More than 1,500 Lasallians took part in missions in Northern Mexico

“Youth Mission”, “Lasallian Mission”, “Easter Mission”, “Spiritual Retreat”, “Youth and Children’s Easter”. Under these and other names, Lasallians have celebrated the Paschal Mystery throughout the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, in the Regions and Districts, under the banner of the Lasallian Educational Mission, prioritising service to the poor and vulnerable.

As a result of this rich experience of faith, fraternity and service, Brother César Campos, a member of the Institute’s Commission on Youth, shares his experience during the 2026 Lasallian Missions of the Mexico North District.

Seeing and Believing

Holy Week is the Catholic Church’s greatest celebration; for Lasallians, it is a time of fruitful creativity. Many Districts hold retreats, others organise gatherings with young people, and several carry out service activities with young people. For the Mexico North District – and for over 50 years – **this week has been an opportunity to mobilise thousands of students and graduates to the rural and urban peripheries of the country** with the aim of living an experience where faith is shared, fraternity is lived out, and action is taken in favour of those most in need.

In 2026, in the District, **more than 1,500 Lasallians concluded another year of these experiences in various regions of northern Mexico**, specifically in the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo León, Coahuila, Sonora, Chihuahua, Baja California and Durango. Furthermore, in addition to meetings with other people, several institutions organised youth and children’s Easter events, as well as local and District camps.

Undoubtedly, these are life-changing encounters; **they instil in children and young people the conviction that another world is possible**, one that rises above the noise of social media and the harmful routines that isolate and overvalue individualism.

The centrality of the person and life in community

All these initiatives place at the centre the person who acts within the community and finds their identity and purpose in life through the group. **The Lasallian vision is not possible without community,** and not just a community of Brothers, but one in which students, teachers, alumni, families and Brothers live together to highlight the purpose of education: social transformation, from a Gospel perspective.

The Mission offers those involved in it the privilege of encountering other realities: those of the people, the children and the community of young people itself. It invites us to witness how families open their homes and share their stories as if displaying a precious reliquary, a gesture of trust not offered to just anyone. It is also an encounter with Jesus in the simplicity of shared prayers, in the tranquillity of the chapel, and in the vast and beautiful natural surroundings. **The mission is also an opportunity to fine-tune our listening to our own vocation through lived experience.**

La Salle's impact in Mexico through these immersion experiences is key to **continuing to respond to the diverse situations facing the country**: violence, political polarisation, and cultural shifts. Similarly, it is also a response to the needs of young people immersed in virtual and individualised environments.

Innovative futures will not emerge solely from a well-organised school, but from contact with places where one could only expect death, with social anomalies, as these experiences offer: **rural life, outlying neighbourhoods, social projects, the community, the Gospel**.

In the following chart, we share some information about the Lasallian Missions 2026 in the Mexico North District.

1) See Gil, Pedro María, FSC (2025). *From One Community to Another. I. A Century of Signs*. Lasallian Studies No. 19/1. Rome, Generalate.

2) See Laguna, José (2019). *Escuelas que "futurean". La escuela católica y el pacto educativo global del Papa Francisco.* (*Schools that 'shape the future'. The Catholic School and the Global Compact on Education of Pope Francis)* Madrid: PPC.

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