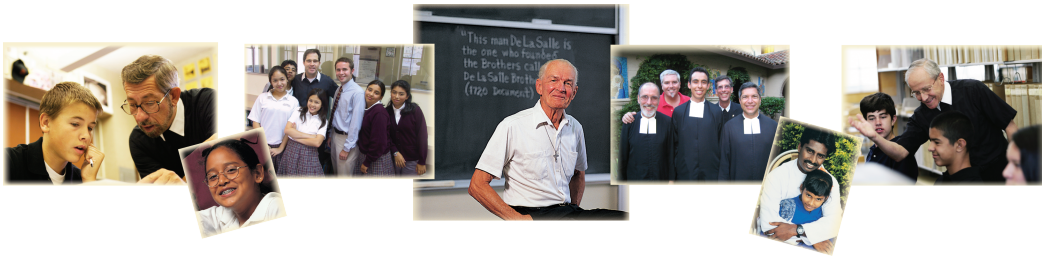


The Lasallian Educational Network



St. John Baptist de La Salle (1651 – 1719) began an educational heritage of more than 325 years that ranges from store-front schools to great universities in 80 countries. He is the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (known as the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the United States) and is the inspiration for over 93,000 educators in Lasallian institutions around the world. His writings continue to shape what teachers teach, how teachers teach, and why teachers teach. He is the Patron Saint of All Teachers of Youth in the Catholic Church. A movie of his life has been made available through Ignatius Press. www.dlsfootsteps.org

The Vocation of the Brothers is a commitment to “provide a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor.” Brothers are men who dedicate their lives to God in the ministry of education. They are serious about prayer, live a life in common, and are devoted to the lives of young people, especially the poor. The De La Salle Christian Brothers are the largest group of lay religious men in the Catholic Church dedicated exclusively to education. www.brothersvocation.org

Lasallian Education around the world includes both formal institutions (71 colleges/universities, 900 primary/secondary schools, etc.) and innovative programs that reach out to those in need (30 vans in France to teach Gypsy children, a youth-crisis phone line in Australia that receives 30,000 calls a week, Catalyst Charter schools in Chicago, etc.). In non-Christian countries, Lasallian schools quietly witness to God’s Presence in all our lives and present Christ’s example in action. We are present in 84 countries around the world. www.lasalle.org

Lasallian educational spirituality arose from the experience of De La Salle and the early Brothers, developed through 300 years of expansion among many cultures, and forms the core of today’s Lasallian schools and agencies. It is a spirituality that has the school as its setting, the teacher as its focus, and the salvific potential of education as its inspiration. Elements include five core principles: faith in the presence of God, quality education, concern for the poor and social justice, respect for all persons, and an inclusive community. These are expressed in the context of the Gospel and the Catholic Church. The student’s welfare is primary. www.lasallianresources.org

Lasallian Volunteers are dedicated, well-trained men and women who provide one or more years of service to schools and agencies of the Brothers whose mission is to serve the poor. Acting out of faith, rooted in the gospel, and sharing community with the Brothers and other Lasallians, the Volunteers offer personalized educational support and service. Lasallian Volunteers change the world for the better and discover themselves transformed in the process. www.lasallianvolunteers.org

Lasallian Institutions in the United States comprise a wide spectrum of institutions and agencies. These include 6 Colleges / Universities, 51 High Schools (which include 4 “Cristo Rey” schools), and 21 Elementary and Middle Schools (which include 11 “San Miguel” Schools). There are also 28 ministries that address special educational needs, such as court-adjudicated youth, after school care, and residential supervision. New schools and educational outreach efforts continue to be established every year. www.lasallian.info

“People are hungry, especially the young.
They are hungry for God and you
are here to satisfy that hunger.
Be faithful to the great gift that God made
you to be teachers, educators, light,
His light in the world among young people.
The future of the world depends on what you do.”



Mother Teresa
(Talk to the De La Salle Christian Brothers)

The Brothers have “demonstrated permanency
by providing for over three centuries an
astonishing array of activities from the most basic
literacy learning to the most complicated
technological learning for both children and adults . .
. so that they can be fully integrated
into community and society.”



United Nations
(UNESCO Noma Prize)

“Union in a community is a precious gem,
which is why Our Lord so often
recommended it to his apostles before he died.
If we lose this, we lose everything.
Preserve it with care, therefore, if you want
your community to survive.”

De La Salle

St. John Baptist de La Salle