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Season's Greeting



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Sunday Dim Sum Lunch

Date Every Sunday @noon
Venue Asian Jewels Seafood Restaurant
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Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum

Gathering

Date First Friday of each month @noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
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Toronto

Joint School Alumni Spring Dinner

Date Feb 23, 2019 @6 pm
Venue Royal Fine Dining Banquet 皇家御宴
Cost \$55.00
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Louis Pomeroy Memorial Cup Mahjong Tournament

Date Mar 17, 2019 @noon
Venue NKS Banquet Hall 帝豪名宴
Cost \$50.00
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Vancouver

Table Tennis Drop-in

Every Wednesday @3 pm
Venue 6111 River Road, Richmond
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喇沙會一百四十年歷史：當修士消失，只望播下的種子留傳

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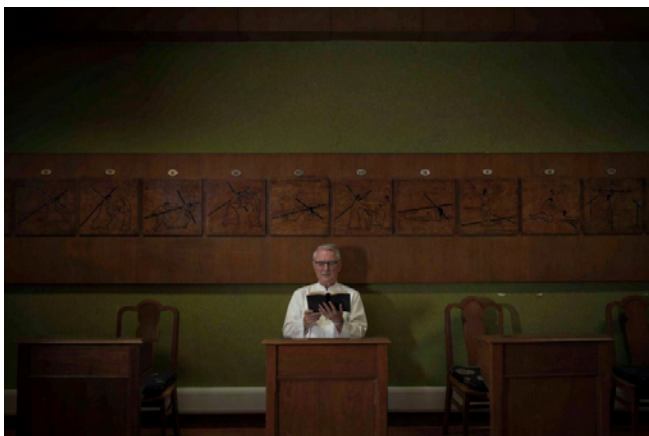
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一百四十年來，有大約二百位修士先後來過香港。

「1860年初，本地天主教教會發現有必要進行教育工作，於是開辦聖若瑟書院，1875年又千方百計請來喇沙會的修士。」第一批只有六人，「初時供澳門葡籍天主教教徒就讀，後來中國人有興趣，也可以入讀，漸漸演變至今。除了牧師、神父、主教，香港還有修士。像修女一樣，在香港只剩下幾位，還堅持集體生活，放棄本名，全心專注辦學工作。」

百德修士（Brother Patrick）是其中之一。他年近七十五歲，於1964年來到香港，被指派到聖若瑟中學當教師，二十九歲就當上校長，到中大學習兩年廣東話後，1990年轉到喇沙中學當校長，退休後任校監，現仍居於校舍，負責編纂雜誌 [《Gateway》](#)，整理喇沙會歷史。



日本侵華時期的修士

在他們古板嚴肅的修士袍之下，是一具具有溫度的血肉之軀。

談到學校修士的古仔，百德修士頓時眉飛色舞，連語調都被過去的風雨沾染，變得柔軟不已。

二戰時，日軍侵華，兩校修士被疏散到馬來西亞，有些取道中國去了越南，也有些去了緬甸的喇沙會中學。戰爭中的修士，命途多舛，其中十六名



修士在馬尼拉被殺，成為殉道者。

他整理資料時發現很多值得一記的事。雅各伯修士（Brother James Dooley）二戰時正好在馬來西亞學校裏執教鞭，忽然連同八九位修士，遭日軍逮捕，在田裏罰站，對面是一排中國人，日軍先將中國人綁起來，鞭打、毆打，最後射殺。日軍宣布：「這就是你們的下場，you are the next！」豈料一輛軍車停下來，步出高級軍官，一來就大聲問：「Who are they? Catholic priest?」他們連忙答是，軍官隨即揚了揚手，示意將他們鬆綁。修士險死還生，但沒有人知道軍官為什麼要放過他們。

同一時期，又有一班修士在叢林中紮營流放，整整三年，飽受蟲患，形銷骨立，其中兩位死於登革熱，巴特利修士（Brother Patricius O'Donnovan）捱過非人生活，偷偷寫下日記，避過日軍耳目，戰後出版回憶錄，用苦中作樂的語調記下當年掙扎求存的生活點滴，就像電影《一個快樂的傳說》的父親用幽默的方法來「解讀」集中營的殘酷現實一樣。

「活過戰亂的修士，所有人都有極佳的幽默感。」



（上行左起）艾瑪修士（1873-1945）為建造書院殫精竭慮；加斯恩修士曾到英國國會陳情，要取回書院；畢列登修士（1914-1998）；（下行左起）保祿修士（Brother Paul O'Connell）是二戰時在香港的三位修士之一；嘉士美修士任校長期間死於心臟病；賀文修士戰後特地重回當年避禍的馬來西亞叢林

日佔時期，聖若瑟中學被日軍改為研究所、監獄等軍事設施，有三位修士留下來，卻沒有日軍糧票，靠鄰舍施捨度日。對面開了一間日軍學校，有一名修士竟與侵佔校舍的日本人校長發展出一段非比尋常的友誼，上至天文，下至地理，無所不談。「大家都體諒他要保住校舍，我猜測其實有好多好多受良好教育的日本人是被迫參戰。」

修士與香港教育

每一位修士，在百德修士口中，都是性格巨星。

艾瑪修士（Brother Aimar Sauron）是一個做事風風火火的修士。1918年汕頭發生七級地震，香港受到波及，書院屋頂倒塌，只好借用德國俱樂部，解燃眉之急。他每天到九龍四出物色合適地皮，最後看中界限街以北一幅較便宜的用地，馬上花了12萬港幣買了下來。建築風格如法式寄宿學校，有宏偉的圓頂；怎料二戰後三年，竟惹來英軍垂涎，被徵用作軍事醫院，



明明說好徵用一年半，結果一借不還，喇沙師生被迫在漏水的木屋裏上課，當中竟包括李小龍，這是後話。

加斯恩修士（**Brother Cassian Brigant**）是一個據理力爭的修士，更是學校的守護者。他屢次上訪英國議會，又在本地報章口誅筆伐，終於逼使英軍歸還校舍。奈何多年沒有維修，1977年，校舍需要重建，忍痛把地皮讓給李嘉誠，換取建造新校舍費用，舊校舍變成今天的碧華花園。



1957 年的校長畢列登修士

至於造型最獨特的修士，要數 1957 年的校長畢列登修士（**Brother Brendan Dunne**），百德修士對他的評語為「非同凡響」。他總是咬着一根煙斗，亂丟火柴，而且是出名的「吹水王」。犯錯的學生踏入校長室，輕輕告誡“better not do it again”，然後就聊天，天南地北，請吃糖果，甚至分享手裏的啤酒。奇怪的是，學生竟少有再犯。百德修士評價這位修士校長時說：「太好人是他的弱點。」但接着又說：“Kill them with kindness”；可見好人未必是弱點，反而是一件武器。

問修士的教學心得，百德修士說：「教懂一句句子，再教懂寫一個段落，一次又一次，直到學生寫好為止。」這個教學心得，代代修士相傳，至今不變。

當然，好人遇上劣徒，可能真的「無符」。李小龍當年就讀喇沙，常常打架，被當時校長逐出校，但他仍常常回來探望，仍然自稱喇沙仔。「想是患了過度活躍症。」百德修士語帶同情。喇沙知名的學生很多，比修士校長都要知名，如白先勇、黃霑和曾俊華，對修士來說，“They are boys no matter what.”

提到教育，對學校後來發展影響最大的，可能是賀文修士（**Brother Herman Fenton**），他是一個「擇善固執」的人，最厲害的地方是「左耳入右耳出」。百德修士指出，若不是他固執，不顧當時校內反對，六十年代窮人就沒有讀夜校的機會，他又排除萬難開辦陳瑞祺（喇沙）小學.....

修士故事說不完，值得一提的，還有 1949 年共產黨執政後，由東北逃到香港的 **Paul Sun** 修士，建立了聖若瑟英文小學和中學；還有艾瑪修士聘請的馬來西亞教師，開辦了華仁書院，專門收香港本地學生.....



修士在香港扎根，漸漸枝葉繁茂，組成一個巨大的教育網絡。

每天為逝者禱告 每天念記同袍

喇沙會修士聚居在喇沙書院和聖若瑟中學，過着集體生活，規律平板。每天早上 4 點多起來祈禱，一同吃早飯，精神好會到校門前跟學生打招呼，然後進行教學工作，午餐後待在房中直到兩點鐘，5 點多就吃晚飯，早早休息。



「像化石標本。」百德修士大笑說，沒有人像他們這樣生活了。什麼都共同分享，所以根本不需要個人戶口。百德修士直到要領取生果金，才第一次申辦銀行個人戶口。喇沙書院頂層一度住滿修士，如今十室九空，只有數間住了修士，有種寂寥感。兩校以往加起來共有近三十位修士，現在只有九位，每校只有一兩位修士仍然活躍。許多修士，離世後埋葬在香港天主教墳場。

1977 年 9 月 3 日，百德修士見祈培修士（Brother Gilbert）缺席了晨禱會，於是跟另一位修士跑到房間裏找他，推門一看，裏面是一具冷冰冰的屍體。原來祈培修士昨晚心臟病發不治。那是他第一次直面修士離世，之後活過一年又一年，在喪禮上送走一位又一位修士。他們活着，不是為了自己，而是為了更崇高的目的，他們連自己的家鄉也放棄了，死的時候都在他們服務的異國。人總有一死，「我仍然非常想念他們。」

幽暗的小聖堂內，他跪着虔誠禱告，修士祈禱手冊內詳細列滿曾在香港服務的喇沙會修士的生辰死忌，書簽印着十多年前他過身親弟弟 Tierney 的生平。他每天為在天國的先行者禱告，行禮如儀。「他們永遠長留我們心裏，」百德修士眼泛淚光：「每一天。」

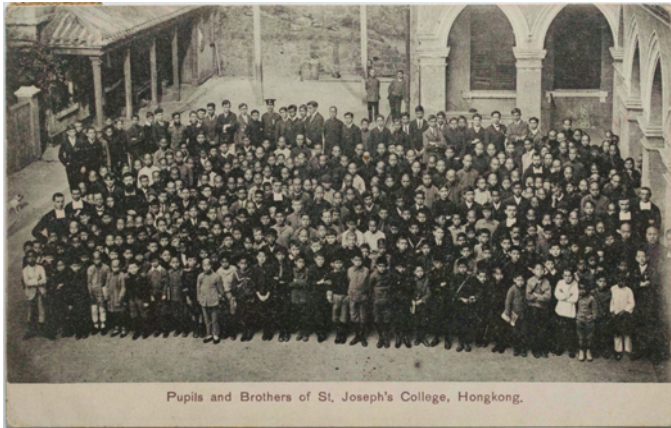
追蹤是一種思念

研究歷史是百德修士緬懷過世弟兄的方式。2002 年，編纂雜誌《Gateway》，想談修士故事，才驚覺：史料呢？

「你知道單身男人住在一起，就只是忙於工作，最多互相嘲弄取樂。」於是從頭搜集資訊，反而發掘出朝夕相對也未曾提過的故事：從逝去的修士護照上發現本名；從遺物中一本小冊子，發掘出雅各伯修士在馬來西亞被囚禁的故事；遺留的照片中可見修士多才多藝，巴特利修士既是詩人，又是樂手，同時喜歡研究香港的動植物生態，還留下一本本相關的剪報和手記……



他偕同教師譚健國花了十年時間，埋首整理，從房裏堆積的一疊疊資料，逐個爬梳、分類，至今累積成一個個大型檔案櫃，裏面藏有超過二千份文字紀錄和五千張老照片。以往沒有保育意識，許多遺物被丟棄，他四出尋訪，不惜飛至馬來西亞等地，訪問還在生的人作口述歷史，詢問每個人有沒有保留以往修士遺下的物品。最早的照片，可追溯至聖若瑟書院 1909 年的大合照，是舊生專誠從外國小型拍賣會上競購回來。



「每次喇沙舊生聚會，常常話當年，原來他們對歷史也有同樣的興趣，結果一呼百應。」百德修士說，舊生聚會老是細數哪年被哪位修士教過。「他們的歸屬感很強，渴望感到是”a part of the whole”。

「在過去一百四十年，我們非常受眷顧（blessed），被指派坐飛機到香港，所有人都對我們這麼好。

「我不害怕離開這個世界，經過太多喪禮，已習以為常，最傷心是沒有接班人，過去三四十年，一直沒有人接替死去的人，很少人想當修士，專注教育工作。」他一直為學校傳統的存續擔憂，「修士的正面存在（presence）對學生非常重要。」

逝者如斯夫，不舍晝夜。

當修士慢慢消失……

發展國家願意做修士的人愈來愈少，以往的修士來自法國或愛爾蘭，現在也有從菲律賓來，許多修士不出國，寧可先顧好本土教育。喇沙書院在 2004 年打破建校傳統，有了首位非修士校長，2010 年再獲指派賀敬修士（Brother Steven Hogan），任職校長六年後回到澳洲。

「倘若有朝一日，沒有修士的一天來到，我只希望經過一百四十年的努力，種子已經播下，總有些東西能夠留傳下來。」百德修士說。

翻出一段軼事，以往彭亨利修士（Brother Henry Pang）住在大門旁的房間，人人叩門，皆誤認他為菲力士修士（Brother Felix），後者過身，曾幽默一言：「如果要為他寫一句碑文，我會寫：Brother Felix is not here, he's upstairs.」

從地上來，從天上去。



What is a "Brother?"

John Jean (76)

As La Salle boys, we all know our mother school is run by De La Salle Brothers, formally known as Brothers of the Christian Schools, shortened as Christian Brothers. They use the post nominal abbreviation FSC (Fratres Scholarum Christianarum in Latin) to denote their membership of the order, e.g., Rev. Br. Casimir Husarik, FSC (whom some of his students may fondly refer to as 茄士咩 or 茄叔).

Quite often, the question comes up, is a brother a priest?

First, a bit of the history on the Christian Brothers. The order was founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle (1651-1719), who was ordained as a priest in 1678. He became devoted to educate underprivileged kids and formed a network of schools in France. He also established a community of his followers, which later became known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools. He asked his followers not to be ordained as priests so as to be fully dedicated to education. Hence, the formation of a Christian religious community of lay brothers. He was canonized on May 24, 1900, and proclaimed Patron Saint of Christian Teachers on May 15, 1950.



So what is a brother, and is that different from a priest? Please allow me to explain the different religious people:

- Priests
- Brothers
- Sisters

Priests: Priests are ordained and vested with the authority to administer all the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Their main goal is to serve the daily spiritual needs of the faithful.

There are two types of priests:

- Diocesan priests: They are associated with a diocese, and they mainly serve as parish priests and service the parishioners.
- Religious Order priests: They are affiliated with a religious order, and serve according to the established purpose of the Order, be it for education, preaching, serving the poor, etc. Quite often you may find many of them saying Sunday masses at a church in assistance to the diocesan priests.

Religious Brothers: They are affiliated with a religious order, and serve the purpose of the order. Some religious orders are simply composed of brothers, like the Christian Brothers, or a mix of priests and brothers, e.g., the Jesuits. Brothers, including those who are associated with an order that include priests, choose to be just brothers so they can concentrate on the Order's mission. Brothers all take the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, but are not priests, hence cannot perform most of the sacraments

Religious Sisters: Very much like brothers, they serve according to the mission of the order and take the three vows. Quite often, you'll find sisters serving in a parish church. Interesting fact: do you know there are De La Salle Sisters associated with the Christian Brothers?

Hope this answer the question, is a brother a priest?

P.S. Credits go to a few unnamed people who helped me to prove the accuracy of what I wrote.



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Master Athletic Meet

Chris Fong (94)

少年時 每年三月在灣仔田徑場上奔馳 胸中是校徽和豪情壯志 誓與假想敵比拼一番 這早已是任何年代喇沙仔的集體回憶 不論場內外 那管你本身玩不玩運動 簡直是強制參與從無例外

勞碌半生 是什麼驅使他們在多年後的十月尾再次穿起運動服 踏上跑道呢？

其實同道中人大不乏人 HK Master Athletics Championships (香港先進田徑賽)轄下許多組織 輪流舉辦各種田徑項目比賽 喺香港 玩田徑點少得我哋喇沙仔一份？

不再少年 體力已大不如前 香港生活忙碌搵食艱難 抽空練習談何容易 還有各種各樣的新傷舊患 還可以嗎？…

當然可以！道不遠人人自遠 今日再次踏上荊途的每一位 各有自己的故事 有些在學時已經十項全能 有些本來沒什體育細胞 業餘後來居上 有些擔子減輕了 重拾豪情 更有些是趁體力還可以 讓自己半生無悔 大家都不是與別人比 而是與自己比。



Maria Lui with fellow old boys



Grade C 4X100 Team



C Grade Long Jump Team



Celebration Dinner-眾運動員突破自己 有賴家人支持 比賽後濟濟一堂自是必然



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一眾場上校友 年代項目各異但神情一致喇沙仔運動員之間的情誼不能言傳只能意會 a photo is worth a thousand words 攝影師應記一功



特別一提 Maria Lui 丈夫是多倫多舊生 Henry Lui (66) 教育有所謂德智體群美運動場上的成績未必可以在成績表上量化但久經鍛練的剛強意志及團體精神是別人拿不走的



K.K. Wong (62) LA Chapter

Kevin Kwok (88) Toronto Chapter 多得 social media 和 instant messaging 比賽期間照片與 視頻瘋傳 多得一眾熱心校友安排 攝影技術比年前更上一層樓

Maria Lui (Keeper of late Henry Lui,66)



An Example of the Never Say Die (永不言敗) La Salle Spirit

Victor Leung (77)

One often quoted element of La Salle Spirit 喇沙精神 is the “永不言敗 – Never Say Die,”. This is the spirit that keeps most of us La Salle boys going when life plunges into its occasional valley. Humphrey Ho (1969) of Vancouver Chapter demonstrated this Never Say Die spirit at the 2018 Hong Kong Masters Athletics Championships. After fighting off a terminal illness, Humphrey won 2 medals and broke two Hong Kong Masters records in his age categoryindeed a very fine example of the 永不言敗精神!

Humphrey's strong effort and achievement at the games contributed to the success of the La Salle Athletics Team at the games,, being ranked No. 3 based on overall team score.



La Salle Masters Games Team Photo. Humphrey Ho – second row, 4th from left.

Graduated in 1969, Humphrey first joined La Salle in 1966. Throughout his La Salle school days, Humphrey was an invaluable member of both the school soccer and athletic teams. His participation in the La Salle Athletics team definitely brought renewed energy to the team and contributed to the school's success of recapturing the Interschool Overall Champion after a 13-year losing streak.

Some of the members of Vancouver Chapter first learned about the sad news of Humphrey at a pre-Chinese New Year gathering in 2018 Q1. At the dinner, Humphrey informed everyone that he was diagnosed with Stage 4 terminal lung cancer at one of his recent regular medical check-ups. This was certainly very shocking news to everyone (I'm sure for Humphrey as well.) for Humphrey had always been leading a very healthy lifestyle with regular exercise and never smoked or drank. Instead of accepting defeat and be frustrated about his health setback, Humphrey decided to take control of his own destination and determined to fight this battle.

With assistance from his oncologist, Humphrey travelled to Japan and received a series of alternative cancer treatments. After spending about a month in Japan with his wife, Fernanda, his treatment delivered very positive results and his cancer was under control. After his return to Vancouver, Humphrey was able to take up exercise and started to play soccer again.



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With determination and strong will, he decided to join the Masters Athletics Championships with Fernanda in Hong Kong in October, to prove that he is healthy and capable of resuming a normal life. To prepare for the competition, Humphrey started a series of training prior to returning to HK, especially when his last serious competition was more than half a century ago. He was only given 2 months to prepare for this competition. During training, Humphrey sustained a pulled-muscle injury and had to reduce to a lighter training scheme. Nevertheless, his training and hard work paid off big time.

At the Masters Games Humphrey participated in the 100 m, 200 m and 400 m events competing at the M70 category. Fellow members at Vancouver were already impressed that Humphrey had the renewed energy to participate in a serious competition. We were all surprised and overcome with joy when learning that he had won 2 silver and 1 bronze medals. More impressively, Humphrey broke the M70 category records in both the 100 m and 200 m events, and was only 1 second short of breaking the 400 m record. His wife, Fernanda, also scored very well at the Games, winning 3 gold and 1 silver medals, and broke the 100 m and 4 x 100 m relay records of her age category.



Top left and right: Humphrey competing in the Master Game events.

Bottom left: Humphrey and Fernanda

After the Masters Games, Humphrey continued his competition and participated in a couple of friendly soccer matches between a team from Vancouver and a Kwong Chou team.

Humphrey's impressive success story and remarkable come back from a terminal illness are fine example of the 喇沙永不言敗精神. We hear about the La Salle spirit all the time; but this is a rare opportunity to see the spirit glowing in action. Well done Humphrey!



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The LSCOBA SF Chapter Picnic 2018

Ambrose Lee (98)



[From the left: Percy Shaaw '91; Louis, Sandy & David Tong '01; Victor Chan '74; Ambrose Lee '98; Patrick Wong '69; Ellen & Sharky Mok '85; Charles Jok '88; Homer Yau '85; Memie & Ephrem Fung '76; Chris Ngai '78; John Kwan '79]

On September 30th, 18 Bay Area LaSallians and friends came together for our Chapter Picnic.

We had a great time at Jose Higuera Adobe Park in Miplitas.





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We climbed the trees like we were young.



Thank you our coach, Charles Jok '88, we had a lot of fun playing his electric skateboard!



It was a fun day!
Thank you for coming to our chapter picnic!
We hope you enjoyed it and had a great afternoon!
See you next time!

Yours in La Salle,
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Season's Greeting

From Edmonton Chapter

Dear Lasallians:

Wishing you and your family

Merry Christmas

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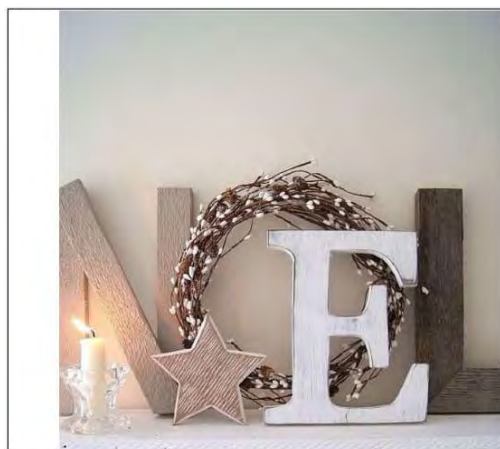
Happy New Year!

All the best in 2019!

- From Edmonton Chapter



From Vancouver Chapter



*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
to all...*

From the Board of Directors, LSCOB, Vancouver Chapter





Season's Greeting from LSCOBA SF Committee



Merry Christmas LaSallians!

Spring dinner, fishing trip, golf outing, badminton tournament, chapter picnic and numerous of lunch gatherings; 2018 has been an eventful year!

Thank so much for joining us and made our events memorable!

We hope to see you again soon in 2019!

The LSCOBA SF Committee wishes you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBA SF Bay Area Chapter

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祝各位猪年行大運

Wishing all Fellow Lasallians

A Happy & Healthy Year of the Pig!



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Let us be a better human being, a better person and a better citizen. While 2018 was a little bumpy, New Year's is a time to better ourselves for a better world in 2019. Have a grand New Year!

Chris Fong
Vice President
Toronto Chapter