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Called to Prophetic Audacity

“Men and women must live and create. We must live intensely. We must always live on the verge of tears. Without emotion there is no life”. Albert Camus, like many poets, expresses a lot of wisdom in a few words. **To be on the margins, to move towards the peripheries, to go out of the comfort zones is certainly a way of living intensely** and, above all, for those of us who decide to follow Jesus Christ, it is the only way to be consistent with the calls of God and of history.

The General Chapter called it ‘prophetic audacity’ in view to invite us to **listen to the call of the young people and the cry of the poor, and to move us to a mission more consistent with our history and with the realities of the world in** which we live. Audacity implies risk, movement and generosity; and prophetism provides us with the key to following Jesus Christ: denouncing evil and calling for hope in a mission more consistent with our founding story and our commitments.

Prophetic audacity’ is the key to understanding the role of La Salle today and the revitalisation and renewal of our life and our educational mission. It is an invitation to overcome fears and to set out on the road; it is a consent for creativity and a door that opens to build what must be born and the challenges of the Institute for this moment in history. The educational service of the poor is in our DNA, it is the founding deed that responded to God’s call, it is the path we have to take in order to be consistent with the action of the Spirit through the Lasallian Family.

Brothers and Lasallians who are courageous to create and prophetic to believe; and, together and by association, audacious to share life, dreams, actions and projects in the cause of justice, peace and the inclusion of those who are on the margins of dehumanisation and exclusion. **Prophetic audacity must be our watchword in this crucial decade of history in order to live with intensity and creativity the calls of the Lord and of the Institute.**

The **Plenary Assembly** announced by Br. Armin Luistro, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian



Brother Carlos Gómez FSC
Vicar General

Why a Plenary Assembly?

Schools, in his message of 4 June 2023 - on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity - will take place at the Generalate in Rome from 7 to 14 July 2024, and is placed in the communal perspective of the journey of conversion which requires “significant changes in our organisation on the level of the central government of our Institute”, in a way that “will allow us to **build on the gains of the past, to be more dynamic in responding to the emerging needs of the world, and facilitate our discernment and implementation of the inspirations from the Holy Spirit**”, as Br Armin said in his message.



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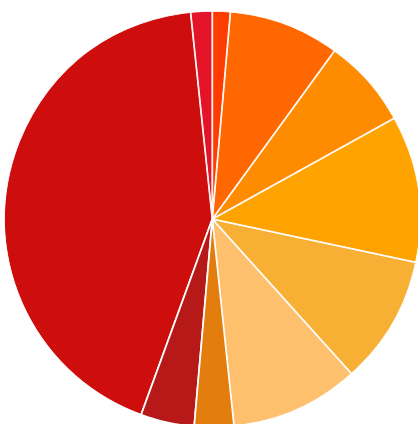
Hence, the Plenary Assembly has been envisioned as a **fraternal encounter in a synodal perspective** that brings together a group of Brothers of the Christian Schools and Lasallian Partners to discern God’s call to journey and make possible the Pathways of Transformation that will allow us to be “one Lasallian Family, with diverse vocations; leaven for a more fraternal world, sent forth to encounter God in those who are poor, and to promote justice”, as mandated by the 46th General Chapter.

In this sense, unlike other constituent spaces such as the General Chapter and the International Assembly of the Lasallian Educational Mission, this Plenary Assembly will not be a decision-making body, but will focus on **the search for consensus based on a participative dynamic that will allow us to move forward together around the priorities of the Institute.**

70 Brothers and Lasallian Partners will participate in the sessions of the Plenary Assembly: the Brother

★ Participants at the Plenary Assembly

Superior General, the three Councils of the Institute, the Brother Visitors and Presidents of Delegations, the Chairs of Commissions, the Directors of Offices, the Brothers who provide general and administrative services in the Institute, as well as a Representative of the Standing Committee of Young Brothers.



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| 1 | Superior General | 7 | Office Directors |
| 6 | General Council | 2 | General Services |
| 5 | International Council for Lasallian Association and the Educational Mission | 3 | Administrative Services |
| 8 | International Economic Council | 30 | Brother Visitors and Presidents of Delegations |
| 7 | Commission Chairs | 1 | Standing Committee of Young Brothers |



PLENARY ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

From today you will be able to access the Plenary Assembly 2024 Website at <https://www.lasalle.org/en/plenary-assembly/>. There you will find contents, guidelines, newsletters, and, later, the programme and other methodological resources that will help us “walk together”.