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# EDITORIAL

Dear Brothers and all Lasallians,

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are living in a time of acute planetary awareness of the vulnerability of our human condition. **Vulnerability** describes our condition of being dependent on each other. It reminds us that we are entrusted to each other every day, in our families and communities, in our services, in the supermarket, in the means of transport, in the street... Our vulnerability means that we are handed over, delivered to others, exposed without even our consent. It imposes on us a duty of attention and responsibility towards others and ourselves.

This time of Lent, of quarantine for some, imposes on us a real duty of conversion and attention to our vulnerability. In view of the concern for our community and personal health, our behavior must change. The experience and the awareness of our common exposure to the disease indicates the need for more responsibility in our behavior. The awareness of our common vulnerability to illness obliges us to live the values of solidarity with personal and collective responsibility.

Being vulnerable is no longer something that only happens to others. Everyone is vulnerable, rich or poor, young or old, educated or ignorant, with or without any power. It means that we are, whether we like it or not, handed over to one another, responsible for one another. Vulnerability evokes a **kind of intimacy shared** with things, with beings, with people. This intimacy is neither completely conscious nor completely spontaneous. It needs to be learned and accompanied by discernment. Instead of cultivating such intimacy, we prefer to seek autonomy; we look to science and power to put us in a position of domination and control. Thus, we develop a misleading sense of invulnerability.

Now we have the coronavirus; this invisible thing has arrived. Fear has invaded everyone with it. Suddenly, we discover everywhere the value of solidarity; work ceased to be the top priority as did financial profit and business travels. Parents suddenly find themselves with time for their family. Someone observed that parents, having become home teachers for their children, could improve their personal level of education. The way this virus is spreading highlights a kind of social equality and leads everyone to agree on the value of lives to be protected. The exposure to the vulnerability of our mortal condition forces us to draw on our **internal resources**, to appeal to our most intimate values: courage, sense of dedication and sacrifice, resilience...

As human beings, we are predators. Vulnerability submits us all to the condition of prey. The consciousness of being a prey, that is to say a possible victim of the disease, arouses in us the feeling of the precariousness of our existence. We are unable to guarantee the duration and the stability of our personal and collective existence. The etymological relationship between “prayer” and “precarious” suggests that it is the condition of precariousness, ours and also that of the world, that makes one pray. The awareness of our precariousness naturally takes us beyond a routine and stereotypical practice of prayer and faith.



John-Baptist de La Salle entrusted the Institute to Saint Joseph by making him his patron. His feast, on this March 19, 2020, is an opportunity to put ourselves under his protection, he who knew how to watch over Mary and the Child Jesus.

Saint Joseph, Pray for us.

Brother Pierre Ouattara

General Councillor



“The awareness of our common vulnerability to illness obliges us to live the values of solidarity with personal and collective responsibility”



# Community experience at Foyer Akwaba - Foyer de La Salle



The Brothers of the Christian Schools are consecrated religious who are committed to witnessing to the Kingdom of Heaven through a human and religious education of young people, especially the poorest. Today's disciples of Saint John Baptist de La Salle work day and night without departing from the dynamism lived by their holy Founder and the first Brothers. As part of the formation of the novitiate, a two-month community internship experience is granted to the novices to enable them to become more imbued with the values of community life and mission. This was the object of our presence, Brothers Rodrigue and Yves from the promotion #300LaSalle-Saint Joseph, in the community of Akwaba / La Salle Foyer. It should be noted that our promotion has eighteen Brothers novices from the French-speaking countries of the Lasallian Region of Africa. Before sharing with you the different activities that we have carried out in this

educational centre, we would like to share with you briefly the history of this work of God.

The Foyer Akwaba / Foyer de La Salle is an educational centre created on October 16, 1999 on the initiative of the Brothers of the Christian Schools but officially inaugurated on April 8, 2000. This centre situated in the administrative urban district of Abobo in Abidjan, is at the service of children in difficult situations and in rupture with their families. They are welcomed and accompanied in an educational process of global development, in view of their social and family reintegration. The educational centre has several objectives, including

- Establish non-aggressive, mutually respectful and kind relationships between children by teaching them to value themselves;
- To create bonds between children and parents to motivate them to return to their homes and

assist the family, reinforcing parental responsibility;

- Gradually reintegrate the children into the education system, either in a remedial school or in learning a craft to facilitate their personal stability;
- Facilitating listening conditions and helping relationships for children living in urban areas wrongly called "street boys", and exposed to the risks of social exclusion;
- Establish a real partnership with the children to accompany them in their search for solutions.

And to achieve its objectives, the educational centre works in five areas of intervention from which its

activities emerge:

family life,

reintegration through

education from which

children have the

possibility of new

schooling through the

basic primary school,

which has five levels

and an early learning

and improvement class for new arrivals at the

educational centre. The reintegration through work,

specialized prevention and social mobilization. What

did we experience during these two months?

We arrived there on January 2, 2020 and were fraternally welcomed by all the Brothers of the community. After being acquainted with the premises of the community and the centre, we looked forward

to the arrival of the children staying at the education centre expected on Sunday 5th January. They had Christmas holidays in their families. Everything went well for most of them according to some of them. In addition, from our exchange with the first responsible for the centre, the following areas of intervention were defined: times of permanence, day and night outings looking for children on the streets, outings to look for families or reintegration, assistance in the different classrooms. It was with faith and joy that we welcomed these different responsibilities.

On January 6, 2020, the activities returned to normal. Slowly by slowly, we were carefully observing the various activities before committing ourselves fully to them. This lasted not to come. We started by the duties in the educational centre. They start very early

in the morning from 5:45 am when the children wake up. After showering, the children meet in groups already determined for the different jobs of the morning.

Afterwards, they gather under the

straw hut for an assessment of this first activity of the day before going to the refectory for breakfast. Afterwards, they go to their different classrooms for classes that begin at 8 am. But it should be noted that they are not the only beneficiaries of the basic school. There are children from the neighbourhood who come. And during the 10 am break, we all play together in the courtyard while remaining, as





educators, vigilant in watching over the children. The morning duty ends at the same time as the morning classes at 12 o'clock. Immediately begins the afternoon duty, which brings all the children together for lunch, followed by a siesta until 2.30 pm. During this time, we make sure that the children rest in order to regain strength for the rest of the day. The activities resume at the basic school at 3pm where the children do drawings, stories, poetry or sports until 4.30pm depending on the day. The activities of day are not yet over then it is time for games. All children are sent back to the different playgrounds according to their preferences: marbles, football, etc. until 6pm. Outdoor children are sent home earlier, at 5.30 pm. In the evening, after the toilet at 6.15 p.m., they go either to study in the classrooms or to the TV room for a movie, depending on whether there is class next day or not. We have also had the opportunity to teach at the basic school, one in primary school first year and the other in primary school third year and literacy classes to some ladies from the neighbourhood who usually come in the evenings (Tuesday-Thursday-Friday). Every Thursday, a team goes out on tour for research or family visits. And as trainees, we also took part in these outings. The aim of these outings is to search with the child the parents' home. The difficulty here is that often some children have difficulty finding their home. Some of them voluntarily refuse to indicate simply because they do not want to go back for one reason or another or because they have developed a taste for life in the educational centre with the other children. Every Friday is dedicated to specialized prevention activities. These activities are street actions through which we identify children in a situation of rupture

with their families. By listening and raising their awareness, we inform them on the risks to which they are exposed in the street and invite them to reintegrate the family or an educational centre. These outings are done in an alternative way: day or night.

At the end of our internship experience at Foyer Akwaba / foyer de La Salle, we were marked by the respect they had for us and the solidarity between them. This experience revived in us the desire to consecrate ourselves to God for the educational service of the poor, especially the most deprived. And to conclude, we thank the whole community of the Brothers of the Akwaba education centre, the whole educational team of the centre as well as all the children for all the fraternity lived during our internship experience. May St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph his most chaste Spouse, the Holy and Blessed Brothers of our Institute pray and intercede for us.

Long live De La Salle... long live the Akwaba educational centre and live Jesus in our hearts ...



Brothers Yves DRABO and Rodrigue YACORO, Inter-African Novitiate of Our Lady of Grace of Bobo-Dioulasso

## YOUNG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DOLPHINS OF BROTHER RAFIRINGA

The JUDFRA are young people united and gathered for one goal: to follow the charity path traced out by the Blessed Brother Louis Rafiringa. As heirs, the members of JUDFRA have set themselves the mission of humbly caring, with "a burning heart", an ardent faith and zeal, the legacy left by Blessed Rafiringa and the Lasallian charism.

Their actions and spirituality are inspired by those of the Blessed Brother Rafiringa: to educate adults and illiterate young people, to form and mentor young people according to their intellectual and cultural needs. To this goal, they commit themselves with fervour and full conviction to be disciples of Blessed Rafiringa "star of education" at the service of the society, the Church and the country. Being Lasallian, they adopt the slogan: "FAITH, FRATERNITY, SERVICE". They are moved and they act by faith in God, by mutual help for the service of God through his People. They make their contribution so that the world may be more beautiful and they understand that "when we serve our fellow men and women we serve God, because He manifests Himself to human beings through other human beings".

Having begun their eighth General Assembly with an opening Mass at the Shrine of Blessed Rafiringa-Soavimbahoaka, they scheduled a closing Mass on Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the CUT Vontovorona Centre. This Mass was presided over by the chaplain of the Catholic Universities, in the person of Reverend Father Alfred. During this mass, they celebrated the centenary of the Blessed Rafiringa's birth in heaven and the tenth anniversary

of his beatification. The event was also marked by the self-giving of the twenty (20) young people who made promises of belonging to the JUDFRA group. The first step in the group is manifested by the decoration with the grade "STAR" of Brother Rafiringa, from which thirteen (13) young people benefited and received a rosary from their elders. The second, the grade "MOON" of the Blessed, was attached to the shoulders of the six (6) young people by their elders and each of the decorated received a Bible. For the third stage, it was a lady who gave herself entirely to God through the taking of vows, she received the grade "SUN" of Brother Raphael Louis Rafiringa. This means "to receive Christ the Light following Rafiringa and as his heiress".

After Mass, a refreshment, enhanced by a festive cake, was provided. Brother Visitor Mamy RABARONE, the new president of JUDFRA, the priest chaplain, as well as the representatives of the elected representatives of the day held together the knife to cut the cake "symbol of a bond of friendship". Folk dances were performed by the JUDFRA members who then met again for the end of their general assembly.

Brother Jean Délar LAVA,  
from the District of Antananarivo



# A look of renewal at the regional house

It is true that with the routine, we had become accustomed to living in a house enclosed by walls whose initial tint was barely perceptible in some places. With the effect of the humid and warm of our neighbourhood atmosphere, the fungus had bloomed in tight colonies that gave the walls a very dark appearance. On the outside, the walls could have served as huge blackboards for a hypothetical open-air school. Brother Ferdinand remembered that Brother Anatole had once, and with courage, renewed the

paintings on some "walls and front walls" as the psalm would say. But the daily vision of these walls so deeply blackened was



discouraging us, only thinking of all the scraping work that would be involved if we wanted to remedy it.

Then, the unexpected came from the north. Our courage woke up when a new Brother arrived in the person of Brother Etienne Sawadogo as Regional Secretary who does not like half measures. During a community meeting, a proposal of refurbishment

work of the community was presented. It included the rebuilding of a part of the wall that was in danger of falling down because of a big crack and the painting of the whole wall. The first part was carried out by the ZORA company but for the second part, courageous voices offered to do it ourselves with only part of the initial estimated budget. This would allow us to conduct other needed expenses. In fact, we are thinking of investing for a rabbit farm that would help us to improve our menu...

One thing led to another during the conversations and

finally, the thought turned to machines that "eat the dirt off the walls". The bursar took the information and proposed a very efficient compressor-cleaner that fitted well into the estimate budget. We all agreed to conduct this work and we started it.

Without wasting time, we started from the inside part of the fence wall. One day was enough to give it an astonishing novelty. With this compressor, cleaning became a pleasure. In the meantime, we continued outside. Passers-by stop to admire the astonishing transformation they observed with their own eyes. With the jet of water sprayed and projected at high pressure - 40 bars- all the mould and bits of paint

jump at first contact, leaving the wall as good as new. From black to white without any transition! Depending on the distance from the nozzle to the wall, you can modulate the effect of the jet; this allows the system to switch from full stripping to gentle cleaning mode.



Then, while we take turns cleaning the walls and the paving stones in the yard, others start painting. In less than a week work, everything was finished at a cost, including the compressor and paint, which is less than half of the contractor's initial estimate budget.



The difference was obvious. A resplendent white, which floods the interior of the house with reflected light. The wall now dazzling in its whiteness now enhances the vegetable garden that Brothers Etienne



and Ferdinand cultivate with skill and nature is so generous to us, especially with papaya.

The project continuing because now our concern is to be able to welcome, as it should be, the District Bursars who will have a meeting with the General Bursar and Dr. Lombardi Alessandro (Director of the CBIS GLOBAL) on 14-15 April 2020. For this, we need to furnish the rooms, which are usually empty, and some community spaces including the living room and the veranda, which will serve as a meeting space.

Brother Joan Sala,  
Regional Bursar



# Lasallian formation for De La Salle teachers in Bomudi and Léa in Equatorial Guinea

Each academic year, the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the Lasallian Zone of Equatorial Guinea organize formation on Lasallian spirituality in two periods: one in mid-November and another in mid-February for their teachers. Thus, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, the teaching personnel of the La Salle educational communities of Bomudi and Léa received Lasallian formation. This formation took place in the large hall of the



Diocesan School for Catechists of Bata. Twenty-three (23) teachers, five (5) Brothers and two (2) Postulants were present. It all began at 9:00 a.m. with a time of silence and meditation on the Word of God in the chapel of the above-mentioned institution. Brother Pedro Rodríguez Burgoa animated this moment of prayer and interiority. Afterwards, the participants went to the large hall to receive the teachings on the theme of reflection planned before. This theme was entitled as follows: "A process of communion: shared mission based on the Lasallian charism". Brother Pedro developed and explained it from beginning to end with a power point presentation. He has articulated his presentation into some anchoring points in view of a better understanding of the theme:

- A bit of the history of the foundation of the Institute;
- A fundamental change in the Institute (Aggiornamento, collegiality or communion, dialogue and co-responsibility);
- Shared Mission (Cf. General Chapter of 1976).

Immediately after the presentation, the participants enjoyed a time of break, followed by a personal rereading based on a support detailing the theme. In addition, in

order to better assimilate the theme, the participants were divided into five (5) groups for sharing in workshops with the help of a questionnaire.

At the end of the group discussions, we had sharing and synthesis. We made some recommendations, proposals and perspectives to improve future training sessions.

A copious and fraternal meal brought this day of formation to an end. It was a moment of union, joy and rich in sharing.

Brother Emile ONANA,  
District of Central Africa.



# Reflection : revitalizing our Districts

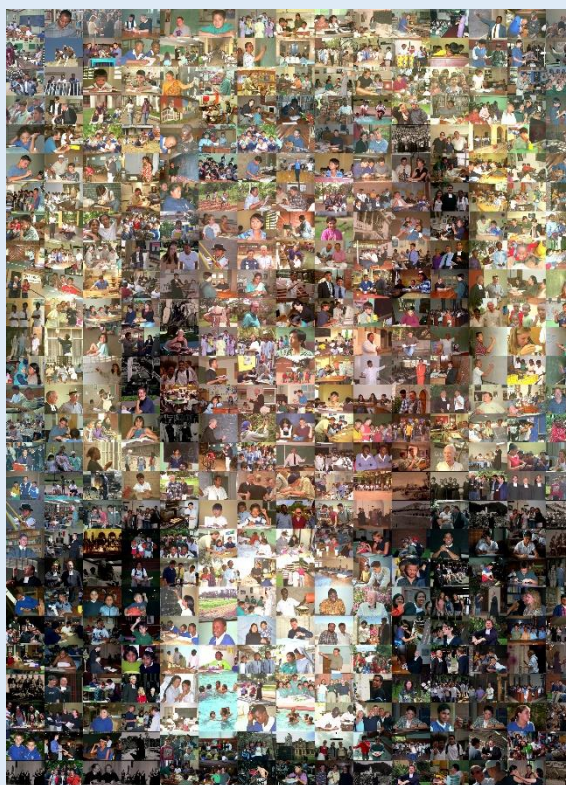
**R**evitalization is the act of giving a new impetus, a new energy to a body, to an organism that tends to fall, that loses its liveliness and vitality. It is about giving a new impulse. As far as the Institute, the Region, the Districts, the Communities and Lasallian works are concerned, their revitalization depends on each and every one of us and must be undertaken wholeheartedly with a spirit of faith and zeal.

In the 17th century, the Brothers of the Christian Schools (FSC) were called "ignorant". They were pointed at, insulted, shouted insults at, annoyed in public, and each one congratulated himself for having addressed some new outrage to them, and this was repeated every day.

(Cf. Blain II, Chap. III). As time went by, our predecessors as Brothers and Lasallians were able to overcome the barrier of ignorance and continue to move forward in the Lasallian Educational Mission (MEL). The Church has recognized among them some masters of knowledge, wisdom, holiness, pedagogy... and throughout the world the values and contributions of Lasallian works are recognized.

Three hundred years later, where do we stand with our different works, our communities, our respective Districts, our Regions and our Institute? Where do we

stand which regards to our fidelity to the Lasallian charism, to the realization of the ideal of the Lasallian Educational Mission (MEL), to witnessing life as religious and educators, to communion with our Brothers and collaborators in educational service? Certainly, it is up to us today to revitalize the mission, our works and our communities... This is our task.



The revitalization consists for us today in renewing our way of seeing, judging and acting. Also, as Lasallians called to live the virtues and qualities of a good educator and a good teacher according to Saint John Baptist de La Salle, it is concretely an issue of:

- Living in the truth,
- Being fair with or towards our collaborators
- To assume the responsibility of ministers of Christ Jesus to young

people and children.

In this sense, let us continue to walk in the footsteps of Christ the educator and let us revitalize the work done by the efforts of our predecessors. The secret of their success is creative fidelity; they did not deviate from the luminous path traced by De La Salle, our most holy Founder.

Brother John Delar LAVA,  
District of Antananarivo

# Young Lasallians- La Salle Badenya in Burkina Faso: small hands to make great things possible.

**Y**oung Lasallians- La Salle Badenya in Burkina Faso: little hands to make great things possible

Since 2015, Burkina Faso has been a victim of terrorist attacks, which today have resulted in more than 800 deaths and 700,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) according to the Government sources. Ms. Metsi Makhetha, Coordinator of the United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs estimates that US\$312 million is needed to address the humanitarian crisis affecting more than 2,000,000 people, 59% of whom are children in Burkina Faso.



The Young Lasallians (YL) of La Salle Badenya High School (Badenya means “fraternity” in Jula, a national language) have refused to remain insensitive to this urgent appeal. Thus, they decided to activate the lever "collection of donations for Internally Displaced Persons" of their annual programme of activities. The Advent season was the right time to carry out this collection. Thanks to the constantly inventive generosity of the participants, was collected a good quantity of clothes, shoes, food and other items. On Friday 17 January 2020, Badenya Young Lasallians made a symbolic presentation of the fruit of this collection to Brother Julien DIARRA,

President of the Association of the Brothers of the



Christian Schools (AFEC). Brother Julien will be responsible for handing this donation to the Ministry of Social Action, which will distribute it. Let us



notice that this presentation ceremony took place in the presence of all the members of the Brothers' community that manages La Salle Badenya High School. This impulse of solidarity from our Young Lasallians is to be recognized and valued, as it deserves encouragement



Brother Denis TRAORE,  
President of Young Lasallian DAO



# Reflection in commission: Pastoral ministry of the youth and of the vocation



**T**his Friday, February 7, 2020, an orientation meeting was held at the Provincialate on the pastoral ministry of the youth and of the Lasallian pastoral ministry of vocations in the District of the Gulf of Benin (DGB). The aim of this meeting was to reflect on the orientation to give to our overall pastoral ministry given the urgency and necessity of the question. All know the rise of this question: the alert launched by the last District Chapter and the repeated questioning of the Brother Visitor about the increasing lack of vocations in the District. The problem arises more crudely when we know that the inter-African Novitiate of Bobo-Dioulasso is full and overflowing, said Brother Paulin at the opening of the session. Moreover, it emerged from the various preliminary interventions that it is no longer a secret

that some fundamental work needs to be done about the Signum Fidei Association (SF) and Lasallian Youth (YL) in full bloom in the District.

It was in the view to this pastoral field, which is as vast as it is problematic, that the Brother Visitor set up a special commission composed of Mr TIEM Roger, Sister Michaëline INDIAMBARANTO (SGS), Brothers Séverin TANWOUNE, Guillaume YAME, Pierre Claver MENSAH and Francis GOZE who presided over the said commission and who organized this meeting. Brother Romain Sodey, Provincial responsible for MEL, invited as a resource person, was the moderator of the meeting. As a way of sharing experiences, the meeting saw the most appreciated participation of Brothers François KIENOU and Denis TRAORE, respectively in charge of the pastoral ministry of vocations and of the Young Lasallians in the District of West Africa.



The presentation of the basic document inspired by the strategic plan 2017-2021, the group discussions and the debates in plenary led the participants to draw up an annual action plan with targeted activities that were set to operational objectives predefined by the strategic plan. From these proposals resulting from the work, they considered three of them as essential; which refocused the debates on the preliminary observation of the decrease in the number of



Brothers in the District. First, the participants recognized and supported that, despite of the lack of Brothers in the District, the sine qua non condition for giving impetus to our pastoral ministry of vocations is to have a full-time Brother for the Vocation Promotion (PV). Secondly, a reflection will be carried out to analyse the modalities of organizing a joint (District of the Gulf of Benin and the District of West Africa) vocational camp. Thirdly, in view of the lack of communication and even more seriously, the lack of confidence that some of the Vocations Promotion Campers suffer from, this time the Brother Visitor is asked more directly to use all his authority in the composition of the Communities and in the personalised accompaniment of the Brothers, including the Directors. This, in order to help our Communities be true spaces of fluid communication and living witnesses of fraternity to those around us. In addition, there is a lack of personal spirituality, clearly invaded as we are by our concern for a school

of quality and results of excellence. We must also remember that it is together that great things are possible. At the closing ceremony of this session, the Brother Visitor showed all his good will in the face of the concerns of the commission that he himself had mandated. At the same time, the constraints are just

as great to see the District administration as a whole, he concluded. This is the moment to recall that the responsibility for the good functioning or the failures of the District does not rest upon the Brother Visitor alone. The Rule says that

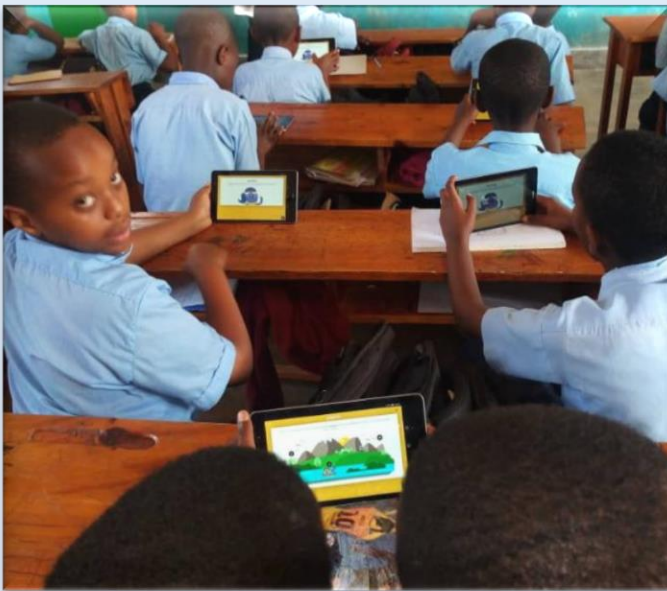
the vitality of the Institute depends on the vitality of each Brother.

At the end of the discussions, the Brother Visitor made a point. He thanked the two Brothers of the District of West Africa for their active participation and the participants as a whole for having made the diagnosis of our pastoral ministry and for being resolutely determined to revitalise the pastoral ministry of young people and Lasallian vocations in the District. To those who might be tempted to believe that things are not progressing, as they should, it is necessary to recall the words of the American officer Mildred Mc Afee: "If you have a great ambition, take the greatest possible step towards its realization. If it is a very small step, do not worry, because it is probably the biggest you can do right now. »

Brother Pierre Claver Mensah,  
Provincial House DGB, Lomé

# La Salle Academy: the use of technology in teaching and learning

**D**e La Salle Academy is a school of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, whose main purpose is to provide a holistic education for students. This school, based on the Rwandan curriculum, emphasizes knowledge, skills, attitude and values. Motivated by the Lasallian spirit, teachers and Brothers joyfully engage in touching hearts, teaching minds, and transforming the lives of their students. The use of technological tools improves greatly students' performance and helps teachers to prepare their classes and to provide quality education.



This is also one of the recommendations of the Government of Rwanda, in order to enable students to adapt to the digital world. De La Salle Academy was fortunate to be among the schools that benefited from the ProFuturo project by acquiring computer equipment. In fact, ProFuturo is an educational program launched in 2016 by the Telefónica Foundation and the "La Caixa" Banking Foundation, whose mission is to reduce educational inequalities in the world by offering quality digital education to children in vulnerable areas in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. In partnership with the

Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rwanda, ProFuturo classroom has reached many schools and De La Salle Academy is one of them. In 2019, our school received the equipment for the ProFuturo classroom. De La Salle Academy was the first school to receive this equipment. The reception ceremony was presided over by the Mayor of Gicumbi District, accompanied by the President of the Delegation of Rwanda and the



Head of Secondary Schools of the District. Teachers have started using the ProFuturo solution since last year in the classrooms. They appreciate the quality of this essential tool because of the quality of its content and the motivation it arouses in the students. Students interact with ProFuturo content through the tablets. A teacher can monitor and prepare the lesson using a laptop that functions as a server. The teacher and students interact during the lesson via a wireless connection.

Brother Habiwaremye Fabien  
Delegation of Rwanda

# Feast of Saint Miguel - Scholasticate Abidjan

Saint Miguel, patron saint of the scholasticate in Abidjan, was properly celebrated. Above all, we went to his school through a novena of prayer to implore graces from God on us and on the Lasallian and Montfortian educational mission for the Brothers of Saint Gabriel with whom we live together and share the same charism, that of the education of children and young people. During these days, we have meditated on the life and works of this ambassador of Christ who fulfilled the will of his master. Humble and self-effacing but very committed to the cause of children and young people, St Miguel carried out his mission with total self-giving. An example to imitate in a world where the search for glory and honour is commonplace.

At the end of this spiritual preparation, we had Mass on Saturday, February 9. The Brothers of the regional house and those of Foyer Akwaba responded favourably to the invitation of the scholasticate to celebrate in communion the memory of St. Miguel. The scholasticate's Angels choir took care to prepare this Eucharist well through impeccable animation thanks to the learner singers who made the songs harmonious.

After this ascent to seek the heavenly realities, we made a glorious return to earthly realities in order to live the horizontal dimension of our fraternity. Together, we shared the meal with the accompaniment of the beautiful songs of Brother Michel and his musical team with his album entitled "Talita Kum". He had the merit of enlivening the Brothers during the meal. Let us note the presence of the Brother novices (DRABO Yves and YACORO

Rodrigue) during this feast, who came for a community internship experience at the Foyer Akwaba. The meal ended in an atmosphere of cheerfulness. In the final prayer, the Brother Director, Brother Bertin MBAIGUEDEM thanked everyone and blessed the road for a peaceful return to the different communities.



May Saint Miguel intercede for the vocation of each one and may the exemplarity of his life inspire us. May he inspire all Lasallians in their commitment to the service of the poor our teachers.

See you next year for those who will see the land of the living! I wish you a fruitful Lenten season. Live Jesus in our hearts!

Brother Elisha,  
St Miguel Scholasticate



# BROTHER GENERAL COUNCILLOR'S CALENDAR

<b>May</b>	
16 May	Abidjan- Rome
18 May au 12 Jun	18 <sup>th</sup> Session of the General council
13 – 14 Jun	Rome- Abidjan
<b>Jun</b>	
11 Jun- 27 Jun	2 sessions of Formation RELAF
Juillet	
26 July – 1 August	
August	
September	
30 August	Abidjan- Rome
1 Sept to 9 October	19 <sup>th</sup> session of the General council
11 October	Rome-Abidjan
November	
Monday 2 November to 5 November	conference of the Brother Visitors
December	