



The spirit of this Institute is, first, a spirit of faith, which ought to induce those who compose it not to look upon anything but with the eyes of faith, not to do anything but in view of God, and to attribute everything to God, always entering into these sentiments of Job, “The Lord gave me everything, and the Lord has taken everything away from me; nothing has happened to me except what pleases him”, and into other, similar sentiments so often expressed in Holy Scripture and uttered by the Patriarchs of old.

R 11.1.2

De La Salle

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This is an important text for De La Salle.

In fact, he reproduces it in almost identical terms in the Common Rules (RC 2,2) and refers to it in other places.

Not least because it is the spirit of the Institute, that is to say, the basis, the origin, the foundation of all that follows. This original Lasallian foundation is none other than faith. Logical, because without a deep, convinced faith, it is impossible to understand the Lasallian experience, to become deeply involved in its project.

At least if we try to do so from the original point of view of its Founder, who always saw it as ‘the work of God’ (RP 3,0,8). God is, in short, the one who gives the Lasallian project its profound meaning and, in this line, faith would come to be a way of observing reality from God’s point of view, a divine light which colours it in a particular way, those spectacles with which God himself contemplates the world and which De La Salle invites us to use. It is a matter of getting used to it...