

Our Enduring Legacy



De La Salle

Life, Vocation, Mission
Scholar
Visionary
Lover of Children/
Advocate of the Poor
Community Builder
Faithful Founder

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE: LIFE, VOCATION, MISSION AN ENDURING LEGACY

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

Opening Prayer: Creator God, at the end of his life, John Baptist de La Salle remarked that had he known what would have been required of him in the work of establishing the Christian schools, he never would have undertaken such a task. At the same time, he recognized it was your hand leading him imperceptibly, one step at a time, to the fulfillment of your will. At death, he stated that he “adored in all things the will of God in his regard.” Help us, Lord, through the inspiration and intercession of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, to be open to your will in our regard and to do what it is you call us to. Give us the insight and keenness of perception to recognize your hand in all things, and to trust that you guide us each step along our journey. We make this prayer through Christ who is THE teacher and our Lord. AMEN!

Video: “The Spirit of De La Salle”

Reflection: What ONE word, image, symbol, or value struck you the most or stays with you after watching the video?

Closing Prayer:

O wise and gentle God, who led John Baptist de La Salle from one commitment to another and so inspired him to found a community dedicated to the Christian education of young people, especially the poor and marginalized, grant that through his intercession and example, we may be animated by an ardent zeal to rescue young people from the difficulties of our times by touching their hearts and providing them with an education founded on the Gospel. May we creatively renew and refound the work begun by John Baptist de La Salle and his first community. May we be open to the guidance and radical demands of your Spirit as we address the needs of young people today. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother, and the intercession of John Baptist de La Salle, our Patron. AMEN!

Leader:

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, our beloved Father and Founder...Pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts...Forever!