

1725 YEAR OF  
1950 *Lasallian*  
2025 SPIRITUALITY



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*The spirit of this Institute consists, secondly, in ardent zeal for the instruction of children and for bringing them up in the fear of God, inducing them to preserve their innocence if they have not lost it and inspiring them with a great aversion and a very great horror for sin and for all that could cause them to lose purity.*

*To enter into this spirit, the Brothers of the Society will strive by prayer, instruction, and their vigilance and good conduct in school to procure the salvation of the children confided to them, bringing them up in piety and in a truly Christian spirit, that is, according to the rules and maxims of the Gospel.*

CT 11,1,6

*De La Salle*

### Reflection by Iñaki Goikoetxea Sotelo - Spain

Lasallian, what is ZEAL for you?

You can feel it as that inner attitude that drives you to passionate action towards children and young people. Zeal is a consequence of that look of merciful and trusting faith towards them. Zeal helps actions to be meaningful and to bear the desired fruits. Zeal impels you to commitment, to gratuitous dedication and to time given, together with other Lasallians, but it is not the same as activism.

Zeal encourages us to put these children at the centre of our hearts, always with a double objective: **1. 'To instruct'** (to provide them with the skills and tools for life in their vital context); **2. In short, human and Christian education.** And all this to 'win' and 'touch' their hearts, to make them feel 'saved' and to 'preserve their innocence', says De La Salle. This is the ultimate aim of Lasallian education.