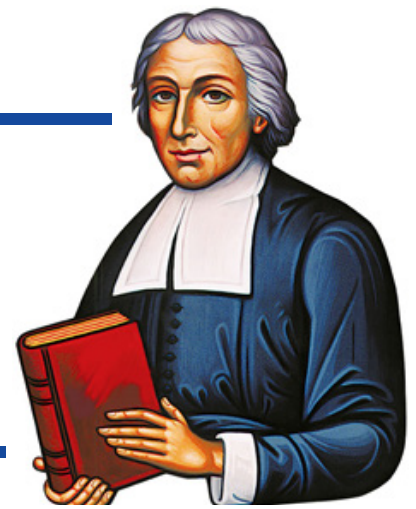

VOCATION

PRAYER SERVICE-

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Opening Prayer:

As Lasallian Brothers today we acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land. We acknowledge the Creator Spirit who communicates with us through the mountains, rivers, the sun, moon and stars. We listen with respect to our elders and/or people of the land and of the sea, who teach us our song lines and stories written in the sandy caves of yellow and red ochres and etched in the minds and hearts of the young children.

With these thought from the traditional custodians let us recall :-

That we live in the presence of God.

(leave a good period of silence)

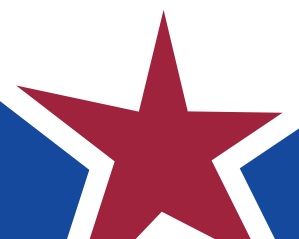
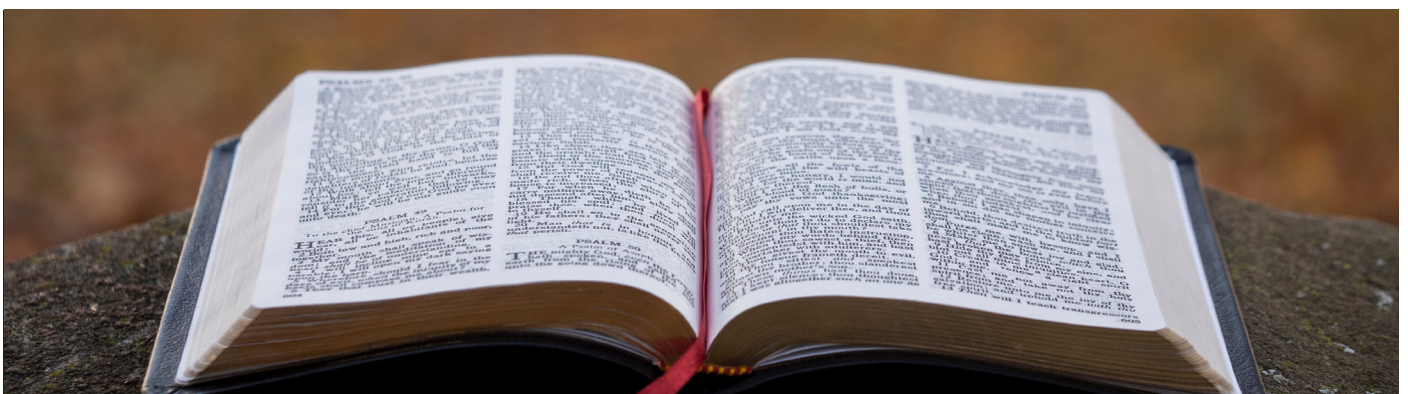
Song: In Your Presence O God. (Healing Worship from the City of David with Paul Wilbur).



Reading:

“The spirit of the Institute is first, a spirit of faith, which should induce those who compose it not to look upon anything but with the eyes of faith, not to do anything but in view of God, and attribute all to God’. John Baptist de La Salle wrote this in the Rule destined for his Brothers, to invite them to use God’s glasses at all times when analysing reality, to encourage them to always prefer the divine point of view, the Spirit criteria. A spirituality immersed in the spirit of faith, along with frequent attention to the presence of God, wherever they may be, should constitute the two key instruments to never forget that their ministry, however lay and secular it might seem, and the approaches with little experience in these questions of the Spirit, was nothing other, in short, a generous response to God’s invitation to extend his kingdom into the world of schools.

In other words, the spirit of faith must be the essential bridge that allows connecting these two primary shores of any Lasallian approach. On the one hand, there is God’s will, transcendence, mysticism, and on the other there is what Lasallian apostles deal with on a daily basis in schools, with students and their parents, with weary and fulfilled companions, that is, with the historical and incarnate. The spirit of faith is what allows us to be on both shores at the same time.....In an educational environment it is the one that gives such an important role in the work of God; the one that makes us realise that we are instruments of God, of the enormous importance of the tasks we carry out even if they seem merely material historical, only human’. Brother Josean Villalabettia :
To Procure Your Glory. Bulletin 54. p23.



REFLECTION:

-**God's glasses**-in reality how often do I use God's glasses in making decisions about others, life....

-**Spirituality**:-Is my spirituality based on a spirit criteria which is gospel based?

-How do I bring the spirit of Faith that is spoken about in the reading into my life and importantly into my prayer life?

-How does the spirit of faith allow me to pray for the brothers I live and work with?

-Do I see myself as an instrument of God in my ministry with students or with the Brothers I live and work with?

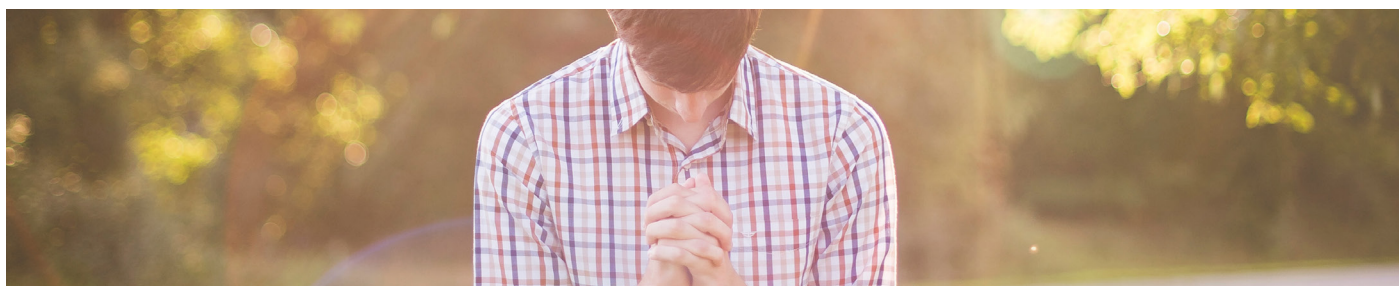
Prayers of the community.....

1. Lord we pray for the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to God's call and live the vision of faith gifted to us by the Founder.

Lord hear us, **LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.**

2. Lord, we pray in thanksgiving for the spiritual and practical legacy of John Baptist de La Salle. We thank you for the lives and witness of those who have engaged in this great journey of faith in the past and today still give witness to faith.

Lord hear us, **LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.**



3. Lord we pray for all our teachers and students in the Sector that they will be open to the message of the Good News and glorify God by their lives.

Lord hear us. **LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.**

4. Lord we pray in a special way for the De La Salle Brothers that in these difficult times that they will be men of faith and proclaim the gospel story with courage and faith.

Lord hear us. **LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.**

FOR WHAT ELSE DO WE PRAY FOR.....

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

God our Father, hear the prayers that we have voiced and those in our hearts, and grant all that we need to walk faithfully in your presence this day. Raise up young men and women to be followers of John Baptist De La Salle so that the story of faith he proclaimed continues to live in the hearts of the young.

Live Jesus in our Hearts..... Forever!

Final song: Choose some quiet music.

