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**INTRODUCTION**

- The present issue of LASALLIANA is the first of three that corresponds to the period of September 1997 - September 1998. Numbers 43 and 44 will also be included in this period.

As a special, separate issue we hope to be able to offer the index of Circulars and Letters of the Superior Generals since they began to be published in the Institute.

- With regard to the contents of the present issue we would like to underscore the three topics:

– First is one of the articles entitled: “The Lasallian way of following Christ”, which comprises the second part of the work that was presented in articles 40-2-A-176 to 40-5-A-179 and which also forms part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Volume of Lasallian Themes. These are offered in the context of the preparation for the “Jubilee of 2000” which is centered in the person of Jesus Christ.

– Second is a longer work involving four articles entitled “Some reflections at arriving at the noon of life” by Brother Rodolfo Andaur which recounts his personal reflections on the situation of religious who are at the mid-life stage.

– And the third comprises two collaborations centered on interreligious and ecumenical dialogue. They are articles 13 to 16 by Brother Jeffrey Gros and Father James Kroeger. We consider this topic to be of particular importance to our apostolate at this time in the life of the church and we believe that these reflections cannot be read in isolation from our life as Christians, religious and catechists. The article “Milestones in interreligious dialogue” is published with the authority of the Pontifical Union Mission, where it was offered in the magazine *Omnis Terra*.

- As on other occasions, we recommend that these articles need not be reserved exclusively for the Brothers’ Communities but that, as much as possible, they be made available to lay teachers and other members of the Lasallian Family.

At the same time, the pages of *Lasalliana* are open to the participation of all, Brothers and lay colleagues alike, as long as the topic is in keeping with one of the normal sections.

To all our collaborators, our sincere thanks.

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