

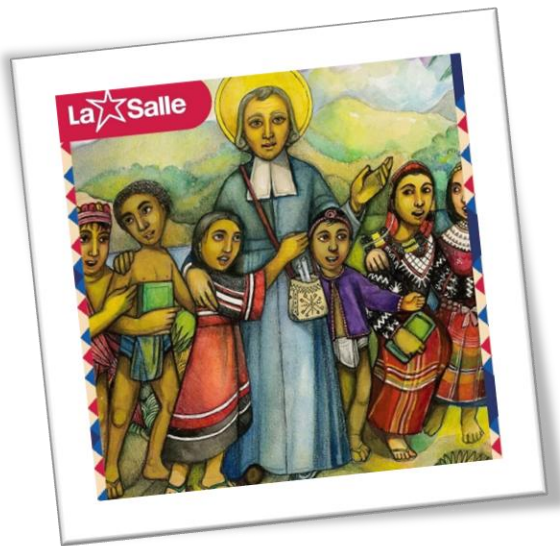
LIVING AS A LASALLIAN

The Spirit of God will lead you where you did not plan to go.

--From the Meditations of De La Salle

Prophets are people who have received, as a gift from God, a vision of the future development of salvation. They are a sign of God as life for the church and the world. John Baptist de La Salle, like many of us, followed the ordinary way of knowing and discerning God's will. He met people, saw their needs, felt compassion for them and, in his prayer life, asked God to inspire him with the Holy Spirit. De La Salle showed that living according to the Gospel in everyday life allows one to experience the love of God and leads to holiness.

Being a true follower of Saint John Baptist de La Salle calls us to be people of faith and of zeal. We are called to be people of prayer, of living continually in the presence of God, of seeking the will of God, and of having a great love for Sacred Scripture as we go about promoting Christian education especially for the poor, the disenfranchised and the working class.



The Presence of God

*Let us remember that we are always
and everywhere in the holy presence of God.*

*It is in God that we live, and move, and exist.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The Spirit of De La Salle:

- De La Salle constantly urges us to look on all things with the eyes of faith.
- We see the world as God would.
- Without a spirit of faith, we can become discouraged and disillusioned and selfish.
- De La Salle coupled the spirit of faith with that of zeal.
- Followers of Jesus should be known for their zealous love for God and for others.
- If we rely on God's providence, discern God's will, and acknowledge God's love for us, zeal will energize whatever we do.
- De La Salle encourages us to read Sacred Scripture daily.
- If we are to be animated by a faith grounded in Jesus, we have to encounter Jesus in Holy Scripture.

Choral Reading:

Psalm 25 (excerpts)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul,
my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be disgraced;
do not let my enemies gloat over me.

*Make known to me your ways, LORD;
teach me your paths.*

Guide me by your fidelity and teach me,
for you are God, my savior,
for you I wait all day long.
Remember your mercy, LORD,
for they are ages old.

*Good and upright is the LORD,
he shows sinners the way,
He guides the humble in righteousness,
and teaches the humble his way.*

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth
toward those who honor his covenants.
For the sake of your name, LORD,
pardon my guilt, though it is great.

*Who is the one who fears the LORD?
God shows him the way he should choose.
He will abide in prosperity,
and his descendants will inherit the land.*

Look upon me, have pity on me,
for I am alone and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart;
bring me out of my distress.

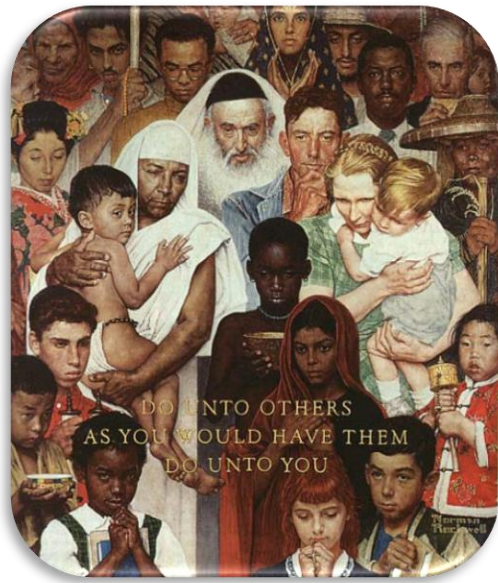
*Preserve my soul and rescue me;
do not let me be disgraced,
for in you I seek refuge.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me;
I wait for you, O LORD.*

Recording: Fernando Ortego's "Aaron's Blessing" (or another suitable hymn)

*So, God, I ask You to use me, anyway.
Take my fears and use me, anyway.
Take my failures and use me, anyway.
Take my arrogance and use me, anyway.
Take my greed and use me, anyway.
Take my guilt and use me, anyway.
Take my confusion and use me, anyway.
Take my regret and use me, anyway.
I offer all of myself to You.
Use me to serve many or few.
In pain or in joy,
Use me as You will.*

--Carol Orsborn





Reading:
Tobit 4: 13-19

- Do not be proud hearted toward others.
- Behave as God's servant, you will receive your reward.
- Keep a close watch on yourself in everything you do, and discipline yourself in all your conduct.
- Do to no one what you yourself dislike.
- Give the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing.
- Whatever you have left over, give away as alms; and do not begrudge the alms you give.
- Seek counsel from every wise person, and do not think lightly of any advice that can be useful.
- At all times bless the Lord God and ask God to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans.

De La Salle

Reading: Matthew 25:34-36

Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me.'

The King will say, 'Whatever you did for the least of my sisters and brothers, you did for Me.'

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*Saint John Baptist de La Salle, priest, founder, teacher, and guide,
help us to see the Will of God in all things as we live a life of loving service.
Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!*