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★ Journeying as a Lasallian Family

The logo-symbol of the Plenary Assembly reminds us of the shared dream we have embraced after the 46th General Chapter to make possible, through 'Pathways of Transformation', the aspiration 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"**.

Walking in this direction makes us pilgrims of hope. The image of the way reminds us of the journey travelled by the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35) who **in their encounter with the Risen Lord move from discouragement to hope**, even without realising it, as is often the case when God works in us and touches our lives. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" the disciples remark as they recover their enthusiasm for living the Gospel in fraternity, around the same table, breaking and sharing the bread.



Br. Sergio Leal FSC
Executive Secretary
of the General Council

The Plenary Assembly appeals to the allegory of the path which, from a Lasallian synodal perspective, encourages us to leave our comfort zones to **allow ourselves to be impressed by the realities that challenge us daily in our mission, and to take on "a way of being and walking together in the discovery and encounter with God, especially in those who are on the peripheries"**. That is our hope!

★ What are the objectives of the Plenary Assembly?

The Plenary Assembly will be held at the Generalate in Rome (Italy) from 7 to 14 July 2024, and is aimed at seeking consensus on the basis of a participative dynamic that will allow us to move forward on the priorities of the Institute. To this end, **four main objectives or fundamental purposes** have been considered.

Firstly, it will be an opportunity to "review, strengthen and agree on how to live more authentically the dream of the 46th General Chapter and the III AIMEL **identifying where we have made progress, where we need to focus our attention, and where changes are required.**

As a second objective, the Plenary Assembly pursues to **"generate a broader understanding of the Institute's new governance model**, enriching the dynamics of the Councils, Commissions and Offices".

On the other hand, the third objective has to do with **"reviving the 'Leavening movement'** by valuing the international character of the Lasallian Family and by sharing best practices and processes that are evident in the Districts".



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Finally, the Plenary Assembly will also be a meaningful moment to "**share a spiritual, fraternal and synodal experience** that will allow us to grow in the understanding and experience that we are 'One La Salle'".

★ Practical information (part 1)

In order to facilitate your stay at the Generalate and the dynamics of the Plenary Assembly, please note the following practical information:

- **Dates.** The Plenary Assembly will be held from 7 to 14 July, 2024, with 7 and 14 July being arrival and departure days, respectively. On 13 July there will be an optional outing near Rome; however, if any participant needs to travel on that day, they are welcome to do so.
- **Location.** Casa Generalizia La Salle, located in Via Aurelia, 476 / 00165 Rome, Italy. Contact number: +39-066 65231.
- **Reception.** It is located in the lobby of the main entrance of the Generalate. It is open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. There, guests receive their room key and a key for the pedestrian entrances along Via Aurelia.
- **Spirituality.** The Generalate has several spaces suitable for prayer and community celebration of the faith, mainly the Sanctuary of *Saint John Baptist de La Salle*, where the relics of our Founder and of several saints and blessed Brothers are kept, and the *Chapel of the Holy Trinity* which is located in the semi-basement.
- **Food.** If you have any requirements for dietary restrictions or special diet, please indicate them on the [registration](#) form.
- **Medical conditions.** If you have any special medical conditions or allergies, please indicate them on the [registration](#) form. It is necessary to bring your personal medication in clearly labelled containers.
- **Weather.** For the month of July, temperatures in Rome are expected to range between 23°C and 29°C. Hot but humid days are expected.
- **Power supply.** Electricity in Italy is 220 volts and alternates at 50 cycles per second. Check if you need a power converter for your electronic devices. The sockets in the Generalate are type L.
- **Local currency.** Euro.

For further information
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Register for the Plenary Assembly

In preparation for our Plenary Assembly, we invite Brothers and Lasallian Partners who will participate to **register HERE**.

Remember that all the information about the Plenary Assembly is also available on the web-site: <https://www.lasalle.org/en/plenary-assembly/>