



[...] The spirit of faith is a sharing in the Spirit of God, who dwells in us, which leads us to regulate our conduct in all things by the sentiments and truths that faith teaches us. You should, therefore, be wholly occupied in acquiring it, so that it may be for you a shield against the fiery darts of the devil [...].

Letter 100: To a Brother

De La Salle

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This extract from a letter of the Founder, undated and without a recipient, offers us the opportunity to feel personally addressed and to emphasise its central exhortation: the “Spirit of Faith”, equally central to the journey of the Founder and the Community of the origins of our Institute, and therefore at the centre of Lasallian Spirituality.

In the teaching of the Founder, it is the same Spirit that impelled Jesus to “proclaim good news to the poor and proclaim a time of grace” (Lk 4:18-19). Spirit of compassion that generates reconciliation, peace and joy, Spirit of truth that enlightens and guides, Spirit of fraternal solidarity that stimulates.

It is the Faith inseparable from its operative dimension, Zeal, which constitutes our identity in the Church and in society, it is the Spirit that “must animate all our works and be the motive of all our conduct” (R.C. 1718, II, 2); therefore, inspiration and dynamism in our mission to serve preferably the poor, those furthest from Salvation, through an integral evangelising education to transform our world according to the Will of God, on the way to the promised “new Heavens and Earth” (Is 65:17).