

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONFERENCE

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Dear Lasallian Family,

“Care” is one of the signature points in the lexicon and spirituality of Saint La Salle. It is most often linked to souls, as in the “care of souls.” Over the years I have had the privilege to see Jolleen in her personal and ministerial interactions. Her care for people and their souls is what strikes me as her signature quality. She has interiorized this quality at such a deep and profound level, and so I have been inspired, all of us have been inspired, to do the same.

After graduating from Siena College in New York, Jolleen’s journey in the Lasallian family began in 2004. She served as an LV at the San Miguel Schools Chicago–Gary Comer Campus for three years. She taught 7th and 8th grade Reading and Language Arts, co-founded and coached the Spoken Word team, and coached the JV Girl’s Basketball team. In 2007 she served as the Lasallian Volunteers’ Associate Director before becoming Director in 2011.

Now, after 11 years of service and leadership, she is following her heart back into the daily rhythm of the school. She leaves a Lasallian wake created by fidelity and care. The integrity of the program and people to whom she has given herself is solid. She has brought vitality and fresh energy to the formative elements of the program: the site service day component of Orientation and the “Spiritual Companion Initiative” are two examples.

But I have to note that Jolleen’s care and leadership has extended beyond the volunteers into the movement. She has made significant and sustained contributions to LLI, Huether, the Regional Lasallian Pilot Program, Research Symposium, DENA VEGA, the Regional Council of Young Lasallians and the 3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians. She hasn’t just contributed to the growth and advancement of the mission entrusted to us, she has led its growth and advancement!

Of course, we have to now identify a successor. For that purpose I will establish a search committee who will assist me in naming a director. This will be outlined in an announcement in the next several days. But in the meantime... I simply ask you to join me in gratitude for the Spirit’s gift of Jolleen Wagner to the young and to us! I invite you to celebrate and honor Jolleen for her exemplary and inspiring leadership of the program and the movement!

In Christ the Teacher,



Brother Timothy Coldwell, FSC
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