

Encountering Lasallian Spirituality: A Workshop and Retreat

Draft Schedule*

Sunday, February 11, 2024

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Arrivals and Registration

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Opening Mass

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:45 p.m. – Welcome Session: Brother Michael Phipps, FSC

Monday, February 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:30 - 11:15 a.m. – The Roots of Spirituality (Sessions 1 and 2)

Session 1: Why Spirituality?

Facilitator: Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC

Spirituality is a word and concept with deep existential roots, understood differently by a diversity of groups and individuals. During this session, the facilitator will provide a broad framework for spirituality, encouraging participants to reflect on spirituality as an integral facet of life.

Session 2: Personal Spirituality

Facilitator: TBD

Through the theme of discernment, participants will begin integrating the universal “why” discussed in the previous session with their personal spiritual journey. During this session, the facilitator will engage and provide space for participants to process their historical experiences of spirituality.

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Reflection Time

12:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – Siesta

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Session 3

Session 3: Lasallian Theology – Faith in the Presence of God

Facilitator: Brother William Mann, FSC

The writings and witness of John Baptist de La Salle are integral to Lasallian spirituality. During this session, participants will be led through the spiritual theme of faith in the presence of God, particularly how it appears in the life and writings of the Founder.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. – Mass

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Session 4

Session 4: Daily Synthesis

Following a synthesizing reflection, participants will have the opportunity to process the sessions of the day individually and in small groups.

8:30 - 9:00 p.m. – Night Prayer

9:00 p.m. – Social

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 p.m. – Morning Prayer

9:30 - 11:15 p.m. – Finding our Lasallian Spirituality (Sessions 5 and 6)

Session 5: Why Lasallian Spirituality?

Facilitator: Brother Robert Schieler, FSC

The Lasallian charism brings to the Church and world a unique flavor of spirituality steeped in the life and vocation of John Baptist de La Salle. During this session, participants will explore the connection between De La Salle's life and writings and how Lasallian spirituality is experienced today.

Session 6: Integrating Lasallian Spirituality

Facilitator: Christine Estes

Lasallian spirituality possesses an incarnational nature, expressed in the vocation of educator. During this session, participants will be led in thinking about what the integration and deepening of Lasallian spirituality in their individual lives looks like.

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Reflection Time

12:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – Siesta

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Session 7

Session 7: Lasallian Theology – Zeal for the Education of Young People

Facilitator: Dr. Mary Catherine Fox, AFSC

The writings and witness of John Baptist de La Salle are integral to Lasallian spirituality. During this session, participants will be led through the spiritual theme of zeal, particularly how it appears in the life and writings of the Founder.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. – Mass

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Session 8

Session 8: Daily Synthesis

Following a synthesizing reflection, participants will have the opportunity to process the sessions of the day individually and in small groups.

8:30 - 9:00 p.m. – Night Prayer

8:30 p.m. – Social

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Session 9

Session 9: Desert Day

Facilitator: Brother Dennis Galvin, FSC

Following a brief reflection, participants will have the opportunity to experience a Desert Day, a time of quiet contemplation, free of technology and other distractions, to continue processing the week. Participants will have access to numerous facets of spirituality, including art, iconography, written resources, physical symbols and nature.

12:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. – Siesta

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. – Session 10

Session 10: Reflection on Desert Day Experience

Facilitator: Brother Dennis Galvin, FSC

Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their Desert Day experience in small groups and with the whole group.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. – Closing Mass

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Closing Remarks

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Departures

*Schedule updated 9/15/2023. Schedule is subject to change.