We Are All Lasallian Educators

A Self-Paced Blackboard Course for Lewis University Faculty & Staff

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WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The Course

A self-paced Blackboard course introducing Lewis University faculty and staff to their Lasallian identity and mission.

Divided into three integrated modules, the course blends historic Lasallian documents with contemporary AI-powered media — including audio podcasts — to make the content accessible to every employee.

AI-Powered Innovation

Tools Used:

- Microsoft Co-Pilot
- Claude AI
- Google Notebook LM (podcasts)
- Lasallian Resource Center AI

All AI content is sourced exclusively from texts available through the official Lasallian network — ensuring fidelity to De La Salle's tradition.

THE THREE MODULES

01

Introduction to Lasallian Education at Lewis University

Grounds faculty and staff in the history and identity of Lewis University as a Lasallian institution, connecting personal roles to a shared heritage.

02

Foundations of Lasallian Pedagogy

Explores De La Salle's educational principles and how they translate into contemporary teaching and professional practice.

03

Community & Service in Lasallian Tradition

Examines the call to faith, service, and inclusive community — inviting employees to see their work as a form of ministry.

WHO BENEFITS?

New Faculty & Staff

Primary audience — those onboarding to Lewis University who may not yet have deep familiarity with De La Salle's mission.

Part-Time & Adjunct Employees

Often overlooked in formal mission formation — this self-paced format ensures equal access for all employees regardless of schedule.

Returning Employees

A meaningful refresher on Lasallian values for any Lewis University employee seeking to reconnect with the institution's heritage.

Students (Indirectly)

Students benefit through richer interactions with faculty and staff who have internalized Lasallian values in their professional roles.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

"Lewis University is deeply committed to its Lasallian heritage — this course ensures that commitment reaches every employee."

Access Gap

Adjunct faculty and part-time staff historically receive fewer mission formation opportunities. This course closes that gap.

Flexible Format

Self-paced design allows any employee — on any schedule — to engage with Lasallian content on their own terms.

Living Resource

Modules can be expanded, updated, and repurposed for departmental meetings, retreats, or deeper dives into specific Lasallian topics.

WHEN & HOW — IMPLEMENTATION

NOW

Ready to Launch

The course is complete and ready for immediate implementation at Lewis University.

HANDOFF

Transition to Mission & Ministry / HR

Andy and Angie will transfer ownership to University Mission and Ministry or Human Resources for ongoing stewardship.

ONGOING

Living Course

Designated contacts maintain, expand, and update modules over time. Content can be repurposed for retreats and departmental meetings.

SUPPORT

Continued Collaboration

Andy and Angie remain available as creative resources to assist with future content development as needed.

“In the spirit of De La Salle — creative fidelity.”

Adapting timeless Lasallian values through contemporary tools to best serve every educator and student at Lewis University.

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