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TO: **THE LASALLIAN COMMUNITY (USLS & SJSLS)**

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SUBJECT: **Going Back to our Lasallian Core Mentality**  
Pastoral Letter for the Opening of School Year 2025-2026

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### **Going Back to our Lasallian Core Mentality.**

Greetings on the occasion of the 114th Anniversary of Lasallian Presence in the Philippines.

Today, we begin a new chapter in our Lasallian journey as we open School Year 2025-2026.

If you are “chronically online”, you might have encountered videos with the theme #Core and #Mentality. While it is an amusing and entertaining part of our Pop Culture, I would like to invite you to look and reflect on what is our #Core and #Mentality as Lasallians.

Beyond the lessons, grades, and academic achievements, what truly defines us is how we live out the values that shape us as Lasallians.

#### #LasallianCore

We all know our Lasallian Core Values. **Spirit of Faith**, **Zeal for Service**, and **Communion in Mission**. These are our anchors in everything we do as Lasallians. And we find our expression of these values in the following attributes which are familiar to many of us:

#### #LasallianMentality

First and foremost, we are **Lasallian Ladies and Gentlemen** — individuals who carry themselves with dignity, respect, and kindness. We listen with open hearts, speak with honesty, and treat everyone with compassion and fairness, developing a deep sense of Faith through silence, reflection and prayer.

We are taught to be **Confident** — to believe in our abilities and to face life’s challenges with courage, knowing that we are supported by our faith, our families, and our Lasallian community.

We strive to be **Competent** — constantly improving our knowledge, skills, and character, preparing ourselves to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world.

We are **Committed to Excellence** — seeking not just to accomplish tasks, but to give our very best in everything we do, always striving for growth and improvement.

As Lasallians, we are **Concerned for the Marginalized** — we are mindful of those who are in need, reaching out to the poor and the vulnerable, just as St. John Baptist de La Salle did for the young and the poor.

We aim to be individuals who **Contribute to Society** — using our talents and learning to create positive change in our communities and our nation.

We carry within us **Compassion** — hearts that understand and care deeply for the struggles and needs of others, especially in times of difficulty. An invitation to seek help when needed and offer help to those who need it.

As stewards of God's creation, we are called to **Care for the Earth** — protecting and preserving the environment for future generations. This is also a call to maintain our campus clean, our classrooms orderly, and make conscious decisions in waste reduction.

We are being formed to become **Future Leaders** — leaders who serve with integrity, wisdom, and a genuine desire to uplift others.

And through all these, we remain **Proud Filipinos** — embracing the richness of our culture, the strength of our identity, and the deep faith that sustains our nation.

Dear Lasallians, this is an invitation for everyone in our community – **students, administrators, faculty, staff, parents** – that as we open this new school year, may we not only aim for academic success but more importantly, live out these values each day — in our words, in our actions, and in our hearts.

Thank you, and may we all have a meaningful and blessed school year ahead.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!