what's going on and they would be very helpful in data collection. They're not [going to] be our source of funds. They will benefit from the research outputs," clarifies Dr. Onuh.

In the recent celebration of the 8th Charter Day Anniversary, Br. Gus shared how the mayors of Cavite are willing to collaborate with the university in this project. "In my meeting with all the mayors of Cavite, they have pledged support and all the mayors will work together with us in this roadmap," he announced.

A venture like no other

With this flagship project comes radical changes in the way research is done in the university. The university has long produced pioneering research works internally funded by URO. This year, however, URO will become more selective of the research works it will approve as certain policies were amended in line with CDRP.

Dr. Morta elaborates how CDRP will be different from any other projects the office has embarked on. "Although we already have ongoing research projects about Cavite, CDRP is more focused on specific research areas that will aid the provincial government in the growth and development of the province," Dr. Morta said. "All research projects that will fall under CDRP will be classified as either special research projects or commissioned research projects by URO since the institution will be entering into formal agreements with other government and non-government institutions within and outside Cavite," she furthers.

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A salute to volunteer teachers

*Pleasure in the job puts
perfection to one's work.*

~ Aristotle

We celebrate October 5 as World Teacher's Day. We commemorate and recognize the hard work of these unsung heroes who molded students to become the Jose Rizals, Ninoy Aquinos, Martin Luther Kings or Steve Jobs of the future. But everytime we celebrate Teacher's Day, how many of us actually think of the volunteer teachers? Did it ever occur to you that there are teachers who do not really have the education units but go out of their way to help educate the less privileged? Did you greet them a "Happy Teacher's Day" at all?

The volunteers of DLSU-D's Balik-Aral Program are a part of these unsung teachers. Albeit they do not yearn to be recognized nor compensated for their teaching, they readily share their stories to help spark and fuel that desire to serve in the hearts of fellow Lasallians.

Teaching the young and underprivileged

Balik-Aral is an outreach program of the College of Education that offers non-formal education to those who cannot afford formal education but want to pursue studies. Some students are given their personal teacher as they could not read and write yet thus the need for more focused attention than the others. Yes, the tutors start from scratch in this special extension program.

On the other hand, majority of the students accommodated in Balik-Aral are those who did not finish their formal elementary or high school education but plan to take the Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency Test. Passing this test makes them eligible to enroll in the next level of education. At present, there is one section in the elementary level and two sections in the secondary level with around 40 students in each class. Like regular students, they go to school everyday but their classes start from 4:00 to 8:00 pm to adjust to the available schedule of the volunteer teachers.

Their zeal for service

Teaching in the Balik-Aral Program is considered as one of the many community service programs one can engage in. With the current salary scheme that the university is implementing, employees may apply for a salary step promotion if they have rendered the required number of hours of community service. However, with the ongoing talks on the Revised Salary Standardization Scheme, most of the volunteers already expected that unlike in the past years, the hours they spend as volunteers cannot be used for the promotion of

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you [to do it]"**

-Charlotte Visperas

their present salary step. Despite the fact that they could not use their hours of volunteer teaching to raise their income, these Lasallians still went ahead to volunteer.

"Mas gusto ko ngayon magturo sa Balik-Aral kasi hindi na siya kasali sa point system. Para sa akin, the highest form of community service is volunteerism. Community service is given out of your willingness and nobody forced you [to do it]," enthused Charlotte Visperas, secretary of Planning and Development Office and a dedicated mother to her son. Accounting Office Staff Mharinet Cubio and Jaselee Carandang shared the same view. "Kaya ako mas na-engganyo kasi wala na siya sa community service. Wala na silang masasabi na para madagdagan yung [salary] step. Kaya mas ganado ako ngayon," shared Mhanet. And true enough, their willingness is evident with how passionately they talk about their work throughout the interview.

Sometimes, things do not turn out as we planned, no matter how hard we worked for it. But it is in these times that God reminds us His plans are better than ours. This is what happened with Jaselee. She was supposed to enroll her Accounting units needed to be eligible for the CPA licensure this semester. However, her request was disapproved and long story short, she was not able to enroll. The invitation she received to teach for Balik-Aral was the missing dot.

"Since wala ng klase, naisip ko, 'Ano yung way na mas magamit ko productively 'yung time ko?' 'Yung meron akong gagawin na, at the same time, [there is a] sense of fulfillment [on my part]. Timing din 'yung schedule na [hanggang] five o'clock lang kapag Friday," recalls Jaselee. So she invited her colleague, Mhanet, to join the roster of volunteers.

To say that becoming a volunteer is a hard task is an understatement. Though Balik-Aral volunteers teach basic education subjects, they give their time and strength in preparation and classroom teaching. But according to them, becoming a volunteer and giving it their hundred and one percent is more than worth it.

"Mahirap siya kasi number one priority ko is being a mother. Pero sa akin, I can share more sa anak ko kung sa sarili ko, fulfilled na ako," Charlotte shares about how she has long wanted to volunteer but her busy schedule being a full-time career

woman and a mom kept her from doing so. *"Nakakapagod talaga siya pero iba talaga 'yung joy na nakikita na nagre-raise sila ng [kamay], nagpa-participate sila. . . Magagaling [at] nagpe-perform talaga sila," she adds. Mhanet and Jaselee echo Charlotte's appreciation for their students' eagerness to learn. "May iba na hindi ganun ka-advanced pero nagpipilit matuto. Naa-appreciate ko na gusto talaga nila matuto," Mhanet shared.*

Charlotte, Jaselee, and Mharinet have just gotten their feet in the door of teaching as this is their first semester in Balik-Aral. They do not have teaching experience, no, but their strong desire to help change the youngsters' lives more than suffice for their lack of teaching experience. Though the offices where these three ladies belong to are among the busiest everyday, they still opted to become fruitful outside their office



walls. And what better way to do it than teach.

Stepping up

Dr. Joel Espedido, chair of Professional Education Department and president of De La Salle Alumni Association DLSU-D Chapter, has taught in Balik-Aral since 1998, three years after the program has commenced. A teacher to his fingertips even as a student, Dr. Joel taught performing arts when he was still a freshman student. He relates how excited and eager he was to teach various activities to his students. This extra curricular was offered to students so they get a taste of how being a Lasallian student is like even though they are not in the mainstream.

However, the present Balik-Aral students no longer enjoy Performing Arts as part of their curriculum, so to speak. This is why Balik-Aral Coordinator Maria Rosario Salibay is looking at ways how Balik-Aral students can become members of various student organizations that regular college students are part of. In her first term as the coordinator, Salibay plans to start classes on computer applications, integrate career planning, vocational training, and formation programs as part of Balik-Aral to give the students the holistic education they truly need.

Would you like to change lives? Become a volunteer.

Take it from Mhanet who used to spend most of her time hanging out with friends or having TV series marathons on Friday nights: "Only two hours in a week. *Ano ba naman ba ang dalawang oras na once a week lang? Kung pupunta ka ng [mall], mapapagastos ka pa. Sa loob ng dalawang oras na 'yun, posible na may mabago kang buhay at ikaw, mabago ang pananaw mo."*

To become a volunteer teacher means taking that small step to better the lives of the students and inspire them to keep hoping for a brighter future. "I would like to encourage our faculty members to be engaged in the Balik-Aral Program volunteer teaching. It is really a justification that teaching is not only a profession, but a vocation and a mission to accomplish. For me, it is one way of contributing to the goal of the nation: no child left behind," calls Dr. Joel who has witnessed a number of his Balik-Aral students emerge as successful citizens.

True to its battle cry of creating possibilities, DLSU-D offers a number of educational outreach programs aside from Balik-Aral. Among these are Social Transformation Through Advocacy and Reforms and the College of Business Administration and Accountancy's Free Evening Class Program, to mention a few. The volunteers of these programs invested their time, not in fleeting things, but in life-changing endeavors. Very few recognize the magnitude of their work but it never stopped them from pursuing a volunteer work most will consider less than stellar. And with these, they more than deserve our salute.

Carving the path to sustainability

We were born in 2005 and it is six years now," she recalls. No, Dr. Myrna Ramos does not mean giving birth to a new life; but what was born six years ago is an office that will help change the lives of thousands: the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Mission, External Affairs, and Advancement (OVCMEAA). Six years and almost a hundred million pesos worth of donations, this office is the key unit that raises funds for the university. DLSU-D, as a non-stock, non-profit institution, does not rely solely on the students' fees to sustain its financial needs. With the constant pursuit to provide Lasallian education to more deserving scholars and relentless quest for development, the funds raised by OVCMEAA prove exceedingly beneficial.

Dr. Ramos was then vice president for Academics and Research when she was invited by Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC, PhD, former DLSU-D president. "Br. Andrew talked to me before he died. [It was] Dec. 6, 2005. He was out of the ICU when he called me [and said] 'Myrna, thank you for accepting the position,'" shares Dr. Ramos, referring to Br. Andrew's invitation for her to take her present post which focuses on resource mobilization and advancement. That happened in December, 2005. Br. Andrew passed away January, 2006. A paragon of faith and service, Br. Andrew had so much influence in Dr. Ramos and the way she leads the office.

When Dr. Ramos took the post, only her office was taking care of sourcing funds for the university with Marco Polo as her assistant. Though the focus is development, the office also has to take care of its "mission and external affairs" function. Because DLSU-D saw a greater need to become more extensive and aggressive in its fundraising efforts, an office that will support Dr. Ramos in raising funds was created in 2008—the University Development Office (UDO) with Polo as the director.

"The term used then was development which is an accepted terminology in the higher education. In the context of what we do, development means to develop the university by looking for resources," explains Polo. In June 2011, UDO was changed to University Advancement Office (UAO), thus the name change of then OVCMEAD to OVCMEAA. "[Development and advancement] can be used interchangeably in higher education parlance. We actually modeled after the advancement offices abroad," Polo said.

Advancement ABCs and 123s

"We're [not a usual unit] in a school. There are very few institutions that have units that do what we do," says Polo. According to him, UAO does three things: creating activities to support the resources of the school; fund raising, the actual execution of the resource generation activities; and resource mobilization.

Sounds easy, yes, but quite the contrary in reality. Polo works closely with Dr. Ramos in raising funds. Dr. Ramos talks to the big donors while



A new name with a new game

What we know as VCMEAA today actually had different office names before.

- 2005 to 2007 : Office of the Vice President for Development and External Affairs
- 2007 to 2011 : Office Vice Chancellor for Mission, External Affairs, and Development
- 2011: Office Vice Chancellor for Mission, External Affairs, and Advancement

UAO to the corporate donors and international funding agencies. "Our office is in support of [Dr. Ramos'] actions," Polo said. "This year, we have started to be more aggressive in corporate sponsorships. At the same time, we are cultivating philanthropic donors which is the forte of Dr. Ramos and Br. Gus," he furthered.

Before, what the office does is only solicitation. They write letters and proposals, talk to donors, and pray for a positive feedback. But gone were those days. UAO now found ways to empower the community through educating them on how to raise funds themselves through their Success Stories Series and other related seminars. Departing from the traditional way of raising funds, the community is now their ally in augmenting the university's funds. "So far, it seems to be working well. Last year, our student organizations and other offices [and] units raised about 2.7 million pesos," Polo reveals with pride.

With the steady increase of funds raised comes the responsibility of being more cautious of the resources. "You have to be transparent [and] maintain your integrity. Even a centavo must be recorded because it is not our money. These people who decided to support the university [believe in the cause, believe in the university, and believe] in investing in a Lasallian education. That [is] why we constantly remind the participants of our training programs to really take care of the good name of our school and their organization," Polo said.

Unraveling the secrets

"We wrote to [Dr. Emilio Yap, chairman of the board of Manila Bulletin]. First letter, [there is] no reply. Second letter, two million," Dr. Ramos relates this particular experience to prove how their team were not disheartened even after being declined.

Polo reveals three secrets to fundraising: a) finding more donors; b) getting donors to give again; and c) getting donors to give more. In Polo's words, "One donor initially gave 30,000 [pesos]. After a few negotiations, gave 90,000 [pesos]. After several discussions, gave half a million and now he is building a one-million-peso endowment fund. He has seen the results of [collaborating] with the university and he knows that the school is taking good care of the money that he is investing in our scholarship program[s]."

Aside from proving the worth of the donor's investment, UAO's resilience is among its distinct features. "We are [also] very pragmatic. In reality, what happens to the society will affect our fund raising. For example the economy is down, there might be difficulty for some donors to fulfill their pledges. One of the secrets in our fundraising is we offer a "menu" to our donors. We don't just tell them that this is the only project that you can support. We offer different menus to our donors," Polo reveals.

Piso Para sa Iskolar is UAO's sentimo campaign that nurtures the culture of giving in the community, no matter how small their donation may be. When dealing with the tycoons, the

office writes to them and discusses ways how they can help the university. Rejections did not stop them as the office sees fundraising as friendraising. Together with its current local projects, UAO is starting to explore international partnerships and becoming more aggressive in tapping the alumni to support the university's cause. "Our Alumni Association has been very supportive from the time they were organized. We have 25,000 alumni now scattered all over the world. As our alumni reap the benefits of their hard work, I am sure, a lot of them are just waiting to be asked," Polo said after sharing another secret to fundraising: ask and you shall be given.

Making possibilities happen

From 2005 to the end of SY 2011, the university received more than 80 million in donations--Php80,096,309.47 to be exact—from people who believe and support the university's mission. In the first three months of SY 2011-2012, the university has received almost 12 million in donations in cash and kind. With the Centennial Year almost coming to a close, UAO remains committed to meeting the 20 percent full scholarship equivalent target.

With every donation given, it is with hope that lives changed will not just be of the recipient's but of the benefactor's as well. They were one with DLSU-D in making possibilities happen in other's lives. UAO will not stop knocking on the generous hearts of the people whose investments in the university, no matter how small, go farther than one can imagine. As Polo puts it, "We would like to be known as a unit that people can come to if they want to invest in a Lasallian education. We are the office to go to if you want to pass the Lasallian tradition [and] give others the chance to study in La Salle."

Photo taken from Marco Polo's Facebook page



Donations Received from 2005 to 2011



The steep rise on donations can be observed in SY 2007-2008. It was in this year that the One La Salle Scholarship Endowment Fund Campaign was launched. The graph simply shows the overwhelming response of Lasallians, benefactors, and friends of La Salle in a bid to make Lasallian education more accessible to well-deserving students. Visit www.dlsud.edu.ph/give to know more how you can support DLSU-D in its mission.

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Unión Mundial de Exalumnos Lasallistas



La Salle World Congress

When we say “world congress,” we think of people formally discussing pressing issues in boring halls most of the time, right? We usually forget about how exciting the “fellowship” part of the gathering can be.

It is with this that the La Salle World Congress held in the Philippines made sure that the event spells enlightenment, fun, and inspiration for the delegates. Hundreds of Lasallian alumni across the world gathered in the Philippines to grace the La Salle World Congress held in different La Salle Campuses from Oct. 25 to 30.

The contingents visited DLSU-D on Oct. 28 and the community gave them nothing less than the warmest of welcoming smiles and a potpourri of activities that will make their visit to the country truly unforgettable.





A foreign alumnus skillfully avoids getting his feet squished between the two bamboos as he dances *Tinikling*, our National Dance, with a Filipino student.



A glimpse of the lighter side of Br. Charles Kitson, FSC, adviser of UMAEL, as he poses in the middle of De La Salle Alumni Association President Henry Atayde (left) and Atayde's wife, Lizzie.



UMAEL hosts the La Salle World Congress every four years. This is the first time that the Congress came to Asia to celebrate with De La Salle Philippines in its Centennial year.





Each of us will always have that one teacher, in the truest sense of the word, who has not just taught our minds and touched our hearts but, ultimately, transformed our lives. They are teachers either in the classroom or outside its four walls. They taught us beyond the x's and y's of Algebra and the who's and when's of History. They saw past our grades and believed in us and what we can do. They changed our lives in ways we have never dared imagine.

Thank You, Teachers

He was 16 when he encountered this kind of teacher. For Br. Gus Boquer FSC, EdD, he found this mentor in the person of Br. Ubaldus Alphonsus Bloemen FSC. Most of us are not familiar with him, Br. Alphonse, but we see a glimpse of this man whenever we see Br. Gus walk around the campus to examine details after painstaking detail on how he can further develop DLSU-D. Get to know both Brothers better as Br. Gus talks about one of the teachers that influenced him the most.

There are many [teachers] who influenced me. There were those who were teachers in my classroom. There were those who were my mentors as I walked around the school. They were all good teachers in the sense that they taught me how to be a better student and how to be broad in my views in life.

One of them was Br. Alphonse Bloemen. He was one of the pioneers of De La Salle University-Manila. He was an engineer and a very good teacher in the classroom but at the same time, he was also in charge of the

campus. He was in charge of all the workers and the construction; he will do all the purchasing of the school. He was German and he was very meticulous to details. He taught well. He mentored me to better appreciate Algebra and he mentored me how to deal with assignments that require responsibility and attention to details. And he was a very kind person, very creative. He would always look ahead, beyond what the eyes can see.

One day I was walking and we met in the corridor and he says, "How are you doing,

class?" I said I have this assignment in Algebra and it's kind of hard to understand so we just sat down and talked about it. He made me understand it, he made me see how simple it was. At the same time, looking at Algebra, it showed you that by having a good grasp of Algebra, you begin to develop and appreciate what logical thinking is all about. If there is something to be addressed, you look at it very objectively, logically, and you address it. You follow the procedure and lo, and behold, you get the answer.

Beyond the call of teaching

He was the one that took good care of the Brothers during the wartime, during the World War II. He had a house in Baguio and he buried all the furnishings underground. And because of that, they were saved from the Japanese who were burning the houses.

And after the war, he unearthed it. There it was, just reused again. He became a director of La Salle Greenhills and I remember him always walking

around the campus, constantly checking this and that. He had very strong influence in my life. In paying attention to details, in being very meticulous in things to be done, in terms of construction, classroom management, and always having time to touch hearts and transform lives, which he did to me. He invited me to visit La Salle Greenhills one day, spend a few days with the Brothers, and that's history now.

It was an influence that came into my life and it just happened by the grace of God. [Our mentors] serve as our models. They inspire us. We try to look at them as someone who has journeyed with us to be where we are today. He left a legacy and the good he did lived long beyond his life. In many ways, myself and the others who were influenced by him are carrying on the good things he has done.

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The success of this project lies in the collective effort of the university, the local government, and other agencies willing to help make a difference. CDRP is not just for experienced researchers. It is also for ordinary members of the community with the strong desire to make extraordinary things. The office of the AVCR and URO will also serve as a mentoring house to help future researchers.

As Br. Gus said in his message in the CDRP primer, "We recognize the magnitude of this work, but we do not say it is impossible." This project would mean millions of investments and months and years of research. But despite the challenges, the value of what is being done multiplies to a billion-fold. And that is saying the least. The research works that the university will produce will not stay on paper, collecting dust in the bookshelves. Cavite will see tangible results from these research works. Results that will help Cavite prosper, flourish, and become a model of innovation for the rest of the country.

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students in groups as a class. Who taught the vernacular. Who took care of sick persons. Who opened the first teacher-training institution in the world and took good care of gifts he received to take care of the poorest of the poor so they can have more.

All of us must continue to dream. All of us must continue to hope and never ever say, "I cannot do it." Just trust God, take a leap of faith, and that will be possible.

*And finally, for many years of my life as a Brother, I have been enamored by a song. A song from the Western contemplative convent of monks in Vermont. It's a song inspired by the book of Ruth entitled *Wherever You Go* (Song of Ruth). I used this in my earlier years when I conducted my circular retreats. Those who are former students of mine, whom I have worked with in those early years, you recall this narration. And I'd like to end my reflection*

with you. The reflection goes like this. The last part:

When the time of our particular sunset comes,
our things, our accomplishments
won't really matter a great deal.
But the clarity and care
with which we have loved others
will speak with vitality
of the great gift of life
we have been for each other.
(Norbet, Gregory O.S.B.)

Thank you for the privilege of being here as a Brother, as your animator in my capacity as president. Thank you for this magnificent moment to be with you. I am committed to continue what the Lord tells me to do until He tells me to do something else. I'm here with you and will journey with you. God bless you all and keep in your prayers to respond daily and generously.

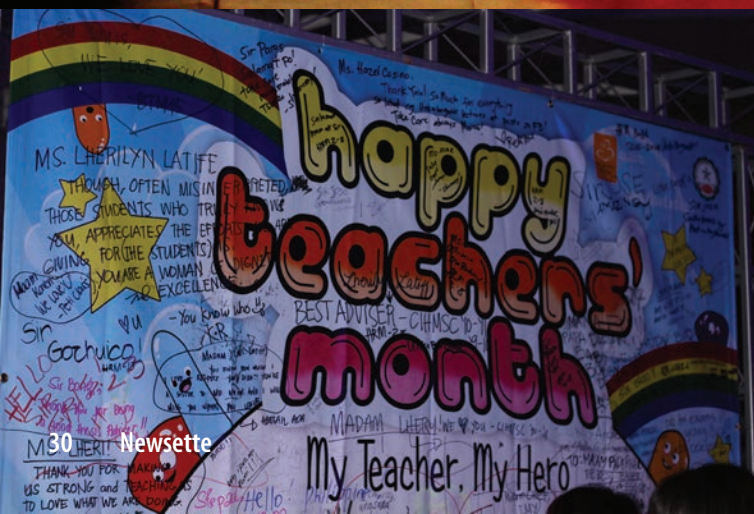
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Also, on page 13, under the article "DLSU-D's Botanical Garden Park," Environmental Resource and Management Center and Community Development Office should read Environmental Resource Management and Campus Development Office.

2011 Teachers' Month Celebration

"My Teacher, My Hero"





To the Lasallian teachers

An excerpt from the message of the Brother President

One of the greatest gifts given to humanity is the gift of teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives. And that is very, very Lasallian. It is something that I have learned in my years as a Brother and [I hope that] my presence here has somehow touched the hearts of all our teachers, our staff, and all our students. A teacher is a gift of God to humanity. A teacher living his or her life worthily can make a difference and that difference will mean the growth and development of our world, especially if that growth and development is surrounded by values. Values that are permanent, values that are deep, and [values that are] firmly rooted on Christ-centeredness.



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