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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)

March 30, 2020

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 Regional Brother John Johnston Institute of Contemporary Lasallian Practice session at Lewis University from July 13-17, 2020. At this time, we write with an update regarding this session.

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 postponing the 2020 Regional Johnston Institute session “Lasallian Vocation, Spirituality and Association.” The health and well-being of all involved in the program (participants, presenters, facilitators, staff and colleagues at Lewis University) 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.

In the near future, we will provide you with an update regarding the Cohort III curriculum and sessions. We appreciate your patience as we re-assess the curriculum. **To confirm, we will still have our online scheduled Zoom dialogues in April 2020.**

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 Johnston Institute. Please be assured of our prayers for you, your families and ministry communities.

Peace,



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