

***Lasallian Community:  
Our Future  
2022-2023***

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***Let us Remember we are in the Holy Presence of God... And let us Adore Him!***

***Opening Prayer:***

*Leader:* Loving God, we come together today as a Lasallian Community called to the service of your Mission by transforming the world through education.

As we continue to reflect on and build our Lasallian Communities help us be mindful that all our efforts to serve the young people entrusted to our care are made possible because we act as a community.



Inspire our action through love of You and help us to see all challenges, opportunities, struggles, hopes, joys and sorrows this year with the eyes of Faith and with the Spirit of Zeal just as our Holy Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and the early Brothers did over three centuries ago.

Help us to enter this year with grateful hearts mindful that our first and most important responsibility is to love one another as You have loved us. Amen.



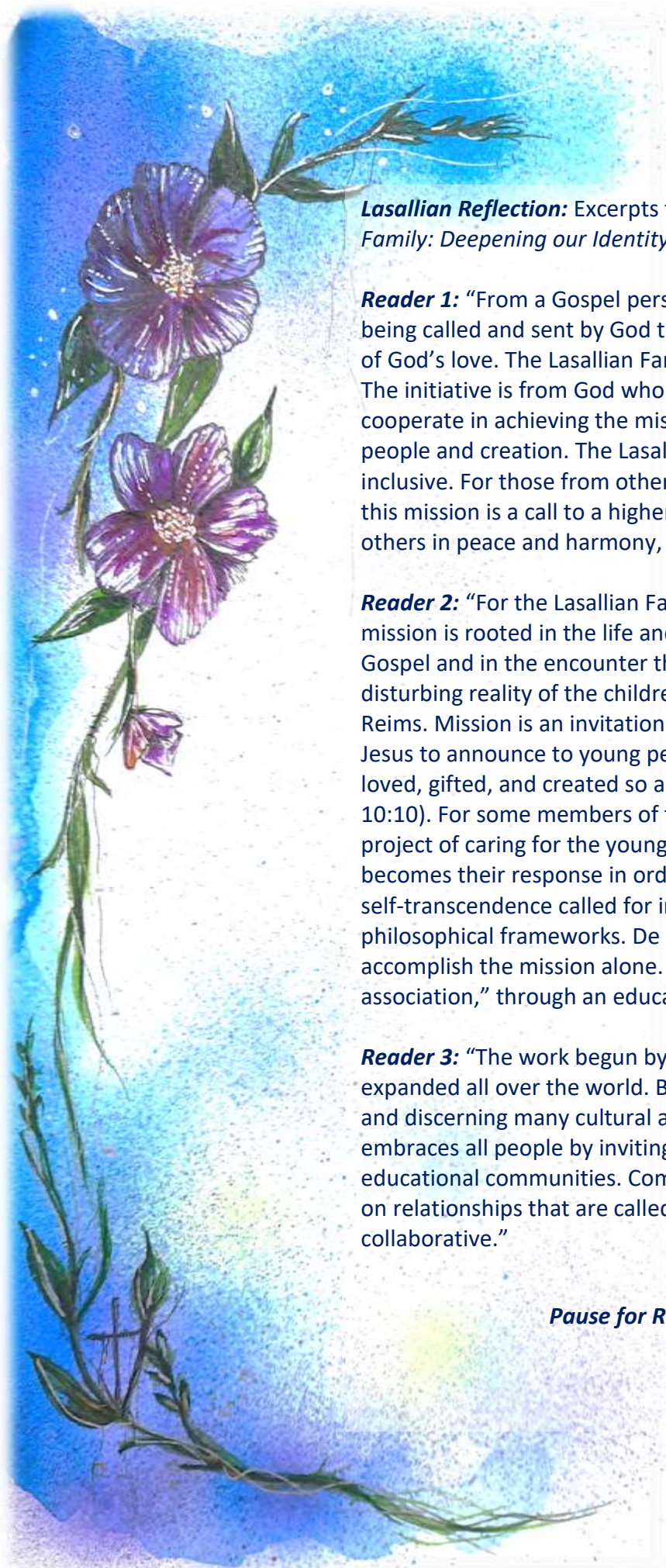
**Reading: Philippians 1:3-11**

**Thanksgiving and Prayer**

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.



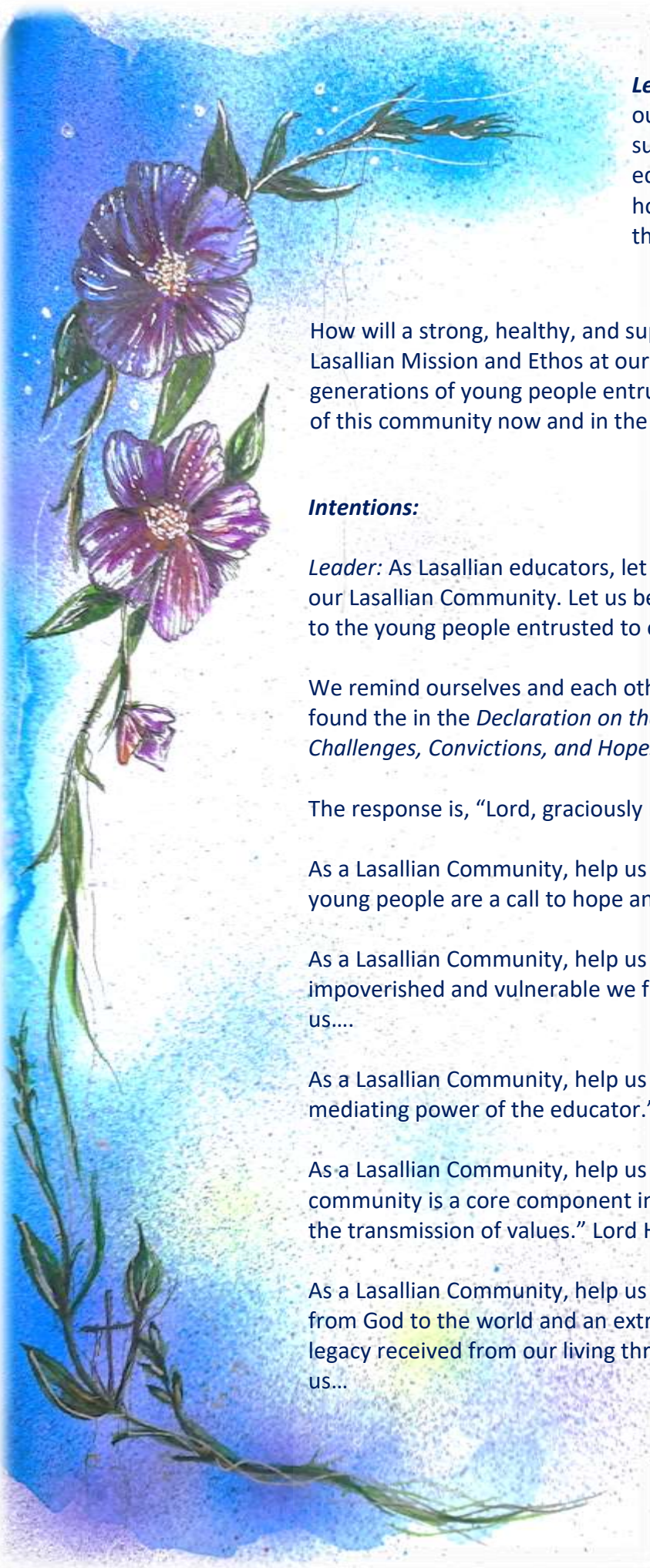
**Lasallian Reflection:** Excerpts from *A Conversation for the Lasallian Family: Deepening our Identity*. CIAMEL. Rome 2019.

**Reader 1:** “From a Gospel perspective, mission is the experience of being called and sent by God to be and to announce the Good News of God’s love. The Lasallian Family is an instrument of that mission. The initiative is from God who gathers and sends a community to cooperate in achieving the mission to communicate God’s love for all people and creation. The Lasallian invitation to mission is open and inclusive. For those from other faith traditions and philosophies of life, this mission is a call to a higher form of self-transcendence; to live for others in peace and harmony, and to be respectful of all creation.”

**Reader 2:** “For the Lasallian Family, the foundation and history of the mission is rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus as shared in the Gospel and in the encounter the Founder had with Jesus in the disturbing reality of the children living in poverty on the streets of Reims. Mission is an invitation into a community of co-workers with Jesus to announce to young people the Good News that they are loved, gifted, and created so as to have a full and abundant life (John 10:10). For some members of the Lasallian Family, the Founder’s project of caring for the young and the poor through education becomes their response in order to foster their own potential and self-transcendence called for in various faith traditions and philosophical frameworks. De La Salle realized that no individual can accomplish the mission alone. It is possible “together and by association,” through an educational and faith-filled community.”

**Reader 3:** “The work begun by De La Salle and the first Brothers has expanded all over the world. By reflecting on the signs of the times and discerning many cultural and religious contexts, the mission embraces all people by inviting them into dynamic and transformative educational communities. Community in the Lasallian Family is based on relationships that are called to be less hierarchical and more collaborative.”

***Pause for Reflection and Sharing***



**Leader:** Take a moment to reflect on how our Lasallian Educational Community has supported you in your journey as an educator? If you are new to the school, how can the community here support you this year?

How will a strong, healthy, and supportive Lasallian Community ensure the Lasallian Mission and Ethos at our school will be guaranteed for future generations of young people entrusted to our care? How will we take care of this community now and in the future?

**Intentions:**

**Leader:** As Lasallian educators, let us commit to fostering and caring for our Lasallian Community. Let us be radically available to each other and to the young people entrusted to our care.

We remind ourselves and each other of the commitments we work for found in the *Declaration on the Lasallian Educational Mission: Challenges, Convictions, and Hopes* as we bring our intentions to God.

The response is, “Lord, graciously hear us.”

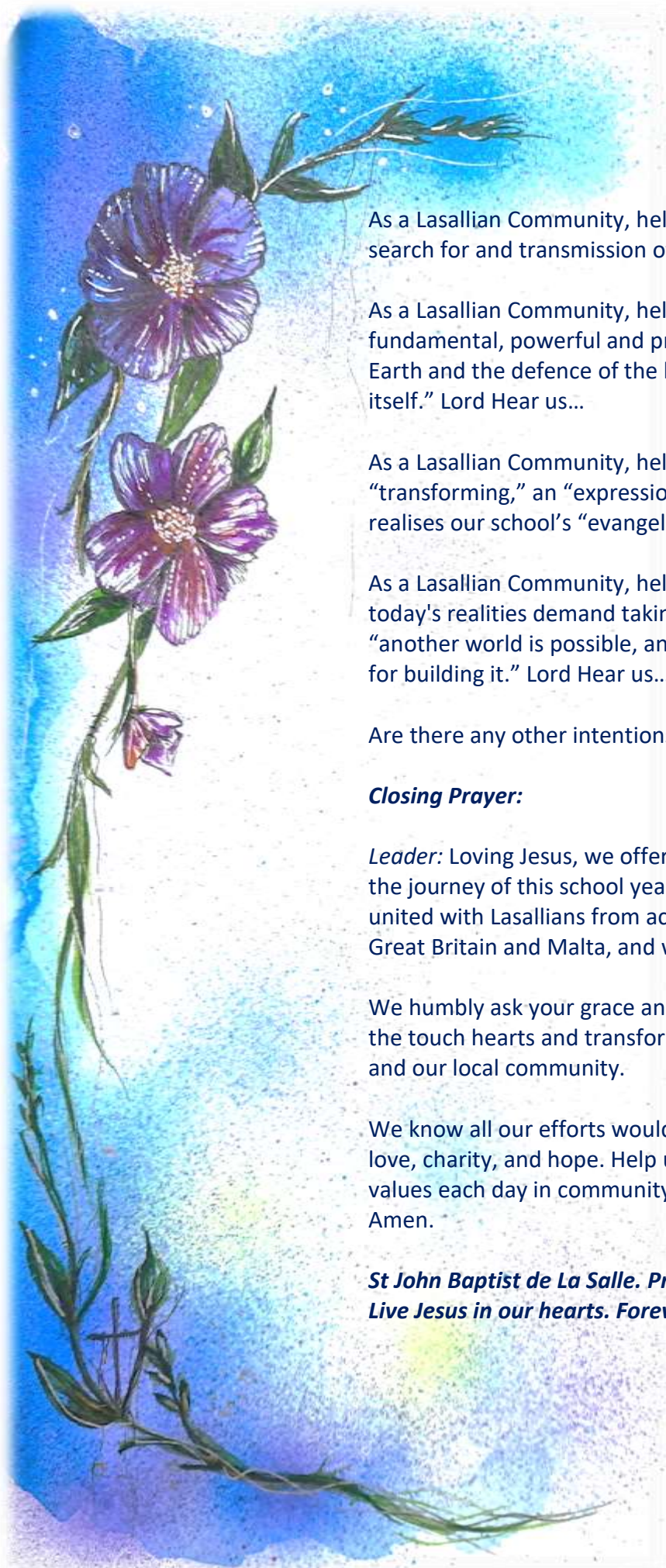
As a Lasallian Community, help us “firmly believe that children and young people are a call to hope and commitment.” Lord Hear us....

As a Lasallian Community, help us to see that “in the faces of the impoverished and vulnerable we find God's saving power.” Lord Hear us....

As a Lasallian Community, help us “believe in the inspiring and mediating power of the educator.” Lord Hear us....

As a Lasallian Community, help us “believe that the educational community is a core component in the building up of the person and the transmission of values.” Lord Hear us....

As a Lasallian Community, help us foster Lasallian Association as “a gift from God to the world and an extraordinary means to continue the legacy received from our living three-hundred year heritage.” Lord Hear us...



As a Lasallian Community, help us be educators that “make possible the search for and transmission of the truth.” Lord Hear us...

As a Lasallian Community, help us provide an education that “is a fundamental, powerful and productive resource for the care of the Earth and the defence of the habitat where life can flourish and sustain itself.” Lord Hear us...

As a Lasallian Community, help us work for a Lasallian education that is “transforming,” an “expression of Christian humanism,” and fully realises our school’s “evangelizing power.” Lord Hear us...

As a Lasallian Community, help us to be educators that “believe that today's realities demand taking risks and being creative,” and that “another world is possible, and that education is a fundamental force for building it.” Lord Hear us...

Are there any other intentions? Lord Hear us...

***Closing Prayer:***

*Leader:* Loving Jesus, we offer you our best hopes and fears as we begin the journey of this school year together, as one Lasallian Community, united with Lasallians from across our country, our District of Ireland, Great Britain and Malta, and with Lasallians from across the globe.

We humbly ask your grace and wisdom to guide our community to best the touch hearts and transform the lives of our students, their families, and our local community.

We know all our efforts would not bear fruit without your example of love, charity, and hope. Help us live these values, and our Lasallian values each day in community for the future of Your Mission. Amen.

***St John Baptist de La Salle. Pray for us!  
Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!***

