

Huether Lasallian Workshop 2003

**Making Lasallian Ministries  
Accessible to All**



**Morning Prayer** ~ Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Leader: Let us remember... All: ...**that we are in the holy presence of God.**

Leader: + O Lord, open our lips. All: **And our mouths shall declare Your praise.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!**



**Song: "Psalm 25: To You, O Lord," Marty Haugen**

(All: refrain / Cantors: Verses 1 and 2)



Reading 1: The Rule of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, 11

*John Baptist de La Salle was deeply moved by the way in which "the children of artisans and the poor" were abandoned and left to themselves. As a practical response to his prayerful consideration of this fact in relation to God's plan of salvation, he came to discern, in faith, what God wanted the mission of the Institute to be.*

*In order to respond to this divine plan and also to the situations of distress similar to those that the Founder knew, the Institute desires to be present to the world today as part of the Church's work in spreading the Gospel.*

*The Institute is concerned above all for the educational needs of the poor as they strive to become aware of their dignity and to live and to be recognized as human beings and as children of God. The Institute establishes, renews, and diversifies its works according to what the kingdom of God requires.*



### Student Reflection 1: “What Does It Mean to Be a Lasallian?”

(Lee Gomila, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Paul’s School, Covington, LA)

*To be a Lasallian, I must be like St. John Baptist de La Salle, always kind and charitable to others. I should always look for a need in my community, address it, and take action right away. I should be prayerful and express my faith through actions instead of just words. Also, I must always acknowledge the miraculous works that amazing people do in the world every day, whether or not other people notice that they do these things. I really think the main meaning to my being a Lasallian is that I am part of an extraordinary community of thousands and thousands of people around the world, including teachers and students like me.*



### Reading 2: The Rule, 13

*By virtue of their mission, the Brothers [and Colleagues] establish schools and cooperate in creating educational communities inspired by the vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle.*

*The educational policies of Lasallian institutions are centered on the young, adapted to the times in which they live, and designed to prepare them to take their place in society. These institutions are characterized by the determination to make the means of salvation available to young people through a quality education and by an explicit proclamation of Jesus Christ.*

*When the Brothers [and Colleagues] work in the area of adult education, they put the same emphasis on the importance of persons, adapting their methods accordingly.*

*The Brothers [and Colleagues] consider their professional work as a ministry. They are attentive to each of their students and especially to those most in need. They make themselves available to all in an attitude of brotherly companionship, helping them to discover, appreciate, and assimilate both human and Gospel values. The Brothers [and Colleagues] help young people to grow as persons who are called to realize more and more that they are children of God.*

Leader: *We are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ. (MTR 3.2)*

All: **Our ministries are centered on the young and we are attentive to each of our students, especially those most in need. (Rule 13)**



Song: “Psalm 25: To You, O Lord” (All: refrain, page 1 / Cantors: Verse 3)



### Reading 3: De La Salle’s Meditations for the Time of Retreat

*Guardian Angels...were symbolized by the ladder which Jacob saw in a dream when he was going to Mesopotamia. Angels were going up to God and coming down the ladder. They were going up to God to make known to Him the needs of those for whom He made them responsible and to receive His orders for them. They were coming down to teach those whom they were guiding the will of God concerning their salvation.*

*You must do the same thing for the children entrusted to your care. This is your duty to go up to God every day by prayer to learn from Him all that you must teach your children, and then*

*come down to them by accommodating yourself to their level in order to instruct them about what God has communicated to you for them in your prayer...* (MTR 6.1)

*It is your duty then to admonish the unruly...to rouse up those who lack courage, to support the weak, and to be patient toward all.* (MTR 6.2)

Leader: We are Guardian Angels to the young people entrusted to our care.

All: **We will rouse those who lack courage. We will support those who are weak. We will be patient toward all.** (from MTR)



Student Reflection 2: She Said...He Said...

(ed. Laurie Degatto, St. Mary's Press, 2003)

*My greatest fear is 'failing.' Failing anything, great or small. Failing to do well on the sports field could mean failing the team....Failing to do well in the classroom scares me because that is failing my future. What I do not do well today will reflect on my job, my family life, and my future as a whole. Failing my parents means I have disappointed them in some way. This also means losing their respect, trust, and even their love. I do not know if I could handle that.*

(Chris Norman, Stayton, OR)



Student Reflection 3: She Said...He Said...

*One of the great things that my parents instilled in me is the value of...diversity.... I have been taught to respect all people, regardless of their race, creed, or culture. My parents demand respect from me, but they show me the same respect.... All people are different, and it is this uniqueness that makes the world we live in so appealing. We are all children of God and should be treated as such.*

(Kenicia Adams, Harper Woods, MI)



Student Reflection 4: adapted from Meditations for the Time of Retreat

*You will have to give an account to God whether or not you taught my classmates and me the things that we should know according to our age and ability; whether or not you neglected some of us because we were slow, or perhaps because we were poor or unattractive; and whether or not you showed favoritism toward some of us because we were rich, or charming, or popular, or more lovable than the rest of the kids in our class....* (MTR 14.1)

Leader: We will have to give an account to God.

All: **We will be gentle and humble with all of our disciples. We will dispel fear and win love. We will be simple and patient and consistent. We will show equal kindness to all, without any partiality or preference to anyone.**  
(from Brother Agathon, "Gentleness," The Twelve Virtues of a Good Teacher)



Meditation Song: “I Will Be With You,” James E. Moore, Jr.



Intercessory Prayers

*College Student:* For young people and for you who minister to us, that you may be mindful of how beautiful and how fragile we are, and that you may have the grace to be attentive to our needs, we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**

*President, Board of Directors:* For all trustees and boards of directors, and for the administrators of our ministries, that we may be inspired by faith and motivated by zeal to ensure the mission of St. La Salle and of this Institute, and especially that those of us who are here may be filled with grace to find ways to make our ministries more accessible to those in need, we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**

*High School Student:* For all of you who are called to be our Guardian Angels, that you may remember daily to go up to God with the needs of all of us who are entrusted to your care, and that you may faithfully and cheerfully accommodate yourselves to our level and to our needs, we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**

*Alumni Director:* For our parents and guardians, for our alumni and benefactors, and for all those who work “together and by association” with us to provide a “human and Christian education” for all those entrusted to our care, that they be generous with their time, talent, and treasure in supporting the mission of our Institute and of the Church, we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**

*Administrator:* For all of us here, for all who speak with us and work with us, for those who share with us and those who listen quietly, for those who prepared this workshop and those who facilitate it, for all those who serve our needs here and all of our Brothers and Colleagues who are working in our ministries today while we are here, and for our families and loved ones who are apart from us, for all of us who share in this great ministry and mystery, that we may be all the more successful by God’s grace in *contributing, as far as we are able and as God requires of us, to the salvation of those whom He has entrusted to us* (MTR 1.3), we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**

*Brother / Distinguished Lasallian Educator:* For Bro. Francis Huether, in whose memory we gather together at this Workshop which bears his name, and for all of our departed Brothers and Colleagues, family members and loved ones, that they may enjoy the presence of God in perfection, and that they may intercede to God for us, we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**

For all the needs we hold silently in our hearts... (pause), we pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord!**



We gather our prayers into the words that Jesus gave us... All: **Our Father** (sung)

Leader: Lord Jesus, through the intercession of St. La Salle and all of our Brother Saints, bless all of us gathered here this morning. Open our eyes and our ears, our hearts and our minds. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to re-ignite in us the fires of faith and zeal. May what we do here bear fruit in all of our ministries so that we may more faithfully fulfill our mission to *give a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, according to the ministry which the Church has entrusted to us.* (The Rule)

All: **Amen!**



Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: May almighty God – the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit –  
bless us and keep us.

All: **Amen!**

Leader: St. John Baptist de La Salle,

All: **Pray for us!**

Leader: Live, Jesus, in our hearts...

All: **Forever!**

[Music Ministers: Charles Legendre, AFSC, and Teddy Boone (St. Paul's School student). Readers: Richard Kovatch, FSC; Nick Gonzalez, FSC; Teddy Boone; Gina Hall, AFSC; Francesca Ortiz (St. Mary's College, Moraga, student); John Fairfax, FSC; Phil Torres; Rick Mauldin, AFSC; Joey Scaffidi; and Jane Legendre]  
**Prayer Service arranged by Brother Richard Kovatch, FSC.**