

ANNUAL REPORT - 2010

B) ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1a Members

The term of office for the present members will be ending on 31 December 2010. Following are the names of the Commissioners with a note that Bro Collin replaced Bro Paul Rogers when he resigned and returned to Australia in March 2010.

Archbishop Nicholas Chia (president)
Msgr Eugene Vaz (Archbishop's representative)
Mr Bernard Chen (chairman)
Mr John Yip (deputy chairman)
Mr James Koh (member)
Mr Noel Hon (member)
Br Collin Wee (Congregation Rep) wef March 2010
Sr Maria Lau (Congregation Rep)
Mr Cheong Yip Seng (member)
Dr Chong Yoke Sin, Esther (member)
Mr Lim Soo Ping (member)
Ms Jessica Tan (member)
Ms Ursula Quah (secretary)
Ms Wendy Louis (ex-officio)

1b Meetings of the Commission

The Commission met six times in 2010.

2) Committees

a) RE Committee

The committee members are Msgr Vaz, Br Dominic Yeo-Koh, Ms Ursula Quah, Ms Wendy Louis, Ms Jeanette Atabelo, Mr John Chan, Mr Raymond Lee and Mr Louis Oo.

Two resignations have been tendered to the RE Committee.

- Br Dominic Yeo-Koh on 12th November 2010 due to poor health, and
- Mr John Chan on 15th November 2010 because of his resignation from ACCS.

The committee met 4 times in 2010.

b) Training & Development Committee

The committee members are Sr Maria Lau, Mrs Matthews Shu Quo, Mrs Sarah De Souza, Br Dominic Yeo-Koh, Mrs Margaret Tan, Ms Wendy Louis, Mr Louis Oo and Mr Andrew Tan. For reasons mentioned above, Br Dominic will be withdrawing from this committee too. There were no meetings in 2010.

MEETINGS

a) Major Superiors

As stipulated in the Statutes, ACCS met with the Major Superiors of religious orders that sponsor Catholic Schools to discuss important issues in Catholic education.

On 18 March 2010, ACCS represented by the Archbishop, Msgr Vaz, Mr Bernard Chen, Mr John Yip, Ms Ursula Quah and Ms Wendy Louis met the following Major Superiors in CJC Training & Development Room:

- Sr Maria Lau (Sisters of the Infant Jesus) for IJ schools
- Sr Marilyn Lim (Canossian Daughters of Charity) for the Canossian schools
- Sr Joan Lopez (Good Shepherd Sisters) for Marymount Convent

Sr Maria Ng (representing Sr Assunta Leong) (Franciscan Missionaries of Mary)
for Hai Sing Catholic School

Br Robert Teoh (Marist Brothers) for Maris Stella High schools

Br Collin Wee (De LaSalle Brothers) for the Lasallian schools

Br Francis Gasper (Brothers of St Gabriel) for the Gabrielite schools

The agenda for the meeting was Land Lease for Catholic schools affected, School Chaplaincy Teams development, Updates on CMECS and RE for Secondary Schools, Sexuality Programmes in Catholic Schools, Replacement of Congregation Representative on ACCS Commission and ACCS New Staff Update.

C) STAFF OF ACCS OFFICE

Designation	Name	Joined ACCS	Left ACCS
Executive Director	Wendy Louis	Jan 2009	
Executive Secretary	Ursula Quah	Jan 2006	
Admin Officer	Shirley Louis	Apr 2005	
Research & Admin	Raymond Lee	Jan 2006	
Project Director (RE Sec)	Jeanette Atabelo	May 2008	
Project Director (RE Pri)	John Chan	May 2009 resigned	26 Nov 2010
Formation	Louis Oo	Jan 2009	
Admin Assistant	Susie Lim	May 2009	
Media & Communications	Don Gurugay	Aug 2009	
Early Childhood Specialist	Merilyn Dasson	Feb 2010	

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

20th and 21st July: Staff Planning Retreat

ACCS staff came together for a 2-day retreat at **Montfort Centre**, 622 Upper Bukit Timah Road. Fr Henry Siew led us in a half-day reflection on 20th July. A review of the year was done followed by planning for the future.

SECRETARIAT SERVICES

a) Archdiocesan Website & Church Directory

ACCS Secretariat continued with the task of updating the Schools section on the Archdiocesan web site. This process is maintained throughout the year as and when new or revised information is available. The Catholic Schools section in the Church Directory is also maintained by ACCS Secretariat. The statistics for educational institutions in the Archdiocese is provided by ACCS.

b) Copyright Licensing and Administration Society of Singapore (CLASS)

The Secretariat followed up with each of the 15 secondary schools to ensure that:

- the lawyer's fee was settled promptly with Infinitus Law Corporation, and that
- the respective principals signed the new CLASS Agreement and that,
- each school received their copy of the CLASS Agreement duly counter signed by the CEO of CLASS.

EVENTS

a) An evening of prayer with Bro Alois of Taizé.

The prayer session was arranged on 29th January at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Bro Alois, Prior of Taizé, was passing through Singapore on his way to the "Pilgrimage of Trust" in Manila and was invited to pray with young people from our schools and Junior College. The Cathedral was packed.

- b) Principals' Commissioning & Service of Commitment, Saturday, 23 Jan 2010**
 The Commissioning was conducted at the Church of the Holy Family during the Sunset Mass. His Grace commissioned 18 principals, of whom 13 were from Catholic Kindergartens. A total of 70 principals and vice-principals renewed their commitment to service in Catholic Education. Dinner was hosted by the archbishop after the Mass in the Church canteen.
- c) Teachers' Day Celebration - 'You are the Salt of the Earth'**
 The Celebration was held at SJI International, Thomson Road. More than 300 educators from Catholic and other schools, attended the celebration which included a Sunset Mass and tea reception. The theme adopted this year was 'You are the Salt of the Earth'. His Grace Presided at mass and Monsignor Vaz and Fr Gerard Louis CSsR concelebrated. The choir was from St Gabriel's Secondary School conducted by Mr Marcel Lee, the Principal.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Many of our 19 Catholic Primary Schools have adopted the 'Walking With Jesus' series for their Catholic children. Some schools are still using their own programmes based on their particular founder or values.

- a) Workshops on how to use "Walking with Jesus" Bible Programme**
 Workshops were conducted in three schools -CHIJ Kellock, CHIJ Katong Primary and Holy Innocents Primary School. These workshops were well attended and were open to teachers and parent volunteers. The training team included:
 Msgr Eugene Vaz (Scripture), Mr Trevor Nerva (Music), Mr John Chan (Curriculum), Wendy Louis (Lesson delivery & spirituality of the child)
- b) Sale of materials**
 Sales for the past year have been:

Student Workbooks - P1 to P5	5050 books	\$25,755
CD-1 @\$10	43 pcs	\$ 430
CD-2 @ \$18	36 pcs	\$ 648
Curriculum @ \$2	100 pcs	\$ 200
	TOTAL	\$27,033