

December 7, 2023

Dear Chief Administrators and District Leaders,

Advent greetings! We are pleased to provide you with registration materials for the 2024 Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators (LASSCA) Conference, February 25 – 28 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The 2024 conference theme is "Lifelong Lasallian Leaders: Reimagining Servant Leadership." Over the course of our time together in Orlando, the planning committee has scheduled speakers and activities that call us to reimagine servant leadership in a way that is rooted in Gospel values and centered in the person of Jesus. This servant leadership will help set vision and direction, inspiring a new model to lead and serve our educational communities.

Sunday evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by welcomes, a conference overview, the presentation of the Brother Michael Collins Award of Excellence and a welcome social.

On Monday morning, we will welcome keynote speaker Dr. Salome Thomas-EL, aka Principal EL, an award-winning principal and teacher, an internationally recognized speaker, and author/co-author of five best-selling books, including *Retention for a Change: Motivate, Inspire and Energize Your School Culture*. Principal EL is currently a K-8 school leader in Wilmington, Delaware, and speaks to groups around the world. Monday will also include District meetings and one round of concurrent breakout sessions.

Following the business meeting on Tuesday morning, we will welcome back Dr. Scott Sorvaag, dean of the School of Education at Winona State University, who spent 21 years at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Dr. Sorvaag will speak to his research of current needs in Lasallian leadership and will engage in a panel dialogue with current leaders surrounding the realities of Lasallian leadership in today's landscape. Tuesday will also provide the opportunity to gather for open forums and another round of concurrent breakout sessions.

On Wednesday morning, we are pleased to offer focus group discussions where participants will be able to dive deeper into conversations surrounding topics that speak to our role as secondary school chief administrators. Based on the positive feedback from the 2023 conference, we believe this format allows for productive conversations and sharing that can continue to grow and foster our association.

<u>Click here</u> to pay dues and register for this year's conference. **Payment will be collected via credit card at the time of registration**. Please <u>click here</u> for complete information on conference registration and <u>click here</u> to make your hotel reservations.

If you have questions, please contact Philip De Rita at <a href="mailto:pde-rita@cbconf.org">pde-rita@cbconf.org</a> or 202-529-0047 x110.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Christmas,

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