

INTRODUCTION

• A new publication year begins with this issue number 49 of Lasalliana. The original publication schedule has been changed in order to make room for Brother Michel Sauvage's substantial contribution on the topic of Association which is a wonderful reflection on the pre-capitular period in which we find ourselves. This article encompasses six sections and undoubtedly will be useful to many Brothers and Lasallian partners as well as to many entire Districts and their elected delegates for the next General Chapter. This contribution is a very thoughtful reflection and as such it is offered to all of us. I believe that Brother Michel Sauvage deserves our deep gratitude for this contribution.

• We would like to round off this discussion with other reflections which Brother Gilles Beaudet published in the magazine "Reflets DLS" from the District of Francophone Canada in the issue for February 1993. We offer him our thanks as well.

• The next issue of LASALLIANA will be number 50. What began as a persistent effort on the part of Brother Leon Lauraire has now gathered considerable steam in spite of an interrupted period between issues 13 and 14. The contributions made were numerous as well as spontaneous. The interest of a great number of Brothers is evident. And the number of Districts which use these articles for the ongoing formation of lay partners is considerable.

It is planned to offer an extra issue, number 51, with the indices of all the articles that have been published in Lasalliana, both by author and by subject matter. This will make for a good work instrument which has been requested on numerous occasions from throughout the Lasallian world.

• During the time in which this issue was in the process of publication, the Secretary General's office asked for an evaluation of LASALLIANA. The opinion of the Brother Visitors or their representatives, on one hand, and of various persons who really use the publication, on the other, was sought so that these might offer valid insights from the point of view of competent authority.

The responses gathered so far make it clear that, in spite of the fact that many do not take advantage of the publication, there are also many who do use it. We are grateful for this survey.

Cordially in De La Salle,

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Director of LASALLIANA

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