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ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA



ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THOSE SERVED

The Christian Brothers founded St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2010 to serve the educational needs of children living in the Mother Teresa Orphanage and the children in the Asko district and Burau Keta, Oromiya. While the school is open to the general public for a moderate fee, the children from the orphanage do not have to pay. St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic School currently serves more than 1,649 students, including 789 boys and 860 girls, ages five through 18 in kindergarten through secondary school. Additionally, 250 adults attend the evening school. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and finishes at 3:30 p.m. Tutorial classes are held from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Evening classes for adults take place 5:45–8:20 p.m. More than 65 teachers, including part-time teachers, serve the students. The average level of education of the teachers is a bachelor's degree. The school receives more than 800 applications each year, but can only admit approximately 300 new students.



MISSION AND VISION

The mission statement of St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic School is to provide a human and Christian education to less fortunate young Ethiopians so they can become respectful and loving to all humanity and to their country, according to the ministry which the Catholic Church entrusted to it. The school's vision is to integrate children who come from different races and denominations, who are economically poor and artisans, and who are in poor health.

St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic School sets high standards as an academic institution and hopes to serve as a positive role model for other schools in Ethiopia. The school aims to provide a quality education for all of its students, regardless of their academic abilities. For the past five years, all students in grades eight, 10 and 12 passed the Addis Ababa regional and Ethiopian national exams. The school hopes to build on its success to best serve its students academically and morally by providing professional development for teachers, and by improving and expanding its facilities, including addressing needs related to the library, science labs and school buses.





USE OF PREVIOUS DONATIONS AND URGENT NEEDS

The school has used recent twinning donations to buy desks for students and reference books. Its most urgent needs are to purchase more materials and chemicals for the science lab, LCD projectors and school buses. The school also hopes to buy instruments for the students' music club.



MESSAGE TO RELAN SCHOOLS

“Thank you very much for your kind cooperation,” wrote Brother Kassu McFantaye, FSC, principal. “The school community and I are very grateful and thankful for your fraternal support. We really value your gifts with great love.”

Brother Kassu also invites twin schools to visit St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic School and asks that schools in RELAN continue to support his school.



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