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## **Leaven to transform reality**

The path traced out by the 46<sup>th</sup> General Chapter “has called 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**”. It is from here that the guiding question of the [Leavening Project](#) makes sense: where is your brother? where is your sister? becoming the first motivation to take on the commitment to **care for suffering and needy humanity, especially children and young people who, living in conditions of poverty, have no educational opportunities.**

The *Leavening Project* is one of the ways in which the communities and those of us who constitute them respond to this commitment, which at the same time impels us to become “**an evangelising community that is involved in word and deed in the daily lives of people**; that bridges distances, that is ready to lower itself if necessary, and embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others”, as Pope Francis puts it.

Making *the Leavening Project* possible, that is, promoting justice from the peripheries, is one of our greatest commitments and challenges. The paths and strategies will be diverse and adapted according to the reality of each context. However, **our permanent motivation, as Lasallians, should be to encounter the peripheries, “not as a goal, but as a starting point for the transformation of lives”, our own and those peripheries around us.**



**Sr. Isabel Sofía Molina  
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*Principal of Institución Educativa Juan  
Luis Londoño (Bogotá - Colombia)*

## **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 46<sup>th</sup> General Chapter has asked of us.**”



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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**”.

## **Basis Guide of the Plenary Assembly**

The following guide offers some tools and keys to facilitate the experience of the Plenary Assembly participants:

- ★ **Programme and participants:** find [HERE](#) the programme of the five days of the Plenary Assembly and the list of participants.
- ★ **Methodology:** the Plenary Assembly assumes a synodal-Lasallian horizon based on four fundamental moments. Download [HERE](#) the summary of the methodology.
- ★ **Transport:** On this occasion it will not be possible for the Assembly logistics to provide transport between the airport and the Generalate. Please check the [Plenary Assembly Newsletter No.3](#) for travel options.
- ★ **Money exchange:** due to government regulations, the Generalate is unable to offer a money exchange service. This can be done on arrival at Rome airport or at a bureau de change.
- ★ **Other information:** Further practical information on reception, weather, energy supply and food and/or medical restrictions, among others, is available in [Plenary Assembly Newsletter No.2](#). Please have the address (Via Aurelia, 476 / 00165 Rome, Italy) and contact number at hand: +39-066 65231.

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### **EXHIBITIONS AT THE GENERALATE**

During the Plenary Assembly the participants will be able to see two exhibitions in the Generalate organised by the Office of Lasallian Heritage and Research: (1) “**Tercentenary of the Letters Patent and the Bull of Approbation of the Institute**”; and (2) “**La Salle in the World**”.

All information on the Plenary Assembly is also available on the website:  
<https://www.lasalle.org/en/plenary-assembly/>

