



One La Salle

LIKE LEAVEN IN THE WORLD

Inspiring Vietnam



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When Brother Armin and I went to Vietnam, in late 2022 and early 2023, we were amazed at the great resilience of the Brothers who have been in this country since 1975.

We have lost all our schools, at least 20 of them, due to the government takeover of the education system, yet the Lasallian mission has risen like a phoenix from the ashes.

Seeing how the 97 Brothers in activity continue the mission in different parts of the country (Dalat, Pleiku, Ho Ci Minh Cit, etc.), almost invisibly but tenaciously, gave me a great deal of hope for our Institute, especially if we think that the number may still be decreasing.

Listening to the stories of the Brothers in Vietnam, I understood how we can walk and face our vulnerability, our limitations, our fragility and our poverty. They showed me how we can be courageous even in the midst of defeat and despair at the loss of our schools.

This is an example of a Leavening Project that has matured and grown out of the Brothers' inner life and vocation over the past fifty years; the same vocation that continues to slowly transform the lives of the students entrusted to their care and protection.

