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Dear Friend of Lasallian Volunteers,

Happy Founder's Day! Today we honor Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and patron saint of teachers. We reflect on the rich history of the Lasallian mission and celebrate the man whose vision and dedication to providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, launched the worldwide Lasallian network.

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy during these uncertain times. The health and well-being of Lasallian Volunteers and our entire Lasallian community are of the utmost importance to us. Given the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, after discussing several considerations, in consultation with the Lasallian Volunteers Advisory Board, and out of an abundance of care and caution, we have decided that this year's Brother Charles Kitson Institute for Formation of Lasallian Volunteers will be held as a virtual formation experience.

This virtual Kitson Institute will take place July 19-26, 2020. During our time together, we will focus on Lasallian pedagogy and spirituality, community building, educational content, virtual learning, building relationships with students and clients, along with other topics, while honoring the best parts of the Kitson Institute experience. As Lasallians, we recognize that the relationships built in person are what strengthen the community experience. This virtual experience will not replace the in-person time together, and we are looking for ways to gather the 2020-2021 LVs together in person in the fall, if possible. Our time together will end with a virtual Commissioning ceremony of the 2020-2021 Lasallian Volunteers on Sunday, July 26. We hope you will join us for this ceremony to celebrate the start of another year of faith, service and community.

Know that during uncertain times like these, your financial support makes it possible for our Lasallian Volunteers to accompany those in need, and we are grateful for your generosity.

Thank you for your continued support of Lasallian Volunteers.

Peace,

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