

Our Lasallian Mission

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

Opening Prayer

Leader: Touch our hearts, Father, and restore us to life that, once again, we may be surprised by the gifts of your Spirit:

- the strength and patience to begin anew;
- the warmth and vitality of those who live in your presence;
- the enthusiasm to live as ambassadors of your Son;
- the courage of those who stand with the powerless;
- the blessedness of those who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly in your presence;
- the kindness of those who have nurtured and fostered our growth;
- the fidelity to accompany others;
- the wisdom and grace of the saints we meet.

Father, shape and renew our Institute that it bear the image of Christ and his likeness to the world.

All: Amen.

First Reading

(Matthew 18:1-5)

The disciples approached Jesus and said, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.”

Solemn Reflection

Second Reading

[From the Keynote Address by Bro. Bill Mann at the Huether Conference (Chicago, 2003)]

How do we play our part in the opening of that doorway that separates two worlds...locking some out...trapping others within?

How do we contribute “as far as we are able” and as God and their plight requires (cf. Rule, article 25) to knocking down the wall – to breaching the chasm that divides and alienates the family of the children of God and that continues to rob so many of human dignity and the “fullness of life?”

Solemn Reflection

Third Reading

(From Statements of Belief and Commitment Huether Conference, November 22, 2003)

We believe that the primary mission of our Lasallian schools is to remain open and accessible to the young people of our communities regardless of means.

We commit to actively seek those students as well as resources needed to provide access to and full participation in a Lasallian education.

We believe in an environment that is welcoming and full of hope that all children can be reached.

We believe that God wishes all to be saved.

We commit to expend our time, talent, and energy to fulfill our beliefs and find partners of means who share our values and support our efforts.

We commit to train, mentor, and educate our teachers, staff, board members, and families to Lasallian mission and the importance of diversity and accessibility.

We commit to create communities that are dedicated to nurturing relationships, teamwork, diversity, responsiveness, and excellence.

We believe in the charism of Saint John Baptist De La Salle and in the association of Brothers and partners for mission.

Solemn Reflection/Prayers of Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father, we have come together in love,
seeking your will,
knowing that you call each of us by name
to follow in the way of John Baptist De La Salle.
May we be transformed and empowered by your Holy Spirit
to be ambassadors of your Son,
that we may share with others
the Good News of your love and salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Saint John Baptist de La Salle...Pray for us!
Live, Jesus, in our Hearts...Forever!***