

The Easter Triduum and Lasallian values

The Easter Triduum invites us to embark on a journey of reflection, contemplation and renewal, which finds its fulfilment in Jesus' love for humanity. **Among the many ways to delve deeper into the Paschal Mystery, it is also possible to adopt a Lasallian perspective.** On this journey of faith, we are invited to reflect more deeply on the values that form part of our Lasallian DNA: faith, fraternity, service, justice and commitment.

On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate **fraternity and service**. Gathered with his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus performs a deeply symbolic gesture by washing the feet of each of them, teaching us that service is the highest expression of love and calling us to live an incarnate spirituality, prioritising care for one another. In the breaking of bread and in the image of the vine and the branches, he reinforces the importance of communion and unity in bearing fruit. In the same way, the Lasallian educational community is invited to live fraternity and communion in community life and in mission.

On **Good Friday**, we contemplate **commitment** taken to its ultimate conclusion. In the face of suffering and the cross, Jesus remains faithful to his saving mission. His sacrifice reveals that Christian commitment involves a path that is not easy; on the contrary, it is a journey fraught with difficulties that challenge us to remain faithful to the end, with our gaze fixed on God, as Saint John Baptist de La Salle taught us when, on the day of his death, a Good Friday, he uttered his final words: "I adore in all things the will of God for me". In Christ, we learn that our sufferings too can be an expression of self-giving and fidelity to a greater purpose.

Holy Saturday is marked by silence and waiting. It is a time of **faith** that sustains us, even in the face of the most adverse circumstances. As disciples of Jesus, we keep alive the hope in his promise. Faith sustains us in times of uncertainty, strengthening our trust in God and renewing our hope in the God of life.

On **Easter Sunday**, we celebrate the divine **justice** manifested in the victory of life over death. The resurrection of Jesus confirms that love is stronger than any

injustice. God, in his justice, has the final word, and death is transformed into a celebration of new life, of renewed hope, and of the certainty that good triumphs.

As we reflect on this Easter journey, we remember that **“All is connected”**. The fruits of Easter are manifested in every life transformed by education. Educating, especially the poor and the most vulnerable, is a concrete act of faith, fraternity, service and justice.

May this Holy Week be, for the whole Lasallian Family, a time of inner renewal and commitment to the mission. **We are moving towards Easter.**

Happy Easter!