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"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

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Dear Lasallians,

We hope this message finds you, your families and ministry communities safe and healthy. The Office for Lasallian Education at Christian Brothers Conference has been closely monitoring health alerts and advisories of the coronavirus pandemic while in ongoing communication and reflection with our partners on the advisability of holding the 2020 Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies. At this time, we write with an update regarding this summer's Institute.

After discussing several considerations, in consultation with the Districts and the Lasallian Education Council, and out of an abundance of care and caution, we are canceling the 2020 Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. The health and well-being of all involved in the program (participants, faculty, staff and colleagues at Manhattan College) were at the forefront of this decision. Conscious of travel plans, we wanted to get this information to you in a timely matter. We regret the present health crisis requires a change in plans.

For those who are currently enrolled in the program, we look forward to you continuing your journey in Buttimer II or III, respectively, next summer in 2021. For those who were registering to begin your Buttimer journey, we look forward to welcoming you to the Buttimer community next summer following your updated registration. Registration will open in February 2021 for next summer's program.

For those who have registered to date, an email will come from Christian Brothers Conference outlining the registration refund process.

We continue to join with our Lasallian colleagues from around the world as Brother Superior Robert Schieler, FSC, invites us to "pray for all those suffering from this virus, those families who have lost loved ones and for the many doctors, nurses and first-responders putting their own health at risk."

We remain grateful for your ongoing support of the Buttimer Institute. Please be assured of our prayers for you, your families and ministry communities.

Peace,



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