READING—LUKE 18:1-8
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

REFLECTION
Commitment is an important characteristic of Christian prayer. In the parable of today, the woman shows this commitment in her audacity to ask the judge to render a decision. This audacity – this confidence and boldness – to ask from God is a characteristic that Jesus invites us to emulate. Jesus invites us to consider our inner dispositions today when we pray. Evidently, there is on one hand, a kind of wishful thinking or passivity that can characterize some of our praying. Committed praying is borne not simply out of a recognition of a need that we are asking God to fill for us. Committed praying is born rather out of a vision of what we are convinced will procure goodness and well-being for ourselves and others. In our work with young people, we are similarly invited to keep praying for our students. Our prayer will be committed and persevering if our praying is born out of a desire to seek and accomplish what is for the good of those entrusted to our care. When was the last time you prayed for the young people in your school?

RESPONSE
Caring Father, thank You for these young children who are so precious to You. Help them to overcome the difficulties they find in school. Break down the barriers that are keeping them from understanding their work. Clear their minds so they can concentrate on their work to the best of their abilities. Give me wisdom and patience and understanding so I may lead them forward. Help me to praise them at every opportunity that they may feel confident in my concern and so move forward with an enquiring mind. When they get on my nerves, help me realize that this is a small price to pay for their presence. AMEN.

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Guardian Angels, being very enlightened and knowing the good as it is, it is through them that God makes known this good...This was symbolized by the ladder which Jacob saw in a dream when he was going to Mesopotamia. Angels were going up and coming down the ladder. They were going up to God to make known to him the needs of those for whom he made them responsible and to receive his orders for them. They were coming down to teach those whom they were guiding the will of God concerning their salvation.

You must do the same thing for the children entrusted to your care. It is your duty to go up to God everyday by prayer to learn from him all that you must teach your children, and then to come down to them by accommodating yourself to their level in order to instruct them about what God has communicated to you for them.

BIRTHDAYS
29 OCT  Br. Vincent Keating FSC
         Mr. Ramon del Rosario AFSC

DLSL PREPS FOR SENIOR HS
Lipa City, Batangas – De La Salle Lipa is now gearing up for opening Grade 11 classes in June 2014, two years ahead of the Department of Education’s June 2016 timetable. This is the institution’s response to the challenges of the Philippine Educational reforms through the recently approved K-12 law (RA No. 10533) which aims to produce graduates who possess competencies and skills relevant to the international standards.
DLSL’s proposal of offering the Senior High School in 2014 has been approved by the Department of Education last December 28, 2012. During the transition period leading to the mandatory implementation of senior high school in 2016, DLSL will be using the general education subjects in its college curriculum towards earning the Senior High School diploma.

DLSL President and Chancellor, Br. Joaquin S. Martinez FSC, D.Min. is leading the Lasallian community on its transition towards the 2014 opening of the senior high school. The school already mapped out its capacity in absorbing senior high school students from different public and private high schools.

The Senior High School program of De La Salle Lipa will focus on the following career tracks: Arts, Business / Entrepreneur, Computer Studies, Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Science and Health, and Teacher Education. As early as Grade 11, apprenticeship can be taken to gain experience in a field related to the student’s chosen track.

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN LEAD AND DLSP

As requested by Br. Jose Mari Jimenez FSC, Sector Leader of the Philippines, Mr. Keane Palatino, current Executive Assistant to the Brother Visitor of LEAD, will move to Lasallian Mission Services Office of De La Salle Philippines as Executive Director effective 1 November 2013. He will be taking over the responsibilities of Ms. Vanessa Abella. Keane will be in charge of the units under Lasallian Mission Services (LMS): Lasallian Youth Office, Lasallian Volunteers Office, Lasallian Animation and Formation Office, Lasallian Justice and Peace Commission and Lasallian Educational Commission. Mr. Demy S. Cruz Jr. will now be the Executive Assistant to the Brother Visitor of LEAD. He is moving from the Communications and Resources Office of DLSP. Demy is a graduate of De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde and was a student leader at DLS-CSB.

USLS ALUMNUS MEMBER OF 2013 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNING ORGANIZATION

The Visayan Daily Star reports that Franz Ontal, University of St. La Salle High School Class 1980, is head of inspector training of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which recently won the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr. Ontal graduated with a degree in Biology and took premed studies at USLS. He immigrated to New York, USA and later served as a paramedic and emergency medical technician instructor with the New York City Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He started as a medic for the chemical weapons inspection and disposal teams in 2005.

Last 11 October, the OPCW was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize “for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons.”