

For the Kingdom

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

In the eyes of God, your work contributes to extend His Kingdom. God wants everyone to be saved.

Pray

Lord, I step into this day as your message and servant. Help me to be bold, yet full of understanding, steeped in conviction while humble and tolerant with the convictions of others, willing to proclaim but just as willing to listen and always ready to reach out to someone who is lonely. And while I am servant may I be student as well, willing to learn and grow in my understanding of life and your purposes in the world about me.

(L. Brandt)

Sing "Sing a New Church"

vs. I Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity. Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.

Vs. 2 Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light. Male and female in God's image, male and female, God's delight.

vs. 3 Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within. Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been.

Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ and in splendid, varied ways, sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Listen with the ear of your heart and hear the voice of God.

Gospel MT 9:32-38

As they were going out, a demoniac who could not speak was brought to him, and when the demon was driven out the mute person spoke. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He drives out demons by the prince of demons." Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

De La Salle

In Jesus Christ incarnate among us and living in us by His Spirit, contemplate and admire the marvels of the Son as liberator and mediator who sends us to be His representatives among abandoned youth.

God makes use of you to teach them the means of salvation.

They need watchful guides to lead them on the path of salvation; guides who have an adequate understanding of what God expects of young people and their usual shortcomings.

Our Lasallian Heritage

Pope Pius XII made it very clear on the occasion of the beatification of Brother Benilde, that holiness consists in the faithful and generous accomplishment of one's duties of state, however humble and monotonous they may be...He called Br. Benilde a humble servant of God, whose life consisted only of modesty and silence, and was entirely commonplace and ordinary. "But how uncommon and unordinary is such an ordinariness as this", he added. "The daily round, always the same with the same weaknesses, the same troubles, might well be called the terrible grind. We need uncommon virtue to carry out with uncommon fidelity, with attention, piety and deep fervor, that mass of common things which fills our daily lives ... How often do extraordinary circumstances arise in the course of a lifetime?" he asked. "They are rare indeed, and woe to us if sanctity were restricted to such extraordinary circumstances! What would the majority of us do? We must declare the truth: the call to sanctity comes to all without exception."; Thus, I have the notion of true holiness clearly defined and applied to my own vocation as a Lasallian educator. I am told in the most categorical terms that it is useless to look elsewhere for holiness than in the fulfillment of what God's will demands of me day by day. Hence all I have to do is to apply myself constantly to accomplish God's will with loving attention and generosity. Herein lies my degree of holiness. (W.J. Battersby, FSC)

Today's Voice

You still have not only a glorious history to remember and to recount, but also a great history still to be accomplished! Look to the future, where the Spirit is sending you in order to do even greater things. (John Pain u)

I believe this place to be sacred ground and feel as though I should take off my shoes before entering, because God is present here in ways that are astonishing. What goes on at the LEO Center is transformational. No one goes out unchanged. Students discover that what seemed to be immovable obstacles are in fact entirely movable. They are being reared by an entire "village" of parents, extended family, teachers and volunteers. Our students prevail in spite of every social evil and injustice that routinely kills hope in this city. We, the Brothers, have changed also. Working in

partnership with this community of families has put us in touch with the movement of the Spirit. Our volunteers have discovered a true vocation to the Gospel call for justice by doing the simple and gentle work of sitting next to students and reminding them that all things are possible.

Reflect

Am I whole-hearted in working to build God's Kingdom?

Loving God, help me to remember that as long as I know that I have said "Yes" to your call and that my work is done for the love of you, you find it glorious!

Lord, give us the power to perform miracles by touching the hearts of our students. May we look upon those whom You have entrusted to as Your children. May we take much more care over their education than if they were the children of a king. May it appear by the care we take of them, that we have real love and a great tenderness for them. Inspire us to live in such a way that we can build on the affection the young people have for us to lead them to you.

(M108, R. Carnaghi, FSC)

For what else shall we pray?

St. Benilde, pray for us.

All our Lasallian Saints, pray for us.

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