



CONGREGATIO
PRO RELIGIOSIS
ET INSTITUTIS SAECULARIBUS

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DECREE

In compliance with the provisions of the motu proprio “Ecclesiae Sanctae”(II, 6), the Brothers of the Christian Schools have proceeded to the revision of their Constitutions and have presented to the Holy See the text voted by their General Chapter. After a thorough examination of the document to which various modifications were made, the Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes has recognized in these texts the faithful expression of the charism of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and of the tradition of his Institute: consecrated to God as lay religious, the Brothers are called to provide a human and Christian education for young people especially the poor, according to the ministry which the Church has entrusted to them They endeavour to look upon everything with the eyes of faith, they share in community the experience of God, and they fulfil “together and by association” their service of evangelisation, principally in schools.

By this present decree the Holy See, therefore, accords the approval requested. This act in no way derogates from the requirements of universal law.

The Congregation of Religious and Secular Institutes desires that all the Brothers of the Christian Schools, discovering in the total “Yes” of Mary the sense of their vocation respond with an ardent zeal to the calls of the Lord, of the Church, and of the world, to procure the glory of God.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome, 26 January 1987, the 262nd anniversary of the Bull of Approbation of the Institute, and the fiftieth of the translation of the relics of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

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