

# 2021 THEME EXPLANATION

## RISE TOGETHER FOR PEACE!

“Rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

-2 Corinthians 13:11

Hope is on the horizon. In some corners of the world, the end of the pandemic seems to be in sight as borders are beginning to open and restrictions are gradually being lifted. However, return to normal life across the globe remains uneven.

In the past year and a half, inequality manifested itself in various forms, across different contexts: unequal access to medical care, hunger, inaccessibility of education, and racial injustice, to name a few. COVID-19 has threatened peace at different levels in our personal and collective lives – ranging from politics, healthcare and economics. But all these changes sparked numerous conversations and movements, with young people at the forefront, paving the way for transformative social action.

Young Lasallians are invited to reflect on our current realities and to proactively respond to society’s ills. It is imperative for us to work together, leaving no one behind, in our pursuit of a better new normal.

The time we have spent in isolation has become a learning experience about how we can share our resources and take concrete steps, regardless of race, distance or creed. As we begin opening our borders, let us continue transcending the limits of time and space to build a better future: free from violence, hunger and injustice.