

Dear Students,

Welcome to one of the highlights of your summer: the 2023 District of Eastern North America Lasallian Youth Assembly. We will gather on the La Salle University campus in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 30-August 4, 2023; this will mark the 26th time Young Lasallians across the Eastern half of North America have gathered for a summer assembly. We anticipate there will be Lasallian Youth from around the District and from the wider Lasallian world sharing in activities that will:

- Foster mission-centered, principle-driven, and effective leadership skills
- Provide opportunities to share information between school delegations and develop new ideas for your own school community.
- Offer time to network with and form connections to student leaders from other schools to prepare for the upcoming school year
- Build community during daily prayers, socials, sessions, speakers, and small groups

As the coordinator of this program, I can assure you that your time at La Salle University will be an engaging experience filled with opportunities to share and to learn from each other. It will include opportunities to learn more about how the Lasallian mission is carried out, and how you, as a Lasallian Youth student, can contribute to the Lasallian mission.

Please be mindful of the rules and regulations that are currently outlined in your school's student handbook regarding behavior and expectations while attending school-related, off-campus events. I ask that you bring the best of yourself and represent your school and yourself with pride. In addition to the policies set out by your school, please find the code of expectations for LYA below. Familiarize yourself with these principles as they will form the bedrock on which our program and our relationships will be built.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school moderator. I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia in late July.

In Association,

Justin Martineau
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District of Eastern North America

Code of Expectations for Lasallian Youth Assembly

With joy we welcome you to the 2023 District of Eastern North America Lasallian Youth Assembly (LYA). We come together to fulfill our call to faith-informed service and action on behalf of Catholic Social Teaching through community. LYA is a space to meet fellow Lasallians—students and educators—to exchange ideas and experience witnessing Gospel values in new and exciting ways.

It is our expectation that each participant will display maturity and responsibility at all times, a hallmark of one who seeks to deepen her/his Lasallian identity through involvement in Lasallian Youth. It is important that all participants know the expectations governing conduct at this assembly.

All moderators share responsibility for ensuring adherence to this Code. In addition to adhering to the rules and regulations of your own school, all LYA participants will adhere to the following expectations that are **non-negotiable**:

1. Participants will attend all activities (including but not limited to educational sessions, liturgies, meetings) at the designated times and places. Participants should be on time for all scheduled gatherings. Nametags are worn at all times. No delegates will be allowed to arrive late or leave early...please check your schedules and make sure you are available the entire week.
2. Respect other students and adults by not being disruptive during LYA events. Participants should not create or demonstrate intimidating, hostile, or offensive behavior towards any student or adult at any time. Students should also refrain from profane, vulgar, and harassing language: including, but not limited to, racial and sexual harassment. All participants should abstain from lying, stealing, fighting and vandalizing. Students should exercise extreme care with social media posting. For example, Assembly participants should not be recorded or photographed without their express permission.
3. Respect the property of others. Participants should not take objects from campus areas or any other property visited. Participants will treat all property on and off the host site with respect and care. Theft or vandalism will not be tolerated.
4. Keep food, drink, gum, and noisemakers out of all sessions. Use of headphones, cell phones, tablets, etc. is prohibited during sessions unless permission is expressly given to use such devices.
5. Dress in a manner befitting the session. This includes, but may not be limited to, dressing in a clean neat and modest manner. No short shorts, crop tops, clothing with ads for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or with profanity, sexual pictures or innuendos or references to any of these items. No tank tops or strapless attire are to be worn at any time by any participant. Participants will ensure that their conduct, dress and demeanor reflect respect for themselves and others.

6. Participants will remain with the large or small groups unless given explicit permission by a moderator to do otherwise. Other than for organized LYA activities, students may not leave the campus at any time. Students must remain within a supervised environment at all times. Student participants are NOT allowed to drive any motor vehicle for the duration of the Assembly.
7. Participants will observe room assignments and obey established curfews. When it is time to retire for the evening, students must be in their own room. Respect and care must be shown to one's roommate.
8. Participants will not visit or enter rooms of the opposite gender UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. Furthermore, participants must abstain from any form of sexual encounters. Any violations of this will be subject to immediate dismissal from the assembly at the participant's expense.
9. Participants will abide by residence hall regulations set forth by La Salle University, giving special care to keep track of room keys and other amenities provided. Be courteous on the campus. Please remember that you are guests. Students should observe any reasonable request of moderators or staff.
10. The purchase, possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vape pens, e-cigarettes, drugs, controlled substances, or paraphernalia by any individual will not be tolerated. Infraction of these rules will result in immediate dismissal from the assembly at the participant's expense.

Finally, YOU should simply recognize that YOU are responsible for YOUR behavior.

Please understand that any deviation from any LYA expectation may result minimally in the participant's removal from the gathering. In such cases, parents and school administrators will be notified and youth will be sent home at the family's expense.

Signature of delegate: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Signature of moderator: _____