

## News

## Appreciation

## Br Louis Camilleri, FSC

Soft-spoken, peaceful and unassuming, Br Louis had for years been delivering lectures on St John Baptist De La Salle to the enthusiastic group of lay people *Signum Fidei* (Sign of Faith).

I attended some of his lectures in the mid 1970s when I was still an undergraduate student of Maltese at the University. His articulate, crystal-clear and well-defined ideas, expressed in impeccable Maltese, were music to my ears.

Born on September 1, 1923, Br Louis was set on becoming a teacher. He joined the Christian Brothers of De La Salle. In the first week of September 1938, he left Malta for the south of France, where the Brothers had their novitiate at Avignon.

The outbreak of World War II did not deter him, nor did the occupation of Vichy France by the Nazis in November 1942. Moreover, he was determined to proceed with his Lasallian studies even when the Gestapo came to enquire about the Maltese Brothers, including himself, at St Maurice L'Exil, a Lasallian institution.

After fleeing to Lyon with Br Norbert, Br Louis continued with his studies, which were frequently interrupted by Allied air raids. He finally obtained his teaching certificate and returned to Malta in 1945.



Since then, thousands of students who came under his loving care and supervision progressed, as can be attested by the many Lasallian alumni who had successful careers. He took his final vows on Easter Sunday in 1948 and again went to France to further his higher studies.

From the formal teaching of geography, religion and languages, as well as school administration, Br Louis took up gardening as he argued the natural environment was a series of steps leading us to the creator. He encouraged many

students to pursue this hobby. Inspired by his example, they helped to embellish Stella Maris College with plants and trees.

Br Louis continued in the service of the Lord until he was called to His kingdom on May 29.

In his homily at the funeral Mass, Fr Jesmond Grech, spiritual director of Stella Maris College, delivered a wonderful tribute to Br Louis and the packed congregation was testament to the high esteem in which Br Louis was held.

**Alfred Conti Borda**

## For your diary – events

• *From Malta to the south of France*, a journey and a vision, as well as a glimpse into the life of a Lasallian Brother, will be the theme of the evening. Tickets are €10 and €5. For more information, call 7944 4444.

• A fun fair in aid of the *Signum Fidei* is taking place today from 10 a.m. at the Signum Fidei, Father Antonio. Activities include lottery, games, face painting, balloon modelling, a lemon tree and more. Food and beverages are available at the event.

• A service in aid of the *Signum Fidei* Foundation will be held at Corpus Christi, Tantiem Road, every Monday and Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

• The Christian Brothers of De La Salle are holding a *Signum Fidei* fund-raising event at the church of St Peter's Chapel at their convent at 11, St John's Street, Valletta, on Wednesday and June 15 from 8.30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• The *Signum Fidei* Foundation is holding an evening of prayer for peace and reconciliation of the world at Madonna of the Holy Church, Valletta, on Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Tickets are €10 and €5.

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• The Association of Christian Pastors (ACPC) will be holding a conference at the Madonna of the Holy Church, Valletta, on Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets are €10 and €5. For more information, call 7944 4444.

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• The Maltese Christian Association will be holding its main fundraising event, *Signum Fidei*, on July 2 at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valletta. The evening will include a buffet dinner. Tickets are €10 and €5. For more information, call 7944 4444.

• A day of prayer and reflection in aid of the *Signum Fidei* Foundation will be held at the Madonna of the Holy Church, Valletta, on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets are €10 and €5. For more information, call 7944 4444.