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## ALL IS *Connected* MAKING HOPE HAPPEN IN THE LASALLIAN MISSION

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## SYMBOL INTERPRETATIONS (IN THE CONTEXT OF LASALLIAN MISSION)

In every Lasallian symbol lies a story — a message that reminds us of our shared faith, mission, and identity. The elements often seen in Lasallian emblems and logos are not mere designs; they express who we are and what we are called to do as partners in God's work of education and transformation.

### Lasallian Star (Signum Fidei)

The star (often called *Signum Fidei*, meaning "Sign of Faith") stands at the heart of Lasallian identity. It represents faith, guidance, hope, and the light that leads Lasallians in their mission. In the context of mission, the star reminds us that our work in education is grounded in faith — that we are guided not simply by practical concerns, but by a deeper spiritual calling toward service, justice, and truth.

### The Brother/De La Salle Brother

The presence or image of the Brother — a vowed member of the Christian Brothers — symbolizes vocation, leadership, spiritual witness, and dedication. It highlights that the Lasallian mission is rooted in the example and commitment of the Brothers, who devoted their lives to education, especially for the poor. Their presence reminds us that mission is not merely a set of tasks, but a way of life marked by service and consecration.

### The Lasallian Partner

The inclusion of a lay figure or symbol (if present) signifies the shared responsibility in the mission — that Lasallian mission is not just for the Brothers, but is carried forward with lay partners, teachers, staff, and collaborators. It underscores the Lasallian ideal of association (working together) in mission, where lay people actively participate in the educational and spiritual work.

### Broken Chevron(s)

The chevrons (often "broken" chevrons) come from the family crest of La Salle (Johan Salla) and are part of the Lasallian coat of arms heritage. In mission symbolism, the broken chevrons speak of sacrifice, courage, resilience, continuity with tradition, and the fact that mission often involves challenges and imperfections. They also connect the identity of the Lasallian family (historical roots) with the forward-looking mission (transforming lives today).

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

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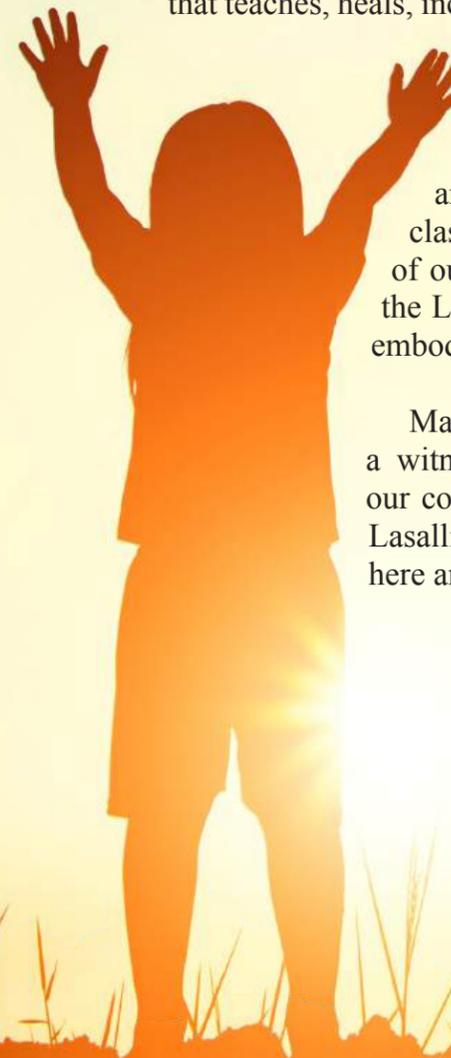
*Chief Lasallian Mission Officer*

When we first dreamed of **AniMission**, we wanted it to be more than a bulletin. We envisioned it as a living space - a gathering of stories, prayers, and reflections where the Lasallian Mission of DLSU-D could be seen and felt anew.

In every article, testimony, and shared moment you will read here, we hope you find traces of God's quiet work among us. Each piece tells of hope - hope that teaches, heals, includes, and transforms. Hope that is lived out by Lasallians who continue to believe that goodness still has a future.

This maiden issue, "Making Hope Happen in DLSU-D: A Lasallian Imperative," invites us to look around and see that hope is already present - in our ministries, in our classrooms, in our chapels, and in the everyday faithfulness of our mission partners. It is a humble yet firm reminder that the Lasallian Mission is never abstract; it is always incarnate - embodied in our service, compassion, and shared humanity.

May **AniMission** become a gentle companion in our journey, a witness to what the Spirit continues to do in and through our community. And may it always lead us back to that sacred Lasallian conviction: that God is indeed doing something new, here and now, in DLSU-D.





# Bringing HOPE

REFLECTION ON MARK 2:1-5

**FR. REINIER R. DUMAOP**  
*University Chaplain*

There are moments when we see people around us losing hope. A friend who used to smile now seems distant. A loved one who once prayed with faith now prays in silence, uncertain if God still listens. We notice them carrying burdens they can no longer name.

Hope is not always easy to find. Even people of deep faith sometimes struggle to believe that things will get better. And when that happens, what can we do? How do we help? How do we make hope happen?

In Mark 2:1-5, we hear about a man who was paralyzed. He could not move, could not walk, could not come to Jesus on his own. But four friends brought him to Jesus. The house where Jesus was teaching was so crowded that they could not get in through the door. So they climbed the roof, made an opening, and lowered their friend right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

The Gospel doesn't tell us what the paralyzed man was feeling. It doesn't say if he asked for help or if he even believed that Jesus could heal him. But what we know is this: his friends hoped for him. They didn't wait for instructions. They didn't give up when things got difficult. They carried him not just physically, but spiritually. They brought him hope when he could no longer bring himself to it.

Bringing hope does not require that a person ask for it. True compassion begins with initiative. Sometimes people are too tired, too broken, or too lost to even ask for help. They have grown used to their pain, to their silence, to their darkness. And so, they stop reaching out.

That's when hope becomes a gift we offer freely. Not because it was requested, but because we care. To bring hope is to look beyond what is said, and see what the heart truly needs. It is to remind someone that their story is not over yet.

People don't always realize that the solution is not to change the situation, but to believe that something better can still happen. Hope doesn't erase suffering. It doesn't guarantee instant answers. But it gives us the courage to keep walking, to keep believing, even when nothing seems to change.

That's what the friends of the paralytic did. They didn't fix his situation, they simply brought him closer to Jesus. And that made all the difference. Because when we bring someone to Jesus, we bring them to the very source of hope itself.

There are times when bringing hope is not always gentle or nice. Sometimes, it means doing something uncomfortable: insisting, confronting, even dragging a friend out of darkness. There are moments when love has to be firm. When compassion means saying, "You can't stay here forever."

Bringing hope doesn't always look like kind words or easy encouragement. Sometimes it looks like showing up uninvited, knocking on someone's door, or refusing to give up on them. Because hope is not always about comfort; sometimes it's about courage, the courage to help someone see that life is still beautiful, that healing is still possible, that God is still here.

Like the friends in the Gospel, we are called to be that kind of friend. The one who opens possibilities, even roofs, just to bring someone to Jesus. The one who refuses to let obstacles win. The one whose faith becomes the bridge between despair and grace.

This is what bringing hope really means: not waiting for miracles, but becoming part of the miracle itself. Not waiting for things to change, but being God's instrument of change in someone's life.

When hope seems lost, may we be those who carry it.

When faith grows weak, may we be those who lift others up.

And when it is we who are paralyzed, may we allow others to bring us to Jesus.

Because in the end, hope happens when love moves.



**FROM THE**  
**CLMO'S**  
*Table*

**Making Hope Happen in DLSU-D:  
A Lasallian Imperative**

**JOSE RITCHE C. BONGCARON**  
*Chief Lasallian Mission Officer*

Fellow Lasallians,

There are moments in our journey as a Lasallian community when the call to hope becomes louder than usual - when our faith is tested, when fatigue seeps into our routines, or when the future feels uncertain despite our best efforts. And yet, in those very moments, we are invited once more to do what Lasallians have always done: to trust, to act, and to make hope happen.



When I think about Making Hope Happen, I am reminded that hope is not a vague feeling or a passive wish. It is a deliberate act of faith. It is seeing with the eyes of God - choosing to believe that even when we cannot see the full picture, something good, something grace-filled, is being written in our story as De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D). Hope is the posture of one who knows that light can still pierce through the clouds.

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*Hope is not a slogan - it is a sacred act of faith that builds, restores, and renews.*

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Our Holy Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, lived in a time of social unrest, poverty, and indifference. Yet he chose not to turn away. He gathered companions, opened classrooms, and formed communities where the young and the poor could rediscover their dignity. That was his way of making hope happen. And I believe that, today, this same spirit must animate us - educators, formators, students, administrators, and staff - as we navigate our own complex realities.

Making hope happen in DLSU-D means making faith visible. It happens each time a teacher goes beyond the lesson plan to listen to a student's story. It happens when an office chooses patience over frustration, when our programs center on the least, the lost, and the last, and when our young people discover that leadership is about service, not status. Hope happens quietly - in small gestures of care, in shared laughter during difficult days, in prayers whispered in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary or at the Basic Education Division's (BED) Chapel of St. John Baptist de La Salle, and in every moment we choose to see the face of Christ in one another.

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*Hope happens quietly - in classrooms, in chapels, and in every choice to care.*

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As a University, we are not immune to the challenges of the times - economic strain, social division, digital fatigue, and the lingering wounds left by the pandemic. But precisely because of these, our mission takes on a deeper meaning. Our Lasallian Mission is not about maintaining programs; it is about sustaining lives. It is about ensuring that every

person who walks our campus encounters hope that is real - hope that heals, builds, and believes.

This is where each of the units under the Chief Lasallian Mission Office (CLMO) becomes a living channel of hope. The Campus Ministry Office (CMO) nurtures spaces of encounter where faith finds renewal. The University Lasallian Family Office (ULFO) fosters belongingness and collaboration, reminding us that no one walks alone. The Sports Development Office (SDO) forms character and resilience through discipline and teamwork. The DLSU-D Night College (DLSU-D NC) gives working students not just education but dignity. De La Salle Bahay Pag-asa (DLSBPD) - our home of second chances - shows us that redemption is not just possible; it is happening here and now. Partnering with these units is our University Chaplain, whose pastoral presence and sacramental ministry strengthen the spiritual life of the community and deepen our shared journey of faith. Likewise, our Lasallian Mission Office - Basic Education Department (LMO-BED) makes hope happen by forming our youngest Lasallians to become compassionate learners and active bearers of faith, hope, and love.

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*To make hope happen is to make love visible in everyday choices.*

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Together, we are reminded that the work of hope is never solitary; it is a sacred collaboration - a communion of hearts and hands moving in one direction, guided by the same Spirit who called us to be Lasallians for others.

Making hope happen also asks something personal of us. It invites us to be persons of presence - to accompany others with empathy and authenticity. It challenges us to see beyond our roles and titles and to recognize that hope begins in how we treat one another. It begins when we choose to understand instead of judge, to serve instead of be served, and to love without counting the cost.

In this time when cynicism often feels easier than faith, I pray that DLSU-D will continue to be a community of hope - where students dream with courage, where educators teach with compassion, and where every Lasallian mission partner works not just with efficiency, but with heart.

May this new issue of AniMission remind us that hope is not something we wait for; it is something we build together. It is cultivated in our classrooms, offices, and communities. And when we make hope happen - day by day, choice by choice - we become living witnesses of God's fidelity to His people.

May the Lord who called our Founder also call us, once again, to renew our “yes” to this sacred work. And may our shared mission continue to proclaim what every Lasallian heart knows: that hope is alive, hope is possible, and hope is happening - here at DLSU-D.

# All is Connected

## MAKING HOPE HAPPEN IN THE LASALLIAN MISSION

BR. IÑIGO R. RIOLA FSC  
*DLSU-D President*

### *Kapayapaan!*

It is a joy to be with you today as we reflect together on our theme: All Is Connected: Making HOPE Happen in the Lasallian Mission.

### **All Is Connected**

Lasallian Reflection 11 reminds us that nothing in our world exists in isolation. Creation, humanity, and the mission entrusted to us by Saint John Baptist de La Salle are all woven together in a web of relationships. What we do in the Lasallian Mission Office may seem, at times, like small or ordinary tasks. For example, organizing a retreat, coaching student-athletes, sending an email, and preparing reports; each action is connected to something greater. Each step contributes to the development of our students, colleagues, and the wider mission of the Lasallian Family and Church.

### **Making HOPE Happen Daily**

When we say “Making HOPE Happen,” it is not about waiting for extraordinary events. It is about choosing, each day, to plant seeds of hope in our ordinary responsibilities. Hope becomes tangible when a struggling student feels supported through the formation programs

we offer. Hope becomes real when faculty and staff know that the Lasallian Mission Office stands with them in living out the Lasallian core values. Hope is nurtured when we collaborate across units and break down silos, recognizing that all is interconnected.

### **Fidelity, Synodality, Co-responsibility**

In my first letter to you last month, I invited you to three guiding themes:

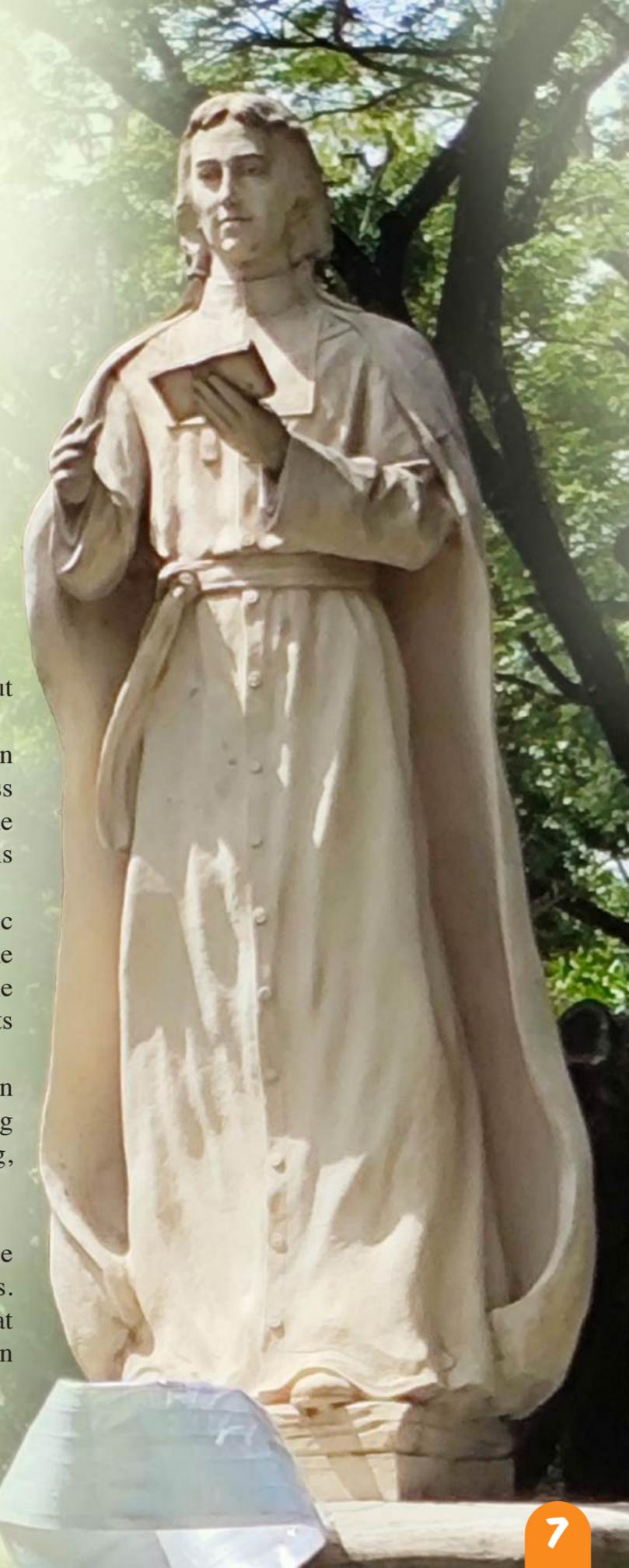
- **Fidelity to Mission.** To remain rooted in our Lasallian identity, never losing sight of why we serve. Fidelity means asking ourselves: does this action, no matter how small, help young people to have life and have it abundantly?
- **Synodality in Spirit.** To walk together and listening to one another. Synodality reminds us that hope is never created alone, it grows when we choose to walk together, even when the path is not easy.
- **Co-responsibility in Action.** To take shared ownership of the mission. In the Mission Office, this means that no task is “yours” or “mine” alone, but “ours.”

### **Our Commitment**

So today, let us begin again with simple but meaningful promises:

- **To stay connected:** with one another in this office, with our Lasallian partners across the university, and with those who live at the margins, who remind us what the mission is really about.
- **To make hope visible:** not in big, dramatic ways, but in the everyday: the way we welcome people, the way we speak with kindness, the way we make decisions that put our students and colleagues first.
- **To remain faithful:** to the Lasallian mission that has been handed on to us: to bring human and Christian education to the young, especially those most in need.

When we do this together, our Mission Office is not just about running formation programs. We become a sign that all is connected, that hope is alive, and that the Lasallian mission continues through each of us, here and now.



# Nurturing Hearts IN ACTION

SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN DLSU-D BASIC EDUCATION

**JONNA MAY M. BERCI**

*Director, Lasallian Mission Office - BED*

At De La Salle University–Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) Basic Education, education is more than academics—it is a mission of the heart. True to the Lasallian motto, “*Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve,*” students are shaped to become compassionate leaders and active contributors to society. Through service learning and community engagement, they discover that learning is most meaningful when it is shared with others.

Service learning is deeply woven into the DLSU-D Basic Education experience. In every grade level, lessons extend beyond the classroom as students engage in real-world activities that promote empathy, awareness, and action. Whether through environmental campaigns, literacy programs, feeding missions, or gift-giving projects, young Lasallians are taught to respond to the needs of the community with both heart and purpose.

Each outreach activity becomes a platform for transformation. Students not only apply their academic knowledge but also learn valuable life lessons—understanding the importance of teamwork, humility, and compassion. They see firsthand how small acts of kindness can create ripples of positive change. Guided by their teachers and the Lasallian Mission Office, these experiences help them develop a deeper sense of faith, service, and social responsibility.

The impact of these programs reaches far beyond the walls of the campus. Partner communities’ benefit from the generosity and youthful enthusiasm of DLSU-D students, while the students themselves grow in gratitude, awareness, and commitment to serve others. They are reminded that being Lasallian means living a life of purpose—rooted in the mission of *teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives.*

At DLSU-D Basic Education, every learner enters to be educated and inspired—but leaves empowered to serve, to lead, and to make a difference.



## LASALLIAN MISSION OFFICE

BASIC EDUCATION DIVISION



Guided by the High School Department’s vision of becoming “the premier Catholic school of choice that forms innovators and leaders of social transformation,” the Lasallian Mission Office – Basic Education Division (LMO-BED) plays a vital role in shaping students who embody both excellence and compassion.

The office fulfills this vision by promoting the Lasallian core values of Faith, Service, and Communion through its various formation programs, outreach activities, and spiritual development initiatives. These efforts ensure that students are not only intellectually capable but also spiritually grounded and socially aware, ready to lead and transform society with faith and integrity.

Through its continuing mission of “teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives,” the LMO-BED stands as a cornerstone in forming young Lasallians who live their faith in action and strive to make a meaningful impact in the world.



# LASALLIAN YOUTH CORPS

## YOUNG MINISTERS IN MISSION

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY – DASMARIÑAS, BASIC EDUCATION DIVISION

In the heart of the Basic Education Division of De La Salle University – Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) beats a youthful energy devoted to faith and service — the Lasallian Youth Corps (LYC). More than a student organization, the LYC stands as a living ministry — a community of young Lasallians who embody the mission of touching hearts, teaching minds, and transforming lives.

### A Ministry of Presence and Purpose

The LYC serves as one of the mission partners of the Basic Education Division, committed to living out the Lasallian core values of faith, zeal for service, and communion in mission.

What makes the LYC unique is its identity as a ministry — not simply a club or co-curricular group. Every member becomes a minister of presence, witnessing to God’s love through daily acts of kindness, service, and compassion within the school and beyond.

In classrooms, corridors, and community outreaches, the LYC represents the heartbeat of the Lasallian mission. Their presence reminds everyone that the Lasallian school is not just a place of learning, but, a space of faith and transformation.

### Living Faith in Action

The LYC nurtures the spiritual life of young Lasallians by creating spaces for prayer, reflection, and faith sharing. Members assist in liturgical celebrations, facilitate recollections, and participate in schoolwide formation programs.

But ministry for the LYC is not confined to the chapel — it extends to every corner of the community. Through outreach initiatives, environmental stewardship, and acts of solidarity, the group turns faith into action.

Every activity — whether it’s helping in a school program, leading prayer, or serving partner communities — becomes an expression of ministry. It is through these experiences that members learn to see God’s presence in every person they encounter.

### Together and by Association

In true Lasallian spirit, the LYC embodies the principle of association — that mission is best lived together. Guided by the Office of the Lasallian Mission, the Corps collaborates closely with administrators, teachers, and fellow students to promote a culture of faith-filled service.

This spirit of collaboration transforms ordinary students into young ministers — Lasallians who see service as a calling and leadership as an act of love. In every project they lead and every community they serve, they bring the message that “ministry begins with presence.”

### A Ministry that Forms and Transforms

The Lasallian Youth Corps does not only serve; it forms. Through its formation programs and experiences, members grow in character, compassion, and commitment. They learn to listen deeply, act selflessly, and reflect meaningfully — hallmarks of authentic Lasallian ministry.

Each encounter becomes an opportunity for transformation — both for those they serve and for themselves. As one member expressed, “Serving in the LYC taught me that ministry is not about doing something big; it’s about being present and letting God work through you.”

Together and by association,  
WE SERVE IN FAITH, LIVE WITH ZEAL,  
AND BUILD COMMUNION.”





### Mission Partners for a Faith-Filled Generation

As a ministry, the LYC plays a vital role in sustaining the Lasallian identity of the Basic Education Division. It bridges faith and education, blending prayer with action and learning with service.

By forming young people who are both spiritually grounded and socially responsible, the Lasallian Youth Corps ensures that the mission of St. John Baptist de La Salle continues to thrive in today's generation.

The LYC is, in every sense, a youth ministry in motion — vibrant, compassionate, and Christ-centered. Its members stand as proof that even the youngest Lasallians can be powerful partners in mission when their hearts burn with faith and their hands are ready to serve.

“Live Jesus in our hearts — forever.”

The Lasallian Youth Corps lives this prayer not only in words, but in witness — through every act of service, every smile shared, and every heart touched by their ministry.

# SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**GERARDO C. SERGIO III**

*SDO Director*

The Sports Development Office (SDO) promotes physical wellness for students and other members of the academic community by offering opportunities for physical development. The office handles the varsity program of the university as well as the program for non-varsity players. The different varsity groups namely; Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Chess, Swimming and Table Tennis, where selected members of the varsity teams enjoy scholarship grants and other privileges

On the other hand, SDO spearheads annual intramurals for the academic community. Likewise, the Office also encourages the students to form or join clubs for non – competitive sports in support of physical health and wellness.

## CALABARZON'S FINEST: DLSU-D BADMINTON ATHLETES REPRESENTED THE PHILIPPINES AT THE 2025 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

Rhine-Ruhr, Germany — Two of our outstanding student-athletes represented the Philippines and the CALABARZON Region at the *Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) World University Games 2025*, held from July 16 to 27 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.

Thomas Neo Gatdula, a third-year Bachelor of Science in Criminology student, and Ma. Althea Ladiana, a second-year Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management student, competed in badminton under the guidance of Mr. Gerardo Sergio III, Director of the Sports Development Office (SDO) of De La Salle University – Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).



Carrying the Philippine flag, Gatdula and Ladiana exemplified not only athletic excellence but also the dedication, discipline, and resilience of Filipino youth. Their participation reflects DLSU-D's steadfast commitment to fostering academic and athletic excellence, empowering students to compete internationally with passion and pride. Meanwhile, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Office IV has extended its full support to Gatdula, Ladiana, and the entire Philippine delegation in the said event.

FISU is a global governing body for university sports that promotes student athletes well-being and provide platform for student competition, exchange, and leadership through sports. With 165 member associations from five continents, FISU spearheads international sports competitions such as the multi-sport World University Games.



# BAHAY PAG-ASA DASMARINAS



## Transforming LIVES



### THE IMPACT OF DE LA SALLE BAHAY PAG-ASA DASMARINAS IN NURTURING YOUTH TRANSFORMATION AND RESILIENCE

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DIRECTOR, DLSBPD

De La Salle Bahay Pag-asa Dasmariñas (DLSBPD) stands as a shining beacon of hope and renewal for vulnerable youth in the community. It offers a safe and compassionate home where children in conflict with the law (CICL) are given the chance to rebuild their lives, rediscover their worth, and dream again.

Established in 2009, through the initiative of former De La Salle University – Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) President Br. Augustine Boquer FSC, DLSBPD's operation is governed by Republic Act 9344, the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of the Philippines, a law that advocates for the rehabilitation and reintegration of CICLs, rather than punishment. This same principle of restorative justice guides DLSBPD as it embraces a holistic approach in the process of accompanying its residents reflected through: rehabilitation and education, restoration of relationships, and integration in the community/society, with detention being the last resort. As such, DLSBPD offers a supportive environment where they can heal from their past traumas, develop essential life skills, and embrace opportunities for personal growth and development.

Anchored firmly on the Lasallian mission of human and Christian education, DLSBPD provides a comprehensive education and formation programs ensuring not only a temporary care, but long-term support and guidance to its residents to help them imbibe values of respect, responsibility, and resilience to empower them to break free from the cycle of delinquency as they aspire to make positive contribution to society. Truly a distinctive mark of compassion and care inspired by St. John Baptist de La Salle. Given this, DLSBPD embarks on the following programs and activities:

#### HOLISTIC AND HEALING FORMATION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROGRAMS

At the heart of its programs is a holistic and healing formation, one that nurtures not only the mind, but also the heart, body, and spirit of every resident. The center strives to provide a transformative environment where each young person can rediscover hope and purpose. Through comprehensive formation programs that encompasses educational support, livelihood trainings, counselling and recreational activities, the center accompanies its residents in the process of acquiring the vision, values, attitudes and practices that supportive of their development. Anchored on the principle of Lasallian formation, the residents are guided towards recognizing God's presence in their lives and collaborating with Him on His plan for their lives. Hopefully, through this process, they will be able to reach their full potentials and participate meaningfully in the redemptive mission of God. To do this, the center provides a strong moral foundation through monthly recollections, catechism sessions, annual retreat, regular values education sessions, daily rosary prayers, and weekly Masses. Some residents even serve as volunteers during Liturgical celebrations — deepening their sense of faith, responsibility, and belonging. A dedicated Chapel and prayer room is always available for personal reflection. The daily praying of the rosary fosters unity and faith among Catholic residents — with inclusivity and respect extended to those of other beliefs.

Complementing this is the psychological intervention programs to help respond to the emotional and psychological needs of residents. These include individual and group counseling, anger and aggression

management sessions, regular psychological assessments, and creative therapies such as art and music therapy. Through these interventions, residents learn to understand their emotions, manage conflicts, and develop healthier coping mechanisms.

**EDUCATION** stands as one of the cornerstones of DLSBPD's mission. The center ensures that all residents have access to quality education, supporting them in formal schooling, the Alternative Learning System (ALS), and even tertiary education. For those who enter the program without basic literacy skills, Lasallian Brothers and House Parents patiently teach reading and writing, helping them build both confidence and competence. The success of this approach is best reflected in one of our residents who graduated from the ALS and DLSU-D Night College programs in 2023. He is a faculty member at DLSU-D and is pursuing a master's degree.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** is another pillar of the program. To complement this, the center also promotes a balanced and active lifestyle through sports, exercise, and health education. Residents participate in activities such as zumba sessions, taekwondo, basketball, board games, regular physical and dental check-ups, gender and development orientations, and personality development workshops. Preventive health measures are reinforced through annual drug prevention seminars and consistent medical monitoring, ensuring both physical and mental well-being.

**LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS.** To prepare residents for life beyond the center, DLSBPD empowers them through livelihood and skills training programs. These include rosary-making, operating the center's bakery "*Pan de Pag-asa*" (Bread of Hope),

and enrollment in TESDA-accredited courses such as Computer System Servicing and Tourist Management. The center also supports creative ventures like handmade greeting cards, t-shirt printing, and the production of religious items such as mass cards and Lasallian images — helping residents discover purpose, discipline, and financial responsibility.

**POST-CARE PROGRAM.** A distinctive mark of DLSBPD is its post-care program, which ensures a smooth transition for residents as they reintegrate into their communities. This includes continuous monitoring, livelihood assistance, and linkage with community support systems. By equipping them with the necessary skills and resources, the program reduces the risk of reoffending and fosters long-term success and independence.

**HOME-LIFE CARE.** Beyond these structured programs, DLSBPD instills daily habits that promote responsibility, discipline, and community life. Residents actively participate in maintaining their living spaces through cleaning and cooking under the supervision of house parents and security personnel. Regular haircuts are done by residents themselves, promoting neatness and self-care. Another meaningful activity is gardening which allows the residents to cultivate their own produce while learning about sustainability and healthy living. This hands-on practice not only teaches essential life skills but also fosters a sense of ownership and reduces operational costs.

## TOWARDS A SUSTAINED MISSION

DLSBPD recognizes the importance of working hand in hand with various individuals and institutions in the larger community in order to provide sustained and meaningful programs for the welfare of the CICLs and in general, the youth sector. The center strategically partners with local communities, government agencies, the Church, and non-profit organizations to enhance its impact and broaden its reach. These collaborations enable us to extend our services to a wider network of at-risk youth who need support and create a more comprehensive and sustainable programs for youth rehabilitation and reintegration. Recognizing our responsibility to the wider community, we actively collaborate with local government units, contributing to their efforts in youth development and social welfare.

Our goal is to reduce recidivism and build safer, more supportive

communities for everyone by providing pathways towards rehabilitation and positive change. Demonstrating our commitment to these partnerships, DLSBPD is a Civil Society Organization (CSO) accredited by the City of Dasmariñas and the Provincial Government of Cavite, with an existing MOA with the latter. The center is also an active member of ABSNET-Cavite Cluster, and Vice Chair of the Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (RJJWC). At the University level, DLSBPD works with several units and groups such as the DLSU-D Center for Applied Psychology (DCAP) among others.

The center's operations are supported by De La Salle University-Dasmariñas and sustained through the generosity of local and international donors. To ensure financial stability, we follow a multi-faceted approach that includes an Endowment Fund for ongoing operational support, as well as specific funds such as the Livelihood Trust Fund, Operations Fund, and Educational/Scholarship Fund. We welcome both cash and in-kind donations, guided by an updated list of the center's current needs to help donors give more effectively. In addition, we actively pursue grants and partnerships with various institutions — among them, the Province of Cavite and the One La Salle Foundation in Rome, which supported our "Project Hope" initiative.

## DLSBPD IS A BEACON OF HOPE

DLSBPD stands as a beacon of hope and transformation for CICL. In a world often marked by struggle and uncertainty, the center continues to embody the light of hope and the promise of new beginnings. Through compassionate care, education, and formation, it empowers young people to



rise above their past and rediscover their dignity, purpose, and potential. Guided by the Lasallian spirit of faith, service, and communion, it provides not only a safe haven but also a sacred space where healing, learning, and renewal take place.

Looking forward, the center envisions becoming a sustainable and environmentally responsible facility, forming residents to be stewards of creation and witnesses of hope. As DLSBPD continues to walk alongside these young people in their journey toward wholeness, it also bears witness to God's redemptive love — a love that restores, renews, and calls each one to a life of purpose and grace. DLSBPD is a living testament reminding us that transformation is possible when hearts are moved by compassion and faith leads the way. The transformative journey of DLSBPD residents reflects the beauty of God's grace unfolding in the lives of the young — a reminder that no one is ever beyond redemption.

## GOOD TO KNOW about DLSBPD

- Established in 2009.
- 15-17 years old male CICLs are the residents of DLSBPD.
- They are accompanied by House Parents, a Social Worker from the Sisters of Social Service and a Lasallian Brother Animator with holistic support and care.
- Social Worker and Residents ratio is 1:15.
- Involvement of DLSU-D Community in holistic formation and education of the residents through Service Learning, extra-curricular, and formation for mission programs and activities.
- Parents and family are essential to the residents' successful transformation, healing and successful reintegration.
- We employ positive discipline; no shouting or use of harsh language/words; promoting open communication and providing opportunities for processing emotions and conflicts constructively.
- A core value instilled in the residents is profound respect for others, particularly elders. It is practiced daily, notably through the cherished Filipino tradition of *'mano.'* This gesture, where they respectfully take an elder's hand and bring it to their forehead, is a powerful symbol of deference and cultural identity.

- Music serves as a powerful therapeutic tool. Thus, residents have the opportunity to play instruments like the piano and guitar as a unique avenue for emotional expression, stress reduction, and self-discovery, fostering healing and growth.
- Pet dogs help in the rehabilitation of residents, providing comfort, reducing anxiety, or improving social interaction of residents.
- When a resident engages in wrongdoing, we utilize a Reflection Room, not isolation room, providing a space for quiet contemplation on their actions and encourage accountability and positive change.
- Sharing is Caring. The residents not only receive, but they also give. Various acts of generosity is encouraged among the residents: their freshly baked cookies are shared with community partners; giving of Christmas gifts to security personnel; sharing of insights and experiences with students and visitors
- We are on Social Media (<https://web.facebook.com/delasallebahaypagasadasmarinas>) to spread the good news of hope and other updates about the center.
- We raise awareness as we celebrate: National Juvenile Justice Week, National Children's Month, National Women's Month, National Art's Month.





# Being Church in Campus

## THE CAMPUS MINISTRY OF DLSU-D

**RIO RAMOS-MAZO**  
*Campus Minister*

Guided by the mission of “being Church in campus,” the Campus Ministry Office (CMO) animates and accompanies the members of the De La Salle University – Dasmariñas community in their spiritual and pastoral journey. Through this mission, CMO dedicates itself to becoming a true Church — the Body of Christ, a community of believers — by providing an environment where the experience of God is lived and shared.

To bring this vision to life, the CMO fulfills its mission through four vital dimensions of ecclesial life: worship, evangelization, outreach, and community building. In doing so, it seeks to mirror the spirit of the early Christians, “who devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to

fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to prayers” (Acts 2:42).

CMO carries out this mission through dynamic ministries that:

- build a Christian community rooted in faith, fraternity, and service;
- glorify God and lead the academic community in prayer and liturgy;
- enable every member of the University to discover and nurture God’s call to holiness in their daily life;
- creatively evangelize by making the Gospel message meaningful and relevant in today’s context; and
- engage with communities and society as instruments of God’s mercy and compassion.



### A Shared Mission of Accompaniment

To creatively fulfill this mission, the CMO collaborates closely with its mission partners — the Office of the University Chaplain, the Spiritual and Pastoral Formation Committee (SPFC), the Rosary Prayer Circle (RPC), and the Campus Peer Ministers (CPM).

The CMO works closely with the Office of the University Chaplain (OUC) in providing opportunities for worship through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, devotions, feasts, and other liturgical celebrations in accordance with the Catholic faith. Together, they ensure that the spiritual life of the University remains vibrant and meaningful by nurturing a culture of prayer, reverence, and gratitude to God. Through pastoral care, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other liturgical and sacramental encounters, CMO and OUC accompany the community in deepening their relationship with Christ, inspiring them to live out their faith in daily life.

The SPFC is composed of representatives from various offices, organizations, and sectors of the University who work hand in hand with CMO in implementing spiritual and pastoral initiatives within their respective communities. It serves as a vital force in ensuring that every member of the DLSU-D community is accompanied in their journey of faith and that the Lasallian

Catholic identity is meaningfully lived out across the campus.

On the other hand, RPC is a faith community that prays the Holy Rosary nightly online for the intentions of members of the community, especially those who are sick or in need of prayers. The RPC also volunteers in support of CMO endeavors and activities, including those related to worship and evangelizing outreach, fostering a spirit of solidarity and compassion through prayer.

Finally, CPM are students who generously offer their time, talent, and energy in service to the Church, particularly as liturgical volunteers. They are provided with formative opportunities that help them grow spiritually and deepen their understanding of their Catholic Lasallian identity and mission. CPMs are called to minister to their peers — becoming instruments of God’s presence and active participants in the continuing work of evangelization within the University.

Through all its ministries and collaborations, CMO remains at the heart of the University’s spiritual life — a living reminder that faith is not only professed but also practiced in daily encounters. Rooted in the Lasallian Catholic tradition, it continues to inspire and accompany the community toward communion with God and with one another — faithfully embodying its mission of “being Church in campus.”



#JOYFULLYSERVINGTHELORD

## THE CAMPUS PEER MINISTERS

The Campus Peer Ministers (CPM) are bona fide students of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas who voluntarily devote their time, talent, and energy to the service of God and the University community. They #joyfullyservetheLord in various liturgical ministries — as lectors, commentators, psalmists, altar servers, choir members, and ushers — helping create a prayerful and meaningful atmosphere in the celebration of the sacraments and other forms of worship.

Beyond their liturgical service, the CPMs are formed to be **shepherds among their peers** — young Lasallians who accompany, listen to, and journey with fellow students in faith. They are encouraged to integrate their spiritual growth with their academic and personal life, seeing their studies, relationships, and daily experiences as sacred encounters with God.

The Campus Ministry Office (CMO) provides them with sustained formative opportunities such as recollections/retreats, leadership trainings, capacity building, and community engagement, designed to deepen their faith, strengthen their character, and develop their pastoral sensitivity. Through these, they are empowered to live out their Lasallian identity and to become agents of evangelization within and beyond the campus. Furthermore, CPMs are continually accompanied to become *“disciples and citizens, prophets and professionals, who bring the transforming power of the Gospel to bear on culture and on every human endeavor, in order to realize God’s Kingdom of truth, justice, love, and peace”* — living out the Lasallian core values of Faith, Zeal for Service, and Communion in Mission.

Ultimately, it is hoped that the CPMs embody the heart of *“being Church in campus”* — a community of young Lasallians who, inspired by the example of the **Good Shepherd** and the spirituality of **St. John Baptist de La Salle**, strive to bring the light of Christ into the academic world and into every life they touch.



# illuminating THE PATH

THE ULFO COMMUNITY’S COMMITMENT TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH,  
INTEGRAL DISCERNMENT AND FORMATION

GRACE ANN T. HORMILLOSA  
LASALLIAN FORMATOR

The **University Lasallian Family Office (ULFO)** is deeply committed to uphold the founding vision and mission of St. John Baptist De La Salle and the Catholic Church. We are not just an office; we are also a community dedicated to form and help every person on campus, students and lasallian partners alike to grow in the spirit of Lasallian tradition.

Our mission is beautifully simple, that is, to be your safe and welcoming space for growth. Think of us as a community garden where the seeds of the Lasallian Spirit are rooted and nurtured in everyone. It is because everything we do is built upon three timeless values that light our path: **Spirit of Faith:** Seeing God’s Presence It is about recognizing the sacredness in our daily lives and truly believing God is with us...in the classroom, the hallways, the session halls and every moment in between; **Zeal for Service:** Passion in Action. We do not just talk about helping but we serve with genuine commitment; **Communion in Mission:** Working as One Family. It means we are stronger together. It is the spirit of collaboration that turns our shared purpose into a powerful reality).

ULFO also aims to offer diverse opportunities for personal growth and community engagement, notably by providing students

and our stakeholders, with dedicated, tranquil environment and sacred spaces conducive to prayer and reflection.

### SERVICES WE OFFER

#### Recollections and Retreats

These are sacred times set aside for every student in the university to pause, look inward, and listen to the quiet voice within. They are also a necessary component of the requirements and structured journeys designed to guide the students toward deep personal reflection and nurture spiritual growth.

#### KALAKBAY

This program is dedicated to partnerships and accompaniment, specifically by walking alongside Lasallian Partners and other relevant sectors. It delivers comprehensive formation programs and coordinates collaborative community events to strengthen ties, share institutional values, and promote active social responsibility. The Origin of KALAKBAY is in 2022, the year the idea was officially coined. The acronym was revealed to stand for *Kasamang Lasalyano, Kaakbay at Gabay* (translating to Lasallian Companion, Partner, and Guide). The establishment of this formation program was a response to the challenge taken on by ULFO to

provide dedicated adult formations specifically for the College Faculty and Staff and the Basic Education Department.

### ULFO Facebook Page

This serves as the official, accessible digital communication hub for the University Lasallian Family Office. It focused on managing the office's public presence, engaging with stakeholders (students and the wider university community), and in disseminating information quickly and widely. Responsibilities include generating and posting regular content (announcements, event photos, Formators' workshops and activities, Voice from Parmenie, and other relevant articles), promotion of Lasallian tradition and ensuring the page reflects an inclusive, professional and positive image.

As an office, ULFO currently operates within the organizational framework of the Chief Lasallian Mission Office. Mr. Jose Ritche

C. Bongcaron holds the role of providing comprehensive guidance and executive supervision. Ms. Diana Jean S. Roque, in her capacity as Director, manages all formative and daily operations, thereby guaranteeing the office's fidelity to its institutional mandate of human and Christian education and formation.

The initiatives administered by ULFO are primarily designed to provide Lasallian formation and to foster holistic development across both individual and collective domains. These were drawn insights from the life and works of the Founder to help the community live out the hallmark Lasallian core values which are the foundation of everything we do. This is not just a mission, but an open invitation to every member of our community...Now, come join us and step into your journey of meaningful growth and purpose with us!



SCAN TO FOLLOW OUR OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

# JOIN US!



## LaYAG

Lasallian Youth Accompaniment Group

*“Building a culture where each person regards oneself as a Lasallian formator.”*

18, 2008 PLFC SI & CBM

**DOMINGO B. ALARCON JR.**  
Lasallian Formator/LaYAG Adviser

Inspired by the charism of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Lasallian Youth Accompaniment Group (LaYAG) serves as a nurturing community where young Lasallians are guided to deepen their faith, embody the zeal for service, and live out a genuine spirit of communion. Rooted in the life and example of the Founder, LaYAG accompanies students in their journey of personal growth and spiritual maturity—helping them to recognize God's presence in their daily lives and to respond actively to His call.

Through meaningful formative encounters and shared experiences, LaYAG empowers its members to become responsible stewards of creation, bearers of the Lasallian identity, and sharers of the Lasallian vocation and mission. They are encouraged not only to grow in their love for God but also to translate this love into concrete acts of service and solidarity—bringing hope, compassion, and transformative action within their communities.



Ultimately, LaYAG forms young Lasallians who, inspired by faith and guided by the Lasallian core values, commit themselves to being agents of positive change—faithful in prayer, zealous in service, and united in mission.



# A BEACON

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INTRODUCING THE DLSU-D NIGHT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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*Night College Director*

The pursuit of a college diploma often remains a distant dream for many financially challenged, working Filipinos. The reality of needing to work—often in physically demanding, low-paying jobs—while simultaneously managing the costs and schedule of university life creates an insurmountable barrier. However, at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), a decade-old program is actively tearing down that wall.

This is the story of the DLSU-D Night College, a unique scholarship program that offers a transformative, highly subsidized path to a tertiary education for Cavite’s most determined, working students. It’s more than just a schedule adjustment; it’s a living testament to the Lasallian mission of inclusive, quality education.

### Education for All: An Idea Rooted in History

The DLSU-D Night College program’s foundation is built on the revolutionary spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle. Back in 17th-century France, St. La Salle challenged the educational norms of the elite by establishing schools that taught in the common vernacular, making learning accessible to the poor and working-class children who had been historically excluded.

This pioneering ethos—that quality education should be for everyone, regardless of financial or

social standing—is the driving force behind the Night College.

Established in 1988, the program was originally known as the Free Evening Class Scholarship Program under the College of Business. It was an initial, agile response to the needs of the university’s employees when the La Salle Brothers took over the then Emilio Aguinaldo College. Under the leadership of the late Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC, the program was born to assist employees who had not yet completed their college degrees. These employees worked during the day and attended their classes after hours to earn their diplomas. Eventually, it not only expanded its reach to indigent youth in nearby communities and partners but also broadened its academic offerings to include courses from other colleges, moving beyond its initial focus on just business programs.

Today, it operates under the Chief Lasallian Mission Office, with overall guidance and supervision provided by Mr. Jose Ritche C. Bongcaron. The day-to-day operations of this program are managed by Director Dr. Mara U. Salibay, who ensures the program remains true to its core purpose: providing free college education to working students in Cavite.

### The Scholars: Driven by a Dream and Diverse Program

The students who walk the halls of DLSU-D in the evening are a special breed of scholars. For the current First Semester, SY 2025-2026, a total of 174 scholars are enrolled across eight diverse academic programs spanning six different colleges.

The programs currently offered by the Night College are tailored to meet modern industry demands, including:

College	Program	Number of Students (on their first year)
CBAA	BON - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Business and Operations Management	27
	MKN - BSBA major in Marketing Management with Specialization in Integrated Marketing Communications	31
	NYT - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Major in Human Resource Development Management	33
CEAT	MMN - Bachelor in Multi Media Arts	12
CTHM	HRN Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management	33
COS CSIT	APN – Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics	2
	NIT – Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	2
CLAC	PSN – Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>174</b>

These students are individuals whose employment status often falls into categories like fast-food service crews, salespersons, call center agents, or housemaids. Their jobs are typically menial and low-paying, often not even meeting the minimum wage. This financial precariousness is precisely why they are susceptible to the all-too-common fate of dropping out of college.

The Night College program is their crucial second chance. By offering a full scholarship, the university eliminates the primary barrier—tuition cost—allowing these students to remain employed during the day while pursuing their academic dreams at night. This vital initiative was made possible by the university administrators, including the Deans of the different Colleges and Department Chairs, who took on the challenge of offering a full academic program during evening

hours. Their commitment to restructuring schedules and allocating resources ensured the academic integrity and logistical viability of the Night College from its inception.

### A Critical Role in Higher Education

The Philippine higher education system faces the dual challenge of expanding access while ensuring quality. While public institutions are vital, private universities like DLSU-D play an essential role in easing the burden on the public system and serving as agile innovators.

The Night College exemplifies this innovation. It is an alternative, accessible pathway to a university degree, responding directly to the evolving needs of the labor market and the social reality of working individuals. It proves that a commitment to both academic excellence and

social responsibility can, and must, go hand in hand.

For the students of the DLSU-D Night College, the journey is undoubtedly rigorous—juggling a full work shift with academics is demanding. But for them, the night classes are not a burden; they are a beacon of hope. They represent a future where their educational achievement can finally allow them to move beyond low-paying jobs and break the cycle of poverty, fulfilling their deepest desire to complete their tertiary education.

As the program continues to grow and empower these deserving students, it serves as an inspiring example that with commitment, compassion, and a pioneering spirit, the dream of a college degree is truly within reach for everyone.



# DLSU-D

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## CALL TO PRAYER AND PUBLIC REPENTANCE

**RIO RAMOS-MAZO**

*Campus Minister*

Led by its President, Br. Iñigo Riola FSC, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) joined the nation in responding to the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines' (CBCP) Call to Prayer and Public Repentance.

The University held a Prayer Service for Truth, Transparency, and Integrity in Public Service on October 24, 2025, which began with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by a prayer service in front of the University Chapel. During the program, Br. Iñigo unveiled and read the University's statement, expressing DLSU-D's full support for the CBCP's call. In his message, he reaffirmed the University's unwavering commitment to uphold "integrity, honest service, and prophetic action" in all its endeavors.

As a symbolic act of solidarity, members of the DLSU-D academic community lit candles and tied white ribbons within the Br. Augustine Boquer FSC Cultural Heritage Complex. Earlier, the University also encouraged all members of the Lasallian community to wear white every Friday until November 23, 2025, and tied white ribbons around campus as visible expressions of support for this national call to prayer and reflection.

