

PRIMER ON THE 2008 PHILIPPINE LASALLIAN FAMILY CONVOCATION

History

Its origins can be traced to the District Synod in 1999 and Proposition 2.4 of the 11th Philippine District Chapter of 2000.

The Visitor was mandated to "convene a National Assembly of Lasallian Partners and Brothers every three years... to share, analyze, evaluate and present plans of action on matters pertaining to the mission and the development of the Lasallian Family in the Philippines".

The first Convocation was held in 2003 with 17 resolutions. However, because of time constraints, the second Convocation scheduled for 2007 was moved to 2008.

The resolutions covered Lasallian Family Formation and Governance, Lasallian Apostolates and Lasallian Relationships and Association.

After going through a 15-month process of preparing the 2008 Philippine Family Convocation, there was a suggestion to make the Convocation every 7 years instead of 3 years to give the members of Philippine Lasallian Family ample time to implement the Strategic Intents. Therefore, the next convocation will be in May 2015.

Goals, Objectives and Output

The 2008 PLFC serves as period of strategic reflection and discernment in preparation for celebration of 100 years of Lasallian presence in the Philippines.

It is a strategic planning exercise to determine extent of accomplishment of the 2003 PLFC resolutions and to formulate new and follow-up action between 2008-2015.

It builds on the following documents:

the 1999 Synod document, "Lasallian Ministry Action Plan,"

the 2003 District Council document "Vision 2011" and,

the Lasallian Guiding Principles, the document that concretizes the resolutions of the 2003 Convocation. The output for the 2008 PLFC must have very clear objectives and rationales, well-defined responsibilities, timetables and budgets

Process

Pre-Convocation

The pre-convocation process aims to make different sectors participate in the consultation and strategic discernment and reflection....etc.

The Regional Reflection Councils (RRC) are the venues where concerns that have an impact on the regional and national level are brought up, discussed, and prioritized. Composition of the RRC:

composition of the KKC

Delegates-by-right

Appointed delegates

The RRCs were convened 3 times prior the Convocation:

February 2007

July 2007

February 2008

Agenda:

identify and reflect on issues

draft and polish strategic intents and capability-building measures

elect Convocation delegates

Aside from the RRCs, two school-based Circles of Influence were also convened in March-April 2007 and August-October 2007

Agenda:

widen the scope of the consultations

gather feedback from other members of the Lasallian Family.

Convocation

29-31 May 2008 (Thu-Sat), St. Benilde Gym, La Salle Green Hills

165 Participants: Elected Delegates: 71 Delegates By-Right: 50

Observers: 44 Agenda:

Discuss, analyze and ratify formal strategic intents and capability-building measures proposed by RRCs Announce of the official new members of the Lasallian Partners Council

What are the 6 Strategic Intents (SIs)?

The SIs are ways to organize the strategic reflection-discernment process of the Convocation. (The following Strategic Intents are not arranged according to priorities. Each SI has the same weight and importance as the others.)

Strategic Intent on Quality of Lasallian Education

Raise further the quality and relevance of Lasallian education to make it even more responsive to the needs of the learners and society

Strategic Intent on Social Involvement on Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Intensify awareness of, reflection on, and involvement in issues of peace, justice and integrity of creation Strategic Intent on Accessibility of Lasallian Education

Achieve greater accessibility of Lasallian education

Strategic Intent on One Lasalle

Promote our sense of identity and belonging as One La Salle

Strategic Intent on Lasallian Identity, Vocation and Association

Live out who we are and what we do as Lasallians, through and by association.

Strategic Intent on Lasallian Formation

Deepen the understanding and internalization of the Lasallian core values of faith, zeal in service and communion in mission across all sectors of the Lasallian Family

What are the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Philippine Lasallian Family (Brothers, teachers, administrators, staff, parents, alumni and youth) after the 2008 Philippine Lasallian Family Convocation?

Lasallians are all called to:

familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Strategic Intents and their corresponding Capacity Building Measures;

identify, clarify and live out the spirit behind these SIs and CBMs;

help other members of the Lasallian Family get a good understanding of the SIs and CBMs;

help implement and monitor the 6 Strategic Intents / Capacity Building measures in the different Lasallian ministries and institutions.



