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INTRODUCTION

- This current issue number 46 of *Lasalliana* is the first one for the new period which extends from September 1998 until August 1999.

- Number 45 is the number of the special issue this year and which, due to its size, will serve both for 1998 and 1999.

The French and Spanish versions of this issue have already been published while the English version is still in the translation phase and will be published as soon as possible during this 1998-1999 term.

As the introduction to this special issue states, it is not intended to be a publication for discussion or reflection but rather it is intended to be a working document which will be used for reference, since it gathers together a chronological index of the Circulars of the Superior Generals from the beginning of the Institute, in the measure that these have been able to be discerned from what has been saved in the Institute's Archives and in other documents, such as a detailed report which was in the possession of the General Procure and which includes three Generalates.

We hope that this special issue might be especially useful for the research of Lasallian and Institute themes. It should be rightly pointed out that this work has been done on account of various questions within the Institute that have been raised regarding this as well as a request to draw up a complete report of these Circulars.

We have also been asked to draw up a topical index of these Circulars such as we have for all the Bulletins of the Institute.

These are long-term works which need to be drawn up very carefully since both deal with very ample publications.

- In terms of the present issue we would like to make mention of some the included articles.

- There is a substantive contribution by Brother Richard Dupont about "Community and Discernment" which has a particular relationship to the perspective of the year devoted to the Holy Spirit.

- There is a talk given by Mother Theresa of Calcutta to the Confederation of Former Lasallian Students in Malta in 1976 which had been published previously in the Bulletin of the Institute but that issue is no longer widely available. We believe that the document is of exceptional value for reflection.

- There is a study by Brother Etienne Krotky on the pedagogy of Comenius which is interesting to compare with Lasallian pedagogical innovations. These reflections are based on Brother Etienne's doctoral dissertation in which he thoroughly studied the Comenius pedagogy.

- There is a short history of the Montburg Abbey where Our Lady of the Star is venerated, on the occasion of the centenary of the reconstruction of the basilica.

These topics, together with other interesting ones as well, are included in this issue number 46 and we feel that they offer the reader variety and a certain journalistic appeal. Special thanks to all our contributors.

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