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There are 19 Brothers in nine communities in Malaysia. Six are in peninsular Malaysia and three in East Malaysia. There are four Brothers working outside of Malaysia and two retired in Ireland. Officially, there are 44 Lasallian schools although the government has a tight control on pretty much everything. There are, however, admirable ways in which many of our schools find ways to ensure the implementation of the Lasallian mission. We have several non – formal learning centers, notably in Penang and Nabawan but a growing number in Kuching. There is also a strong set of Old Boys who are highly committed and willing to help the Brothers and the Lasallian Family.

I wish to thank the Brothers and Lasallian Family of the sector of Malaysia for their warmth and hospitality. Special gratitude to Br. Anthony Rogers FSC, Sector Leader, for the excellent organization of the pastoral visit and for accompanying Tom and myself the whole time.

Singapore Pastoral Visit (30 July – 05 August). Our visit to Singapore was book-ended by two events involving the Lasallian Family. At the beginning was a gathering of Lasallian partners from the different schools and at the end of the visit was a turnover of a donation to the board of La Salle Art School.

On our first day (30 July) we attended “Conversations”, a gathering of key Lasallians administrators in our schools in Singapore. Facilitated by Br. John D’ Cruz, the workshop gave the opportunity for the administrators to share their concerns to the Brothers and the larger LS Family in Singapore.

We spent three days at St. Patrick’s community where, also, the assembly with the Brothers took place. There are three monks at St. Pat’s namely: Nicholas Seet (Director), Collin Wee and Gregory Lim. The PARC Brothers who belong to the community, David Hawke and Mark Murphy, were out at the time of the visit.

On the 1st of August we moved to St. Joseph’s Institute. There are six Brothers at SJI: Jason Blaikie (Director), Britto Pinto (from India), Dominic Chong, Eustace (Sri Lanka), Kelvin Tan, and Sector Leader Paul Ho. I was able to interview them in the course of three days. We were able to visit the schools under the Lasallian Family namely: St. Steven’s, St. Anthony’s, De La Salle, SJI, SJI Junior and SJI International.

On our last day, just before flying out for Myanmar, we met with the board of La Salle Art School where we turned over SD1.0 m from the proceeds of the sale of Br. Joe McNally’s art works. The donation will go to a scholarship fund in honor of the Br. Joe, the founder of the school. It will be strictly for poor and deserving students.

We have nine Brothers in Singapore living in two communities. There are five primary and three secondary schools. The schools in Singapore are excellently and professionally run and the Lasallian spirit is strong among the old boys.

My gratitude to the Brothers of Singapore for their warmth and hospitality and to Br. Paul Ho, Sector Leader, for making all the necessary arrangements.

Faternally,



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