

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry takes very seriously the Lasallian call to *faith, service and community*. Through retreat programs, liturgy, and opportunities for prayer, the faith life of the community is enhanced. By providing opportunities to serve those less fortunate than ourselves, we respond to the Gospel call to service. All of these experiences combined help to build a strong **community** committed to building the Kingdom of God.



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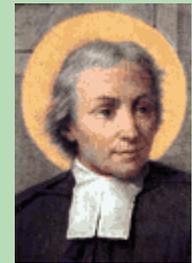
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*“Enter to Learn,
Leave to Serve.”*



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Retreat Experiences:

The Campus Ministry Program offers a number of retreat opportunities for all grade levels. **Freshman** and **Sophomore Retreats** are part of the Religious Studies curriculum. The **Junior** and **Senior Retreats** are optional and require online registration and fees.

Freshman Retreat: A half-day, community-building experience that welcomes students to the Spartan Brotherhood at De La Salle.

Sophomore Retreat (SIP): A social justice immersion experience in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood focusing on issues of homelessness and poverty.

***Junior Retreat:** An overnight experience focusing on Christian values for the journey in becoming a "Man of Faith." Participation in this retreat is not mandatory; however, it is strongly recommended as a stepping stone in your son's faith development.

***Senior Kairos:** A four-day, three-night experience challenging seniors to integrate their faith into their relationships with God, others and themselves. Openness to discussing one's life experiences in the context of faith is key to the success of this program; it is extremely important that ALL students are aware of this when they sign up. Kairos participation is not mandatory. Please have a discussion with your son before registering him.

***Father/Son and Parent/Son Retreats:** A weekend experience offering parents and their sons the opportunity to honestly evaluate and celebrate their relationship. It is open to students in all grade levels. Parents and sons who have made this retreat have expressed their appreciation of this opportunity to strengthen and deepen their parent/son relationship. We encourage all families to take advantage of this retreat experience.

***online registration required**



Social Justice Experiences:

Students at De La Salle are offered opportunities to practice the Lasallian heritage of service and concern for the poor. All sophomores participate in the **Sophomore Immersion Program (SIP)**, a one-day experience of walking in the shoes of the poor and marginalized in San Francisco's Tenderloin District.

Junior and Seniors have the opportunity to participate in our Ven a Ver (Spanish for "Come and See") immersion programs which find their foundation in the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching and The Hebrew and Christian Scriptures - The Bible.

Catholic Social Teaching holds that all people are deserving of dignity - especially the poor, the powerless, and those pushed out to the margins of society by poverty and injustice, and that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers wherever and whomever they may be. The prophet Micah in the Hebrew Scriptures tells us exactly what God expects of us - that we "Act Justly, Love Tenderly, and Walk Humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). Jesus in Matthew's Gospel also makes very clear that whenever we feed the hungry, comfort the poor and sorrowing, and welcome the stranger, we are indeed doing this for him. These powerful messages from our Judeo Christian tradition form the mission statement of our Ven a Ver immersion programs.

These experiences, in Salinas and San Diego, follow the lives of the poor, the homeless, the migrant workers and their families, and all the emotional, social, religious, and political realities that impact their lives. We are very clearly taught that we can never say we know another human being until "we have walked a mile in their shoes."

The school's **annual Diversity and Social Justice Weeks** are integral student opportunities for expressing our Lasallian Core Principles and Catholic Social Teaching.

In addition, the students participate in **food, clothing and toy drives** throughout the school year. During Lent, we hold a **fundraising drive, "The Spartan Charity Challenge,"** to support Lasallian schools and ministries throughout the world.

The Campus Ministry Office maintains an updated list of service opportunities throughout the Bay Area.

Worship Experiences:

Throughout the year the De La Salle community gathers for prayer and worship. These gatherings include **All-School Masses**, and **Thanksgiving, Advent** and **Lenten Prayer Services**. Everyone is encouraged to take an active role in the prayer life of De La Salle. Liturgical celebrations are planned and executed with student involvement. In addition, the sacrament of Reconciliation is usually offered once a week at lunchtime in the Brother's Chapel; Daily Mass is available with the Brother's community; and special Family Class Liturgies are scheduled on Sundays throughout the year in collaboration with the Parents Association.

- Sophomore Liturgy and Barbecue - September
- Freshman Liturgy and Dinner - October
- Junior Mass of Unity - February
- Senior Mother/Son Brunch - March

Lasallian Youth: A Celebration of Faith, Service and Community

In the spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, students seek to know Christ intimately through a variety of experiences, including direct service to the poor. Students involved in Lasallian Youth have an active role in the leadership of planning and participating in liturgical celebrations, charitable drives, and service to our local community as volunteer tutors at De La Salle Academy and the Monument Crisis Center in Concord. A yearly highlight is the summer gathering of students from Lasallian High Schools throughout the Western United States for a week of community service and prayer. All students are welcome to attend meetings on a drop-in basis.

**Lasallian Youth meets every Thursday
at 7:00 a.m. in Room 209.**

Men of Faith:

An all-men singing ensemble dedicated to providing a mix of contemporary and traditional music for all Eucharistic liturgies and student-led prayer services. Members of Men of Faith receive musicianship training as part of the rehearsal process, and are invited to sign up for the 7th period Men's Chorale for academic credit.