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# LASALLIAN

## VOCATIONS PRAYER –

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25TH OF FEBRUARY

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### Prayer Leader reads first:

#### **Apostolic Exhortation: Christus Vivit by Pope Francis**

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

### All together

Loving God,

We come together in faith and joy and in thanksgiving. We ask you to bless our efforts in promoting vocations to the Holy Church and to the Lasallian mission of the Human and Christian education of young people. Bless those we work with and those we invite with a spirit of faith in discerning their place in the world. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord – who is alive in our hearts each day. Amen!



# THE GOSPEL FOR THE DAY:

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After leaving that place they made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of man will be delivered into the power of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he got into the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing, because on the road they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child whom he set among them and embraced, and he said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes a little child such as this in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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## Reflection time

**Article: Is religious life accountable for dwindling vocations?**

**By: Father Jose Thayil**

“No congregation needs more members than those called by God. There is nothing called an optimum number for any religious congregation. Some congregations are large in numbers while others are smaller. Despite the small size, some **congregations make a great impact on the society in general and the Church in particular.**”

Sharing of any thought, word or reflection from the Gospel or the reading you may want to share with your community



# PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

THE RESPONSE IS: LOVING GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER



We pray in thanksgiving for all those all who dedicate their lives to serving the poor, the lost and the least. **Let us pray to the Lord - (R)**

We pray for teachers, staff and families in Lasallian schools and networks. May they continue to inspire young people with a passion to serve those in need. **Let us pray to the Lord - (R)**

We pray for vocations to religious life, especially to be De La Salle Brothers. May they be supported and encouraged in discerning their place in the world. **We pray to the Lord (R)**

We pray in thanksgiving for all those working for the Church and in the Lasallian mission. May they be strengthen with the spirit of faith and zeal to touch hearts and transform lives. **We pray to the Lord - (R)**

**- And for whom and for what else shall we pray**



# PRAYER LEADER: OUR FATHER

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## Concluding Prayer

In your providence, Lord God, you chose St John Baptist de La Salle to educate the young in Christian faith. Raise up, Lord, in today, teachers who will devote themselves wholeheartedly to the human and Christian education of young people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen!

**St John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us**

*Live Jesus in our Hearts – forever!*

