Plenary Assembly: An encounter in terms of hope

A few days before the beginning of the Plenary Assembly which will take place at the Generalate in Rome from 7 to 14 July 2024, **some of the participants share their hopes for this unprecedented fraternal meeting** – the first Plenary Assembly ever to be held! – which will bring together Brothers and Lasallian Partners from all the Regions of the Institute.

"The Plenary Assembly will be a space to listen to each other, where we **will find ways – or reinforce existing ways – to help and support each other,**" says Brother Eduardo Rivera Vizcarra, who will participate on behalf of the Standing Committee of Young Brothers.

Angela Matulli, Director of the *La Salle Foundation*, hopes that "the Plenary Assembly will give us the possibility to reflect and better understand the changes we are living through and **the centrality of leaven experiences** such as 1 La Salle, as one Lasallian Family".

Br. Dante Amisola, Director of the Office of Development and Solidarity, states that "this Assembly will be an opportunity to share as a global family how we can continue to improve what we are doing, to **respond to what the 46th General Chapter has asked of us**.

Coreen Paul, President of CIAMEL, agrees on that point, expressing her conviction that "the Plenary Assembly will be an opportunity to find out **where we are, what we are doing, and how we are moving forward** as a Lasallian Family".

Among the fruits expected from the Assembly, three stand out: "to define the areas in which we must 'put more leaven' and the means to do so"; "to devise the means to strengthen the new model of governance of the Institute and its possible replications at local level"; and "to **keep alive the fire of the 'Leavening movement' as well as to make it possible in every corner of the Lasallian geography**".