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Brother Kevin Byrne FSC † 24 May 1931 – 26 September 2014

Br. Kevin Byrne passed away in Castletown last Friday, 26 September. He was a member of the legacy District of Penang for most of his life and was principal in St. Joseph's Institution in Singapore during the transfer from the old school in the mid 1980's. In his latter years he suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Below is an excerpt of the "Farewell Bouquet" the late Mr Goh Sin Tub, then Chairman of the SJI Board of Governors, to Brother Kevin Byrne on his retirement as Principal of SJI in December 1991:

"When the opportunity came for SJI to be re-built, to be born again,... you did not hesitate one moment. You boldly seized the chance to give new life to the school, and in your own quiet way, you began to inspire an army of old boys, some 1500 of us, to help you make your dream of a new SJI come true. The result... the magnificent New SJI on Malcolm Road...

"Opportunity knocked a second time when SJI was offered the chance to become an independent school. You supported the proposal but only on the terms you and your team prudently insisted upon, namely that independence would mean operational independence only, i.e. Government aid would remain intact."

"At the beginning when the potential benefits were not obvious to everybody, your own vision was crystal clear and you stood solidly with the School Governors to champion the Independent Option.... Your mild manner of management helped immeasurably to calm and reassure both staff as well as parents worried by the pace and uncertainties of change." *[Principia | 2010 Academy of Principals (Singapore)]*

Religious Name: Kevin Alfred
Christian Name: Louis Kevin
Birthplace: Ballyknocken, Co. Wicklow

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| Junior Novitiate: | Castletown | |
| Senior Novitiate: | Castletown | 07 July 1947 |
| Received Habit: | Castletown | 07 September 1947 |
| First Vows: | Castletown | 08 September 1948 |
| Perpetual Vows: | | 27 August 1956 |

Studies & Appointments:

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| ENGLAND | Inglewood Scholasticate, Kintbury | 09 September 1948 |
| ENGLAND | Strawberry Hill Scholasticate, London | 01 September 1950 |
| MALAYSIA | St. John's Institution, Kuala Lumpur | 16 November 1952 |
| IRELAND | Ely Place, University Hostel, Dublin | 10 October 1958 |
| MALAYSIA | St. John's Institution. Kuala Lumpur | 20 August 1961 |
| MALAYSIA | St.Xavier's Institution, Penang | 01 January 1966 |
| MALAYSIA | St. Anthony's School, Teluk Anson | 10 October 1971 |
| IRELAND | Dundalk, Co. Louth | 01 October 1976 |
| SINGAPORE | St. Joseph's Institution | 01 October 1977 |
| SINGAPORE | St. Patrick's School | 01 January 1992 |
| IRELAND | Ballyfermot - Mount La Salle, Dublin | 31 December 1996 |
| IRELAND | Miguel House, Castletown, Co. Laois | 2009 |

"O God, by whose favor your servant, Brother Kevin, was called to the religious life and who witnessed to the message of salvation by his dedication to Christian education, grant that he may be admitted to your eternal friendship with those who have likewise zealously labored in Your Vineyard. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Philippines

