

Dear Young Lasallians of the Dream Team,

It has been a tremendous year of growth, development, learning and ministry. Can you believe that the **year of Mercy** officially ends and **Advent** starts this Sunday marking only four preparation weeks for the birthday celebration of Jesus at Christmas? It has been a busy period for us, yet a profoundly important time of the year as we finish well and lay the groundwork to hit the ground running for 2017.

Around the grounds

- Congratulations to all those who have completed university exams.
- **Denis** has assisted in the formation of "Uni Lasalle," gathering Lasallian Alumni from across the three schools in NZ who are attending university in Auckland. There are currently 12 members who have undergone training sessions to assist in running retreats in 2017.
- On the 3rd of November **Pat, Amanda, Jordan and Philippe** joined in with Lasallians from Melbourne on their New Teachers Induction Program. They enjoyed the handiwork at the Graduates Restaurant at St John's Dandenong. The Sydney contingent were then joined by **Br. Mandy** to facilitate the Year 8 St John's retreat on dealing with emotions.
- **All Sydney YM's** have met for a BASIC night, preparation for Camp La Salle and Encounter Day. It was great to Skype in **Dagia** and **Stephen** and catch-up.
- **Nadia + Calia:** Have attended a day for leadership development alongside their future college leaders organised by their local diocese.
- **Jordan** and **Philippe** visited Armidale to facilitate Year 9 & 10 retreats. Year 9 was a new program called "Who Am I?" utilising personality quizzes and equipping students to understand their identity.
- **Christina** - has been casual teaching across two Lasallian schools whilst still continuing Youth Ministry at Casimir.

Young Lasallians Formation January 13-15, 2017 For those booking flights please*:

- Arrive before 12pm on **Friday the 13th of January** * Unless previously discussed with your cohort leader*

Lasallian Student Leadership Seminar 16-20, January

- All medical forms for students are due the **2nd of December, 2016**. Please scan and send them in ASAP.
- Please ensure the relevant student travel plans have been booked by the school.
- Please ensure that leaders who have been elected for next year know about this event and have complete and correct information! Continue to build relationships with them. Many will have questions as to what LSL is and why they are going. They often think it may be "sitting around and praying for 5 days" - debunk that myth!
- International departures: flights to be booked **after 12:00 pm Friday 20th January**
- Domestic departures: flights to be booked **after 11:00 am Friday 20th January**

End of Year Reflection Exercise

This is similar to the opportunity presented to you mid-way through the year to stop, reflect, and share about your experience in ministry. Feel free to be creative with this exercise. This of course will be confidential between you and the Provincial office Young Lasallians team.

1. What have been your Youth Ministry highlights?
2. What have been some challenges?

3. What youth ministry skills have you improved?
4. What youth ministry skills would you like to improvement?
5. What has your faith journey been this year? Include a picture or symbol that represents your faith right now.

Submissions to be sent to your cohort leader or Amanda by **December 5th**.

Upcoming Events for the team

- 21st Nov **Sydney Encounter Day**
- 22nd & 23rd Nov **Yr 9 Retreat Ashfield**
- 24th Nov **Yr 10 Retreat Revesby**
- 24th Nov 5pm **Sydney Lasallian End of Year Mass**
- 25th Nov Yr 9 **Revesby Retreat**
- 25th-27th Nov **Camp for young adults with a disability**
- 1st & 2nd Dec **Yr 10 Retreat Caringbah**
- 5th of Dec **Casimir Leadership day**
- 7th-9th Dec **Camp Lasalle Syd**
- 7th-11th Dec **Share The Mission Re-orientation program Melbourne**
- 9th Dec **Seamus departs Balgo**
- 9th-23rd Dec **Lasalle, Perth Thailand Immersion**
- 12th-14th Dec **Camp Lasalle Adelaide**
- 16th Dec - **Provincial Office closure**
- 11th January, 2017 - **Young Lasallians Provincial office return for 2017**
- 13th -20th January, 2017 - **YM formation and LSLs 2017**

Have a wonderful end to the year!

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

The Young Lasallians team.