



Global Reunion 2010

San Francisco Chapter hosting Global Reunion July 1-4, 2010

Reunion website: <http://www.lscobasf.com/reunion/>

Latest Update

- Registration will start at 10am on Thursday July 1st
- Attire for Sunday Reunion Dinner is business casual
- We will provide continental breakfast and lunch for Friday's Global Conference attendees
- Return time for Monterey and Carmel tour is now 6pm instead of 8pm

Updated (June 27, 2010) Event Schedule

Thursday July 1	10:00 – 23:00 Reunion Registration		
			20:00 – 22:00 Happy Hour
Friday July 2	09:00 – 23:00 Reunion Registration		
	08:00 – 13:00 LSCOBA Global Conference	15:00 – 21:00 Wine Tasting and dinner	21:00 – 21:30 Captains' Meet
	10:00 – 12:00 Shopping Hour	20:00 – 24:00 Social & Entertainment Ctr	
Saturday July 3	09:00 – 23:00 Reunion Registration		
	08:00 – 18:00 Monterey and Carmel Sightseeing Tour		
	08:00 – 14:00 Soccer Tournament (Day 1)		20:00 – 24:00 Social & Entertainment Ctr
Sunday July 4	09:00 or 11:00 Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton		
	09:00 – 17:00 Reunion Registration		17:00 – 18:00 Reunion Dinner Reception 18:00 – 18:30 Awards and Ceremony 18:30 – 21:00 Reunion Banquet
	10:00 – 16:00 Golf Outing		
	08:00 – 14:00 City Tour / Soccer Tournament (Day 2)		21:00 – 01:00 Après Dinner Drinks Celebration continues at Entertainment Center
Hotel Check Out: Monday July 5 11:00			

Enjoy the great experience of participating in the Global Reunion!



Global Reunion 2010 Conference Schedule

All old boys participating in the Global Reunion are invited to attend this conference to witness the official formation of the La Salle College Old Boys Global Alliance.

08:00 – 08:30	Continental Breakfast
08:30 – 08:45	Introduction (Host Chapter)
08:45 – 09:15	HKOBA Update (Mark Huang)
09:15 – 10:15	La Salle College Old Boys Global Alliance (GA) Meeting Chairman: Chris Tse (1965) (GN portion) Peter Lai (1967) (GA portion) Secretary: Jimmy Chang (1966) Agenda: 1. Official formation of GA and acceptance of GA white paper (transition from Global Network to Global Alliance) 2. Election of GA executives: chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer 3. Future meeting format 4. Planning on Global Reunion 2012 a. Host location b. Event date c. GA subcommittee on organizing Global Reunion d. Brainstorming session on Global Reunion organization 5. Any Other Businesses a. Subcommittee on GA white paper fine-tuning
10:15 – 10:30	Short Break
10:30 – 10:40	Introduction to Topics for Breakout Sessions
10:40 – 11:40	Breakout Sessions <u>Session A – Student Sponsorship Program</u> • Funding needs • Student selection mechanism and timeline • Expectation from organizers and students <u>Session B – Student Assistance Program</u> • Senior student assistance program • Junior student assistance program
11:40 – 12:00	Regroup
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch and Discussions 12:00 – 12:45 Joint discussions 12:45 – 13:00 Wrap-up 13:00 Adjournment



Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

Correction and Apology

Editorial Board

In the June 2010 issue, we have mistakenly put a wrong name (Daniel Lee) in the picture caption for Joseph Tang (63). We are very sorry for the mistake and would like to apologize to Joseph for all inconveniences caused.

The picture is reproduced here with the correct caption.



Back row (L-R):

Vitus Chan (76), John Hill Yau (73), Sam Cheung (71), John Yeung (72), David Sin (69), William Chan (69), Thomas Lau (69), Alex Wai (78), Charles Li (74), Peter Chan (72), Vincent Koo (74), Gordon Tam (77), John Chow (78), Glen Lai (79)

Middle Row (L-R):

Tony Pomeroy (71), Michael Yuen (74), Stephen Leung (63), Kevin Kwok (88), Michael Chan (63), Thomas Tam (63), **Joseph Tang (63), Sam Kwong (63)**

Front row (L-R):

Jimmy Chang (66), Kelvin To (86), Michael Ho (94), Victor Lee (01), Donald Siu (04), Robin Siu (00), Johnny Hui (81)



Edmonton Chapter

2010 FIFA World Cup Championship Game Party

The 2010 FIFA World Cup Championship game will be played on Sunday July 11, 2010. While we are not sure which two teams will play in the game, we do know that the game will start at 12:30pm local time.

The Edmonton Chapter has organized a party for the event so that our old boys can get together while watching an important game of this magnitude. As many old boys may be travelling after the Global Reunion, we put the event notice here so that those who may be coming to Edmonton after the Reunion can join us for fun. All old boys and family are welcome to the party. We appreciate advance notice so that we can better organize the party.

Details of the party are as follows:

Date:	Sunday July 11, 2010
Time:	12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Venue:	Finnagan's Bistro, Bar and Billiards 13560 Fort Road, Edmonton AB http://www.finnagans.com
Cost:	meals and drinks ordered individually
RSVP:	calvin@lscobaedm.org

Southern California Chapter

LSCOBA Southern California Chapter 2010-2012 Directors Election

The LSCOBA Southern California Chapter Directors Election for the 2010-2012 term has come to a conclusion at the end of May.

Mrs. Nancy Wong, CPA, and Mr. Stanley Lim, CPA, tallied the ballots and certified the results of the election on June 5, 2010 (Saturday) at the office of Thong, Yu, Wong & Lee, LLP (8450 Garvey Avenue, Suite 200, Rosemead, CA 91770) during the June 2010 Board Meeting. We sincerely thank them for their help.

The five (5) candidates who received the most votes in the Election will become Directors on the Board of Directors of the LSCOBA Southern California Chapter from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. They are (in alphabetical order):

- Johnson Chao ('95)
- Raymond Ho ('72)
- David Li ('94)
- Johnny Tsang ('81)
- Thomas Tsui ('95)

The 2010 – 2012 Officers of the Southern California Chapter, appointed by the Board, are:

President:	Raymond Ho ('72)
Vice President:	Johnny Tsang ('81)
Secretary:	Sampson Chan ('75)
Treasurer:	Stephen Lau ('01)



LSCOBA Southern California Chapter 2010-2012 Directors and Officers:

(L-R) Johnson Chao ('95), David Li ('94), Johnny Tsang ('81), Raymond Ho ('72), Sampson Chan ('75), and Thomas Tsui ('95). Stephen Lau ('01) is not in the picture.

We congratulate them and wish them much success leading the Chapter in the next couple years.



LSCOPA Southern California Chapter Second Annual La Salle Day Thanksgiving Mass

Anthony Luk (1966)



St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Church

The LSCOPA Southern California Chapter hosted its second annual La Salle Day Thanksgiving Mass (LSDTM) at St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Church (SBCCC) in Los Angeles on Saturday, May 15. The date of this year's Mass coincided exactly with the Feast Day of St. John Baptist de La Salle. Father John Lam, pastor of SBCCC, was the celebrant. Honoring the occasion, three Brothers from the neighboring Cathedral High School, an institution of the Christian Brothers, joined the celebration. They were Brother James Meegan, Brother La Salle Bossong, and Brother Chris Patino. Their attendance brought back fond memories of our school days. The preparation for this year's event was orderly. The choir director and members devoted four Saturday afternoons for practice sessions. With friendship started from last year, the choir made huge strides each week with enthusiasm and camaraderie. They have established themselves as a group to behold in our LSDTM.

Before 3:00 p.m., Rev. Brothers, schoolmates and families were seated at SBCCC. The ushers handed each attendee a LSDTM pamphlet, which contained the entire liturgy and the songs of the Mass. Eddie Shek ('85), our Chapter president, led the entrance procession with the cross. Following him were the two altar servers, Joseph Cheng ('72) and Thomas Chow ('89), the



Reynold Cheong-Leen ('40), Brother La Salle Bossong, Brother Chris Patino, and Brother James Meegan,

second lector, David Li ('94), the first lector, Reynold Cheong-Leen ('40), and Father Lam.

In the homily, Father Lam, a Selesian priest, drew upon the stories of two Patron Saints of Education – St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers and St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians. Both men devoted their life to the education of poor children. Although their family's economical background differed drastically, each had a mother who instilled a strong Christian education that had planted the seeds for each to demonstrate his faith, to bring hope to thousands, and to persevere in their endeavors. Father Lam emphasized the importance of Christian education and thanked the Rev. Brothers for their

work.

The LSDTM pamphlets also contained an account of the life of St. John Baptist de La Salle, which is included here following this article.

Before Ronnie Cheng ('92) and Jennifer, his wife, brought the Bread and Wine to the altar, George Hong ('67) read the Prayer of the Faithful. Our petitions to our Heavenly Father reflect our hopes for our alma mater and one another as one Lasallian family. They are included below should some of you miss the Mass and like to know about them.

After Father Lam gave a solemn blessing, the Mass ended joyously especially after Eddie's speech honoring our senior schoolmates in attendance. Everybody was eager to take group pictures with Rev. Brothers and Father Lam at the church entrance and at the cake-cutting ceremony.

We honored the following senior schoolmates who made special efforts to attend our LSDTM. They were Reynold Cheong-Leen ('40), Wellington Chan ('57), Alfred Lai ('61) and K.K. Wong ('62).



The Choir - old boys Ronnie Cheng ('92), Johnny Tsang ('81), Ronny Mok ('05), Timothy Chiu ('92), Tom Lee ('69) and their family. Choir members Stanley Ng ('61) and Anthony Lee ('77) are not in the picture.



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We like to listen to the stories of their school days at La Salle. Reynold was a classmate of Brother Henry in the early years of the majestic dome campus. Others had used the barracks at the Perth Street campus. K. K. Wong was a star athlete who broke the intercollegiate track relay record. No matter in which campus these senior schoolmates attended in their formative years, we honor them and remember their principals – Brother Aimar Sauron, Brother Patrick Toner and Brother Felix Sheehan. They have made us very proud as we together sang our school song and reverberated the last line of “And strive that her fame may grow.”

I thank all who helped and supported our second LSDTM for your hard work and friendship. We inaugurated our Mass last year. But I shall not forget this year’s Mass and your contributions throughout.



Entrance procession – Reynold Cheong-Leen ('40), David Li ('94), Joseph Cheng ('72) and Thomas Chow (89)



Master of Ceremony George Hong ('67)



Father John Lam



Father John Lam



Old boys and guests together after the Mass



Brother La Salle Bossong, Brother James Meegan, Brother Chris Patino, Father John Lam, and Eddie Shek ('85) cutting cake after the Mass

Saint John Baptist de La Salle

In 1682, John Baptist de La Salle officially named his organization of lay religious teachers the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, popularly known today as the Christian Brothers or the De La Salle Brothers. Initially undertaking a tentative involvement in education, de La Salle became a pedagogical reformer, left a deep imprint in Catholic education and altered the course of education in the western world.

John Baptist was born of a noble lineage in Rheims, France, on April 29, 1651. His father, Louis de La Salle, held an esteemed position in the practice of law. He had wished his eldest son to follow in his footsteps. But early on, John Baptist already desired to enter the priesthood. At the age of eleven he received his tonsure; at sixteen he became a canon of the Rheims Cathedral. John Baptist used every opportunity that his parents had provided him for his intellectual development. At eighteen, he achieved his Master of Arts. On October 18, 1670, John Baptist enrolled in the Seminary of Saint Sulpice. While in the seminary, he was a model of piety and impressed his fellow seminarians and superiors with his intellect and understanding of theological subjects.

The death of his parents in 1671 and 1672 interrupted the seminary studies of John Baptist. He returned home to attend to the family estate and to care for his younger siblings. Back in Rheims and struggling with mental anguish, he resorted to prayers, and sought and found his spiritual adviser, Nicolas Roland. Over the years, the friendship between de La Salle and Roland grew closer. The elder canon encouraged John Baptist to resign his canonry in order to become more involved in the parish and the ministry to the poor. This advice remained in the mind of the future clergy. Despite his canonry duties and administrative tasks of the family business, de La Salle managed to complete his theological study and was ordained priest on Holy Saturday, April 6, 1678. In two more years, Father John Baptist accomplished the Doctorate of Theology.

The first experience of Father John Baptist in performing pure charitable work for the poor was to carry out the last will of Nicolas Roland. He bequeathed de La Salle to bring to concrete fruition the newly established Congregation of the Sisters of the Child Jesus, an orphanage for girls. Unknowingly this exposed the idea of institutional formation to Father John Baptist.

With his high academic standing and his influential family background, many assumed that the young devout priest would ascend to a distinguished career in the Church. The prospect of becoming a bishop would be a matter of time. A chance meeting in 1679 with Adrien Nyel, a layman who was interested in opening schools for the poor children, drew Father John Baptist imperceptibly to the work for the rest of his life.

After jointly establishing two primary schools that offered a free education, Father John Baptist returned to the mission of a parish priest. With his parish work, he realized the plight of the poor. Louis XIV, the Sun King, ruled France since 1643 for seventy-three years. His extravagant monarchy propelled France to the front to high culture in arts, writings, architecture and music. But his endless war imperiled France's national finance. Coinciding with a famine, the poor, especially the peasants and their offspring, had no hopes for a better future. Society in general lacked morality in its struggle for a decent daily life. Father John Baptist recognized that only through education could he bring hope to the masses and through the teaching of the Christian faith could he raise the conscience of society.

Because Father John Baptist was keen to see real progress of both schools, he started visiting the schools and talking with the teachers. He observed how unprepared these teachers were. In those days, there were no standards for schoolteachers. They had no social or professional status and were paid poorly. Teaching was not their vocation as they would switch jobs when something better came along. Father John Baptist found these teachers crude and had misgivings about them. Yet he returned daily talking to the teachers and giving them directions to improve their teaching to the poor children. He espoused leadership among these men



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and delved deeper into education and in the importance of good teaching.

With the intention of improving their knowledge, their religious practice, and table manners, Father John Baptist invited the teachers to have meals in his home. In 1681, the teachers were even allowed to live in there. Over the objection of his family members, Father John Baptist moved with them to a rented house in a poor neighborhood. Hence, it formally started in 1682 when Father John Baptist led that nondescript band of lay teachers to the embryonic Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Mindful of Roland's advice, Father John Baptist resigned his canonry in 1682 and forsook its honor. In 1684, he totally gave away his worldly goods so that he could truly serve the poor and live in par with his Brothers. He placed his trust for the fate of the Christian Brothers completely to God.

In 1680s, France followed the university system, which conducted a classical education from elementary school through the doctorate. Only the well-to-do could enroll their children in the university system. The other avenue of elementary schooling was given by individual teachers, usually in their own homes. Parents were required to possess the means to pay for the tuition.

The daily interaction of the Brothers concentrated on developing teaching practices. The group hardly spent any effort in the organizational structure. Father John Baptist soon noted the inadequacy and inefficiency of the educational system. Subjects were taught in Latin and on a one-to-one basis. The parish schools were poorly run and had little discipline. Children were unkempt. Utilizing his talents and his vast academic resources in evaluating the situation, Father John Baptist initiated a series of pedagogical methods and supervised the Brothers to embark on practicing additional approaches deemed useful in other parts of the country.

Father John Baptist introduced the concept of classroom teaching, in which a teacher would teach concurrently a group of students using the same text. He insisted that the subjects of reading and writing should be taught in the vernacular. He was afraid that his students would have only the few years of primary education and therefore, wanted to equip them with pragmatic skills on which they could depend. He integrated religious instructions with the secular subjects. He applied the "simultaneous method" in grouping children of similar ability and achievement in the same classroom. He emphasized that his schools must teach subjects pertinent to the needs of the children and must adapt to meet the changing needs of the community. (The two latter frameworks are still practiced today.) Henceforth, it can be said that John Baptist was the father of public education when he demonstrated his mission was to educate children regardless of their parental social standing in his schools.

Not only did Father John Baptist define his expectations for the students, but he also set the standards for his teachers. He elaborated that the teachers must maintain discipline in the classroom. He wrote extensively on how to conduct effective classes. His most profound innovation was the establishment of the first normal school – a training college for teachers so that they could gain their status and believe in their vocation.

In the ensuing years, Father John Baptist founded the Sunday program so that working youngsters could take advanced subjects for what is known today as continual education. He pioneered a boarding school that offered pre-professional courses, formed special education for the handicapped, and opened a facility specialized to educate the delinquents.

The organizational structure of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools evolved slowly. Father John Baptist deliberated on the codes and rules for the Brothers. In 1690, when his hand-picked new leader for the order, Brother Henri L'Heureux, died in reaching the final phase of attaining priesthood in Paris, Father John Baptist was crushed. He prayed the whole night long. Eventually he summoned his strength and made the decisive rule for the betterment of his order. He declared that his Brothers would not be priests so that they could devote all their energy to educating youngsters without the demand of pastoral duties.

As the work of the Christian Brothers brought fruitful results, oppositions mounted from both the secular and ecclesiastical world. The secular schoolmasters resented their success. Some segments of society disliked the schools of the De La Salle Brothers for breaking down the social barriers, and sued the Institution. The ecclesiastical authority did not approve of the new order of Christian Brothers and in particular, the decree of excluding priests from the organization. It is an understatement that Father John Baptist encountered a life of trials and turmoil, especially when the survival of the order was not assured. Ultimately, by the firm faith in God and courage of John Baptist de La Salle together with his persistent leadership and vision, the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools blossomed.

In 1711, Father John Baptist finalized the process for the election of a superior general for the order. Brother Barthelemy became the superior general in 1717. The founder continued to work with the Brothers for the rest of his life. Father John Baptist de La Salle passed away on Good Friday, April 7, 1719.

Pope Leo XIII canonized de La Salle on May 24, 1900. To further the remembrance of this selfless man and his contributions to modern pedagogy, Pope Pius XII proclaimed Saint John Baptist de La Salle the Patron Saint of Teachers on May 15, 1950. Since 1970, his feast is celebrated in the Catholic Church Calendar on April 7, but at La Sallian institutions and families, on May 15.

Nowadays, about 6,000 Brothers and 75,000 lay and religious men and women worldwide serve as teachers, counselors and guides to 900,000 students in 1,000 educational institutions in 84 countries.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle – pray for us.

[Written by Anthony Luk on the occasion of the second annual La Salle Day Thanksgiving Mass in Los Angeles, May 15, 2010.]



The Prayer of the Faithful (LSDTM 2010)

Lector: Lord, we thank you for St. John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, and the Patron of Christian Teachers. May you continue to bless and guide this institution that he founded, as well as Christian educators throughout the world. Help them strive for excellence in the education of young people everywhere.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, we humbly ask you to bless our beloved alma mater, La Salle College and La Salle Primary School in Hong Kong. May you guide the college's new principal, Bro. Steve Hogan, to lead a smooth transition in September. Bless the teachers and staff of the primary school, and the principal Mrs. Emily Leung, as they admit a new crop of students. Help our schools grow to meet their many challenges for continual success in academics and moral teachings.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, we pray that you show your grace to the community of La Salle Old Boys Associations in different parts of the world. Open the hearts of our teachers, schoolmates, friends and relatives to follow your teachings and to love one another.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, we pray for the youths in our families. Grant them intelligence. Guide those who are graduating from high schools and universities. Direct them to become faithful Christians, sincere citizens and to joyful career paths.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, we seek your help to those who are sick. Grant them smooth recoveries and strength. Brighten their journeys on earth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, we pray for those who have gone before us especially Rev. Brothers, teachers, parents and schoolmates who accomplished so much for our schools. Look favorably upon their souls, in particular, the soul of Dr. Leo Chan Lu Kau of Class '66 and grant them eternal peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: We now pray in silence for our own intentions. Lord, listen to the petitions of your children. Daily grant us: faith, hope and charity.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



School News

Excerpts from <http://www.lasalle.edu.hk>

2010-06-22

Champions in the Accounting Software Applications Competition 2010 Overall Champion in S4 and S5 Group (The 7th consecutive year since 2004)

Douglas Lau Tak Chak (5G) and Toby Wong Lap Yan (5G)

Champion of Kowloon Region in S6 and S7 Group

Kwok Ho Wai (7A) and Ma Wei Chung (7A)

On 19 June, the aforementioned students have captured the Champions from among 70 participating secondary schools in the Accounting Software Applications Competition 2010 organized by the Institute of Vocational Education. The Boys were awarded prizes worth over HK\$1,400 and they would like to express their gratitude to their teacher advisor, Ms Helen Law, for her unremitting support and effort paid to the team.



2010-06-01

School Dance Team

The School Dance Team is pleased to announce that they have captured the Highly Commended Prize (甲等獎) in the 46th Schools Dance Festival (Modern Dance--Group & Trio).

The Team would like to thank their teacher advisors, Mr. Marco Mak, Ms. Zhang Juan, Ms. Amy Poon and their coach, Mr. Andy Wong, for their invaluable guidance and advice.



About this newsletter

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