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Dear Friend of Lasallian Volunteers,

During the last 12 years as part of Lasallian Volunteers—first as an LV, then LV alum and currently as director—I have had many opportunities to say “yes” and respond to God’s call in my life.

My first “yes” was answering a call to serve in Memphis, Tennessee, at De La Salle Blessed Sacrament Elementary as an LV. And with that “yes,” I began my journey as part of the Lasallian charism and mission.

Similar to many who find themselves involved in the Lasallian charism, the founding story resonates with my own. I could never have anticipated the twists and turns that have been part of my journey, and I am grateful for them. My LV story and experience is not unusual; it’s one that is like the stories of so many LV alums.

As part of the LV staff, my life and work within the Lasallian mission has been abundantly blessed. Privileged to walk with hundreds of LVs, as well as colleagues and friends at ministries and communities across the country, it has been my distinct honor to serve the Lasallian mission and Lasallian Volunteers for the past six years as director and as part of the LV staff for eight years.

Personally, over these past few years, my “yes” responses to God’s calls have included getting married and starting a family with two amazing children. Through these personal moments, I’m in gratitude to Brother Tim and Christian Brothers Conference for their support of my personal and professional life.

After much discernment, I am writing to let you know that the 2021-2022 service year will be my last as director of Lasallian Volunteers.

My life has been enriched by the relationships I have formed with LVs, Brothers, Lasallians, families and friends. The deeper connections I have made—personally, professionally and spiritually to the Lasallian mission—have created a strong sense of the importance of faith, service and community, which I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

I look forward to continuing to serve as director for the next 12 months, welcoming and accompanying the 2021-2022 LVs and working with our site and community directors. I am grateful to work alongside an incredible team on the LV staff, Maggie Naughton and Michael Phipps.

Thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon me and Lasallian Volunteers. May we all continue to live out our “yes” to God’s call, especially to those entrusted to our care.

With deep gratitude,

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Director