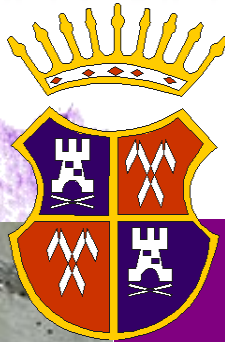


# ONE LASALLE

Newsletter of



the NZ Lasallian Family

"I assure you that I have a great  
tenderness and affection for you  
and pray often to God for you"

*De La Salle*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of One Lasalle for 2014!

In this Lenten Issue, we are blessed with the opportunity to get to know our two newest Brothers. Recently landed upon the shores of Aotearoa, Brothers Thomas Yapo and Lewis Harwood have now joined the community at De La Salle Mangere and are part of the teaching staff on our campus. Dear Brothers, the entire community welcomes you and prays that your time with us is cherished, creates many lasting friends and a plethora of wonderful memories.

I would also like to say thank-you to all the contributors to this first issue. Without the co-operation and help from around the country we would not have this shared resource.

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Kane Raukura  
Editor



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# DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

## THE LASALLIAN LEADERS GATHERING 2014

*Kane Raukura*

From the 16th to the 18th February, Lasallian Leaders from across the district were brought together for LLG 2014. The gathering was held at the St. Josephs Centre in Baulkham Hills, Sydney. As stated by Brother Chris Gorringer (Acting Brother Visitor) - "By bringing together leaders from across the District, last week's LLG 2014 constituted a strong statement of "together and by association" as we meet the challenges facing us at this time in our history. " The Gathering had a strong focus on possible future strategies and approaches for Lasallian Formation and meeting those needs across our district. We benefitted from the input from a very knowledgeable key note speaker - Mrs. Janet Ruggiero, who is the Director of Board Formation from the District of San Francisco. Discussion around formation was triggered and led by issues raised by Mrs. Deborah Gills during her presentation to the Leaders Group. (Deborah is currently the Director of Lasallian Mission Services.) The resulting shared discussion and debate led to a number of proposals to be incorporated into the District Plan. The most heartening aspect of the gathering, was the fact that we were indeed rising to the challenges of our times and as respective leaders of each unique school, campus and institution, there was this tangible feeling of co-operation and the need to move forward. A full report of the gathering will be circulated throughout the district shortly.



**Above:** Lasallian Leaders from throughout our district. LLG 2014

**Below:** Images from the St. Josephs Centre, Baulkham Hills, Sydney.







# DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

## BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY - OASIS OF PEACE

*Kane Raukura*

On the 26th February, the Lasallian Partners Group at De La Salle College Mangere were fortunate enough to be able to attend a presentation by Brother Peter Bray at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland. Br. Peter is the current Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University in Palestine. His talk focussed on the complex situation that is Israel and Palestine, and how the students face daily challenges to even just attend classes and to reach the oasis of peace which is the university campus. Uniquely, though founded by the De La Salle Brothers in October 1973, it is now 71% Muslim to 29% Christian. Bethlehem University provides a symbol of hope to all its students. As an example of co-existence, tolerance and respect, the University continues to be an inspiration to all of us. Working firmly with our Lasallian Core Values, Br. Peter works with his strong team of dedicated staff to bring a quality education to the people of the Holy Land while creating young leaders of service, compassion and empathy that will lead Palestine into a brighter future. Thank you to Br. Peter for sharing his real love and zeal for his role as Vice Chancellor and for passing some of his passion onto us!

Visit: [www.bethlehem.edu](http://www.bethlehem.edu) for more information!

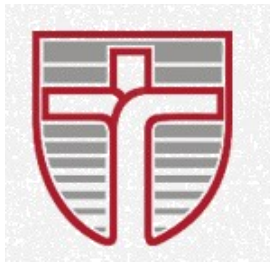


**Above and to the right:** Bethlehem University Campus, students and surrounds, and Brother Peter Bray



**Above:** Lasallian Partners (De La Salle Mangere) - with Brother Peter Bray at St. Patricks Cathedral, Auckland





# JOHN PAUL COLLEGE, ROTORUA

## SIGNUM FIDEI (Signs of Faith) @ JPC 2014

*Mr. Owen Kowaleski*

Our Signum Fidei group at John Paul College held its annual retreat, at the Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>. This year an invitation was extended to the whole JPC staff and other interested Lasallians from the wider community. 17 enthusiastic people, marked with the Sign of Faith attended the day. In the company of three De la Salle brothers, Br Michael, Br Lewis, Br Thomas we began the day with Mass followed by morning tea.

During the morning we discussed and evaluated our activities and successes from 2013 and looked forward to what more could be done for our Pacifika students in 2014. It was reported that most of the supported students had a very successful 2013 and the feedback from parents and whanau was very encouraging.

A whole range of practical support initiatives were discussed and developed to help remove barriers to their learning. This became our Action Plan for 2014.

These included:

- holding Parent meetings after Sunday Mass
- provide second hand uniforms from the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop
- increase Pacifika involvement in school liturgies
- Affirm Pacifika leadership from Year 10 students upwards
- Help parents understand the school reports and what they mean
- Encourage parents to come to interview evenings
- Develop early intervention strategies when failure is likely.
- Lunch time meetings for P.I. support with P.I. co-ordinator
- Encourage continued use of the homework club twice a week.
- Establish another form of communication with home when there is no email or phone available
- Adopting a P.I. student for individual mentoring
- Provide a Spirituality Day at the Tyburn monastery
- Initiate a Social Family Picnic at Blue Lake for the whole family
- Find ways to combat the Late to School practice of some students
- Invite parents to "Parenting Tool Box" course.
- Signum Fidei group to help with Full fill van.
- Signum Fidei decided to widen its support to students from the Philippines who need practical support to assist them with their education.

After lunch the group spent some time in personal reflection before coming together for a time of prayer.

Our thanks must go to the Tyburn Sisters for their support and sustenance and to Mrs Bernadette Fredricksen for her fantastic organisation and preparation of this Signum Fidei retreat.



**Above:** Signum Fidei members and participants at the Tyburn Monastery Retreat 2014



**Above:** The beautiful chapel and pristine environment surrounding the Tyburn Monastery.



# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE, NEW PLYMOUTH

## CIL ROME EXPERIENCE, JANUARY 7 - 31 2014

*Mike Ingram - Lasallian Facilitator FDMC*

“Animating Lasallian Communities” was held in Rome from 7 to 31 January 2014 at Centro Internazionale Lasalliano (CIL), the headquarters of the Lasallian world. Fifty-three participants from countries as diverse as those in Europe and South America, Africa and Oceania, the Middle East and the USA/Canada attended. Participating were 27 De La Salle Brothers, and of the 26 Lay partners, 8 were women. Participants came from a range of positions within Lasallian Communities, from communities which consisted solely of Brothers, to those like myself, where there are no Brothers. Different areas of responsibility were also represented. Some were teachers, some were administrators, some were animators and some were College Board Members. All of us, though, had the experience of being Lasallian as a common bond and starting point.

Each day consisted of 30 minutes of prayer and reflection in the Chapel after breakfast, followed by three forty-five minute presentations before lunch and one or two after lunch. Housekeeping matters were attended to with various volunteers looking after different aspects of our time at CIL. Some looked after the laundry collection while others kept the necessary fridges well stocked with a range of beverages. Br Vin took the English speaking group on a tour around the blocks outside of the CIL compound, while other language groups did the same. We were divided into language groups – 12 of us English speakers were divided into two groups, the 17 French speakers were also divided into two groups, while the 24 Spanish speakers were divided into three groups. Each language group was rostered and assigned the task of preparing and delivering prayers each morning. A Mass in each language was held once a week during the week and the language groups were rostered for that also. Working together as a group for the morning liturgy and evening Masses created a wonderful bond between as we listened to and learned from each other’s knowledge and experience. For me, the different languages presented an interesting challenge as I found I had to slow my speech and be much more deliberate with my choice of words in order to be understood.



Above: CIL 2014 Participants





# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE, NEW PLYMOUTH

## CIL ROME EXPERIENCE, JANUARY 7 - 31 2014 continued..

Mike Ingram - Lasallian Facilitator FDMC

In most international gatherings there are the multi-lingual who are either there or come out of the closet. This was no exception. Over the length of the course, CIL staff, guided by Br Mawel Pajarillo and comprising Br Pierre Ouattara, Br Vin Pelletier and Br Jose Ricardo gave presentations. In addition, guest presenters such as Fr John Fuellenbach, SVD, Br. Antonio Botana fsc, Br Tom Johnson fsc and Br Alain Houry fsc presented specialised topics. An optional presentation was given by Br Rodolpho Meolo fsc, who as Postulator, is responsible for processing applications for sainthood for deserving causes/Brothers. All presentations were translated into the languages of the Institute - English, French and Spanish. So, for a large part of the time, we had our earphones on, listening to the excellent translators at work.

### *In addition*

With the Brothers of the Community we celebrated the Anniversary Mass of the transfer of the relics of Saint John Baptist de la Salle from Belgium to the Sanctuary at CIL. This was followed by the unveiling of Br Alvaro's portrait alongside those of previous Superiors General of the Institute. As part of the programme, we took a day trip by coach to Assisi. It was more like a pilgrimage as we visited the historic religious sites. On other weekends, a group of us also took the opportunity to visit Florence and Ostia Antica, the ancient Roman city not far from Rome. Others visited a Brothers' community in Naples which focussed on the needs of the children of the Mafia – those with fathers in prison, involved with drugs and crime. At other opportunities we visited The Vatican. We were present for Pope Francis' announcement of the new Cardinals and two weeks later we witnessed the peace march and the release of the doves from the Holy Father's window. It was a unique experience to be present when two teenaged people stood alongside Pope Francis and a girl's voice boomed out across the square as she spoke - another first for Pope Francis?

We had two days set aside for personal reflection. This was a time for us to absorb all that we have been given and to try to see where it could be applied in our own situations. During the time at CIL, I gained a greater appreciation for some of the detail of de la Salle's life and the development of communities of Brothers. His calling was to create a community that supported the schools. At FDMC, while our staff are very supportive, our challenge is to provide formation to staff so that they see themselves as part of a community that supports the College in the same sort of way that de la Salle did. Our particular situation is probably hindered by not having the words "De La Salle" in our name, although lettering on the new entrance makes reference to "Lasallian", so that is a step in the right direction. I'm sure that students and staff see themselves as part of the Francis Douglas Memorial College community, rather than as part of a Lasallian community. The process of change will take time.

### Topic headings at CIL were:

- Br Pierre Ouattara:** Reasons why people associate – from a societal and psychological perspective.
- Fr John Fuellenbach SVD:** Church as community post Vatican II
- Br Alberto Gomez:** Different types of Lasallian Communities
- Br Antonio Botana:** Tracing the roots of the Lasallian community
- Br Vin Pelletier:** Dynamics within communities, different personality types and conflict resolution
- Br Alain Houry:** The history of SJDLS and the first Brothers
- Br Diego Munoz:** How we collate archives and made them readily available
- Br Alvaro:** He gave a presentation on the last day. This was followed by a Question and Answer time.



Above: CIL 2014 Participants in class.



# I AM A LASALLIAN BROTHER

## A friendly chat with Br. Lewis Harwood – DLS

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**My full name.....** *Lewis James Joseph Harwood*

**I am this old** *29* **and entered the novitiate at** *25* **years of age.**

**A little bit about my family and where I am from....**

*I am one of 4 children with two brothers and one sister. Our family originally resided in country NSW where we were all born in Dubbo which is west of the Blue Mountains. As a family, we moved in the early 1990's to the big smoke of Sydney.*

**What makes me stand out from other people is my...**

*We all have in common our sense of humanity, but I believe that we are all blessed with different gifts; I have always had a deep sense of the creative nature of our world*

**As a child, I dreamed of....** *Being a professional cricketer or athletic runner*

**I'd like it if other people..** *would slow down, pause and reflect on the beauty of our world*

**The last thing I cooked was..** *helping to cook an Aussie BBQ -*

**To my ultimate dinner party...** *I would invite Pope Francis*

**My guilty indulgence is..** *potato chips – especially chicken favoured!*

**My worst fashion disaster was..** *in general I have a "corny" sense of fashion*

**A good word to describe me is...** *reflective*

**Something that really irks me is...** *pollution and people not caring for our environment*

**I would like to be remembered for...** *just being "a good bloke" to family, friends and strangers*

**The book that had the greatest influence on me was...**

*It is difficult to pinpoint one book as I would say many books have influenced me. However, I particularly enjoyed reading Australian bush poetry and short stories which opened up for me a sense of wonder and appreciation of space and land. The Bible of course is up there – especially relating to the parables of Jesus.*

**How I came to be involved in the Lasallian mission**

**was...** *World Youth Day in Sydney 2008 and being encouraged to experience more of the mission.*

**My funniest experience as a novice brother was...**

*turning up late to prayers in the morning and finding no one there – I did not get the memo that we were out for that day!*

**I believe the Lasallian mission is still relevant today**

**because..** *The Lasallian mission I believe will continue to serve generations of young people. In a globalised world, the Lasallian mission is as relevant as ever in having a common educational ethos and a spiritual reference point in following the traditions of the Gospels and the teachings of St. John Baptist de La Salle.*

**An awesome experience I had as part of the Lasallian**

**family was..** *visiting and teaching in remote areas of Pakistan and seeing the spirit of faith, service and community radiate in these people.*

**My favourite words of wisdom are...** *have faith and*

*enjoy the irony and the joy of the journey*





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**My full name.....**BR. THOMAS MABOL YAPO FSC

**I am 34 years old and entered the novitiate at 23 years of age.**

**A little but about my family and where I am from...**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA...I COME FROM A FAMILY OF 7 INCLUDING MY PARENTS. THREE BOYS AND 2 GIRLS.

**What makes me stand out from other people is my...**IS MY RESPONSE TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

**As a child, I dreamed of....**BECOMING A PRIEST OR DIESEL HEAVY EQUIPMENT FITTER.

**I'd like it if other people...**DO GOOD TO ANOTHER PERSON...THAT'S WHAT CHRIST DID.

**The last thing I cooked was...** FRIED SOME FISH

**To my ultimate dinner party, I would invite...**  
FRIENDS AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HURT ME.

**My guilty indulgence is..** I LIKE EATING CHOCOLATE

**My worst fashion disaster was..** FIRST TIME IN MY TRADITIONAL COSTUME AND FELT UNEASY

**A good word to describe me is...** HELPFUL

**Something that really irks me is...** OTHER PEOPLE'S DISRESPECTFUL ATTITUDE.

**I would like to be remembered for...**BEING HELPFUL TOWARDS OTHERS

**The book that had the greatest influence on me was...**  
FORGIVENESS: AN INSIDE JOB BY FR JIM MCMANUS

**How I came to be involved in the Lasallian mission was...**I WAS TOUCHED BY THE LIFE OF DE LA SALLE AND HIS PRACTICAL RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE DURING HIS TIME IN FRANCE.

**My funniest experience as a novice brother was...**IN THE NOVITIATE I STAYED IN THE ROOM NEXT TO THE TOILETS AND SHOWER BLOCKS. ONE MORNING A HALF ASLEEP NOVICE WALKED INTO MY ROOM AND WAS ABOUT TO PEE IN MY ROOM THINKING IT WAS THE TOILET.

**I believe the Lasallian mission is still relevant today because...**THE NEED THAT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 300 YEARS AGO STILL EXISTS IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

**An awesome experience I had as part of the Lasallian family was...**MEETING DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE LASALLIAN WORLD WHO ARE DEEPLY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE LASALLIAN MISSION AND PUT THEIR HEARTS OUT MAKING THIS MISSION A REALITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.

**My favourite words of wisdom are...**EVERYTHING BOILS DOWN TO OUR ATTITUDE.

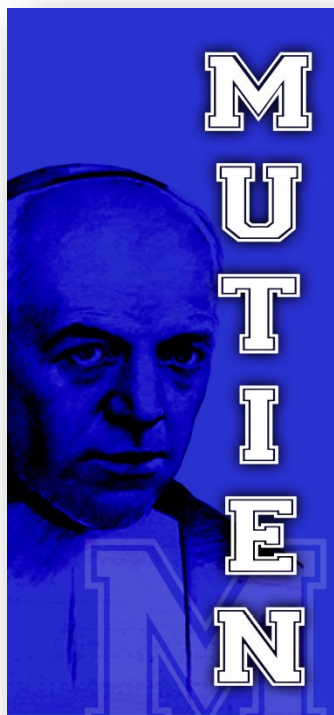


Above: Brother Thomas in traditional costume!  
(Thomas is on the right)

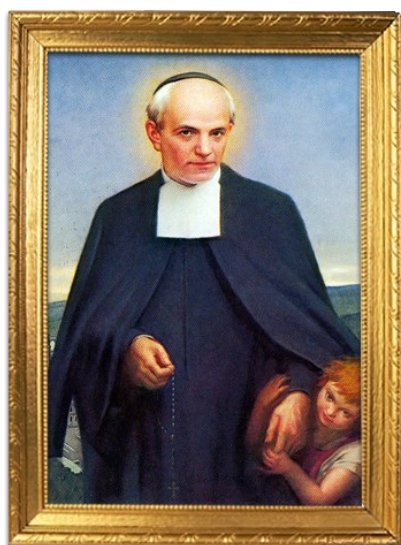


## LASALLIAN FORMATION

### SAINT MUTIEN MARIE WIAUX



Above: House Banner of Saint Mutien. De La Salle College, Mangere.



Louis Wiaux, the third of six children, was born in a small village in French-speaking Belgium where almost everyone was a devout practicing Catholic. His father was a blacksmith, while his mother helped to run a small cafe in part of the family home, where no rough language was allowed and where the evening of Belgian beer and card playing always concluded with the recitation of the rosary.

Louis proved neither physically nor emotionally suited to his father's trade; he was convinced that the Lord was calling him to a different kind of forge. No sooner had he met the Brothers in a nearby school than he determined to enter the novitiate at Namur. After two years, teaching elementary classes, Brother Mutien was assigned to the boarding school at Malonne where he would spend the next fifty-eight years. He had difficulties at first coping with the demands of both teaching and prefecting. He was rescued by the Brother in charge of the courses in music and art, at the time an important feature of the curriculum. From then on Brother Mutien was not only an effective teacher of those subjects, a vigilant prefect in the school yard, and a catechist in the nearby parish, but a tremendous influence on the students by his patience and evident piety.

He was known to spend whatever time he could before the tabernacle or at the grotto of Our Lady. Among the Brothers, it was said that he had never been seen violating even the smallest points in their Rule. After his death at Malonne, his fame began to spread through Belgium, where many miracles were attributed to him. His relics may be enenerated in Malonne at the shrine built in his honour after his canonization. A picture of the day of his canonisation can be seen below:

<b>Born</b>	20 March 1841 Mellet, Hainaut, Belgium
<b>Died</b>	30 January 1917 Malonne, Namur, Belgium
<b>Honored in</b>	Roman Catholic Church (Brothers of the Christian Schools)
<b><u>Beatified</u></b>	30 October 1977, Vatican City, by Pope Paul VI
<b><u>Canonized</u></b>	10 December 1989, Vatican City, by Pope John Paul II
<b><u>Major shrine</u></b>	Shrine of Brother Muthien-Marie Fond de Malonne 117 Malonne, Namur, Belgium
<b><u>Feast</u></b>	30 January

