



The Holy Spirit

*Transformation, Conversion, Mercy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Source of All Being, enliven us.  
Word Incarnate, speak in and through us.  
Holy Spirit dwelling within us and among us,  
animate us we pray and meet.

ALL: AMEN.

*In 2005, members of the Regional Education Board (REB) crafted the following document identifying the important characteristics of a Lasallian apostolate. This document was approved by the Visitors and Delegate of the U.S./Toronto Region. In creative fidelity to the charism of our Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle and to our mission to provide a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, according to the ministry entrusted to us by the Church: The Lasallian Ministries of the U.S./Toronto Region respond to the needs of those entrusted to our care. While the nature of these ministries may vary across the region and evolve in response to the signs of the times, they possess the following general goals.*

**Leader: We instill Gospel values.**

Therefore, we:

- o Establish and review institution policies and culture in light of Christian principles.
- o Instill in the students of all our institutions a sense of caring and love for all persons rooted in the Christian belief that all persons are made in the image and likeness of God.
- o Create programs that prepare members of our community to be of service to others and to be responsible stewards of our world.
- o Witness to the example of Jesus Christ and the heritage of the Church.
- o Promote personal and communal spiritual growth and reflection.
- o Provide students and clients opportunities for decision-making in light of Gospel values.

**Leader: We are animated by and foster  
a spirit of faith and zeal**

Therefore, we:

- o Recognize the presence of God and respond accordingly in all our actions.
- o Understand our life and work as a calling and ministry, and deepen that through our ongoing formation.

Leader: We exercise a preferential option for the poor.

Therefore, we:

- o Provide programs specifically designed to meet the needs of the economically deprived, the victims of social injustice, and those neglected by the rest of society.

O breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

O breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life,  
of thine eternity.

E. Hatch (from the Irish)

*Saint John Baptist de La Salle  
Pray for us.*

*Live Jesus in our Hearts*

*Forever.*

Come Holy Spirit and with your light enlighten those who govern us, that they may see what is right and in your strength perform it.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Come Holy Spirit, bond of unity and peace, and hasten the unity of all peoples in Christ; take from our midst the scourge of war, and from our hearts the cause of war.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Come Holy Spirit, descend upon all who have been baptized into Christ: break down the barriers which divide, strengthen the bonds which unite, and make all one in faith and love.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Come Holy Spirit, and in your kindness heal the sick and receive the dying, counsel the doubtful, console the despairing, let all hearts come to rest in you.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

*Please feel free to add your personal prayers of intercession*

Our Father

TOGETHER:

O breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

O breathe on me, breath of God  
until my heart is pure:  
until with thee I have one will  
to do and to endure.

- o Actively seek and welcome students and staff from diverse economic, religious, academic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.
- o Provide specialized programs within our institutions for those most in need economically, academically, and emotionally.
- o Advocate on behalf of the poor and marginalized in our society, specifically by graduating students acutely aware of social justice issues and committed to creating a more fair, just, and equitable society.

**Leader: We develop and maintain diverse programs meeting recognized standards of excellence.**

Therefore, we:

- o Focus on needs that are relevant to the evolving social context of the specific ministry.
- o Design programs addressing the developmental needs of the whole person.
- o Adjust our programs to reflect the range of learner and client needs.
- o Provide ongoing professional development to faculty and staff.
- o Reflect critically, collaboratively, and strategically on our programs' effectiveness.
- o Manage in a fashion that is mission driven and accountable, professionally, ethically, and fiscally.
- o Involve our programs with relevant professional and regulatory processes of accreditation.
- o Commit ourselves wholeheartedly to our ministry with compassion and care and give special attention to those who are most in need.
- o See all things through the eyes of faith and act with a realization that what we do is God's work.
- o Appreciate our specific vocation as lay persons in the Church and promote that vocation as an authentic way to be of service to the Kingdom of God.

**Leader: We create and sustain respectful human relationships in community.**

Therefore, we:

- o Promote a collegial style of governance, administration, and decision-making.
- o Associate parents, students, alumni, and friends with the Lasallian family.
- o Expect the ongoing formation and sustenance of vital educational communities of faith.
- o Recognize the pivotal role of relationships among students, among staff members, and between staff and students.
- o Value politeness, good social skills, and respectful human behavior.
- o Treat each person as a unique individual created in the image of God.
- o Recognize the transformative power of personal example and the educative power of modeling values.
- o Promote collaboration, mutual support, and an approach of accompaniment.
- o Work together with others locally and in association with others in the region and around the world.
- o Are aware of our involvement with the local and the larger Church.
- o Are united in a common vision that is the foundation of our relationships.

READING: Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Reading: Saint John Baptist de La Salle's Meditation for Pentecost

When the disciples were all gathered together, there appeared to them separate tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them. Immediately they began to speak in various languages, according to the grace given to them by the Holy Spirit.

An amazing thing! that these men, up to then so earthly-minded that they could not grasp the sacred truths that Jesus Christ taught them, were all at once so enlightened that they could now explain clearly and with all imaginable accuracy the words of Holy Scripture.

You carry out a work that requires you to touch hearts, but this you cannot do except by the Spirit of God. Pray to him to give you today the same grace he gave the holy apostles, and ask him that, after filling you with his Holy Spirit to sanctify yourselves, he also communicate himself to you in order to procure the salvation of others.

Prayer of intercession:

Come Holy Spirit upon the church: so strengthen and enlighten it that it may work effectively for the salvation of all peoples.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Come Holy Spirit, give counsel and wisdom to our holy father the Pope and to all bishops for the governing of your people.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Come Holy Spirit, give to your people the outpouring of your grace: teach, console and enlighten all to whom you have been given.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Come Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts of all ill will, and fill us with love towards all.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***