

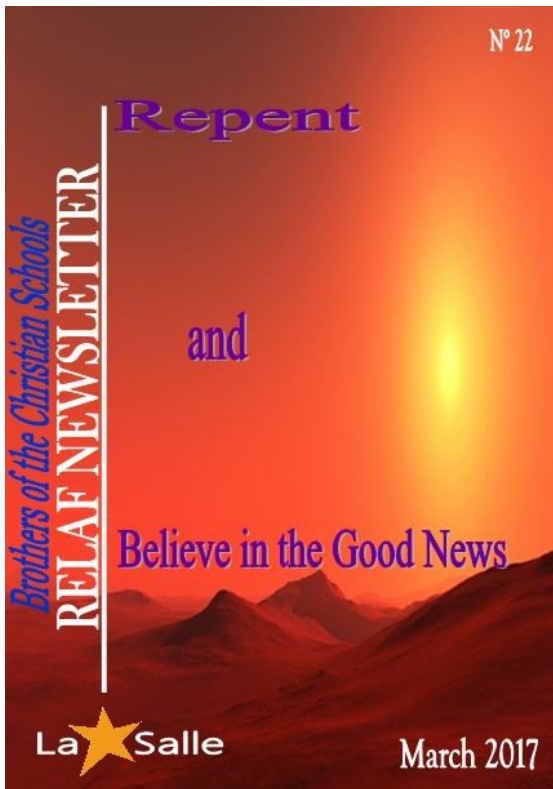
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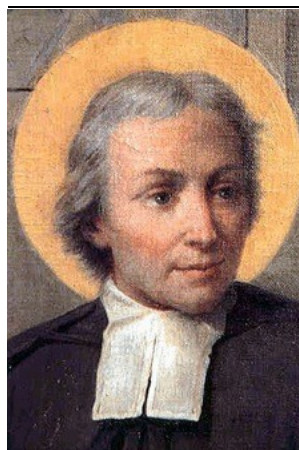
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# Editorial

Dear Brothers, dear Lasallians,

Being educators to the core, we can only be deeply hurt when we see children and young people deprived of their right to go to school...

And this situation is the crueler as it comes at a time when they are not always aware of the importance of studies for their future.

Chad, Guinea-Conakry, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso..., the list of countries is not exhausted here where children have spent weeks, even months, without being able to go to class because of strikes of teachers or even, sometimes, students. These strikes give rise frequently to violence which becomes sometimes lethal. They contribute to reduce hours of presence in class and without any doubt to depreciate the students' performance. Moreover, the poor pay the highest price for these recurrent strikes...

However, we are far from proclaiming the abolition of the right to strike. We want rather to denounce abuses caused by the exercise of this right... If a strike is not abusive in itself, the acts committed when it spreads out can encroach upon other rights... Is it absolutely unrealistic to sign a truce or a social contract to protect children's right to basic education at least? It follows that we will have to consider in this case accompanying measures.

If by creating reserves, we are able to take measures to protect animals and their environment, why not take the same action to protect the children's right to education, especially for the most vulnerable? What is the price we are paying for surviving, making of our whole social space a market and a place of power relationship? One of these days we should reinvent the strike, that is to say, to think it through again.

If we are able to impose on others that they should be supportive of a strike, which kind of solidarity are we showing to those of our students who have difficulty to get it in class, of parents who struggle to pay the school fees? If everybody is only responsible for his or her selfish interests, individual or group, we create a social context of generalized irresponsibility concerning the common good. Our social problems not always have exclusive political solutions ... If we expect everything from the government, whatever it may be, and nothing from ourselves, nothing really is going to change in the right direction.

What can we do in our Lasallian Schools trapped in this social turmoil? Dear Lasallians, regain your courage; dear Brothers, take heart ... The most important thing is not to be taken in by the wrong fight. Hold firm in the good fight... inspired by the Lasallian charism, let us strive to make our schools places of anticipation of a better society, laboratories of brotherhood...

May God help us and may Our Lady of the Christian Schools intercede for us.

*Yours in De La Salle, your Brother Pierre Ouattara.*

# Nigeria : News from Mount La Salle College, Naka

September is the beginning of academic session in Nigeria. Mount La Salle College, Naka started the process of admission earlier in May, 2016 when the Catholic Common Entrance Examination was written. It was followed by Late-In Take Examination in September, 2016. At the end of the process, the school finally, admitted a total number of one hundred and twenty-seven candidates; ninety-four into JSS 1 (Grade 7), twenty-seven into JSS 2 (Grade 8), four into SS 1 (Grade 10) and two into SS 2 (Grade 11). On the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, the school started the academic activities for the 1<sup>st</sup> Term 2016/2017 Session.

The school had a population of 591 students. A total of 137 students were boarders: 93 Boys and 44 Girls. A total of 454 students came from their homes: 275 Boys and 179 Girls. There were 60 Staff; 49 Staff are Male, while 11 are female. The number of teaching staff was 38, while that of the non-teaching staff was 22. Out of the 60 Staff, 28 Staff were degree holders, 15 Staff were NCE/OND holders and 17 held First Leaving Certificate.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, the new students were given orientation. During the orientation, the Dean of Students' Affairs, Mrs. Edith Ugwuanyi and the Dean of Studies, Mr. Orbunde Moses led the new students on the familiarisation tour of the school premises and facilities. At the weekend, the school organised a workshop for the New Teachers. Mr. Matthew Nwougwugwu, Lasallian Association Coordinator, and Mr. Ajav Thaddeus were the facilitators. The workshop was titled, 'The Presence of God'. Mr. Matthew took the teachers through the historical background of Lasallian Education. He emphasised teaching as a call from God and as a vocation rather than a job.



He went through the Founder's 12 Virtues of a good Teacher. Mr. Ajav, on his part explained who is a Lasallian Teacher. "A Lasallian Teacher opens the mind and touch the hearts", he said. He went through the characteristics of Lasallian Schools. The New teachers expressed gratitude for the workshop. Also, the early part of the school resumption witnessed the inauguration of the Prefects during the Opening Mass.

During the course of the term, the school participated in the series of competitions. For instance, some of students represented the school in the All Secondary Schools Games in the State. They won medals and trophies in the various categories of events. Also, three students won a scholarship awards after they came first in the Mathematics Competition organised by Nzuur Scholarship Scheme.

Former Students of Set 2006 celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their graduation from Mount La Salle College, Naka on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at the School Auditorium. At the occasion, they donated four white marker boards.

Furthermore, during the term the Staff and students of Mount La Salle College, Naka had an opportunity to chat with RELAN Staff and students on Skype. It was an exciting and interesting experience.

The term ended with Xmas Carols marked with presentations of songs, dramas, dances and jokes.

*Brother Patrick Obam  
Sector of Nigeria*



Mr. Orbunde Moses



Mr. Matthew

# Chad : CTAP "De La salle" History

In the beginning, there was a huge program set up by the Centre of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (FSC) for African countries. In this program, there was a project called "Chad project". The latter was launched in 1978.

Some years ago, the priests from the Company of Jesus (the Jesuits), pioneers of the Diocese of N'Djamena since 1947, worked in some parishes of the Diocese. They requested the presence of a Brother in heading private Catholic schools in Chad; the request was then sent to Rome in 1977. The General Superior by then, after having studied the request, entrusted the mission of the "Chadian foundation" to the region of France. Consequently, in March 08, 1978, the first French Brother landed in N'Djamena for the implementation of the Chad project. This is **Brother Bernard Jost**. For administrative and legal reasons, the Brothers present in Chad were entrusted to the Brother Visitor of the District of Douala by then (the current District of Central Africa), for him to carry out canonical visits.

In September 1978, precisely in September 13 of the same year, French **Brother Maurice MATHEY** joined Brother Bernard. In the absence of a Brothers' community, the first Brothers lived in the same community with the Jesuit Fathers. The mission of these two Brothers consisted primarily to facilitate the sessions and educational courses of teachers from primary schools, to undertake the educational follow-up of these teachers and to facilitate high school and college students' foyer.

Everything seemed set for the foundation of a Brothers' community in Chad!

And yet, what should not happen, happened!!?

The first Brothers experienced difficult times. Hotbeds of tension were noticeable in Toumaye's country. After various mediation attempts, peace agreements were signed between the Government and the parties in conflict (Frolinat, F.A.R, F.A.N.T). All the signatories were found in N'Djamena the capital.

While the protagonists were there, the civil war broke out in February 12, 1979. In the meantime, Brother Bernard Jost was in a locality called Bouso for a tour. The situation in the capital did not allow him to return to N'Djamena. He found himself obliged to hide in Sarh (city in the far south of N'djamena) like the other civilians fleeing the war. As for Brother Maurice, like the other missionaries residing in the capital, found refuge in neighbouring Cameroon. In Sarh where the Jesuits were also found, Brother Bernard continued his apostolate until January 1980. During the period of time when a government of national union was being put into place, the Brothers regained the capital. This was for a short period of time because on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1980, hostilities resumed. The Brothers once again found refuge in Cameroon. From Maroua to Cameroon, Brother Bernard Jost joined the diocese of Sarh where he continued to work with the primary schools still open despite the fighting which persisted and took long in the capital.



In between, Brothers Maurice and Jean-Paul CLEVAREC who were still in Maroua, came to join Brother Bernard in this part of the country where they will remain until June 1982, the date which also marks the end of the civil war in the capital.

Despite the situation of civil war, there was a semblance of peace in the southern part of the country. The Brothers were going to continue their mission. Their pastoral seemed well rooted on this side of the country, because in addition to the first three Brothers, two others will join them. It is Brother Joseph BOOMEN (Belgian), and Brother PELLETIER (Canadian). In N'djamena, quietness seems to have returned with the end of hostilities in 1982. The same year, Rome appointed a new archbishop, Bishop Charles VANDAME. The latter decided to recall all former missionaries who had deserted the capital given that the war was over. The Brothers decided to return to N'Djamena with the idea of opening a community.

The Brothers were present in two dioceses, that is, Sarh and N'Djamena. In Sarh, Brother Joseph Boomen was assigned to train young Chadians in automobile mechanics and to take care of the management of the Catholic mission's garage in Sarh. As for Brother Pelletier, he was responsible for all development projects of the Diocese. In N'djamena, Brother Maurice Mathey collaborated in the training of the city teachers, Brother Bernard Jost continued his work of pedagogical advisor in the two dioceses; the third Brother in N'Djamena community, Brother Jean-Paul Glevarec was assigned to be in charge of the apparatus and rehabilitation centre for people with physical disabilities.

At the end of 1983, three out of the five Brothers were forced to go home for health and family reasons. Those are Brothers Joseph, Bernard and Jean- Paul. Therefore, in 1984, there were only two Brothers in Chad; Brother Maurice in N'Djamena and Brother Louis René in SARH. As the Brothers continued to stay with the Jesuits, their presence was not visible despite the work they were doing in the two dioceses. The archbishop wrote a letter to the Brothers *wishing that the Church be also present in the field of vocational training.*

What follow-up to give to this request from the Archbishop of N'Djamena? This will be the subject of the next article.

# Chad: CTAP "De La Salle" of N'djamena Silver Jubilee

It has been 25 years since the Technical Centre of Learning and Development "De La Salle" of N'Djamena had opened its doors. It's an educational work of God's church family in Chad and the management entrusted to the Brothers of the Christian Schools. As a reminder, the Brothers are present in Chad - in N'Djamena and in Kélo. However their presence dates back since 1978.



In order to mark its 25 years of existence, the educational community organized during the period from 15th to 22nd December, a series of activities meant for the human investment—going through conferences and debates, an ending with a Eucharistic celebration in the presence of numerous guests and some of the former students of the Centre.

On 15th December 2016, we began with the human investment. Equipped with rakes, brooms and other work materials, the young people accompanied by the formators cleaned the compound of the Centre, the surrounding area, and games areas. On the same occasion, gutters were cleaned, to the great satisfaction of the neighbours. The following days were devoted to games and a football match between the team of apprentices in initial training and the team of apprentices in continuous training. It is worth emphasizing the importance of these activities in our context. The CTAP being a work of the Catholic Church is a place of intermingling, dialogue and of peaceful coexistence. Without forgetting conferences on vocational training, on concerns and challenges, on the history of CTAP De La Salle of N'Djamena, on the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the District of Central Africa. There had also been a time of sharing of experiences with the alumni of CTAP regarding their socio professional insertion.

These various activities came to an end on 22nd December 2016 with a thanksgiving mass presided over by Bishop Edmond DITANGAR, Archbishop of N'Djamena, in the presence of numerous guests, Brother Visitor of the District of Central Africa, apprentices, trainers, Brothers who came from Cameroon and some authorities of N'Djamena city. In his homily, the Archbishop had appreciated the presence of the Brothers in the diocese of N'Djamena, the mission that they have been doing for a quarter of century in favour of young people and especially the most disadvantaged and especially, their presence in a Muslim neighbourhood, which is according to the wish of the first Archbishop of N'Djamena, "The presence of the Church in a Muslim environment".

At the end of the Eucharistic celebration, the CTAP management awarded certificates of Recognition to three of their employees, for their dedication to the educational mission in this centre.

As the Archbishop arrived for the first time in this work which is his own, he made a tour of the various workshops and offices, accompanied by Brother Pascal, Director of the Centre. The day ended with a fraternal meal and an evening social for the young people. Before leaving the Centre, the Bishop received from the hands of the Brother Director of CTAP an anniversary gift.

After 25 years dedicated to the professional training of young people in various professions (automobile mechanics, plumbing, electricity, building, cold and air conditioning, masonry paint-- tiles), it is time to look into the future. What must be done to improve our educational offer? Our aging infrastructures? Our equipment and machines in the workshops which no longer meet the standards?

Another aspect is the country's socio political situation which is not reassuring for the Chadian youth. While we celebrate the silver Jubilee, 80% of young people had not yet paid half the cost of training which amounts to 185000Fcfca per year. Chadian Youth are discouraged. Some young people have already abandoned their training. Yet, for four months the students of public institutions have not been to classes. Some young people depended on the learning of a profession enabling them to get into the socio professional world. CTAP is one of the most solicited centres. With this crisis, there is risk of a decline in the numbers, and especially of the non-payment of the costs of training. What must be done with these discouraged and desperate young men? Thanks for giving us your support to assist some of these young girls and boys who risk giving up their ongoing training because of the lack of financial resources.



*Brother Pascal MBABY  
District of Central Africa*

# Congo Kinshasa : Inauguration of ASSANEF New Committee

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*"I, Fred Tiabu, Assanef general President (Brothers of the Christian Schools' Former students' Association), in the presence of Brother Visitor of the Brothers of the Christian Schools' Institute in the District of the Congo-Kinshasa and members of the Assanef here present, I accept to serve with love, and in compliance with the regulatory texts of our association, the Lasallians working together and by association".*

This is the statement that has been made on Sunday 20th November 2016 by Fred Tiabu during the inauguration of its guiding Committee by Brother Firmin PHAMBU NTOTO, Visitor - Provincial and Legal Representative of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Brother Visitor who welcomed the way in which took place, during his absence, the works of the electing Congress on 22nd and 23rd October 2016, congratulated the elected members and all former students to have privileged peace and



harmony in the organization of the elections.

In his speech, Assanef general President, Mr. Fred Tiabu, in his turn, thanked the dear Brother Visitor and the entire congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools for the coaching, the support and the attention they never cease to show to their former students.

Elected on 23rd October 2016, Assanef new Federal Committee assigns itself the mission to improve the Association public image; to clean up and modernize its administration and finances; to revive the full confidence within the management team, to provide a constant support to the Lasallian Schools; to increase the numbers by reinforcing the Movement of the Young Lasallians ; to promote the gathering of all Lasallian group categories (former students, Brothers, teachers, students, the parents' association and the Fraternity).

*Brother Norbert FUTU  
District of Congo - Kinshasa*

# Rwanda: 2017 Entry in the Postulancy

The community of Rukomo is located in north-eastern Rwanda, in a rural environment, away from the capital Kigali; it takes at least 4 hours by bus to go from Rukomo to Kigali. During the absence of the Brothers between 1990 and 2007, the house temporarily hosted various services of the country; the Town Hall made it their office during a period of time, then the tobacco manufacturing Factory (TABARWANDA) and lastly the Parish CARITAS. This is where the various popular namings of the place come from. Some say they are going to "TABARWANDA", others to the "CARITAS", but gradually the neighbourhood talks of "going to the Brothers"!

On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 5 young people were expected in the formation community of Rukomo. Three of them arrived on the appointed date. One of them missed the bus. He therefore came to the community the next day. The fifth one who did not show up told later that the parents did not allow him to leave the family this year.

Thus, 4 out of 5 young people expected arrived at the community to begin their postulancy. These are Fidèle NIYONZIMA, Onesphore SENGABO, Charles KANANI and Ernest YAMURAGIYE.



As is the tradition in the formation house, they got time to tour the house, and the Brothers Aloys NDIMUKIHE, desired MURENGERANTWARI and Jean Marie Vianney NKURIYINGOMA, their formators helped as much as possible. Based on the availability of Rukomo's parish priest, the Community set the date of February 9, date when the Church and the Institute celebrate Saint Brother Miguel Febres Cordero, date to be remembered as official entry in the postulancy.

The mass for this entry was celebrated by Father Noel, Rukomo's Parish Priest, accompanied by his Vicar and in the presence of the seminarian doing his experience in this same parish. This Mass began in the evening at 7.00 pm. The Brothers expressed their sincere appreciation to the priestly team for this effort made to honour the event despite the fatigues of the day.

Brother Jean Bosco Bigirimana, President of the Delegation who attended mass gave to each of the young the summary of the formation program that they will follow during 18 months.

Coming back to the encouragement message that the parish priest delivered, he insisted on the importance of prayer, privileged place of encounter with a friend, Christ. A priest, formator from RWESERO junior Seminar once said *"The messenger who adventures to transmit the Master's message he rarely meets runs the risk of changing his message due to forgetfulness!"* It is the same for a religious educator who goes to the children to talk to them about Christ he rarely meets. Therefore, an exhortation on growth in the intimate prayer life with the Christ was given and appreciated by the listeners. This was quickly understood too by any Brother of the Christian Schools present; knowing the image of Jacob's stepladder mentioned by our holy Founder in his meditations.

After the Mass well celebrated with songs well prepared and Sung, the Community invited everyone for an affable sharing.

We wish good fortune to our four dear postulants who begin their first year. The five in second year are in different communities of the Delegation where they do the experience of an active community; Delphin is in Byumba, Ernest is in Kisaro, Joseph and Jean de Dieu are in Butare and Daniel is in Nyundo.



# Congo Kinshasa : Perpetual Vows of Brother Justin ONDEY

Since December 11, 2016, the District of Congo - Kinshasa welcomed a new Perpetual professed Brother. "Shout for joy to God, all the earth» (Ps 66.1). This biblical verse chosen by Brother Justin ONDEY IDENO expresses the joy of his total donation to Christ. It was in Saint Albert the Great parish of Ma Campagne in the district of Ngaliema, City - Province of Kinshasa, that the Eucharist was celebrated on the occasion of the definitive consecration. The ceremony took place in the presence of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, parents of the professed Brother, religious men and women, friends and acquaintances coming mainly from a few dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Kinshasa. During the Eucharist celebration presided by Bishop Edouard KISONGA, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Kinshasa, the celebrant urged the professed to receive Christ daily, to offer his whole person by configuring himself to Jesus chaste, poor and obedient. The Brother is committed to lose everything in order to win everything in Christ by devoting his willingness in the search of God.



The parents of Brother Justin publicly expressed their joy regarding the final commitment of their son. After the dialogue with Brother Firmin PHAMBU, Visitor of the District of Congo - Kinshasa, Brother Justin ONDEY pronounced the perpetual vows before God and before men by consecrating himself to the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

After the spiritual nourishment at Saint Albert the Great, a lunch was offered at the Lasallian Centre of Kinshasa in order to brighten up the Brothers, the parents of the professed, guests of the Lasallian Family as well as friends and acquaintances who were witnesses of this great event.

*Brother Norbert FUTU  
District of Congo Kinshasa*



# Nigeria : Second Term Resumption at Mount La Salle College, Naka



Mount La Salle College, Naka resumed for the Second Term, 2016/2017 Academic Session. The Staff and Students resumed overwhelmingly the very first day of resumption. The Principal of the College, Br. Patrick Obam fsc, welcomed the Staff and Students back to school from their Xmas and New Year holidays. He was overwhelmed with the number of Staff and Students that resumed. He expressed satisfaction over their turn up, despite the economic recession in the Country. He encouraged them to take their teaching and learning seriously.

The School has resumed sporting activities the very first week of resumption. The Inter House Sports Competitions which started First Term continued this Second Term with Handball, Volleyball, Basket ball, Table Tennis and Badminton games competing

among St. John, St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke Houses. Also, this term, the School is going to host her Cultural Festival in the month of March, 2017. We are expecting to have dignitaries from different works of life and from nook and cranny of Benue State.

The School was blessed to have Br. Dennis Lee and Br. Dennis Malloy from the USA who visited the school in the month of January. In addressing the Staff and Students, Br. Dennis Lee encouraged the members of the Faculty, Staff and Students to keep the La-sallian values flying. On his part, Br. Dennis Malloy, Visitor of North American District, reiterated the Founder's position on human and Christian Education of selflessness and to touch the hearts and to train the mind of young people in this locality.

Brothers commended the school administration for its commitment and dedication to the growth and development of the school. The development they described as not only in the facilities, but also in the moral, spiritual and academic development. They appreciated the neatness of the students and the colors of their uniforms –green and white which they said, represent 'life and peace.'

*Brother Patrick Obam  
Sector of Nigeria*



The Brothers of the Christian Schools of the District of Central Africa held thanksgiving in N'Djamena, Chad political capital. Coming from Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea, they joined those in Chad to accompany Brother Débasco MIAMADINGAR and Francis Parfait FADANKA who respectively took final vows and first vows on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at *Emmanuel Abena* Parish within the Archdiocese of N'Djamena. Brothers Débasco and Parfait got a time of spiritual renewal at Bethel Centre in Bakara. This spiritual nourishment was intended to give priority to God in the perspective of the coming event they should live. The Eucharistic celebration began presided over by Bishop Alphonse Karaba, General Vicar, and in the presence of family members and friends of the celebrants. The liturgical celebration was punctuated by hymns in the local languages.



After the homily, Brother Parfait FANDAKA, a novice who finished his community experience, pronounced the first vows in the presence of some family members who came from Cameroon. This was followed by the perpetual vows ceremony. Dressed in black robe and rabat, after the dialogue between the Brother Visitor and Brother Débasco's family, he left his seat after receiving blessing from his family to support him in the total donation of his life to the Lord and the rhythm of a song called *initiativ* in his family clan.

At the end of the Eucharistic celebration, Brothers Débasco and Parfait received congratulations and gifts from the audience. The Brothers, the Celebrant, priests and the religious men and women, the family members and friends gathered in the Community for a fraternal meal. This is the first time that an event of this magnitude took place in the Archdiocese organized by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. *A young novice who becomes a Brother and a Brother who confirms his belonging to the Institute. We pray that this commitment be a call, an invitation for vocation pastoral in this part of the country.*

*Brother Gaston BANGUEBANG  
District of Central Africa*



# Congo Kinshasa : Handing over of the new building to Complexe ZUZA BOLA

At the beginning of this New Year, January 9, 2017, the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools celebrated a great event which goes in the annals of the primary and secondary education in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Founded since 2008, the School Brother Zuza - Bola never ceases to amaze many educational clients especially education authorities, parents and students through the change that occurred in a record time.

In fact, this school got a one-storey building that has 13 classrooms, 12 washing rooms, a li-



brary and a modern computer room in order to respond to the educational needs of students in the Democratic Republic of Congo. During the handing over, the Brother Director of this school thanked the Brothers of the Christian Schools through the Brother Provincial Visitor for the commendable efforts in the reconstruction of the country through education. Their actions are part of the State's vision which advocates Development.

Finally, Brother Firmin Phambu, Visitor - Provincial thanked the constructor, the Brother Director. He invited the teachers to promote the quality of education, with a discipline that is remarkable, to ensure the cleanliness of this building.

*Brother Norbert FUTU  
District of Congo - Kinshasa*

# Institute : Lasallian Global Women's Symposium 2017



Dear Lasallians, I am Trish Carroll from the District of ANZPPNG. I am the lead organizer of the Global Women's Symposium 2017.

There is a letter from Brother Superior, inviting all Lasallian women to attend.

Here is some information about the Global Women's Symposium:

Venue and date: Auckland Crowne Plaza from 16-19 July 2017. This is a SAFE and BEAUTIFUL country for people to visit. Basic cost is around \$1,000 NZD (shared room) plus travel.

A GLOBAL gathering- we invite women from every country world-wide to participate. We are aiming for "100+ women for De La Salle" and to have as many countries as possible represented.

We are building on the success of similar events in PARC and other regions. It is a NATURAL PROGRESSION (and time) for women to now come together globally.

The theme for the symposium is "Lasallian women as change makers", recognising the distinct ROLE AND IDENTITY OF WOMEN in the Lasallian mission, especially as catalysts for change.

Lasallian women- 54% OF THE WORK FORCE- have a pivotal role to play in ensuring the global Lasallian mission is vibrant and sustainable over coming decades.

Web site link for more information

<https://sites.google.com/view/lasallianwomenssymposium2017/home>

Face book link

<https://www.facebook.com/Lasallian-Global-Womens-Symposium-2017-329464920785489/>

Trish Carroll

Lead organizer of the Global Women's Symposium 2017.

Brother general Superior's letter

*Dear Lasallian Women – Partners in the Ministry of Human and Christian Education,*

*I am writing to encourage you to participate in the Lasallian Women's Symposium 2017. This wonderful event will be held in Auckland from 16-19 July 2017.*

*I ask that you give serious consideration to participation in the Symposium; after all, women represent over fifty percent of all Lasallians and make unique contributions to our mission. Building relationships, the ability to motivate others, a willingness to change and a fundamental role in passing on religious and spiritual realities are some of the qualities you bring to our educational communities.*

*The Symposium will provide you with opportunities for increased networking, empowerment for leadership roles and the sharing of experiences. Your participation will enrich the Lasallian Family in your District and Region.*

*I believe that you have been called by God to serve the Lasallian mission and that you have been given the grace of teaching for the sake of the children and young people entrusted to your responsibility. (Cf. MTR1.2). Your participation in the Symposium will make you an even better mediator of God's graces as a committed Lasallian educator.*

*I look forward to meeting many of you in Auckland !*



# Eritrea: Brother Pedro Arrambide, FSC. *A life well*

## *lived! A life lived for the service of others!*

**Br. Pedro Arrambide, FSC**

**28/06/1941 - 10/02/2017**



*Service in Eritrea*

**1968 - 1973: Keren**

**1998 - 2009: Asmara & Hagaz**

The De La Salle Brothers in the Sector of Eritrea, Religious congregations and the Church of Eritrea at large mourn the death of a great servant, lover of the poor, and friend of the nation: Br. Pedro Arrambide.

Br. Pedro came to Eritrea in 1968 and served at St. Joseph School Keren till he returned to Rome in 1973. Twenty four years later, in 1997, Br. Pedro came back to Eritrea again and served with great passion and commitment till 2009.

Br. Pedro has been suffering from Parkinsonism for the last 5 years and pronounced dead on the 10th of February and buried on the day after. A memorial service to recognize, honor and celebrate the life of Br. Pedro was held in Keren

and His Excellency, the Most Reverend Abune Kidanemariam Yebiyo, Bishop of Keren presided over the mass.

The De La Salle Brothers in Eritrea, many priests, Religious Sisters, staff of the De La Salle Brothers' Institutes from Hagaz, Keren and Asmara attended the memorial service.

The representatives of students of St. Joseph's School attended the occasion to symbolically recognize the services of Br. Pedro at St. Joseph both as a teacher from 1968 – 1973 and later in raising funds for key developments of the School.

*May his soul rest in peace!*

*Author: Sector of Eritrea archives*



March 2017	Arrival/Departure	Event
March 11 to 13	Beira	Pastoral visit Mozambique
March 13 to 18	Nairobi	Pastoral visit Kenya
March 18 to 25	Addis-Ababa	Pastoral visit Ethiopia
March 25 to 31	Cotonou	Pastoral visit Gulf of Benin
<b>April 2017</b>		
March 31 to April 4	Lagos	Pastoral visit Nigeria
April 4 avril to 10	Ouagadougou	Pastoral visit West Africa
Saturday, April 8	Banfora	Perpetual Vows Br Pierre Aymard Bako
April 9		Palm Sunday
April 12 to 15	Ouagadougou- Abidjan	Closing of the pastoral visit preparation
April 16		Easter Sunday
April 18, 19, 20	Abidjan	Closing of the general Superior's pastoral visit in Abidjan with the entire general Council and the conference of the Brother Visitors
April 21 -22	Kinshasa	Travel Abidjan-Kinshasa
April 23 to May 3	Kinshasa	Visit in the District of Congo Kinshasa

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