

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONFERENCE

LASALLIAN REGION OF NORTH AMERICA
RÉGION LASALLIENNE DE L'AMÉRIQUE DU NORD

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Dear Lasallian Family,

On behalf of the Lasallian Education Council and Christian Brothers Conference—and all of us who have benefitted from a Regional event, gathering or formation program, we want to express deep gratitude to Alisa Macksey for her contributions to building our Lasallian Family.

From the longstanding Buttimer Institute to the Brother John Johnston Institute, Alisa developed and maintained high standards in programs that consistently challenged our minds and touched our hearts. As anyone who has attended Regional formation events in recent years will attest, Alisa brings light and energy into any room. Whether it is resolving a scheduling problem, leading the swag exchange at the Johnston Institute, or getting the Buttimer group off to a good start every morning after prayer, Alisa brings the formator's touch of excellence, passion, faith and zeal to each encounter.

If the delivery of quality Lasallian formation programs has been the *what* of Alisa's service as Regional Programs Director, the *how* of her ministry deserves even more praise. Alisa has consistently engaged Lasallians across the Region through planning committees to have a voice and ownership in providing meaningful formation experiences. Her sense of team and collaboration provided an experience of Lasallian community in whatever project she led. In both her ability to envision the big picture and attend to the smallest detail, Alisa has been a model of pastoral and professional care. She has authentically communicated the heart of our mission: the sacredness of all people and the importance of relationships.

While we are pained to lose Alisa's singular energy in the Conference, we are in equal measure full of joy for her new adventure. We pray that she will know the ongoing presence of the Lord and the support of our community as she continues her Lasallian journey at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota where she will serve as Director of Programs for the First Generation Initiative and pursue her doctorate in educational leadership.

We will begin a search for Alisa's replacement later in September. Once that occurs, the position announcement and description will be posted on our website at www.lasallian.info.

In Christ the Teacher,



Charles Legendre, AFSC
Chair, Lasallian Education Council



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