

ST. FRANCIS' CANOSSIAN COLLEGE Historical Archive Core Team



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Dear Franciscans,

SFCC Historical Archive: Newsletter 2

Spring is here, the start of another blooming season. We are delighted that more planting is going on with our School Historical Archive this spring, and are pleased to update you on our developments.

Donation of artifacts

Since last July, the team have engaged ourselves in intensive research and idea developments for the Archive, which is planned for official opening in the autumn of 2019. Responses to our ongoing collection of artifacts and materials have been positive. The donations gathered so far (including Year 1964 school magazine, reports, and photos) are now being organised.





Year 1964 school magazine donated by Ms Jean Tso, Class of 1964

Braille writing tools used by visually impaired students, donated by Ms Maria Man, Class of 1979

Interviews and Oral History

More than 10 Interviews with various alumni and personnel, mostly ranging from the 1950s to the 1970s, have been conducted and valuable information and materials have been collected, to confirm and consolidate the school historical development and pave way for the working of the Oral History section of the Archive.





Interviewing the first two visually impaired students admitted to SFCC in 1960, Ms Josephine Young and Ms Agnes Chow

Interviewing Mr Dominic Cheung, who studied in Holy Infant School in the 1930s



Interviewing former teacher Ms Helen Woo, who graduated from Holy Infant School in 1945

Focus areas of the Historical Archive

The intensive research, consultations and interviews have enabled us to set a framework which would present not only the historical developments of our Alma Mater, but also important elements of the SFCC spirit and the sustainable core values nurtured among us by our school. The current framework comprises the following focus areas regarding our Alma Mater:

- 1. The milestones in the development of SFCC, displayed through a comprehensive historical timeline
- 2. Whole-person development, exemplified by aspects such as school life, House System, Extracurricular Activities and the School Council.
- 3. Service learning, exemplified by the work of early Franciscans in support of the blind students, and of clubs and societies such as Junior Red Cross, Legion of Mary and the Social Service Group
- 4. Coping with challenges/adversities, and the bonding among Franciscans, exemplified by incidents and events such as those related to flood cases and the various school redevelopment projects

Calling for your support

The establishment of the Archive will contribute to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of our Alma Mater. Mr Kenneth Law, the Principal, has created a web link for the Historical Archive on the School's website. Do visit the web page *http://www.sfcc.edu.hk/school/ha.html* for news about our developments, the form for donation of artifacts, and the link for online submission of the donation form.

Despite the initial progress, your continuous support is important. We once again sincerely appeal to you for generous donation or loan of artifacts and historical materials relating to our Alma Mater. There are materials we are keen to retrieve, such as early issues from the 70s of the school newspaper *Bloom* (蕾報).

We welcome any contribution you have in hand that would enrich the collection to be displayed. While we will regularly keep you posted with updates on our Archive, we value any ideas you wish to contribute to the development of the Archive. If you have any suggestions or information regarding the above mentioned focus areas and the design of the Archive, please do not hesitate to email me or any of the following team members:

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Let the Franciscan spirit continue to shine. Please share the Newsletter with alumni of your Year and the Franciscan family will stay connected. We look forward to your continuous support.

Best regards,

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