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Dear Brothers, Partners, Students and all members of the Lasallian Family,

I am very pleased to inform you that the Holy See has declared 2019 a Jubilee Year\* in honor the 300th anniversary of the death of Saint John Baptist De La Salle.

The Jubilee Year will begin on 17 November 2018, when we recall the dedication of the sanctuary of Saint John Baptist de la Salle at the Generalate in Rome. The Jubilee Year will conclude on 31 December 2019, the end of the Tercentenary and Year of Lasallian Vocations.

A Jubilee Year offers the opportunity to express our faith through concrete actions in favor of those most in need. I invite all of you to celebrate the jubilee through practical acts of kindness and service to young people yearning for mercy and compassion.

Traditionally a Jubilee Year is also an occasion for pilgrimage. The goal of a pilgrimage is to visit places imbued with spiritual significance and the experience of God's presence.

I encourage each of you to become a pilgrim during the Jubilee Year. Let your pilgrimage take you "beyond borders" to places that inspire you with a sense of God's presence and to poor and vulnerable people who are occasions to encounter Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis reminds us that

*Our existence is a pilgrimage, a journey. Even those who are inspired by simply human hope, perceive the allure of the horizon, which urges them to explore worlds they do not yet know. Our spirit is a migrant spirit. We do not become mature men and women if we do not perceive the allure of the horizon: that boundary between earth and sky which demands to be reached by a people that walks.*

Soon, Brother Gustavo Ramírez will send you: details of events being organized by the Institute; resources for local use; and, suggestions for creating pilgrimage experiences.

Let us joyfully celebrate the Jubilee Year as an expression of our commitment to live the Gospel and the Lasallian Mission united as Lasallians with one heart, one commitment, one life.

  
Brother Robert Schieler, FSC  
Brother Superior

\* The Jubilee Year offers the opportunity to receive the grace of a plenary indulgence through the practice of works of charity, pilgrimage, prayer, and participation in the liturgy and the sacrament of reconciliation.



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