

A Letter from The International Council of Young Lasallians

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Last summer, at the International Symposium of Young Lasallians (ISYL), Young Lasallians (YL) from all over the world came together for more than a week. During this time they discussed the importance of dialogue and getting together. A common feeling about the importance of supporting one another in our mission was very strongly shared. In different parts of the world, among the poor and the young there are fellow Lasallians and others suffering and denied of their basic rights. At ISYL'06 delegates asked one another if we were able to do something about it. As our motto during ISYL'06 stated, we all believed it is a "*Mission Possible.*"

Those days were characterized by strong positions by the delegates in favour of international days of sharing and prayers. Delegates also called more than once for response to worldwide issues through uniting activities on specific themes for Lasallian youth from around the world. It was believed that these responses and international Lasallian campaigns would also facilitate and strengthen connections between Regions.

The International Council of Young Lasallians (ICYL) is therefore inviting all Young Lasallians coming from the various Districts and Regions to come together for an ***International Lasallian Day of Prayers for Peace***. YL are being encouraged to, in their own school, group or district, and in their own way, show solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are in areas of conflict and who are suffering unjustly. This project should be taken up in unison by as many Young Lasallian movements, Districts and Regions as possible as ONE International Lasallian Community during the ***3rd week of October***.

The initiatives in the different Districts and Regions could take the form of, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prayer services
- Campaigns
- Peaceful marches
- Sending of letters to local authorities calling for Peace in specific areas
- Workshops
- Art Exhibitions
- Intercultural activities
- Inter-religious activities
- Others

We encourage you to forward us any relevant resources and materials related to the theme of 'Peace' you might have and which could be useful to other groups in preparation of this event.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could forward us the contact details of other people who you think would be interested in participating in or coordinating such an activity within their District or Region.

We also urge you to express your feelings and thoughts, accompanied by any suggestions or comments regarding such a promising international activity.

For further updates and correspondence regarding this initiative or any other ICYL project, kindly contact us at icyl@lasalle.org or visit our website on www.lasalle.org/icyl.

Sincerely,

The International Council of Young Lasallians