

Lasallian Volunteers

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Who Are The Lasallian Volunteers?

Lasallian Volunteers are generous and talented men and women from diverse backgrounds across the United States who directly serve the poor through working and living in community with the DeLa Salle Christian Brothers, Lasallian Partners and other Volunteers. This close interaction deepens the Volunteers' experience, enlivens the community and enriches the service to the poor.

Who Are The De La Salle Christian Brothers?

The De La Salle Christian Brothers are a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church that was founded for the purpose of educating poor children.

The History of Lasallian Volunteers

In the early 1980's, in response to the needs of the poor served by the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the Midwest and New York, communities of Brothers invited lay volunteers to join them in their mission. By the early 1990's, the Lasallian Volunteer Program had grown into a national movement associated with Christian Brothers Conference. Today the Lasallian Volunteer Program annually provides close to 50 women and men for one or more years of service to Lasallian missions in some of the poorest neighborhoods in America.

Qualifications Needed For Successful Lasallian Volunteers

- College degree or related work experience
- Interest in living with an organized, faith-based community
- Ability to make a one-three year commitment to the program
- Attendance at an eight-day orientation in August, a midyear and debriefing retreat, and in-services during the year
- Flexibility, reliability and enthusiasm
- Sense of humor, openness to people and a willingness to learn
- Concern for social justice and the ability to live simply

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What Does The Volunteer Receive?

- Room, board and a small stipend
- Medical insurance
- College loan deferment or forbearance
- AMERICORPS education awards
- Spiritual growth and reflection
- Meaningful career experience

Where Do They Do This Work?

- Pawtucket and Providence, RI
- Albany, Bronx, Brooklyn, Freeport, Manhattan, Newburgh and Springfield Gardens, NY
- Camden, NJ
- Philadelphia, PA
- Baltimore, MD
- Chicago, IL
- Racine, WI
- Kansas City, MO
- Memphis, TN
- Tulsa, OK
- Minneapolis, MN
- Browning, MT
- Yakima, WA
- Portland, OR
- Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, CA

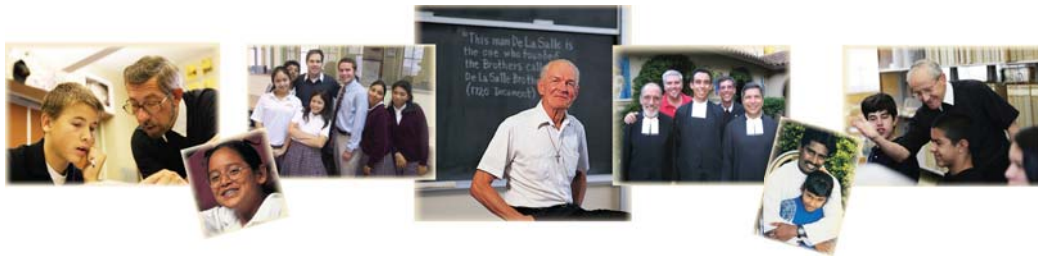
Openings for domestic placements do vary. Please ask about any new placements not listed above.

Alumni

Of our over 350+ former volunteers . . .

- Half volunteered at least two years
- Some have taken positions at their Lasallian ministries after finishing as a volunteer
- Some are involved with overseas missions
- Most former volunteers pursue:
 - Teaching in elementary and secondary schools
 - Graduate degrees in social work and education
 - Social service positions in urban environments

The Lasallian Educational Network



St. John Baptist de La Salle (1651 – 1719) began an educational heritage of more than 300 years that ranges from store-front schools to great universities in over 80 countries. He is the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (known as the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the United States) and is the inspiration for some 77,000 educators in Lasallian institutions around the world. His writings continue to shape what teachers teach, how teachers teach, and why teachers teach. He is the Patron Saint of All Teachers of Youth in the Catholic Church. www.lasalle.org

The Vocation of the Brothers is a religious commitment to “association for the service of the poor through education.” Brothers are men who dedicate their lives to God in the ministry of education. They are serious about prayer, live a life in common, and are devoted to the lives of young people, especially the poor. The De La Salle Christian Brothers are the largest group of lay religious men in the Catholic Church who are dedicated exclusively to education. www.brothersvocation.org

Lasallian Education around the world includes both formal institutions (64 colleges/universities, 900 primary/secondary schools, etc.) and innovative programs that reach out to those in need (30 vans in France to teach Gypsy children, a youth-crisis phone line in Australia that receives 30,000 calls a week, Catalyst Charter schools in Chicago, etc.). In non-Christian countries, Lasallian schools quietly witness to God’s Presence in all our lives and present Christ’s example in action. We are present in 84 countries around the world. www.lasalle.org

Lasallian educational spirituality arose from the experience of De La Salle and the early Brothers, developed through 300 years of expansion among many cultures, and forms the core of today’s Lasallian schools and agencies. It is a spirituality that has the school as its setting, the teacher as its focus, and the salvific potential of education as its inspiration. Elements include faith in the presence of God, quality education, concern for the poor and social justice, life through Jesus Christ, and a respect for all persons within an inclusive community. www.lasallenetwork.org

Lasallian Volunteers are dedicated, well-trained men and women who provide one or more years of service to schools and agencies of the Brothers whose mission is to serve the poor. Acting out of faith, rooted in the gospel, and sharing community with the Brothers and other Lasallians, the Volunteers empower the poor by personalized service primary through education. Lasallian Volunteers change the world for the better and discover themselves transformed in the process. www.lasallianvolunteers.org

Lasallian Institutions in the United States comprise a wide spectrum of institutions and agencies. These include 7 Colleges / Universities, 54 High Schools, 13 Middle Schools, 17 “San Miguel” Schools, 3 Cristo Rey High Schools, and 5 elementary schools. There are also many programs that address special educational needs, such as court-adjudicated youth, after school care, and residential supervision. New schools and educational outreach efforts continue to be established every year. www.cbconf.org

“People are hungry, especially the young.
They are hungry for God and you
are here to satisfy that hunger.
Be faithful to the great gift that God made
you to be teachers, educators, light,
His light in the world among young people.
The future of the world depends on what you do.”



Mother Teresa
(Talk to the De La Salle Christian Brothers)

The Brothers have “demonstrated permanency
by providing for over three centuries an
astonishing array of activities from the most basic
literacy learning to the most complicated
technological learning for both children and adults . .
. so that they can be fully integrated
into community and society.”



United Nations
(UNESCO Noma Prize)

“Union in a community is a precious gem,
which is why Our Lord so often
recommended it to his apostles before he died.
If we lose this, we lose everything.
Preserve it with care, therefore, if you want
your community to survive.”



St. John Baptist de La Salle