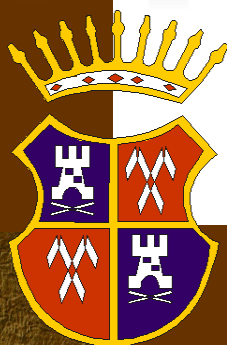


ONE

LASALLE

Newsletter of the



NZ Lasallian Family

"Throw yourself into
Gods arms.

He will carry you when
the road is rough"

De La Salle

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to One Lasalle! This issue sees a real celebration of formation and growth for New Zealand and our international Lasallian connections. As various staff from our three NZ schools continue to be passionately involved in the institute, the opportunities for deepening our understanding of being Lasallian and a Lasallian educator in our New Zealand context continues to grow.

Enjoy this issue!

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Kane Raukura

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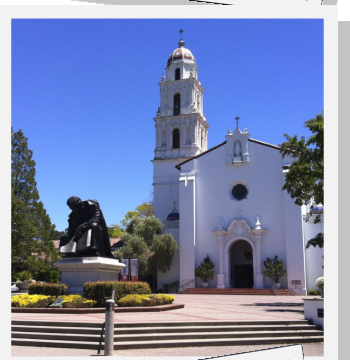
Myles Hogarty - Principal

I was indeed fortunate and blessed to have participated in the Buttimer Year One programme at St Mary's College, Moraga. I guess 'participated' does not adequately describe my involvement at the course as it was more of a renewal of spirit and an injection of zeal for the mission that I have in my Leadership role as Principal of De La Salle College, Mangere East, Auckland. While much of the content of the Year One programme focused on the chronology and formation of the Order, interwoven through this study was the constant reflection and challenge to me as an educator, of my significance in the growth and strengthening of our Lasallian Charism and family. The study of the trials and tribulations of our founder John Baptist De La Salle, were a constant reminder to me of how an unconditional belief in faith and providence could provide the strength and resilience to meet challenges and overcome them. Buttimer provided me with a connection to a 350 year old tradition, and the importance of recognising, assisting and improving the young men and staff that I work with every day. Equally important in the life of De La Salle were the values of Faith, Service and Community, values which are constantly reinforced to the students of De La Salle Mangere in 2013, again providing that link to the original values and Charism of our founder.

Buttimer was a wonderful opportunity to live in community with my other Year One course participants, experience their stories and journeys of faith and realise the importance that the phrase, "Together and by Association", meant to each of these people. Days were filled with study, prayer, reflections, discussions and socialising and regardless of which activity you were involved in, there was a common thread that bound you and the other course participants, the knowledge that we were all continuing the work of a man with a great vision for the education of young Catholics. To give a true description of Buttimer in writing does not do this course any justice. Buttimer is an "experience" that you have to be there to live, as this is exactly what you do for the 2 weeks.

What it did for me, as I can only imagine was the intended purpose, was to deepen my commitment and zeal for the education of the young men and staff that I work with every day. The Buttimer course was led by Br Jeffrey Calligan, a font of knowledge on the life of De La Salle and a man who had the knack of challenging me and causing all participants to reflect on their roles in their mission as educators. I would like to thank the De La Salle Brothers of New Zealand for giving me the opportunity to experience Year One of Buttimer. I would like to thank my fellow Year One course family for their warmth of welcome and acceptance of a man from "down under" with the strange accent, who they were so willing to share their stories with. I would also like to thank my colleague from De La Salle College, Kane Raukura; having a travelling companion and fellow Buttimer 'rookie' at the same school has been of great support to me and allowed us both to share our experience of the course beyond our stay at St Marys.

God Bless and Live Jesus in our Hearts.





JOHN PAUL COLLEGE, ROTORUA

SIGNUM FIDEI 2013—ROMA

*Bernadette Fredricksen - Co-ordinator of the John Paul College
Signum Fidei Group, Rotorua.*

It was a pleasure and an indeed an honour to represent our District of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan at the 2nd International Assembly of Signum Fidei Communities. The purpose of attending the Congress was to participate in the revision of the Style of Life Document which supports and guides members of Signum Fidei – “Signs of Faith” communities. Brother Alberto Gomez - International Advisor for Signum Fidei and Brother Charles Kitson – Secretary for the Lasallian Family and Association prepared and planned the Assembly with the support of Brother Alvaro Rodriguez, Superior General. 23 Lasallian Partners participated in the revising of the document together with 5 Brothers who maintained the role of advisors.

It was providential that the assembly occurred during the Year of Faith. Each day we joined in the Eucharistic celebration with the Brothers, in the Chapel of St John Baptist de La Salle. Our work to revise the Style of Life document began at 9.00am and continued most days until 6.30pm. We began and ended the day with prayer and reflections organised by the delegates.

Any languages barriers were overcome with the help of the translators, as there were three official languages; English, Spanish and French. Each delegate contributed to the proposals and explained their own context, which was important for us to know and understand their reality. In between our work to revise the chapters, there were presentations on the various Signum Fidei communities. What amazed me was the variety of works being done by Lasallians all over the world. For example, in Jerusalem members organise “time out” Summer camps for children, in Peru members prepare liturgies and celebrate Feast Days with children.

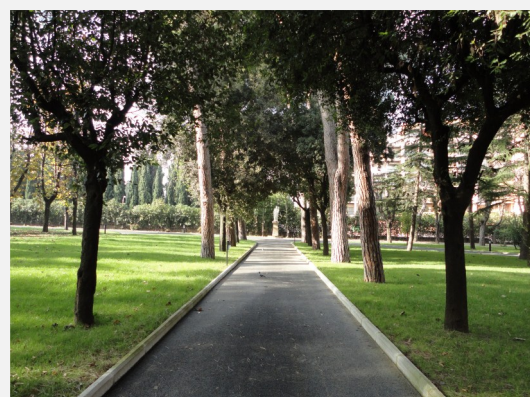
They have also formed a breakfast club for school children, as 30% of school children in some villages survive on two small meals a day. In Nicaragua they facilitate programmes for students who have behavioural issues and in Cuba the members of Signum Fidei work with charitable organisations to assist families who are marginalised, visiting families regularly to deliver food parcels. The Philippine members visit orphanages and youth centres on the weekends. They also offer tuition for students who have had to leave school to work to support their families.



Delegates of the 2nd International Signum Fidei
Assembly outside the Generalate of the
De La Salle Brothers - Rome.



Morning Prayer at the Lourdes Grotto – Generalate
Gardens



The beautiful Generalate Gardens



JOHN PAUL COLLEGE, ROTORUA



Looking across the grounds, the Chapel of De La Salle, Generalate of the De La Salle Brothers - Rome.



Brother Alvaro and Brother Alberto addressing the Delegates

In Madagascar, members visit residential homes for children with severe disabilities and take them on outings. They have also created a Literacy and Vocational Learning Centre for women who have had no formal education. These are just a few examples of the many works being carried out by dedicated Lasallians in our world today.

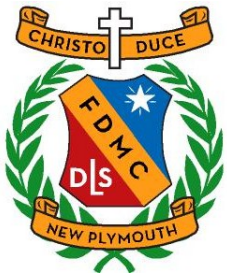
The Congress delegates were very interested in the development of Signum Fidei in New Zealand, the fine education students receive in our three Lasallian schools, our beautiful country; its multi-cultural dynamic, the growing shift towards secularism, the All Blacks and Lord of the Rings!

During the Congress, Brother Alberto proposed that we form a partnership with another Signum Fidei group, with the purpose of sharing our mission work and Lasallian experiences.

As a result, the John Paul College Signum Fidei Group was invited to partner with a Palestine Signum Fidei Group, based in Jerusalem. It is intended that we will share prayers and stories at our meetings and journey together in being builders of Faith, Service and Community. We are looking forward to beginning this journey with our Palestinian brothers and sisters, next month, when they return from their extended Summer break.

Brother Alvaro encouraged us to continue to work for the benefit of those members of our society who are marginalised. "Love God, love your neighbour, as it is at the heart of the Gospels. The love of God needs to be lived personally and the Lasallian School makes God present, therefore, by being good shepherds to your students you are continuing the mission of St John Baptist de La Salle. "

Meeting so many Lasallians who are working with Faith and Zeal was inspiring. It also gave me time to reflect on the many good works that Lasallian teachers and lay partners in New Zealand carry out faithfully every day. As Brother Alvaro stated, "Being sensitive to defending young people and attentive to your reality is a fundamental element of our mission." I would like to sincerely thank the De La Salle Brothers and the District for the opportunity to participate in the International Signum Fidei Assembly as it was such an enriching experience, one that I will remember for many years.



FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE, NEW PLYMOUTH

LASALLIAN STUDENT LEADERS WORKSHOP 2013 - 'TOGETHER AS ONE'

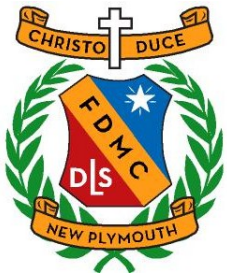
Sjaane Simpson - Lasallian Facilitator

This year's Lasallian Student Leaders workshop was held at Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth, during the recent school holidays 14-16th July 2013. A total of 28 Year 11 to 13 students, from the three Lasallian colleges, were in attendance. This year's workshop was run with the help of Lasallian Youth Ministry Coordinator James Camden. Assisting him was the 'Lasallian Team' of Sjaane Simpson, Graeme Mustchin, Melissa Lowe and Denis Tutaka. Visitors to the Taranaki province must have wondered what had hit them the first night as gale force winds hammered the buildings and surrounding areas. The storm was so bad that James Camden's flight from Auckland was unable to land and had to return to Auckland.

Melissa Low was able to stand in for James introducing Lasallian Student Leaders to a 'Big Picture' overview of our Lasallian World. James eventually arrived at the workshop and the LSL's learned about our Lasallian Heritage, what it means to be a Lasallian Student Leader, how to create Lasallian schools, leading teams to participation and service. Key note speakers included Nick Siffleet sharing his Lasallian Journey story to date. Also sharing their Lasallian Experiences were Melissa Low and William Rowland both of whom continue to be fully involved in Youth Ministry, teaching and Lasallian service projects. Denis Tutaka spoke to the young leaders about what it meant to be a Christian Role model and the importance of prayer in our lives.

Graeme Mustchin not only led us in a Prayer Service every morning and evening but he also challenged the LSL's in his presentation titled 'So You Want to Change the World.' But it was not all work, and there was some play including Ten Pin Bowling, Indoor Miniputt and a bit of coastal sightseeing. Our thanks must go to the La Salle House Hostel staff from Francis Douglas. To our top Chef Steve who kept everyone well fed over the three days and to the domestic staff who prepared our cosy beds in the Anthony Hawkins Hostel wing - thank you. The last day of the workshop came around far too quickly and it was difficult for everyone to say goodbye as the LSL group certainly lived up to the theme of the workshop 'Together as One.' The LSL's had formed new and lasting friendships and together they look forward to taking on the responsibility of being a Lasallian Student Leader within our schools.





FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE, NEW PLYMOUTH

Buttimer III - Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies

Martin Chamberlain
Principal

At the end of last term I was in the USA attending the third and final year of a programme that concentrates on the life of St John Baptist de La Salle and what his philosophies on education and spirituality have meant for the successful legacy that continues in Lasallian schools throughout the world more than 300 years after his death. It was special to meet up again with Lasallian associates from India, Australia, England, Canada, Sri Lanka, Malta and the USA and discuss commonalities we share despite our cultural differences. It was a pleasure also to be in the company of Myles Hogarty and Kane Raukura from De La Salle College, Mangere who engaged in their first year to the programme.

Our ten days of scheduled activities meant that we once again engaged in: 10 morning and 10 evening liturgies, 4 Masses, 4 Practicum sessions with an assignment, 36 hours of lectures, more than 1000 pages of prescribed reading, and 13 evening socials, often in the company of the other two Buttimer groups.

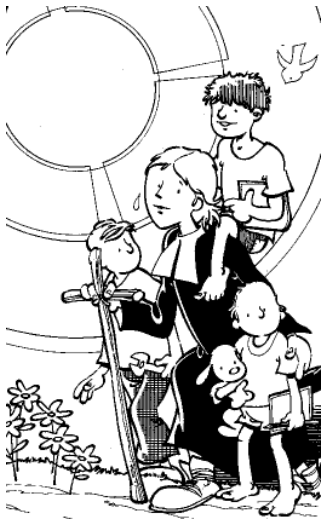
St John Baptist de La Salle was well ahead of his time in making many innovations that global education has retained to this day. Paramount to those however was his resolute faith in God spurring him to bring salvation to the children of the poor. This required dogged persistence in working with adversarial Church authorities, lurches in national politics, inexperienced and inept teachers, the need to raise funds for schools' operations and interfacing with families that were not open to the liberation education could bring. Enabling him to do all this was his recourse to scripture and prayer. Most of our lecture time was spent on *The Meditations* and the *Method of Interior Prayer* through which the Founder was able to focus himself and his teachers on a spiritual life that was enlightening and sustaining. Our two gifted lecturers were at pains to tell us that the material Buttimer 3 reflects on is the most important part of our work and has only been rediscovered by Lasallian scholars within the last 40 years. This third year only added to our group's collective appreciation of the genius, work ethic and holiness of our Founder. I am grateful once again for having had this experience and extend my thanks to our Brother Pat who supports this training as Proprietor.



Above: PARC Region participants of Buttimer 2013.



St. Mary's College Campus, Home of the Buttimer Programme



I AM A LASALLIAN TEACHER

A friendly chat with Marie Hepi– JPC

In this section of "One Lasalle" we highlight some of our wonderful Lasallian Teachers around New Zealand. People who are dedicated to the mission of our Lasallian schools and whose passion for teaching our students is truly a gift from God.



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

What makes me stand out from other people is the way I work and operate as a teacher. I am very organised and fussy about attention to detail, so much so that some people have even asked, "do you have Aspergers?"

As a child, I dreamed of..

Being a nurse one day.

I'd like it if other people..

Paid more attention to helping those less fortunate than themselves.

The last thing I cooked was..

Roast lamb.

To my ultimate dinner party, I would invite

The Dalai Lama.

My guilty indulgence is..

Chocolate.

My worst fashion disaster was..

(As a student) coming home to mum dressed in a Bush singlet that doubled as a shift frock, and jandals.

A good word to describe me is..

Precise

Something that really irks me is..

People who don't meet deadlines or who are late for appointments.

I would like to be remembered for..

Taking care of my Whanau and being generous.

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

Is the "Holy Bible"

How I came to be involved in the Lasallian mission was..

Through meeting the Lasallian Brothers in our John Paul Community: Brother Peter Ryan, Brother Hilary, Brother Owen Mason and Brother Declan.

I believe the Lasallian mission is still relevant today because..

We need to be witnesses to the students we educate and to the adults in our lives. We can do this through the way we think, speak and act. We need to care about people, love them and support them in whatever ways we can.

An awesome experience I had as part of the Lasallian family was..

Meeting other educators from 9 different countries around the PARC region and working with them for two weeks. We have the same values, and aspirations for those we work with- "to touch their hearts" just as Jean Baptiste de La Salle did centuries ago.

Words of wisdom..

"Never put off till tomorrow what can be today".

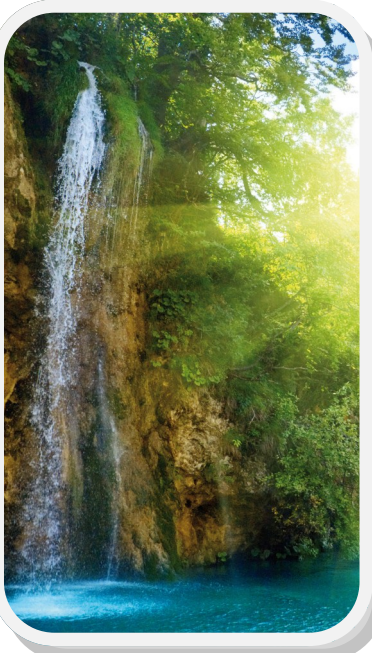
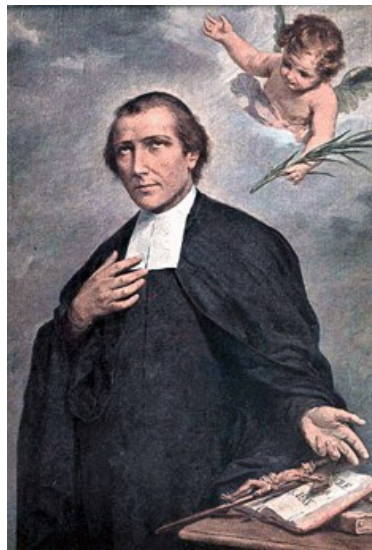
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

"Our greatest glory consists, not of never falling, but in rising every time we fall"





Above: House Banner of Blessed Solomon. De La Salle College, Mangere.



LASALLIAN FORMATION BLESSED SOLOMON

Once the monarchy had been overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790 the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Institute was deprived altogether of legal status in France.

Brother Solomon was secretary to Brother Agathon, the Superior General, after having been a teacher, director and bursar. He always showed a great love for people and a great attachment to his work. Having refused to take an oath, he lived alone in Paris in secrecy. We still have many of his letters to his family. The last one is dated August 15, 1792. That very day he was arrested and imprisoned in the Carmelite monastery, which had become a prison, together with several bishops and priests. On September 2, almost all the prisoners were killed by sword in the monastery garden. He was beatified on October 17, 1926, together with 188 of his fellow martyrs. He was the first one of our martyrs and also the first Brother to be beatified.

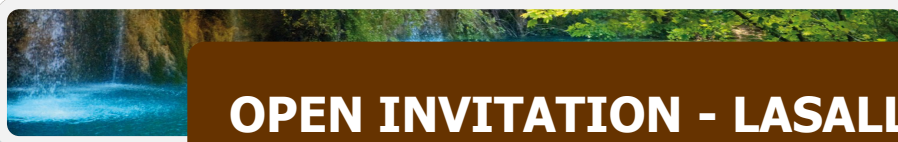
His feast is celebrated on September 2 with the other Brother martyrs of the hulks of Rochefort, who died 2 or 3 years later.

Blessed Brother Solomon (Nicholas Leclercq)
Born at Boulogne, France November 14, 1745
Entered the novitiate March 25, 1767
Martyred September 2, 1792
Beatified October 17, 1926

*As for us, we hold to what we
believed ten and twenty years ago;
to what our forefathers believed
one hundred years ago, and one
thousand years ago, and to that
which the whole Catholic world
has always believed.*

- Brother Solomon Leclercq





OPEN INVITATION - LASALLIAN GATHERING



OPEN INVITATION TO ALL INTERESTED LASALLIAN STAFF AT DLS, JPC and FDMC

**Event: 2013 Lasallian
Gathering, 14th September,
Novotel, Hamilton
9.30am - 2.10pm**

Morning tea / Lunch provided

Dear Colleagues, our annual gathering is drawing closer and I ask that you consider attending or if you had the intention to do so that you mark into your calendar.

For catering purposes for this event, it is important that you indicate your intention to attend to your Principal as soon as possible.

This years event will showcase many of the wonderful projects currently occurring.

Most importantly though, it is an opportunity to network, meet others in the NZ Lasallian Family and to share ideas etc.

Hope to see you there!

Kindest regards,

Mr. Kane Raukura
Chair
NZ Mission Action Committee

