



Visit of the Vatican Secretary of State

Sunday 16 August 2015, the Brothers in Singapore welcomed Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, in the afternoon. He was briefed by the Principal of St. Patrick's School followed by a prayer in the school's chapel and a tour of Hope House. Present with him was the Nuncio, Archbishop Girelli and the Archbishop of Singapore, William Goh. (*Br. Kelvin Tan FSC*)



Quick Facts:

Pietro Parolin (/ˈpjetro paroˈliːn/ born 17 January 1955) is an Italian cardinal of the Catholic Church. He has served as the Secretary of State since 15 October 2013. He was elevated to the cardinalate on 22 February 2014.

The Secretary of State of His Holiness The Pope, commonly known as the Cardinal Secretary of State, presides over the Holy See Secretariat of State, which is the oldest and most important dicastery of the Roman Curia. The Secretariat of State performs all the political and diplomatic functions of the Holy See and the Vatican City.

From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal_Secretary_of_State
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Mothers' Day in Thailand



Mother's Day is held in many cultures throughout the world but mother's Day in Thailand is doubly special. Every year during the 12th of August, Thailand celebrates mother's day as a celebration of Queen Sirikit's Birthday. Queen Sirikit is regarded as mother to all Thai people, thus her birthday is also celebrated as Mother's Day and observed as a Thai national holiday. Houses and public places will be decorated with lights and portraits of the most beloved Queen.

In the morning of 11th of August, La Salle Chotiravi Nakhonsawan School celebrated Mother's Day. La Salle Brothers, Teachers Students together with their mothers joined the ceremony at the covered court to honor and give gifts to honor their mothers. The school does this every year to honor the Queen as well as the mothers and mother figures nationwide.

In the morning of 12th August some teachers went to the municipal hall near the school to participate in praying and giving offerings to the monks. This shows how Thai people show respect to their Queen and especially to the person who brought them into this world. (Br. John Niran FSC)

Quick Fact:

Sirikit (Thai: สิริกิต์; Thai pronunciation: [sirikit]; born Mom Rajawongse Sirikit Kitiyakara (Thai: สิริกิต์ กิติยากร; rtgs: Sirikit Kitiyakon) on 12 August 1932, is the queen consort of Bhumibol Adulyadej, King (Rama IX) of Thailand. She met Bhumibol in Paris, where her father was the Thai ambassador. They married in 1950, shortly before Bhumibol's coronation. Sirikit was appointed Queen Regent in 1956. Sirikit produced one son and three daughters. As the consort of the king who is the world's longest-reigning head of state, she is also the world's longest-serving consort of a monarch

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Investiture of the 11th President of the University of St. La Salle

I was able to attend the investiture rites of Br. Manuel Pajarillo FSC on 13 August 2015 at the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod City, Philippines. Mawel is the 11th President of USLS. Numerous Brothers from Luzon and Mindanao came over. Present also, were his former students from the various schools he had taught in. Mawel took over from Br. Ray Suplido FSC who moved to Manila to take on the helm of DLSU.

Br. Mawel was the former President of De La Salle Lipa and the first Asian Director of the International Lasallian Center (CIL) in Rome. Allow me to share excerpts from the remarks of circumstance I was asked to give at the event:

Having served the Lasallian community in Bacolod in various capacities in the past, Br. Manuel R. Pajarillo now returns to take on the mantle of leadership from a distinguished line of De La Salle Brothers including Br. Victor Frnco, Br. Gus Boquer and Br Ray Suplido. As the 11th President of this University, Br. Mawel, as he is fondly called, is now presented with the responsibility of building on the gains of the past, and taking over the work of Br. Raymundo Suplido who has endeared himself to this institution after having served as University President for the past nine years. Br. Ray leaves the University of St. La Salle with a legacy of profound faith and generosity, exemplary zeal for service, an authentic and sincere communion with all sectors and stakeholders of the University, and a participative brand of leadership.

(Photo from USLS Facebook)

Adios and Gracias to Spanish Volunteers

A group of Spanish Volunteers spent a little over a month (10 July to 10 August) at the Bamboo School (Parmanie Campus). Their main project this was to construct the road inside the campus with a distance of 90 meters. They named the road "Blue Sky" as this road is in front of Blue Sky Home. The volunteers enjoyed the time they spent building the road, playing games with the students and teaching the students to sing some Spanish songs. Thank you very much for coming and helping our mission to help the needy! Volunteers are always welcome at the Bamboo School. Let's us keep this batch in our prayers as they will fly back to Spain on August 14, 2015. (Br. John Pongpat FSC)



LEAD Events and Assemblies Calendar

The District has an online Google calendar available at <https://goo.gl/1rDQgl>

If there are important events which you want to be included here, please email the LEAD Administrator at sockie.delarosa@gmail.com

Reminder

Last Call for registration in the **1st LEAD Young Brothers' Assembly**. This assembly will be held in Hong Kong on 16th - 20th December, 2015. Young Brothers (those who are in temporary vows, have finished their first year of Scholasticate, and/or have less than five years of perpetual vows) must register for the assembly at: <http://goo.gl/forms/grHvIjWgyn> The flight details can follow on a later date but the Preparatory Committee needs the rest of your information

Health and Wellness

When I visit different Communities in LEAD, some if not most will have some sort of medicine cabinet where Brothers and guests can take something for the occasional headache or stomach trouble. Watch out! Some medicines when taken together can be a deadly cocktail. Read this article by Cindy Kuzma: **Over-the-Counter Medicines You Should Never Take Together.** (<http://www.menshealth.com/health/dangerous-otc-drug-combinations>)

Faternally,

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