



Lasallian Spirituality Fellows

Christian Brothers Conference is launching a Lasallian Spirituality Fellows program that will begin September 2025. This program will invite Lasallians to deepen their knowledge of Lasallian Spirituality while engaging in three in-person sessions and 15 virtual sessions over 18 months. Lasallian spirituality will be presented as a ministerial journey of faith, in both a personal and a communal way. Participants will take on this journey as educators in Christ, guided by the spirit for the good of the world, particularly the young and the poor.

Qualifications

Potential participants will likely have:

- Some familiarity with the life story of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, his “Meditations,” and the “Explanation of the Method of Interior (Mental) Prayer,” with preference to those who completed the Buttmer Institute of Lasallian Studies or another appropriate formation program.
- Some understanding of Catholic theology, with preference to those who have studied theology, spirituality or other similar disciplines at the masters level or above.
- Some understanding of oneself as being a “pilgrim” on a spiritual journey, with preference to those who have experience in spiritual direction or pastoral counseling.
- Willingness to help (a) with disseminating Lasallian spirituality especially on the local level or (b) with enriching Lasallian scholarship by the production, publication or preparation of new resource materials expected.

Goals and Curriculum

Participants will be expected to actively participate in discussions, which will include committing to completing all readings in advance, coming prepared for conversations, and having something to contribute to share. Participants will also submit short reflection essays after every session.

The goals of this program are personal, communal and ministerial. The individual will gain a deeper understanding of Lasallian spirituality through readings and discussion on the Gospel journey of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, redemption and salvation, the mystical vision of Saint Paul, and 17th-century French spirituality. Participants will explore the seminal writings of Brothers Michel Sauvage and Miguel Campos, and others, while considering the opportunities and challenges in articulating an understanding of Lasallian spirituality in the 21st century. The community will be formed to foster a sense of collaboration and shared ministry between and among emerging and more experienced Lasallian scholars. Participants will be expected to contribute to the Church, the Institute, and Lasallian ministries by exploring potential opportunities to serve as formators, presenters and authors, particularly in identified areas of local formation around Lasallian spirituality and contributing to Lasallian scholarship.

Key Dates

The inaugural group will be led by Brother William Mann, FSC, D.Min. Applications are due by May 15, 2025, and applicants will be notified of their status by June 2, 2025. The program will begin with an in-person session in September 2025. Subsequent in-person sessions will be in June 2026 and February 2027. Fellows will participate in a Zoom orientation that will be held in August 2025.

Cost

There will be no cost to participants. Participants or ministries will be expected to cover the travel cost to the three in-person sessions.

Questions?

Any questions on the program may be directed to Sarah Laitinen at slaininen@cbconf.org.

A Lasallian Pedagogy Fellows program will begin in September 2026. More details to come.

Application details are available here.