

## BR. BUTCH, 'BIG BROTHER WITH A BIG HEART', PROFESSES FINAL VOWS



Br. Antolin “Butch” Alcudia III FSC professed his final vows on August 10 at the newly-built Holy Infancy Chapel of La Salle Academy, Iligan City.

The celebration commenced with the blessing of the chapel by the celebrant Most Rev. Severo C. Caermare, D.D., Bishop of Dipolog and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Iligan and concelebrated by guest priests.

Br. Armin A. Luisto FSC, Visitor of East Asia, in his reflection shared “...this is a unique gathering - almost unrepeatable - where we interweave the blessing of a school chapel, the rites of final profession of vows for a La Salle Brother, the feast of the martyr St. Lawrence, the Muslim feast of Eidul Adha and the visit of our Brother Superior General. It’s La Salle Iligan’s version of *halo-halo* or *palapa* - take your pick. It could be a veritable nightmare for the liturgist (as well as for the homilist).

Luistro attempted to capture the seemingly divergent threads into one yarn that could all hold on to for coherence and meaning by proposing to simply remember three B’s: *Bethel*, *Butch*, and *Bethsaida*. He expounded “Bethel awakens us to the awesome presence of God. Butch inspires us to live in God’s presence - pound for pound - all the days of our life. Bethsaida beckons us to gather in church as a community.”



comments and fake news. Big Brother to the people whom he works with and to his colleagues who would confide with him on personal problems and other work- or love-related matters. Big Brother to his students especially to the most memorable 4A and 4B [sections of USLS]. Big Brother to his family who consults him on all major decisions.”

On the other hand, Brother B says: “Big Heart for the poor as he was a CFC missionary to the different communities particularly in India. Big Heart for Lasallian Partners whom he inspires. Big Heart for God’s creation as he often takes time off for day trips to the beach, mountains, and hot springs. Big Heart for the country and its citizens, for integrity, justice and good governance.”

Luistro, the former Secretary of the Department of Education, added “*Kung sa DepED pa: Maka-Diyos, Makatao, Makakalikasan at Makabansa. Tiunay, si Butch usa ka masaligang Daku nga Kuya natong tanan!* (Truly, Butch is a Big Brother for all!)

Br. Robert “Bob” Schieler FSC, whom Luistro described as “the first Filipino Superior General” accepted the profession of final vows of Br. Butch.

LEAD Visitor recalled that Br. Butch texted him two week ago with a shout out “How awesome is this time! When Br. Mario celebrated his 25th year as a Brother, I became a Postulant. He is also 25 years ahead sa ako sa LSA. Batch sila ni Papa... When I moved to Sabah, nag-celebrate ng 25th ang Asrama Butitin Nabawan... When I moved to Ozamiz, 25 years celebration ng LSU...” Luistro added that when he received the approval from Brother Superior for Br. Butch to take final profession, it was on the day of Br. Butch’s 39th birthday - on July 10.

Luistro added how two young Brothers, who lived with Br. Butch in community, described God’s temple embodied in him: Brother A says: “Big Brother to his Brothers in community whom he will defend against online bashers, unfair





The Holy Infancy Chapel was designed by Architect Jojo Gutierrez, a Lasallian who is behind De La Salle Lipa's *Capilla De La Salle*. The pews in the chapel are made of wood harvested from Mt. Agad-Agad, planted by Br. Jaime "Jimmy" Dalumpines FSC 20 years ago. The central figure in the sanctuary is the captivating image of the resurrected Christ - a metal sculpture by another Lasallian alumnus, Daniel de la Cruz.

Br. Butch is current assigned in Ozamiz Brothers' Community as Brother Director and at La Salle University as college instructor and Director of Lasallian Animation in charge of adult formation. (Text: Br. John David Ong FSC; Photos: Mr. Marc Reil Gepaya)

## PARC EDUCATIONAL MISSION ASSEMBLY

The PARC Educational Mission Assembly was held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Hotel Benilde, Manila, Philippines. This was attended by the Superior General, Br. Bob Schieler FSC, the Preparatory Committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission (AIMEL 2020), the PARC Delegation for AIMEL 2020, and other Brothers and Partners. The delegates were happy to share their views on the theme "IDENTITY-VITALITY-TRANSFORMATION" in the context of PARC's realities. Evaluation of AIMEL 2013 and the review of PARC proposals for AIMEL 2020 were also discussed. The delegates, which is composed of 12 members from 10 countries, will work on the finalization of PARC proposals. (Text: Mr. Paul Tam; Photo: Mr. Andrew Pamorada)





## 30 YEARS OF THE LASALLIAN YOUTH CONVENTIONS IN MALAYSIA

27th July, we celebrated 30 years of the Lasallian Youth Conventions in Malaysia. We had 190 people made up of past participants of the conventions, De La Salle Brothers and Alumni of our Lasallian schools in Malaysia. It was a great night of reminiscing. Many friendships were rekindled especially those who were meeting their friends after 30 years. It was indeed a great meeting of the old and the young with many interactions. Our thanks to all those who supported by attending this dinner, by sponsoring students and tables. And finally a big thank you to the ORGANISING TEAM!!! (Text: Mr. Isaac Stephen; Photos: W.X. Soon)



## VISIT TO BR. LAWRENCE



Br. Armin, Visitor of East Asia, took the opportunity of his visit to Hong Kong to call on Br. Lawrence Blake FSC in St. Theresa's Hospital Kowloon where he is recovering from an accident in his motorised wheelchair. He was accompanied by Br. Tom and Br. Mikey. Br. Larry, who is now 89, is a member of La Salle College Community Kowloon and served on the staff of the school for a number of years. In his earlier years he taught at La Salle Secondary School Kota Kinabalu Sabah, and served as teacher and Principal in Chan Sui Ki College and Chong Gene Hang College Hong Kong. We look forward to Br. Lawrence being discharged in the near future and will keep him in our prayers. (Text: Br. Tom Lavin FSC)

## WELCOME TO LEAD!

Let us welcome Br. Lourdhu Jude FSC from the Delegation of India. He is assigned in La Salle College, Kowloon, Hong Kong, where he will be teaching English and Math subjects. He is an athletic Brother, playing and coaching basketball, volleyball, football, and other sports.

Welcome, Br. Jude!

