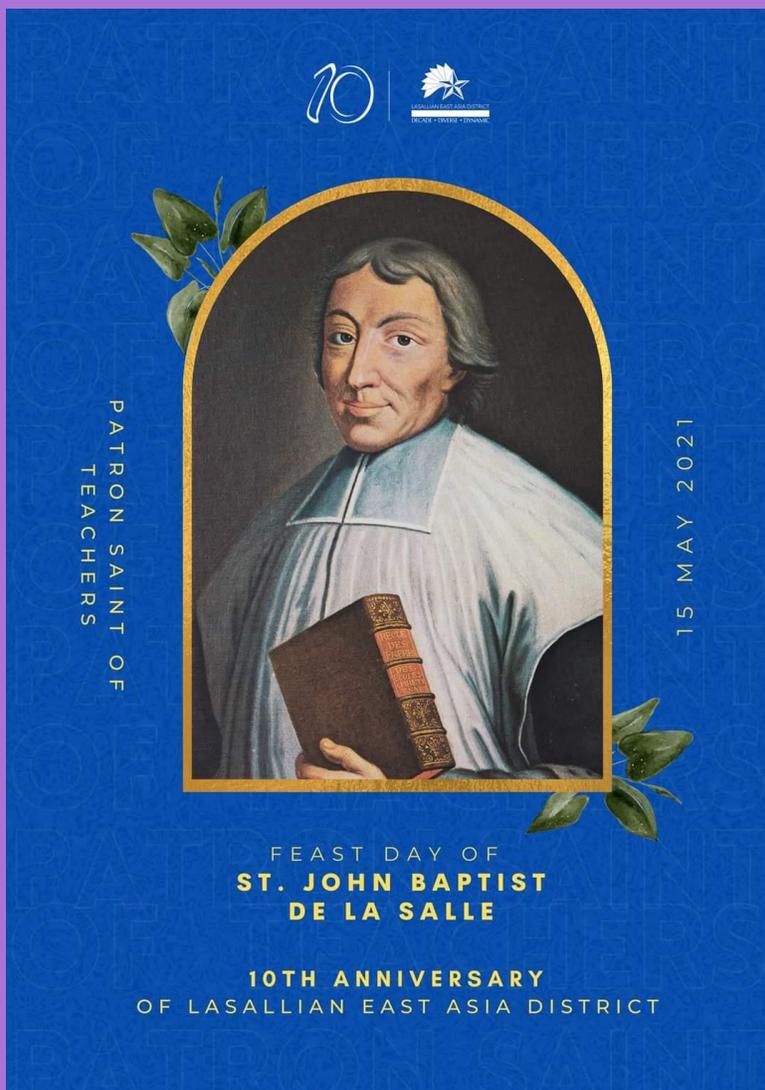




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# Brother Thomas and La Salle

Source: [La Salle College facebook page](#)

*Brother Thomas, our School Supervisor, shared about his past, his career as a teacher and a Brother, his views on education, and his favourite football team. This interview was recently conducted by Xavier from F.1 and Sahil from F.2.*

## Hong Kong

### **Q: When did you move to Hong Kong? What were your first impressions of Hong Kong?**

A: I came to Hong Kong in 1965. I had just finished my training as a teacher in England then I was assigned to Hong Kong at the age of 22. Teaching in La Salle College was my first job. My first memory on the day I arrived at the old campus, was of this huge building looking like a castle up on a hill. I found that there were about 10 Brothers at the school, all from different countries, but the majority were Irish. This was an early challenge for me but I could see that La Salle College was a special school with wonderful facilities and a very special chapel under the dome.

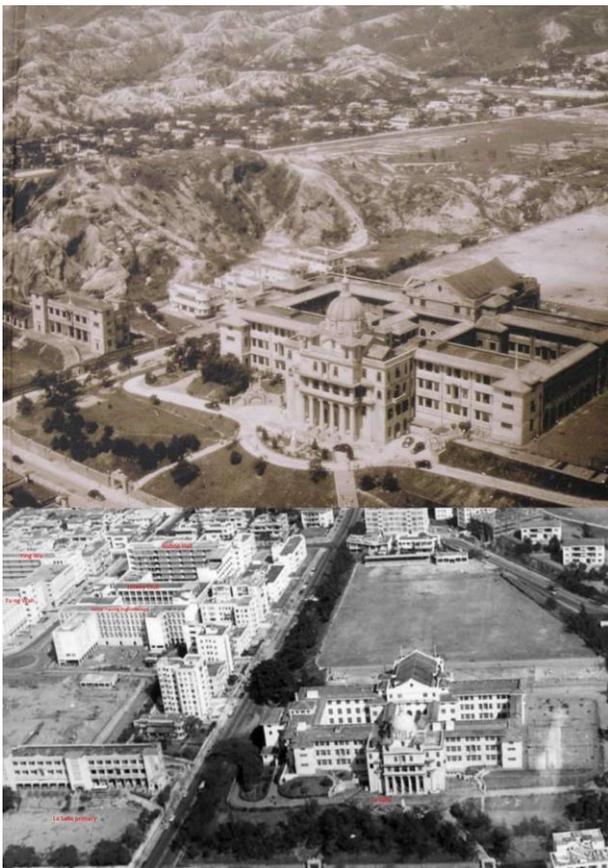


*Argyle Street, Prince Edward Street and Boundary Road in 1960s (looking west)*

### **Q: You've been in Hong Kong for decades, and there must be something about this city that you love. Can you share with us some of your favourite places?**

A: Hong Kong is my home. I love Hong Kong. I want to stay here, and I have no plans or intentions to go back to Ireland. I've spent many years in Africa, and I've also worked in Malaysia for 7 years, but I always came back to Hong Kong.

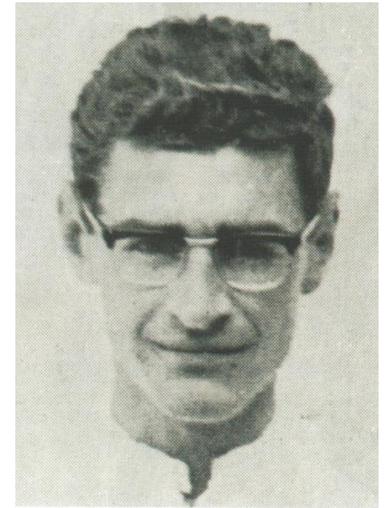
For my favourite places, soon after I arrived here, we were opening our new school, the De La Salle Secondary School in Sheung Shui. I found it wonderful to visit the countryside where that school is. We used to look over the hills to China. It was a mysterious place for us at that time. My second favourite place is The Wan Chai Sports Ground. Every year, La Salle has a great battle with other schools to win the athletics championships. We have so many happy memories and some disappointments, but I think that place is a very special place for La Salle boys.



**Past**

***Q: What was life like for you in Ireland? Could you share a funny story from when you were young?***

A: I studied in a De La Salle Brothers primary school in the west of Ireland in a small town. I was taught by Brothers from the age of 7 onwards and it was a happy time. I go back there every year to visit my family and friends if I can. One memorable incident was when I watched television for the first time. When I was young in the 1950's in Ireland, there was no television. I remember one day my friends and I went down the town and we saw a group of people gathering at the window of a shop. They were looking at a 'big box' with pictures on it and different kinds of things. It was a new thing to us kids and the owner told us that this is called television. The TV programs were snowy static most of the time. Later I discovered that the broadcast was from England and was probably showing a cricket game as everyone was wearing white and seemed to be just standing around.



***Q: How did you feel about teaching at the beginning of your career as a Brother? Did you enjoy it?***

A: I was given the opportunity to teach class F.1B at the old campus and I was appointed the form master. It was really challenging since I didn't know much Chinese, but I got to remember the names of the boys in my class. I needed to get a lot of help, but luckily the teachers were kind and helped me. Also, the other young Brothers in the school were keen on sports and they ask me to help manage the basketball teams in La Salle College in my first year.

**Brother**

***Q: Before you became a Brother, was there any other profession that you would want to get into?***

A: I was in a Brothers primary school from the age of seven and then I went to the Brothers secondary school afterward. It was a boarding school. At that stage, I wasn't really thinking of what I might be doing. When I look back now, I would certainly have become a teacher because I love teaching as a profession. So I'm quite sure that being a teacher would have been my choice.

***Q: What motivated you to become a brother?***

A: I knew the Brothers very well. In fact, my father had also gone to the same Brothers school. When I was in primary school, the brothers were giving us excellent education. The Brothers were very caring and they were highly respected in my home town, even more so than the priests. One day, a Brother came to visit us students, and he talked to us about the life of a Brother, and he said that maybe we would like to try. I felt attracted and I said that I would yes. I went and told my parents and they were very happy as they were religious people. I was 14 when I joined the brothers. It was only gradually over the next 10 to 15 years that I made a final commitment to be a Brother all my life.

***Q: What are your duties as a Lasallian Brother?***

A: Lasallian Brothers live as a community. We live our lives at the community house on the 5th floor of La Salle College. We meet together for our prayers, meals and we have discussion sessions together. Each of us has certain duties to perform. My particular duty is that I am like the treasurer. I look after the money and the Brothers' resources, and so on.

***Q: What are the challenges you face nowadays as a Lasallian Brother and as a school supervisor?***

A: The major challenge that we have faced is the future of our Lasallian Mission in Hong Kong. We have had Brothers from the very beginning but we are concerned about whether we will still have Brothers in the

future, so we are always hoping and praying that we might get some young men in Hong Kong who would join us and continue the mission. We are fortunate that we have some young Brothers from other countries, so as I am getting older I am happy that these younger Brothers will keep our mission going in Hong Kong.

### **School**

#### ***Q: What does education mean to you?***

A: This is a very big question but let me simply say I am happy when a old boy comes back to meet me and tells me he is happy, is taking good care of his family and always tries to follow the values we taught him in La Salle College. And I like to hear that he has gratitude towards those who taught him.

#### ***Q: What essential skills do you think modern Lasallians should have?***

A: The two school values are from our school badge: Fides Et Opera. Fides is Faith, so the first quality we would like to see is the spirit of faith so that they believe in themselves and that someone higher is taking care of them. Opera means works or deeds in English. Zeal is another Lasallian word we like to use and means passion for what we do. So I would like Lasallians to have passion in what they do, believe in themselves and trust in a higher power, God.

#### ***Q: Can you share a rewarding moment in recent years as being the Supervisor of La Salle College?***

A: I think it is March 9, 2019 at Wan Chai Sports Ground when we won the overall championship against DBS (Diocesan Boys' School) just before the protests and COVID-19. On the third day of the finals, we were a lot of points behind. But the spirit of the students and old boys was incredible. They fought gallantly to the final event and came out triumphant. I can still hear the singing of the school song and cheering for the athletes for the whole day and well into the evening at the celebration dinner.

### **Life**

#### ***Q: What do you like to do in your leisure time?***

A: I've always been a great follower of sports. When I was younger, I used to play a lot of sports myself. I follow Manchester United, and cheers to all those fans of that great club. I studied in Manchester twice, the first time to be a teacher and later on I went back to further my studies. Another interest that I've developed is exploring Hong Kong. I've lived here for a long time, but I haven't gone around much in Hong Kong. Now I love going to areas that I have not been to before. I find it very interesting to look around the shops, restaurants, attractions and go out to the countryside.

#### ***Q: Are there any dreams or goals that you would like to accomplish?***

A: The main goal I would have right now is to keep in good health, and I thank the Lord that it is good so far. I try to keep in shape, and I do a fair amount of exercise most days. As far as the school is concerned, I dream that we continue to build up our Brotherhood in our school. Because of the social unrest, one of the sad effects for me was that some of the old boys were divided. Now we want to recover our unity. The second thing I am looking forward to and hoping is that we have a very happy celebration of the 90th anniversary. This is coming next year. During the year, there will be some major events. I do hope that the pandemic will be over by then and we will be able to have happy times.

#### ***Q: What life advice would you pass along to Lasallian students?***

A: Jesus told us to 'love one another as I have loved you' and let that be my advice. As I get older, I understand the importance of loving one another and being kind to one another. Sometimes it's not easy to do. Be sure that you will always be remembered for your kindness, so we try to 'love one another as I have loved you'.

## 余通僑老師點滴

人稱 Yu Sir 的余通僑老師，於 1982 年開始任教喇沙小學，先後出任體育主任及訓導主任，九十年代曾移民美國，其後回流再次加入喇沙大家庭，期間春風化雨，於 2019 年榮休。

最近大家都多了時間留在家中，難得 Yu Sir 抽空分享當年任教喇小時的照片，編輯部全人十分興奮，一定要與各校友分享箇中點滴，也藉此勾起大家那些年的校園生活片段。



1989 年 港日文化  
交流活動

喇沙小學獲日本東京千葉縣的小學邀請，前往日本進行兩地交流活動。

當年奪得九龍北區小學校際及全港小學校際冠軍的足球隊，在是次的港日文化交流活動中，獲邀參加東京千葉縣的青少年足球比賽。



2005 年喇小奪得九龍北區及全港小學校際冠軍，獲邀出席日本鹿兒島縣八幡市的小學錦標賽。比賽當天，位於八幡市 La Salle High School 也有學生和家長也到場為喇小足球校隊打氣。

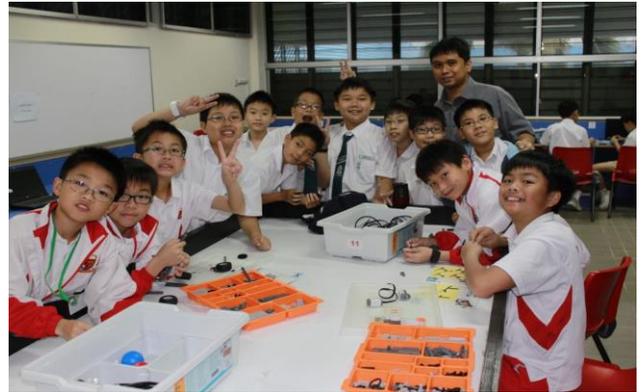


2012 年喇沙小學足球會訪問新加坡的喇沙會學校 St. Joseph's Institution Junior





2013 年 喇沙小學足球會訪問新加坡喇沙會學校 St.Steven's School



2014 年 喇沙小學足球會訪問廣州恆大皇馬足球學校。足球會學員除了在該校的足球基地進行三天兩夜的集訓外，還參加了多場友誼賽。



2015 年 喇小六年級畢業同學訪問菲律賓喇沙會學校 La Salle Green Hills





農曆新年賀歲師生足球賽在 1986 年開始在喇沙小學舊校舍舉行。邀請著名的足球員和本校老師組隊和喇小足球校隊對賽，而全校師生亦到足球場觀看和打氣，充滿歡樂氣氛迎接新春。





喇小新校舍落成後，傳統的農曆新年賀歲師生足球賽仍繼續舉行，而每年都邀請一些曾是喇小足球校隊的舊生回來參加，令球賽充滿懷舊和熱鬧氣氛。





近照 2016 年在多倫多

## What!? Not everyone celebrates Easter on the same day!?

John Jean (76)

Yeah, all because the Easter bunny needs a break midway during Easter eggs deliveries, so people celebrate Easter on a later date (a cheap joke).

Some of you might have heard of Eastern Orthodox Catholics. Those are the Catholics in Eastern Europe and Middle East. Orthodox Catholic is one of the four major Christian denominations and the oldest. The four denominations are: Orthodox Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant that started with the reform movement by Martin Luther in the 1600s, and Anglican (Church of England)

In the early days, each “church” celebrated Easter on the date of their choice. In 325 A.D., a meeting was called to consolidate the differences in this issue among the Christian churches, and the way to determine Easter was then fixed.

There are basically two rules:

- The first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the Spring Equinox;
- Must be after Jewish Passover.

Then one may ask, why is there a different Easter day between Orthodox Catholics and Roman Catholics if everyone follows the same rule?

It is due to the use of different calendars. The Orthodox Church uses the Julian calendar to determine the date for Easter while the other three Christian denominations use the Gregorian calendar.

The Julian calendar proposed by the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar, where there was no month concept nor leap year, and only day of the year. So the dates of each year are from day 1 to day 365. The Julian calendar took effect on 1st January of 45 B.C.

As we all learned the earth rotates around the sun every 365.2425 days. Thus the Julian calendar lags behind by approximately 0.25 days each year.

Some mathematicians and astrologists recognized this, and Pope Gregory called a meeting in 1582 to accommodate this mistake, and established the Gregorian calendar, with a leap year day every four years.

However, the Orthodox Catholics continue using the Julian calendar, hence every four years the Julian calendar is one day behind the Gregorian calendar. Currently it is approximately 13 days behind.

As a result, the determination of a full moon after the Spring Equinox is different depending on which calendar one uses. For this year, year 2021, Roman Catholic Easter falls on Apr 21 while Orthodox Catholic Easter falls on May 2.

Hope this explains why not everyone celebrates Easter on the same day. A long explanation since it is a complex situation.

A side note on the Gregorian calendar. Since a day is added every four years to accommodate the 0.2425 day lags, some may realize it has 0.9600 day over accommodation in every four years. Overtime, the Gregorian calendar would be over adjusted. Approximately one day in a hundred year.

So it was determined that the year at the turn of each century, i.e. years ending with '00 would not have a leap year day to correct this over adjustment. Year 2000 was one such year. However, recognizing that most computer programs would not have accommodated this adjustment, it was announced that year 2000 would be a leap year.

## 喇沙教育點滴-陳嘉年(67)

Chris Fong (94)

疫情快接近一年，許多家長都叫苦連天。兒女要留在家中網上上課，對家長校方教師都甚為不便。抗疫日久，許多家長都發覺子女行為上，開始有點偏差。

同輩之中許多已為人父母。話題從抗疫，到面對世界大變局，到通識。

筆者不是教育家，不知道 Liberal Studies 譯為博雅教育或人文教育比較好。這本不是新鮮事，但是這幾年來聽得比較多，原因很簡單：傳統的家長，朝思暮想子女於主科測驗拿高分，閒科則可有可無；操行沒有大問題，有幾項可以炫耀的課外活動，不要玩物喪志；考上名校攻讀一些搵到食的神科，當專

業人士或經商當老闆，結交幾個重要人物，長年留在同一行業，甚至專心炒賣已可衣食無憂，安心當人生勝利組。

然而這簡單而功利的神話開始破產。高分低能，課外活動多多卻不懂綁鞋帶；駁嘴駁舌，不懂與別人相處；自殺、欺凌、自閉，一點點打擊就垂頭喪氣等等，比目皆是。長大後職場的變化更是觸目驚心，job security 早已成過去式，什麼沙紙經驗隨時作廢，甚至連日後居住工作的國家或地區，也難以長期規劃。近年各地的風雨飄搖，更顯得這神話的過時和蒼白。

其實喇沙書院創校近一世紀，有許多成功的校友，值得借鑒的故事和經驗多如牛毛，各行各業精英薈萃。陳嘉年(67)的履歷卻比較特別，從售貨員開始，當過高級經理人、大學課程主任、人事培訓主任、國際機構外展總監、加拿大議會國會部長(Parliamentary Secretary)特別顧問、傳媒總監、聯合國顧問等等，今日在生命恩泉節目會見到他。喇沙教育給陳嘉年的幾點啟發，筆者謹輯錄如下。



## 從地理科到世界公民

筆者在中學時，好像沒有見過任何同學對地理這些非神科特別有興趣，但是地理科對陳家年來說，日後啟發甚大。陳嘉年八十年代初在中大任教，研究電子工業與未來人力資源，跟不同國家的教授做國際研究等許多工作，回想起來，都受到當年地理科的世界觀啟發，對各地不同的文化風俗有一點觸覺。這當然不是書本上的地圖相片和課文那麼簡單。

喇沙會的先賢來自歐洲，足跡遍世界各地，許多修士踏足香港校園前，已經在世界其他地方服事過，有機會近距離相處，耳濡目染，實在是福氣，也是喇沙作為辦學組織突出的地方。再加上除了大部份本地華裔外，也有些其他族裔的同學，跟不同背景的同學相處，對陳嘉年日後與來自不同國家的學者及各界人士來往，大有裨益。

## NICAM in the brain

記得 NICAM 嗎？約九十年代初，香港本地電視開始雙語廣播，簡稱 NICAM。喇沙作為英語學校，大部份的學科均用英語課本，但同樣重視中文，講課則中英並用，視乎老師而定。強背英文生字文法，對好多學生來說都是苦差，但這只是英文的入門基本功，默書考試高分並不代表英文好。



對陳嘉年來說，最寶貴的經歷，是老師強逼以英語堂上問答及書寫，培養英語思考，克服了心理障礙，日後在加拿大生活及出席國際活動，日常在腦中雙語思考，靠的是當日學校重視雙語教學的基礎。雙語教學研究顯示雙語思考的人腦筋更靈活，更擅長切換注意力、執行複雜任務、宏觀決策和解決問題，也意味著他們會接觸到更多各種機會。語文是思想的載體，許多功利的家長，重英文輕視中文，卻不明白學好母語，對日後學第二種語言，以致腦部發展的重要性。

## 有教無類

陳嘉年得其代父(Professor John Lwan Terry 師兄，後來也聲譽顯著)穿針引線入讀喇沙小學，中五領洗，多年之後才知道代父(時為大學生)辦天台義學多年。對筆者來說，在天台上課是粵語殘片年代的情節，但當時百廢待興，卻是切身的事情。其實喇沙會何嘗不是有教無類呢？陳家年的家長亦以幫助別人作身教，耳濡目染，多年後在北美洲多有社會服務，是另一篇章的故事了。

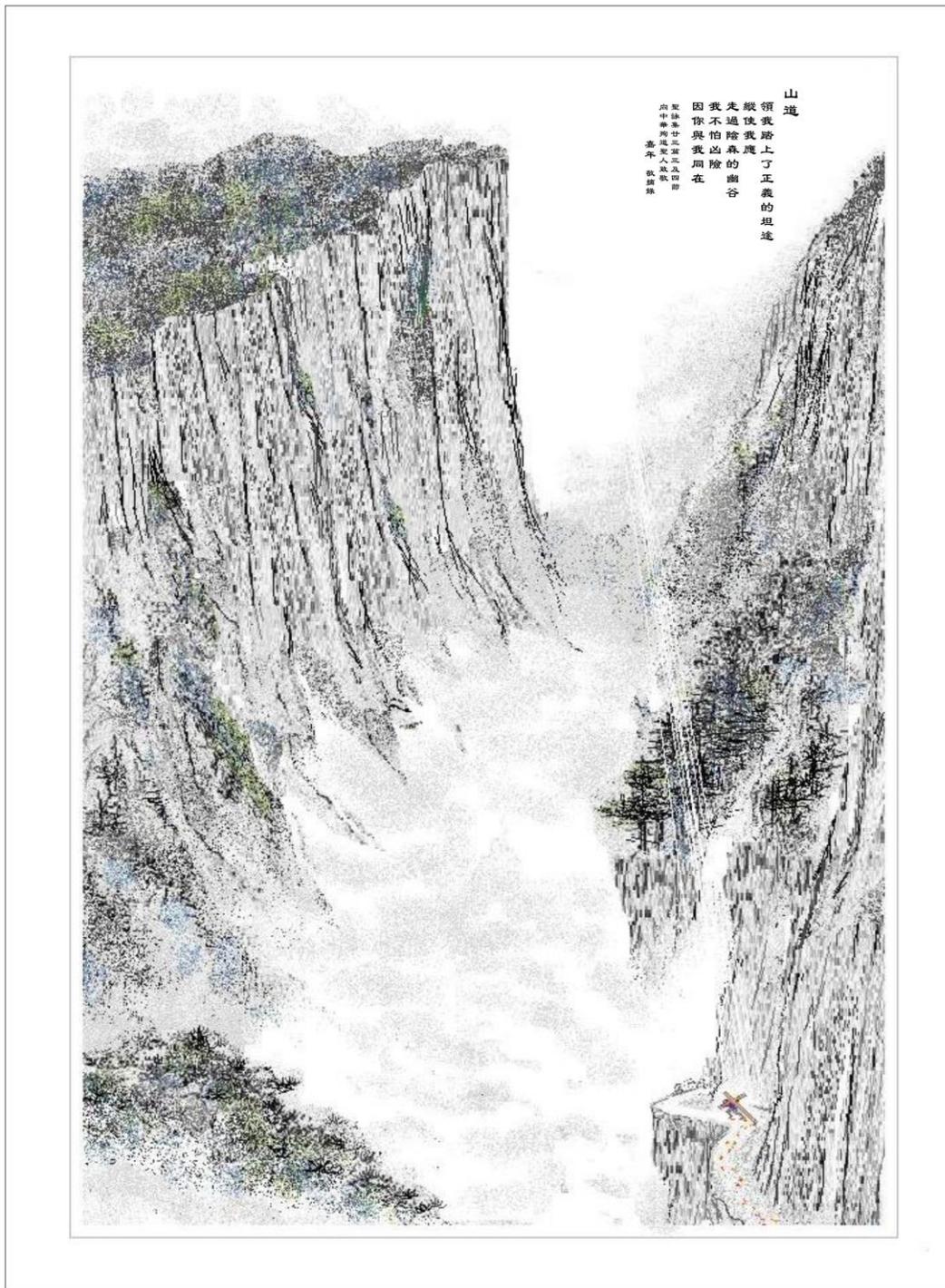


(右二: 陳嘉年)

## 美術課 音樂課

美術科和音樂課，恐怕是大部份家長和學生最不重視的學科。但是對陳嘉年來說，日後啟發甚多。大學主修理科及工商管理，但多年繪畫訓練，對理商科訓練以外，多有補足。對他最大的得着，不是什

麼比賽，而是培養對萬物的微著觀察，描繪和組織能力。亭台樓閣，一花一草，四季朝暮，筆下變化萬千，對他日後在不同崗位對人對事的統籌整合，從無序到有序，大有啓蒙。



除了繪畫外，也花了不少時間在口琴上。加入喇沙口琴隊，拜師梁日昭老師，幾屆前的隊長是黃霽師兄，後來輪到他。口琴獨奏已不易，與眾多不同樂器的樂手合奏交響樂，更是不簡單，萬馬千軍之中有序和諧並行，是很寶貴的心性訓練。得老師耐心教導，當上隊長協助管理領導近百隊員，協助舉行近千觀眾音樂會，對陳嘉年日後授課，面對群眾，管理領導和培訓高層，打下了寶貴的基礎。

博雅教育有助多元發展，奠定基礎，從一點燭光一扇窗開始，日子有功，讓陳嘉年日後在多個領域有所作為。當然更重要的是建基於良好品格和素質。德智體群美，喇沙教育的真諦，豈只三言兩語。以上點滴是許多誇代喇沙仔的集體回憶，看似隨手拈來，在學時大家也許不覺得有什麼特別，多年後回想，卻是如此珍貴。

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《荀子》「勸學篇」云：學也者，固學一之也。一出焉，一入焉，塗巷之人也；其善者少，不善者多，桀紂盜跖也；全之盡之，然後學者也。..君子博學而日參省乎己，則知明而行無過矣。

## LSCOBA Soccer League

Ryan Cheng (09)

The LSCOBA Soccer League is one of the most organized and established soccer leagues in Hong Kong. The Soccer League came into existence in 1984 with 4 teams competing for the title. After almost thirty years, the 2019-2020 season saw a record of 33 teams, making the introduction of a three divisions system necessary. There are more than 600 footballers participating in the league, Old Boys and guest players included. It is encouraging to see Old Boys of graduation years 1969 to 2021 mingling with fellow Lasallians.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LSCOBA has organized their first time Off-Campus tournament. A total of 16 teams have joined the tournament and 4 groups have been divided. The tournament has been held for 6 weeks consecutively. The final game and third place game were held on March 28 2021. At the end, TD Soccer has lifted the champion trophy with 0 game lost. Brotherhood has won the 1st Runner up and La Salle Young Boys has won the 2nd Runner up.



During the final game night, we are honour to have our Supervisor, Rev. Brother Thomas, having fun with us and also Mr. Christopher Chan (current TV soccer commentator) as being our final game commentator. Nevertheless, there were over 1,500 views on watching the Final game thought the [Lasallian Sports Channel](#). This is good event for Old Boys to share our brotherhood, good memories, meet old buddies / make new ones and even as a family gathering time.

## Pilgrimage to Reims, Birthplace of Saint John Baptist de La Salle (part 5)

Anthony Luk (66)

### Virtual Tours

While preparing to write this essay “Pilgrimage to Reims,” I searched the Internet to gather more material. Browsing through dozens of websites, I serendipitously found three websites that are worth sharing with you.

First: There is an online version of Reims Lasallian Itinerary though not a secured source at [“http://www.ancienssjsreims.fr/parcours/anglais/parcours.gb.htm”](http://www.ancienssjsreims.fr/parcours/anglais/parcours.gb.htm). The homepage exactly lists the eight attractions and shows a map of their locations. When you click at a circled location marked by an index on the map, the hidden link will bring you to the content page describing the history and story of the location related to the livelihood and activities of John Baptist de La Salle in Reims.

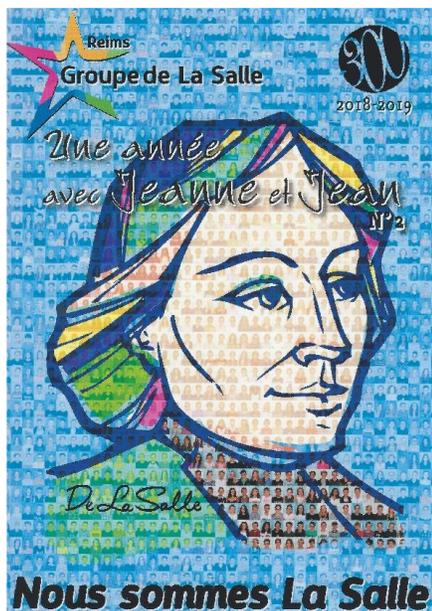
Second: I highly recommend In the Footsteps of De La Salle - A Vocation Journey at [“https://www.dlsfootsteps.org”](https://www.dlsfootsteps.org). Readers can engage in virtual tours at this most informative website of De La Salle. Clicking at the About tab, the new page highlights ways to explore the website via Travel Map, Timeline, Biography, and By Location (each with a corresponding heading across the top of the homepage). On the sidebar at the right of the Home/About page, three Christian Brothers, who initiated and collaborated to create this digital media presentation of the vocational journey of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, are identified with their associated Lasallian institution.

Brother George Van Grieken is the Footstep creator and formerly worked in District of Brothers of Christian Schools, San Francisco. Brother Gerard Rummery, being very knowledgeable of De Salle and a world-renowned Australian Brother, is the speaker narrating all the video segments. Brother Roch Dufresne is the Film Director and formerly was Director of Video Productions of Cathedral High School in Los Angeles. Moreover, various Lasallian colleges and universities including the Christian Brothers Conference provided financial support for the In the Footstep of De La Salle project.

I spent hours and earnestly studied the contents under the Home/Cities/Reims webpage. This enriching webpage leads browsers to learn from ten historic sites so that they can trace the footsteps of De La Salle in Reims. I watched every video that Brother Rummery narrated. I have grown accustomed to his voice and learned from his insights the heart and charisma of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Occasionally I contemplated on some of the Questions to Consider.

As an example of a virtual tour, access the Home/Cities/Reims/Sisters webpage, whose content is about the Motherhouse of Sisters of the Child Jesus. Roll up the page until the whole picture under the Map heading appears. For the Street View, as you use the cursor to slide left or right, the buildings and street scenery surrounding the camera, which was anchored in front of the Motherhouse, will be displayed in a continuous

360-degree view. You can also adjust how high up the building or down to the street level while viewing this Street View presentation. Select the Satellite View to look at the buildings from the top and use two fingers to zoom in or out of the satellite image. At the right side of this Sisters webpage, select the still pictures to view the front entrance and inlays above the doorway of the Motherhouse. After playing with the virtual tour mechanism and looking at the pictures of this Sisters webpage, Maureen and I were convinced that we had left our footprints in the neighborhood of Sisters of the Child Jesus.



Third: Mr. Mark Tangir encouraged me to use the Groupe de La Salle year book to learn more about Lycée Saint-Jean-Baptist de La Salle. Since I cannot read French, I copied some of the French titles/headings and short sentences from the pages and used Google Translate to obtain their English translation. One day I discovered the Groupe de La Salle website at "<https://www.groupedelasalle-reims.com>". Though its content is in French, I pasted the URL to Google Translate and clicked at the blue link on the English textfield. Lo and behold, the entire homepage was translated into English. Take a look at the screen captures on the last page of the photo collage.

Either using the French or English-translated homepage, you will notice that there is a consortium of schools and educational centers under Brothers of Christian Schools in Reims. They are: ÉCOLE/SCHOOL (kindergarten and elementary school), COLLÈGE/MIDDLE SCHOOL, LYCÉE/HIGH SCHOOL, FORMATIONS SUPÉRIEURES/HIGHER EDUCATION, and CENTRE DE FORMATION/TRAINING CENTER. You can interact with the Google Translate page and click back and forth at each consortium member to delve into its organization, educational goals, class structure, majors, career and apprenticeship programs.

Go to HIGH SCHOOL/PRESENTATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS. A host of educational programs are offered by various high schools. Mr. Eric Masson is the principal of General High School and Technological High School, which prepare students to pursue university studies. The latter have classes for specialties in energies and environment, technological innovation and eco-design, information and digital systems. I recalled that Mr. Tangir showed us the audio visual and arts facility on the Lycée de La Salle campus. Two other high schools are shown on the webpage, namely, Tertiary Professional High School and Industrial Professional High School. They prepare students to enter the workforce upon graduation. In fact, we passed by the building and took pictures of Saint-Jean-Baptist de La Salle Lycée et Formation Continue. The compound appears to gear for continual education.

### Longing and Belongings

What a most memorable trip that Maureen and I had on our pilgrimage to Reims! In Hôtel de La Salle, Brother Sylvain and Brother Bernard opened our eyes and hearts to perceive the joy, hope, sadness and challenges of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in his mission through his fervent belief in the Providence to provide a human and Christian education to the poor children. His legacy continues brilliantly. Over more than three centuries, the order of Brothers of Christian Schools has thrived vigorously — maintaining and establishing educational institutions across the world.

For me, touring Lycée Saint-Jean-Baptist de La Salle in the native soil of Reims and having been taught in La Salle Primary School and La Salle College in Hong Kong, I once again long to relive my Lasallian experiences. Standing shoulder to shoulder and singing together our school song on Speech Day is but one example. Perhaps sharing this essay with my schoolmates and friends is an initial step to rekindle more memories.

If you have frequented the Groupe de La Salle Reims website, has the colorful star logo caught your attention? From Hôtel de La Salle Guide, “it [the star] represents the sign of faith, in reference to the Meditation of Jean Baptist de La Salle for the feast of Epiphany.” The Christian Brothers have affirmed “the star as a symbol of faith that must inhabit and guide educators.”

Brother Steve Hogan, the former principal of La Salle College in Hong Kong and the current principal of Oakhill College in Sydney, would end his prayer at the North American Lasallian Global Reunion functions by saying: “Live, Jesus, in our hearts! Forever.” I recently found out that this short prayer is one of three versions that Father John Baptist de La Salle originated as a distinct sign of his congregation. From a Q&A video entitled “Lasallian prayer, prayer form, and prayer style” in In the Footsteps of De La Salle website, Brother Gerard Rummery explained the deeper meaning and practice of this short prayer.

As “sons of La Salle,” the reverberating refrain in our school song, let’s inherit mindfully these two De La Salle belongings of the star symbol and the short prayer. Let’s enhance diligently our faith as Saint John Baptist de La Salle exemplified during his journey on earth. Let’s enrich life and espouse equality by reciting daily “Live, Jesus, in our hearts! Forever” and working jointly to bring benevolent results.

[On the occasion of the second Thanksgiving Mass held on La Salle Day in 2010 in Los Angeles, I wrote an essay about Saint John Baptist de La Salle. You can retrieve the essay from the [North American LaSallian Newsletter July 2010 issue](#). The essay gave more detail in the pedagogical contributions of De La Salle. Incidentally, the Mass was celebrated at Saint Bridget Chinese Catholic Church, which is adjacent to Cathedral High School, a long established Christian Brothers school.]

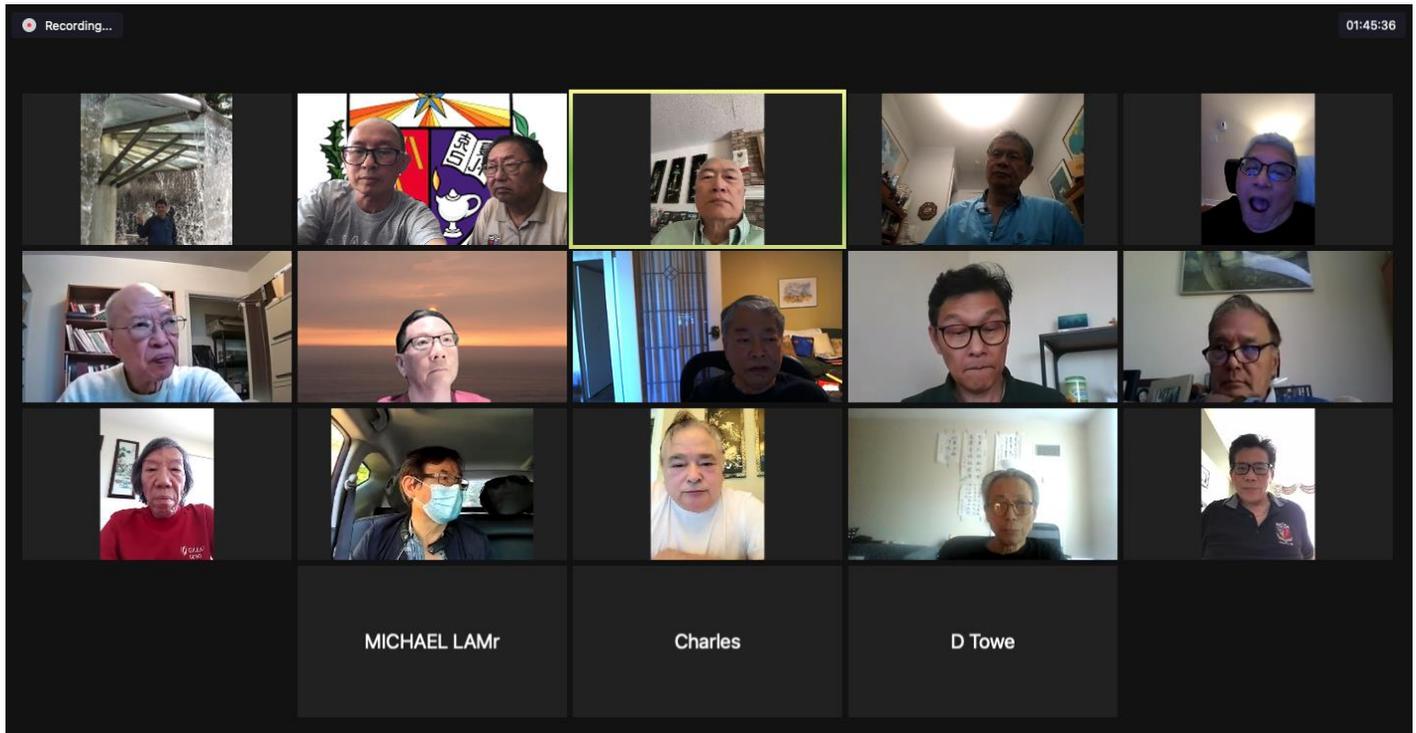
## Vancouver Chapter New Executives

Due to the Pandemic, the Annual General Meeting/Executive members’ election was postponed in 2020. As the COVID-19 situation was not expected to go away soon in 2021, Vancouver Chapter decided to host our AGM via Zoom Meeting on May 15, 2021. This AGM Zoom Meeting was made possible, thanks to help from Kevin Kwok, President of Toronto Chapter, who kindly offered his business Zoom account for Vancouver Chapter.

The following is a list of new executive team elected at the AGM:

President:	Albert Manson (1967)	Directors:		
Vice President:	Anthony Wu (1973)	Frankie Au (1970)	Patrick Ko (1995)	Ivan Mo (1985)
Vice President:	Victor Leung (1977)	Au Man Kit (1998)	Patrick Li (1973)	Paul Ng (1970)
Treasurer:	Harry Ching (1967)	Charles Choy (1990)	Dominic Lau (1961)	Raymond Wong (1991)

The new executive team would like this opportunity to say thank you to the following retired directors for their past contributions serving Vancouver Chapter: Philip Chan (1969), Frank Chow (1966), Nick Domingo (1963), Ron McSmith (1977), Tony Fung (1961).



## Lasallian Brothers in Hong Kong

*"If ever men felt that they were wanted in any place, it must have been the La Salle Brothers in regard to Hong Kong... The achievement of the Brothers for Catholic education in Hong Kong would vastly exceed even the brightest hopes of 1874."*

*Reverend Father Thomas F. Ryan S.J., describing the arrival of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Hong Kong<sup>1</sup>*

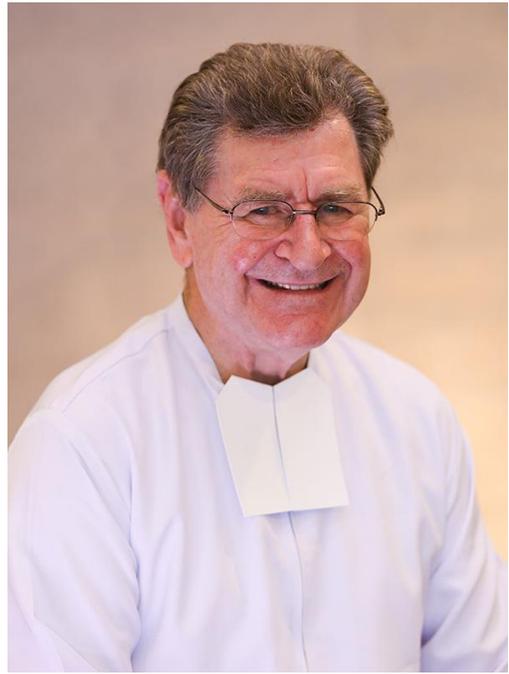
How well do you know the Lasallian Brothers serving Hong Kong today?

Check out the "[Introducing our Lasallian Brothers](#)" on the La Salle College facebook page. It includes recent interviews of Lasallian Brothers conducted by current LSC students, such as the one reprinted on page 2 of this issue. Feel free to like, share and comment on the facebook page!

<sup>1</sup> Huang, Mark. Sons of La Salle Everyone- a History of La Salle College and Primary School 1932-2007



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