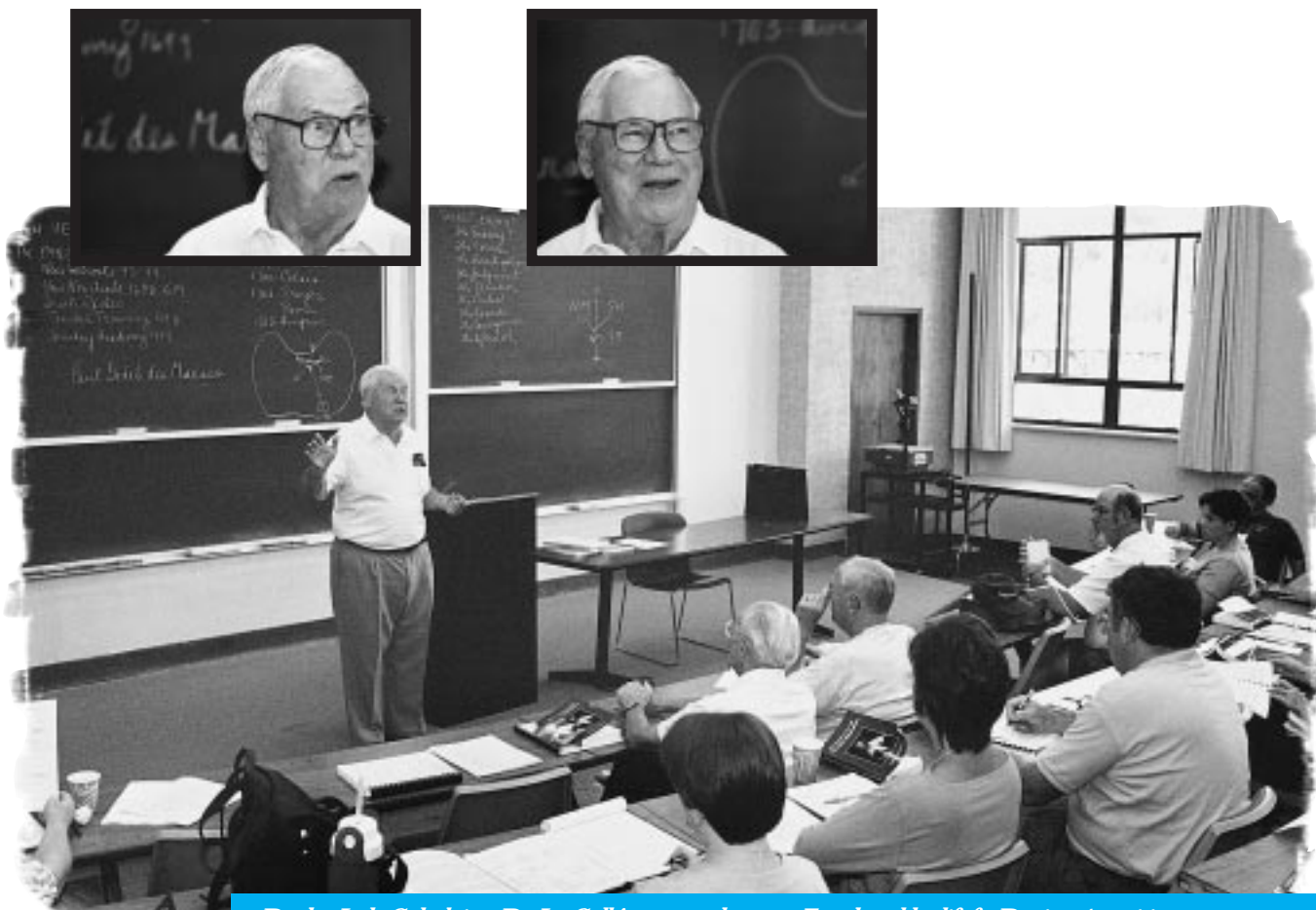


“I think there are three unique aspects to Buttimer. The first of these is the community aspect, the second is the prayer life, and the third is the depth of scholarship and applicability of the Founder’s teachings to today.”

– *Mini MacCaul, Buttimer Program Director*



Brother Luke Salmbrings De La Salle's seventeenth-century French world to life for Buttimer 1 participants

body of information accessible to English-speaking Lasallian Brothers and Partners.

A Sense of Community

Participants come to the Buttimer Institute to learn about Saint John Baptist de La Salle, and take away with them a wealth of knowledge regarding his educational vision. Often, however, many are

surprised at another immensely rewarding facet of the program – the discovery of community and deepened personal spirituality.

Buttimer participants are diverse in age, race, gender, and vocation. They are men and women ranging in age from early twenties to mid-eighties; they are lay, religious, and former religious. Their personal and professional diversity, combined with a

communal living experience, during which they study, discuss, share meals, recreate, and pray together every day for three weeks, create, for many, a true transformation. “The Buttimer Institute people, especially our lay colleagues, have been a great inspiration to me. Their enthusiasm is infectious,” said Brother Steve Caplice from Tijuana, Mexico.