

## REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED BROTHERS of 2009

"The souls of the just are in the hands of God."

Wisdom 3:1

We pause, remember and give thanks for these Christian Brothers of the Midwest District who have given their lives to the Christian education of youth and have gone to their eternal reward during this past year.

Brother David Pieters, FSC aka Brother Lupinian David	12/04/20 - 1/29/09
Brother Leo Keindel, FSC aka Brother Jeremiah Bernadine	12/26/12 - 2/21/09
Brother Patrick O'Brien, FSC aka Brother Patrick Gregory	3/14/38 - 3/30/09
Brother Raphael Erler, FSC aka Brother Herman Raphael	4/11/16 - 5/15/09
Brother Richard Brady, FSC aka Brother Richard Steven	6/17/38 - 6/09/09



### Presence of God

We pause and remember that the Lord is continually with us as we ponder these words from Psalm 91: If you come to Me I will be faithful; if you honor My name I will honor you. If you call upon Me I will answer.

I will be with you in times of distress and I will deliver you,  
and with length of days I will satisfy you and show you My saving power.

### Canticle: Ephesians 1

1. God planned, in the fullness of time, to found everything in Christ.

Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who has blessed us, in Christ,  
with every spiritual blessing in heaven.

2. In love, He chose us before the creation of the world,  
to be holy and spotless in His sight.

He predestined us to be His adopted children through Jesus Christ,  
simply because it pleased Him to do so.

1. This He did for the praise of the glory of His grace,  
of His free gift to us in His Beloved,  
in Whose blood we have gained redemption,  
and the forgiveness of our sins.

2. This He did according to the riches of His grace,  
which He gave us in abundance,  
with all wisdom and discernment,  
revealing to us the mysteries of His will,  
because it pleased Him to do so.

1. In this action He has planned, in the fulfillment of time,  
to bring all things together in Christ,  
from the heavens and from the earth.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.



Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life  
to carry out a concrete assignment which demands fulfillment.  
Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated.  
Viktor Frankl

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **Acts 2: 42 - 46**

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.

### **Luke 9: 23 - 26**

Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up  
his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but  
whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is it for one to gain the  
whole world yet lose himself? Whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, the Son  
of Man will be ashamed of when He comes in the glory of the Father and of the holy  
angels."

## **REFLECTION**

**Thoughts of De La Salle: Meditation for the Time of Retreat #16**

**We are called to proclaim that Jesus is Lord: that we might live the Gospel without compromise, striving always to be a simple, praying community of service especially to God's poor.**

**Consider then, that your reward in heaven will be all the greater a you will have accomplished more good in the souls of the youth entrusted to your care.**

**Those who instruct many persons in Christian justice will shine like stars throughout all eternity.**

**The sight of God fills all the powers of a person's soul in such a way that all consciousness of self is lost. The person is entirely present within the Divinity and totally penetrated by God Himself. This is the happiness that will be possessed in heaven by those who have procured the salvation of souls. Act in such a way that by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you that you will procure all these graces and blessings for yourself.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

**Response: We thank You, Lord.**

**For these our Brothers who lived lives of dedicated service through the Christian education of youth. We pray:**

**For all who devote themselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We pray:**

**For all who are considering the call to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and dedicated lay ministry. We pray:**

**For all who proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus. We pray:**

**For all parents, pastors and teachers who instill the love of God in the young. We pray:**

## **PRAYER**

**O God, Source of All Being  
and Creator of unfailing light and wisdom,  
give that same light and wisdom to those who call to You.  
As Catholic educators and Lasallian ambassadors  
of Jesus Christ,  
may our lips praise You;  
our lives proclaim Your goodness;  
our works give You honor,  
and our voices celebrate You forever.  
May the Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus  
be forever in our hearts  
and may this same Spirit  
shine in and through us  
as we enlighten, educate and guide  
the youth entrusted to our care. Amen.**



May the angels greet you dear Brothers,  
may the martyrs come to meet you.  
May Saint John Baptist de La Salle  
and all the holy Brothers who have gone before us  
along with all the saints  
escort you to the New Jerusalem  
where you will enjoy God's presence forever.

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.  
Do not conform yourself to this age  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.  
Romans 12: 1-2

*† May He  
Support us  
all the day  
long, till the  
Shadows lengthen, and the  
busy world is hushed, and  
the fever of life is over, and  
our work is  
done! Then  
in His mercy  
may He give  
us a safe  
lodging, and  
a holy rest  
and peace  
at the last.  
Cardinal  
Newman*

Live Jesus in our hearts.  
Forever!