READING—LUKE 12:32-48
Who then, is the faithful and prudent steward?

REFLECTION
I recall one time, in an effort to get to know the teachers I was with in a retreat, we had been asked to share about ourselves. And, as usual, each one introduced him/herself and the discipline he/she taught. So, we got to know who taught Math or Science or Christian Living or Languages in the group. Until it was the turn of one of the senior teachers in the group to introduce himself. He said, ‘My name is Dan and I teach students.’

His remark struck me and, to this day, I remember his name. Dan reminded me the obvious thing we often forget: teaching and leadership are first and foremost relationships. Our work will often entail many details but we need to remain vitally connected to the people for whom we have taken this responsibility to teach and to lead. For whom is the work that you do? When was the last time you got in touch with those you minister to?

RESPONSE
KARL RAHNER SJ
I now see clearly that, if there is any path at all on which I can approach you, it must lead through the very middle of my ordinary life.

Your love, which can allow my daily routine to remain routine and still transform it into a homecoming to you: this love only you can give.

As I come to lay my everyday routine before You, there is only one thing I can beg for: and that is Your most ordinary and most exalted gift, the grace of Your love.

Touch my heart with this grace, O Lord. When I reach out in joy or in sorrow for the things of this world, grant that through them I may know and love You, their Maker and final home.

You who are Love itself, give me the grace of love, give me Yourself, so that all my days may finally empty into the one day of your eternal Life.

FROM DE LA SALLE’S MEDITATION FOR THE TIME OF RETREAT 13.1 (PARAPHRASED)

In any of this world’s enterprises, people are held responsible for the good management and for the positive results expected from the efficient operation of the company. It should not seem unreasonable that those who work with God in this enterprise of touching hearts be held any less responsible for their efforts in the instruction of their students. St. Paul says that we are co-workers with God in the field of souls which we profess to cultivate with care and zeal. As responsible educators, then, we shall be held accountable for the faithfulness shown in our profession.

BIRTHDAYS
13 AUG Br. Dindo Maralit FSC
15 AUG David Leaño (DLSP-CoRe)
16 AUG JC Nuqui (DLSP-SFS)
20 AUG Br. Cliff Ferdinand Sy FSC
23 AUG MD Dugay (LASSO)
24 AUG Carmelita Perez (Novitiate)
25 AUG Ma. Shieralyn Rivera (DLSP-SFS)
25 AUG Br. Joe Scheiter FSC
25 AUG Carol Manlunas (DLSP-LMS)
GREEN IS GOOD TALKS

The Natural Science and Arts (NATSCA) track of De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB) School of Design and Arts (SDA) will be hosting the Green is Good Talks on 14 August 2013, Wednesday, from 12 noon to 2:30pm at the SDA Green Room.

NATSCA has invited passionate environment and sustainable development experts/advocates share their experiences and inspire our Lasallian community to make the worthy lifestyle changes. The event is free and open to all.

REFLECTIONS FROM ILYM AND WYD

I remember feeling anxious and excited when the plane with 15 other delegates of De La Salle Philippines (DLSP) was about to land in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At that time, I did not have a clear idea yet of what to expect, but both my heart and my mind were open to whatever God had in store for me to improve my relationship with Him and to have a better understanding of His mission for me.

The theme of the International Lasallian Youth Meeting (ILYM) was “Lasallians: Disciples of Jesus in the World of Education”. Around 460 Lasallians from the around the world attended the three-day event. At one of the sessions, a Mexican La Salle Brother asked me if I was willing to share about my relationship with Jesus. I felt very fortunate that, in front of my fellow Lasallians from different cultures, I was able to share who Jesus Christ is to me and what my relationship is with Him. I learned that being a Lasallian is a way of life. We, Lasallians, express our faith in the way that we pray by remembering God’s presence and that whenever we meet, there is always a feeling of being one, regardless of where we come from.

The ILYM preceded the World Youth Day (WYD), which lasted for six days. Many people think that the WYD is all about meeting the Pope, but that is a big misconception. WYD is a personal pilgrimage in order for one to get to know God better by attending Catechesis sessions, listening to the message of the Pope and meeting people who are Christ-like. My most memorable experience in WYD was attending the Final Mass of Pope Francis along the shore of the famous Copacabana beach. I will never forget the challenges he left with us, pilgrims, which was, “Go, do not be afraid and serve”. The theme of WYD this year was, “Go make disciples of all nations” and I know that I can best exemplify this by making a constant effort to evangelize my peers, even if the task seems impossible.

I will always be very grateful to DLSP for selecting me as one of its delegates for ILYM and WYD. It was a rare opportunity, and I am very glad that I took it. I owe it to my school to be able to share my experiences with my family, friends, and the rest of the students in DLSZ. I will treasure in my heart everything that I had faced and felt in Brazil. Muito obrigada! — Trina Andaya, De La Salle Santiago Zobel Batch 2014, Photo by Br. Alex Diaz FSC

DLSL-LED PH TEAM BAGS BRONZE IN ASG

The 5th ASEAN Schools Games (ASG) was held last 24-29 June 2013 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The country’s representative in the boys’ volleyball team bagged the bronze medal as a first-time participant. The team consisted of seven players from De La Salle Lipa, two from Cavite, two from Cebu, and one from Batangas Province.

In the photo: (L-R first row, sitting) Reneil Roxas, Mark Petancia, Nikko Ortega, Jopet Movido, Peter Perez (coach); (L-R second row, standing) John Rivera, Derick Delizo, Rosel Sumcad (coach), Lawrence Magadia, Jerard De Castro, Levin Dimayuga, Kit Canobas, Joshua Diaz (Not in photo is Ulyross Lopez)
TEN-DAY IYBA ENDS

It began how it ended, in prayer. Day 10, the last day of the International Young Brothers Assembly (IYBA) started with the Brothers’ morning praise and meditation, during which each Brother was called, one by one – asked to reply with, “Here I am, Lord.” – to receive their souvenir, a La Salle Brother doll. It foreshadowed the rest of the day.

The Brothers then had their pictures taken at the Shrine of the Risen Christ at the Retreat and Conference Center (RCC). The delegates also took this time to have photographs with each other. Several Young Brothers were also filmed for the Vocations Promotion video where they shared their stories on how they started their lives as Brothers.

Read the full article here. For more information and photos, please visit iyba.lasalle.org.

DLS-CSB SDEAS VOLUNTEERS

The 26th of August 2013 marked a special day for DLSP and De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB) as Yamie Fiestada, Basil de Leon, and Jonathan San Juan were commissioned to comprise the first batch of deaf Lasallian Volunteers of the Lasallian Volunteer Program. These three Volunteers are deaf alumni of DLS-CSB’s School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies.

In a simple send-off Eucharistic celebration held at the Chapel of Resurrection at DLS-CSB, the three deaf Volunteers offered their prayer of commitment to help carry-out the Lasallian Mission in Ozamiz City as teaching assistants in La Salle University’s School for the Deaf. Present at the Eucharistic celebration and commissioning rites were Br. Jose Mari Jimenez FSC, Sector Leader and DLSP President, as well as DLS-CSB President, Br. Dennis Magbanua FSC.

Let us continue to pray for Yamie, Basil, and Jonathan as well as the other 10 Volunteers comprising Batch 17 of the program that they continue to be steadfast in their commitment in the education of the underprivileged youth. May they likewise continue to inspire others to volunteer for the Mission.

LASALLIANS WIN IN INTERNATIONAL MATH CONTEST

The Philippines ousted China as champion in the 9th International Mathematics Contest (IMC) held in Singapore. The Philippine delegation won 23 gold, 45 silver, and 93 bronze medals—a total of 161 medals.

Among the proud winners are some of our very own students. Two students won silver medals—Vincent Angelo Suarez of De La Salle Lipa (DLSL) and Daniella Kristin Marie Evan from De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ)—while three other Lasallians bagged bronze medals—Angelo Vince Perez (DLSL), Carlos Benedict Echevarria (DLSZ), and Dabin (Jessica) Park (De La Salle University Integrated School).

For the full report, please visit abs-cbnnews.com.

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16-25 AUGUST

Let us pray that more young people will be inspired to commit their lives to the Lasallian Mission.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen. (www.usccb.org)