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# UNIVERSIDAD LA SALLE TEACHERS' FORUM MEXICO CITY

*Three Touchstones To Identity*

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**There is no universally applicable Lasallian solution.**



**Universidad La Salle in México City,**



**Universidad De La Salle Bajío in León**

**and**



**La Salle University Philadelphia**



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**However, we know that in our hemisphere there exists the persistent scourge of injustice: the unbroken cycle of poverty for many of our people; the devastation of indigenous people and their culture, and ingrained political corruption.**





He left as his legacy a new type of **school system** for the elementary **education of the poor**, a new set of standards that would transform teaching school into a profession and a vocation, a new community of **consecrated lay teachers**, as a **new form of religious life** in the Church.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Salm, Luke, FSC. Is the Lasallian University an Oxymoron? Paper delivered at Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN, March 17, 1998.





“According to the **UNESCO** report prepared for the 2009 **World Conference on Higher Education**, tertiary education is being influenced by five main factors: the impact of globalization, the phenomenon of massification, increasing inequalities access, increasing student mobility and information and communication technologies.”<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Caniglia, Mattia. The Challenges of Higher Education in the 21st Century, Bullseye- Magazine, <http://www.bullseye-magazine.eu/issues/>, no. 69, 7 October 2017.





**La Salle Campus**  
**Universitat Ramon Llull in Barcelona**

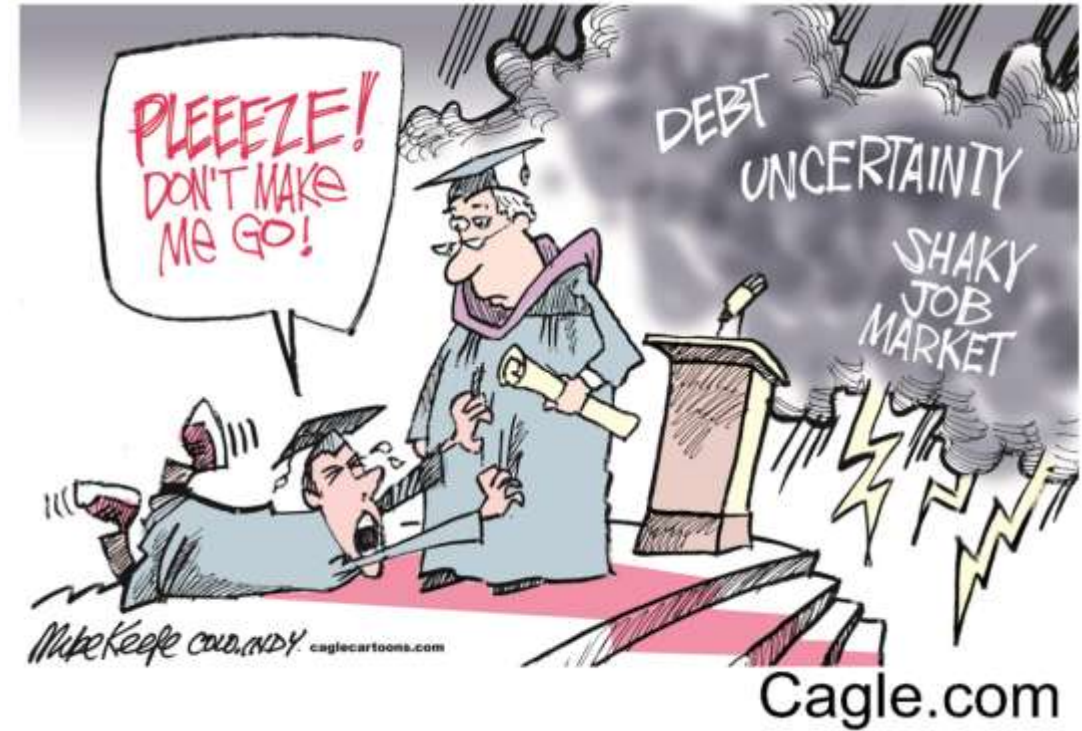


**CELAF**  
**Centre Lasallien Africain**



International research shows the curricula of Catholic secondary schools are increasingly becoming dominated by the pressures of conforming to the requirements of the nation states.

These requirements are generally expressed in economic and utilitarian terms and evaluated by criteria of measurable outputs.





Fabians used to call

**Brain Workers**



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The centers of higher education that you represent are important members of the world-wide **Lasallian Family** where every day

**1.000.000**

Students

gather to share the joy of the Gospel – solidarity, respect, mercy and justice - in a first class educational environment.

Approximately

**200,000**

Lasallians

are enrolled in our communities of tertiary education; almost one fifth of our total student population.

**“Catholic and Lasallian”**  
is what unites us.

**79**

Countries

**3,600**


Brothers

**90,000**

Partners



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A person with brown hair tied in a bun, wearing glasses and a grey t-shirt, is seen from behind, sitting in a church pew. Their hands are clasped in prayer. The t-shirt has the text "Let us remember..." printed on the back. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm light source illuminating the person and the wooden pew.

**The Presence of God**

**La presencia de Dios**

**La présence de Dieu**





**With Gerard Manley Hopkins,  
we should inspire our  
students to delight in the  
grandeur of God revealed  
through creation**

**Como dice Gerard Manley  
Hopkins, debemos inspirar a  
nuestros estudiantes a  
deleitar la grandeza de Dios  
revelada a través  
de la creación**

**Avec Gerard Manley  
Hopkins, nous devrions  
inspirer nos élèves à se  
délecter de la grandeur de  
Dieu révélée dans la création**



Our centers of higher education can invite Lasallians to strap on backpacks and joyfully serve Syrian refugees in the name of God at our **Fratelli Project** in Lebanon or teach children in the name of God in **South Sudan**.





The tangible sense of God's presence felt on the **campus in Bethlehem** springs from our conviction that all persons – no exceptions – are the image and likeness of God



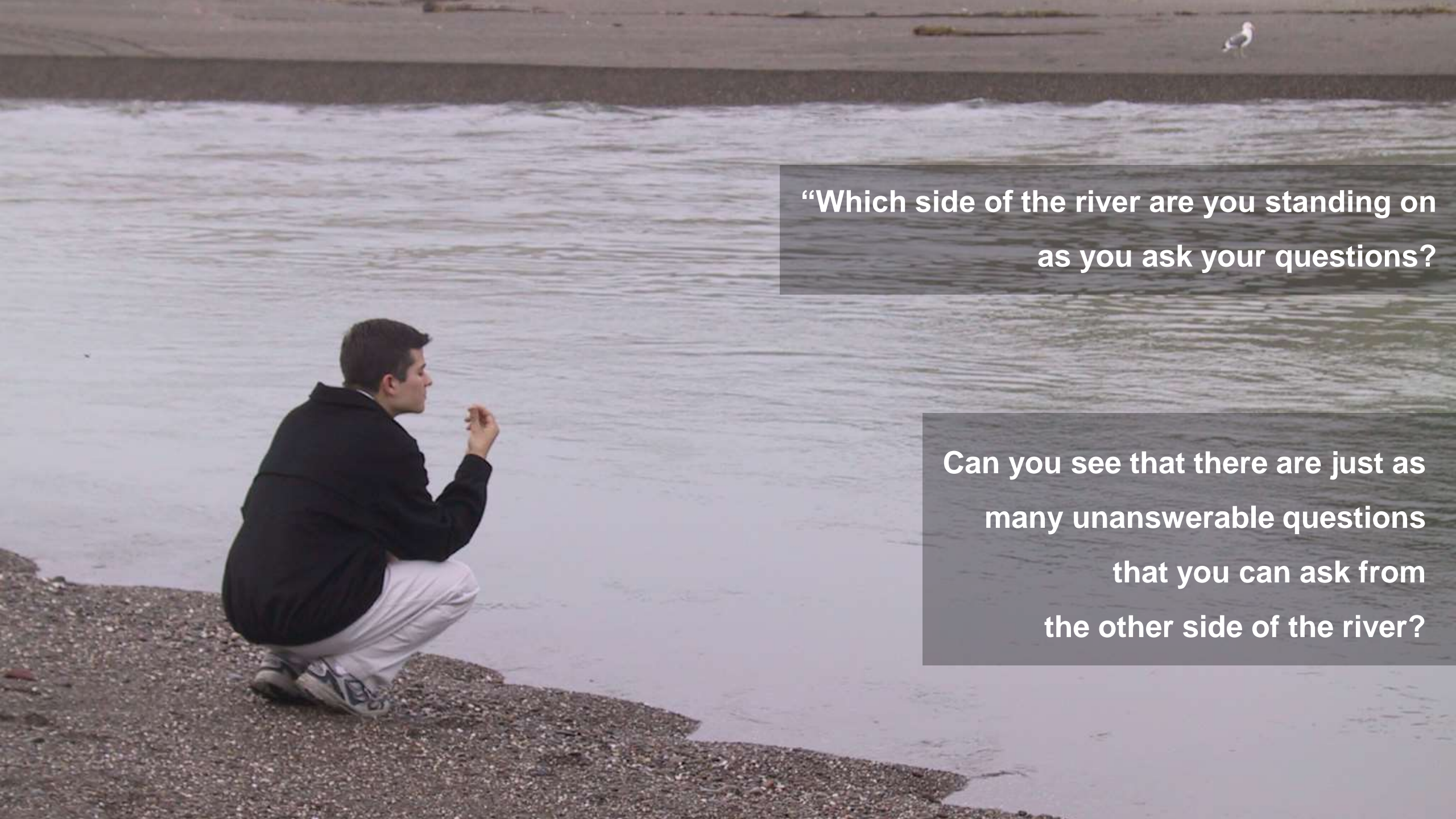


Referring to new modes of virtual presence as a means of personal encounter, I note that “Perhaps the most positive educational implication of all of this, for the Catholic educator, is the capacity of the new digital media to create new communities by responding to the human need for relationship and participation.”<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Hopkins, Gerard Manley, <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44395/gods-grandeur>.





**“Which side of the river are you standing on  
as you ask your questions?”**

**Can you see that there are just as  
many unanswerable questions  
that you can ask from  
the other side of the river?**

**The Second Touchstone:**

**Segundo hito:**

**La deuxième pierre de touche :**



**Community  
Comunidad  
Communauté**



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**We are disciples of  
Jesus Christ and  
John Baptist de La Salle,  
two attractive and provocative  
personalities who move us to  
procure the wellbeing of all  
those entrusted to our care.**







The third Touchstone:

**Service**

Tercer hito:

**Servicio**

LA troisième pierre

de touche:

**Service**



**Educación** para la participación y el compromiso político. La política necesita urgentemente nuevos aires, una nueva generación de políticos que realmente se preocupen por el bienestar de las personas.

**Educación** para involucrarse en discusiones sociales esenciales con respecto a la ética, la protección ambiental, la salud y la nutrición.

**Educación** para el uso adecuado de la tecnología, atención especial a la potencial de la manipulación de las redes sociales para crear noticias falsas, verdades parciales y opiniones enmascaradas como hechos.







# 2018


**Junio**  
 Reflexión 4 (2018-2019):  
 "Nuestros corazones arden en nuestro interior". Compartiendo los recursos de las Liturgias de Apertura con los Distritos


**Septiembre**  
 Publicación de la biografía popular de san Juan Bautista de La Salle


**Noviembre**  
 Sesión del CIL sobre Pastoral Juvenil y Vocacional en Nairobi, Kenia  
 19-23 5-16  
 Encuentro sobre la Pastoral de Vocaciones en Nairobi, Kenia.


**Noviembre - Diciembre**  
 En la fiesta de Cristo Rey o al inicio del adviento  
 Apertura de liturgias conmemorativas #300LaSalle  
 \*Cada Distrito decide su fecha específica



# CALENDARIO

DE LA SALLE 1719 - 2019

**UN CORAZÓN, UN COMPROMISO, UNA VIDA**

Tricentenario de la entrada a la Casa del Padre de nuestro Santo Fundador



Cada Distrito, cada escuela, cada universidad, cada obra lasaliana puede organizar las eucarestias, reuniones, celebraciones, encuentros de jóvenes, maestros o antiguos alumnos, etc., para conmemorar estos 300 años de una historia que seguimos construyendo juntos.

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# 2019

**Enero**  
 Asamblea de Jóvenes Lasalianos antes de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud (Enero 22-27) en Panamá.  
 Publicación de la Nueva iconografía lasaliana.

**Marzo**  
 Congreso internacional de educación, México City, México.

**Abril**  
 Celebración de la muerte del Santo Fundador.  
 Misa solemne en Ruan, Francia.  
 Fecha de nacimiento de La Salle.  
 Misa solemne en Reims, Francia

**Mayo**  
 Taller sobre la Fidelidad creativa en Roma, Italia  
 Misa solemne en Roma, Italia

**Noviembre - Diciembre**  
 En la fiesta de Cristo Rey o a principios del adviento  
 Cierre del #300LaSalle.  
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# 2019

## Year of Lasallian Vocations




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# Thank you | Gracias | Merci

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