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INTRODUCTION

This issue of LASALLIANA is the third of the three planned for this year, and marks the end of our first year of resumed publication.

As we announced in issue Nº 15, this issue is devoted in a large measure to the «Letter to the Lasallian Family» published by Brother Superior and his Council a few months ago. It is an important document, and we feel that the articles included in this issue will be useful as a basis for studying, understanding and assimilating it.

With this in view, we are publishing seven articles grouped under four main headings, and have included at the end of each a series of questions aimed at stimulating a study of this Letter, either in community or study groups, or with other members of the Lasallian Family.

The seven articles were written by Brother Hernando Sebá López in his role as Secretary of the Lasallian Family in the Education Mission Secretariat which has now been functioning for a year.

Among the topics treated in this issue, we should like to draw your attention to those to do with Blessed Brother Scubilion: the Pope's homily at the beatification Mass; the French Prime Minister's speech, which refers to the Institute several times; and the miracle which was used for the cause.

In view of the impending canonisation of Blessed Brother Mutien Marie, we have included a description of the miracle and extracts from official documents relating to the examination of his cause.

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We should like to remind readers that these articles are intended to be study documents and are meant to spread knowledge of things Lasallian among Brothers as well as lay teachers, ancillary staff, parents of pupils, pupils and others connected with the Lasallian Family. It would be useful if enough copies were made available for each of these groups to be able to benefit by them.

Likewise, all who wish to contribute to our publication, and who wish to share their thoughts and preoccupations about Lasallian matters, will find a welcome in our pages.

To help you find your way around these collections of articles, we should like to remind you once again about our numbering system:

- The first number, 16, is that of the issue.
- The second number, between 1 and 20, is the number of the article in the issue.
- In third position there is a letter which indicates the subject or theme:
 - O. General topics, varia.
 - A. St. John Baptist de La Salle, life, writings, spirituality, doctrine.
 - B. The Brothers' Institute, history, present time.
 - C. Educational matters.
 - D. Collaboration between the Institute and lay people, Lasallian Family.
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