



ST. MIGUEL HOUSE OF FORMATION



Source: **Shahzad Gill** (Aspirant)

“FOLLOW THE INSPIRATIONS THAT COME TO YOU FROM GOD.”

ASPIRANTS' FEAST



There were various activities conducted in St. Miguel House of Formation to celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and also a day dedicated in the Institute for the Aspirants. There were speech and quiz competitions and also Art Exhibition was organized by the Aspirants on different topics. A bundle of thanks and appreciation to the Brothers who prepared all the Aspirants for these activities especially Brothers Gregory and Aloysius. On the feast day itself the grand celebration was held to honor the occasion and we are thankful to the Brothers for joining us to celebrate and share our joys. Special thanks to Bro Shahzad George Gill for his generosity in making it a priority to be present for the event and for his inspirational words to the Aspirants and all present there. We also thank our guests from New Zealand who were present for all activities to appreciate the Aspirants and boost their morale. Bro Zohaib the Director of the Formation House was not present for the event as he was attending the CIL Programme in Nairobi. Though his inspiring and encouraging message for the Aspirants was read and appreciated by all. We wish our Aspirants all the blessings and grace of God that they need to continue to journey with the Lord on their path of discernment and pray for their success. May our Blessed Mother always intercede for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts!

(Bro. Taimoor Salvater)

MY JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT IN MIGUEL HOUSE



As our director Bro. Zohaib Gill always says "Vocation is a gift ". How do we keep the gift given by somebody? We put our full strength to keep that gift neat and tidy. It's a great opportunity to be here in Miguel House of Formation to learn more deeply about the several segments of consecrated, social and community life. According to psychology, when different minds gather at one place, a person learns more from his pitfalls. We get different problems in a vocation so, the best way is to pray to God. Because he is the only one who may help us in our vocation. As our sector coordinator Rev. Bro. Shahzad George Gill told us the other day, if you think that this vocation is not for you so, discern it and make it yours.

(Jabran Bhatti)

WHAT I LIKE TO DO IN MY SPARE TIME?



Hobbies are some activities that we do in our leisure time. Similarly, these are some ways in which I like to spend my free time. I like to play tabla (drums) and harmonium because playing these instruments give me inner joy and satisfaction. I love playing tunes of different songs and hymns. I also like to study in my spare time to learn what I study in the college. Besides this I also reflect on how my life is going in Miguel House of Formation and how can I improve myself in areas where I am weak.

(Adash John)

P A R E N T S D A Y & C H R I S T M A S P R O G R A M M E

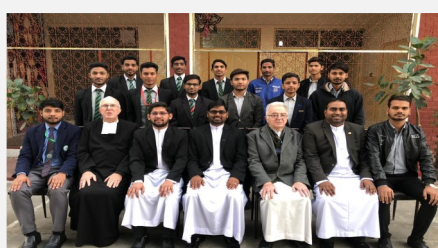
Each year a Christmas celebration is held in the Miguel house to celebrate and share our brotherly love with one another. But this time celebrating Christmas was a significant memory when we invited parents of the Aspirants who joined us to share with us the joys of Christmas. All the parents of the Aspirants were welcomed and entertained with beautiful Tableau, different performances and of course with delicious food. The parents of our aspirants were glad to have joined us for the Christmas celebration and at the same time their visit to the Formation House was appreciated.

We express our gratitude to Br Zohaib – Director of Formation for his continuous efforts and dedication for the improvement in the formation and for the well-being of the Aspirants. Lastly, we do not forget the presence of the Brothers who were present to witness the occasion especially Br Shashi from PNG and Br Waseem from New Zealand who were on their Christmas leave but were generous to join us for the event.



Formation House Staff & Aspirants

Opening of the Tercentenary &
Year of Lasallian Vocations



Accompaniment with the Aspirants over the past few months has been fruitful towards my own vocation. I continue to look forward to be working in the formation house and I thank God for all His blessings. Thanks to all the Brothers who continue to support me in my vocation to continue the journey God has given me.

Everyday my interaction with students in the school makes my day more meaningful and full of happiness. — Br. Taimoor

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I felt very privileged to be able to be part of this dynamic programme with an opportunity to not only meet and get to know amazing Lasallians from different parts of our Institute, but also to learn from their experiences of working in unique contexts. We started the first day with a theme of **'Open your eyes, mind and heart'**. During the different sessions the focus was more on getting to know each other and listen to their unique stories of Lasallian backgrounds. Brother Paulo, with all his theological and psychological expertise led us through this very interesting yet self-analyzing aspect of our lives as we looked at the root causes of **'why we do what we do?'**. The importance of reflection and self-evaluation was highlighted in order to stay focused and aligned with the Mission rather than drifting away from it and be driven by our own desires and personal convictions. Presentations by different Youth Coordinators gave us an overview of their amazing contribution is the lives of young people and promoting in them the values of **Faith, Service and Communion**. There were presentations from the five Regions on the **'understanding and practice of culture of vocations'**. From PARC Region I was selected to present this topic. These presentations gave the participants an overview of the realities of the Lasallian culture present throughout our Regions. We went to a slum place called Kangemi to witness and spend time with poor people. Visiting their houses and small schools serving in the area gave me a sense of empathy for them as well a great respect and appreciation for the people trying to help these people to provide them basic educational facilities for their advancement. Visiting the National Museum next day was also an awesome experience to have a glimpse of the rich culture of Kenya and also appreciate the magnitude of wildlife thriving in this part of the world. Towards the afternoon we went to see a cultural show in one of the parks. That added to my understanding and appreciation for the diversity and beauty of Kenya. Visiting the Nakuru park and going for the Safari ride was an awesome experience to enjoy the wilderness of Africa.

Discussion and sharing on the **outline and draft of the circular 471** gave us a platform to give our opinion on various aspects of it and make a contribution in refining it. Another interesting yet disturbing topic was shared and discussed which allowed and guided us to talk, listen and discuss about the **"Lasallian Identity in the 21st Century"** as we look forward to the future by the year 2051, 400th birth anniversary of our Founder. The next week we had a meeting to discuss about the **Pastoral Ministry of Vocations** and our role as formators and guides for the young people aspiring to join us. I am deeply grateful to Brothers David and Shahzad for considering me to attend CIL and I hope this will help me to grow as a more mature person and a better Brother.

Live Jesus in our hearts ... forever!

(Bro. Zohaib Gill)



THANK YOU & GOD BLESS EVERYONE!