

# **FIVE AXIOMS OF LASALLIAN EDUCATION**

## **I Gospel Values**

A Lasallian school is an educational community of believers who are committed to gospel values. While every school is a community in which adults and young people live and work together, the Lasallian school is inspired by the vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle that gospel values must permeate the life of a Christian school in such a way that students internalise those values and reflect them in their behaviour. In a Lasallian school, students learn to take the gospel seriously.

## **II Human and Christian Education**

A Lasallian school promotes the human and Christian development of young people in today's world. It aims at excellence in the spiritual, academic and vocational spheres, and seeks to integrate them. The curriculum is adapted to the needs of the students as individuals and as members of society. Students develop their self-knowledge and self-esteem. They acquire skills in critical thinking which enable them to shape their own future.

## **III Teaching as a Vocation**

A high regard for teaching as a vocation is a central feature of the spirit of a Lasallian school. Teachers are ministers of salvation chosen by God, and the work of teaching is a ministry in the life of the Church, modelled on the role of Jesus the Teacher and Good Shepherd. All the staff of a school have a deep pastoral concern for the students as individuals. Their concern is based on their respect for young people, in whom they recognise the presence of God. The teachers' own spiritual growth is enhanced by their teaching activity.

## **IV In and by Association**

The educational goals of a Lasallian school are attained "in and by association", through the collaboration of teachers, students, parents and governors, who share the same outlook and support one another in working for it. Everyone involved in a Lasallian school has a part to play in forming a living educational community based on mutual respect and acceptance of one another.

## **V For the Mission**

The Lasallian school is outward-looking, because it shares in the mission of the universal Church and of the local Church. It prepares young people to take a mature and productive place in society and in the Church as free and responsible citizens. It reaches out to the world which surrounds it, and develops international links through the Lasallian network. In particular, it shows a special concern for the poor:- for young people who are disadvantaged, underprivileged, excluded or marginalised in any way.