READING—LUKE 9:11-17
But Jesus said to His disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” The disciples did so and everybody sat down.

REFLECTION
Today, we usher in the new school year with the celebration of the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In this familiar story, Jesus transforms this crowd of five thousand men into a community where God’s care is proclaimed and experienced in word and in deed. This, I believe, is a beautiful icon for our own educational communities. As we open the new school year, we will find ourselves welcoming our own multitude of students, teachers and staff. Addressing their needs and their hungers will almost be an impossibility unless we are able to have them sit down in groups of fifty, so to speak. In these smaller circles, the people in the crowd begin to become known. Within their smaller circles, the dynamic of breaking and sharing bread is recreated.

One of our hungers is to be known as individuals. Where in our educational community do we have this experience of being welcomed and being known? Which circles do I find myself in? Are persons nourished to life in the circles I influence?

RESPONSE
God of the new school year, we walk into mystery. We face this new school year, not knowing what the next days and months will bring or how we will respond. Be love in us—broken and shared as we journey. Help us to welcome the gifts and the wounds of those who journey with us. In our sharing of life, may others come to believe that You are the Lord, whose will is life. AMEN.

ST. LA SALLE ‘S MEDITATION
Find yourself in this community described by St. La Salle in his meditations. May the welcome you have generously received be the same welcome you extend to others you will meet this school year.

It is not possible for many persons to live together without being a source of mutual suffering. One will have a capricious temper, another will be combative; one will have disagreeable manners, another will be haughty; one will be naughty, another will be too obliging, another will speak his mind too freely; others will be reserved or too critical. It is rare that such varied dispositions do not lead to difficulties. And if grace did not come to rescue, it would be almost impossible for them to be mutually forbearing.

(REmEmBERING ELmER mARIQUIT)
Kuya Elmer, an alumnus of La Salle University, was a former Lasallian Volunteer and, recently, a teacher in the La Salle Academy (LSA) Night High School. He died [in the morning of 28 May 2013] at Mercy Hospital, Iligan. I met him when he joined the Lasallian Volunteer Program (LSVP) in 2002. He was assigned for two years in Mt. Agad-Agad, Langilan, Iligan teaching nursery to the children of the farming communities. After two years he was transferred to the mountains of Canumay, San Jose, Antipolo teaching the Alternative Learning System. In his last year in LSVP in 2005, his kidneys were diagnosed both dysfunctional and needs to undergo dialysis three times a week in order...
to survive and prolong his life. He transferred to Iligan to be with his family. LSA invited him to teach in the Night High School. The De La Salle Brothers supported him since his condition was first diagnosed in 2005. I had an opportunity to visit him at the Mercy Hospital, Iligan during my LSA Lasallian CARES visit last March. In our conversation, he would always express how deeply grateful he was to the De La Salle Brothers for being a “real brother” to him, especially Brs. Edmundo Fernandez, JJ Jimenez and Raffy Reyes FSC.

After all the physical suffering you had in life, Elmer, I am sure God will reward you with eternal life in heaven!

—Text by Vangie de Peralta; Video by Br. Mikey Cua FSC

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

For the repose of the soul of Mr. Agustin Sugon, elder brother of Sr. Josephine Sugon HGS. Mr. Agustin Sugon was laid to rest on 25 May at the Bacolod Catholic Cemetery. We pray, too, that the loved ones of Mr. Sugon will be given grace to accept this time of mourning and grieving.

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF THE SCHOLASTICS

HABEMUS! On the 8th of May, Brs. Butch Alcudia, Joseph Azrael Daluz, Toby dela Cruz and Dan Sanding FSC arrived in Bacolod City fresh from their 30-day silent retreat in Cebu. They will be in Bacolod for one school year teaching in St. Joseph School-La Salle (SJS-LS) and study at the University of St. La Salle. Of the four brothers, Br. Toby is no longer a stranger to Bacolod having been here during the first quarter of the year during his school exposure, also at SJS-LS.

Accompanying them were Br. Rey Mejias FSC, their director at the House of Studies in DLSU, and Br. Timothy FSC of Myanmar. Br. Rey or Br. Cocoy, for some who know him, ensured the safe delivery of the “precious package” to Bacolod. The following day was devoted to their presentation of their synthesis of what they have learned throughout their formation as Post-Novices. On their free days, they went to the Balay Negrense and the San Diego Pro-Cathedral in the city of Silay, tried out famous local delicacies at El Ideal and visited the recently opened mall, The District North Point.

Joining them in the Brothers Community is its new Director, Br. Bong Servando FSC. Which means Bacolod City will now have eight Brothers! Finally, after a long period of lacking young Brothers, the Bacolod Lasallian community will get not just one, but four. Their presence will also mean a lot of exciting things to hope for, especially on vocation promotion and formation.

Brothers, mabubusog kayo sa pagmamahal ng mga tao dito at ng kulturang puno ng pagkain ng Bacolod.

READY. SET. GO. Live Jesus in our Hearts —FOREVER!

—By Raphael Miguel Crisostomo (Edited by Br. Butch Alcudia FSC)

BIRTHDAYS

| 05 JUNE   | Mr. Ramon Magsaysay, Jr. |
| 07 JUNE   | Erwin Flores (DLSP-LMS)  |
| 08 JUNE   | Br. Aikee Esmeli FSC     |
| 13 JUNE   | Br. Gus Boquer FSC       |

HONG KONG LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS FORMATION TRIP 2013 | PHILIPPINES

On 15 to 22 June 2013, a group of Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers (HKLV) will have an exposure trip to the Philippines. The primary objective of their visit is to experience, first hand, our service projects and, at same time, be immersed in the Lasallian Mission and Identity as it is lived in the Philippines. During these dates, they will visit Kuya Center, De La Salle University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, La Salle Green Hills, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas and the Bahay Pag-Asa Youth Center, also in Dasmariñas.

ERRATA (CHB1213-19/20)

In CHBC-1213-19’s article titled “DLSUMC Pediatric Resident Places 3rd in Best Oral Paper Presentation in Singapore Scientific Meeting”, Dr. Maria Alegria R. Almazar was named 3rd placer for Best Oral Paper Presentation, negating the erratum published in CHBC-1213-20. Dr. Victoria Gonzales was not, however, a presenter.