

**KNOWING OUR LASALLIAN HERITAGE  
CELEBRATING OUR HOLY BROTHERS**

**Well done, good and faithful servants.**

**Our Lasallian Family rejoices that the entire Church celebrates the lives and holiness of our Founder and several other Brothers and calls them “Saint” or “Blessed”. Let us pause and remember that it is our God Who has called these men to the ministry of the Christian education of the youth entrusted to their care. They lived heroic lives dedicated to God and God’s people.**

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**Reflection: Brother Gilles Beaudet FSC**

**Our Loving God always walks with us and guides us with His Holy Spirit as we live a life in imitation of Jesus the Divine Teacher and follow in the steps of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.**

**In the name of God, the Source of All Being,  
in the name of the Eternal Word,  
and in the name of the Spirit Who calls us to life and holiness.  
All honor and glory are Yours, now and forever.**

**Jesus, Lord, it was Your word that enflamed De La Salle  
to offer his wealth and possessions, to commit his whole being  
and to follow Jesus the Christ.**

**For the poor and the young who were captives of night,  
he brought the true light of salvation,  
opened up to their vision the true path to liberty.**

**The Brothers are sent forth to accomplish his work,  
to live out their lives by the Gospel ever bold,  
and inspired by the Spirit as they guided others.**

**They and we, go out to every land as they witness Your Son,  
the Lord come to serve all His brothers and sisters,  
and revealing the mystery of divine humility.**

**When the work of De La Salle was accomplished on earth,  
You called him, O Lord, to Your glory as the Church kept Good Friday, he was blest  
with heaven’s joy.**

**Once the seed dies, it bears fruit and brings forth a new life.  
What joy now to live by his message,  
and to light a new beacon for the people of today.**

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**The Lord has given them unending glory;  
their name shall be in everlasting remembrance. Psalm 63**

**Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord forever. Daniel 3**

**The saints will exult in glory;  
they will sing for joy as the bow down before the Lord. Psalm 149**

**Psalm 119**

**In my heart, I treasure Your promise.  
How can the young walk without fault?  
Only by keeping Your words.  
With all my heart I seek You,  
do not let me stray from Your commands.  
In my heart I treasure Your promise.  
Blessed are You, O Lord,  
teach me Your laws.  
I find joy in the way of Your decrees  
more than in all riches.  
In my heart, I treasure Your promise.  
Glory to You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.  
As it was, is now, and forever shall be. Amen.**



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**Reading: Sirach 39: 6 -10**

**His care is to seek the Lord his Maker, to petition the Most high, to open his lips in prayer, to ask pardon for his sins.  
Then, if it pleases the Lord God Almighty, he will be filled with as spirit of understanding. He will pour forth His words of wisdom and in prayer give thanks to the Lord Who will direct his knowledge and his counsel.  
He will show the wisdom of what he has learned and glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding; his fame can never be effaced.  
Unfading will be his memory, through all generations his name will live. People will speak of his wisdom and in assembly sing his praises.**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26– 31; 2: 1 – 2**

Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, so that no human being might boast before God.

It is due to Him that you are in Christ Jesus, Who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Alleluia!**

**Reading: 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.

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**Meeting the Brothers honored by the Church**

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle, (France: 1651 – 1719)**

our father and founder, patron of all teachers and our guide,

Help us to continue to have a great love for the education of the poor and the working class, a love for Sacred Scripture and a continual awareness of the presence of God.

**Saint Benilde Romancon (France: 1805 – 1862)**

who was responsible for so many vocations to Church ministry,

Inspire us to encourage and support men and women in today's world who are considering priesthood and or consecrated life.

May we encourage and support others who choose a vocation to ministry.

**Saint Mutien Marie Wiaux, (Belgium: 1841 – 1917)**

example of kindness and piety in the education of youth and accepting the joys and sorrows of everyday life while spending 58 years at one school.

Help us to imitate your zeal and holiness.

**Saint Miguel Febres Cordero, (Ecuador: 1854 – 1910)**

scholar and teacher, you who made your teaching so clear and accurate that God's truth shone forth,

Send us good Lasallian teachers who will be our guides and models.

Watch over our schools for the poor which are named in your honor.

**Saint James Hilario Barbal Cosan, Brother and martyr, (Spain: 1898 – 1936)**

Help us as our Brother to give witness to our Christian faith despite the cost.

**Saintly Brother Martyrs of Turon, Spain**

Saintly Brother Cirilo Bertran Tejedo (1888 – 1934)

Saintly Brother Marciano Jose Lopez (1900 – 1934)

Saintly Brother Julian Alfredo Capico (1902 – 1934)

Saintly Brother Victoriano Pio Cano ( 1905 – 1934)

Saintly Brother Benjamin Julian Andres ( 1910 – 1934)

Saintly Brother Augusto Andres Fernandez (1910 – 1934)

Saintly Brother Benito de Jesus Saez (1910 – 1934) from Argentina

Saintly Brother Aniceto Adolpho Guterrez (1912 – 1934)

killed for being Christ's servants,

Help us to be filled with faith and zeal

in our everyday lives of living out the Gospel message.

**All you holy Brothers who are declared 'Blessed' or 'Venerable' along with the other Brother martyrs,**

**Blessed Brother Arnold Reche (1838 – 1890)**

**Blessed Brother Scubillion Rousseau (1797 – 1867)**

**Blessed Brother Martyrs of the French Revolution (1792)**

Blessed Brother Solomon Leclerq (1745 – 1792)

Blessed Brother Leon Mopinot (1724 – 1792)

Blessed Brother Roger Faverge (1745 – 1792)

Blessed Brother Uldaric Guillaume (1755 – 1792)

**Blessed Brother Martyrs of Almeria, Spain (1936)**

Blessed Brother Jose Cecilio Gonzalez (1885 – 1936)

Blessed Brother Amallo Mendoza (1886 – 1936)

Blessed Brother Valerio Bernardo Martinez (1909 – 1936)

Blessed Brother Edmigio Rodriguez (1881 – 1936)

Blessed Brother Evencio Ricardo Uyarra (1907 – 1936)

Blessed Brother Aurello Maria Acebron (1890 – 1936)

Blessed Brother Teodomiro Joaquin Saiz (1907 – 1936)

**Venerable Brother Alpert Motsch (1849 – 1898)**

**Venerable Brother Exuperien Mas (1829 – 1905)**

**Venerable Brother Gregario Buhl (1896 – 1973)**

**Venerable Brother Tedoreto Garberoglio (1928)**



**Watch over us and intercede with the Lord for us  
that we may continue to be faithful witnesses of Jesus the Christ  
and continue in the steps of De La Salle and live his vision.**

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**Reading: Barbara Hendricks, MM, "A Call to Evangelization"**

**Those who are called by God's penetrating word and who leave all first of all are called into a community and as members of that community are nourished by the love, hope, and faith of the community. The call to be a messenger of salvation cannot be realized in a purely individual way. It is a way of life that can be presented in a concrete, viable way only in the context of community.**

**Leader: We are called to help each other lead holy lives.**

**All: For a greater actualization of the personal holiness to which Jesus has called us, we unite our hearts in humble prayer.**

**Leader: We are called by name.**

**All: For a greater awareness and appreciation of the great gift of Jesus in His personal invitation to each one of us to follow Him in our own unique vocation, we unite our hearts in humble prayer.**

**Leader: We are called to dedicate ourselves completely to God's kingdom.**

**All: That Jesus might give us the grace to be His witnesses in our world, we unite our hearts in humble prayer.**

**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.**

## **We Give You Praise, O God**

**We praise You, O God: we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

**All the earth worships You and the Father everlasting.**

**To You all Angels: to You the heavens and all the Powers therein.**

**To You the Cherubim and Seraphim: cry with unceasing voice:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Hosts.**

**The heavens and the earth are full: of the majesty of Your glory.**

**The glorious choir: of the Apostles,**

**The admirable company: of the Prophets,**

**The white-robed army of Martyrs: praise You.**

**The Holy Church throughout all the world acknowledges You,.**

**The Father of infinite Majesty.**

**Your adorable, true: and only Son**

**Also the Holy Spirit: the Paraclete..**

**You are the King of Glory: O Christ.**

**You are the everlasting Son: of the Father.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord: have mercy on us.**

**Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in You.**

**O Lord, in You have I hoped: let me never be confounded.**

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**Saint John Baptist de La Salle**

**and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,**

**Help us to walk in the way worthy of a Christian.**

**Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!**

### **A LASALLIAN PRACTICE**

**Read about the lives of these holy Lasallian Brothers.**

**See [www.lasalle2.org/](http://www.lasalle2.org/)**

**Then click 'History'.**

**Ask them to help you in your studies**

**and to grow in the faith.**