



The Lasallian Mission and the Five Core Principles of Lasallian Schools

The Lasallian Mission

The Lasallian Mission is an apostolic ministry of the Catholic Church that:

- Provides a human and Christian education to all youth,
- Especially the poor and marginalized,
- In ministries conducted as places of salvation,
- By professionals acting together and by association for the sake of this mission.

Lasallian schools are characterized by a 300-plus year tradition of relationship-centered education. This tradition is well-expressed in the Five Core Principles of Lasallian Schools.

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Faith in the Presence of God

The Lasallian school nurtures belief in the living presence of God in our world. Faith in the presence of God calls all students into a deeper awareness of their saving relationship with a caring and loving God and to see the world through the “eyes of faith”. This core principle is reflected through this Lasallian expression of faith: ***“Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.”***

Concern for the Poor and Social Justice

The Lasallian school calls its members to an awareness of the poor and victims of injustice and responds to their needs through programs of community service, advocacy, and justice education. This core principle is expressed through the Lasallian ideal: ***“Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve.”***

Respect for All Persons

The Lasallian school engages in a concerted effort to respect the dignity of all persons. Respect-filled relationships are at the heart of Lasallian education and are a key expression of the acknowledgement of each other’s identity as children of God. This core principle is reflected through the Lasallian expression of faith: ***“Live Jesus in our hearts...Forever.”***

Quality Education

The Lasallian school provides an education that prepares students not only for college and career but also for life. This education advances the students’ abilities to use their talents to critically examine the world in light of the message of the Gospels and to take greater responsibility for their own education. This core principle is expressed through the Lasallian ideal: ***“Teaching Minds and Touching Hearts.”***

Inclusive Community

The Lasallian school is a united community where diversity is respected, where no one is left out, and where everyone finds a place. Individuals within the school community recognize and accept another's strengths and limitations. This core principle is expressed through the Lasallian ideal: ***“The Lasallian Family.”***