

**Priority Statements
approved by the 12th District Chapter
of the District of San Francisco
- Brothers of the Christian Schools -**

STATEMENT	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL "GOLD"
<p>A. Our communities have evolved in their composition to include chaplains, Partners, in particular Lasallian Volunteers, and other persons who to one degree or another are invested in the life of the community.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">While this reality of community life has been explicitly confirmed by District leadership, it is essential that the value and challenges of such diversity and the expectations for and of each member be recognized and affirmed by each community as well as by District leadership. It is also essential that the inherent characteristics of a Lasallian community be identified, understood, and promoted by each community.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">To this end, the District needs to formalize directives for the establishment of communities of diverse membership, guidelines for the orientation of prospective members, Brothers and others alike, and directives for the preservation of authentic Lasallian communities</p>	172	9
<p>B. Because our communities are becoming increasingly diverse in composition, the Visitor is urged, in collaboration with the Directors' Association, to pursue an assessment of current and likely situations in this regard, surfacing the strengths, benefits, and concerns for all our communities, with a view to establishing appropriate guidelines.</p>		
<p>C. Decisions about opening, closing or staffing communities over the next four years should be guided by a) the relative need for Brother presence, especially regarding our commitment to serve the poor, b) the potential quality of community life among the Brothers and others, and c) the opportunity for Brothers to use and further develop their gifts and talents in their specific living and working situations. District leadership and individual communities should assess our current communities to see how they meet these criteria. This should be a topic discussed during the CAP and the annual canonical visit.</p>	147	7

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D. The District will have an immediate and ongoing thorough evaluation of our programs to provide for the spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of Brothers who need assistance in living (such as at the Holy Family Community and at other places in the District). Brother Visitor is urged to retain the services of qualified consultants to evaluate our current practices and make recommendations for the future.	118	7
E. As a way of supporting and encouraging formation activities and programs in the District, that priority be given over the next four years to foster, coordinate, and evaluate Brother and Partner formation in the areas of Lasallian spirituality and Lasallian mission, accounting for the diversity of formation needs within the Lasallian family, namely temporary and long-term commitments, lay and vowed religious vocations, and formation needs across the life span, i.e., initial formation and training, active involvement in ministry, and end of active ministry / life.	96	3
F. The District Leadership Team is asked to provide training and instructional resources to help Brothers in each community educate and mentor Partners and each other in our Lasallian tradition.	80	2
G. That opportunities to collaborate with other sectors of the Institute (e.g. Districts in the PARC and RELAL Regions) be encouraged in order to enhance Brother/Partner formation across the life span, Brother/Partner shared vision and ministry, vocation ministry, and community life.	80	1
H. Our identity, our ministry, and our community lives would be strengthened and challenged by increased regular opportunities, both community and District-sponsored, that invite the community members to share personally their faith and the lived experience of their vocation.	76	2
I. During the next four years, the Visitor will facilitate, in collaboration with the District Council and the Directors Association, a modification of Chapter Act # 171 (Process for the Election of Visitor), taking account of the smaller number of Brothers in the District, the effectiveness of the elements in the process, and fully respecting article 134a of the Rule. ¹ Changes, if any, will be reported to the Brothers of the District.	62	0

¹ *The District Chapter establishes the procedure to be followed for presenting to the Brother Superior three names of those Brothers judged suitable for the office of Visitor.*

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<p>J. In light of recent and ongoing restructuring initiatives in the Region and the Institute, over the next four years the Brothers of the San Francisco District will be more actively engaged in Regional activities, structures, and programs by initiating and offering collaboration and leadership.</p> <p><i>Initiatives might include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proposing a Regional Convocation of Brothers on topics crucial to the Brothers vocation and life in the future;</i> • <i>Brothers of the San Francisco District serving in positions of Regional leadership.</i> 	61	2

This procedure however respects the principle on the one hand that all the Brothers of the District be consulted, and on the other hand that the Brother Superior retain the freedom to choose. (Rule, 134a)