READING—LUKE 14:25-33
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

REFLECTION
Filipinos, I think are very modest people and would often hesitate to see themselves as persons of influence. Influencing, however, lies at the heart of the educational ministry. The influencing activity of the educator is underscored in De La Salle’s meditations where the reference to disciples is made seventy-one times as compared to the reference for students, which is made only twenty times. This image of disciple conveys the idea that the young disciple takes on the convictions, commitments and practices of his teacher.

De La Salle’s thoughts on the Christian educator is an echo of today’s Gospel. There were many who followed Jesus around. Jesus’ invitation however is not just to follow him but to be his disciple – to take on in our deepest being, His values, attitudes and practices – to be passionate as well with what He himself is passionate about. Jesus’ power to influence is ultimately drawn from this single-heartedness that as consequence, will lead him to give up even what is most precious to him. It is by the power of his own life that Jesus is made credible to extend this challenging invitation to each of us.

Do we see ourselves as being persons of influence? What is the basis of our influence and authority and power over those we lead and teach?

RESPONSE
MOTHER TERESA (PARAPHRASED)
Lord, help us to be faithful to the gift You have entrusted to us to teach. Let us be the light today amongst the young people. For the future of the whole world, help us to make them. May we as educators, stand before them as the presence of Christ.

May the young people entrusted to us be led to see Christ in our actions and in our choices and so be filled with His goodness, with His justice. Because today, especially, the young, are misled and we hope we will have the necessary courage to lead them. May our work, together and by association, be a light for them to lead them to Your Son, Jesus. Open our hearts to the hunger of young people today and grant us the grace to satisfy that hunger by the humble offering of our selves. AMEN.

FROM DE LA SALLE’S MEDITATION
Since you are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ in the work that you do, you must act as representing Jesus Christ himself. He wants your disciples to see him in you and receive your teaching as if he were teaching them. They must be convinced that the truth of Jesus Christ comes from your mouth, that it is only in his name that you teach, that he has given you authority over them. (Meditations, 195.2)

BIRTHDAYS
10 SEP Br. Michael Broughton FSC
11 SEP Ma. Victoria Mercado (DLSP-AdU)
16 SEP Br. Rado Mercado nFSC
21 SEP John Sebastian Bagasbas (DLSP-IMU), Ferdinand Fernandez (DLSP-SFS)

ONE LA SALLE RELIEF DRIVE UPDATES
DLSHSI
The relief efforts of the school and its partners were able to reach the following barangays: Brgy Zone 1 Dasmarinas City; Barangays 2 & 4 Ligtong, Rosario; Sasahan, Naic; Tabon, Kawit; Sunny Brooke, General Trias; San Lorenzo Ruiz Pulo, Cavite City; nine different barangays of Binakayan; San Antonio, Noveleta; Guyam Munti, Indang; Kiko Rosa Creekside, General Trias; Pabahay Creekside; and Bacao 1 & 2. A total of 1,605
families received relief packs. Php 17,692.90, 28 Boxes of Water, 3 Boxes of Groceries, and 20 Boxes of clothes were also endorsed to St. Peter’s Parish for distribution around Cavite City.

The Medical Mission was able serve 306 households, consisting of 654 patients. Ten medical doctors, three interns, ten nurses, four PGNT’s, eight housekeepers, four pharmacists, and other hospital employees, teachers, students from Colleges of Medicine, Nursing & Midwifery, Rehabilitation Sciences and Medical Radiation Technology volunteered for this effort. Another 50 volunteers from Our Lady of Fatima Parish also pitched in.

Our sincerest thanks to all our donors, medical team, SPC Sisters, DLSHSI and PPVR volunteers! Special thanks to our silent and dedicated supporters, without whom our relief operation would not have materialized:

• personnel from Admitting, Information and Cashier’s Sections who accepted and recorded donations;
• our Security Guards who helped receive and protect the goods;
• our house keepers who helped in the loading and unloading of goods and our drivers who made transportation of people and goods possible.

DLSI
De La Salle Lipa Community Involvement Office, in partnership with the Student Coordinating Board and Student Government, spearheaded the relief operations for the victims of Typhoon Maring and Habagat. Served areas are as follows:

- Evacuation Center, Brgy. 10 Lipa City
- Brgy. Halang, Lipa City
- Brgy. San Roque, San Pedro Laguna
- Brgy. Cuyab, San Pedro Laguna
- Brgy. Landayan, San Pedro Laguna
- Evacuation Center (old municipal hall) San Pedro, Laguna
- Cavite
- Brgy. Pansol, Calamba Laguna
- Brgy. Palanas, Lemery Batangas

Goods donated: 1,199 bags; 88 mats; 100 blankets; 500 pcs bottled water. Served families: 1,299 families

LA SALLE HONORS ITS PARTNERS
Last 6 September, the Philippine Lasallian Family honored the different archdioceses and dioceses; religious congregations; and organizations who, through the years, have helped the Lasallian educational mission of providing quality Christian education to the young, especially the poor.

In his welcome message, Br. Jose Mari Jimenez FSC thanked the honorees “who have taken part in giving shape to our shared mission” adding “we have collaborated and created that community where God’s concern for young people was and will continue to be kept alive.

Below is a list of the honorees:

- The Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines
- The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines
- The Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools Colleges and Universities
- The National Citizens Movement for Free Elections
- The PHINMA Group of Companies
- The Contemplative Carmelite Sisters
- The Mill Hill Missionaries
- The Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tuitzing
- The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
- The Society of Jesus
- The Order of St. Augustine
- The Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres
- The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament
- The Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban
- The Missionary Society of Saint Columban
- The La Salle Sisters of Guadalupe
- Rev. Fr. Anthony Leo Hofstee OP†
- The Diocese of Balanga
- The Diocese of Tandag
- The Archdiocese of Cebu
- The Diocese of San Pablo
- The Diocese of Caloocan
- The Archdiocese of Ozamiz
- The Diocese of Antipolo
- The Diocese of Imus
- The Diocese of Parañaque
- The Archdiocese of Lipa
- The Diocese of Iligan
- The Diocese of Bacolod
- The Archdiocese of Manila
MARI-VIKK VIÑAS MADE AFFILIATE MEMBER OF THE DE LA SALLE BROTHERS

In a simple ceremony on 7 September, Mari-vikk Viñas became an affiliated member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools for her many years of service to the Lasallian Mission in the Philippines.

Br. Edmundo Fernandez FSC, Lasallian East Asia District Visitor, praised Br. Mari-vikk in what he calls her “quiet service.” He further commends her in his homily saying of the new affiliate member: “Your affiliation is important as it is a recognition of all the good things you represent— a Lasallian who is low key, quiet and hardworking, profoundly committed to the mission, disciplined, highly ethical, deeply professional.”

VOCATION NOVENA
16-25 SEPTEMBER

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that there might be young men and women willing to give their lives for the sake of souls. Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

O God, You call all in Your Church to live a holy life. Like a wise harvest master, clearly call laborers to reap the harvest of souls. May some become holy priests, formed by the Gospel; may some find their way to religious communities filled with love for You. Inspire them by Your Holy Spirit to leave their way of life and share the work of Your Son Who lives forever and ever. Amen. (www.usccb.org)

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