

REMEMBERING OUR 2009 BROTHER JUBILARIANS

Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify our heavenly Father.
Matthew 5:16

75 YEARS

BROTHER H. RAPHAEL ERLER RIP
BROTHER BASIL ROTHWEILER

70 YEARS

BROTHER JOSEPH SEILER
BROTHER ROBERT STAUB

60 YEARS

BROTHER LOUIS ALTHAUS
BROTHER EDWIN DUPRE
BROTHER STEPHEN EIBERT
BROTHER ARNOLD MCMULLEN
BROTHER LEO SRUBAS

50 YEARS

BROTHER MICHAEL LEE ANDERSON
BROTHER BERNARD BRUNGARDT
BROTHER WILLIAM CLAREY
BROTHER MICHAEL FLAHERTY



PRESENCE of GOD

O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
we come into Your presence singing for joy
as we remember Your abiding presence with us and most especially in the
lives of our Brother Jubilarians.
All praise and glory, honor and thanksgiving to You now and forever.

HYMN: I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE

REFRAIN:

I have loved you with an everlasting love
I have called you, and you are Mine
I have loved you with an everlasting love
I have called you and you are Mine

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him
He will bring you His light and His peace

REFRAIN

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him
He will bring you His joy and His hope

REFRAIN

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him
He will bring you His care and His love

REFRAIN

PSALM 118

Give thanks to the LORD, Who is good,
Whose love endures forever.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.
LORD, grant salvation!
LORD, grant good fortune!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the LORD'S house.
The LORD is God and has given us light.
Join in procession with leafy branches up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, I give You thanks;
my God, I offer You praise.
Give thanks to the LORD, Who is good,
Whose love endures forever.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Let us open our ears O Christian people,
let us open our ears and hear the Good News.
Let us open our hearts O Christian people
let us open our hearts to receive the Good News.
May the Word of God dwell in us.

ACTS 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
All who believed were together and had all things in common;
they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.
Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:6-11

Father, I revealed Your name to those
whom You gave Me out of the world.
They belonged to You, and You gave them to Me,
and they have kept Your word.
Now they know that everything You gave Me is from You,
because the words You gave to Me I have given to them,
and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from You,
and they have believed that You sent Me.
I pray for them.

REFLECTION – DE LA SALLE

Since you are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ in the work that you do, you must act as representing Jesus Christ Himself. He wants your disciples to see him in you and receive your instructions as if he were giving them to them. They must be convinced that your instructions are the truth of Jesus Christ Who speaks with your mouth, that it is only in His name that you teach, and that it is He who has given you authority over them.

They must also be convinced that they themselves are a letter which Jesus Christ dictates to you, which you write each day in their hearts, not with ink, but by the Spirit of the living God, Who acts in you and by you through the power of Jesus Christ. He helps you triumph over all the obstacles that oppose the salvation of these children, enlightening them in the person of Jesus Christ in order to make them avoid all that could be displeasing to Him.

In order for you to fulfill this duty with as much perfection and exactness as God requires of you, frequently give yourselves to the Spirit of our Lord to act in your work only under His influence, so that your own spirit may have no part in it. This Holy Spirit, then, will come upon them generously, so that they will be able to possess fully the Christian spirit.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Lord, we thank You for the gift of our Jubilarians.

**Keep them in Your care, bless them with health,
and a continued Zeal for the Christian education of youth.**

Lord, we honor all who are celebrating jubilees and wedding anniversaries.

Fill them with Your peace and with the joy of knowing that they are doing Your will in the building up of the Kingdom.

Lord, we remember all of our affiliated members, benefactors and former Brothers.

May they be assured of our gratitude and prayers.

Lord, we are grateful for the vocation of teacher and especially all those who minister in Catholic schools.

May they take pride in knowing that they do a great work in educating the young and bringing them to You.

Lord, we cherish all of our Brothers and all of our partners in ministry in our Lasallian schools throughout the world.

May they always be true to the dreams and ideals of our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Lord, we pause and recall all of our confreres who have been called home after a life devoted to You and Lasallian Catholic education.

We especially remember Brother Raphael Earler who would have celebrated his 75th jubilee later this month.

May You bless and reward them for their dedicated labors.

Lord, we beg You to inspire others to come forward and serve You as Lasallian Christian Brothers.

May the lives we lead, the dedication and zeal we exhibit, and the joy we have in being Brothers together, serve as an invitation to others to consider this life.

PRAYER

**O God of mercy and goodness,
We already know the affection You have for each of us;
fill us with a greater love of Your Name,
and we will proclaim You more boldly before others
and happily lead them to celebrate your glory. Amen.**

*"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,
praying for you always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now.
I am confident of this, that the One Who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Philippines 1:3

LITANY OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

RESPONSE: PRAY FOR US.

**De La Salle, holy priest of God...
De La Salle, our Father and Founder...
De La Salle, patron of Christian teachers...
De La Salle, innovator of teaching methods...
De La Salle, animated by a great zeal
for the salvation of souls...
De La Salle, always aware of the presence of God...
De La Salle, lover of Sacred Scripture...
De La Salle, continually led by the Spirit of God...
De La Salle, concerned for the poor...
De La Salle, always resigned to the Will of God...
De La Salle, interested in the education of
the working class and the poor.
De La Salle, patient in tribulations...
De La Salle, instrument in gathering together
and forming the Brothers...
De La Salle, always living in a spirit of faith...
De La Salle, man of prayer...
De La Salle, devoted to our Blessed Mother...
De La Salle, always solicitous for the Brothers...
De La Salle, continually obedient to the Church...
De La Salle, spiritual director of souls...
De La Salle, model of holiness...**



HYMN: CENTER of MY LIFE

Refrain

**O Lord You are the center of my life
I will always praise You
I will always serve You
I will always keep You in my sight**

Keep me safe O God

I take refuge in You

I say to the Lord

“You are my God

My happiness

Lies in You alone

My happiness

Lies in You alone” (Refrain)

I will bless the Lord

Who gives me counsel

For even at night You rest my heart

I keep the Lord forever in my sight

For He is at my right hand I shall stand firm (Refrain)



**Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
help us to keep the dream alive.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!