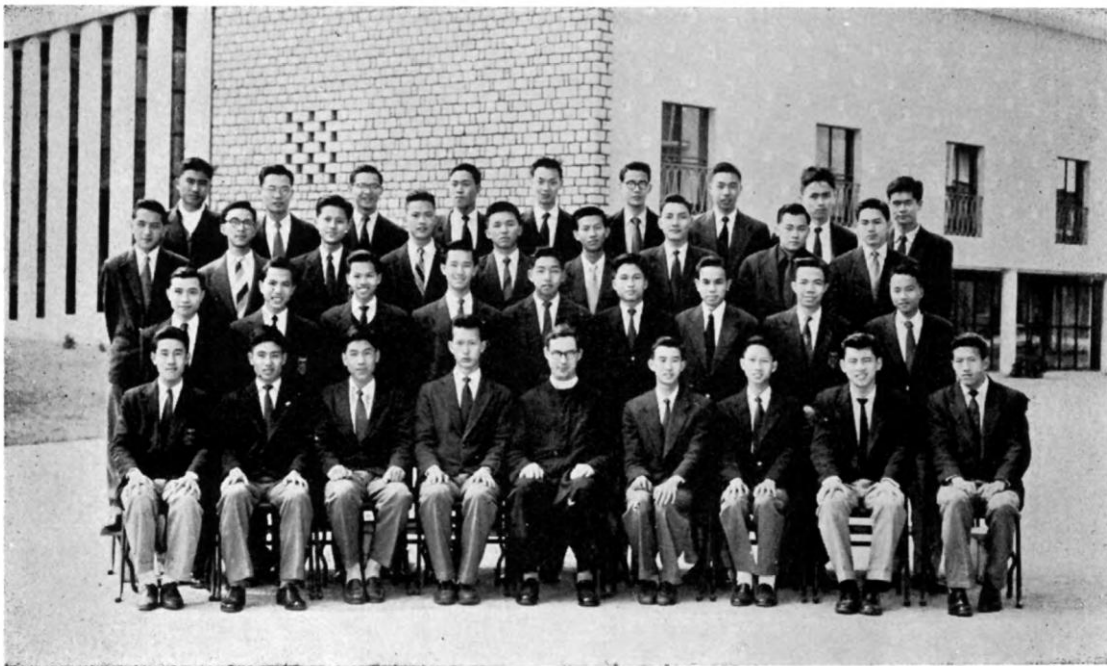




In Memoriam – Fr Seamus Doris, S.J.
(July 27, 1918 – March 23, 1988)
Taught at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, 1954-1982

A. Class Photographs

FORM IVB.
Form-master: Fr. S. Doris, S.J.

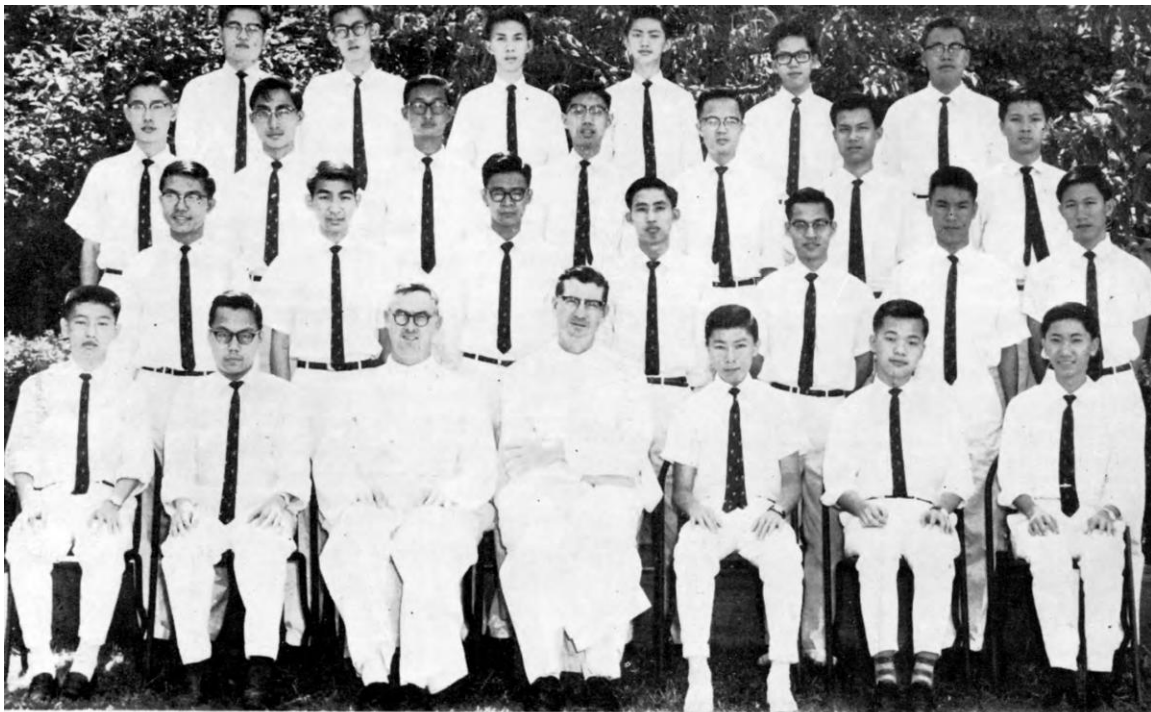


F4B, 1955-1956



FORM VI (UPPER): SCIENCE, 1960 - 1961

F7S, 1960-1961



UPPER SIXTH SCIENCE

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Form Master: Fr. Doris S. J.

F7S, 1962-1963

B. Staff Photographs

THE STAFF



1954-1955, top row – 2nd right



THE STAFF 1957-1958

1957-1958, top row – 6th left



TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

1961-1962, bottom row – 3rd left

C. Other Photographs



1956-1957, class picnic



1962-1963, picnic with F7S class

D. From The Shield 36 (1988)

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A TRIBUTE TO FR. SEAMUS DORIS S.J.

"A committed and responsible PHYSICS TEACHER" might be how he is remembered by twenty eight classes he prepared for Physics University Entrance. It was Sept. 1954 when he started teaching, and July 1982 when he retired. It is said that he was never sick for all those years, never missed a class or was absent for a day! He was not one for the "New Maths" nor for new text books or new teaching methods. He was of the old school of experimentalists who made their own laboratory equipment. For him Physics was a science that had principles that do not change. They are to be taught and applied. He stressed accuracy of measurement, clarity of expression, discipline of approach and seriousness of purpose. He was a hard marker and yet many got Distinctions and Credits in public examinations, who were failed or got low marks from him. Many are teachers of science in schools and universities, thanks to his teaching. We hope that more will be inspired by him to be dedicated science teachers and men of integrity and catholic leadership.

He came to Hongkong in 1952, first to learn Cantonese for two years, and then to teach science. Wah Yan was in Nelson Street until the new building was built at 56 Waterloo Road in 1952. Here were science laboratories, which the old Wah Yan ever had. He had come to teach there, and did so as senior physics teacher for twenty eight years. But he was also a priest. Every Sunday, for twenty five years, he said the early Mass at Bishop Walsh Primary School, to become Lok Fu Parish, being deeply respected and loved by the people. He was frugal and simple, devout and dedicated. After retiring at the age of 65, he went to help in Macau for two years, then to Kennedy Town Parish to help in 1985, as assistant priest at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. It was here that the Catholics joyfully celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit in July 1987. They were to organise and grieve at his funeral some months later.

A week before his death, he made his eight day silent individual retreat in Wah Yan Kowloon. On Tuesdays, he had his day off, and he spent it in Wah Yan. Returning to Kennedy Town by tram late on the night of March 22, he collapsed



walking to the Church. The next morning he was sitting up in public medical ward and was visited by Fr. Doyle. In the late morning, he had a massive heart attack and died in the Intensive Care Unit Queen Mary Hospital at 12.30 with Fr. David Lau.

The Parish in Kennedy Town arranged his funeral. There was a Mass on Friday night, but the next day, at the request of the Diocese, there was a Diocesan Funeral at St. Paul's Causeway Bay. He was the first Jesuit to be honoured this way. The Kennedy Town Parish was there in strength, and had two Chinese scrolls on either side of the altar:

FIFTY YEARS HE PREACHED THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION: FR. DORIS SERVED THE LORD JOYFULLY. Archbishop Dominic Tang S.J.

said the last prayer at his grave. He was buried besides the remains of Fr. Martin Cryan who had for many years taught Biology at Wah Yan.

He was a man of robust physique and never ill. Born in Belfast in 1918 his family moved to Dublin, as their home was burned-out by the "other side" in the troubles during the partition of Ireland in 1921. At school with the Irish Christian Brothers, he joined the Society of Jesus in 1937. In 1942 he graduated in Physics from the National University of Ireland, Dublin. He then studied Philosophy, Education and Theology, being ordained a priest in 1950. He never spoke ill of anyone. When any person criticised the Pope or a Bishop, he felt the pain of one whose parents were being criticised.

Harold Naylor 30 March 1988.