

Lasallian Educator's Creed (originally published in Lasallian Family, District of Medellin, Colombia—adapted)

This is our creed:

1. I believe that to educate I helping some TO BE
2. I believe that I should live my job as a teacher as a mission and not as a profession.
3. I believe that to fulfill the mission without concealment or hypocrisy requires a reference to values
4. I believe that it is necessary to define myself as a person of FAITH, even though doing so may be cause for losing the esteem of others.
5. I believe that I should prepare myself so that my presence, my use of time, and my relationships with companions and students are causes for raising up VALUES and IDEALS.
6. I believe that my presence in the school may be cause for awakening in someone the possibility of BELIEVING, of bringing out the meaning of the GOSPEL.
7. I truly believe that the protagonist of education is the STUDENT and not the book, the method, nor the teacher.
8. I believe that I should be up to date in the specific knowledge that I am to teach.
9. I believe that I should be in tune with new techniques in order to help the development of all of the capabilities of the students.
10. I believe that one learns and discovers what it is to be an EDUCATOR in contact with persons who are honest, generous and TRANSPARENT.
11. I believe that one cannot be an EDUCATOR without believing in humanity, personal need, ethical responsibility.
12. I believe that when an educator no longer is willing to BE a compaion-friend, to deepen himself or herself in knowledge and esteem. . . then he or she is at the point of becoming incapable of fulfilling the mission.
13. I believe that it is a good fortune to collaborate with GOD so that each student might discover the joy of BEING one's own person.
14. I believe that the most beautiful of the educator's adventures is BELIEVING in the work of GOD, the most beautiful creation from God's hands: humanity—the student.
15. I believe that my performance and plans are rooted in JESUS who was TEACHER.
16. I believe that being an educator gives my life meaning.

I BELIEVE. . .and. . .I HOPE!