New members to the Generalate

We are pleased to announce that, starting in September 2025, **Brother Chris Soosai**, from the Lasallian South Asia District (LASAD), and **Brother Sébastien Matundu**, from the District of Congo-Kinshasa, will join the community of the Generalate in Rome. Their presence will enrich the diversity and vitality of community life and provide support to Brother David García in his role as Organisational Coordinator of the Institute.

This way, Brothers David, Chris, and Sébastien will form part of a team based in Rome that will assist the Councils and Commissions of the Institute in implementing the mandate of the 46th General Chapter and the Third International Assembly on the Lasallian Educational Mission (III AIMEL). The final composition, official appointment and general objectives of the team, as well as the specific responsibilities of its members, will be published in due course.



Brother Chris Soosai belongs to the Sector of India, in the LASAD District. After completing his initial formation as a Brother of the Christian Schools, he made his perpetual profession in 1995. He earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Computer Science. In his educational ministry, he has taught Computer Programming, Religious Education, and Mathematics. Brother Chris has also been involved in pastoral ministry of vocations and the formation of future Brothers, serving as Postulant Director for four years.

In 2008, he completed a Master's Degree in Human Development with a major in Theology at St. Mary's University in Minnesota, where he lived with the Brothers in the Winona community. While studying, he served in campus youth ministry and also joined the Buttimer programme for three summers. After completing his Master's Degree in the United States, he served two terms as president of the Delegation of Brothers in India.

For the past ten years, Brother Chris has been a missionary: he worked for four years in Hong Kong and six years in South Sudan. From 2015 to 2019, he served at La Salle College in Hong Kong, where he taught Information Technology and Religious Education. Then, in 2019, he joined the inter-congregational project "Solidarity with South Sudan," an experience he considers "a moment of grace." During that time, he lived in a community made up of religious men and women, together with lay missionaries from various countries and religious congregations. There he took on the responsibility of director of the Solidarity Teacher Training College in Yambio, in the state of Western Equatoria.

Brother Sébastien Matundu Vuni was born in the city of Matadi, in the province of Kongo Central, in the south-west of the Democratic Republic of Congo. "I come from a Christian and fervently Catholic family of three children, of whom I am the youngest," he says.



He felt the call to serve the Lord from a very young age, when he took part in parish apostolic groups. In 2005, he was admitted to the Postulancy of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Kinshasa, and two years later to the Inter-African Novitiate in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. He pronounced his first vows in 2009 and continued his initial formation at the Saint Frère Miguel Scholasticate in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, during which time he also obtained a degree in Education Sciences from *CELAF-Institut* (Lasallian African Centre). In 2014, he made his perpetual vows.

In his journey of service and commitment to the Lasallian Mission, Brother Sébastien has been a religion and catechesis teacher in several schools in the city of Kinshasa, assistant bursar of the District of Congo Kinshasa, director of the Lasallian centre in Kinshasa and responsible for development projects in the District, working with the CARLA Foundation office.

In 2020, he earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from La Salle Dasmarinas University (DLSU-D) in the Philippines, and he is currently completing an online PhD in Counselling with a major in Community Counselling and School Counselling.

Also in 2020, he was appointed assistant director of the Inter-Asian Novitiate of the PARC Region in the Philippines, and in 2022, he took part in the formation programme for formators organised at the Generalate in Rome. He was then appointed director of the Postulancy, and since 2023 he has been prefect of the *Frère Zuza Bola* College in Kinshasa.

We express our best wishes to Brothers Chris and Sébastien in the new service they will begin in September, supporting Brother David García in the Organisational Coordination of the Institute.