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Dear Brothers, Lasallian Partners, and Members of our School Communities,

Grace and peace of Christ be with you. As the Brother Visitors of the United States, we write to you with hearts full of gratitude and hope. For decades, our Region has been blessed by participating in Twinning, a concrete way of uniting our schools with ministries in need, particularly in the developing world.

Thousands of young people, educators and Brothers have discovered through this program that we are indeed one family, bound by a common baptism and a shared Lasallian mission.

Today, as the Lasallian family takes up the vision of 1 La Salle under the leadership of Brother Superior General Armin Luistro, FSC, we discern the call to tether our efforts of solidarity to this wider initiative. This is not a departure from our commitments but a deepening of them. It is a renewal inviting us to broaden our imagination and engage more intentionally for the sake of the whole Lasallian world.

We first wish to give thanks. Twinning has borne many fruits. Countless schools have prayed for one another, shared stories across borders, and raised resources for education in contexts of poverty. This has not only provided vital support for our brothers and sisters abroad; it has also shaped our students, awakening them to the Gospel truth that “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40).

Yet the Spirit calls us to read the signs of the times. The needs of our world are evolving. The structures of our Institute are becoming more interconnected. We recognize the moment to expand beyond the limits of one-to-one Twinning and move into a global vision of shared mission.

The Vision of 1 La Salle

The 1 La Salle Campaign emerges as a worldwide initiative of education, engagement and sharing of resources. Its purpose is simple and profound: to unite Lasallians everywhere in one common effort for the sake of the poor and vulnerable, so that no child is left behind.

For our Region, this means shifting our energy from individual twinning relationships to the broader 1 La Salle framework. Schools will be invited not only to give but to learn about the realities of Lasallian education in other parts of the world and the shared hope that animates our mission. Fundraising will remain a vital component, but it will now be part of a coordinated, global effort that strengthens our common witness.

This decision flows from the heart of Catholic social teaching. The principles of human dignity, solidarity and the preferential option for the poor remind us that our commitments cannot be parochial. Pope Leo XIV calls us to “live as children of one human family,” building a culture of encounter. The shift to 1 La Salle helps us embody this universal solidarity, reminding us that our mission extends beyond the walls of our own institutions and across every border.

The charism of De La Salle calls us to see Christ in the faces of young people, especially those on the margins. Brother Armin has urged us to rediscover this spirit for our own time: to become “mystics of encounter,” to align our resources with the cries of the poor and the dreams of the young. The movement from Twinning to 1 La Salle is not simply organizational but charismatic: a deepening of our fidelity to the spirit of the Founder, who adapted in times of change to meet the urgent needs of youth.

Following the Gospel of Christ

This transition is Gospel-centered. Jesus calls us to bear fruit that will last (Jn 15:16), to love one another as he has loved us (Jn 13:34), and to proclaim good news to the poor (Lk 4:18). Our solidarity is not philanthropy alone but discipleship. It is a living out of our baptismal call to be Christ’s body in the world.

In this moment, we are invited to renew our sense of mission, to teach our students that faith is inseparable from justice, and that to follow Christ is to walk with the poor. What will this look like in practice? Schools will be invited to learn more about 1 La Salle through student engagement opportunities that reach across the region and beyond. Formation resources focused on Gospel values, Catholic social teaching, and Lasallian heritage will be available for classrooms and clubs.

In partnership with the La Salle International Foundation and La Salle Foundation in Rome, fundraising will be encouraged and will be equitably distributed where the needs are greatest. Preliminary programming will begin in January 2026, with an official launch in the 26-27 school year. Ms. Emily Vogel, a longtime Lasallian from Chicago, has joined the Regional office staff to support these activities. She will be in touch soon with a survey and program details.

An Invitation to Hope

We invite you to see this as a moment of hope. The Holy Spirit is guiding us into deeper communion as a global Lasallian family. Just as the early Christian communities shared “everything in common” so that “there was not a needy person among them” (Acts 4:32, 34), so too are we invited to live this radical solidarity in our own time.

We give thanks for all that has been accomplished through Twinning. As we transform our international support, we entrust ourselves to God’s Spirit and to the intercession of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. May this new initiative form our young people into disciples of Jesus, awaken our communities to the cries of the poor, and draw us ever deeper into the love of God who makes us one.

Be assured of our prayers for you, and may the Lord bless this next chapter of our mission.

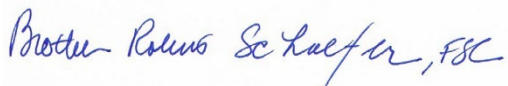
Fraternally in Christ,



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