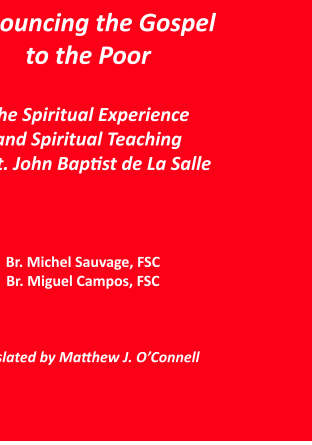
RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

# Announcing the Gospel to the Poor

## The Spiritual Experience and Spiritual Teaching of St. John Baptist de La Salle




*Announcing the Gospel to the Poor: The Spiritual Experience and Spiritual Teaching of St. John Baptist de La Salle,* written by Brothers Miguel Campos and Michel Sauvage, FSC, in 1976, offers a practical journey through the spirituality of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Considered a seminal text for those wishing to better understand De La Salle's personal spirituality, *Announcing the Gospel* invites us into the mind of the Founder, pulling from his words and the experiences of the first Brothers, providing thematic links connecting faith formation and education.

From the authors: "De La Salle's spiritual teaching was worked out entirely in terms of the Brothers and for their spiritual formation. He does not offer us an abstract, deductive 'spirituality.' His point of departure is the life of his disciples. … The essential source of Lasallian spirituality is actual experience and sacred Scripture as a unity."

In *Announcing the Gospel to the Poor*, we find a direct link to De La Salle. Brothers Miguel and Michel humanize the Founder's personal spirituality, placing it in a contemporary context, providing us with a detailed framework for engaging our own spiritual development.

Read *Announcing the Gospel to the Poor: The Spiritual Experience and Spiritual Teaching of St. John Baptist de La Salle*

The reflection questions below cater to the personal, introspective journey, providing direction for interior prayer and meditation. The dialogue prompts below offer questions, inspired by the three parts of *Announcing the Gospel to the Poor*, designed for small and large group discussions.

## Reflection Questions

- What resonates with me from this document?
- What challenges me from this document?
- What questions do I have from reading this document?
- How am I being called to respond?

## Dialogue Prompts

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| Chapter 1 | How do we stay attentive to the call of God in our lives? What place does ongoing discernment have in our spiritual growth? |
| Chapters 2 and 3 | What forms of poverty are present in our ministries and our world today? How do we continue to discover and engage with the ever-expanding peripheries of our local and global contexts? |
| Chapters 4 and 5 | How do we rely on Providence to guide and sustain our spiritual and ministerial zeal? How do we foster greater unity in our communities? |
| Conclusion: The Call to Constant Renewal in the Spirit | Where and when do we take opportunities to renew our spirit? What practices and activities connect and reconnect |

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