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INTRODUCTION

● The present issue of LASALLIANA is a special devoted to the YEAR OF PRAYER. It is number 35 and this is the extra issue for 1995-1996, within which the ordinary issues of number 34 (September - December), 36 (January - May) and 37 (June - August) will appear.

This issue is simply intended to be a contribution toward a reflection on Lasallian spirituality and the prayer of the Brother during this year which has been consecrated to the renewal of prayer as the express wish of the 42nd General Chapter.

● The articles have been solicited directly from their authors in the hope that there would be a contribution from each Region of the Institute. As a result, many of the articles are of a personal nature. The authors offer these articles as the result of their own reflection and conviction.

● In several of the articles there is an overlapping with regard to theme. Nevertheless, each article has its own singularity and orientation and therefore can be very useful.

Therefore, it may seem that some themes are repeated, but this would only appear to be so at first glance. If one delves more deeply, it will be seen that they really deal differently with the same realities: Lasallian spirituality and the prayer of the Brother.

● Even though the articles have been grouped together by theme, sometimes the contributions of the same author are connected.

These have been grouped in **five sections**, where the **first one** - Lasallian spirituality - and the **third one** - Prayer of the Brother - are the principal ones. Between these two there are two contributions - **the second section** - that highlight in a special way the journey and the doctrine of St. John Baptist de La Salle (although all the other articles do also). The **fourth** section offers a comparison between the spirit of faith, an element in Lasallian spirituality, and Buddhism. Finally, the **fifth** section includes some articles that have already appeared in LASALLIANA and have been specially requested. These are some prayers that are based on the 16 Meditations for the Time of Retreat and which carry the title Prayers of the Christian Educator . We think that they are a practical element that will help round out the four preceding sections.

● The staff of LASALLIANA thanks all the authors for their contributions in the name of all those who use the publication. May their reflections serve as a help to better obtain the desire of the General Chapter: that we Brothers revitalize our life of prayer.

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