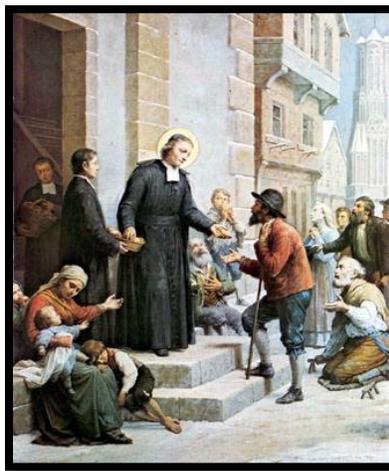




A Teachers' Prayer

- Lord, let me be just what they need.
If they need someone to trust, let me be trustworthy.
If they need sympathy, let me sympathize.
If they need love, (and they do need love),
let me love, in full measure.
- Let me not anger easily, Lord but let me be just.
Permit my justice to be tempered in your mercy.
When I stand before them, Lord, let me look strong and good
and honest and loving.
- And let me be as strong and good and honest and
loving as I look to them.
Help me to counsel the anxious,
crack the covering of the shy, temper the
rambunctious with a gentle attitude.
- Permit me to teach only the truth.
Help me to inspire them so that learning will not cease
at the classroom door.
- Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful and happy.
And, Lord, let me bring them to You.
Teach them through me to love You.
Finally, permit me to learn the lessons they teach. Amen.



DE LA SALLE'S WORD:

READER 1: Since you are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ in the work that you do, you must act as representing Jesus Christ himself. He wants your disciples to see him in you and receive your teaching as if he were teaching them.

READER 2: They must be convinced that the truth of Jesus Christ comes from your mouth, that it is only in his name that you teach, that he has given you authority over them.

READER 3: Let it be clear, then, in all your relations with the children who are entrusted to you that you look upon yourself as ministers of God, acting with love, with a sincere and true zeal.

READER 4: Let your zeal give tangible proof that you love those whom God has entrusted to you.

READER 5: Your zeal towards the children you teach would not go very far and would not have much result or success if it limited itself only to words. To be effective, your teaching must be supported by your example. This must be one of the chief characteristics of your zeal.

-Meditations for the Time of Retreat

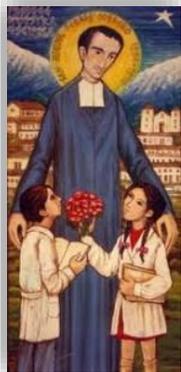
A celebration of our students! Time for sharing...

REFLECTION:

In the silence of our hearts, let us now ask God to bless our Christian school community.

Have you charity and tenderness towards the poor children whom you have to instruct?
Do you avail yourself of the affection the children have for you to attract them to God?
Do you show the firmness of a father in withdrawing your students from evil?
Do you show the tenderness of a mother in gathering your students together?
Do you do your students all the good in your power?

Meditations, De La Salle, Feast of St. Francis de Sale



**I must enter into all that I do with
a spirit of love.**

San Miguel Febres Cordero

SHARING and PETITIONS

Closing Prayer: All

Enable me to teach with **WISDOM** for I help to shape the mind.

Equip me to teach with **TRUTH** for I help to shape the conscience.

Encourage me to teach with **VISION** for I help to shape the future.

Empower me to teach with **LOVE** for I help to shape the WORLD.