

+ Brother Columba Gleeson FSC
18 March 1935 — 03 February 2016

*Eternal rest grant unto Columba, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



It is with great sadness that I announce the passing away of Br. Columba Gleeson FSC. Br. Columba was assigned for most of his life in the legacy District of Penang. Born in Ireland, he was posted in Malaysia soon after initial formation. He first taught at St. George's in Taiping, then at Sacred Heart in Sibul, then St. Joseph's in Kuching. He eventually became Director and Principal of St. Joseph's in Kuching. Despite choosing to retire in Ireland, after more than 40 years in the District of Penang, he shared to an interviewer (Rosemary Lim) that: "His heart is really there [in Penang] and will stay there." He kept his official membership in the legacy District of Penang which today is part of LEAD.

Initial Formation

Novitiate, Castletown (1951-52)
Scholasticate, Kintbury (1952-53)

Vows taken/dates:

Annual, 1952 & '53. Triennial, 1954 & '57. Perpetual, 1960.

Academic & Professional training:

Irish Intermediate Cert.: Castletown (1951)
Oxford G.C.E.: Kintbury (1953)
Teachers' Cert.: DLS Training College, Manchester(1955).
B.A.(Hons) Degree: National University of Ireland (1965).
Dip.in R.E: Mt. Oliver Institute, Dundalk, Ireland. (1989).

Assignments as a Brother:

Teaching, St. George's, Taiping (1955-56).
Sacred Heart, Sibuluan (1957-62).
St. Joseph's, Kuching (1966-69)
Principal & Dtr.: St. Joseph's, Kuching (1970-87)
Pastoral work, Archdiocese of Kuching (1989-97)
DLS Pastoral Centre, Castletown (1997-98).
Dtr., Monastery Community, Castletown (1998-2003)
Glanaulin C'mty, Belfast & Manager, Kilmore House, Glenariffe (2003-)

Landmark events/appointments/achievements:

Awards: Sarawak State Government 'Pegawai Bintang Sarawak' (PBS), 1985.
'Johan Bintang Sarawak' (JBS), 1993.
Chairman, Board of Management, St. Joseph's Schools, Kuching. (1989-97).
Chairman, Kuching Archdiocesan Education Council (1989-97).
Director of Catechetics, Archdiocese of Kuching (1989-97).
Editor, 'Today's Catholic', a monthly diocesan newspaper. (1989-97).

Faternally,

Edmundo Fernandez FSC
LEAD Provincialate
Kowloon

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