



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.

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De La Salle

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And De La Salle suggests some tools for pursuing this end: **1. “Prayer”** (encounter with God in the reality of the educational work); **2. “Good conduct”** (the positive reference of the educator). These means will help the educator, as mediator or ‘minister’, in the ‘salvation of the children’.

How many children and young people in so many parts of the world have had their innocence broken before it was due! Human and Christian education, through the school and other educational platforms, consists in providing children and young people with safe educational spaces where they feel well treated in order to be able to look forward to a promising and dignified future.

And to help to remove and overcome all those obstacles (=“sin”) that prevent them from becoming healthy and worthy people.

How is the spirit of zeal in you?