

The Light of His Face: Spirituality for Catholic Teachers by Fr. John Bolland (Veritas).

A book for teachers: reviewed by [Br John Deeney](#)

One of the first things that I looked for in this book was to see if John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Educators, was mentioned. Sad to say, he was not. I was somewhat disconcerted to discover this, but my disappointment could not be sustained because the book is rooted in the gospels and De La Salle himself would very much have approved of this. The author covers topics such as Teaching as a Vocation, Prayer, Teachers as Leaders and Relationships in School, all crucially important areas for

Christian teachers. While the book deals with the school environment it also prompts us to ask questions about ourselves:

“A condition of the quality of our pastoral care is the extent to which we feel loved by Christ.”

“Not only is the Eucharist ‘the source and summit of Christian life’ (Lumen Gentium), it is the perfect synthesis of the mission and purpose of Catholic Education.”