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The present copy of LASALLIANA is the special issue for 1997.

Another issue was in the process of being prepared involving indices of all the Circulars and Letters of the Superior Generals since these began to be published. However, this work is taking longer than was originally planned and so it will serve as the special issue for 1998.

The General Council has prepared an important document about Shared Mission which is in the process of publication and distribution to the various regions of the Institute. Along the lines of that document and very much in keeping with the theme of Shared Mission, Brother Superior General recently made some interventions which are of special importance, specifically to the assembly of the “La Salle Association” in France and the congress of Lasallian Lay Teachers in Greece.

Considering that they are two documents whose reflections and guidelines might have application of one kind or another for our mission in the whole Institute, even though they were given in specific geographical areas, it seemed appropriate to gather them together for the special issue of LASALLIANA for this year.

Also the recent RELAL Assembly of the Lasallian Region of Latin America reflected on this topic. Brother Michel Sauvage, former Assistant and well known throughout the entire Institute, was asked to make an intervention. The conference was very well appreciated and, in a certain way, it is a complimentary approach concerning the mission and the future of the Institute. Please keep in mind that these reflections were particularly designed for the Brothers.

So, then, this issue includes these three documents:

***From Brother John Johnston, Superior General:***

- *Our Lasallian Mission in France: Today and Tomorrow.*
- *The Specificity of the Lasallian School Today.*

***From Brother Michel Sauvage:***

- *Perspectives of Refoundation.*

These three documents are presented only as elements for reflection and thought. They will no doubt raise questions in assorted ways among the various readers from differing perspectives.

We hope that in the light of these documents all of us, Brothers and lay colleagues alike, might be able to reflect on our mission both for now and for the future.

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