District of Francophone Canada joins District of Eastern North America as Quebec Sector

On January 6 **the District of Francophone Canada officially became the Quebec Sector of the District of Eastern North America (DENA)**. A DENA announcement called the integration “a widening of horizons” and an affirmation of a “shared mission across cultures, languages and geographies (that) invites deeper collaboration among Brothers and Partners throughout the District.”

The first Lasallian foundation began in Quebec in 1837, when four Brothers of the Christian Schools arrived in Montréal. “From the beginning, **the Lasallian presence in Quebec was shaped by two interwoven commitments: direct service of young people through schools, and the creation of educational infrastructure**: books, pedagogical methods, educational communities, and formation environments; structures that would help share an entire society,” states *The Lasallian Mission in Quebec, 1837-2025: A Heritage of Epiphany, Education, and Hope*, a document released by DENA.

As Quebec’s educational, religious and social landscapes changed, **the Brothers creatively adapted the Lasallian mission** by shifting away from running large institutional schools to establishing youth centers, camps, spiritual formation houses and social-pastoral ministries rooted in the vision of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Today, the ministries within the Quebec Sector include: Camp De-La-Salle, Centre Lasallien, Centre Notre-Dame de La Rouge, and Villa des Jeunes.

DENA has created a new **video** showcasing the Sector’s ministries, which serve thousands of young people and families each year.

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