

Dream Team Update!- 11 December 2015

Dear DT,

What a year it has been. This has been a year of great change for our Lasallian family. I like to look at it as if we are growing up and becoming a bigger and better version of our self. I don't only mean this figuratively but also literally as we have added so many members to this Dream team throughout the year. 2015 has been a year of hard times and great success. We have struggled at points together and we have triumphed together. Looking back on the highlights of the year, it has been incredible to know how much positivity has been put out by our team this year not only to each other but also to our individual communities.

Goodbyes:

Eli, Dom, Ruby, Pat and Will are coming to the end of their Lasallian Youth Minister careers. Don't forget to give them a call to thank them for their efforts and maybe something they have taught you during their time.

Lasallian Encounter Day Sydney:

Sydney recently held its annual Lasallian Encounter day at Casimir Catholic College Marrickville. This day brings together Lasallian Youth Leaders from across the 8 Sydney schools. The day was coordinated and run by the Youth Ministers and involved sessions on Encountering Leadership Challenges, Encounter Each Other and Encountering God. There was also a few notable drop ins on the day with Antoine Beland attending and Br David Hawke coming along to drop his famous 5 letter F word... Faith. Big thank you goes to Christina Beda for organising to have this event at Casimir and to the whole Youth Ministry team who brought students and facilitated the day.

ACYF:

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival was held in Adelaide last week and although we didn't plan it, it felt like half the people there were Lasallian. Students from all our schools as well as a few Youth Ministers and Phil and Myself all attended the event. It was amazing to see the depth of faith some students across Australia possess and to learn from some extremely inspirational speakers. The big message I took from this event was that God is always with you and that no matter what is going on in our lives we need to keep the prayer and conversation with him open.



Camp La Salle:

The SALT crew in Adelaide has just wrapped up another successful CLS and Sydney CLS will take place next week. We look forward to taking 25 Young men away for a week of fun and games to help them through the hardship of their everyday lives. This to me is one of the most valuable and most Lasallian programs we run each year.

YMI & LSLS:

Our new year will begin on the 15th of January in Sydney with Youth Minister Induction followed by the Lasallian Student Leaders Seminar. This is going to be a big 8 days so rest up over the break and we look forward to seeing you all on the 15th fresh and ready to go! Steve you're the exception to this as you fly in the night before from Cambodia.

Retreats:

This year has been the year of retreats! Running some quick numbers, adding up all the retreats we have run this year we as a team have come face to face with approx. 5000 or more students. Next year we are hoping to increase this number as we continue to grow and want to spread our message of De La and Jesus. Big thanks to Ruby who wrapped up the year's last retreat and her last retreat as a YM.

**Reflections on 2015:**

It would be great if all Youth ministers could write a reflection (1 page) on their year this year and send it through to Phil or Me. Some questions to help with this are;

What have I achieved this year?

What is my highlight of the year?

What did I struggle with?

What am I aiming for next year?
Where is God in my life?
When have I seen God this year in my work?

Holidays:

On behalf of Phil and myself I want to say a huge thank you to all of you! You have all done such an amazing job this year at spreading the life and message of De La and Jesus. You are all fantastic people and we are truly thankful to be blessed with such a great team! You truly are a Dream Team ;)

Have a great holiday, an amazing Christmas and New year and most importantly take this time to not think about work and relax and enjoy the company of family and friends!

St John Baptist De La Salle... Pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts... Forever!

Regards,

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