

# De La Salle Brothers

## Affiliation & Benefaction

# Procedure





# Affiliation Procedure

## CRITERIA TO APPLY

The person who is to be affiliated must:

- at least implicitly wish to be affiliated to the Institute
- support the Institute in its mission, not only from a financial or material point of view, but also by a personal commitment through numerous different contributions; see following possibilities; ministry, participation on Sector Committees, District Committees/Councils, Regional Committees/Councils, International Councils, educational/welfare ministry, retreat facilitation, spiritual support, "fraternal" support of brothers- either on an Individual basis or community basis
- manifest a favourable spirit or at least a high esteem with regard to Lasallian spirituality. i.e.g. Involvement in Lasallian formation programs, District events, maintains a regular connect with Lasallian communities; Brothers' or educational/welfare]

The community, *educational/welfare institution* or District sponsoring the person for affiliation must:

- ensure that this affiliation is really desired by the community, *educational/welfare institution* or District or the Region.
- guarantee that there is no impediment, either by the ecclesiastical authorities or by the local Christian community.

## COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Affiliation to the Institute is the competence of Brother Superior and his Council. They can act "motu proprio", but most often they only play a part following a request coming from a community, *educational/welfare institution*, a District or a Region.



## PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED

- The request for affiliation, supported by useful witnesses, is first of all submitted to the District Council.
- The supporting documentation should contain a letter from the community Director or educational/welfare leader outlining the specific reasons for requesting the affiliation; the letter should also be signed by all community members and or a Lasallian educational/welfare community supporting the request for affiliation.
- The Visitor consults the District Council for a vote.
- The documents, including the results of the District Council vote, are next sent to the Brother Superior and his General Council for consideration.
- After approval by the Superior General, the certificate of affiliation is prepared by the services of the Generalate and transmitted to the Brother Visitor from whom the request from affiliation was received.

**N.B.** Nothing has been said above about affiliated members having to be Catholics. Members of other faiths may have the title bestowed upon them under certain circumstances, and when susceptibilities of various individuals and groups have been taken into account.

*Source: The Administrator's Directory General Council (Rome) 2017*

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# Benefaction Procedure

## CRITERIA TO APPLY

In the case of giving a person the title of benefactor, the criteria are less stringent than in the case of affiliation. Giving this title is a way of showing gratitude for important services of one sort or another rendered to the Institute. It is up to each Region or District to set up its own criteria.

The person who is to be given the title of benefactor must:

- support the local Lasallian community either financially or through a specific service [e.g. community support as cook, cleaner etc., educational ministry, participation on District boards/committees, school boards and or parents and friends groups, participation in educational/welfare ministry]
- manifest a favourable spirit to the Brothers and the Lasallian educational mission

The community, *educational/welfare institution* or District sponsoring the person for benefaction must:

- guarantee that there is no impediment, either by the ecclesiastical authorities or by the local Christian community.

## COMPETENT AUTHORITY

The right to bestow the title of benefactor rests with the District. In the District of ANZPPNG, a certificate will be presented to the benefactor.

Obviously, as with affiliation, Brother Superior and his Council can act "motu proprio". In some cases, a District may want the central administration of the Institute to show its approval of the bestowal of the title.



## PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED

- The request for benefaction is first sent to the Visitor, accompanied by supporting statements from the community Director outlining the specific reasons for requesting the benefaction; the letter should also be signed by all community members.
- Request from benefaction can also come from local Lasallian educational or welfare institution. As with a request from a Brothers' community, the request must be accompanied by supporting statements outlining the specific reasons for requesting the benefaction.
- The Visitor consults the District Council for a vote.
- Once the Visitor gives his authorisation, the benefaction certificate is drawn up.

**N.B.** Nothing has been said above about benefactors having to be Catholics. Members of other faiths may have the title bestowed upon them under certain circumstances, and when susceptibilities of various individuals and groups have been taken into account.

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