

A Prayer for Vision

Let us remember...that we are in the holy presence of God

Reader 1: In the experience of reading the Signs of the Times, de La Salle's eyes were opened and he saw the poor children who were in desperate need. What was he to do now that their reality had entered his consciousness? Slowly, his vision grew and education was seen as a means to offer salvation to these poor boys.

Reader 2: A human and Christian education was designed not only to provide life skills so they could earn a living and engage society but also to bring about an encounter with Jesus Christ. His vision was about fullness of life, life in the spirit that inspired hope and nurtured the young poor in making contributions to the world in which they lived. He always told his brothers that they were here for something bigger than themselves. They were here to enrich their students through faith.

ALL: *"Since you are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ in the work that you do, you must act as representing Jesus Christ Himself"* (MTR 195.2)

Our Prayer:

Reader 3:

Oh God, we desire to take hold of the vision you have for us and we pray that you will lead and guide us to take a collective step of faith, in the direction that you would have us go.

We believe your servant, St. John Baptist de La Salle, was filled with spirit of your love and that the mission we have inherited remains true to his vision. Help us we pray, to grasp ever more deeply the vision he bequeathed to us and may we always be sensitive to your leading and guidance as we collectively do our best to live it.

Reader 4:

Draw us closer to each other and to you, as we seek to live your love in our relationships with one another, all those we love and in a special way with those entrusted to our care.

We pray that the community that emerges in our hearts and in our ministry will have been prompted by the Holy Spirit and the intercession of De La Salle for the good of our students, clients, retreatants and their families as they grow in your love and engage their society.

ALL: *May we, now and always, be convinced of your unconditional compassion and love for us as we do our best to be your Ambassadors, Good Shepherds, Apostles and Guardian Angels. Amen*

St. John Baptist de La Salle...*pray for us*
Live Jesus in our hearts...*forever.*