



20 February 2014

Greetings from Rome where the Casa Generalizia is a hive of activity as the 45<sup>th</sup> General Chapter approaches.

**General Council:** Today the General Council concludes its plenary meeting as it meets with the Preparatory Commission for the 45<sup>th</sup> General Chapter. The Commission has been meeting for two weeks putting the final touches to the Chapter process etc. Bro Ambrose Payne (ANZPPNG) has done a mighty job steering the Commission as its Chairman. Bro Christopher Soosai (India) has been the other member from PARC on the Commission. This week two of the three Brothers charged with preparing the liturgies for the Chapter have arrived to do their work. Bro Richie Yap (LEAD) is one of the Brothers.

**International Symposium of Young Lasallians:** This important pre-General Chapter gathering concluded last Friday. Various forms of social media kept people informed by the minute of the progress of this event. The PARC representatives were a very impressive and talented group. I am sure that they will be in contact with their respective Visitors. The International Council of Young Lasallians is meeting currently to complete the documentation coming out of the symposium. James Camden (ANZPPNG) is PARC's representative.

**PARC 37:** The annual meeting of the Visitors' conference commences Monday night in Perth. Western Australia. While the delegates will be accommodated elsewhere, the meeting will take place at La Salle College, Middle Swan, which this year, celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> year. It is over 40 years since the Brothers left the College which today continues to be a very vibrant Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition, maintaining strong links with the District.

**PARC 37** welcomes also Brothers Jorge Gallardo de Alba (pending Visa approval), Bro J Felix and Craig Franz from Rome. Bro Jorge will present at a joint formation session of PARC, staff and student representatives of the College.

The La Salle Novitiate Board will meet also. Bro Christy Croos Director designate will be in attendance.

Delegates to the 45<sup>th</sup> General Chapter will join the Visitors on the final day of the meeting.

Some Brothers are travelling to Luurnpa Catholic School Balgo Hills after PARC 37. Bro Richard Gaffney (ANZPPNG) has chartered a plane from Broome for those undertaking this desert adventure!

**LEAD Senior Brothers Assembly:** I attended this event last week in Dasmariñas, the Philippines. Bro Michael Meister of the District of San Francisco presented on "The Spirituality of Aging". He blended so well the writings of the Founder, Sacred Scripture and contemporary writers during his presentations which were supported by unique, catching and challenging power points. Congratulations to Bro Thomas Lavin, Auxiliary Visitor and his team. Events such as this serve to enrich the identity of this young District in PARC. LEAD Story will give the full picture I am sure.

**APLYC 10:** The team at the La Salle Centre in Ipoh in collaboration with James Camden (ICYL) and Bro John Pill (PARC office) are in the process of planning the four days' event planned for December 2014 with exact dates to be announced very soon.

**Schedules:** Bro David and John: Both at PARC 37/ Balgo Hills 24 Feb – 4 March

Bro David: 5 – 9 March, Sydney attending District Council meeting.

Bro John: 5 – 7 March, Adelaide, Leave; 8 – 18 March, Sydney (Director Cronulla community)

Best wishes and prayers

Bro David Hawke FSC

General Councillor PARC