



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

We look forward to welcoming you to Cohort VI of the Brother John Johnston Institute of Contemporary Lasallian Practice beginning in July 2026. Your participation in this formation program will deepen your understanding of De La Salle's story and vision, Lasallian pedagogy, the Lasallian promotion of justice and Lasallian spirituality, while using contemporary texts to inform and influence current and future Lasallian practice. What follows is important information as you prepare for an outstanding professional and personal formation experience.

EXPECTATIONS

The Johnston Institute is a learning and spiritual community in which participants grow and support one another not only in their District cohort, but also in the larger Regional Johnston community. **Attendance in class, prayer services and socials are expected.** Your attendance in all activities is essential to your Johnston experience and supports members of your group, as well as members of the entire Johnston Institute. Please reference [this sheet of sites and dates for Johnston sessions](#) to assist in planning your calendar and travel itineraries. ***Please review the dates of all sessions and make necessary changes to your schedule to ensure that you do not miss any sessions. It is mandatory to attend ALL sessions.***

THE JOHNSTON COHORT VI PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Participants will gather in person at four District sessions and two Regional sessions. There will also be opportunities to learn online through three facilitated dialogues via Zoom. Much of the in-person sessions will involve lectures and small and large group discussions, with time for reading, reflection and prayer. An important dimension of the Johnston Institute experience is the community we will build with one another. We will achieve this by being present to one another throughout the entire experience. There will be many opportunities to enjoy each other's company at meals and socials.

The 2026 summer session will begin in the late afternoon on Monday, July 13 and will conclude no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Great care has been taken to select the faculty and staff to guide and assist you and your colleagues as you begin your journey with the Johnston Institute. As we take up the theme of the July Johnston Institute session, "**The Founding Story and Vision,**" our presenters will be: **Dr. Mary Catherine Fox, AFSC**, professor emerita, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota; **Sarah Laitinen**, director of education and formation, Christian Brothers Conference in Romeoville, Illinois; and **Dr. Kurt Schackmuth**, vice president for student life and chief mission officer at Lewis University.

ATTIRE

Attire for the Johnston Institute is casual and informal. Check the weather to pack appropriately for the forecasted temperature.

HOUSING

Lodging is included in the registration fee for the Johnston Institute. Participants will primarily stay on college campuses and at retreat centers, which do not offer accommodations like hotels. Linens and towels will be provided; soap and other personal amenities will not be provided. Please be mindful of this when packing for each session. While participants will have individual sleeping rooms, please keep in mind that there may be occasions when shared, same-gender bathrooms are necessary (i.e., suite-style housing or communal bathrooms in some retreat centers). The Shawnee Inn, one DENA location, is the only site that offers hotel-like amenities.

Please keep noise to a minimum and be respectful of others, especially at night and after socials. Loud noise may disturb others who might be reading for class, enjoying quiet time or sleeping.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM LEWIS UNIVERSITY

Prior to each District and Regional session, participants will receive a mailing that includes program and logistical information regarding each session. In May 2026, registered participants will be sent detailed information for July's opening Regional session, including travel plans to Lewis University.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONFERENCE POLICIES

Participants will be asked on the registration form to acknowledge and agree to the conditions of the following policies:

Travel

All travel arrangements and costs, including airfare, train, bus and/or other ground transportation costs, are the sole responsibility of the participant.

Photography/Video

By attending the Johnston Institute and its events, participants understand and agree that their image may be captured by Christian Brothers Conference and used without compensation in photographs, videos, motion pictures or other recordings or record of the event that contains the image for any purpose, including for future advertising of the Johnston Institute.

Registration Cancellation

No participant is registered until Christian Brothers Conference has received an online registration form and full payment.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Christian Brothers Conference will grant refunds for registration cancellations received before Wednesday, May 27, 2026, less a \$50.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. No refunds will be granted after May 27, 2026. Cancellation notices must be in writing and sent to Rebecca Mackisey at rmackisey@cbconf.org. Refunds for incorrect or duplicate registrations will be granted, less a \$50.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee.

QUESTIONS

The Johnston Institute is a program of Christian Brothers Conference, and we are happy to help you prepare for this experience. If you have questions regarding this information or any other aspect of the Johnston Institute, please feel free to contact Rebecca Mackisey, assistant director of education and formation, at 202-529-0047 x110.
