

# Office for Mission and Ministry



## Annual Report

Academic Year 2025-2026



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## *Dear Council Members and Colleagues,*

The 2025-2026 Academic Year has been a historic one for DENA. With great joy and a tremendous sense of fraternity, we welcomed our many Lasallian colleagues from Francophone Canada and their four diverse ministries as the Quebec sector of DENA. As a part of the plan for this new association between the two historic Districts, the Office for Mission and Ministry also welcomed a new member, Antoine Béland, who serves as the Associate Director for the Quebec Sector. Antoine, a longtime and deeply formed Lasallian, has brought great zeal to his work and has renewed within the four ministries in Quebec an appreciation for their mission and collegial association. You will read more about Quebec and the rejuvenated relationships among their ministries later in this report.

In this third year of the OMM Mission Impact Report, like in years past, you will read about the various education and formation assemblies and workshops we convened. Highlights from this year include another outstanding San Miguel Schools Convocation, the return within LAYFS of the Lasallian Leadership Development Program, and the Athletic Directors Conference which focused on the ever-increasing importance of sports within the wider culture and how we view athletics from a Lasallian perspective as one aspect of the overall educational program.

We are thrilled that 355 Lasallians participated in District, Regional, and International education and formation experiences during this year. It continues to be both a joy and a blessing to meet, pray, work, and socialize with so many dedicated Lasallian peers. Br. Ernest, Justin, Ben, Antoine, and I continue to be inspired by our engagement with these faith-filled mission-driven men and women.

Finally, I would like to thank my four colleagues, just mentioned, for all of their efforts and leadership of the various initiatives and programs you will see highlighted. While there is a main convener listed for each event, the work is truly done collaboratively and the quality of the programs is a testament to the skills, experience, and camaraderie of these outstanding Lasallians. I am blessed to work closely with a group who not only extoll the Lasallian virtue of Together and by Association but also live and exemplify it every day.

Sincerely,

***Jim***

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# “So the Next Generation Will Know the Joy of the Gospel



The 2023 Chapter & Assembly of the District of Eastern North America

## Thematic Area 4: Mission Accompaniment and Board Relations

One of the major initiatives arising from the 2023 Chapter & Assembly was the updating of the Lasallian Mission Assessment Process. A key revision in the LMAP is the emphasis on the ministry self-reflection and the internal discernment that all of our schools and agencies must now engage on the twenty-seven criteria in the Identity Criteria for the Vitality of Lasallian Ministries. In the first two years of the renewed LMAP process we have received very positive feedback from the schools who have and are engaging the LMAP. They share that the enhanced self-reflection has been very enlightening and helpful to them as they continually work to ensure the Lasallian Catholic identity of their ministry.

During the 2025-2026 academic year, five Ministries, each at different stages in the process, have been involved in the LMAP. La Salle College High School has completed the process and the report is being shared with the DENA Council at the June meeting for affirmation. Christian Brothers Academy (Albany) will be submitting their report by the end of the summer and the visit will take place in the Fall of 2026. Christian Brother Academy (Lincroft), Colegio de La Salle (Bayamon), and Saint Joseph's Collegiate Institute all began the self-assessment phase of the LMAP in the Spring of 2026. The visit to Colegio is scheduled for the end of September and the visits to CBA and SJCI will be scheduled with their LMAP coordinators for the Fall of 2026 as well.



Photo taken in July 2023

# Welcome the Sector of Québec!

On January 6th, 2026, The District of Francophone Canada was officially integrated into DENA after a year of dialogue and preparation and became the Sector of Québec. The need for a person with a full-time role responsible for formation and animation for this new Sector emerged during the discussions between the two districts. Antoine Béland was hired to join the Office for Mission and Ministry as Associate Director for the Sector of Québec.

Antoine chairs the Council for the Lasallian Educational Mission of the Sector, which gathers the chief administrators and Lasallian animators of the four ministries, and acts as the convener of the various formation programs and events of the Sector.

During this past year, DENA leadership initiated two week-long visits to the ministries in Quebec with the intention of welcoming the Sector into DENA and building the relationships among the Quebec ministries and DENA, particularly the District leadership team. In October, Brother Bob visited four ministries accompanied by Antoine and Keane. He received an orientation to the work and spent time getting to know the leadership of each ministry. During this time, Keane and the communications team produced an outstanding introductory video of the Quebec sector which has been shared widely throughout DENA.

In April, Jim, again accompanied by Antoine, visited three of the four Quebec ministries with the same purpose in mind. Both visits went extremely well and we believe initiated the building of strong relationships with our Lasallian colleagues in Quebec.

Along with these visits, the Sector of Quebec reinitiated two important events which facilitate association among the ministries.



## Centers' Gathering

Convener: Antoine Béland

Location: Centre Notre-Dame de la Rouge, Grenville-sur-la-Rouge, Québec

Dates: Monday April 13 – Tuesday April 14

The Centers' Gathering brought together over 35 people working actively in one of the four ministries of the Sector along with guests from the DENA office for two days of formation and building community. Chief administrators, educators, board members and volunteers enjoyed two keynote sessions. The first was given by David Côté-Dion, alumnus from two different Lasallian institutions and co-owner of a multidisciplinary psychosocial intervention clinic, and was titled "Understanding and accompanying Generation Z". The second was given by Dr. Mary Fox, Professor emerita at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and renowned international presenter, and revolved around Dr. Fox' research on the role of women in the life of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the founding story of the Institute. The fraternal time spent together rekindled the hope for the future of the Lasallian Mission in Québec for many participants and was an excellent first event of the new Sector.



*Photo taken in April 2026*

## Celebration of Heritage and Commitment

Convener: Antoine Béland

Location: De La Salle Residence, Laval, Québec

Dates: Friday May 8

The District of Francophone Canada had a tradition of gathering Brothers and partners in person at the nursing home of the Brothers for the Feast of the Founder. This tradition was discontinued with the pandemic in 2020. It was decided to bring back this tradition with a new added purpose to celebrate the anniversaries of service of Lasallians who have been working in a ministry for 5, 10, 15, 20 years or more. The traditional celebration of the anniversaries of perpetual vows of the Brothers was also folded in the event to create a truly unifying and festive event. More than 50 people came together to celebrate the dedication of three Brothers who count 60 or 70 years of perpetual vows and the commitment of ten partners, including one chief administrator who is retiring in June after 21 years of service. It was a wonderful communal experience to share stories of passion and zeal across ministries and become more aware of the associative dimension of our shared mission.



*Photo taken in April 2026*

# Assemblies, Convocations, and Workshops

## **VEGA: Young Lasallian Professionals Conference**

**Convener: Justin Martineau**

**Location: La Salle University**

**Dates: Monday July 28 – Saturday August 2**

DENA hosted its eighth Young Lasallian Professionals conference at La Salle University (Philadelphia) in July, 2025. VEGA offered the 13 participants an initial formation



*Photo taken in August 2025*

VEGA attendees had opportunities for an afternoon of community service, two liturgies, daily morning and evening prayer, and frequent community building. Small group sessions complemented the presentations, allowing for both processing the content and discerning how to incorporate the experiences of faith, service, and community when they return to their ministries.

opportunity and contextualized their and their ministries' work at the local level with those of the vastly diverse and widespread District and larger Lasallian world. The District Young Lasallian Council curated sessions around topics that would be most beneficial in developing these young faculty and staff members. These included a culture of vocation, the Founding Story, faith and Lasallian spirituality, Catholic social teaching and social justice, our call to the peripheries, Springtide research into Gen Z students and teachers, and educator self-care. In addition, the

## New Lasallian Leaders Workshop

Convener: Ben Ventresca

Location: La Salle College High School

Dates: Thursday August 14 – Friday August 15



*Photo taken in August 2025*

Since 2023, the Office of Mission & Ministry has asked those men and women who are stepping into the top level of school leadership in a District ministry to gather for a two-day assembly to learn about Lasallian leadership. This “request” is made regardless of previous roles the individual may have held or their years of service in a Lasallian school. We recognize that Lasallian spirituality, charisma, and pedagogy emanate from the top and are as critical in the boardroom as they are in the administrative offices.

We have defined new leaders as Board Chairs and Chief Administrators. For this workshop Chief Administrators includes both Presidents and Principals of the secondary schools,

Presidents and Principals of the San Miguel Schools, and Executive Directors of the LAYFS ministries.

The 2025 New Lasallian Leaders Assembly continued in the format refined over the prior years to give new Lasallian leaders the opportunity to form a community with each other that will remain with them as they bring their individual expertise and vision to their new role. The new Lasallian leaders are also called upon to understand, accept and embrace their responsibility to maintain and grow the character and tradition of Lasallian education as developed by the Founder and early Brothers and honed by generations of men consecrated to build the Reign of God through education, service, and fraternity. This year's assembly included 5 Board Chairs/Vice Chairs, 1 CFO, 1 President, and 5 Principals/Vice-Principals.

The program began with an opening prayer service led by Brother Ernest Miller, FSC, and was followed by Brother Bob Schaefer, FSC's reflection on "Exercising Leadership in the Lasallian Tradition Today." Brother James Butler, FSC then shared his experience in his presentation of "Managing Schools in the Lasallian Tradition Today".

Friday kicked off with Brother Ernest's formation piece on "Educating for the Reign of God – Uncovering and Recollecting "Cultural Wealth"" and moved into breakout sessions for Principals (led by Jim Fyke), and for Presidents and Board Chairs/Vice Chairs (led by Chris Fulco). The day concluded with a campus tour and a plenary session (led by Jim Logan) on the Ministry/DENA relationship.

Throughout the two-day gathering, participants had the opportunity to establish, rekindle, or deepen relationships while learning more about Lasallian servant-leadership as the governing leaders of their Lasallian school.

## **Association of Governance Leadership Convocation**

**Convener: Ben Ventresca**

**Location: La Salle Academy, Providence**

**Dates: Friday November 7 – Saturday November 8**

DENA's approach to supporting good and effective governance and leadership in our ministries is founded on building strong working relationships between the three legs of the governance structure (District / Board / Administration). One channel to make this happen is The Annual Fall Convocation which brings Board Chairs/Vice Chairs and Presidents (or Executive Directors)/Executive Vice-Presidents together for a two-day conference for continued Lasallian formation, to discuss salient topics, and build the community and fraternity which strengthens our ministries' Lasallian identity.

As proposed from the first invitation and carried throughout the Convocation, the purpose for this gathering was to "Walk in the Path of the Founder" by identifying the nature and breadth of Lasallian spirituality and taking up the Lasallian tradition of critical awareness and adaptive change in the direction and leadership of our schools and agencies.

The 2025 Association of Governance Leadership Fall Convocation began on Friday afternoon and, after a beginning prayer service led by Brother Bud Knight, 53 participants experienced an interactive Keynote Address by Mr. Lincoln Snyder entitled “Living our Mission in a Changed World”. Lincoln’s perspective blended his longstanding personal Lasallian connections with other experiences which include Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Sacramento, President and CEO of the National Catholic Education Association, and as a consultant to a number of DENA schools followed by table discussions on “Dynamically Leading with Lasallian Charism”.

Saturday’s program got off to an early start with Morning Prayer led by a group of La Salle Academy students that was followed by their sharing of experiences and impacts in the Lasallian environment of La Salle Academy.

One of the primary goals of the District for the next three years is to build a core of Lasallian Partners who embrace the invitation and challenge to serve the mission of the Church (as well as of the Institute) as Lasallian leaders and educators. By interweaving statements from Popes Francis and Leo XIV as well as Lasallian texts, Brother Bob Schaefer used his experience and vision to lay out the pathways defined by District Chapter and taken up by District Leadership and called on the participants to assume their role as leaders in this educational mission.



*Photo taken in November 2025*

The plenary program focused on “Prophetic Leadership: Leading with Faith and Fearlessness” (a panel led by Brothers Dennis Cronin and Dan Gardner, and Dr. Chris Fulco) and then small-group discussions clustered by ministry types and other characteristics. Once again, the abundant community time gave participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and strengthen the community that allow us to work “together and by association”.

## Academic Vice-Principals Assembly

Convener: Justin Martineau

Location: La Salle Academy (Providence)

Dates: Thursday November 13 – Friday November 14

For the third consecutive year, the District convened a meeting for academic Vice Principals and curriculum coordinators in November. Hosted by La Salle Academy (Providence), this iteration of the conference primarily focused on practical wisdom sharing from among the group. The explored topics included: professional learning communities, utilizing data, advanced placement and dual enrollment programs and curricula, student support structures and programs, and artificial intelligence. The 17 participants also shared best and next practices within their ministries and asked and answered each other's questions regarding day-to-day practices of curriculum and assessment, standards and scheduling, fostering a culture of faculty growth and development, and mission engagement and belonging.



Photo taken in November 2025

## San Miguel Schools Convocation

Convener: Justin Martineau

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls, NJ

Dates: Thursday January 22 – Saturday January 24

Returning to a biennial cadence, the Office for Mission and Ministry, in partnership with the Presidents/Executive Directors, once again prepared an experience that truly reflected “together and by association.” Opening the convocation, Brother Lawrence Goyette, FSC, founder of the first San Miguel school which was located in Providence, RI, shared the origin story of the San Miguel schools. Following Br. Lawrence, Deborah Burns facilitated a professional development session entitled: “Human Power in an AI World,” which focused on the humanity of our students. The final session, directed by Brother Ernest J. Miller, FSC, D. Min, emphasized the deep connection between the Founding Story of Lasallian education and the life-giving and salvation-oriented work of contemporary San Miguel Schools. These sessions, as well as the school-prepared prayer services, job-alike table conversations, and evening socials throughout the conference, left each of the 52 participants (Administrators, Faculty, and Staff) with a renewed zeal for the Lasallian charism and mission.



## San Miguel Convocation

January 22-24, 2026 | Tinton Falls, NJ

LaSalle  
District of Eastern North America

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NA SCHOOLS

*Photo taken in November 2026*

## Lasallian Leadership Development Program (LAYFS)

Convener: Justin Martineau

Location: La Salle School Albany

Dates: Thursday January 29 – Saturday January 31

A direct result of the re-establishment of the Lasallian Association of Youth and Family Services (LAYFS) Administrators Forums, the Lasallian Leadership Development Program (LLDP) launched in January with 14 participants from across the five LAYFS ministries. An evolution of the Next Generation Lasallian Leaders program that ran in the 2010s, LLDP consists of six, three-day sessions, each hosted by one of the LAYFS ministries. Responding to complex, contemporary realities, each session has two foci: a Lasallian Formation theme and LAYFS-specific professional development topic. Session one, hosted by La Salle School, featured professional sessions on strategic planning, organizational management, compliance, and connecting and communicating long-term vision to day-to-day operational realities. The Lasallian Formation component, facilitated by Tom Sipowicz, focused on the Founding Story of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, highlighting how the Brothers' radical response to the needs of young people continues to shape our understanding of innovation and educational service to the young, especially the poor.



Lasallian Leadership  
Development Program  
**2026**

JANUARY 29 - 31, 2026  
LaSalle School,  
Albany, NY

**LaSalle**  
District of Eastern North America

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NA CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOLS

*Photo taken in January 2026*

## Young Lasallians Service Trip

Convener: Justin Martineau

Location: La Salle Educational Center Homestead

Dates: Wednesday February 18 – Sunday February 22

Responding to the call to serve those on the peripheries, the Young Lasallians Council organized a service-immersion program designed for Young Professionals. This five-day faith-in-action program was held at La Salle Educational Center. Grounded in both direct and indirect service to the school and to the wider-Homestead community, the Young Lasallians truly were brothers and sisters to each other and older brothers and sisters to the young people they served. From offering one-on-one learning support and teaching life-skills lessons in the school to volunteering in a local soup kitchen to sharing moments of prayer and visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity to discerning ways to share these and similar experiences with their students and school communities, each activity on the agenda was designed to be experientially Lasallian.



Photo taken in February 2026



## Lasallian Animators Workshop

Convener: Justin Martineau

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls, NJ

Dates: Friday March 7 – Saturday March 8

In order for Lasallian ministries to sustain and grow their Lasallian Catholic identities, intentional, well-designed local Lasallian formation programs and initiatives are paramount. Because of the increased emphasis on effective local Lasallian formation and education, this conference provides Lasallian Animators and other formators the necessary time and space to share and discuss their formation plans and programs. To support this work, the Office for Mission and Ministry created a Formation Working Group in late-winter; the animators at the workshop provided valuable feedback regarding what supports they most need from this project. As always, this workshop also featured a presentation of an exemplary program from the group. This year, Barbara Chesnik, Coordinator of Lasallian Formation, shared La Salle College High School's three-year initial Lasallian formation program for faculty and staff.



**Animators  
Workshop 2026**

March 6-7, 2026  
Tinton Falls, NJ



*Photo taken in March 2026*

## Athletic Directors Conference

Convener: Justin Martineau

Location: Calvert Hall College High School

Dates: Thursday April 16 – Friday April 17

Recognizing the pivotal role that interscholastic athletics plays in a holistic Lasallian educational program, DENA hosted its latest edition of the Athletic Directors conference in April at Calvert Hall College High School. Brother John Kane, FSC, Ed.D., kicked off the conference with his keynote: “Athletics as part of the Lasallian Mission: How does it fit?” Carly Kastens, a director in the college division for Altius Sports Partners, a leading strategic advisory firm for collegiate athletics departments, facilitated the second keynote on the quickly-evolving nature of name, image, and likeness (NIL) rules, policies, and emerging trends. The ADs also had ample opportunities to discuss and share department handbooks, policies, philosophies, current realities and challenges, and opportunities for future growth, collaboration, and innovation.



**Athletic Directors**  
**Workshop**

April 16 - 17, 2026  
Calvert Hall College High School  
Towson, MD

**LaSalle**  
District of Eastern North America

**DENA** BROTHERS  
OF CHRISTIAN  
& SCHOOLS

*Photo taken in April 2026*

## DENA Board Representatives Assembly

Convener: Ben Ventresca

Location: St. John's College High School

Dates: Friday March 27 – Saturday March 28

Complementing the focus on building strong and effective ministry governance and administration, the role of District Representatives on ministry boards is a major focus for DENA leadership. The annual District Representatives Conference is a keystone to building the identity and community needed to give the 65+/- men and women who serve as District Representatives the ability to ensure that our Boards understand and live out their Lasallian identity. The 2026 Conference drew 49 Brothers and Lasallian Partners for the two-day work session.



*Photo taken in March 2026*

The first purpose for this gathering was to recognize that the role and responsibilities of District Representatives have never been more fundamentally critical to the depth of Lasallian spirituality and charism of the District and its ministries. The second purpose was to find and cultivate a deeper spirituality and sense of belonging, and then to work together to find each person's pathway to serving their piece of the educational mission.

The program got off to an inspirational start with the interactive prayer service led by Abby Michels (St. John's Lasallian Animator) and the St. John's Peer Ministry team. The Conference quickly moved to the Keynote presentation by Brother Ernest Miller exploring the theme that "Mission Formation Opens Us to Gifts of the Spirit". His presentation continued the messaging that was shared with Governance Leadership back in the Fall '25 using Lasallian texts as well as Papal statements and bible passages. Following a short break, Jim Logan introduced "Your Role in Animating the Ministry's Lasallian Formation" and highlighted the modes of formation available at the Region, District, and local levels.

Saturday's program got off to another early start with morning prayer led by Brother Bud Knight and was quickly focused by Brother Bob Schaefer. Brother Bob continued to draw participants focus to the message of mapping new pathways and the importance of formation in making that successful. Brother energized the audience for the three breakout sessions that were the feature of the remainder of the Conference.

## Institutional Advancement Directors Assembly

Convener: Ben Ventresca

Location: Saint John Paul II Academy

Dates: Monday April 20 – Tuesday April 21



*Photo taken in April 2026*

The second annual Institutional Advancement Leadership Assembly was originally planned for January 26th and 27th in Boca Raton. A secondary purpose was the opportunity for fundraisers to fly to Florida for a meeting in January and possibly join up with the Chief Administrator before or after to visit key donors and alumni. What could go wrong?

The blizzard of '26. Plans that were made by the committee of advancement leaders

from six Northeast schools that were months in the making came undone at the last minute. As intended by OMM from the start, planning was being led by the ministries (originally including colleagues from Bishop Loughlin, Calvert Hall, Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, Saint John Paul II, La Salle College High School, and St. John's College). The team quickly regrouped to find alternative dates and the best option was April 20th and 21st. Although this was the best choice this precluded a large number of planned participants.

Ultimately, fourteen people were able to convene in Boca Raton and were treated to two days of gracious hosting by the folks at Saint John Paul, to two Keynote presentations by Greg Markitan and Michael Barvick, Senior Vice Presidents of Partners in Mission, close knit conversations throughout the assembly, and a very nice oceanfront dinner.

Topics for the program were selected by the planning committee and stayed constant in spite of the rescheduling. The Keynotes focused on "Campaigns and Major Gift Initiatives" and "Breaking Through Generational Barriers. Each of these were interactive and highly informative. Breakout discussion became full-group conversations and experiences and ideas were freely shared.

# Higher Education Assemblies and Convocations

During the course of each academic year, our colleagues in higher education have an annual series of events in which Brothers and Partners from both La Salle University and Manhattan University participate.

Colleagues from La Salle and Manhattan participated this past year in the Collegium Program as well as IALU (International Association of Lasallian Universities).

We, OMM, do not have any role in these events but want to note the importance of these gatherings to our colleagues at the higher education level. These gatherings provide opportunities for formation, professional development, association, and ensuring the Lasallian charism and mission at the higher education level.

## Christian Brothers Conference Regional Education and Formation Programs

In addition to our work in District formation efforts, we also work closely with the regional office staff of Christian Brothers Conference in support of the regional formation programs.

Again, this year, DENA Brothers and Partners have participated significantly in these programs. We highlight the following:

**Sixty-eight** DENA colleagues participated in the 2025 Huether Lasallian Conference. This included participants and presenters at the Communications Pre-Conference as well as attendees and presenters to the main Huether Conference,

**Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies: Twenty-five** DENA colleagues engaged in the Buttimer program in the summer of 2025 with **eight** graduating from the program at the completion of their third year.

**Brother John Johnston Institute of Contemporary Lasallian Practice: Seventeen** DENA administrators, faculty, and staff completed the Brother John Johnston Institute during the 2024-2025 school year. **Twenty-two** new DENA colleagues will begin JJI (Cohort VI) this summer.

**Lasallian Social Justice Institute: Seven** DENA colleagues participated in the 2025 LSJI program which was held in El Paso, Texas, focused on one of today's most critical humanitarian challenges: migration at the United States – Mexico border, where national security concerns intersect with profound human needs.

**Encountering Lasallian Spirituality Retreat: Three** DENA members engaged in the retreat in Lutz, Florida, exploring the dynamics and development of Lasallian spirituality and Lasallian spiritual leadership.

**Lasallian Spirituality Fellows Program: Four** DENA participants began the inaugural 2-year cohort to deepen their knowledge of Lasallian Spirituality while engaging a ministerial journey of faith, in both a personal and a communal way. Participants are currently on this journey as educators in Christ, guided by the spirit for the good of the world, particularly the young and the poor.

**Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators (LASSCA):** Twenty-eight DENA Board Chairs, Presidents, Principals, and members of the District Leadership Team attended the conference held in Houston, Texas, titled “Anchored in Faith: Leading Lasallian Schools Amid a Shifting Society.” Br. Armin Luistro and 3 General Councilors keynoted.

**Lasallian Pedagogy Fellows Program:** This program will begin in the summer of 2026 and at least **two** DENA colleagues will participate.

# ADRIEN NYEL PROJECT – BROTHER ERNEST MILLER, FSC



The Adrien Nyel Project is an initiative to accompany new and veteran teachers and encourage young people to consider the call to teach. The Project includes specific programs for particular audiences of teachers, as well as encounters at individual ministries.

This initiative is informed and shaped by the 346-year old Lasallian educational charism and heritage that is characterized by a living faith, a trust in God's providence, a recognition of God's holy presence in daily life, a belief in the dignity of all persons, a zeal to participate in God's saving work through education and spiritual formation, a preferential option for and solidarity with those who are impoverished and marginalized, and a commitment to generate opportunities to transform lives and create a more fraternal and equitable world.

## Encounters with DENA Teachers and Other Educators

### **De La Salle Collegiate, Warren, MI**

facilitated a charism and mission session with the whole faculty and staff

- focus: "Educating for the reign of God: uncovering and recollecting Lasallian 'cultural wealth'"

### **De La Salle College, Toronto, Ontario**

facilitated a charism and mission session for the whole faculty and staff

- focus: "The Lasallian Charism and the reign of God: For the Interim Time"

### **St. Peter's High School for Boys, Staten Island, NY**

facilitated a charism and mission session for the whole faculty and staff

- focus: "Educating for the reign of God: uncovering and recollecting Lasallian 'cultural wealth'"

## West Catholic Preparatory High School, Philadelphia, PA

facilitated a retreat for the whole faculty and staff

· focus: “Educating for the reign of God: For the Interim Time”

## St. John’s College High School, Washington, DC

Facilitated a retreat/workshop for the Religion Department faculty

## Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse

facilitated a curricular workshop for the Religion Department faculty

## La Salle School, Albany

Accompanied the 12-person leadership team during their annual two-night retreat at Minnowbrook Conference Center, Blue Mountain Lake, New York. Facilitated the morning reflections and facilitated a 90-minute session that included a presentation and group reflection and dialogue.

## ANP Signature Programs

### Brother Luke Salm, FSC Religious Education Workshop (LSW)

Location: Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center

Dates: Sunday November 2 – Tuesday November 4

The Luke Salm Workshop aims to create a dynamic space to share challenges and insights, to promote professional and spiritual development, and advance the Lasallian vision and hopes for evangelization and religious instruction in our times. The 46th General Chapter of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (2022) calls us to “renew our zeal for catechesis and evangelization.” It states further: “Renew our engagement in the pastoral ministry of evangelization by providing Brother and Partners with theological and catechetical [education and] formation [as well as] resources.”



Photo taken in November 2026

Having targeted the religion department chairs in the last few years, this academic season the LSW welcomed a return of campus ministers from the secondary schools. Hosffman Ospino, Ph. D, professor and chair of religious education and Hispanic Ministry at Boston College served as the principal presenter for the whole group. In addition, Jeremy Cruz, Ph.D., associate professor of theology and religious studies at St. John's University in Queens, facilitated a workshop for the religion chairs focused on Catholic social tradition and curriculum. The campus ministers followed a separate track of breakout sessions.

### **Adrien Nyel Retreat (ANR)**

Location: Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center

Dates: Sunday February 8 – Tuesday February 10

The retreat is a space for young and new teachers to encounter the meaning of a 'time for retreat' while experiencing Lasallian association. Grounded in the spirit of De La Salle, the retreat aims to offer communal and personal time to enrich one's journey of faith and to deepen a sense of their vocation as a teacher. Participants are invited to be attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit calling them in both their personal lives and in their teaching ministry.

During the three day retreat, the participants encountered a variety of presentations including Nelson Tung, Associate Director for Clinical Services, Martin de Porres Schools, presented on "The Importance of Grace in Vocational Healing"; Alexandria Mahon,



Director of Faculty Development, St. John's College High School, facilitated a working session on "The 12 Virtues in Motion: Building Your Lasallian Toolkit"; Justin Martineau facilitated the "World Café: Sharing Your Experiences as New Teachers"; Jim Logan and Justin discussed "Living Association" in a session moderated by Br. Ernest, and Brother offered a session on "Your Story, Our Story and the Vocation to 'Teach Minds and Touch Hearts.'" A significant amount of time is afforded participants to experience "time of retreat."



*Photo taken in February 2026*

## Adrien Nyel Institute (ANI)

Location: Saint John's College High School

Dates: Sunday June 22 – Thursday June 26

This initiative is the newest pursuit to animate the vocation to teach, especially with young people. This five-day experience aims to connect secondary school students and undergraduates with passionate educators, give hands-on insight into the work of teaching, and help participants discover how they can make a difference in the lives of future generations.

In addition to Brother Ernest, the staff includes Nick Coggins, Academic Dean, La Salle College High School; Henry Seton, History faculty, Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft; Kerri Mulqueen, Associate Professor and Chair of Education, Manhattan University; Justin Martineau. The institute's schedule, designed to build community, is a mix of presentations and dialogue, field experiences in the city, prayer and reflection.



Photo taken in June 2026

## Encounters beyond DENA

**Lasallian Pacific Northwest Symposium** (De La Salle North Catholic Cristo Rey HS, Portland, host)

served as keynote speaker and panelist for this new space that brings together the whole faculty and staff of the three Lasallian schools in the Pacific Northwest.

**Catechesis Seminar**, Generalate, Rome (lead a DENA delegation)

The contemporary context forces us to rethink this concept of catechesis: interreligiousness of many populations, new migrations, “a first generation of unbelievers” in many contexts, “a spiritual awakening” in many others.... Because each generation requires its own catechesis. The expression “kerygmatic catechesis” (in the context of a new evangelisation that is entirely kerygmatic, is gaining ground as Pope Francis teaches in *Christus Vivit*) or a “catechesis in a missionary key” (Directory for Catechesis 3-4).

We live in a great tradition of Lasallian catechesis but in a dispersion and disorientation of practices, often questioned and abandoned by some of us. It is true that, not only each generation but also each place and each educational circumstance requires its own catechesis.

The seminar was envisioned to serve as a space that enables Lasallians involved in research and formation in different fields of pastoral ministry, together with those at various fields of pastoral ministry and reflection, particularly catechesis, to come into contact. We would like to focus on Lasallian catechesis today and in the future, the methods we propose and the formation of catechists (both in formal centres and in-service formation within the works or with the contribution of magazines and other publications). It was a seminar, a space where researchers academic and field agents mingle, discuss, and find orientations together.

**La Salle College Preparatory High School, Pasadena, CA**

facilitated a day retreat/workshop for the whole faculty and staff at

- focus: “Educating for the reign of God: uncovering and recollecting Lasallian ‘cultural wealth’

**St. Thomas More Catholic Center and Chapel, Yale University, New Haven, CT**

delivered presentation to the ESTEEM cohort (a group of seniors) on the Catholic social teaching tradition

- Enlivening Students to Engage the Ecclesial Mission (ESTEEM) program is sponsored by the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management to help young adults foster their commitment to the church and to faithful service.

**St. Bede's College, Melbourne, Australia**

presented in 11 middle and high school classes on the FSC/Lasallian vocation to provide a human and Christian education, especially those who are impoverished and marginalized

**Oakhill College, Castle Hill, NSW, Australia; De La Salle College and St. Aloysius College, Sydney, NSW, Australia**

visited with students, faculty and staff

**San Miguel Center, Yourtown, North Richmond, NSW, Australia** (a child-centered family residential service)

visited with staff

**Community at the Crossing, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City**

The Community at the Crossing is an ecumenical program for spiritual formation for young adults from different Christian confessions in the heart of New York City. The vision is to equip each member to serve Christ in their chosen path by providing the space and formation necessary to establish rhythms of life and to discern God's call. Members spend a year in prayer and discernment, service and mission, biblical and theological formation, and intentional community, choosing as their sisters and brothers people who are radically different from themselves. The Chemin Neuf Community, a Roman Catholic religious community with an ecumenical vocation, offers accompaniment to this young adult Community.

Br. Ernest serves on the Community's advisory board and was the instructor for the cohort's last full-day class

- two foci: "Being Courageous Signs of Hope: expending our energies for the reign of God" and "To Procure the reign of God: the call of the Catholic social tradition to transform the Jericho Roads of Life"

# Orientations for Planning Lasallian Mission Education and Formation at the Ministry Level:

We know that one of the hallmarks of any strong school, childcare agency, retreat center, or any organization is the ability to consistently reflect on its' strengths and areas for improvement. This is why we made the self-reflection phase so critically important in the LMAP. Within the Office for Mission and Ministry, we also try to practice healthy and constructive self-assessment.

We also know that an area of vital importance, if we are to ensure the Lasallian charism and mission into the future, is Lasallian education and formation at the ministry level. In our OMM meetings during the early part of this year, the truth of where we are as a District in the development and execution of high-quality local formation came forward as an area for improvement and an initiative on which we felt the need to take immediate and significant action.

The truth is that even with the good intentions and strong efforts at both the District and local levels, local Lasallian education and formation remains incredibly diverse in terms of both its quality and impact across the ministries in DENA. In some ministries the quality and impact of formation efforts are excellent, in some they are good but could use enhancement, in some they are poor, and in a rare few they are non-existent.

In response to this need, we formed an ad-hoc team made up of members of the OMM as well as colleagues from DENA ministries who are producing high quality local formation. The team members are Br. Ernest Miller, Justin Martineau, Antoine Beland, Br. Augustine Nicoletti (Manhattan University), Susan Major (CBA Syracuse), and Jesse Brodka (Saint Joseph's Collegiate Institute). This team has been working for the last four months on the development of a resource to assist and support the local ministries in their formation efforts.

To be clear this is not a resource that will "tell" ministries how to plan and implement local Lasallian formation but rather a tool to help animation teams in their own planning and execution of formation. I share the following from the introduction to the current draft of the document:

*“This document manifests the District’s steadfast support of ministries in their efforts, whether they are developing entirely new mission education and formation plans, conducting a thorough revision of existing plans, or simply looking to tweak existing efforts. Included in this document are elements of practices and processes from various educational communities in DENA and beyond as a resource rather than a prescription.*

*Here is a summary of the different sections you can find in this document:*

- An overview of some foundational concepts spotlighted in the Institute’s Lasallian Formation for Mission: Pilgrim’s Handbook*
- A detailed description of the different components that can be part of a local mission education and formation plan, along with a list of essential themes that should be included in the plan at different stages of formation*
- A detailed profile of all DENA mission education/formation programs, the advanced RELAN programs, and some considerations on how they intersect with mission education and formation efforts in a local ministry*
- Practical suggestions for designing a robust local plan*
- References and resources of current practices and processes in some DENA ministries and beyond*

*We hope that mission leaders will find this document helpful wherever they are in their journey of structuring mission education and formation in their ministry and we are looking forward to engaging in conversation with them to find out how we can continue to best support them in this critical endeavour.”*

The team is on scheduled to have a finalized document ready to share with ministries, particularly Lasallian animators and animation teams, at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

# Office for Mission and Ministry Board Service

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Jim	Ben	Br. Ernest	Justin	Antoine
La Salle Academy Providence	Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School	Christian Brothers Academy Syracuse	Christian Brothers Academy Albany	Fonds de la Mission, Frères des Écoles chrétiennes du Canada francophone (ex officio non-voting member)
La Salle School Albany	Calvert Hall College High School	Saint John's College High School	Christian Brothers Academy Syracuse	
Martin De Porres School	De La Salle Collegiate Institute			
Ocean Tides	La Salle Academy NYC			
Tides Family Services	La Salle College High School			
West Catholic Preparatory High School	La Salle Educational Center			
	Saint John's College High School			

# Ministry Participation Chart

Ministry	Institute/ Regional	District	% of applicable programs	Total Participants	Unique Participants	# of students/ clients	# of faculty / staff	% of faculty / staff
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School	6	9	58.82%	15	10	521	72	13.89%
Calvert Hall College High School	4	9	41.18%	13	12	1248	160	7.50%
Camp De La Salle	0	0	0.00%	0	0	760	54	
Central Catholic High School	7	8	50.00%	15	11	654	95	11.58%
Centre Lasallien Saint-Michel	0	0	0.00%	0	0		37	
Centre Notre-Dame de la Rouge	0	0	0.00%	0	0	9	24	
Christian Brothers Academy (Albany)	9	4	47.06%	13	10	559	72	13.89%
Christian Brothers Academy (Lincroft)	2	4	23.53%	6	5	883	105	4.76%
Christian Brothers Academy (Syracuse)	6	6	50.00%	12	11	737	80	13.75%
Colegio de La Salle	7	8	35.29%	15	13	800	72	18.06%

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De La Salle College "Oaklands"	6	4	35.29%	10	10	692	89	11.24%
De La Salle Collegiate	4	8	50.00%	12	12	484	78	15.38%
The De La Salle School	3	11	38.46%	14	8	55	12	66.67%
La Salle Academy (New York)	5	6	47.06%	11	9	215	31	29.03%
La Salle Academy (Philadelphia)	1	17	35.71%	18	12	89	24	50.00%
La Salle Academy (Providence)	14	12	73.68%	26	24	1441	187	12.83%
La Salle College High School	11	15	68.42%	26	20	1200	159	12.58%
La Salle Educational Center	0	2	16.67%	2	1	28	8	12.50%
La Salle Institute	4	10	47.06%	14	10	555	66	15.15%
La Salle School	3	8	38.46%	11	11	95	169	6.51%
La Salle University	4	3	42.86%	7	6	3110	698	0.86%
Manhattan University	2	0	15.38%	2	2	2789	723	0.28%
Martin de Porres	4	5	36.36%	9	9	197	132	6.82%
Ocean Tides	0	3	18.18%	3	3	60	63	4.76%

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Saint Francis/Saint Vincent-CCS	4	3	27.27%	7	6	89	82	7.32%
Saint John Paul II Academy	5	7	44.44%	12	9	589	76	11.84%
Saint John's College High School	11	15	94.44%	26	22	1300	178	12.36%
Saint Joseph's Collegiate Institute	11	6	58.82%	17	12	627	101	11.88%
Saint Peter's Boys High School	0	1	5.88%	1	1	453	453	2.86%
Saint Raphael Academy	4	5	35.29%	9	7	435	435	10.94%
San Miguel School Washington, D.C.	2	19	18.75%	21	18	94	94	78.26%
The San Miguel School of Providence	7	16	38.46%	23	15	62	62	60.00%
Tides Family Services	2	6	36.36%	8	7	1324	1324	3.57%
Villa des Jeunes - St. Augustin-de-Desmaures	0	0	0.00%	0	0	6230	6230	
West Catholic Preparatory High School	1	3	17.65%	4	3	450	450	5.88%
Others not listed				76	46	N/A	N/A	N/A



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