

**LIVING OUR LASALLIAN HERITAGE:
HAVING a SPIRIT of FAITH**

**Where your treasure is, there also will be your heart.
Matthew 6: 21**



Remembering that we are people of faith, living in hope and filled with love, we recall that the Triune God is constantly with us and calls us to a closer relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

May all the peoples praise You, O God.

May all the peoples believe in Your Word.

May all the peoples witness You.



The spirit of Lasallians is a spirit of faith which causes us to look upon everything with the eyes of faith,

to do everything in view of God and to attribute all to God.

We cooperate with Jesus Christ and work to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

It is by faith that we learn to see in every happening and every person a sign and a call from the Spirit.

Accomplish all your actions by the guidance of God, by the movement of His Spirit and with the intention of pleasing Him.

Do this by a spirit of prayer

and an attentiveness of the presence of God

as well as by nourishing and strengthening your faith through study of it and reflection of Holy Scripture.

De La Salle, Rule of the Brothers



For indeed Jesus was crucified out of weakness, but He lives by the power of God. So also we are weak in Him, but toward you we shall live with Him by the power of God.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith.

Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless, of course, you fail the test.

I hope you will discover that we have not failed.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13: 4 – 6, 11



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Now a week later His disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

[John 20: 19 - 29](#)



**Let us pray The Apostles Creed,
the prayer that reminds us of what we as Christians believe.**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
and in his only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
from where He will judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting.
Amen.**



**We walk by faith, an not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe Him near.**

**We may not touch His hands and side,
nor follow where He trod;
yet in His promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on You when You are near.
and seek where You are found:**

**That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are
in full and endless sight.**



**Holy Spirit come into our lives.
Open our ears to hear what You are saying to us.
Open our ears in the things that happen to us.
Open our ears to the people we meet.**

**Open our eyes to see the needs of the people around us.
Open our hands to do our work well.
Open our hands to help when help is needed.
Open our lips to tell others of the Good News of Jesus.
Open our lips to bring comfort, happiness and laughter to
other people.**

Open our minds to discover new truth about You and our world.

Open our hearts to love You and our brothers and sisters as we are loved in Jesus.

To You, with the Father and the Son, all honor and praise are given. Amen.

Intercessions:

Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things You have prepared for those who love You.

By the power of the Holy Spirit may we love You above all things.

Holy Spirit, I offer myself to Your work of healing, peace and reconciliation.

In my busy world bless my silent moments. In the silence of my heart, may I find peace within myself, peace with others, and peace with You.

O God, We too, are like Thomas. Sometimes we have difficulty believing in You.

Help us to believe without seeing .

Lord, may we live our lives in the light of the Resurrection and work in a manner inspired by You.

May You, O Christ our Brother and Redeemer, be with us today and everyday.

May You continually live in our hearts.

May we have faith to see the Good God always present with us.

May we nourish our spiritual lives through daily prayer and the reception of the sacraments.

May we have a profound respect for Sacred Scripture and read it often.

May we see the will of God in our regard in all the people and events we encounter.

May we constantly call on the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, words and actions.



**Saint John Baptist de La Salle,
Priest, Teacher, Spiritual Guide,
Inspire us to have a deeper faith in the Lord and His actions in our lives.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

A Lasallian Practice:

**Think often of the gospel account of John 20; 19–29
and ask the Lord for an increase of faith.**