

# CCJE lauds first Natatanging Police ng Cavite awardees

“The first of its kind.” This is how Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Cavite Provincial Director Efren Echavia, MGM described “Pagkilala sa Natatanging Pulis ng Cavite,” the Cavite-wide search that aims to recognize the most outstanding policemen and women in the province.

After the thorough screening process, the first set of awardees of Natatanging Pulis ng Cavite were named during the awarding held on July 18 .They are Police Chief Inspector Gil Torralba for the Police Commissioned Officer in the Field of Operations Category; Imus City Police Chief Superintendent Redrico Maranan, PESE for the Police Commissioned

Officer in the Field of Administration; and PSI Melanie Lobusta for the Policewoman Commissioned Officer in the Field of Administration Category.

According to DILG Secretary Mar Roxas, whose message was delivered by P/Sr. Supt. Alexander De Guzman Rafael on his behalf, “The awardees will serve as role models to policemen and women.” Roxas further thanked and commended DLSU-D for such noble initiative and efforts in helping the police force.

Police Chief Inspector Torralba started as a patrolman in GMA, Cavite 25 years ago. At present, he is with the Regional Intelligence Group of Region IV-A (CALABARZON) where he has helped solve major cases in the province. P/Supt Maranan is currently the chief of Imus City Police while P/Inspector Lobusta is with Cavite Provincial Police Office. Lobusta graduated with a degree in BS Criminology in 2000 from DLSU-D as an ROTC scholar, proving how a product of a Lasallian education can mold and hone outstanding citizens.

Apart from the cash prize, plaque and prestige,the awardees were given a scholarship on MS in Criminal Justice with Specialization in Criminology under the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE).



# DLSU-D welcomes new chaplain



The Lasallian community welcomed Rev. Father Mark Anthony Reyes as its new chaplain starting schoolyear 2013-2014. Fr. Mark, officiated his first holy mass on July 10 at the University chapel.

Fr. Mark is a graduate of AB Philosophy at San Carlos Seminary in 2003 and a magna cum laude graduate with the degree in Sacred Theology in Pastoral Ministry at Loyola School of Theology at Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) in 2010.

Prior to becoming a chaplain, he served as a professor of Theology at ADMU for four semesters and was a parochial vicar at San Lorenzo Parish in Aniban Bacoor and St. James the Great Pastoral Center in Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite. He was ordained on Dec. 6, 2011 by Cardinal Tagle. Fr. Mark sees the University as a dynamic one, striving for excellence with its vast improvements in its physical structures and academic achievements. In his stay in the University, he envisions that students, faculty, and staff will be more actively involved in the spiritual activities and formation programs.

# ERMaC faculty elected as VP of PCAPI

Environmental Resource Management Center Pollution Control Officer (PCO) Joseph Dinglasan was elected vice president for external affairs of the Pollution Control Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PCAPI)- National Chapter for year 2013-2014.

From being an assistant secretary of PCAPI in 2010, Dinglasan landed bigger challenges as vice president of the Association. "We now belong to the National chapter of PCAPI and it means more responsibility and involvement from the University," shares Dinglasan.

DLSU-D is in the lifetime-member category of PCAPI since 2009 where it leads the Education and Communication/Printing cluster. As a lifetime member, the University benefits from regular updates and support on various environmental protection programs.

Now on its 33rd year, PCAPI assists the government in pollution control and environment protection and serves as a link between



PCO Joseph Dinglasan (3rd from left) during the induction ceremony of PCAPI's new set of officers, held at ACE hotel Suites, Pasig City on June 27.

industries/institutions and the government. It is specifically committed to be an active partner in institutionalizing environmental conservation, continuing improvement of and compliance to regulations.



# Living the Animo:

## DLSU-D gathers for Lasallian Sharing

“What is Lasallian Identity? Sino ba tayo? I will put it in one word: Animo!”

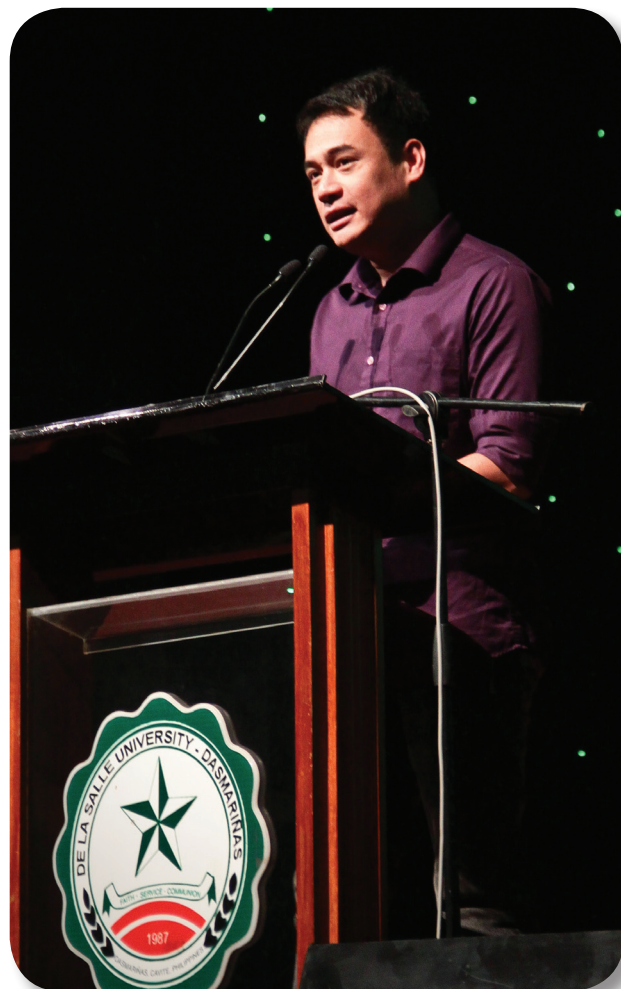
Perhaps this statement of Henry Atayde before the Lasallian community encapsulates the essence of the Lasallian Sharing held on July 10 at Ugnayang La Salle. Three Lasallians were invited to share the Lasallian spirit and mission in the Philippines and all over the world: Br. Vic Franco FSC, Mark Salazar, and Atayde.

Br. Vic, current president of La Salle Green Hills, presented examples of how the Lasallian mission is carried out in different countries. As former member of the General Council of the Superior General in Rome, Br. Vic saw how the Brothers from different countries creatively respond to the varying educational needs of the young people from different walks of life. He cited educating the Gypsies as an example. According to him the Brothers in France wanted to serve the Gypsies but they cannot put up a school for their children because they are always moving around.



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-Mark Salazar, GMA Newscaster, DLSU-D AB Communication alumnus, batch 1998.





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– Henry Atayde, president of World Union of Lasallian Former students (La Salle UMAEL)

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The Brothers bought a bus, removed all the seats, and turned it into a classroom that travels together with the Gypsies.

The Lasallian mission does not stop at simply teaching the young how to read and write. The ministry of the Brothers in Australia called Kids’ Helpline catered to hundreds of thousands of children who has problems with their families or friends. This phone and internet service gave those between ages five and 18 an easier means of reaching out to people who are willing to help them. Eventually, the service grew to catering parents as well, giving birth to the Parents’ Helpline. Br. Vic ended his exciting stories with a challenge to the students, “Let me end by challenging you: When you finish college, why not teach? Give at least one year of your life back to your country as a teacher.”

Another speaker in the morning session was Mark Salazar, graduate of AB Communication ’98 and currently a TV reporter at GMA Network, Inc. Salazar shared how poverty, perseverance, and passion helped him succeed in his chosen field. “We will not have survived [in the media industry] if we were not passionate about what we want to do. I am privileged because of the preparation [DLSU-D] gave me. If I was not given the chance to study [in DLSU-D], I might not have had the privilege to become La Salle’s partner in nation building,” he concludes.

The afternoon session of Lasallian Sharing featured Atayde, president of World Union of Lasallian Former students (La Salle UMAEL). According to him, Animo, which means “Lasallian spirit,” is the essence of every Lasallian. “As Lasallians who share one common mission, we are the breathing, living Animo,” he declares. He also urged the audience to make a difference in this world with the help of their Lasallian education. After all, beyond each and everyone’s Lasallian education is a greater call: the Lasallian mission. As Lasallians, everyone is a product of that mission of serving and educating the young—the mission that the Founder St. John Baptist de La Salle started.

The Lasallian Sharing is part of the series of events leading to the closing program of the year-long Jubilee Celebration of DLSU-D’s 25th year as a La Salle school and 35th year as a higher education institution. Part of the program in both morning and afternoon sessions is the community sharing where representatives from the academics, research, community service, alumni, students, and formation sectors presented their take on how they can help continue DLSU-D’s legacy in the coming years.

# Br. Abet, first DLSU-D graduate to become a Brother

A graduate of Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Biological Science in 2009, Br. Abet King Pia FSC, heeded the call of vocation to follow the footsteps of St. John Baptist de La Salle in the mission of faith, zeal, and communion as he took his profession of vows on June 29 at La Salle Greenhills.

The first Lasallian Brother from the University, Br. Abet shared his journey on becoming a Lasallian Brother through an interview with *Newsette*:

## Finding the vocation

During that time, I do not have an inkling that I would be a Brother. Back then, I was just planning to find a decent job after graduation, to save and support my family, and basically, to buy the things I like. “*Tsaka maingay ako noon*, typical college student *talaga*.” And I have an aunt who is a nun, *so nakita ko na yung buhay nya*, and I was saying *ayoko nun, mag-aasawa ako or kung hindi man, single na lang habang buhay* but not as a Brother.

There was an event in the school where I used to work as a science teacher. There, I met Br. Cocoy Mejias FSC, *sabi nya*, “Are you happy?” Then I answered, “Yes, Brother.”

Br. Cocoy responded, “Do you want to be happier?” I suddenly turned silent and since then, I was thinking about the vocation. I received a call from them and I was invited to attend their retreat in Tagaytay. That was the first time in my life I attended such event. There I was



able to witness the community they have, the service they do, and I felt of doing the same, too – to serve and to be with people who are in need.

## God’s answer

I actually had a lot of hesitations pursuing this vocation at first because of some difficult situations. I had to think of my responsibilities as the eldest in the family. “*Hindi po kami mayaman. I am from a poor family. Iyon ‘yung parang pumipigil sa akin, kasi ang kultura natin na bilang asyano, bilang Filipino – magkaroon ng utang na loob at responsibilidad ang anak sa pamilya*.”

I really had difficulty thinking about that situation since I still have a younger brother who needs to help in financing his studies. I want to help my family but, on the other side, I want to pursue the vocation. That was the time I also realized that I am in this vocation because it is for

the family. As always, God proved His way. While I was pursuing the vocation, unexpected assistance from different people who I do not even know provided financial help for my brother’s education. God will provide *talaga*. I remember the lyrics... “*Huwag ka mangamba kasi hindi ko sila iiwan kasi tinatawag kita... dito ka, dito ka.*” *Ganoon iyong pagkakaintindi ko ngayon sa situasyon ko at ng pamilya ko at bokasyon ko.*

## Realizing the choice

I came to realize *na kabit na imperfect ako, alam ko ‘yun nakikita ko na perfect akong tao. Pinakikita Niya na hindi mga perpektong tao lamang ang Kanyang pinipili na sumunod sa Kanya. Labat tayo ay iniimbitahan Niya. Nasa atin lang yun kung anong pagsunond ang gagawin natin*. I am thankful that I was able to know myself more – that you have to try things out to know if it is for you. Try and try... *basta isipin mo ay para sa ikabubuti mo iyon bilang tao at kung paano ka magsisilbi para sa kanila.*

## Br. Abet without the Rabat

I am sociable, *maingay, makulit*, friendly, *mapagmahal*. I value relationship, I value my family.

Br. Abet will join the 46 Lasallian Brothers stationed in 17 De La Salle schools nationwide and begin his journey of shaping young minds and serving communities.

# On track with CDRP: AVCR reveals new research studies on Cavite



*“Research is very useful if we can make policies out of it – it means documenting the results from where a certain research was applied.”*

- Dr. Willington Onuh, AVCR

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Willington Onuh during the presentation of “The Virgins of Cavite, held at the Assumption College, Manila.

In its bid to strengthen its research thrusts, specifically to keep track with its 50-year Cavite research road map through Cavite Development Research Program (CDRP), DLSU-D continually produces quality research through its University Research Office. Recently, two new research studies were completed, the “Accelerating Regional Development(ARD) on the Business, Livelihood and Sustainable Enterprise Development at the Base of the Pyramid for the Province of Cavite” and “Virgins of Cavite.”

## Creating a Promising City

With the recently conducted study entitled “Accelerating Regional Development,” it is without a doubt that Cavite City is on its way to becoming one of the top cities in the country when it comes to economic progress . The ARD study recommends approaches and policies that will lead to sustainable economic growth and employment opportunities that incorporates socially responsible practices such as programs benefiting those at the base of the pyramid. Specifically, to address the major concern in the study, it recommends to look into improving business climate, regulatory reforms, outreach and the like.

It further recommends that the province include the elements

of GEMS (Global Economic Management System) model in the local cluster development by analyzing the gaps, designing policies, and implementing those. One major point highlighted throughout the study is the importance of government policies and enforcing policies to enable a positive business.

Commissioned to Trans-Global Executive MBA (T-GEMBA) students Daniel Alma, David Schmelzinger, Jyoti Prasad and Roselyn Johnson, taking up Social Services Business Management (SOSERVMAN) in St. Mary’s College of California.

## Awakening one’s faith

“The Virgins of Cavite” is a revelation of the intricacies of Caviteño’s spiritual beliefs, specifically that of to the Virgin Mary. The study dwelled on

the dearth of documentation on the faith-ritual-historical dimension on the Blessed Virgin Mary from the five parishes-municipalities and four cities in Cavite. It also tackled the question on how the limited local knowledge on popular devotions to the Virgin Mary may be expanded and used for classroom learning using digital media.

The paper pointed out that the subject parishes should continue to acquire and maintain materials in any format relative to patroness and parish church to serve as reference and provide research services to the community of believers, pilgrims, and tourists, that digital presentations and website should be created, and that museum of religious images, relics and the like should be established.

Inspired by the late Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC, former president of DLSU System and DECS secretary,

'The Virgins of Cavite' falls under cultural heritage analysis, one of the research thrusts under CDRP. It is planned to be integrated in subjects such as Psychology, Social Psychology, REED and the like, under DLSU-D academic curriculum. The study was conducted by Cavite Studies Center Teresita Unabia, Marketing Communications Director

Rosanni Sarile, and URO Materials Development coordinator, Dr. Bernardo Sepeda

CDRP is a research program launched in 2011 that tracks Cavite's situation for the next 50 years. It focuses on quality research studies to benefit the province of Cavite's quest for sustainable economic, social,

and environmental development. According to Dr. Onuh, assistant vice chancellor for Research, "The department is currently collaborating with the local government and other institutions that would benefit with the research's findings. Our intention is that all the research by our faculty can be utilized by the end user."

## DLSU-D Tanker competes at Universiade, Russia



It was two years ago when DLSU-D made its presence in Universiade, or commonly known as World Student Games, through DLSU-D Volleybelle's Jennifer Manzano and Satchel Senupe. This year, DLSU-D Tanker's Jerome Magallanes represented the country along with other delegates at the Universiade 2013 held in Kazan, Russia, July 7 to July 17.

Magallanes displayed his fortitude in swimming when he was picked from the qualifying competition conducted by the Philippine Swimming League (PSL). PSL is the only accredited national university sports association for swimming by the Federation of Sports Schools Associations of the Philippines, an accredited country member of the Federation of International Sports Union (FISU). This paved the way for Magallanes to join Universiade as it is organized by FISU.

Magallanes has been part of the University Tanker for three years. He is a recipient of various awards such as Most Outstanding Swimmer (Male Category) PRISAA National Meet; Most Bemedalled Athlete in Swimming for His Age Category in PSL; among others. Universiade is an international sports and cultural event which gathers student athletes from all over the world

Photo source: Magallanes's FB account.

## DLSU-D ROTC bagged awards at LAGTI

DLSU-D's ROTC platoons bagged the Best in Rank Inspection and Flag Identification categories in the recently concluded Local Annual General Tactical Inspection held at Fort Bonifacio, Marine Base, Taguig City.





The awardees with the DLSU-D Administrators, and the search's board of judges.

DLSU-D, through its CCJE, aims to recognize the value of police officers as protectors of the civilians and faithful servants of God, the community, and their chosen profession. The award specifically honors the people in the law enforcement who went out of their way to serve the community and the country, sacrificing their time and risking their lives for the sake of the community. Nominations came from the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Club; professional organizations like the Cavite Medical Society, alumni associations, among others; and local government units of Cavite and religious

groups like the Pastoral Council, Couples for Christ, and similar units.

The panel of judges consists of DILG Cavite Provincial Director Echavia; P/ Supt. Rommel Estolano, chief, Police Community Relation Branch of Cavite Police Provincial Office; Edna Ibrado, president, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Rodrigo Camia, chairperson, Cavite Development Cooperative Council; Olivia Legaspi, EdD, vice chancellor for Academics and Research, DLSU-D; and Alrien Dausan, PhD, dean, DLSU-D CCJE.

The strong partnership between the University and the local government remains unparalleled. At present, DLSU-D houses Bahay Pag-asa, Dasmariñas, a transformative center for boys who are in conflict with the law. DLSU-D has been a venue to various sports and health program for barangay officials and regularly holds trainings and workshops. DLSU-D offers a trimester classes for BS in Criminology for members of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and Bureau of Fire Protection.



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