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BEYOND THE BORDERS INITIATIVES

**LETTER FROM THE
BROTHER SUPERIOR**



September 25th, 2019

*Do not tire of going in search of those who find themselves in the modern "tombs" of bewilderment, degradation, discomfort and poverty, to offer hope for a new life.
(Papal Audience)*

Dear Brother Visitor,

By this letter I announce the launching of the Beyond the Borders called for by the Body of the Society at the 45th General Chapter in 2014. You will recall two propositions came out of the 45th General Chapter. The first called for Regions to establish and manage initiatives that meet needs expressed in the metaphor of “beyond border” (Circular 469, Proposition 19), and the second called for the establishment of an international community of Brothers and volunteers that offers vocation ministry and discernment in the context of a community life dedicated to the service of the poorest (Circular 469, Proposition 27).

From there, Circular 470 combined these initiatives with a call to “encourage new educational experiences which, while challenging Brothers and Partners to engage in ‘Beyond the Border’ commitments to urgent contemporary needs among the most vulnerable groups, offer to the members of the community a fraternal environment for vocation discernment” (Strategy 2.4).

The selected initial projects encompass new and existing ministries in each Region approved by the General Council. Accompanying this letter are brief descriptions of the currently approved projects. The projects, which have varied funding sources, are based on the following criteria, although they do not need to meet each point in full from their beginning.

The project will 1) be inserted in the program of the local Church dealing effectively with the mission needs of immigrants, refugees, the homeless, unemployed youth, and all vulnerable people, especially children and youth that are found on “the borders”; 2) include the existence of a mixed community of Brothers, lay volunteers and/or members of other Religious congregations; 3) be open to include vocation ministry and discernment in the context of a community life dedicated to the service of the poorest; 4) ensure an enriching community life and proper accompaniment of its members; and 5) ensure its sustainability.

Brother, as we well know, since the very first Lasallian classroom, the mission has always been one to go to, and reach beyond, the borders. Saint John Baptist de La Salle left his own border of comfort in his reverse exodus to the poor. He and the early Brothers offered accessible education to vulnerable populations by teaching in the native language, educating in a classroom setting,

establishing classes for working men, serving delinquent youth, forming teachers with a sense of vocation and mission, and more. These efforts went beyond the borders of that day's social and ecclesial understanding of education in order to serve those on the peripheries of society.

Today, the Institute that De La Salle founded now has a new response to reach those in need, one rooted in mission and history, influenced by Pope Francis, and grounded in calls from the 45th General Chapter. The Beyond the Borders initiatives, promoted by the Institute's Solidary and Development Secretariat, are projects that serve those most in need. On the Secretariat's website you can find more information about each project (www.lasallefoundation.org).

At this time I request you share this information about the Beyond the Border initiative with your Brothers and Lasallian Partners throughout your district or delegation. I also urge you to encourage your Brothers, Partners and young Lasallians to volunteer for one of these initiatives. Those who are interested in realizing this creative response to the poor and vulnerable in our societies can contact me directly as I will make the official appointment to the community and ministry. I will also put interested individuals in contact with Ms. Eleonora Munaretto, (emunaretto@lasalle.org) the Solidarity and Development Secretariat's International Volunteer Coordinator who will assist me in processing applications.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this communication.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bro. Robert Schieler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Fraternally,".

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LA SALLE SCHOOL-RUMBEEK SOUTH SUDAN

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Providing quality education for youth
in South Sudan.

The school is in Rumbek, South Sudan, the world's youngest nation that became independent in 2011 after a long and bloody war with northern Sudan.

Due to the ongoing civil war, started in 2013, many of the already insufficient educational infrastructures have been destroyed or misappropriated and converted for other use. Educational attainment is extremely poor because of the lack of schools, qualified teachers, and materials.

In order to respond to this urgent need, La Salle School-Rumbek opened its doors in March 2018 in the Loreto Sisters' existing facilities, with a first cohort of 23 students. The Brothers' goal is to build and equip a brand-new school, which will be able to host more than 300 students. Thanks to its holistic approach which integrates child rights, trauma healing and a relevant curriculum that provides students with sought after skills, La Salle School-Rumbek represents a beacon of hope for youth and the local community.

This project is coordinated by Fondazione De La Salle Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS.

LA SALLE SCHOOL-RUMBEK IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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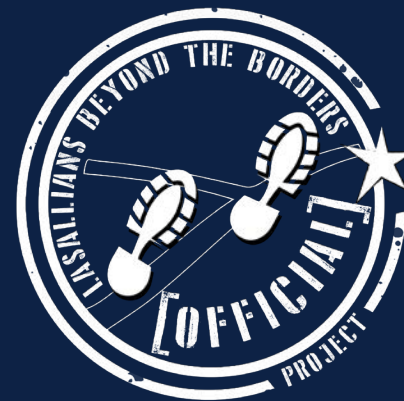


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BAMBOO SCHOOL

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TEACHING MINDS TOUCHING HEARTS TRANSFORMING LIVES



Be part of securing the future of stateless and migrant families.

The Bamboo School is located on the border of Thailand and Myanmar. Constructed from bamboo, the school houses children of immigrant families who have no rights and are considered stateless.

These children are denied access to Thai schools and the Bamboo School presents the only opportunity for them to receive an education.

Their parents find themselves working precariously in rubber plantations and factories. Tuition is free for students and parents contribute a small plate of rice everyday which the school enriches with additional nutritional component and often serves as the only meal of the day for these children.

The school has an outreach action which helps the kids in getting the legal documents from Thailand authorities.

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ALÉM PROJECT

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Empowerment of the most vulnerable groups
in the Amazon

The Além Project (Animación Lasallista de Evangelización y Misión) has its coordination centre in Tabatinga, a town of about 60 thousand inhabitants in the heart of the Amazon, in the “triple border” between Brazil, Colombia and Peru. However, the main feature of the project is that – being its action itinerant – it will impact a number of rural communities through the forest.

The socio-educational activities have a special focus on the empowerment of the Indigenous population.

The efforts entail the following fields: providing teacher training, literacy and vocational training for youth, and promotion of sustainable practices through workshops and sensitization initiatives.

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EL OTRO LADO

USA-MEXICO BORDER

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Providing students with the opportunity to learn more about USA-Mexico border

El Otro Lado, which means “the other side,” is a USA-Mexico border immersion program that takes place in El Paso, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona, where communities of Brothers and volunteers serve in Lasallian secondary schools. El Otro Lado provides Lasallian students from around the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) with the opportunity to explore the USA-Mexico border and learn about the many complexities surrounding the topic of immigration. Through the various program components, the program allows students to interact with humanitarian aid groups, government officials and those directly impacted by USA immigration policy. Discussion and prayerful reflection are key components of the 5-day program. This project is coordinated by La Salle International Foundation.

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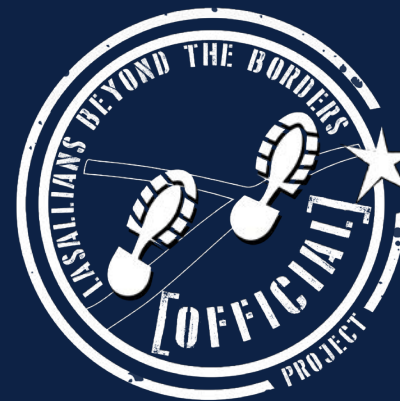
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LA SALLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE- HOHOLA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Be part of creating livelihood opportunities for the youth

La Salle Hohola Youth Development Centre is recognized as a technical college since January 2015. It is now called La Salle Technical College–Hohola.

This Centre was established in 1973 to cater for the poorer students of Port Moresby.

The main source of enrollment are students who are unable to continue their studies in registered High or Secondary Schools due to family and personal problems or those students who have not been selected for High School. Currently the College has 34 teaching staff and 24 Ancillary Staff. The total number of students is 750.

A percentage of 87% to 92% of the graduates are employed every year in a decent and reputable organization or companies.

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LA SALLE TECHINCAL CENTRE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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NEW ADRIEN NYEL COMMUNITY

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This project is the response of the Lasallian Region of Europe and the Mediterranean to the commitment to carry out a new educational community in the area of Molenbeek (Brussels, Belgium).

The aim of this project is to create an international community that goes beyond borders, responding to the educational needs of vulnerable youth in a mostly Muslim and marginalized neighborhood in the capital of the European Union. The educational community of Molenbeek is part of the wider ADRIEN NYEL project that includes the actions carried out by the CasArcobaleno project in Scampia (Naples), La Salle Home in Iasi (Romania) and Hogar La Salle Community (Jerez de la Frontera, Spain). ADRIEN NYEL communities are places for living, experiencing and serving those most in need, opened to International Volunteering.

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OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA BLACKFEET IMMERSION

USA

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Providing students with the opportunity to learn about the Blackfeet community and serve

OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA (Come and See) Blackfeet Immersion provides the participants with an intercultural experience in Browning, Montana. A community of Brothers and volunteers serve at De La Salle Blackfeet School where the immersion takes place. It invites students and teachers to affirm a common bond among all peoples as children of God and challenges perceived boundaries between oneself and others as well as oneself and God.

The OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA Blackfeet Immersion experience includes direct contact with the people of the Blackfeet American Indian Reservation as well as prayer and reflection, all in the context of community, simplicity and service learning.

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