

LIVING AS A LASALLIAN

The Spirit of God will lead you where you did not plan to go.
From the Meditations of De La Salle



Prophets are people who have received, as a gift from God, a vision of the future development of salvation. They are a sign of God as life for the church and the world. John Baptist de La Salle, like many of us, followed the ordinary way of knowing and discerning God's will. He met people, saw their needs, felt compassion for them and, in his prayer life, asked God to inspire him with the Holy Spirit. De La Salle showed that living according to the Gospel in everyday life allows one to experience the love of God and leads to holiness. Being a true follower of Saint John Baptist de La Salle calls us to be people of faith and of zeal. We are called to be people of prayer, of living continually in the presence of God, of seeking the will of God, and of having a great love for Sacred Scripture as we go about promoting Christian education especially for the poor, the disenfranchised and the working class.

Presence of God

Let us remember that we are always and everywhere in the holy presence of God. It is in God that we live, and move and exist.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The spirit of De La Salle:

1. De La Salle constantly urges us to look on all things with the eyes of faith.
2. We see the world as God would.
 1. Without a spirit of faith we can become discouraged and disillusioned and selfish.
 2. De La Salle coupled the spirit of faith with that of zeal.
 1. Followers of Jesus should be known for their zealous love for God and for others.
 2. If we rely on God's providence, discern God's will, and acknowledge God's love for us, zeal will energize whatever we do.
1. De La Salle encourages us to read Sacred Scripture daily.
2. If we are to be animated by a faith grounded in Jesus, we have to encounter Jesus in Holy Scripture.

*So, God, I ask You to use me, anyway.
Take my fears and use me, anyway.
Take my failures and use me, anyway.
Take my arrogance and use me, anyway.
Take my greed and use me, anyway.
Take my guilt and use me, anyway.
Take my confusion and use me, anyway.
Take my regret and use me, anyway.
I offer all of myself to You.
Use me to serve many or few.
In pain or in joy,
Use me as You will.*

Carol Orsborn

Psalm 24

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in God's holy place?
Those with clean hands and pure heart,
who desire not worthless things,
who have not sworn so as to deceive their neighbor.



All: They shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God Who saves them.
These are the ones who seek the Lord,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Scripture Reading: Tobit 4: 13–19

Do not be proud-hearted toward others.
Behave as God's servant, you will receive your reward. Keep a close watch on yourself in everything you do, and discipline yourself in all your conduct. Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Whatever you have left over, give away as alms; and do not begrudge the alms you give. Seek counsel from every wise person, and do not think lightly of any advice that can be useful. At all times bless the Lord God, and ask God to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:34–36

Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me.
The King will say, Whatever you did for the least of my sisters and brothers, you did for Me.

Reflection: Eduardo Arnouil

Lasallian spirituality invites us to do the following:
learn in a practical and simple way how to live our faith in everyday life;
nurture our faith-life by praying, reading the sacred Scriptures, surrendering to God, and trusting in Divine Providence; look at our life and daily events through the eyes of God, discerning what God asks of us through the people and circumstances in which we live; respond generously to the call of God. Adopting Lasallian spirituality will enable us to be prophets insofar as we acquire the vision of God for today and tomorrow; become signs of the God of life for today's young people; and help implement the plan of salvation in the neighborhood, city, and country in which we live.

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Saint John Baptist de La Salle, priest, founder, teacher and guide,
help us to see the Will of God in all things as we live a life of loving service.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!