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Pope Leo XIV meets with the Brothers of the Christian Schools on May 15, 2025, at the Vatican.
Credit: Vatican Media

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From Sorrow to New Hope

Victor Leung (77)

From Sorrow to New Hope: Easter's Echo in the Papal Transition

As La Salle College is a traditional catholic school, many LaSallians are dedicated Catholics and mourned with the world for the loss of their great spiritual leader. The recent passing of Pope Francis, occurring just after the solemn observances of Easter, carries a poignant resonance. The echoes of Holy Week, with its journey from suffering to resurrection, seem to linger even as the world mourns the loss of a significant spiritual leader. Pope Francis, known for his humility and connection with the faithful, notably continued his tradition of engaging with the public on Easter Sunday, a testament to his unwavering dedication even in his final days. This final act of pastoral care, a message of hope and renewal delivered amidst the joy of the Resurrection, now stands as a powerful memory.



Late Pope Francis



Pope Leo XIV

The end of Pope Francis' era, marked by both sorrow and reflection on his contributions – particularly his commitment to meeting with the public on such a significant day – naturally leads to the dawn of a new chapter with the ascension of Pope Leo. The transition, while a moment of change, mirrors the Easter narrative itself: ***from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter Sunday.***

In his early days, Pope Leo has already signaled a focus on continuity and new beginnings. Notably, his recent tribute to the De La Salle Christian Brothers on the feast day of Saint John Baptist de la Salle underscores the enduring importance of faith-based education and service – values that resonate with the legacy of his predecessor. As the Church moves forward under Pope Leo's leadership, the spirit of Easter – a message of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life – will undoubtedly serve as a guiding light. The memory of Pope Francis' final Easter message, delivered with characteristic devotion, will surely inspire Pope Leo as he embarks on his own journey of leadership.



The encouragement and acknowledgement of the continuous contributions from the Christian Brothers on May 15 are deeply appreciated by the Brothers of the Christian Schools and fellow Lasallians. For those who have not got a chance to read the already widely distributed article, the article titled ***“Pope Leo XIV to Lasallians: Evangelizing through education and educating through evangelization”*** is available for your viewing at this [link](#).

In closing, here are some excerpts from the Pope Leo to the Lasallian:

“Your altar is the classroom.....I hope that vocations to Lasallian religious consecration may grow, that they be encouraged and promoted—within your schools and beyond—and that, in synergy with all the other formative components, they may contribute to inspiring joyful and fruitful paths of holiness among the young who attend them”.

As graduates from La Salle College, most of us would echo the encouraging message from Pope Leo and wish to say a big thank you to the Christian Brothers as their students.

A Letter to Brother Thomas from Jack So (64)

Jack So (64)

Dear Bro Thomas,

I would like to offer my heart felt congratulations to you and all the Christian Brothers for the highly complementary comments made Pope Leo on 15/5/25.

The 75th anniversary of the proclamation of St John Baptist de La Salle His holiness praised La Salle for being a school for the poor from its origin, open to everyone, teaching in classes and in non-Latin local language. The Christian Brothers and lay teachers combine teaching and ministry of mission, the reason why they don't call themselves priests.

I am so excited that your valuable contribution to education and indeed to the world is deservedly recognized and so proud to be a La Salle old boy.

Jack So (64)

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Toronto Annual General Meeting

Chris Fong (94)

The Toronto Chapter held its 2025 Annual General Meeting on La Salle Day on May 15 at Casa Deluz Banquet Hall (豪門宴) in Scarborough.



Activities during the year were presented by Kenny Fong (16) during the President's Speech.



It was widely known that the Board received ~140 membership applications in April. The unusual nature of the applications, as well as membership eligibility, voting and nomination rights, proxies, potential legal issues, as well as a few subsequent correspondences, including those from recently resigned directors, ex-presidents, Bill Chau (98)'s petition, Jevons Au (98) and board notices, were holistically presented.

The implications of the series of matters to Toronto members at large should not be taken lightly. In light of the attempted election maneuver, Chris Fong (94) and Johnson Ng (63) jointly presented a motion. In order to protect Toronto members' voices not be overwhelmed by non-Toronto old boys in AGM, new member applications received after May 15, 2025 will be considered associate membership if little ties with Toronto were demonstrated. The voting and nomination rights of associated members would not be the same as regular members. The motion was carried unanimously.



As in previous years, the election for the new Board of Directors was held during the AGM. This year, 15 members as a cabinet ran for election and were all elected, upon confirmation of eligibility by the Returning Officer Thomas Lau (69). The composition of the new board is more diverse than ever before. Our new directors team represent a wide range of generations — from experienced professionals to energetic young members, including recent university graduates. Some have served the La Salle College Old Boys' Association for many years, while others are first-time board members. Quite a few have lived in Toronto for many years, while others have only recently immigrated to Canada. Regardless of their background, they share a common passion and have been actively involved in the HKLSCOBAT (Toronto)'s past events.

Professionally, our board members come from a variety of industries, including information technology, engineering, insurance, real estate, and accounting. Their expertise extends to organizing events in track and field, soccer, and recreational activities, including Ambrose Cheung (69) as a senior Scout leader with extensive community service experience.

With this diverse and experienced team, we look forward to building a stronger, more united, and more professional Hong Kong La Salle College Old Boys' Association - Toronto for all our members.



Thomas Lau (69), Returning Officer



nominees introducing themselves



Sunny Leung (96) introducing the cabinet



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Upcoming Friendly Soccer Match: La Salle vs. St. Joseph's College Alumni

Date: Sunday, July 20, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Venue: Bayview Reservoir Park (8075 Bayview Avenue), Thornhill

Join us for an exciting afternoon of friendly competition and brotherhood as La Salle alumni take on our longtime friends from St. Joseph's College!

All are welcome—players, supporters, and families!

For inquiries or to join the match, contact:

Kevin Kwok

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647-928-5880

Let's keep the Lasallian spirit alive on and off the field!

In Memory of Reynold Cheong-Leen

Anthony Luk (66)

The LSCOPA-SC (Southern California) Chapter is saddened to learn that Reynold, our highly respected senior schoolmate of Class 1940, passed away last September. Reynold's final resting place is in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Last November, Laurence, Class '69 and Reynold's eldest son, organized a memorial service for his beloved father in Chicago. Reynold Cheong-Leen reached the age of 97.

Reynold had the most fantastic memory. He told me about his La Salle days. He played soccer as a goalkeeper with Brother Henry and Senior Louis Wong. He was a classmate with Mr. Henry Lau and Mr. Chiu Siu Lai, our former teachers. Reynold walked to our Majestic LSC Campus on the morning of December 8, 1941 and witnessed the Japanese bombing of Kai Tak Airport. He immediately knew that would be the end of classes at La Salle College.

Reynold was born in British Guiana. He moved to Hong Kong and first enrolled in Ying Wa Primary School (英華小學) where he picked up Mandarin. He attended our alma mater La Salle College and graduated at age 14. During the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, Reynold and his elder brother Hilton, assisted their mother and younger siblings to escape to Mainland China. He talked about the assistance of the Maryknoll Sisters, who gave them food and shelters on their way to his ancestral village 鄉下. Most impressively with his courage and language skills in English and Chinese dialects, Reynold aided the U.S. Army to search and rescue downed pilots or to retrieve their remains in vast number of villages. He listened to the radio broadcast of the Japan surrender next to a U.S. radio soldier.

When Reynold eventually returned to Hong Kong, he attempted to enter the LSC Matriculation Class. Even with the enthusiastic support of Brother Cassian Brigant, Reynold was not admitted because it was only several months before the Matriculation exams. Reynold decided to pursue studies as a radio operator in the Hong Kong Technical College (香港工專). Upon graduation, Reynold became a radio operator in commercial airplanes. Subsequently, Reynold entered the Hong Kong civil service in the air traffic control tower at Kai Tak Airport. He worked diligently his way up to become chief air traffic controller while being a member of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force. In late 1970s, Reynold retired as the assistant director of the Civil Aviation Department. He and his wife moved to the United States to be closer to their children. Reynold started his second career at the Bank of America in downtown Los Angeles as a foreign exchange trader. He happily retired ten years later as the department's Vice President.

Reynold loved to travel when time permitted. While working tirelessly in the air traffic control tower, he found time to pay a visit to the Maryknoll Motherhouse in Ossining, New York and met with the Sisters who had returned from China. On his wartime journey in Mainland China, he met Mr. Fung 馮翰高老師, who played violin to entertain the staff of a U.S. foreign office with classical music. Lo and behold, Mr. Fung helped in the LSC school orchestra and became the cello teacher for numerous LSC students including Laurence. Reynold used the traditional letter writings to keep in touch with his former colleagues at Kai Tak Airport. In his last visit to Hong Kong, the group gathered to share golden memories. Moreover, with the help of Barbara, the daughter of Mr. Henry Lau, Reynold reunited with his classmate at his apartment. In his last travel to London, Reynold had family reunions with his sisters and brothers, including his younger brother Philip who was an Orthopaedic Surgeon in the United Kingdom.

Back home in Los Angeles, Reynold regularly attended monthly lunch gatherings and sat at the honored table at the annual Spring Dinner. In 2010, he led the procession at the La Salle Day Mass held at St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Church. In 2016, he gave a speech at the Class '66 Reunion Banquet and sat next to Brother Steve Hogan in the group picture. The Southern California Chapter members do miss Reynold's friendship and recall his unparalleled independent character. We shall keep him in prayers. May our Heavenly Father grant him eternal peace and comfort his family members.

Ryan Choi Won the 2025 Shanghai Foil Grand Prix



Congratulations to Ryan Choi to have won the gold medal at the 2025 Shanghai, China Foil Grand Prix.

Photo credit: Hong Kong 01

Updates from UK

David Ho (94)



[March gathering](#)





[first joint school MCSFSA & LSCOBAs drink event](#) in London on the 8th May 2025

Upcoming London Cycling event will be on 29/6 (Sun). Details to follow.

Class of 1970 Reunion Notice

David Ho (94)

Announcement from the Reunion Committee

Date: 15th May, 2025

To All Boys of the Class of 1970 from La Salle College, Kowloon

Calling all Fellow Classmates/Brothers to join:

The term “Brothers” reflects familiar bonds within the School, encourage mutual respects and supports. Event of the Emerald Reunion of the Boys of 70’s class exemplify this unity, bringing together LaSallian “Old Boys” to honor our share values and tradition from all over the World.

The invitation is extended to individuals who attended either Primary or Secondary Classes at LaSalle, regardless of when they left the School, before graduating in the year 1970, are invited to spend an enjoyable evening together.

Final Programs:

Date: 9th November, 2025 (Sunday)

Welcoming functions: to be paid on site. Estimated at < \$500 per head, and spouse is welcome for the dinner gathering.

- (1) 2:30pm - Proposed visit to LaSalle College, visit to Brother Thomas and tour of the School after renovation, and the built-up of an Exhibit Centre for past Glories of the School.
- (2) 5:00pm Cocktail section at "House 58 ", Telecom Digital Tower, Spouses are welcome.
- (3) 6:30pm Welcoming Dinner gathering, at "張公子 ", Cheung Kung Chi, 3rd Floor, Telecom Digital Tower.

Full Address:

House 58- 4th Floor, Telecom Digital Tower, 58 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong District, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR.,

Cheung Kung Chi, 3rd Floor, Telecom Digital Tower, 58 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong District, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR.

Profile:

One of our Esteemed Brother, Alex Cheung offers his venue to entertain and have a great gathering for all joining and participate for the School Visit, at his best and deluxe restaurants to entertain all Brothers, before the Reunion Date, at best offers.

Spouses are all welcome.

Main Event Date: 10th November, 2025 (Monday)

To accommodate for Brothers who cannot attend the evening's main event, we shall have an afternoon tea and social gathering for everyone, at the Pool Side and Garden of United Service Recreation Club.

Club's Address: 1 Gascoigne Road, King's Park, Kowloon.

Club telephone number: 852-3966-8600

Commencement from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Hopefully for those who cannot join in the evening, can come to chitchat and laughter. The Club is kind enough to provide us with 2 hours of Tennis Court facility, and 2 hours of Pickle-Ball Court for Brothers, who will bring their rackets and balls to have a game of interest.

The Event will charge an extra of HK\$ 200 for the entire afternoon to cover expenses.

Main Event:

Group Pictures at 6:00pm. Hopefully, attendees of the Class of '70 afternoon and evening sessions will all be gathered together.

Banquet and Evening get-together:

At the Banquet Hall of United Service Recreation Club (Marquee)

Run-down of the Program:

6:30pm Welcoming and drinks.

7:00pm Serving buffet dinner, and all Brothers and Spouses are encouraged to mingle around for more fun.

8:pm Address by Brother Thomas, la Salle Supervisor.

8:10pm Fire-side chat by our Senior Classmen, Dr. Jack So and 3 others to talk about their experience in life after LaSalle. We shall be linked by internet to all Brothers of the 70s, who for whatever reason, cannot physically attend, but will participate by internet.

8:30pm Fire-side chat lead by Dr. Bell Tse to talk about the life after Graduation, and the experiences and friendship of the Form 1- Scholarship Group. The Scholarship Group consisted of the following classmates from 70s, Dr. George Hui (economist), Dr. Professor Philip Wong (Mathematician), Professor Charles Pau (IT engineer), Dr. Bell Tse (Physician), Dr. Charles Lin (Physician-US), and Ir. KC Ng (Engineer and past Vice Chairman of the UCRC). Bell has agreed to lead the fire-side chat, and likely (subject to their consents), Charles Lin, Charles Pau and Philip Wong be joining. Regrettably both George and KC has passed away recently, but Bell will speak about their fun side at the fire-side chat.

(nostalgic picture attached)

8:45pm onward, free speech time, and all Classmates are welcome to take separate group pictures, and make free speeches as they wish. (but many might just seat there eating and ignoring you completely!!)

9:45pm LaSalle School Song

10:00pm Party ends.

For those who wish to stay, can until 11:00pm, and for those wishing to join after Party Jam in TST, Brilliant Star Venture, are welcome, but limited to 40-45 people. Old Boys and spouses plus invited guests are included.

Costs for the Night Event:

Brothers: HK\$1,200 each and

Spouses at the discount price of HK\$ 800 each

After Party Event:

We proposed the additional tour arrangements as below,

- (1) Guided Tour of Shanghai to Hangzhou, by EGL Tours (but we will only organize the tour based on no less than 30 people registering, and please contact Raymond Lo @ email: rlocicc@gmail.com, or phone: 852-91069299
- (2) Tour and Culinary visits to Macao, Zhuhai and Chungshan. Please register your participation with Raymond Lo at rlocicc@gmail.com. We probably have 2 days of golf and three days of entertainment.

We look forward to your registering, and please pay to Mr. Ho Tak Sang, Class 70's Treasurer, so that we can have a more definitive estimates of people attending.

Pay in details:

Old Boys: HK\$1,200

Spouse: HK\$ 800

To: Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Hong Kong

Bank code: 128

Name of account: Ho Tak Sang

A/C number: 830-0-704726-7

Swift reference: IBALHKHHXXX

Please after pay-in, email or whatsapp to TS Ho @ 852-90125599 Email: ts.hotaksang@gmail.com and identify yourself.

World Cup 1974 – Total Football (part 5)

Danny Leung (71)

The Champion's path to the final

The host started its tournament with a lackluster performance against Chile. The buildup from the back was slow and predictable. While Beckenbauer dictated the play, Overath had to play a secondary role. Breitner's spectacular goal turned out to be a relief to the entire nation. The second game was a three goals win against Australia. There was a rare sight of Beckenbauer spitting on the pitch when the fans booed him while taking a throw in. The camp was unsettled when they met E. Germany in the final group game. In another uninspired performance, they conceded a lone goal. Coach Schoen was stunned and locked himself up in his own hotel room for days. It was Der Kaiser who came into rescue and showed his leadership by taking over the player selection and tactics. His Bayern team mate Hoeness was benched alongside with prolific striker Heynckes. In came Bonhoff and Hoelzenbein who added fire to the team, and their combination play finally clicked with Beckenbauer and Overath sharing the controlling roles effectively. Hoeness would eventually return back to the lineup and contribute for the rest of the tournament. The Germans dominated against Yugoslavia and came back from behind to beat Sweden in an exciting see-saw battle in the second group stage.

Stats – 6 wins, 1 lost. Goals for 13 and conceded 4.

Chile 1-0, Australia 3-0, E, Germany 0-1, Yugoslavia 2-0, Sweden 4-2, Poland 1-0, Holland 2-1.

Incidents leading to the Final

In March 1973, Ajax thumped Bayern over two legs in the quarter final of the European Cup. It was a fairly even game in the first half in Amsterdam. The Dutch changed their mood when the game reopened and scored four quick goals. The 2-1 return leg victory for the Bavarians did little to alter their destiny as Ajax eventually won the title. Cruyff, much to the dislike of his team-mates because of his bossy character, joined Barcelona in the following season after losing this power struggle. It was a move that would eventually alter the face of Spanish football. Six players from each team in that quarter final would compete in the World Cup final. On that day, while waiting in the dressing room corridor leading to the pitch in Munich, the German players could not dare look into the eyes of the Dutch. It looked like there would only be one obvious winner!



The two best players in this world cup

The Final

Since then, there have not been two teams of such caliber competing with each other in a World Cup final. The German's trademark of comeback and self-belief started in the 1954 final when their unknown team came back from a two goal deficit to beat the much favored Puskas and Hungary. The Dutch had never featured in any major finals other than the club format European Cup. Defeating inferior teams in Panathinaikos of Greece, Inter Milan and Juventus in three consecutive finals were hardly challenging. In the opening minute, after 20 passes from the Dutch, Cruyff dribbled through Vogts and was hacked down by

Hoeness. Neeskens scored the penalty kick and the Germans were stunned as they had not even touched the ball. Instead of playing their usual football and going for a second goal, the overconfident Dutch knocked the ball around cautiously to humiliate the Germans. It was critical as they underestimated the host, an experienced and possibly the most competitive team in the tournament. The referee, Jack Taylor later awarded the Germans a penalty for a foul on Holzenbein. Technically it was a tackle but the way Holzenbein dropped into the box made it a highly dubious one. Breitner took over the penalty from Mueller and calmly stroke the ball into the corner. The Germans started to exploit this opportunity and crawl back into the match. A Dutch defender saved a shot before it crossed the line. Kaiser Franz's chipped free kick was palmed out by Jongbloed, who also saved from a one on one advance from Vogts. Holland had its own one on one as Cruyff caught the German's high line napping. Beckenbauer did well by retreating and not making a premature tackle which would be costly against the mercurial Cruyff. The latter took the easier option and passed the ball to Rep. Maier came out and narrowed the angle to make a key save. Right before halftime, Bonhof sped through the right wing and past Haan, who was still honing his defensive skills. Bonhoff's low cross was slightly behind Mueller but Der Bomber turned back with one touch which fooled Krol. With another 90 degree turn, Mueller planted a surprising shot at the corner of the net. It was a typical Mueller's goal, his very last and the most important one with the national team. When the whistle was blown for half time, Cruyff complained to Taylor about the second penalty. He was penalized with a yellow card. Unable to shake off Vogts, Cruyff dropped back and made room for Neeskens to advance as a central striker in the second half. It was then Holland started to panic and loose shape by pumping high ball into the penalty box. Germany changed tactics to pack the defense and relied on quick counter attack. Maier proved his worth with more difficult saves notably from Neeskens and van Hanegem. Mueller had a well worked goal incorrectly ruled offside. Taylor would admit later that he made a mistake after watching the replay as Mueller's quick turn deceived the offside trap. Holzenbein was brought down again but the penalty was waved off; only this time it was a legitimate one. At the final whistle, the Dutch had only themselves to blame as they blew a precious early lead in the most important game of their lives. The first minute penalty advantage actually turned into a gifted poison. The Germans lost a battle in the first round but won the war and they had beaten one of the best teams of all time.



Der Bomber scoring the winning goal in the final

Do you recognize any of them?



About the North American Lasallians

This electronic newsletter is a joint bimonthly publication, aiming at fostering communications and serve as a channel to reconnect La Salle old boys in North America and beyond. We welcome submissions of articles and photos that may be of general interest to the old boys community, including, but are not limited to, official announcements and recaps of events hosted by Chapters in North America and/or dedicated old boys (such as class reunion and excursions); old boys community updates from Hong Kong; news and stories of old boys overseas; La Salle related heritage; as well as a few words and/or photos of nostalgia.

Brother Thomas said it quite well at the inauguration of this newsletter in 2009: "The big challenge will be to ensure that that second, third and more editions see the light of day. It will only continue if each Chapter supplies news, views and copy on a regular basis." It would be even better if the word "Chapter" is replaced by "Lasallian". You are urged to help nourish this newsletter by contributing articles, news and even just pictures as often as you can. The subjects of your contributions need not be limited to only materials regarding LSC, LSPS, OBA chapter, HKLSCOBAs and old boys, but may also include other subjects that are of general interest to the old boys community.

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