



Born November 14, 1745

Joined the Brothers of the Christian Schools
March 25, 1767

Murdered during the French Revolution
September 2, 1792

Declared a Saint in
October 2016.

Honored each September

(A prayer for a faculty meeting in September)

Let us remember... All: That we are in the holy presence of God

Reader One:

Once the monarchy had been overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790 the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Institute was deprived altogether of legal status in France. (From <http://www.lasalle.org/en/who-are-we/lasallian-holiness/blessed-solomon-leclercq/>)

RESPONSE BY ALL (Psalm 62: 1-6)

Only God can save me, and I calmly wait for God.
God alone is the mighty rock that keeps me safe and the fortress where I am secure.
I feel like a shaky fence or a sagging wall. How long will all of you attack and assault me?
You want to bring me down. You tell lies, and when your words are kind, hatred hides in your heart.
Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on God.
God alone is the mighty rock that keeps me safe, and is the fortress where I feel secure.

Reader Two:

On 15 August 1792, Brother Solomon sat alone in his Paris school. He had been asked to mind the house while other Brothers left the turbulent city for the safety of the suburb.... A loud knock on the door was the first sound of warning. A number of soldiers demanded entry to search the house. It was a thorough search for incriminating documents, and, though they found nothing, Brother Solomon was ordered to collect his belongings and follow them.

(From 'Seven De La Salle Brothers' published by the District of ANZPPNG)

RESPONSE BY ALL (Psalm 62: 7-9)

God saves me and honors me. He is that mighty rock where I find safety.

Trust God, my friends, and always tell him each of your concerns. God is our place of safety.

We are only a breath. All of us together weigh less than a puff of air.

Reader Three:

Under escort, he walked a short distance to Saint Sulpice where a sort of tribunal had been set up, and where his arrival seemed to be expected. The interrogation was formal, ending with the question: 'have you taken the oath?' The answer was: 'No'. That was all.... It was all pre-arranged. A massacre gang was assembled at the Champ de Mars 'to give effect to the will of the people'. They had been commissioned to do the deed in return for money and the clothes of the victims. (From 'Seven De La Salle Brothers')

RESPONSE BY ALL (Psalm 62: 10-11)

Don't trust in violence or depend on dishonesty or rely on great wealth.

I heard God say two things: "I am powerful, and I am very kind." The Lord rewards each of us according to what we do.

In silence, let us pause for a moment and consider what each of us would like to place in God's trust this day – either in my own personal life or in the life of this community.

ALL: Oh God,

I let go of my need to be perfect, and I let You fill me with Your perfect love.

I let go of my ideas of fulfillment, and I let You fill me with what I truly desire.

I let go of what I think of myself, and I let You define my worth.

I let go of what others think of me, and I let You tell me who I am to You.

I let go of my appearance, and I let You shine through me.

I let go of my unreasonable standards, and I let You work through me.

I let go of my control over life, and I let You reveal Your plan for me.

I let go of all of my past sins, and I let You forgive me.

I let go of my reliance on myself, and I let You be my salvation.

I let go of how I view others, and I let You love them through me."

St. John Baptist de La Salle... All: Pray for us Live Jesus in our hearts... All: Forever