1. In what year was John Baptist de La Salle born?

* John Baptist de La Salle was born in 1651.

1. Where and in what century did John Baptist de La Salle live?

* John Baptist de La Salle lived in the 17th century and he dwelled in the famous city in Northern France, Rheims.

1. From what socio-economic status did De la Salle come?

* John Baptist de La Salle was on the higher end of the spectrum, in terms of class. For example, his family was quite rich in comparison to the majority of the people.

1. What is tonsure?

* Tonsure is a religious ceremony in which a boy at the age of 11 has his hair cut of at the top of his head, symbolizing that the young man is destined to be a priest.

1. Describe de La Salle’s education.

* His education was not very diverse, he went through elementary, middle, high school, and parts of college all at the same school, *College des Bons Enfants.* He eventually graduated from the University of Rheims, which was really an extension of *College des Bons Enfants.*

1. Describe what happened to de La Salle’s family while he was in his 20’s.

* His family suffered a tragic loss while de La Salle was in his 20’s. His mother and father died within a year of each other. As a result, de La Salle became the head of the family and the one to look over his younger siblings, however, he was still a minor, so he couldn’t legally be their guardian.

1. Who is Adrien Nyel? Explain his significance in de La Salle’s life.

* Adrien Nyel came to John Baptist de La Salle as a messenger from the city of Rouen for the Sisters that de La Salle was with. Later, as the two spent time together, their relationship grew closer and they became good friends. De La Salle said that Nyel was “the principle person through whom God helped me see what I had to do with my life.” That is how much Adrien Nyel impacted John Baptist de La Salle’s life from that time forward.

1. What did de La Salle start in 1680?

* In 1680, John Baptist de La Salle created the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. That was one of the biggest years of his career, yet, he said that it really took a series of events and multiple years to accomplish this feat, but we all know that this was the year that really took off for him and the future of the institute.

1. What type of garb or clothing distinguishes the Christian Brothers from priests?

* The name of the unique clothing that distinguished the Brothers from all others is unknown, but it was very outgoing. In fact it was so outgoing that people made fun of them in the streets.

1. Explain why the Christian Brothers are called the “Apostles of the Catechism”?

* When people who were in Rheims heard that he had an exceptional lineup of teachers, they all wanted to be accepted into the schools that de La Salle opened near Rheims. During that period people began to realize that de La Salle’s schools excelled at teaching religion. Two centuries later, Pope Pius x officially named them the “Apostles of the Catechism.”

1. Where did de La Salle first open schools?

* He first opened his schools in his hometown, Rheims.

1. Name three elements of a Christian Brothers school that were different from the schools of that time period.

* One element that made the Brothers schools different from all others was the fact that his schools were expanding internationally. It all started in France. One in Rome to show gratitude towards the Pope and many others to come afterwards. Another aspect that is sometimes overlooked is that of a good teacher. He made sure that all of them were well-qualified, well-mannered, committed, and much more. I do not believe that this was the case with most of the schools in that time period. Lastly, what makes these schools stand out from others is the consideration for the teacher’s well-being. De La Salle always tried to locate the big city, with a larger population than others. Therefore, the Brothers won’t become lonely or feel like a recluse when it is really only the lack of people around them.

1. What is the name of the book that de La Salle wrote for retreats?

* The book de La Salle wrote for his Brother’s retreats is named *Meditations for the Time of Retreat*.

1. In what year did de La Salle die?

* Everyone reported that the year of John Baptist de La Salle’s death was 1719 at the age of 68

1. What is the password of the Christian Brothers community?

* The password of the Christian Brothers community is “Live, Jesus, in our hearts.”

1. De La Salle is the patron of what group of people?

* Pope Pius XII named John Baptist de La Salle Patron of all Teachers because of his the Brothers’/teachers’ work in the institute for all of those long years.