



Celebrating our founder

Saint John Baptist de La Salle  
1651 - 1719

Although the Church celebrates the feast of our founder on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the De La Salle Christian Brothers or The Brothers of the Christian Schools, celebrate his feast on the traditional day of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Following in the spirit of our holy founder,  
we pause and remember that we are always and everywhere  
in the presence of our provident God.  
O my God, I believe in You, I adore You, I hope in You and I love You.

Those who lead people to the truth  
shall shine as stars for ever.  
Those who teach and guide youth  
and who follow Christ the Lord  
Shall know life in its fullness  
And advance His kingdom on earth.  
Who gave his life to this work?  
Saint John Baptist de La Salle: a man of God.

A man of nobility and riches  
who had all that money could offer:  
a man of ability and knowledge  
who could live his life with ease.  
He gave all to the poor of the city,  
went to live with a low class of men.  
Who knew pain in seeking God's will?  
He did.

A need arose in his country  
the poor of his day had no schooling.  
He looked ahead to the future.  
The vision he saw was hard  
but his faith in the Lord was rewarded.  
The schools and the Brothers survived.  
His name is honored by us.  
Praise him.

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The Lord has given him unending glory;  
His name shall be an everlasting remembrance.

He is generous, he gave to the poor;  
the good he has accomplished will last forever.

God found him pure and strong;  
he will have everlasting glory.

Happy are those, O Lord,  
whom You guide and teach by Your law.

### Psalm 119

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow Your law, O God.

Blessed are they who do Your will,  
who seek You with all their hearts,  
who never do anything wrong,  
but walk in Your ways.

You have laid down Your precepts  
to be diligently kept.

O that my ways may be firm  
in obeying Your statutes.

Then I shall not be put to shame  
as I heed Your commands.

I will praise You with an upright heart  
as I learn Your decrees.

I will obey Your statutes  
so do not forsake me, Lord.

Glory to You, Source of All Being,  
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.  
As it was, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

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As for you, a man dedicated to God, aim for righteousness  
and Christ-likeness, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle.  
Fight the worthwhile battle of the faith and win for yourself  
the eternal life to which you were called  
when you made your profession before many witnesses.  
Be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave,  
and in your love, your faith and your purity.  
You have within you a spiritual gift which was given to you.  
Fan into a flame the gift that God has given to you.  
Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord,  
but bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News,  
relying on the power of God,  
Who has saved us and called us to be holy.

## Response:

In the heart of the wise dwells wisdom. Alleluia!  
The wise will teach the less learned. Alleluia!  
Let the children come to Me,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Alleluia!  
Amen, I say to you, whoever receives one child such as this in My name  
receives Me. Alleluia!

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## Litany:

De La Salle, holy priest of God, pray for us  
De La Salle, our Father and Founder, pray for us.  
De La Salle, patron of Christian teachers, pray for us  
De La Salle, innovator of teaching methods, pray for us  
De La Salle, animated by a great zeal  
for the salvation of souls, pray for us  
De La Salle, always aware of the presence of God, pray for us.  
De La Salle, lover of Sacred Scripture, pray for us  
De La Salle, continually led by the Spirit of God, pray for us  
De La Salle, concerned for the poor, pray for us  
De La Salle, always resigned to the Will of God, pray for us  
De La Salle, interested in the education of the working class  
and the poor, pray for us  
De La Salle, patient in tribulations, pray for us.  
De La Salle, instrument in gathering together and forming  
the first Brothers, pray for us  
De La Salle, always living in a spirit of faith, pray for us  
De La Salle, man of prayer, pray for us  
De La Salle, devoted to our Blessed Mother, pray for us

De La Salle, always solicitous for the Brothers, pray for us  
De La Salle, continually obedient to the Church, pray for us  
De La Salle, spiritual director of souls, pray for us  
De La Salle, model of holiness, pray for us.

Let us pray:

Father and founder of our Institute of the Brothers of the Christian schools, orthodox and prayerful theologian, you realized the value of competent Christian educators and worked untiringly for the instruction of the working class and the poor always relying on the providence of God.

Send generous men to follow your ideals of a spiritual life through the service of education as Christian Brothers.

May we be filled with the spirit of faith and zeal of those first Brothers who ministered so diligently for the salvation of youth through Christian education.

May we and our Lasalian colleagues be Christ-like models for the youth entrusted to our care. May the spirit of Jesus be forever in our hearts. Amen.

Intercessions:

Lord of light and wisdom,

Enlighten and guide others to follow in the Lasalian tradition.  
bless all the members of our Lasalian Family

Lord of blessings,

bless and reward all those who labor for the Christian education of our youth especially our Brothers and colleagues in ministry. Reward our benefactors who sustain us in our mission.

Lord of joy,

Fill our hearts with satisfaction and delight as we remember all of our students living and deceased. May they continue to live out their Christian dedication and instruction received in our Lasalian schools around the world.

Lord of holiness,

Call us to a continual conversion of our minds and hearts so that You are the source of our longing and striving.

May we be faithful witnesses of our baptismal commitment as we bring others to You.

May we look to Saint John Baptist de La Salle and all the holy Brothers who have gone before us for inspiration.

Let us pray:

O Lord of light and darkness, joy and sorrow, success and failure, hear our humble prayers and answer them as only You know best. Bless our Lasalian Family and keep us ever faithful to the teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Who is our Brother and Redeemer. Amen.

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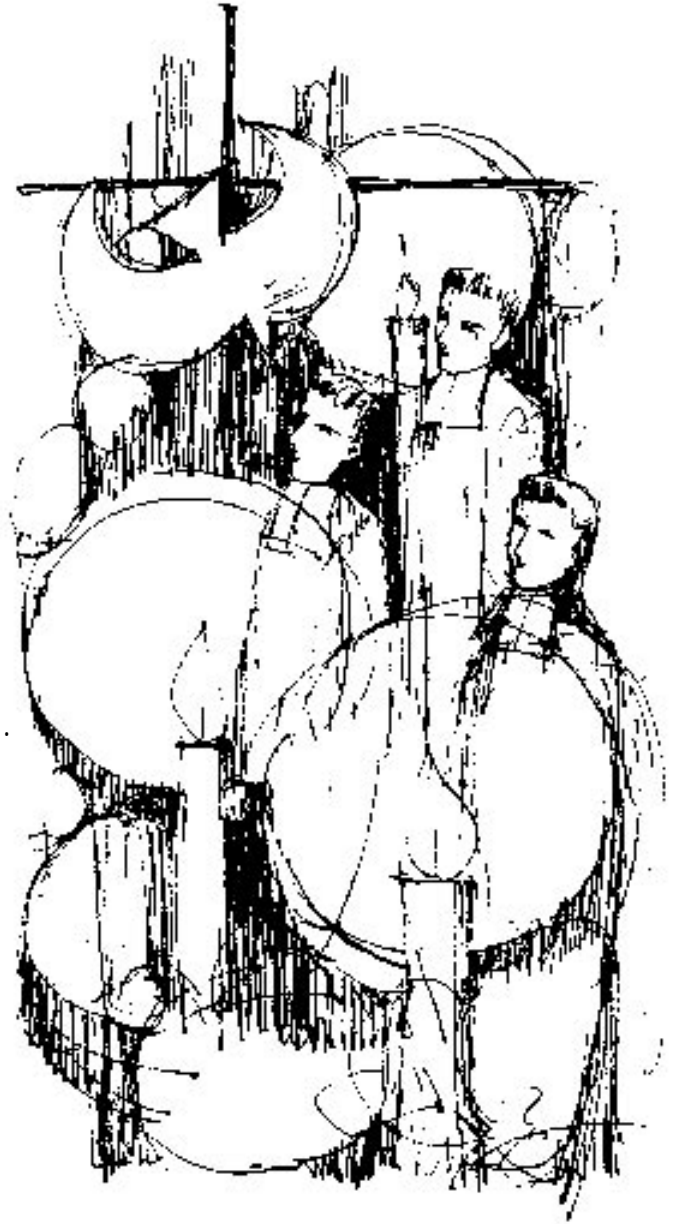
### Formula of Vows

Most Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
with profound respect  
before Your infinite majesty,  
I consecrate myself entirely  
to You to procure Your glory  
as far as I shall be able and  
as You will require of me.

For this purpose I, Brother \_\_\_\_\_,  
promise to unite myself  
remain in society, with the  
brothers of the Christian Schools  
who are associated to conduct,  
together and by association,  
schools for the service of the poor.  
I promise to go wherever I may be  
sent and to do whatever I may be  
assigned by the body of the Society  
or its superiors.

Wherefore, I promise and vow  
chastity, poverty, obedience,  
association for the service of  
the poor through education,  
and stability in the Institute  
according to the Bull of  
Approbation and the Rule of the Institute.

I promise to keep these vows all my life.



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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.

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Glorify to you, Saint John Baptist de La Salle,  
apostle of youth, patron of teachers and holy man of God.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!