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Dear Lasallians,

I write to you today to share exciting news in my Lasallian journey. I have accepted a position as the Director of Programs for the First Generation Initiative at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. In addition to this new position I will be pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership.

My Lasallian journey started on a college campus, and I am excited to be returning to a higher education setting. I was introduced to the Lasallian mission as a student at Saint Mary's College of California, where I also learned about the Lasallian Volunteers. Following graduation, my passion for the mission grew as I served for two years as a Lasallian Volunteer in Kansas City, Missouri, working in mental health. After the one year outside of the mission, I was blessed to return as the associate director for the Volunteers. As I visited ministries during my eight years (four as associate director and four as director) on staff with the Volunteers, I was continually impressed with the variety of ministries and the number of young people being served. I loved accompanying recent college graduates during their year(s) of service and providing professional and pastoral support to them. I was able to continue accompanying Lasallians over the last four years as the Regional programs director for Christian Brothers Conference. I enjoyed hearing the stories of our faculty and staff, and watching their passion for the Lasallian mission evolve through their experiences in programs like the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies, the Brother John Johnston Institute of Contemporary Lasallian Practice and the Lasallian Social Justice Institute.

Being associated with the Lasallian mission for over a decade has fueled my passion for education, and is leading me down this new road. I am excited about this next chapter in my Lasallian journey to serve in a new role and continue my studies at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota to enable me to better serve the Lasallian community. I know the Regional formation programs will continue to strengthen under the new leadership of Mark Freund, as executive director of the Christian Brothers Conference Office for Lasallian Education. As I move on to continue my Lasallian journey, I'd like to thank the colleagues with whom I have had the pleasure of working during my combined 12 years with Lasallian Volunteers and Christian Brothers Conference. Their work, support, encouragement and community has been a blessing, professionally and personally, and has helped me grow in my commitment to the Lasallian mission.

Thank you for your years of support, guidance, encouragement, collaboration and partnership during my time with Christian Brothers Conference. I look forward to crossing paths with all of you in the future.

Peace,



Alisa Macksey