III AIMEL - Final Report

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Dear Lasallian Family,

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Through the Final Report of the III Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission we wish to make known the outcome and conclusions of the III AIMEL. To share with the entire Lasallian Family the experience of a long and enriching journey, forceful hit way by the COVID-19 pandemic; above all, we want to communicate the experience of being part of a Network of Lasallian Educational Ministries which bases its richness on diversity, present in many contexts, and with a great positive impact on the world thanks to its educational vocation motivated by the Lasallian charism.

In accordance with the Administrator's Directory of the Institute (No. 8), Brother Superior General and his Council convened the third International Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission for 2020, with the themes of *Identity, Vitality and Transformation* and the motto "*Together we make it possible*". After several adjustments due to the pandemic, it was held in two phases: a virtual one from 10 November 2021 to 1 April 2022 and another in-person session, from 28 October to 4 November 2022.

The first phase of the III International Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission (III AIMEL) has been a very enriching experience of participation, full of enthusiasm and generating hope, which has provoked an important vision for the Lasallian world. In the second phase, the in-person encounter of delegates who had known each other virtually for a year became a celebration of fraternity and brought out, in a simple and natural way, practical and feasible conclusions, with many possibilities of being effective.

In the Assembly we were once again able to confirm the deep commitment of Lasallians in the Mission. The broad representation of all the Regions and Districts and of all the profiles of the Lasallian Family is a sign of the new reality: Brothers and lay partners, men and women, young and mature.

Although some of the proposals of the III AIMEL address issues that have already been mentioned in the past, they seek to bring about a fundamental renewal of the Institute and are based on a perspective of innovation:

- Firstly, because they are the result of an enormous participative process and have been elaborated jointly by committed Lasallians, without distinguishing whether they are Brothers or lay partners.
- Secondly, because they are situated and start from a different context with eyes set on the future of the Mission.

The proposals of the III AIMEL have a profound sense of urgency. They present the conviction that a transformation of structures that is faithful to the charism needs to be carried out in a courageous and bold manner in the short term, in order to assure the continuity and sustainability of the Lasallian Educational Mission and Community.

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