

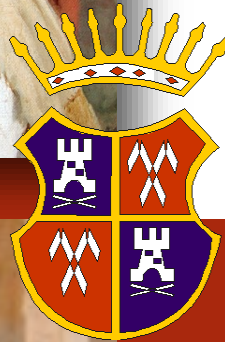


Newsletter of

ONE

LASALLE

the NZ Lasallian Family



"God has chosen you to
do his work" MTR 4.1[Med196.1]

De La Salle

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue One of "One Lasalle" for 2015! Well, it is already Term Two and some major events have already occurred this year! The Lasallian Leaders Gathering in Sydney, the District Chapter of the Brothers, meetings of the Lasallian Mission Council and New Zealand's first home grown Heritage Programme plus much more. A really busy last few months! We also warmly congratulate Brother Sir Patrick Lynch on being recently Knighted in this years Queens Honours List. An amazing accomplishment and well deserved recognition for years of service to Catholic Education in New Zealand.

This issue focuses solidly **SERVICE**. A dimension of our Colleges that is deeply Lasallian and core to who we are as Catholics.

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

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DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

SERVICE. WHY?

By Dermot English (Deputy Principal) - DLS

At De La Salle College Mangere there are 1000 boys in an area with low social-economic indicators. Traditionally the boys at the school may well have been seen as needing the support and help of others in the community. My vision for a service programme has been about our boys instead being able to serve the community with their gifts. Their gifts are a great ability to engage people from all walks of life, a great faith and the humility that comes from significant amounts of personal challenge and suffering. The world needs their sort of selflessness.

Deliberate acts of service make our Catholic and Lasallian charism explicit. They also expose our boys to people outside of their families and churches, which helps them cope when they leave our school.

It has not been easy. For five years there was minimal uptake, mainly due to boys having a lot of duties in their families, and families not wanting boys to be going somewhere different with people they didn't know. We decided to jump off the cliff anyway in 2014 and make it a compulsory requirement for the whole school. We have sourced some funding in order to employ a Service Coordinator part-time, whose job it is to connect boys with opportunities.

The real impetus for this came from my job as Director of Pastoral Care. I was seeing boys who had little control over their lives wanting to take on teachers and assault other boys as a way of being someone and having a 'buzz', a sense of power and control. One boy beat up another one on a bus. As part of his disciplining he had to take part in a holiday programme. He did so well that he was named leader of the week and got a buzz that had a lot less collateral damage than his first one. That boy went on to become one of our school leaders, went on the school service trip to Manila and now comes back to the College to coach teams and help take junior school retreats. These sort of stories have been repeated time and again.

I will leave the final say with Ronald, a boy who was trying to start a gang, until he realised that he could become someone by helping people. After helping at community fundraisers, planting trees for the council and volunteering for a local radio station he said, 'Mum doesn't mind me leaving the house now because she knows I'm doing something good-'.



*No one is useless
in this world who
lightens the
burdens of
another.*

Charles Dickens
www.bestquotes.com





FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE, NEW PLYMOUTH

THE HERITAGE PROGRAMME

By Anna Zsigovits-Mace FDMC

On a wild wet Monday morning in April 2015 we were warmly welcomed to the Heritage Programme in Auckland. A group from John Paul College, Rotorua, another from De La Salle Mangere, a colleague from St Bede's, Melbourne and our four from Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth. A varied bunch in age, teaching experience and subject areas; our commonality being our recent employment in Lasallian schools.

Kane Raukura, a Lasallian of many years experience introduced us to the life of Jean Baptiste De La Salle and what a life it was. As we continue to live the Lasallian Way and serve the last, the lost and the least there is no way you could even consider that life to be in the past. It is as present as we make it. This was reinforced many times over the three days.

Brothers Michael, Jack, Thomas and Lewis shared their lives as Lasallian Brothers. Their adventures and the many lives they have touched over the years kept us enthralled and we had many questions which were willingly answered. Lewis then took us through the philosophy of teaching that comes from De La Salle. Our discussions related it to our own teaching and current education rationale. We also had the opportunity to analyse some of De La Salle's letters, incredible pearls of wisdom and pertinent advice to the brothers on how to deal with any situation involving their teaching, their fellow brothers and their responsibility to the students. It was like being a fly on the wall in the 17th Century.

Finally we celebrated Mass, beautifully explained by Fr Brian Prendeville, a time of true brother and sisterhood before joining together for a meal complete with delightful company, good food and the odd bottle of wine.

Our Heritage Programme truly touching hearts.

St Jean Baptiste De La Salle - Pray for us
Live Jesus in our Hearts - Forever

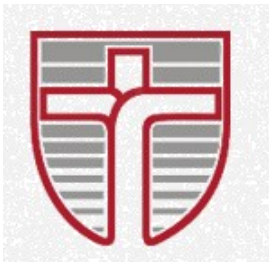


THE HERITAGE PROGRAMME

By Matt Casey FDMC

Having been out of teaching for the past five years, beginning this year at Francis Douglas Memorial College brought with it several challenges. Not only was it an introduction to teaching in a secondary school environment - having previously taught at intermediate and primary level - it was also a new experience being part of a Catholic and Lasallian culture. Growing up in a Catholic family gave me some sense of familiarity and comfort when I started the first term but the warm and inclusive culture of the staff and school was immediately evident and made for a very positive re-introduction back into teaching.

It wasn't until I attended the Lasallian Heritage course in Auckland during the Easter school holiday break that I made a connection between that warm inclusiveness I had experienced and the ethos that St John Baptiste De La Salle encouraged and instilled amongst the Brothers and the schools' students. Learning about the De La Salle life story and the 'hinge' moments in his life has given me an appreciation of what the school stands for. Analysing some of the remaining letters that De La Salle wrote to the Brothers gave an interesting insight into the genuine care he had for not only the students, but also for those bestowed with the job of educating them. Compassion and consistency are key factors in his philosophy for educating the young - something that is just as important in the 21st century.



JOHN PAUL COLLEGE, ROTORUA

John Paul College and the Full Fill Van

By Bernadette Fredricksen

John Paul College Campus Minister / Lasallian Facilitator

Living our School Motto

Ma te Pono, Me te Aroha - Through Faith and Love

The Full Fill van was established in 2008 by Claire Ryan, the President of St Vincent de Paul Society in Rotorua. It was Claire's vision to provide a healthy afternoon tea for families in the marginalised areas of Rotorua. Although Claire had applied for grants to buy and pay for the maintenance of a van, there seemed to be fewer grants available that would allow her to purchase the food. With few resources available, Claire and a group of parishioners continued on and each week prepared ham and egg sandwiches, milo, juice and fresh fruit and in the Winter months, they added soup to the menu. Claire and her team managed to keep the service going until October 2012, when funds ran out.

The John Paul College community became involved, when it came to our attention that the van had temporarily ceased its service. After discussions with Patrick Walsh, Principal, a mufti day was held and our community raised enough funds for the van to stay operational for two months. Without hesitation the senior students volunteered to serve the afternoon tea each Tuesday and Wednesday from 4.30 – 5.30pm and a student co-ordinator emerged who organised the roster.

As our involvement in this project grew, it was unfolding to our community how important our help and support was needed. A group of student representatives applied to the Catholic Care Foundation in Hamilton and met with the Manager to discuss our application for a grant, which would ensure the Full Fill van could continue working in our city for a few more months. We were very grateful when the Catholic Care Foundation approved our application. It did not take much to convince us that one way or another we needed to shoulder more responsibility for the Full Fill van and ensure that it remained "on the road."

At times it has been rather daunting with the realisation that we have made a long term commitment to keep fundraising for this project, as it has an operational budget of \$13,000 per year. As a community we also fundraise for other charities throughout the year, however, we have not wavered in our determination to be beacons of hope for those whom we serve. Since 2013, our school community has managed to hold a variety of fundraising activities.



Last year Caritas produced a clip about our newly formed partnership which was part of their resource material for Social Justice Week. The partnership we have created with the Full Fill van has had many positive outcomes. For us here at John Paul College, our students have gained a better understanding and insight into the complex issues around child poverty in our city. Every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon our students are learning first-hand the importance of our Catholic Social Teaching, which is "to give preferential option for the poor and marginalised."

We are endeavouring to link their interest and enthusiasm with our Catholic Social Teaching, in the hope that when our students leave our school community, they will have gained an education, which will enable them to enter society, with a highly tuned attitude of empathy and service towards the poor and vulnerable.

As I reflect on the past 2 ½ years that John Paul College has been involved in this project, I can't help but think of a quote from De La Salle...



"God who directs all things with wisdom and moderation and who does not force the will of men, involved me unexpectedly and in a short time, so that one commitment led to another without my being aware of it."

I AM A DE LA SALLE BROTHER

A friendly chat with Brother Sir Patrick Lynch



In this issue of One Lasalle we interview one of the stalwarts of New Zealand Catholic Education. Brother Sir Patrick Lynch. Recently Knighted, Brother Sir Pat is the past Principal of De La Salle College Mangere and is currently the CEO of the Catholic Education Office for NZ. A position he has held since 1994. His 21 years of service to students, teachers, principals and schools over this time has been exemplary in every way. Brother Sir Pat - we congratulate you on your very well deserved Knighthood!

My full name..... Patrick Joseph Lynch (Pat)

How old are you? I have been on the earth for three score and ten years

A little bit about my family and where I am from... I am the second of six children who were brought up in Papatoetoe, Auckland

What makes me stand out from other people is my.. I am keen on the importance of leadership in whatever I am involved in

As a child, I dreamed of.. As a child, I always dreamed of being involved in politics and have had the opportunity to do so, particularly in my current NZCEO role

I'd like it if people.... were more collaborative and ceased operating in silos which inhibits progress

The last thing I cooked was.. The last thing I cooked was a smorgasbord of food for a formal dinner

To my ultimate dinner party.... I would invite President Barack Obama

My guilty indulgence is.... eating chocolate

My worst fashion disaster was.. My worst fashion disaster was wearing casual dress at a formal dress function – badly miscued!



Something that really irks me is... people who do not clean up after themselves and who do not put things back where they belong.

I would like to be remembered for... having treated people properly.

The book that had the greatest influence on me is... "I'm ok You're ok" a self-help book written by Thomas Anthony Harris.

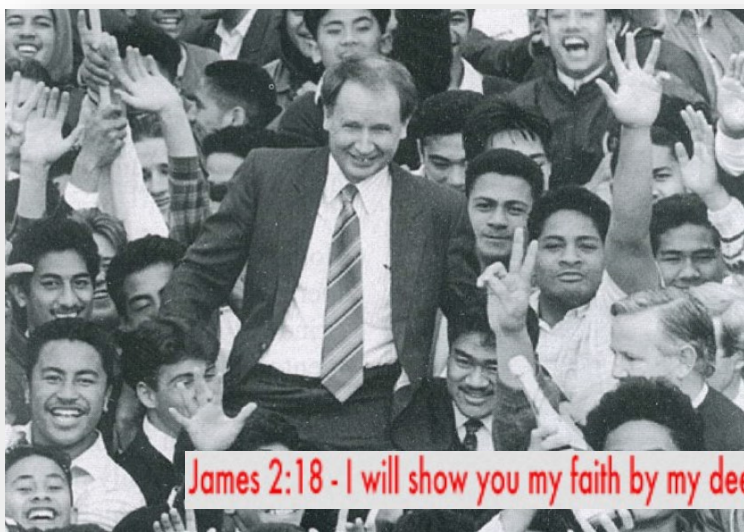
I became involved with the Lasallian Mission... when I was a student at De La Salle College, Mangere, Auckland

My funniest experience as a novice Brother was.... trying to make butter from the Brother's farm and failing badly in the attempt

I believe the Lasallian Mission is still relevant in today's world... because of the importance of the Lasallian philosophy in delivering effective education outcomes

An awesome experience I had as part of the Lasallian family was... a 100 day Lasallian live-in course in the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico, USA

My favourite words of wisdom are... "one of us is never as strong as all of us"



James 2:18 - I will show you my faith by my deeds.





LASALLIAN FORMATION

Blessed Martyrs of the Rochefort

On Sunday, October 1, 1995, His Holiness John Paul II beatified 64 martyrs: the priest John Baptist Souzy's group (the Vicar General of La Rochelle), who, along with 63 companions, died as victims of suffering for the faith during the French Revolution. They are called «martyrs of the hulks of Rochefort» because of the place where they were held as prisoners. The name hulk was given to the old boats ordinarily used as storage ships, hospitals or prison ships.

There were two boats that served as prisons: "The Two Associates" and the "Washington" and these were based in Rochefort, where the river Charente emptied, in the department (county) of Rochelle. There were in all 827 priest and religious prisoners, the majority of whom had refused to swear the oath of the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, which would be considered an apostasy of the faith. Of the 827 prisoners, 542 of them died during the months of captivity in the pontoons: from April 11, 1794 to February 7, 1795. All had to endure terrible suffering and vexations for the faith and they died as a result of maltreatment. The 285 survivors were freed on February 12, 1795, and they were able to return to their places of origin. Some of them left written testimony about the heroic examples of their martyred companions. Among the prisoners of the hulks were seven Brothers of the Christian Schools: Roger, Leon, Uldaric, Pierre-Christophe, Donat-Joseph, Avertin and Jugon. The last three survived and were liberated on February 12, 1795. The first four died in prison but in the group of the beati only Brothers Roger, Leon and Uldaric are included. Information about the fourth, Brother Pierre-Christophe, was unavailable and so he was not included in the group.



Blessed Brother Roger

(Pierre-Sulpice-Christophe Faverge)
Born in Orléans, France, July 25, 1745
Entered the Novitiate in 1767

Blessed Brother Uldaric

(Jean-Baptiste Guillaume)
Born in Fraisans, France, February 1, 1755
Entered the Novitiate October 16, 1785

Blessed Brother Léon

(Jean Mopinot)
Born in Reims, France, September 12, 1724
Entered the Novitiate January 14, 1744

Martyred in 1794

Beatified on October 1, 1995

