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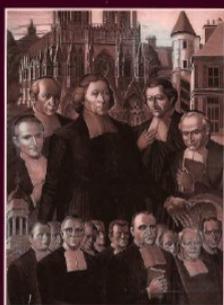
Dear friends, welcome to Issue Four of "The Messenger" for 2015. We continue with our Lasallian Professional Reading and "The Work is Yours". This is the final issue in this series that has focussed on the excellent biography of De La Salle by Br. Luke Salm. Our June issue will begin a new series focusing on the 12 Virtues of a Good Teacher by request and the second page contained here serves as an introduction.

Answering our last lot of discussion questions from Issue Three: DLS's final words of advice to his Brothers were to be loyal to the Church, have a love for prayer and Holy Communion, be zealous and generous in service, and be obedient to superiors as a support for the community. Blain described DLS's physical appearance as standing a little above average height and solidly built. A wide forehead and prominent nose and two large beautiful eyes, nearly blue, making up an arresting countenance. Gentle agreeable features and a strong and distinct voice. The person who led the institute with vigour up until 1751 was Brother Timothee, a role he successfully filled for 31 years until his death. The Bull of Approbation was received by the Brothers on January 26th 1725. This was a monumental occasion as the Bull was the official recognition by the Papacy of the Brothers and the institute.



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The Life of
Saint John Baptist de La Salle



Luke Salm, FSC
Second Edition

Issue 5: The 12 Virtues of a Good Teacher -

Live Jesus in our hearts

Mr. Kane Raukura (Chairperson - NZMAC)

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"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve." 1 Peter 5:2



IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF

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THE 12 VIRTUES OF A GOOD
TEACHER

BY BROTHER AGATHON

In 1706, John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of teachers, listed twelve virtues of a good teacher in his *Conduct of the Christian Schools*.

In 1785, Brother Agathon, the fifth superior general of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, reissued the list in a much longer letter titled *The Twelve Virtues of a Good Teacher*.

His letter was widely distributed for many years, and even up until the 1930s, a number of Catholic colleges used it as a text in education classes.

The next series of “The Messenger” will focus on each of these 12 Virtues and will aim to:

- Explain each
- Give examples
- Provide a prayer reflection on the virtue
- Provide resources for reflection and discussion

To get you started, the following link will take you to a wonderful introduction of the virtues.

<https://prezi.com/5kc-gxlpkicy/the-12-virtues-of-a-good-teacher/>

DIGNITY
CALMNESS
HUMILITY
PRUDENCE
WISDOM
PATIENCE
SELF-CONTROL
GENTLENESS
ZEAL
VIGILANCE
PRAYERFULNESS
GENEROSITY