

# Being a Lasallian woman “from commitment to commitment”

**Adriana Bolaños Hernández has been a Lasallian educator since 1998**, when she joined the La Salle Centre for Higher Education in Monterrey, Mexico. There she has taught Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in the field of education, and is currently the Director of the institution.

“Since I joined La Salle, I have discovered and experienced that **God’s actions are faithful and have led me ‘from commitment to commitment’**, because this mission is God’s... but it is also ours,” states the Mexican educator, emphasising that from the moment she became part of this great family, “I have been learning about and living the Lasallian identity, with ever greater depth and significance, together with the Lasallians of my District [México Norte], my Region and the Institute.”

## **Spirituality and commitment to the Lasallian Mission**

In fact, **her participation in international experiences has enriched her experience of spirituality and her commitment to the Lasallian Mission**. Since 2022, she has been a member of the Lasallian Association and Educational Mission Council of the Lasallian Region of Latin America (RELAL) and since 2023 she has been a member of the International Council for Lasallian Association and the Educational Mission (CIAMEL). She has also been a member of the MEL Council of her District (2012-2024) and participated in the III AIMEL (2022).

As a woman, Adriana recognises that “La Salle has meant an opportunity for constant growth where I have been able to develop and grow as a person and as a professional. It has also meant **the possibility of contributing a vision of what it means to be a woman and to educate men and women** to discover and live the richness of being human, of sharing the journey and of building community.”

Hers is a meaningful experience that has allowed her to accompany many people “who have enriched me and taught me to see life from their multiple realities,” she says. In addition, **“I have been able to discover the different challenges that women face in different contexts**, and that has increased my commitment to making education a factor for change.”

## **What does it mean to be a Lasallian woman?**

What does it mean to be a Lasallian woman? For Adriana, **“it means living from a vocational dimension, because it is a path of searching and encountering to identify the different ways to collaborate with God and with other Lasallians** in this fascinating adventure of educating.”

Responding to the same question, Austrian Lasallian Julia Mayer, Chair of the Commission on Youth of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, states that **“being a Lasallian woman in today’s world means walking in synodal leadership with the Brothers and Partners supporting other young Lasallians and leading by example.”**

From Lebanon, Caline Fahd, representative of Lasallian youth in the Middle East, maintains that **“being a Lasallian woman means walking in faith, living in fraternity and serving others,”** while Beda González, who is part of the pastoral team of the Central America-Panama District, adds that **“being a Lasallian woman is synonymous with joy, leadership and tenderness.”**

Finally, Luz Idalia Ceballos, head of alumni and job placement at La Salle Noreste University in Mexico, suggests that **“being a young Lasallian woman means uniting mind and heart:** we use data to understand realities, spirituality to give meaning, and communication to transform lives.”

Like Julia, Caline, Beda, and Luz Idalia, thousands of Lasallian women contribute every day to the Lasallian Educational Mission worldwide, in the five Regions of the Institute. **We thank God for their lives, for their Lasallian vocation ‘from commitment to commitment.’ Happy Women’s Day!**

The following video captures some of the faces and voices of Lasallian women:

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