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De La Salle Christian Brothers Elect General Councilors
Brother Timothy Coldwell, FSC, Elected for United States and Canada

Washington, D.C., (May 27, 2014) – Brother Timothy Coldwell, FSC, a native of Denver, CO, was elected as a General Councilor for the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers) on May 22, 2014, at the 45th General Chapter in Rome. Brother Timothy's role as General Councilor, effective immediately, includes responsibility for the Lasallian Region of North America, which encompasses the United States and Canada.

"I am humbled beyond words by the commission I have received from the Brothers of the 45th General Chapter to serve as General Councilor," said Brother Timothy. "I hope that in some small way I can contribute to the spirit of this Institute and share the zeal of this global family. It will be an honor to work closely with everyone in the Lasallian Region of North America."

The Lasallian Region of North America is one of five Regions in the Institute, which is the largest order of religious Brothers in the Church dedicated to education. St. John Baptist de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers, founded the Institute in 17th century France with the mission of providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor. Today, approximately 4,500 Brothers and 80,000 Partners serve nearly 900,000 students in about 1,000 educational ministries in 80 countries.

Prior to being elected General Councilor, Brother Timothy served as Provincial of the Province of New Orleans – Santa Fe for seven years. He attended Archbishop Rummel High School in Metairie, LA, entered the novitiate in 1979 in Ontario, Canada, and made his final vows in 1986. His prior assignments have included service as teacher, dorm prefect, coach, and administrator at San Miguel High School in Tucson, AZ; St. Paul's School in Covington, LA; Notre Dame High School in Shreveport, LA; and St. Alphonsus in New Orleans, LA. Brother Timothy has served on the Regional Conference of Christian Brothers, and in various roles in Regional and international program, vocation, and formation efforts.

As a General Councilor, Brother Timothy's duties will include assisting the Superior General in the government and animation of the Institute. He will have headquarters at both Christian Brothers Conference in Washington, D.C., and the Generalate in Rome.

Brother Timothy is one of five General Councilors elected, each with a responsibility for one of the five Regions in the Institute. The four other Councilors elected are:

- Brother Pierre Saïdou Ouattará, FSC, from Burkina Faso
  Région Lasallienne Africano-Malgache (Africa)
- Brother Angel Ricardo Laguda, FSC, from the Philippines
  Pacific-Asia Regional Conference (Asia and Oceania)

- Brother Paulo Petry, FSC, from Brazil
  Region Latinoamericana Lasallista (Latin America)
- Brother Aidan Illtyd Kilty, FSC, from Great Britain
  Région Lasallienne Européenne-Mediterranéenne (Europe – Mediterranean)

Brother Timothy succeeds Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, a native of Philadelphia, PA, who was elected as Superior General on May 20, 2014. Brother Robert is the 27th successor of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Institute's founder, and only the third American to hold this position. He succeeds Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, FSC, who served as Superior General for 14 years.

The General Chapter opened April 22, 2014, and will close June 8, 2014. It includes 88 delegates from around the world who are tasked with responsibilities to evaluate the life of the Institute, provide for its continuing adaptation and renewal, and set out the main guidelines for the future of the Lasallian mission (*Rule*, 103).

More information is available online at www.lasallian.info/45th-general-chapter/.

Christian Brothers Conference is the Regional office for the Lasallian Region of North America, part of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers). The Institute is a Catholic religious order of laymen whose mission is to provide spiritual and human education to youth, especially those who are poor and disadvantaged. Founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle in 17th century France, today approximately 4,500 Brothers and 80,000 Partners serve nearly 900,000 students in about 1,000 educational ministries in 80 countries. For more information, email communications@lasallian.info, call 202.529.0047, or visit www.lasallian.info.

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