

Welcoming 6 new principals to Catholic Schools this year

Cheryl Tan
De La Salle School

I am honoured to serve in De La Salle School. This is my first time being part of a mission school and I am looking forward to learn more about the rich Lasallian history and culture. Having the opportunity to serve in a Christian Brothers school means a lot to me as my grandfather was a pioneer student at St Patrick's School in 1933. He came from a poor family and was offered free education by Brother Stephen Buckley who was true to the mission of looking out for "the last, the lost and the least".

Children are a gift from God and together with my staff, I hope to nurture our children to discover their own gifts and use them well as we uphold our values of faith, service and community.

I would like to express my appreciation to former Principal Daphne Sing for her leadership in De La Salle



School. Her belief in mindful servant leadership has deeply impacted the students and staff of the school through the "Gratitude Movement" which will continue to be an important practice as we build a positive school environment for all Lasallians. □

Poh Chun Leck
Catholic High School

It is my tremendous honour and privilege to be able to serve as Principal of Catholic High School.

I believe that we have all been uniquely formed and wonderfully made by God, and that each of us has a calling in life that can lead to individual development and fulfilment, from which we are able to best contribute to the betterment of others we journey with in life.

Fundamentally, that's what I hope to achieve in the school – helping each gentleman to grow and mature, through both high points and low points, as part of a community that loves, trusts, and supports.

I would like to take this opportunity



to express my deepest gratitude to Magdalen Soh, the school's out-going Principal. I fondly recall the many times she, with a glow in her eye and sincerity in her heart, shared personal stories of students and teachers in the school. □

Mark Gerard Minjoot
St Patrick's School

Since 1933, St Patrick's School has touched the hearts and transformed the lives of numerous boys. Guided by the Lord, I hope to build on the fine traditions of the Lasallian Christian Brothers and the good work of my predecessors to enable the school to flourish further. Specifically, I'm looking forward to working with the staff and various stakeholders to grow more cohesive as a community, to live in faith and serve with love. Indeed, Potus Qui Vult! (He who wills, can!) □



Jenny Leong
CHIJ St Theresa's Convent

I am extremely honoured and privileged to lead CHIJ St Theresa's Convent and to join the IJ family of schools. The girls whom I've met over the years from the school have struck me as very capable, caring and confident students who have a heart for others and who embrace life with joy and grace. This is because of the blessings from the IJ family of educators, in collaboration with partners, including the IJ Board and our students' parents, and I look forward to working with all to develop our girls' gifts to serve God and all in our inclusive community.

I am especially grateful to Pauline Wong, the former Principal, for handing over to me such a successful school with caring and dedicated staff, under her leadership and guidance. Together with



the team, I look forward to deepening the many successes of our school, in order to lead the school to achieve the school's mission, in accordance with God's will. With God's blessings, I have faith that together we shall shine forth as a light for all to see. □

Fiona Koh
St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School

As an alumna returning to lead the school, I do feel the gravitas of the position and from the expectations to be met. At the same time, I know that this can only be a gift from God. I am lifted by the warmth and the generosity of support and encouragement from the Canossian community who have embraced me with open arms.

Mdm Mak Lai Ying, the former Principal, especially, has been a nurturing mentor to me. She is a strong role model in demonstrating high care and high expectations in leading the staff and students. I am inspired by her spirit of adventure and passion for the betterment of students.

Just as St Magdalene of Canossa, our founder, had breathed into her schools an enduring spirit of compassion and resilience to lead people to the awareness and experience of God's



love for them, I will build on this mission and the work of my predecessors to explore renewed forms of expression of the Canossian ethos.

I aspire to deepen the school's efforts in developing students' self-identity, aspirations and self-worth to enable them to lead and serve with deeper impact in creating value for others. □

Kelvin Lim
Montfort Secondary School

Leadership is a privilege and I am humbled to be called to serve at Montfort Secondary School, an established institution with a long and illustrious history. I am very heartened by the strong network of support given by the School Management Committee, the alumni which has forged deep bonds with the school, and the brotherly ties we share with the Gabrielite family of schools.

I believe that education must find its fulfilment and expression in students serving the good of their fellow men. Hence, Montfort Secondary School's mission of nurturing our boys to realise their potential and be men for others strongly resonates with me. I have a strong team of colleagues who are deeply committed to the holistic



education of our boys, many of whom have also been serving in the school for a long time. United by this common purpose, we want to help our boys to more authentically live out their calling to be men for others, serving the last, the lost and the least in their midst. □

The Commencement of School Year Mass for 2020 will be held at 3 pm on Jan 5 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant of this annual Eucharistic celebration where the fraternity gathers to give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Education. During this Mass, His Grace will commission seven newly appointed principals, following which, 10 newly appointed Vice-Principals will be presented. This is followed by the "Passing of Light" where all serving school leaders will receive the light from retired principals as all join in one voice to pray the prayer of commitment.