



Students to benefit:
Ong (centre) and Xaverian Club of Kuala Lumpur president Lim Hock Thiam presenting the cheque to Dr Syed Jalaludin at La Salle Hall in Petaling Jaya.

Brother to the needy even after death

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PETALING JAYA: It has been more than a year since the passing of Datuk Michael Jacques, but he is still playing a part in helping students.

Proceeds from the La Salle Brother's memoirs, *The Man From Borneo*, have been presented to the De La Salle Foundation to be channelled to needy students.

Former Xaverian Club of Kuala Lumpur (XCKL) president Jason Ong, who took charge of the memoirs project, presented a cheque for RM58,592 to foundation trustee Tan Sri Prof Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim in a ceremony at La Salle Hall here yesterday.

"We have fond memories of Brother Michael as a teacher, leader and an inspiring person.

"He is a role model to many, and I consider

him the father of La Salle in Malaysia," said Dr Syed Jalaludin, the former Universiti Putra Malaysia vice-chancellor.

Brother Michael, who served as a Brother Visitor in Malaysia, died at the age of 94 in March last year from complications arising from a stroke.

Ong said the remaining 1,700 copies of the 390-page book were being offered at a discounted price of RM30, instead of the RM50 launching price.

"The amount presented to the foundation was the first collection from proceeds of the sale," he said, adding that a promotional event would also be held in Brother Michael's birthplace of Kuching.

Ong added that the money would be used to fund the foundation's programmes, targeting needy La Sallian students.