



NEWS & UPDATES

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Brother Albinus, F.S.C. (whose baptism name was Michael O'Flaherty) was called to the Lord at 11.28am on 4 August 2013 in a private hospital in Kuala Lumpur. He was 83. The funeral wake was held in Tan Sri William Tan Auditorium, SMK St Joseph Kuching on 5 – 7 August 2013 with the funeral Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral on 8 August.

Brother Albinus was a former principal of St Joseph's School, Kuching and Sacred Heart School in Sibü.

He left behind a long and exemplary legacy in education. His spirit of service to educate "the least, the lost and the lost" will never dim because thousands will carry on his torch. He had devoted 53 years of his life to education with a large part of it in the state of Sarawak.



All secondary school and Primary 3 students, together with their teachers, went to pay their last respects to Brother Albinus on 5 August at the Auditorium.

St Joseph's Private School

- A legacy handed to us by the La Salle Brothers



Brother Albinus is the last of a long line of La Salle Brothers who have served in Sarawak. With the passing of Brother Albinus, we have come to the close of a chapter on Christian education in Sarawak – an education that focuses not only on academic excellence but an all-round development that also includes hard work, moral values, prayer and sports.

The Brothers of the Christian Schools (La Salle Brothers) first came to Sarawak in 1950 to take over the running of mission schools in the State from the priests of the Mill Hill Missionaries within the Catholic Church. They were very much involved in the day-to-day management of Catholic mission schools until 1988 when due to changing circumstances and necessities (old age and the change in educational policies), the La Salle Brothers had to hand over the administration and management of mission schools to lay Sarawakians.

However, a few of the La Salle Brothers stayed on in Kuching to continue to be involved in private education; one of them was Brother Albinus.

With the implementation of the Malaysian Education Act, our mission schools (like all other Malaysian Schools) focus more on meeting academic excellence and less on the all-round development of our children.

St. Joseph's Private School is an institution that is set up with the objective of bringing our education back to the original vision of the La Salle Brothers concerning our mission schools.

Brother Albinus contributed greatly to the philosophy, vision and mission of this school, that is,

Philosophy

To help every child develop a spirit of love, service and respect; to fully respond to his/ her God given potential to learn and excel in all undertakings.

Vision

To provide a holistic education to enrich the life of all our students.

Mission

To create opportunities and provide a conducive environment to enable every child to realize his/her potential in the spirit of the school motto, *Ora et Labora* (Pray and Work).

With Brother Albinus' contribution to Catholic private education as enshrined in our school's charter, the La Salle Brothers' legacy will forever be with us even though the La Salle Brothers are no longer physically present in Sarawak.

Christopher Chua

Bro Albinus, FSC



23 May 1930 - Michael O'Flaherty was born in Ballyhoneen, County Kerry, Ireland.

Sep 1944 - Joined the La Salle Brothers, Castletown, County Leix. Given the religious name Albinus

Sep 1951 - Left for Singapore by sea and reached there by 2 Oct 1951, and started teaching in St Joseph's, Singapore.

1958 - Returned to Ireland and studied English and Literature.

1960 - Posted to teach in St Joseph's School, Kuching and later became its principal.

1970 - Posted to Sacred Heart Secondary School, Sibu as teacher.

1972 - Assumed the post of principal of Sacred Heart School, Sibu. Retired in 1987.

1987 - Director of A-Level in St Patrick's Private School, Kuching.

1992-1997 - Director of St Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre, Kuching.

1997 - Went to Fuzou, China to teach English.

1998 - Lecturer of World Religions at INTI College, Kuching.

2000 - Returned to St Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre.

2002 - Started Rural Teaching Program under Yayasan Lasallian Kuching.

4 Aug 2013 - Passed away peacefully in Kuala Lumpur. Body brought back to Kuching and was buried at St Joseph's Cathedral cemetery.



The early years: Brother Albinus (left) at the La Salle Novitiate, Ireland in 1946.

Congratulations

Persatuan Tenis Bumiputera
Sarawak (PTBS)

Mark Leong Wei Yang (F1B) – Bronze in
the Junior Age Group Tennis
Tournament 2013 held at PTBS
Complex, Kuching on 29-30 June 2013

Felicitations to **Zoe Tan** (F2B)

3rd GCM Inter-Club Age-Group Swimming Championship

29 – 30 June 2013: Best Girl Group 2

Gold – 50m Backstroke; 50m Butterfly; 50m, 100m,
200m Freestyle; 200m Ind. Medley.

Silver – 50m, 100m Breaststroke

The Third Samarahan-Kuching Division Inter-School Swimming Championship

6 – 7 July 2013: Best Girl Group B

Gold – 50m, 100m Freestyle; 50m, 100m Breaststroke;
50m Backstroke; 50m Butterfly; 4 × 50m Freestyle Relay;
4 × 100m Freestyle Relay



Progress of the new building



(as of
12
August
2013)



NEW BUILDING

Opening Ceremony

24 August 2013

08.30 am – Mass and blessing presided by

the Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia, His Grace Archbishop Joseph Marino

10.30 am – Opening by

the Chief Minister of Sarawak, YAB Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud