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FOREWORD

The first number of LASALLIANA appeared in October 1983. After that, three issues appeared regularly every year until October 1987 when LASALLIANA n. 13 was published. This number signalled the end of all further publications.

However, Brothers from several parts of the Institute wrote to the General Council to express regret at the decision taken. They had found in LASALLIANA not only much food for thought but also a means for making the Institute better known to the lay staff and the pupils in their colleges as well as to friends and benefactors. Also, groups of individuals interested in Lasallian education made effective use of LASALLIANA in their meetings and group discussions. All concerned have expressed regret at no longer being able to count on this resource.

The General Council, therefore, considered it desirable that LASALLIANA be re-published. This task has been entrusted to the Secretariat for Mission Education. Hence, from now on LASALLIANA will again appear regularly in January, April and October.

LASALLIANA n. 14 will be the first of this new series. In offering it to you together with our best wishes, we would like to avail ourselves of the occasion to remind you kindly of two points:

- a/ that these leaflets on Lasallian themes are intended for the use of all members of the Lasallian Family. Some of these papers will be of immediate use to the Brothers, others will appeal to the secular teachers of the college, and others again to the parents of the pupils. But all have a common denominator: our mission as Christian educators living our origins and traditions in the world of today. Hence, it is our earnest wish that LASALLIANA be widely diffused, read and used and not be consigned to oblivion in a library or hidden away in book-shelves.
- b/ that all members of the Lasallian Family who wish to co-operate by contributing articles have free access to these Lasallian leaflets. For those who wish to share their experiences, views and opinions with members of the whole Institute, articles on the following themes will be most welcome: the Founder, the History of the Institute, the mission educator, the teaching vocation, the world of pastoral education, etc., etc.

As we begin the publication of this new series of LASALLIANA, it is but right and just that we pay tribute to two Brothers to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for the significant role they played in the preparation and publication of LASALLIANA during the period October 1983 - October 1987.

The first is Brother Leon Lauraire who, as Secretary for Education, was fully responsible for the direction and publication of the earlier editions of LASALLIANA. He measured up to his responsibilities with great success to the end of his term of office.

The second is the late Brother Maurice Auguste Hermans, who was called to his heavenly reward on July 16th 1987. He was an outstanding figure in "Lasallian Studies" and an excellent collaborator of LASALLIANA. His last contribution to LASALLIANA, dated April 30th and duly signed by him, was prepared just a few weeks before his death. It will be found included in the present issue of LASALLIANA. May our gratitude to, and admiration for him, accompany our prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

With the earnest wish that LASALLIANA will be a bond of fraternal union between Regions, Districts, Delegations, Centres of education, Brothers, teachers, catechists, past pupils, parents and present pupils... in a word, between all the members of the great Lasallian Family,

Yours cordially,

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