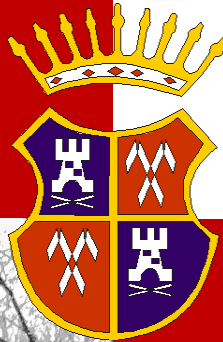


# ONE

# LASALLE

Newsletter of



the NZ Lasallian Family

"I do not fail to pray for you  
and for the success of  
your work"

*De La Salle*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the final issue of One Lasalle for 2013!

John's words above are very comforting. To know we have a Founder who constantly prays and supports our mission and good works gives me strength, zeal and a heart ready to serve. As we come to the end of the year, it is important to remember that it is truly a time of thanksgiving. Take the time out to say thank-you to those around you that have really made a difference, no matter how big or how small. I thank you for touching hearts once more and making a difference to the students you teach. Daily you change lives!

For a truly Lasallian Christmas Blessing check out:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swYFopTZ3pc>

A blessed and Merry  
Christmas to you all!

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Kane Raukura  
Editor

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# DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

## SHARE THE MISSION VOLUNTEERS 2013

*Ben Blanche and Dominic Woodward*

How to describe share the mission? The single most inspiring, outstanding and eye opening experiences of my life. My year began with the year nine camp, being thrown into the thick of things straight from the get go. It was a great way to get to know some of the staff and the boys and my fellow volunteer, Dom.

Being a part of a highly Pasifika community has been a great eye opener and a great life experience for me. Being from England I have never come into contact with many people from other races and cultures. I really enjoyed the traditions and the ways of life of all the boys at school and the staff. We also got to be a part of the JPC community and the F.D.M.C community too which was a great way to get around the country and really enjoy the Lasallian Brotherhood across all four schools. A personal highlight of mine was getting to all of the three schools prize giving's and seeing what wonderful and intelligent boys and girls the Lasalle foundation produces.

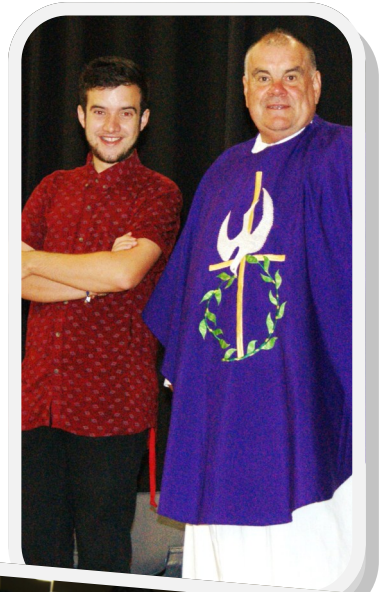
It was also a pleasure to live with the inspirational, selfless and often hilarious Brothers in the community in Mangere. They are the most amazing interesting and caring men I have ever had the pleasure to meet and it has been an honour and a pleasure to spend my year with them. All in all my year in New Zealand has been one of sheer joy and enjoyment and I am grateful to the De La Salle foundation for bringing me here.

### ***Haere rā - Ben Blanche***

This year at DLS has been a year of great memories and amazing experiences which I will never forget. The first day I arrived here in Auckland, I was extremely excited yet nervous about starting a new stage of my life, but still was unaware about what was in store for myself. Arriving in the afternoon, I arrived at DLS just before the boys started to head home and as we saw them head up the driveway past the brothers house, I was quite amazed by the size of these boys as most of the junior boys could have passed as seniors in our Lasallian schools in Australia!

Being Share the Mission volunteers, I'm here to help out with whatever was needed from helping out in the classroom or to coaching a rugby team. Being asked to coach the 14b's along with Andy Thompson was something I was glad to do as it was a way to get involved in the school community and also become mates with the boys. From what I heard, it wasn't common for the 14b's to win more than 1 game in the whole season and I can proudly say that we definitely shocked a few teams and also our school by reaching the semi finals. The coaches were extremely proud of the boys in the way they played and the way they showed sportsmanship and represented their school with pride. It was a big year here at DLS as it was their 60th jubilee which brought together the past and present students and staff of the College. Being part of the functions which were held here was a privilege as not many share the mission volunteers are able to experience. Seeing everyone being present at the functions showed me that the Lasallian spirit is strong from school to school no matter what country you are in. 2013 has been a year where I have experienced a lot of things that I wouldn't have been able to experience anywhere else. Living in the brothers community taught me a lot and helped me grow as a person. Making a lot of new friends over here who made the year so enjoyable and has made lasting memories!

### ***Farewell for now - Dominic Woodward***







# DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

## CAMP LASALLE 2013

*Steve Mafi - Camp Participant*

During the term three holidays, I and some of my fellow brothers were chosen to attend Camp Lasalle in Auckland. There were three schools attending, Francis Douglas Memorial College, John Paul College and De La Salle College. 30 boys from each school were selected to attend the camp and I was very thankful and lucky to have the opportunity to be one of them.

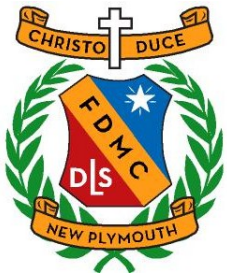
The camp was a good time to socialise with my other brothers and learn about them and share things about myself. I shared my cabin with a boy named Ivan from Francis Douglas, he was funny and showed me real brotherhood and respect. It made me feel good to be his Lasallian Brother. At the camp we spoke a lot about choices and making the right ones. Asking yourself, "Am I doing the right thing?", "Do I have the right friends?", "Do my friends support me?". We also spoke about the difference between being physically tough and mentally tough.

When the camp came to an end and we said our goodbyes, one boy said to me, "I hope we meet again my Brother Steve!" This really meant a lot to me and I actually felt like crying. Not sad tears but ones of joy, as my new friend really was like my brother. I will not forget Camp Lasalle and accept Tabare's challenge - "Get in the 1st XV! And we can play each other in the future!"

Camp Lasalle will live on inside me forever!







# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE, NEW PLYMOUTH

## LASALLIAN PARTNERS GATHERING HAMILTON

*Mike Ingram - New Lasallian Facilitator for FDMC*

I have recently taken up the position as Lasallian Facilitator at Francis Douglas Memorial College in New Plymouth. An Old Boy of the College, I have a background in Industry and the tertiary education sector. Since joining the staff at FDMC in 2001, my main subject area has been Religious Education.

The role of Lasallian Facilitator presents a challenge. The challenge is to keep the charism of St. John Baptist de la Salle alive in our College at a time when the Brothers have chosen to re-allocate their human resources to places and people of greater need. An important part of that process for us as NZ Lasallian Colleges is to continue to build strong linkages amongst ourselves and with Lasallian schools and communities across our PARC region and, ultimately, the world.

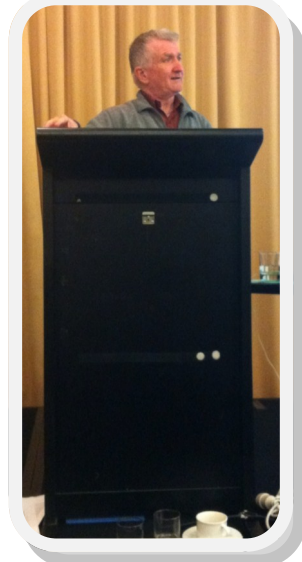
This is happening already. On September 14, 2013, 10 FDMC staff traveled to Hamilton for what is becoming known as **"Partners Hamilton"**. It is NZ's annual gathering of Lasallian brothers and lay partners. The gathering provided a great opportunity to network with other staff from our sister Colleges at Mangere and Rotorua and to learn and understand more about what is happening there as well as in the wider Lasallian PARC region. A continuing theme is the management of the transition between Brothers having a presence in our Colleges and a time when they will have no presence.

The keynote speaker at the gathering was Australian Steve Byrne, Chairperson of the International Mission Council. He outlined his role with the Assembly and asked us to consider the beginning and the end of De La Salle Superior General Br Alvaro's address to the 2013 International Assembly. Br Alvaro clearly stated that as Lasallians we are "to be instruments of salvation for the young, the poor, the confused, those who do not find meaning in their lives, those who have lost their way". He challenged us to "opt more for innovation than tradition, giving more capacity to invent, create and innovate, because what is in play is the future survival of mankind". In keeping with this theme, Kane Raukura asked us to identify the things that we are doing well and those which we could improve on, Br Mark McKeon gave a presentation on the District Plan, Bernadette Fredricksen reported back about the Signum Fidei International Congress and there were reports back from those who had attended Buttimer.

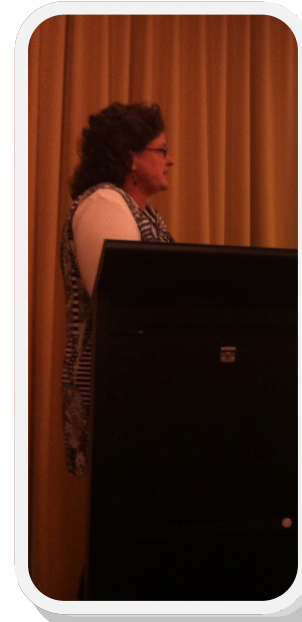
Partners Hamilton is a great way to meet with other like-minded people, to share ideas and to keep up with happenings in the Lasallian world. I would encourage all of you to consider joining us next year as we travel this journey together.



Above: Mr. Mike Ingram



Above: Br. Mark McKeon -  
Hamilton 2013



Above: Mrs. Bernadette  
Fredricksen - JPC



Above: Breaking Bread! Some of the best discussions happen over a slice of cake and a cuppa!



# I AM A LASALLIAN TEACHER

## A friendly chat with Graeme Mustchin – FDMC

In this section of "One Lasalle" we spotlight 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..

*Deep love of Mathematics, Music, Language and Theatre with a corresponding deep abiding suspicion of all things scientific.*

### As a child, I dreamed of..

*Becoming either a professional soccer player or an actor/ singer in Musical productions especially opera.*

### I'd like it if other people..

*Felt less under pressure from various agencies in their daily lives and could be more reflective and generally live their lives at a less hectic pace.*

### The last thing I cooked was..

*Some Anzac biscuits. There is nothing like home baking.*

### To my ultimate dinner party, I would invite

*I choose to take ultimate as "final" – the end. If I knew that I was going to die soon I would invite all my family and close friends and mates who love fish and pork/ Beer brewed by European Trappist Monks or Creamy Ale from Ireland/ Cognac-Armagnac/ Deep fried donuts/ Rocky road washed down with a liquer based Swiss made hot chocolate.*

### My guilty indulgence is..

*I try to live guilt free. I think that guilt is often about other people's values being imposed on me. So I actually have very little time for concepts of "guilt". It must be a reaction to my Catholic upbringing.*

*The closest I come these days to an attack of the guilts is when I sit quietly and read a good book when I feel fresh especially in the morning after I wake up from a good night's sleep.*

### My worst fashion disaster was..

*Wearing tight fitting crimplene tops with walk shorts and jandels. Crimplene invariably came in garish clashing vivid colours.*

### A good word to describe me is..

*Problem solver.*

### Something that really irks me is..

*The rusting tightening of my joints which has resulted in my having to set plenty of time aside to put my sox and shoes on everyday.*

### I would like to be remembered for..

*Giving everything my best shot. Being a good family man who would do anything for his wife, kids, grandkids and the extended whanau.*

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

*"Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens. I was in Seventh Form and becoming fed up with being at school and I wasn't enjoying my English classes. The prescribed texts were beyond my grasp. In desperation my teacher gave me a copy of Great Expectations with comprehension exercises at the end of each chapter. It changed my view completely about the nature of good literature. I did all the exercises and read the book twice more.*

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

*1978 at an invitation from Br. Osmund as a family we moved from Lower Hutt to purchase our first home in New Plymouth so that I could teach at Francis Douglas Memorial College and then in 1990 to return again at the invitation of Br. Peter Bray and then Br. Tim Peter to become part of the burgeoning Lasallian Movement. At that time I was invited to Narooma, Melbourne and Singapore.*

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

*Kids need hope. They need to be able to stand confidently on their own two feet and be able to make their way in an increasingly complex world that they have inherited. The Lasallian mission provides an effective mechanism for us to be able to help kids achieve these goals.*

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

*Driving with my son Clem in Amman ( capital of Jordan) on a Friday morning when the city was deserted and coming across a Lasallian school easily recognized by both of us. The star and school crest and statue of the founder were all clearly visible.*

### Words of wisdom..

*Two Latin Mottos come to mind....*

*" Vestigia nulla retrorsum" - Don't look back. The most important thing in your life is what you are about to do next.*

*"Festina Lente" - Hasten slowly. i.e. Get on with it but do it thoroughly.*

*And of course I must include the title of the book by Patricia Brooks on the life of Father Frank. Live your life " With no Regrets."*



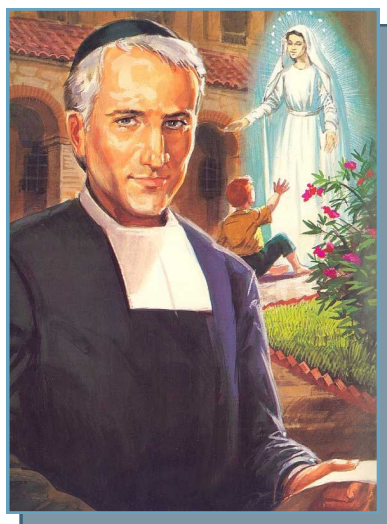


# LASALLIAN FORMATION

## SAINT MIGUEL CORDERO



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



Michael of Ecuador was born in Cuenca, Ecuador, on November 7, 1854, and baptized with the name Francisco Febles Cordero Muñoz. His was a well-to-do and influential family. His grandfather, León Febles (or Febres) Cordero, was a general who had fought in Ecuador's war of independence from Spain. His father, Francisco Febres Cordero Montoya, was a cultured man who was teaching English and French at a seminary in Cuenca at the time of Francisco's birth. His mother, Ana Muñoz, was one of 19 children, five of whom became nuns and one a Jesuit priest.

Francisco (who took the name Michael when he joined a religious order at 14) was born with a deformity of the feet that made him unable to walk until he was five. His first steps, in fact, are said to be due to a miracle. One day he happened to see a rose blooming in the garden of his house. He commented to his family on the beautiful woman above the flowers, saying that she was wearing a white dress with a blue cloak and was calling his name. The others could see nothing out of the ordinary, and they were astonished when he proceeded to get up and walk. From his childhood he had other visions of the Virgin Mary and of Jesus, with whom he conversed on a regular basis. However, he was never able to walk well, a factor contributing to his becoming a man of letters. When the De LaSalle Brothers arrived in Ecuador in 1863 and set up a seminary, Francisco enrolled. He was attracted to the way of life and decided to join the order, though his parents objected to his plans to become a lay brother rather than a priest, since the economic status of brothers was so much lower. They placed him in the seminary where his father taught instead, but within a few months he became seriously ill and had to return home. His mother finally agreed to let him become a lay brother.

On March 24, 1868, Francisco took the habit of the De LaSalle Brothers and changed his name to Michael. Following in his father's footsteps, Brother Michael taught languages (Spanish, French and English) at the seminary in Cuenca and a year later was assigned to the Beaterio at Quito. There he specialized in preparing children for their First Communion, a job he loved and performed for the next 26 years. Michael's talents as an educator were recognized with his appointment as a public examiner and inspector of Quito's schools. He also was a prodigious writer, producing his first book—a textbook—at the age of 17. Besides textbooks, he produced works of Christian spirituality, a catechism, poetry, and linguistic studies of Castilian Spanish. The latter were adopted as required texts for all schools in Ecuador. In 1892, Michael was elected to the National Academy of Ecuador (which included membership in the Royal Academy of Spain); in 1900, to the Académie Française; and in 1906, to the Academy of Venezuela.

In 1888 Michael travelled to Rome to attend the beatification ceremony of the founder of his order, John Baptist de la Salle. In March 1907, he was called to Europe again, this time to help translate religious documents from French into Spanish. The civil unrest in France during this period made it imperative that these works be translated in order to ensure the continuation of the order's work outside that country. He was in Spain in July 1909, when problems broke out in Barcelona. There were attacks on Church property, placing emotional stress on all the Brothers. A few months later Michael caught a cold that progressed to pneumonia, and he died on February 9, 1910. Miracles credited to Michael's intercession began to be reported immediately after his death, and he became the centre of a cult, especially strong in Spanish-speaking countries. During the Spanish Civil War, his body was returned to Ecuador, arriving there on February 4, 1937. His new tomb in Quito soon became a pilgrimage shrine. The Ecuadorian government issued postage stamps bearing his likeness and erected a bronze and marble monument to him in Quito's central park. Upon the statue's dedication in June 1965, there was a huge parade, in which 30,000 school children participated.

### St. Miguel Febres-Cordero, F.S.C.

<b>Born</b>	November 7, 1854 Cuenca, Ecuador
<b>Died</b>	February 9, 1910 (aged 55) Premià de Mar, Barcelona, Spain
<b>Honored in</b>	Roman Catholic Church (Ecuador and the Brothers of the Christian Schools)
<b>Beatified</b>	October 30, 1977 by Pope Paul VI
<b>Canonized</b>	October 21, 1984 by Pope John Paul II
<b>Major shrine</b>	Sanctuary of St. Bro. Miguel Quito, Ecuador
<b>Feast</b>	February 9

*'The heart is rich when it is content, and it is always content when its desires are fixed on God.'*

*- Brother Miguel Febres Cordero Munoz*