



**Brother Mark Blake FSC +  
16th March 1931 - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

It is with great sadness that we announce, after a short period of illness, the passing of Brother Mark Blake FSC. Br. Mark was born on 16th March 1931 at Clonaslee, Co Laois, Ireland. He entered the Novitiate in Castletown, Ireland in 1947 and professed Perpetual Vows in 1956. He served as a missionary in Ipoh (1952-1960, St. Michael's Institution), Sarawak (1960-1983, St Joseph's School), and Kowloon (1983-1994, La Salle College). He spent his retirement years in La Salle College, Hong Kong and Miguel House, Ireland.

The Old Boys of Hong Kong have fond memories of Brother Mark: *Everyone was impressed with his love in sports – rugby and athletics. It was once rumoured among students that he participated in the Olympic Games and no one doubted about it! Here is Brother Mark's reply: "That's not true. I can't even represent Kowloon!" He will do hiking from La Salle College to Lion Rock three times a week. He can finish the trip in about one hour and fifty minutes. Brother Patrick joins him whenever he is free. Brother Mark reminded us of the motto – "Ora et*

*Labora", i.e. "Pray and Work".* ([http://www.lasalle.org.hk/pages/brothers/brother\\_mark.htm](http://www.lasalle.org.hk/pages/brothers/brother_mark.htm))

I wish to extend my condolences to his elder (biological) brother, Br. Larry FSC, who lives with me in the La Salle College Brothers' Community, Hong Kong.

***Eternal rest grant unto Brother Mark Blake, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo Fernandez FSC  
Japan



*Brother Mark ( back row middle ) as a young man, in Ipoh, Malaysia.*