



De La Salle Brothers, PNG Vocation Awareness E-Newsletter



Message from the Vocation Coordinator, "I chose you, says the Lord"

Dear readers,

I welcome you all in the name of the Most Blessed Holy Trinity to read and be part of the wider vocation drive.

Vocation does not mean to be confined to a religious life but in general and in-context to dedicate your desire for a worthy cause. This newsletter from the Lasallian vocation will share what the lay and the Brothers in association convey the message of Christ through the teaching ministry and other Pastoral work.

Many are called but few are chosen reminds each and everyone of us how important we are and the plans that the Good Lord instilled in us. We

may be different in sizes, qualifications, earthly status and so forth but in Christ and in the unity of His Father and in the Holy Spirit, we all share the same grace. Hope, 'Parmenie is Calling' helps you to pray and journey with Christ everyday. The struggles and challenges are real and worth taking onboard. These challenges will strengthen our faith and help us focus on the mission. May the Good Lord be with you all where ever you may be and whatever you're doing.

I also take this time to thank Shirley Kaupa in going an extra mile in organizing lay partners

to promote vocation. Vocation is everyday and everyone. As we focus on our theme, The work is Yours, let us all journey together. Happy Reading. God bless.

Br. Luke Warvanuk

SHTC, Bomana Community



Former De La Salle School student to a De La Salle teacher

My name is **Maria Awi**, and I am a Secondary school teacher. This is my 18th year of teaching and 8 years at De La Salle Secondary school, Bomana, NCD. I hail from Simbu, in a small village called Pari in Kundiawa Gembogl. I am married with four children, three boys and one girl.

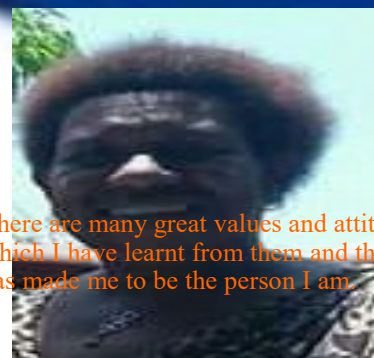
I started my education journey in 1984, as a Grade 1 student. I did Grades 1-3 in Gon Community school which is now known as Kambua Primary school in Kundiawa town. Then I transferred to Agle Community School in the village where I completed my Grade 6 in 1989. In the year 1990, I was selected to attend Kondiu High School, known at that time, now it is called Rosary Secondary school.

I completed 4 years of my studies there and then was selected to Passam National High School where I completed my year 12 studies and went to

the University of Goroka in 1996. Kondiu High School was a Lasallian school which was run by the De La Salle Brothers who were assisted by the Sacred Heart Sisters during my time. There were a number of De La Salle Brothers during that time, we had Br Edward (Australian), Br Raffy (Philippines), Br David (Austrian), Br Anthony (Australian) and another Brother from Germany whom I forgot his name.

Later in the mid 1990s we had Br Bernard Cooper who was then the Principal of the school succeeding Br Edward. Br Peter Mays left for Mount Hagen before I was admitted there. The Sacred Heart Sisters were, Sr Cynthia (Texas), Sr Laura (Australia), Sr Ghislaine (Australia) and another nun from America. The Sacred Heart Sisters worked along well with the De La Salle Brothers. I am so grateful and thankful that I was educated by the De La Salle Brothers. I learnt a lot of

good values from them such as ;being respectful, humility, Honesty, Punctuality, Commitment, being considerate of time, be responsible and value our education. They have done a great job in educating the people of Simbu, most of them are now working in very high offices.



There are many great values and attitudes which I have learnt from them and this has made me to be the person I am



Know your Brothers

In this issue, we would like to present to you the two Brothers from two different nationalities. PNG Mission is blessed to have Brothers Michael Burke from



PNG and Shashi Abrar from Pakistan.

Br Michael is based at Hagen and he is teaching at Holy



Trinity Demonstration Primary School.

Br Shashi is a teaching staff at De La Salle Secondary School, Bomana, NCD. He is also coordinating the Lasallian Family in the area. We pray for them as well as all the other Brothers and Lasallian Families around the globe.

Lasallian Feast days for Jan-Feb

1. 12th Jan Br Alpert
2. 28th Jan St Mutien Marie
3. 9th Feb St Miguel Febres
4. 19th Feb Beautification Of DLS

Come be my Brother: De La Salle Student to a De La Salle Brother, what a fascinating story



After seven years when Brother Thomas Yapo made his final vow in Tambul in Western Highlands Province, the De La Salle Brothers and the Lasallian family again witnessed a Grace Serving ceremony of Br John Francis who made his final vow to Obedience, Chasity Poverty., Stability in the Institute and Association for the Mission. He decided to take up the cross and follow Christ on the 20th January 2018 at Hohola Sacred Heart Parish.

Brother Francis was an old school boy of the Brothers. He was inspired by the Brothers who were his teachers and later mentors, like Late Br Ignatius Kennedy. Giving up his traditional leadership as the only son to his families, Br Francis aimed for a higher calling to serve Christ. Br Francis is currently at Mt Hagen teaching at Holy Trinity Demonstration Primary school.

Faithful servants: Affiliation of committed trio to the mission

On February 5th 2018, the Lasallian community witnessed a rare occasion, the Affiliation of lay women and a priest to the De La Salle Brothers. Representing the Brother Superior General on the occasion was Br David Hawke, the Provincial of the ANZPPNG District. Also present were Br Denis Loft and other Brothers and religious.

The three were Fr. John Glynn, Ms Joan Eoe and Mrs Ove. They were thankful to the Brothers, their families and the teaching communities who they engaged. Fr John Glynn, the Founder of WECare PNG is an Irish Priest, a gentle and kind hearted person who share his life for the settlement children and their families. The event was celebrated at Sacred Heart Hohola Parish with a thanksgiv-



ing Mass. Mrs. Ove is the longest and current Principal of Jubilee Catholic Secondary while Ms. Eoe is one of the teaching staff at Jubilee and one of the long time Lasallians.



New Management at De La Salle Secondary School, Bomana

De La Salle Secondary school was once again handed back to those that started and run the school since its inception in the mid 1940s.

The last principal, late Brother Ignatius Kennedy left the school in 1993. Then the school was man-

aged by lay Lasallians. Last Year Cardinal John Ribat invited the Brothers to return to their founding school in PNG. With that arrangement, Br Antony Swamy, former Prin-

cipal of LaSalle Technical College moved over with Br Thomas Yapo as the Deputy Principal. Thanks to Mr James Ume for running the school for nine years. Lets pray for Br. Antony and the team at

De La Salle Secondary School.

Photo: Left: Br Antony, EMTV Journalist and school rep.

R: Mr Wahe in front of the DLS Chapel, Bomana,



The longest serving, faithful and committed Lasallian

Paps Wahe was known and pronounced better by most of his students and colleagues. Hails from Kerema, Mr. Marere Wahe started at De La Salle in 1985 as a Science and Fitness teacher. He recall his early days at Dolos as the most unforgettable memories of having so many Brothers. He said in his soft voice "I learnt a lot from the Brothers. They like to motivate and

Indeed he is a gentle giant and loved by both teachers and students (Ms. Annette Ingrin)

support me through" He thanked Brothers Denis Loft, Late Brother Ignatius Kennedy and others for all the support. He was happy to attend Narooma in 1995 and be part of the Lasallian teachers. Mr Wahe still uphold

twelve virtues of a good teacher and encourages new teachers to follow the principles of a Christian teacher. Currently, Mr Wahe is still at Dolos and he is teaching Personal Development. This year will be his 33 years at Dolos and 38 years in the teaching Ministry. God bless you, Mr Wahe and all the other retirees who served in the teaching ministry for a long time.

Project 300: Help your students or youths publish a history

Next year 2019 will be the Tercentenary of the death of the Founder. All over the world, the Lasallians are preparing to welcome and celebrate the event in style guided by the Founder's Spirit.

Here in this column, we the vocation team kindly invite students with the help of their teachers to send us any piece of their work about the founder so we can publish the piece. The stu-

dent activities can be in class, youth group or individual. We kindly encourage our Lasallians to go some miles and throw back to the history.

We would be happy if you teachers can send the work of the students whether it's a drawing, poem, song, short stories or any other piece worth Lasallian History. The theme for the tercentenary, **"One Heart, One Commitment, One Life"** reminds us of the journey of a great man



from Rheims, France. Catch us first on the Lasallian Family PNG on FB.

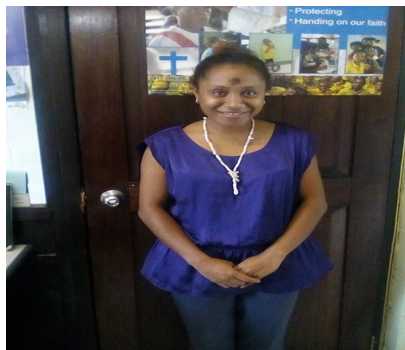


Alumni's Block

In this edition, we would like to present Miss Nyleptha Kenny, ex Jubilee Catholic Secondary School, class of 2009.

Nyleptha is the Finance and Admin officer for the National Catholic Religious Commission based at Catholic Bishops Conference, Waigani. Nyleptha is of a mixed parentage of Milne Bay and Manus. She is sometimes known as Nikey because most people couldn't pronounce her name properly. She was a hard working Lasallian youth of her era in her secondary days in Jubilee. Entering

Divine Word University in 2010, she worked along side with Shirley Kaupa, Lambert Lapkit and Grace Wayenwaru to start up Lasallian Youth Ministry at DWU with the per-



mission granted by Chaplain Fr Edward Meli. Her cherishing learning moments and experiences with the Lasallian culture has had a big impact on her life and career, especially promoting women leadership in management and decision making.

Please help solve this number game

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Short Story for Reflection

Pick Only One Choice, please

There was a donkey, a turtle and a fruit-fly which lives only one day. "If I had more time", complained the fruit-fly, "then everything would be easier."

Can the two of you imagine what it means to have only twenty-four hours in which to do everything?

To be born, to grow up, to get some experience, to suffer or rejoice, to grow old and die – all in 24 hours?"

"You've got a point there," remarked the donkey.

"But I wish I had only 24 hours to live, then I'd give everything a try – short but sweet."

The turtle looked at both of them and said, "I don't understand the two of

you. I'm now 300 years old and that would not be enough time to tell you of all the experiences I've had. They've just been too many. Back when I was 200 years old, I wished that my days would soon end."

Then he turned to the donkey and said, "I envy you." And to the fruit-fly, "I pity you."

The donkey had then remarked, "When I hear you explain it that way, then I wouldn't mind living 300 years of myself. Imagine it: having a chance like that to get a taste of everything in life – tasting long and intensively." Then the three of them fell into a long sad silence, because each of them had measured his life by a watch and each wanted something else: either a longer or shorter life or a bit of both.

So the three of them walked over to see a spider, who was famous as a guru, and ask her advice.

"Turtle," she said, "stop complaining. Who has had as much experience as you?"

"and you, fruit-fly, stop complaining too. Who has had as much fun as you?"

and then the donkey asked what the verdict on him was.

"I can't give you any advice," said the spider, "because you want both a long and short life. You are impossible."

"You are and always be just a jack-ass."

Author: Willi Hoffsuemmer

From the team

The vocation team is coming up with activities to empower and encourage individuals to take part in the vocation project. If You would like to be part of the team from other provinces, kindly contact **Br Luke or Shirley on the Lasallian Family Facebook Account or phone number 712 56 152**

Send in your story and pictures to:

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Riddle Card,

- Who goes to the bed with his shoes on?
- What gates are like church bells?
- What old weapon is like an angry lover?
- How can you make a tall man short?
- What is the hardest key to turn

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- Politicians speak at them
- He wastes his time
- Goats or clubs
- Soft, semisolid sandwich fillers
- Small, lace table napkins
- Old time public transport
- An Italian boatman

