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Class of 78 Reunion

The Class of 1978 will celebrate their 40th Anniversary this Fall. Please mark your calendar for this once every 5 year Homecoming Celebration as follows:

Date: 13 October 2018
Venue: Craigenower Cricket Club, Causeway Bay
<https://goo.gl/maps/GyYwQSTMf2M2>
Ticket Price: \$ 1000 per person
Other Details: TBA

To help us better plan for this important event, we would appreciate if you could confirm your attendance by return email or join our Facebook page: "LSC class of 1978 - 40th Anniversary Reunion 2018" and click 'Going'.

For additional information, please contact Hubert Chak at +852-9830-9288.

Class of 88 Reunion

The Class of 1988 will celebrate their 30th Anniversary this year. A Homecoming Celebration will be held on 30th June 2018 with the following details:

Venue: La Salle College
Date: 30 June 2018
Time: To be confirmed
Activities: School Tour, Sports, Mass, Gala Dinner and more
Ticket Price: \$ 550 for adult, \$400 for spouse,
 \$300 for children in secondary school, and
 \$100 for children under 12.

For details, please contact:

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About this newsletter



Calvin Chan (71, left) receiving the recognition during Toronto Global Reunion 2016; see page 2

Honorary Consultant: Calvin Chan (71)

Chief Editors: Victor Leung (77), Kevin Kwok (88), Chris Fong (94)

Reminder

East Coast (USA)

Sunday Dim Sum Lunch

Date: Every Sunday
Time: Noon
Venue: Asian Jewels Seafood Restaurant
 133-30 39th Avenue, Flushing NY 11354
 Tel. 718-359-8600
Contact: dimsun@nylscoba.org

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: First Friday of each month
Time: Noon
Venue: Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
Contact: billshwong@shaw.ca

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: Every first Sunday
Time: Noon to 2 pm
Venue: Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
 111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park

Toronto

AGM and Dinner

Date: May 15, 2018
Time: 6:00 pm
Venue: Crown Prince Fine Dining and Banquet
 紫京盛宴
 3600 Victoria Park Avenue, North York
Cost: \$40/person
Contact: Chris Fong 416-8383664
 Ambrose Cheung 647-8637368
 Kevin Kwok 647-9285880

Vancouver

AGM and Dinner

Date: May 15, 2018
Time: 6:30 pm
Venue: Red Star Seafood Restaurant
 鴻星海鮮酒家
Cost: \$40/person
Contact: Nick Domingo (604) 447-2895
 Tony Wong (604) 271-0605
 Dominic Lau (604) 233-1938

40th Anniversary Dinner

Date: June 28, 2018
Venue: Fortune Terrace Seafood Restaurant
 福滿樓海鮮酒家
 6200 River Road Richmond
Cost: \$60/person
RSVP: Nick Domingo at ndomingo@telus.net



The Time Has Come

Calvin Chan (1971)

Since my writing appeared in this newsletter two issues back, I received many emails with encouraging words. Some asked me to continue to work on this newsletter. I am thankful for all your support.

I also received a few emails offering to work on the newsletter and keep it alive. I really appreciate these responses to my pledge. Some of them rolled up their sleeves and put the March issue through. They have done a marvelous job to deliver the newsletter to our readers on time.

Seeing that the new group of editors is comfortable with their work, the former group of editors retires on April 1. It is also about right time for me to bid farewell to our readers. Besides wishing the new editorial group all the best in their new challenge, I am out of words to our dearest readers and contributors who have made this newsletter lasting that long. To end this, I can only use the very common but heartfelt words:

THANK YOU, FAREWELL

The Cycle Continues...

Chris Fong (1994)

One may say a beginning causes an end; I say an end can lead to a new chapter.

Salute to Calvin Chan (71), the first North American newsletter was released in February 2009. There have been all sorts of valuable and interesting submissions (chapter activities release and recap, travel articles, news from Hong Kong, activity photos, etc) since then, thanks to a lot of dedicated old boys from all generations and chapters (and Jimmy Chang, 66, for his continual proofreading effort as well). But it has been Calvin Chan who has been in the driving seat for the longest time. Executive editor, writers, contributors, proofreaders and typesetters are all voluntarily hats to wear; the responsibility can be a little too much to bear at times...



Sad to hear Calvin stepping down, a few of us have therefore committed to pick up the torch and keep the newsletter alive: Victor Leung (77), Kevin Kwok (88) and me, along with a few teammates who choose to be anonymous but no less than any three of us,



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working closely side by side. The March and April issues were our dry runs; Calvin's mentoring/coaching was invaluable, and it was a fulfilling experience for all of us. Calvin will always be our honorary consultant (voluntarily or not). I will miss his laughs for sure!

As a geek I cannot proclaim myself as an avid writer; I simply want to keep the momentum. Some says writing is a losing art; I say when there is a way, there is a will. And we know we are not alone – we are delighted to see a few hands of contributors/liaisons; I will not put you under the spotlight just yet but you know who you are, and we will be after you ;)

To ensure delivery of more fruitful and diversified content, we would like to run the newsletter bimonthly from now on. For the time being, everything else would be business as usual for our dear readers:

- Submissions are welcome! Anything that you think is interesting, relevant, giggling or nostalgic to the La Salle community, English or Chinese, please send to editors@lscobaedm.org
- To subscribe, email (with subject line : subscribe) to newsletter-lscobaedm.org-subscribe@lscobaedm.org
- Previous issues of the newsletter are available at <http://www.lscob-global.net/index.php/repository/nals.html>

Until July 2018!

Scouts Kowloon 17th Group (La Salle College) mini gathering in Toronto



Louis Ma, class coordinator of 1980, visited Toronto. Left to Right: Kevin Kwok (88), Patrick Leung (68), John Sun (67), William Chan (69), Ambrose Cheung (69), Louis Ma (80)



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La Salle College Athletics Club (Hong Kong) recruiting athletes!

Athletics is in the blood of all LaSallians of all generations, whether you were on or off the tracks. Blood, sweat, heat strokes, cheers, shouts, rallying cry and all that. Now, La Salle College Athletics Club (Hong Kong) is recruiting athletes from the old boys community, Hong Kong and abroad.

Old boys of 35 years old or above are welcome to join. In particular, we would like to encourage those of age 50 or above to participate. Trust me, there is no shortage of hale and hearty folks despite the years on the track; last year we saw beloved TP Cheung sir and Brother Patrick on the tracks, walking the talk and blowing away crowds!

We host weekly practice every Saturday from 4 to 6pm at LSC. Overseas old boys are welcome to drop in. If you are avid, we will be happy to see you in upcoming major events to be held in Hong Kong or beyond (see below for details); the highlight is the 2018 HK Masters Games in late October. Events include men and women 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 5000m, 3000m walk, 100m Hurdles High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay. LSC Athletics Club was the 2nd Runner-up of 2017 HK Masters Games. For overseas old boys planning your Asia trip, talk to the contacts below!

Upcoming events in 2018/19:

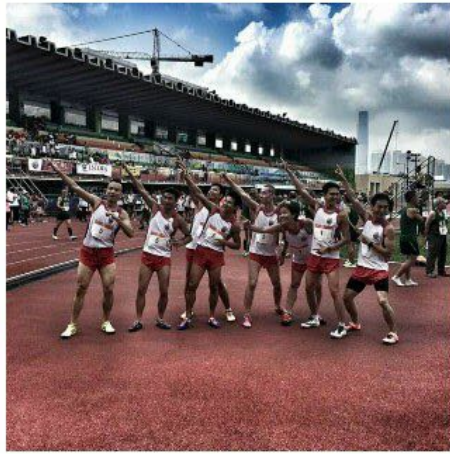
- Spring Taiwan Masters (early May), enrolling now
- Malaysia Asian Masters Games (September), enrolment date TBA
- 2019 Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon (autumn, enrolment in Summer)
- Hong Kong Masters Games (October 27-28, enrolment in Summer)
- Fall Taiwan Masters Games (enrolment in Fall)





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Toby Leung (79): toby719@yahoo.com

Stanley Shum (79): sshum88@hhotmail.com



History of Vancouver Chapter

Victor Leung 77'

The year 2018 marks the 40th Anniversary of the LSCOBA Vancouver Chapter. In celebration of this big milestone of our chapter, I am reposting a re-edited article of Vancouver Chapter trying to recapture some of the fond memories of our Chapter. The original article was posted in the July 2009 NA Newsletter and is also available at the Vancouver Chapter website.

“When the Old Boys get together, they will always.....”. Most LaSallian will likely agree that one of our most treasured memories would date back to our fun and care-free primary and secondary school days. Benedict Lam and Paul Ng were no exception and were in constant peruse to gather fellow overseas Old Boys to relive the good old times and, of course, to proudly sing our school song together.

After he graduated from La Salle College in 1973, Paul immigrated and settled in Vancouver, British Columbia the following year. Not knowing too many people in the strange city of Vancouver and still deeply missing the good old La Salle days, Paul always dreamed of starting an Old Boys club in Vancouver. His prayer was finally answered in 1976.

During a pleasure trip to Hong Kong in 1976, Paul ran into Brother Raphael, the Principal of La Salle College at the time, and had casually mentioned his plan to start an Old Boys club in Vancouver to Brother Raphael. Leaving his idea behind after he returned from Hong Kong, Paul was pleasantly surprised when he was approached by Benedict Lam (60'). Great men must think alike for similar to Paul, Benedict was also in a process of setting up a La Salle Old Boys Association in Vancouver, BC. After learning from other Old Boys that Paul was also interested in starting an Old Boys club in Vancouver, Benedict contacted Paul and officially invited him to join the Vancouver Old Boys Association (OBA) organizing committee.

After graduating in 1960 from La Salle College then spending 8 years in Ottawa, Benedict Lam settled in Vancouver in 1968. With the increasing number of immigrants from Hong Kong in the 70s, Benedict noticed that many alumni associations of different Hong Kong secondary schools were being set up in Vancouver. Realizing that there was sufficient interest from La Salle Tsai's and membership support to form our own local LSCOBA Vancouver chapter, Benedict proceeded with the organization planning with a few other OBs, including Dominic Lau, Alex Watt, Francis Sim, George Muller, and Arthur Yap-Chung.



Benedict Lam (60') - Inaugural President
of Vancouver Chapter



Paul Ng (73') - Past President (1977) of
Vancouver Chapter

Part of the OBA set up plan was to locate and get acquainted with other old boys residing in Vancouver. Talking about *“boys of courage and boys of daring”*, instead of organizing a formal La Salle function which was still immature at the time, Paul decided to ask Benedict and other old boys to send an open invitation to every La Salle Tsai residing at Vancouver to attend his wedding banquet which took place in September 1977. Not knowing how many extra guests would respond to his open invitation, Paul's belief was that the more OBs showing up, the better the chance of success for the formation of the Vancouver OBA. Among the



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many guests who participated in the first unofficial Vancouver OBA gathering were Benedict Lam and Dominic Lau who still remained the die-hard members of the Vancouver OBA to this very date.

The second milestone of Vancouver OBA chapter took place in the summer of 1978 when A. O. Sales led the Hong Kong team to attend the Commonwealth Games held in Edmonton, Alberta. During their return stop-over from Edmonton, the Vancouver OBA organizing committee invited De O Sales and his team to attend a welcoming reception banquet, which turned out to be the first official Vancouver La Salle Old Boys function. Thanks to the hard work from the organizing committee and fellow Old Boys, the function was very successful and close to 200 people attended the reception dinner held at Canyon Garden in North Vancouver, BC.

Taking advantage of the momentum of enthusiasm from fellow Old Boys, the La Salle College Old Boys Association (Vancouver Chapter) was officially formed in the summer of 1978. The Chapter constitution, prepared by Benedict Lam, was officially signed on June 29th, 1978. The OBA Chapter inauguration success was celebrated with the chapter's first Annual Christmas/New Year OBA Ball which took place on New Year Eve of 1978 at the Bayshore Inn in downtown Vancouver. Over 400 people attended this very special celebration event.

The founding executive committee and members of Vancouver Chapter were:

President: Benedict Lam
Vice-Presidents: Dominic Lau & Alex Watt
Secretary: George Muller
Treasurer: Francis Sim
Public Relations: Arthur Yap-Chung

Members:

Albert Butt	Jackie Ma	Andrew Chee
Matthew Ma	David Cheung	Paul Ng
Frank Chow Eric Pong	Benedict Fan Owen Villa	Dennis Koo David Wong
Peter Lai John Wong	Edward Lee	Jonathan Wong
Kenneth Li	Hebert Yap-Chung	



"SOCIETIES ACT"

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is "La Salle College Old Boys' Association" (hereinafter called the "Association").

Copy of the original constitution of LSCOA Vancouver Chapter

Like many organizations, the Vancouver Chapter also has its active and slow moments. During the 80s, the chapter lost some members who returned to Hong Kong and China. After a period of slower participation in the late 80s, the chapter became active again in the early 90s with the infusion of new Old Boys mainly from the classes of the 80s.



Even though Vancouver Chapter was officially inaugurated in 1978, formal tie with LSCOBA in Hong Kong did not happen until early 2000. With the advance in IT technology in early 2000, the launching of the official LSCOBA(HK) website played a major role to link different overseas chapters together.

The visit of Brother Thomas to Los Angeles in the summer of 2002 sparked the idea of the first North American Soccer Game which, subsequently, was held at San Francisco in September 2002. Vancouver Chapter was one of the three chapters (along with San Francisco Chapter and South California Chapter) that participated in this very meaningful sports event that later evolved into the present-day Global Reunion.

To-date, Vancouver Chapter has over 300 registered members and approximately 40 active members. Since inauguration in 1978, a total of 26 keen OBs have volunteered their time to serve as presidents of Vancouver Chapter.

(A tribute video of the past presidents is available at <https://youtu.be/RrEUtWWj7gY>).

Amongst the many members is Weldon Chan of class of 1937, who still finds time to attend and support some of our chapter's social functions whenever feasible.



Weldon Chan (37) receiving recognition certificate from President Raymond Wong at the 30th Anniversary Dinner held at the Bayshore Inn, Downtown Vancouver in 2008.

Comparing to the other overseas OBA chapters, Vancouver is considered one of the bigger chapters in terms of membership size. Size, however, comes with both advantages and challenges. As a result of large membership, it was easy for Vancouver Chapter to solicit OBs to serve as executive members. Currently, 14 executive members are volunteering their time to serve our Chapter and plan the various fun activities for our members and guests. The large membership has also made it easier to draw large turnouts at most major OBA events. However, large membership also has its drawbacks.

With the large membership, social gatherings, by natural default, become smaller, more private, and usually organized in layers. Although Old Boys initiated gatherings are very frequent (almost at least monthly), the gatherings usually consist of OBs from similar graduating years and are not officially labeled as OBA functions. Every once in a while, selected OBs outside these layers (graduating years) are invited to attend these "private" functions and thus have the potential to serve as interface between different OB groups. In comparison, similar gatherings in smaller chapters might be private at start but could easily transform into formal OBA functions, for the one to two table party would represent almost half of the executive committee showing up. Nevertheless, in addition to the many smaller and less official functions, the two main OBA functions include the Annual Christmas/New year Ball which lasted till



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the late 90s, and the Annual Picnic which still continues today as a major OBA family-based function.



(Top Left) 1994 Annual Picnic held at Cultus Lake, Chilliwack BC.

First row - Francis Yeung(69); Cheung Ting Po Sir; Peter Cheung Wah Tai Sir; Humphrey Ho(69).

(Top Middle) Group photo from the 2007 Annual Picnic held at Raymond Wong's (2007- 2009 President) Organic Farm.

(Top Right) 1994 Halloween Party

(Middle) 2016 Annual BBQ Party

(Lower Left) 2016 NYE Party and Dance



The large membership also makes organization of major OBA functions more challenging. Nevertheless, with the strong support from the large executive group and general members, a lot of successful and memorable events have been organized over the years. Some of the major events/activities of Vancouver chapter include:

- Global Reunion 2012
- November 2009 - 30th Anniversary of Vancouver Chapter
- February 2009 – Chinese New Year Dinner
- October 2007 – Celebrating Dinner for 75th Anniversary of LSC
- August 2007 - Annual picnic at former president, Raymond Wong, Hot House Farm
- August 2003 – North America Soccer Game hosted by Vancouver Chapter.



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*Group photos of
Global Reunion 2012*

Located in one of the warmest weather in Canada, Vancouver chapter is able to regularly attract new members (both young and mature). However, the chapter realizes that it must continue to find innovative ways to draw the members at large to its regular gatherings. As sons of La Salle, members of Vancouver chapter will continue to find ways to get together and proudly sing our school song.

On behalf of our members, I like to say thank you to our current and past presidents for their leadership and contributions to our chapter:

Term	President	HKCEE		Term	President	HKCEE
1978 - 1979	LAM, Benedict S K			1996 - 1997	NG, Paul W H	1970
1979 - 1980	WATT, Alex			1997 - 1998	PANG, Vincent	1986
1980 - 1981	CHEUNG, David S			1998 - 1999	CHUNG, Daniel	1970
1981 - 1982	MA, Matthew (RIP)			1999 - 2000	POON, David W H	1978
1982 - 1983	LAU, Dominic W K	1961		2000 - 2002	LAU, Vitus	1963
1983 - 1984	WONG, Anthony W K	1970		2002 - 2003	SO, Henry	1978
1984 - 1985	CHOY, Peter	1973		2003 - 2005	FUNG, Adrian	1985
1985 - 1990	CHOW, Frank	1966		2005 - 2007	MANSON, Albert J	1967
1990 - 1991	WONG, Tony S M	1969		2007 - 2009	WONG, Raymond W L	1991
1991 - 1992	LAU, Alfred T	1972		2009 - 2011	KO, Patrick	1995
1992 - 1993	CHEUNG, Richard	1969 - LSCEC		2011 - 2013	LEUNG, Victor	1977
1993 - 1994	TONG, Raymond K	1969		2013 - 2015	YIP, Ralph K H (RIP)	1962
1994 - 1996	CHEN, Jeffrey	1975		Current	DOMINGO, Nick	1963

(The author would like to thank Benedict Lam, Paul Ng, Dominic Lau, and Ronald Loui-Ying for providing valuable information on the history of Vancouver Chapter and Peter Choy, Daniel Chung, and Joseph Ng for providing the photos at different chapter events.)



Special Contribution

St. John Baptist de La Salle, the New Yorker

William Lai (1961)

To our fellow LaSallians in the Big Apple, this piece is likely ho-hum. But for me, what I found was a revelation.

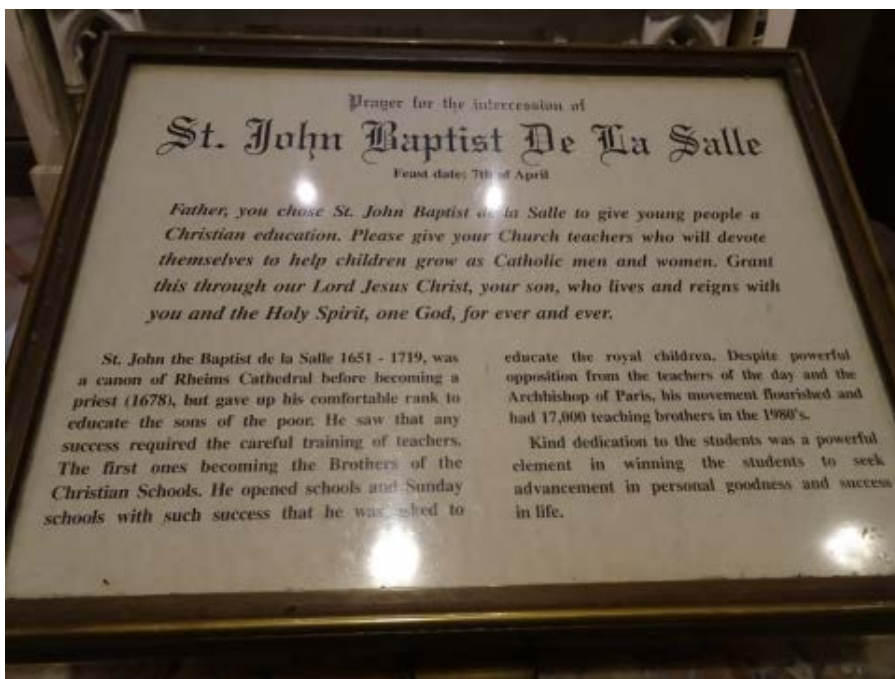
I have been to New York City many times and have driven by St Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue on a number of occasions, but never had the opportunity to see inside the Cathedral until the last time I was in town. I knew that this significant NYC historic landmark was also the site of some high-profile weddings such as those of Mariah Carey and Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Hilary and Bill. But what I discovered inside was astounding, to me anyway.

As I was walking about the interior of the grand church of St Patrick and appreciating the many iconic Biblical sculptures and stained windows, suddenly the words "La Salle" caught the corner of my eye. As I approached the plaque on which these words were written, it became clear that the Cathedral had dedicated an altar to this patron saint of ours. The plaque describes the saint exactly as we had known of him from our La Salle days. There was a spontaneous and surprising feeling of bonding with that particular alcove of the huge Cathedral. I have been to countless churches and cathedrals in my travels and I am aware of other St John Baptist monuments but had never come across such an enshrinement of the founder of the LaSallian order in a cathedral.

Here are the pictures we took of the Cathedral and the Altar of St John Baptist de La Salle.



St Patrick's Cathedral outside view



Plaque describing St John Baptist de La Salle



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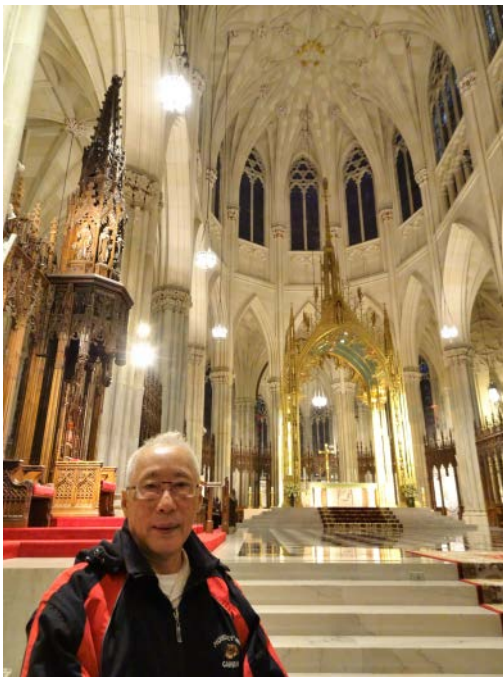
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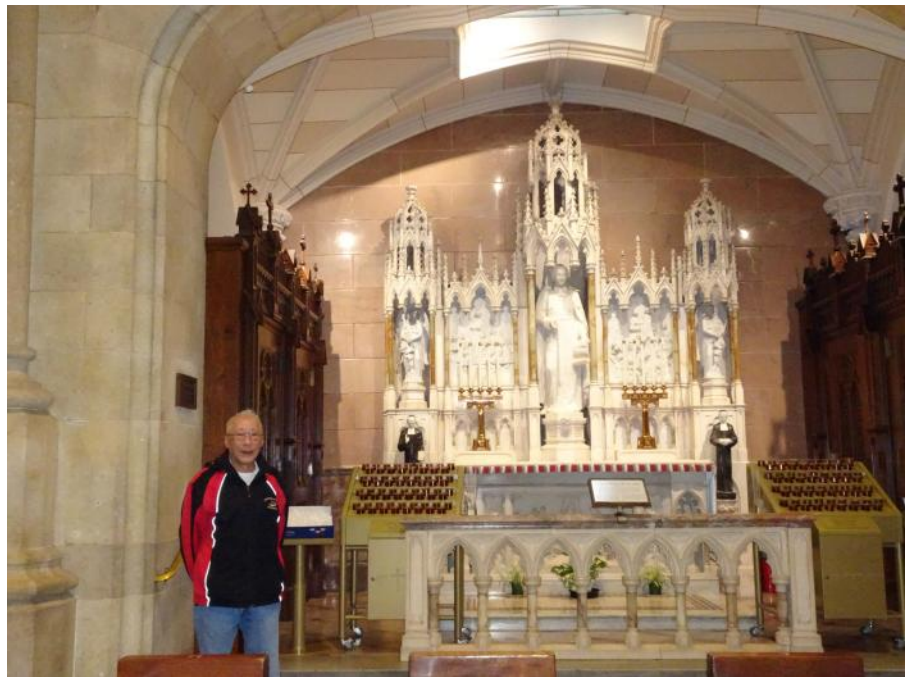
Altar of St John Baptist de La Salle in St Patrick's Cathedral



St Patrick's Cathedral front door



Main altar



St John Baptist altar distance perspective

One thing I was wondering was whether the image of St John the Baptist in St Patrick's Cathedral was the same as the familiar one we saw in our school. I downloaded the picture from our LSC website and blew up the image from the Cathedral, as follows. You decide.



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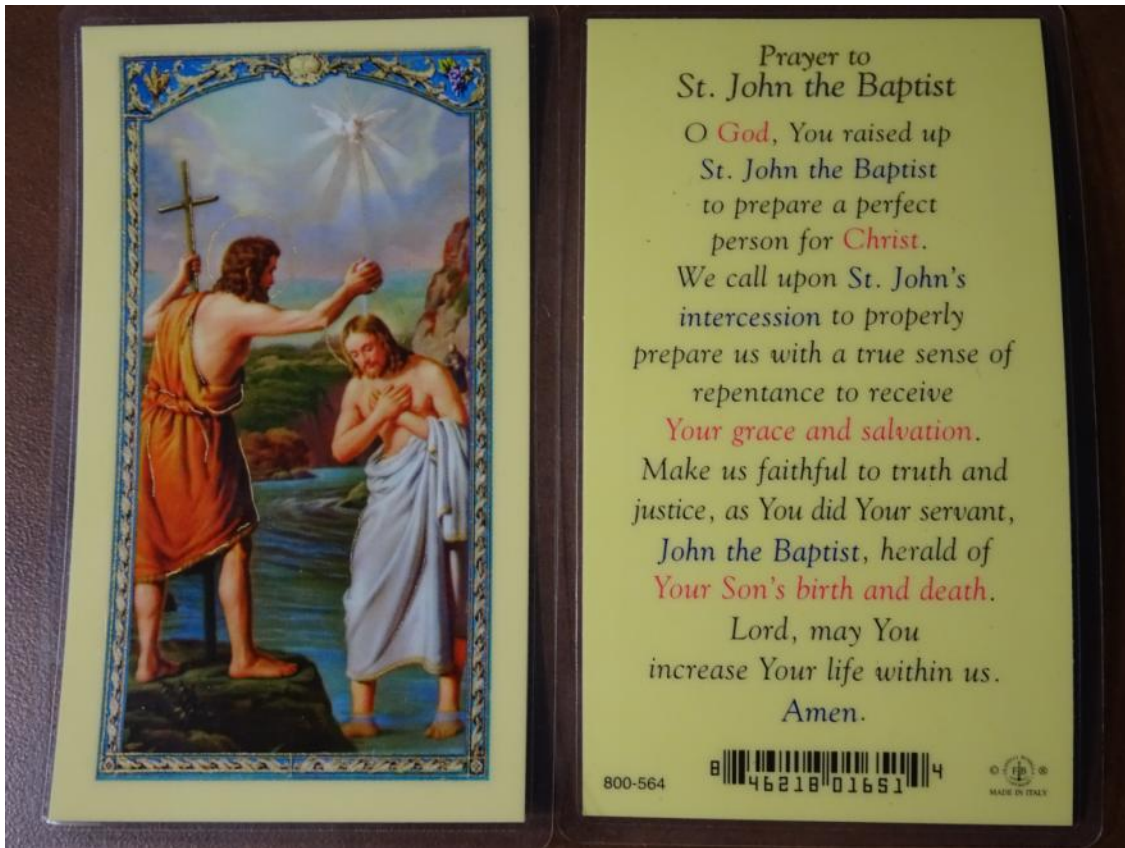
Image of St John Baptist de La Salle from our school



Image from the statue in St Patrick's Cathedral

St John Baptist de La Salle still lives, in the city that never sleeps no less. He has achieved celebrity status on the top of the New York heap with a world-wide fan club that has lasted for some 340 years (he was ordained in 1678). (Mariah Carey, eat your heart out).

Next time you're in NYC, do pay our most preeminent saint a visit.




St John the Baptist Prayer Card (both sides) from St Patrick's Cathedral



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 **La Salle Primary School**
Diamond Jubilee Visual Arts Exhibition
喇沙小學鑽禧視覺藝術展覽

Diamond Jubilee
Sparkling Onwards and Upwards

13 - 18.5.2018
香港文化中心行政大樓四樓展覽館
Exhibition Gallery
Level 4, Administration Building
Hong Kong Cultural Centre

時間 Time	下午五時至七時 (13.5.2018) 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	上午十時至下午七時 (14 - 17.5.2018) 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	上午十時至下午二時 (18.5.2018) 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
地點 Venue	九龍尖沙嘴梳士巴利道十號 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong
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