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TO: **THE LASALLIAN COMMUNITY (USLS & SJS-LS)**

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SUBJECT: **ON THE SACRED WORK OF TOUCHING HEARTS**
Pastoral Letter on the Celebration of World Teacher's Day 2026

*"You carry out a work that requires you to touch hearts,
but this you cannot do except by the Spirit of God."*
— **St. John Baptist de La Salle, *Meditation 43.3***

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lasallian Family,

As we celebrate World Teachers' Day, we are invited to pause and recognize the profound responsibility entrusted to those who dedicate their lives to education. Teaching is more than the transmission of knowledge, the achievement of learning outcomes, or the fulfillment of institutional goals. At its heart, education is a mission, a sacred work of forming minds, nurturing character, and touching lives.

The true impact of a teacher cannot always be measured by grades, statistics, or performance indicators. It is found in the quiet moments of encouragement, the patience extended to a struggling learner, the wisdom shared beyond the confines of a lesson, and the lasting influence of a teacher who chooses to believe in a student even when that student struggles to believe in themselves.

This is why education must never be reduced to an enterprise concerned solely with efficiency, productivity, or measurable results. While sound management and institutional excellence are necessary, the mission of education calls for something deeper: an understanding of the human person, a genuine concern for the learner, and a profound respect for the vocation of teaching.

Educational leadership, therefore, must remain rooted in the lived realities of the classroom. It must listen to the voices of teachers, recognize the complexities of their work, and appreciate the countless ways they accompany students each day. To lead an educational institution is not simply to manage its operations but to safeguard its mission and create an environment where both teachers and learners can flourish.

In the Lasallian tradition, this mission is carried out through presence, fraternity, and a profound commitment to the integral formation of the young. St. John Baptist de La Salle reminds us that the work of education is ultimately a work of the heart, one that calls for faith, compassion, patience, and the conviction that every learner is entrusted to our care by God.

To all our teachers and educators: thank you for the work that often goes unseen, the sacrifices that are seldom acknowledged, and the love that continues to shape lives long after the classroom doors have closed. May you never lose sight of the profound difference your presence makes, even on days when the fruits of your labor remain hidden.

On behalf of the De La Salle Brothers in Bacolod, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our teachers and educators. May you continue to find meaning and joy in the sacred work of teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives. May the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle inspire us all to remain faithful to this mission, remembering that every child entrusted to our care is both a gift and a responsibility.

And as we usher in the 75th year of the Lasallian Mission in Negros Island, may we also have a meaningful and grace-filled Lasallian Week celebration, one that renews our shared commitment to the mission, deepens our sense of fraternity, and inspires us to carry forward the legacy of faith, service, and communion in mission entrusted to us.

Happy World Teachers' Day and a meaningful Lasallian Week to all!

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.