



*As for myself, I do not like to make the first move in anything,
and I will not do so in Rome any more than elsewhere.
Providence must take the first step, and then I am satisfied.*

Letters 18.17

De La Salle

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This text from one of the letters sent to Brother Gabriel Drolin during his mission in Rome presents us with one of the words which best describes the presence of God in De La Salle's life: providence.

The letter is dated 1705, and this is no accident: there is already a maturity in his relationship with God which allows him to entrust himself completely to the One who does not disappoint. In spite of the many projects and illusions, the progress of the communities and schools, De La Salle was aware that this was not his work, it was God's work and he was the one who would look after them best.

Providence, trusting in God, is to know that we are in good hands, it is to recognise that our forces are limited, but there is someone who is working to make everything work, because the project is not ours, it is His. This is the experience of providence: getting rid of oneself, of desires and pretensions in order to live in trust and peace of heart.