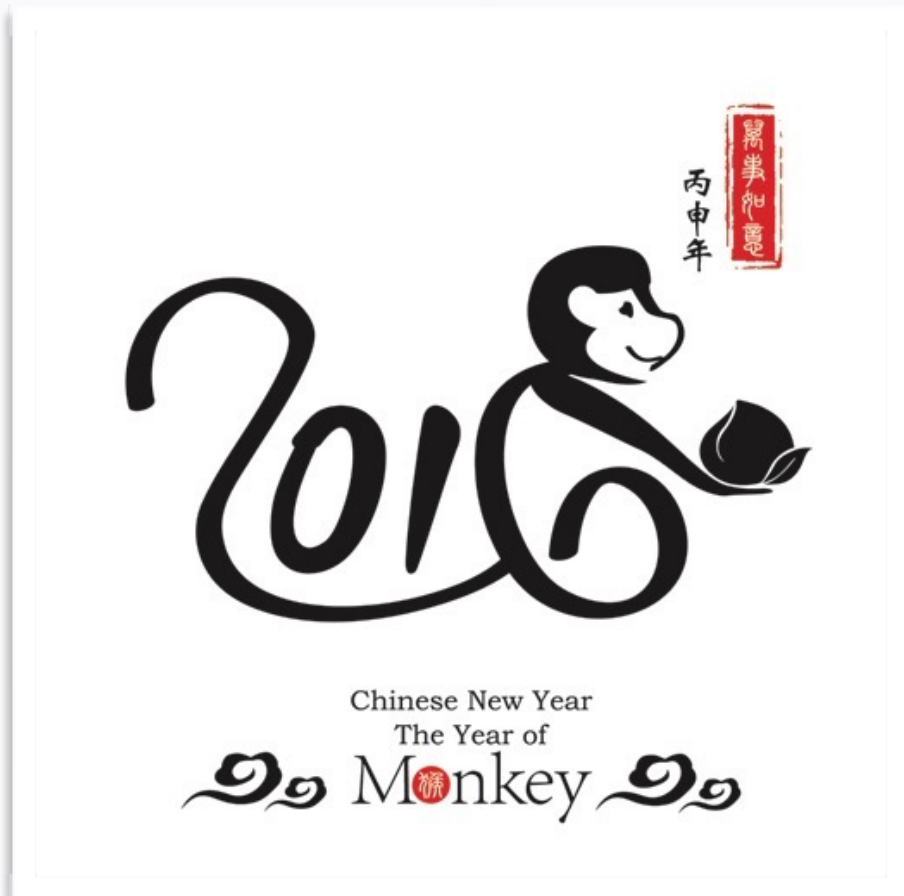


Glimpses of the Lunar New Year

Chinese New Year is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. It is also known as the Spring Festival, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Celebrations traditionally run from the evening preceding the first day, to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first calendar month. The first day of the New Year falls on the new moon between 21 January and 20 February. In 2016, the first day of Chinese New Year falls on Monday, 8 February. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_New_Year)

Different Brothers' Communities in LEAD Celebrated the Lunar New Year in their own ways. I've attached photos below to give you glimpses of the Brothers' Lunar New Year in Singapore and Hong Kong:

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Brothers in Singapore had their 2nd Country Gathering at St. Joseph's Community on February 5 and had a combined birthday dinner (for Larry and Gregory) and new year dinner at a nearby restaurant. Br. Dominic Chong, was able to be with them during the new year.

Brothers in Hong Kong had a quieter new year's celebration. Aside from the annual visit from Old Boys to the Brothers for tea and catching up, a few Brothers from Kowloon visited the Brothers in Hong Kong Island for afternoon tea on February 9.

Wishing everyone peace, joy and prosperity!

(Photos from: <http://freedesignfile.com/upload/2015/12/Chinese-2016-new-year-with-monkey-year-creative-vector-03.jpg>, Kelvin, and Sockie)



Battle of Manila, February 12, 1945

Today we remember the 16 Brothers and 26 civilians killed by the Japanese Armed Forces during the Battle of Manila in 1945.

The following had taken shelter/resided at the DLSU Campus and were massacred by the Japanese Armed Forces:

Carlos Family

Jose
Juanita
Asela
Cecilia
Antonio
Mateo (surname unknown)

The Cojuangco Family

Antonio, M.D.
Victoria Uychuico
Natividad de las Alas
Antonio
Ricardo Bartolome
Carlos (surname unknown)
Apolinario (surname unknown)
The Aquino Family
Trinidad Cojuangco
The Kahn Family
Pierre
Josephine

The Uychuico Family

Clemente, M.D.
Ramon
The Vasquez-Prada Family
Enrique Sr.
Helen Loewinsohn
Enrique Jr.
Herman
Alonso
Armenia (surname unknown)

College Employees

Anselmo Sudlan
Pamphilio Almodan
Ceferino Villamor



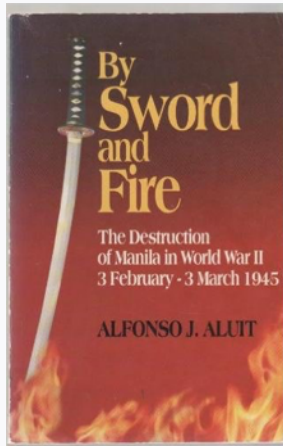
De La Salle Christian Brothers

- Brother Egbert Xavier FSC - Director
- Brother Flavius Leo FSC
- Brother Alemond Lucian FSC
- Brother Baptist De La Salle Janos FSC
- Brother Adolf Gebhard FSC
- Brother Berthwin Philibert FSC
- Brother Arkadius Maria FSC
- Brother Friedbert Johannes FSC
- Brother Gerfried Joseph FSC
- Brother Lambert Romanus FSC
- Brother Mutwald William FSC
- Brother Paternus Paul FSC
- Brother Rornuald Sixtus FSC
- Brother Hartmann Hubert FSC
- Brother Maximin Maria FSC
- Brother Victorinus Heinrich FSC

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(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_La_Salle_Brothers_Philippine_District)

Below is an excerpt from the book, *By Sword and Fire: The Destruction of Manila in World War II, 3 February - 3 March 1945* by Alfonso J. Aluit (as quoted by Gen. Alan Cabalquinto in <http://www.pinoyexchange.com/forums/showthread.php?t=334445>)



Brother Leo Flavius FSC, 69, formerly Dean of Studies at De La Salle College, was knowledgeable in Oriental languages and understood Japanese. When he heard the Japanese officer's command, Brother Leo slipped to his knees from the bench by the cellar door where he had been sitting with Father Cosgrave and cried, "On your knees, everyone! Father Cosgrave, please grant us absolution!"

The shooting and bayoneting began!

Ramon Cojuangco, 20, stood with his recent bride, the former Natividad de las Alas, also 20, near the cellar door. Now he dashed into the cellar to warn his mother and the others inside. His wife screamed and dashed after him but was overtaken by a Japanese who lunged with his bayonet. She fell, mortally wounded.

When Ramon Cojuangco popped into the cellar to shout a warning, many of those inside rushed out panic-stricken, among them his mother, Mrs. Victoria Cojuangco who was toting her adopted son, Ricardo, 3; Mrs. Felicidad Uychuico and Dionisia Carlos. They met with bayonets outside the cellar door. Mortally stricken, Mrs. Cojuangco crawled back into the cellar and would perish in minutes. She had lost hold of her son, Ricardo, who was critically wounded and now lay bloodied by the door. Mrs. Uychuico and Dionisia Carlos were wounded slightly and stumbled back into the cellar. The others had stayed put inside and were unscathed.

The Uychuico maidservant Clarita Roldan, 17, was sitting on the bottom steps of the staircase when she heard the first shot. She dove under a mattress which lay at her feet on the floor and stayed there.

The Japanese split into two groups. One pursued those who ran up the staircase while the others busied itself into the foyer.

Brother Leo was on his knees before Father Cosgrave, seeking absolution. Father Cosgrave raised his right arm to make the sign of the cross over the kneeling Brother and at this precise moment, the Japanese struck with his bayonet. It passed under Father Cosgrave's arm into Brother Leo's chest. The Brother slumped against the priest's legs and the latter could not move. Now the Japanese turned his bayonet on Father Cosgrave. The priest was hit in the right side of the chest and found himself sprawling on the floor.

Read more at: <http://www.pinoyexchange.com/forums/showthread.php?t=334445>

Blue Sky Home

History of Blue Sky Home

The La Salle Children's home, Sangklaburi, was started in 2012 using temporary facilities in Miss Wirawan's house. The present building was built by the staff and students of Saint Bede's College, Melbourne, Australia during their holidays in August and September 2013. Our great thanks to them.

Description

The La Salle Children home is a residential care facility that provides both long and short term services to children 6 to 18 years of age who have experienced abuse, neglect, violence, abandonment, and/or are in need of supervised care. Located within the Parmenie campus of La Salle School Sangklaburi, it provides services to children of every race, creed, color, and religion. We provide an environment where children feel secure, loved and have a sense of belonging.

The Home's programs and activities provide an opportunity for the children to attend La Salle school and develop self-esteem, and experience trusting relationships with peers and adults. Our programs focus on enhancing each child's ability to function successfully in society with attention to accountability and community safety

Vision

To provide a substitute home for dependent and neglected children, and To restore the broken lives of children from broken families.

Mission

La Salle Children's Home provides residential and community services to children who experience disruption in their lives. By utilizing its human, physical, behavioral, and financial resources, La Salle Children's Home builds on the strengths of those served to promote long-term well-being and success. We never turn a needy child away.

Presently, there are 17 students: 16 girls and 1 boy.

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(by Br. John Pongpat FSC)



Reminders

- Please register your attendance to annual retreats (all Brothers) and flight details (those travelling to a retreat outside their countries). **I hope you can do this before the weekend.** Attendance: <http://goo.gl/forms/x5wbeVLnuA> and Flight Details (ONLY for those flying in to another country for their retreat): <http://goo.gl/forms/ID1vkVVvfJ>
- LEAD Directors' Workshop Participants, Organizers, and Resource Persons, please register your attendance and flight details **before the weekend.** The Steering Committee needs to make preparations for the workshop in April. Please register online for Attendance: <http://goo.gl/forms/nyvvK9eW28> and for Flight Details: <http://goo.gl/forms/vjgiD3b5Zi>
- The first draft of the LEAD Directory 2015-2016 has been sent to your emails. Please give corrections or missing data to Br. Sockie **before Saturday**. sockie.delarosa@gmail.com



Health and Wellness

Cabbage. Cabbage contains sinigrin, a phytonutrient that may help prevent cancer, while red cabbage offers anthocyanins potentially helping lower the risk of chronic ailments. EAT IT. Shred up cabbage to health up taco night.

SUPERFOODS (Runner's World, December 2015 issue, page 46 – 47)

Fraternally,

Edmundo Fernandez FSC
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