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Editorial

The second International Assembly of MEL (IAMEL2013) marks the beginning of international meetings which will end with the General Chapter scheduled from April 22 to June 2, 2014. From this end, new teams will be in place both at the regional and the Institute level. These new teams will be responsible for the implementation of the action lines from the General Chapter. Each Region will be able to promote the implementation at the Districts level; the Brother Visitors in turn will bring these lines of action into concrete achievements to all Brothers and the Lasallian family.

That is why it is important for everyone to reflect on the questions he would like to see addressed in the General Chapter. As announced in the last issue of our Newsletter, everyone is invited to read documents which may help him to live this momentous event of the General Chapter for our Institute: Circular 468 (Convocation of the 45th General Chapter) shall be the reference for good preparation. At the same time as the actual preparation, each District shall elect as soon as possible its delegates to the Chapter.

As a reminder, for RELAF, Lwanga District of Africa has the right to two delegates and two substitutes.

Other Districts and the Delegation of Rwanda are entitled to one delegate and one substitute. The deadline for submitting names of delegates and substitutes to the Brother Secretary General 45capgen@lasalle.org is September 1, 2013. However, some have already done it. This will give them more time to prepare their representatives for the Chapter. And administrative challenges that we face require early preparation so that we shall not miss the opening ceremony of the Chapter.

In this issue of our Newsletter, there are of course news from our communities and education centers. We invite you to always send that we first have a better understanding of ourselves, and then to better share our experiences with other members of the Lasallian Family. Our newsletter is increasingly read beyond RELAF and we have a duty to maintain the consistency in its release. But we also have a duty to strengthen its content to make it even more attractive. Together we can meet this challenge because we are all part of the Editors' Team. Everyone always has something to share with others and learn from them. And do not be afraid to send us your articles. There will never be too much.

*Brother Gabriel SOME
General Councillor for RELAF*

Echo 1A MEL

ONE FAMILY, ONE MISSION: Lasallians associated for Educational Service of the Poor

We are happy to share with you our news and beautiful experience at the International Assembly 2013 which took place from May 5 to 17 at the General House in Rome where 150 delegates from 80 countries and thirty guests gathered.

Indeed, our District has been represented by three delegates: Chantal, Sr. Odette and Br. Julian. Here are some highlights during this meeting:

Our meeting began with a prayer. On this occasion, we gathered at the entrance of the General House by Region. We were joined by students from La Salle School, located just behind the General House. Gesture that was an integral part of our prayer: each student gave a heart to a delegate at the meeting, and in return the delegate offered a star to the student.

This was an opportunity for both local and International Lasallian Mission to meet.

We then went in procession to Saint John Baptist de La Salle sanctuary, the central chapel of the house, accompanied by dancers from San Giuseppe, a Lasallian secondary school in Rome. Inside the sanctuary, they presented a moving liturgical dance illustrating the passage of Scripture which recounts Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush.

After the prayer, we walked in silence to the Aula Magna, "the great amphitheater" which is the place of our general assemblies during those two weeks. Brother Alvaro addressed the Assembly thanking us for our service to the Lasallian Family in our Educational Ministry in the Lasallian Association for the Mission, and our participation in this International Assembly.





He summarized very well the purpose of our meeting: *« we gather as members of one family involved in a mission to assess what we have witnessed over the last seven years, and especially to think about the future of the ministry that the Lord has placed in our hands, serving children and youth, especially the poor, those who are not loved, the excluded and forgotten in our world.»* Brother Alvaro invited us to pay particular attention to these young people during the meeting, recognizing that we share a common purpose, *« a call to be instruments of salvation for the young, especially the poor, those who are not loved ones who are lost, those who do not find meaning in their lives, those who have lost their landmarks.»*

After the opening ceremony, a few personalities gave some reflections in line with the purpose of the Assembly. Then, representatives of each Region presented a report for about fifteen minutes. These reports focused on particular challenges that each Region face in the course of its Mission. Many challenges are common to many, if not all Regions focused on the three following themes:

Pedagogy, Educational Community, Pastoral and Evangelization.

These challenges include: the needs of youth, especially young people at risk, effective strategies to meet those needs, the increasing diversity of cultures and religions in the Lasallian, the impact of a growing secular culture, the constant need for formation in the Lasallian mission strengthens the identity, the search for financial resources for the Lasallian centers are accessible to poor youth and the need to identify and train the next generation of Lasallian formators.

These two weeks were occupied for sharing experiences, cultures, not to mention the two days of innovative reflection.

On the last day of the Assembly, Brother Alvaro gave some closing remarks, thanking delegates for their work together and by association. He highlighted the major challenges and the suggested answers for the future of the Lasallian mission.

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever!

*Brother Julien RATSIMBAZAFY,
Responsible for MEL, Antananarivo District*

Some news from AI MEL Representatives

Back to their places of assignment from the International Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission (AIMEL) in Rome, I picture the shared experiences of each other. In this situation, there are always two sets of sharing: what is official requiring formal treatment, at the same time removing all the spice to the facts, and what is informal or less formal but has its side very pungent. My sharing makes no distinction between the two aspects ... and we are free to choose that which pleases us.



Mr. Issa Kone from Akwaba center in Abidjan had a remarkable participation in the meeting and appreciated by most of the delegates. He resumed service Akwaba after his return from Rome. Issa thank you for the lesson you give us on the universality of the Lasallian mission.

Mr. Vitalis, our representative in the preparatory commission, went out of his way to be at the meeting. And because he was the kingpin in the preparation and participation of representatives of RELAF the meeting. And yet, at the opening, it does not show up. What was happening? Is that Vitalis had to choose between attending his wife who had difficulty giving birth and whose outcome was more disturbing as time passed, and coming to the assembly he had set his heart to prepare .

In his view, we were torn between relief and anxiety, especially when we learned that his wife had not given birth. But apart from those who knew the situation Vitalis, nobody could guess the dilemma he lived: he was always smiling.

Yet a few days after his arrival, it was found that the smile was more open. The good news arrived: his wife had given birth and well as they say in these cases, mother and baby were doing well. Lasallian family grew. At the opening ceremony in the afternoon, the conference room hosted Vitalis into thunderous applause. Phew!!!, what is well ends well. At the end of the Assembly, Vitalis flew to embrace his wife and child.

Vitalis, thank you for the lesson of detachment!



In her eagerness to tell her husband the Roman experience upon her return to the country of *upright men*, Ms. Nanema/Dala Rose found herself falling without even a parachute. What has happened?



In Rome, Mrs Nanema recalled her past great sport experience to stand despite the many slippery crossings such as the hills of Assisi, the mounting Piazza del Popolo and the treadmill that are off balance . She managed valiantly her passing exam even when the treadmill that was blocked from the descent was recovering suddenly and started when we were halfway.

When you're walking down stairs and suddenly an invisible force takes you to the floor without warning, you must be strong not to fall. Mrs. Nanema achieved this feat. And that is certainly what she wanted to tell Mr. Nanema. Unfortunately she found herself on the ground without understanding what was happening. In the fall, she broke her right wrist. Why depriving her students and send her home for three weeks when she could tell the family with a clear head, her most successful achievements. Do not worry Mrs. Nanema. Nobody will want you to have missed a shot. In a game, there are always shots on target which do not yet cross the goal line.

Brother Gabriel SOME,

Feast of the Founder: SJBDLS



May 15 Celebration in Togoville

Friday, May 10, 2013, St. Augustine Secondary School of Togoville celebrated in anticipation the feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle [...] Early in the morning, to ensure that the celebration goes well, some boarding students have taken the initiative to make the yard clean and prepare the chapel for the occasion. Before moving on to activities organized for this day, we gave thanks to God for his blessings during this school year in a Eucharist Celebration which was led by the parish priest, Father Didier MESSAN. For this event, we hosted a group of Young Lasallians from the University of Lomé, alumni from Saint Augustine-Togoville and Saint Athanasius- Dapaong Secondary Schools.

These Young Lasallians, accompanied by Brother Francis GOZE, came to present to students the importance of Lasallian Youth Movement (YL), which unfortunately is disappearing.

The special touch to the feast of the Founder this year has been the commitment of students themselves in the culinary arts.

Indeed, each class with the help of its teacher, was organized to provide meals. We experimented with our students, organizational skills and qualities that some of them have in the culinary arts. So we shared together lunch.[...]

To conclude the activities related to De La Salle, the community has also organized a small celebration on Monday of Pentecost, May 20, 2013. At 11:40 am, we welcomed our guests (Parish priests, two sisters of the girls boarding school, deputy Boys' master and the three winners of the "Contest La Salle").

Just after the Eucharistic celebration, we shared a fraternal agape. You could see in all the faces the joy of being together in De La Salle.

Have a wonderful holiday and May Jesus live in our hearts forever!

*Brother Brice AKAGBO,
Gulf of Benin District*

Rwanda: 60 years of Lasallian Presence



*« Yesterday was John Baptist De La Salle; today, it's us.
By our works let us make known De La Salle »*

On May 15, 2013, two schools: De La Salle Academy and the Groupe Scolaire De La Salle (TTC De La Salle) Byumba have paid tribute to Saint John Baptist De La Salle. The festivities began on May 14 in the evening characterized by songs, poems, short plays and dances, praising the greatness of St. John Baptist de la Salle.

On May 15, 2013, the Mass was led by the Bishop of the Diocese of Byumba, Serverien surrounded by the priests of the parish. 27 young people received the sacrament of confirmation, including three who were baptized the same day.

Many former students and Friends came to join the brothers for this occasion: the honorable Senator SEBUHORO Celestin and the Mayor of the district of Bulera, Mr Samuel SEMBAGARE. In their speeches, they admitted that the education received at the Brothers' School is unique, it is a quality education. This is still St. John Baptist de La Salle acting. That day, a solidarity fund was organised to help young people who are unable to cover their tuition.

*Brother Ernest TUGANEYEZU
Delegation of Rwanda*



Inauguration at CSPF



The new building of the Centre

Friday, May 24, 2013, the Social Center Women has inaugurated a brand new building. As a reminder to readers of our newsletter, the Social Centre is an initiative of Signum Fidei Madagascar founded in 1995 and is intended for young school girls. A literacy project was originally the center. Two years later, the Group Signum Fidei realized it had to prepare these children for their future. Thus it was decided to turn it into a Social Center where young girls can learn crafts. In 1997, the center started its training in weaving, knitting and embroidery with about twenty young girls in the neighborhood. In addition, there was a gap in the education given to them, and there introduced other subjects like Household Education, Religion, Civism, etc...

It is worth noting that purpose is to provide education and training to disadvantaged girls from poor

and needy families in order to train them as future well prepared mothers. The center also aims to provide a Christian education, and formation on socio-cultural development. The formation lasts for three years and awarded with an official certificate "*End of training.*" Today, eleven educators and trainers forms the thirty young girls in the Center.

The inaugural celebration began with a Mass of thanksgiving to the Lord, He who illuminated the hearts of benefactors and members of Signum Fidei during the construction. Lasallian Family of District Antananarivo, Brothers, Friends of the Signum Fidei and the people from Anosibe neighborhood headed by the chief of the district took part in the celebration.

After blessing the new building, according to the Malagasy tradition, '*vary tondrahan dronono-aman-tantely*' (rice mixed with honey and milk) and drinks were served to welcome all guests, a festive meal during which the Young girls Centre presented their songs, dances, exhibitions sale.

According to Mrs. RAHELIMAMPIANINA Liva, a member of Signum Fidei and Director of the Center, the new building will host Formation in hairdressing, computer and a boarding home for girls students. The main hall could be rented for the self sufficiency of the Centre.

Brother Michel TOLOJANAHARY



The Farm School in Talba

Considered to be the sector that began the ZOA John School at the time of the School of Rural and Craft Occupations Talba, the Farm School now operates in three areas: animal production, crop production and processing. However, it has not abandoned its role in training in the School.

With regard to animal production, the farm has a piggery, of a poultry house with hens, a lapinerie, a sheepfold composed of sheep and goats, a farmyard in which include ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowl and pigeons.

It has a mixer and a grinder for manufacturing of the domestic Feed livestock production. In crop production, the farm has a palm grove of 3.5 ha and a little cocoa production, a nursery and finally some vegetable crops such as tomatoes, black nightshade, the funny, cabbage, basil. And for these crops, we use many organic fertilizers.

In the area of processing, we have a mill that not only allows us to extract oil from our nuts, but also for the local people for their own extractions.

Currently, external extractions are limited to the production of pulp and we are now thinking about the possibility of complete extractions for those who want it.

As for the training itself, the priority being given to Jean ZOA students college. It goes to the 6th grade class at the end of the fourth with a certificate of completion of training for those who have obtained a final average score greater than or equal to 12/20 during the three years of training. The formation of to an initiation to the production techniques of plant and animal matter.

In sum, our farm is for most of Mbam and Kim moment. Also slowly moving to a farm production, we hope to soon update the items such as slumbering store for phytosanitary products and the provision of feed.

*Mr. MBALLA Sylvestre
Douala District*

Self Reliance Project in Eritrea

Poultry farm in Villagio community

In line with the District policy of self reliance Bro. Nuud is rearing poultry in his small community of Villagio. Villagio is



not a huge property in which to rear poultry but somehow, Br. Nuud was able to squeeze the poultry farm creatively in the corner of the compound. He started the project with ten chickens and presently they are more than two hundred. He does not use incubators for hatching eggs; he completely uses the natural form of hatching. No artificial means are used, everything is natural and he likes it that way.

Most important of all is that Bro. Nuud has passion and enthusiasm for the poultry farm.

He works wholeheartedly and passionately and as a result, when other

neighboring chickens are wiped away by disease his remain healthy and untouched (thanks be to God).

He is busy with his studies and teaching practice but he still finds time to take care of the chickens.

When he started this project Bro. Nuud had a clear goal to accomplish. His main goal was to supply eggs to his Community and the neighboring Communities particularly the Novitiate and the Scholasticate communities. Did he accomplish his goal? Of course he did. Presently he is supplying eggs to his Community, the Novitiate and Scholasticate Communities on a regular basis. He also supplies the Communities with chickens for Feasts and Holidays. In return the two Communities (Novitiate and Scholasticate) contribute some money for chicken feed. It has been long time since the Communities stopped buying eggs from the market - thanks to such a great project!!

Source: Lwanga Newsclip

Evolution of CFP DE LA SALLE - Conakry

Now that my two-week visit to Conakry comes to an end, the idea came to my mind to inform the Brothers of the District on the development of the Centre. Its geographical isolation sometimes causes "drought in information."

During the first week I spoke with two Brothers (Christopher and Leon), the Cooperating (Javier) and Volunteer (Eric). Javier, who is the current Acting Director, has prepared me for an appointment with the National Director of Private Education, the Director of OCPH (OCDI), the Minister and the Secretary General of the Ministry of employment, Technical Education and Vocational Training, the CEO of the company cements Guinea, Archbishop of Conakry, the National Director of Catholic Education, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain.

Two cases were dealt with the Ministry: request permission to open the BT and apply for a grant for the Centre

The District Council had approved April 14, 2012 the phasing out of BEP and implementation of BT (technical certificate). We have presented the case to the Minister. The program changes a little, but the recruitment of students does not change: it will be done amongst students who have BEPC and have no BAC. According to statistics that the Secretary General of the Ministry has shown us, students who obtain the BAC each year does not exceed 30%. We must do something about all these young people who may find themselves without training and skilled employment. A change, anyway, in the sectors of BT: The Secretariat will be replaced by Finance and Banking.

The second file is submitted to the Minister a grant application. The crisis experienced by Spain pushes us to seek other sources of funding.

To tuition fees and donors Spanish funds should be add a third source of funding: the state. You never know what can happen with our economic dependence on the outside. It is better to explore other opportunities and to anticipate events.

Logically, we know that this grant application is unlikely to succeed as we wish. At least in the short term. But we must try. The Minister has explained the situation: whether to accept our request, all centers will rush to apply for a grant. It seems that we may explore another channel should: Evaluate the Centers to select those who would be subsidized.

Back at home we put on paper our suggestion of criteria for evaluating the Centers applying for a grant. This will be our contribution to the reflection from the Minister.

Javier continues his work to contact companies that hire our students. It is estimated that 80% of the finalists find a job. This is the best service we can render to the Guinean youth. It seems that the Professional Training should be a driving force to give a new impetus to development in Africa. President Alpha Conde, in his speech, said these words: "... we endeavour to replace the Technical Education and Professional Training as an engine of economic growth and sustainable development ..."

*Brother José-Manuel SAURAS
Visitor of Gulf of Benin District*

Initial Formation: Preparation of vows

It has been requested that we make a contribution on "preparation for vows" with the indication of three components: the preparatory retreat, the meaning of consecration and the end of the novitiate as the start of a mission..

"Preparation" suggests a process and therefore marked by time factor. It also refers to specific actions to a result already known from experience or to be preliminary stages of a final act. The concept of readiness, thus understood, extends the meaning of our words. An extension that also suggests an invitation to explore the meaning of consecration. For, to capture what "to devote himself" means for a novice, it must be part of a process. It is a route that lasts twenty months and is called *"formation."*

Formation is the real preparation for vows better consecration. Also before making out the meaning of consecration and that is the end of the novitiate, let us see what *"forming"* means.

Why talk about a restitution of the true meaning of formation? This need has emerged since that reflections on the nature of the "education" analysis. The sense that it is generally recognized is as inclusive, more substantial than the formation." In short it refers to all activities that are conducted to allow younger generations to "work" for themselves.

Education should enable them to take charge of their own lives, to access their human humanity. An idea that ROUSSEAU develops, for whom education is neither more nor less than to train a man who knows how to live. "Living is the job I want to teach him. Coming out of my hands, it will not, I agree, neither judge nor soldier, nor priest, he will first be human: everything a man should be, it will be necessary as well as that whatsoever, and fortune will never change place that it is always his.

What about formation? The repertoire of its forms is vast. We may talk among others: "initial formation", "continuing formation", "fromation", "certified formation", "qualified formation". In the analysis, despite the specific meaning of its occurrences, *formation* is seen in a logic of professional competence. It responds to the need to stay in synchronization with the rapid changes in the world of employment. It allows you to develop skills in a particular area of human activities. And paradoxically, the term *"initial formation"* is used to refer to the same educational institution which is the school.

If the term education is total, in the case of the novitiate, there should be no question of "initial education" to refer to the first stage of initiation into religious life. In the same logic, those in charge, called "educators" and not "Formators". In fact, the novitiate is a place of learning experiences. "Formative", a word which suggests the idea of a profound change induced by internalization of values and which is to be seen through attitudes, skills and new behaviors.

The training plan, training program and activities of the novitiate they not have the same objectives as the educational process? The novitiate is not there a purpose for the transformation of the person in line with his new living option?

The primacy of richness of the term *education* over the term *Formation* does not it come from the reduction of formation to one of its preferred forms which is professional learning?

The non-inclusion of Novitiate in the register of educational institutions therefore called to explore other sense of formation. Its removal from the world of education certifies that it is the place of something more specific.

We will explore the two terms "*Formation*" and "*Education*" in order to detect, in the scope of their meanings, their interrelationships. A process of clarification which reveals the specificity of Formation.

Meaning of to "educate"

The survey in dictionaries highlights four meanings of the concept of "educating".

The pole "educate". It has two meanings. The first is given by its origin, "educare" which means first feed, raise animals. The second is Educare was certainly influenced by "educere", which means, take out, lead off. This suggests the positioning in relation to a level which is to change, to bring to a higher stage. This may be just as intellectual or moral, and physical.

The pole "to teach". It tends to describe the operation method. In Latin, "insignare" is put a mark, confer distinction. This underlines the institutional aspect of the activity. Teaching is an intentional education which is exercised in an institution whose goals are explicit, codified methods, which is provided by professionals.

The pole "instructing" is aimed primarily to transmit content. "Instruere" from which it was derived, means, insert, build, equip. Instructing is to help the mind to build, deliver equipment or intellectual tools. Terms that belong to the field of meaning to *instruction* are enlightening: inform, warn, advise, initiate. Ultimately, it is transmitted to teach someone the information to enlighten him.

(to be continued...)

Brother Valère ONDONSOU
Director of Interafrican Novitiate
Bobo Dioulasso—Burkina Faso

Initial Formation: First profession of vows

Last Thursday, June 13, six novices of Bsed John Paul II Group publicly made their first religious commitment saying the formula of vows during a Eucharistic celebration. The Mass was concelebrated by four priests and animation of liturgy was done by the choir of the inter novitiate.



The Professed are two Mozambican Cristiano MARIO and Francisco LUCIANNO and four Malagasy Antriniaina ANDRIANARISOA, Hoby RANDRIAMAHADISON, Jean Marc and RANDRIANANDRASANA OMARD Roger Heriniaina. Before a Christian assembly of more than one hundred people (religious, lay people, relatives, friends and acquaintances), they said their "yes" to Jesus Christ by the concrete choices of life in the Brothers of the Christian Schools and in Educational Service of the poor. The two Mozambican said their vows in Portuguese, then the Malagasy in French. The Vows are received by F. January DEMBELE, Visitor of the District of West Africa.

These Brothers chose their motto which is *"mystical and prophetic religious life."*

It is taken from theme of "novitiate mystical prophet" who led their journey of two years of formation in the Novitiate. [...]

After the celebration, the professed shared a meal together with all those who have come to attend the celebration. This religious Profession, was very successful, and it is the last asset Brothers



Valere ADONSOU and Mamy RABARONE respectively Director and member of the novitiate formation team. After six years (two terms) of availability and fruitful service to the Novitiate, the two Brothers returned to their District for a new mission. Dear Brothers, thank you for everything and courage to your new mission.

To the six newly professed, we would like first to welcome them all to the Institute and Lasallian Family. We wish them a fruitful mystical and prophetic religious life, promising them our fraternal support.

*Brother Jacques MONCHEBI,
Interafrican Novitiate - Bobo Dioulasso*

Reflection : Silence is worth Gold

The purpose of your life is not to be quiet but to love your brothers, know yourself and receive your God. You need to learn to listen, to enter the deepest of yourself and you rise above you. Silence invites you to all this Search for it with love and vigilance. But beware of the false silence, your silence should not be taciturn or frowning, or disciplinary or systematic or stiff, or asleep. True silence is opened to peace, to worship, to love.

Live your silence, not to make you suffer. You will not want it unless you know its value and price. No theory can convince you. But when you get the taste, you can no longer do without it. It is a practice for God outside the world or because you heard about this from another and that you are looking for the word to have it .

Pray and ask for the grace of true silence of which Mary has the secret, she faithfully kept all her memories and pondered them in her heart.

If you love truth, be lover of silence. Like the sun, you will be illuminated by God. It will free you from false knowledge and God himself will open the silence.

God is silence, the power of his word came to us from the peaceful silence. And it is in the whisper of a gentle breeze that was revealed to his prophet. Your silence will open to listening to the Supreme word and you'll hear the inside you get a voice whispered, "Come to God, you will open your heart to the joy of the presence and grace of worship.

"The material silence will introduce to the spiritual silence, and spiritual silence will actually brings you up to God, but if you cease to

live in silence, you will not be able to speak with God.

And the silence leads you to God and God brings you to silence: "Whoever does the Will of God never ceases to hear his inner voice.

May the Lord be your hollow thus expectation and call directing your life to receive and keep the Word of the Father the Son, in the peace of the Spirit. Taste this divine Word said entirely in silence: silence that is Trinitarian full of attention, respect, sharing and love. Only the contemplation of this mystery will lead you to live your turn to secret of internalized silence, and your whole being, in its peaceful and very quiet will become God. You'll be like John, witness of the light.

At work, in the street, private and public transport in the midst the hubbub of the city, take with you the secret of inner silence. Take each day a wide ranges of silence, and when the evening comes, meditate on your bed in peace and silence. God lives in you, listen to him. Silence is the momentum of your prayer in the heart of the city and the peace of your soul every day.

*Collected by
Brother RAKOTOMANGA Pierre Joseph
Antananarivo District*

International Young Brothers' Assembly, 2013



"...I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Letter announcing the International Young Brothers' Assembly

Dear Brothers,

As the Institute looks forward to the 45th General Chapter, we are happy to officially announce to you that the International Young Brothers' Assembly (mandated by the 44th General Chapter) will take place from July 29 to August 7 at De La Salle University, Dasmarias City, Cavite, Philippines. Forty (40) Young Brothers will participate and represent their respective Regions at the Assembly: RELEM (8), RELAL (14), RELAF (8), RELAN (5) and PARC (8)

It is envisaged that the International Young Brothers' Assembly will provide a unique opportunity for Young Brothers:

To reflect and strengthen their identity,

To appreciate and promote our vocation as Brothers,

To express their dreams, concerns and hopes for the years to come,

To discern together and continue to commit themselves to the Lasallian Education Mission for the young especially the poor, in line with the theme: ***'I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly'*** (Jn.10, 10)

It is therefore our hope and we hope is yours too that this Assembly will be a grace-filled moment for the entire Institute. In view of this, we appreciate the efforts of every Sector, Delegation, District, Region and the Preparatory commission towards the preparation of this assembly. Once again, we would like to invite you personally, collectively, in your communities, sectors, Delegations and Districts and Regions, to unite and pray together, from now onwards, for the success of this Assembly. We recommend the following prayers to be used prior to and during the Assembly. Please find copies of these prayers and all other information related to the Assembly on our website:

<http://iyba.lasalle.org>

Finally, we would like to remind you that the outcome of this assembly will be the Young Brothers' contribution to the forthcoming General Chapter.

Therefore, we recommend that we all keep this important event in our schedule so as to unite and focus our intention to pray for all our Young Brothers.

Fraternally in De La Salle,

Bro. Alvaro Rodríguez E.

Brother Alvaro Rodríguez Echeverría
Superior General

In God's Glory

Brother Albert UWIHOREYE

Brother Albert died suddenly on March 26, 2013 at 10:15. He attended the Chrismal Mass. He came out of the church to go to confession. It was at the confessional that he fell into the arms of the Confessor.

His body was transferred to the hospital mortuary Kanombe. His funeral took place on April 1, 2013, after the transfer of the body to the Kanombe hospital morgue. Many people: friends, parents, Brothers and acquaintances came to say goodbye to the late Brother in the chapel of the Christian Brothers community in Byumba. The requiem mass was held in Byumba Cathedral church, and led by Bishop Servilien Nzakamwita, Bishop of Byumba Diocese, surrounded by several priests and diocesan Vicar General of Kigali Archdiocese, Father Andrew.



In his monition, Brother Jean Bosco Bigirimana, Director Groupe Scolaire De Lasalle Byumba made it clear that the departure of Brother should not make us sad. But is rather a sign of hope as "*Brother Albert is in the hands of God*," the circumstances in which he departed. Brother Albert died on Holy Tuesday and buried on Easter Monday. For the Brothers of the Christian Schools, it is sadness but also a joy. Sadness because we lost an elder brother and a joy because he precedes us to the Father. Let us note that some of our Brothers like Brother Francis Xavier Karenzi died on the Holy Week and was buried on Holy Tuesday in 2011. And our Founder St. John Baptist de la Salle died on Good Friday in 1719.

In his homily, the Bishop focused on the resurrection. Brother Albert died, he said, but he is alive for all who put their hope in Jesus Christ does not die but live forever. Brother died in the joy of Easter.

The evidence was shown how Brother Albert was rooted in his vocation as a Brother of the Christian Schools. He was a good teacher, teacher in different schools of the Brothers (Musanze School Group Scolaire de Byumba, Boma in Congo ...) he was responsible for the formation of the Brothers at postulancy and Scholasticate. Brother Albert loved the Church and served, he kept good relations with his native parish. Always concerned that there were religious and priestly vocations, he lamented the decline of the number of vocations. He was always close to his family.

*Brother Ernest TUGANEYEZU
Delegation of Rwanda,*

Good bye Brother Anselm UBA (April 4,1930—June 16, 2013)

Br. Anselm Uba, the first Nigerian De La Salle Brother, was born on April 4th 1930 at Amaifeke, Orlu, Imo State of Nigeria. He was baptized on the 4th of October 1930, received his First Communion on the 4th of March, 1941. He was confirmed on the 24th of May 1942. He was born of Gilbert Uba and Lucy Uba both of Amaifeke, Orlu, Imo State, Nigeria.

He started his religious training as a Postulant in 1957 at Akure in Ondo State. He entered his Novitiate formation in 1958 at Scarborough, Toronto, Canada. Consequently, he made his First Profession of Vows in 1959 at the De La Salle Brothers' chapel Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. When he returned to Nigeria in 1964, he made his final commitment of Religious Vows at St. Peter's College Akure, in 1965.



Brother Anselm Uba got his BA in Psychology in 1964 from the University of Windsor, Ontario Canada. After his final vows, he was enrolled at the University of Ibadan in Educational Psychology and got his M.Ed. in 1967. He also got his M.Phil. in Counseling Psychology in 1971 from the University of London. He continued his Ph.D. studies in Counseling Psychology at the University of Lagos and finished in 1980.

Brother Anselm taught in both Undergraduate and Graduate levels, at the College of Education in Malta for two years, at Abafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife Nigeria for thirteen years, at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya for eight years. He also taught at Nnamdi Azikiwe University Akwa Nigeria for three years, and Manhattan College, New York, USA, for a year. While he was at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa he was the founder and Head of the faculty of Education and Counseling Center respectively as well as associate Dean in the Faculty of Art and Social Sciences at different times between 1991 and 1998. Br. Anselm was also the Founder and Director of the Counseling Center at Igbinedion University Okada, Nigeria up till the time of his death.

While he was teaching at the Catholic University for Eastern Africa, Brother Anselm was one of the staff members of the De La Salle International Novitiate Nairobi. He served the Novices as a Counselor and lecturer in Educational Psychology.

Brother Anselm was also the author, editor and co-editor of eight books in Counseling and Educational Psychology.

In 1992, Brother Anselm Uba founded the University Sisters of Assumption, a women's Religious Congregation exclusively dedicated to the Counseling services of students, staff and the University.

Br. Anselm Uba, has been a friend, a guide, a counselor, an educator, and a spiritual father to many. He has touched and transformed the lives of many young people within Nigeria and abroad. He contributed to the development and growth of the Church and the society immensely.

When his funeral arrangement is set, we will be in touch with you.

May his soul rest in peace.

Fraternally,

Br. other Esayas Tzegay FSC
Visitor Lwanga District of Africa

Brief info

New Visitor assigned for Antananarivo District :

Brother Superior General has appointed Brother Mamy RABARONE, Visitor of the District of Antananarivo. He was for many years in the formation team in postulancy in his District of origin and at Inter-Novitiate in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso since 2007. Note that the District is in its 16th Chapter since last April. The second session of the Chapter was held from June 28 to 29, 2013. Congratulations to our Brother Mamy! We wish him good luck in his new responsibility.

CLAF 2013, à Antananarivo:

CLAF (African Lasallian Center), organized every two years is a 30-day retreat in preparation for perpetual vows for Young Brothers of Francophone Districts of RELAF. This year it will take place from July 22 to August 22, 2013 in Antananarivo. Around fifteen Young Brothers will participate in this retreat which will be led by a team of Brothers: Brother RAHARILALAO Hilaire, Brother Paul KABORE and Brother Julien RATSIMBAZAFY

Formation for RELAF Bursars:

A training session for all Bursars and a training session on Child Protection Policy for RELAF Districts will take place from July 22 to August 8, 2013 in Yaounde, Cameroon. It will be hosted by the Secretariat for Solidarity and Development.

Signum Fidei Assembly

The International Assembly of Signum Fidei will be held in Rome from July 1 to 12, 2013. RELAF Region will have some representatives for this International Assembly.

RELAF Young Brothers' Assembly:

The eight Young Brothers, representatives of RELAF to the International Assembly of Young Brothers will hold a meeting from 25th to 27th July at the De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines. The purpose of the meeting will be to share the reflections of the RELAF Young Brothers. Our Representatives will join the Young Brothers from other Regions at the Retreat and Conference Center at De La Salle University-Dasmarias, Cavite, Philippines where they will also participate in the International Assembly of Young Brothers.

Calendar

Some important dates

June 28—29	Antananarivo District Chapter 2nd session	Antananarivo
July 1—12	Signum Fidei Assembly	Rome
July 22 —August 8	RELAF Bursars' formation Formation on <i>Child Protection Policy</i>	Yaoundé
July 24—27	RELAF Young Brothers' Meeting	Manila
July 29 — August 7	International Young Brothers' Assembly	Manila
August 5—7	Douala District Chapter	Yaoundé

Brother Regional Councillor

May 5 —June 26	Rome
June 27—July 18	Abidjan—Burkina Faso
July 19 - August 4	Antananarivo District
August 5 -	Abidjan

Brother Regional Bursar

July 5—10	Ndjamena (Tchad)
July 11—21	Yaoundé (Preparation of the RELAF Bursars' formation)
July 22— August 8	Yaoundé (RELAF Bursars' formation)
August 9	Abidjan

Brother Regional Secretary

April 20— July 20	Internship Program	Antananarivo
July 23 — August 11	Young Brothers' International Assembly	Manila
August 12— September 15	Home leave	