READING—LUKE 20:27-38
He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.

REFLECTION
I remember a student asking me in class if I believed in the end of the world. Close to the year 2000, there was much talk about the world coming to a catastrophic end. I had responded to my student by saying that I, in fact, looked forward to the end of this world.

Our faith, I think, teaches us to look forward to a world so transformed by God’s love. It will be different from the kind of world we know today. And while it will be difficult to provide a picture of what it will look or feel like, our hearts will recognize it nonetheless as God’s work.

As educators, we proclaim this faith everyday that God is at work in our world and is in fact transforming it. Our work with young people is a clear expression of this faith. When we refuse to give up on that one struggling student; when we allow errant students another chance; when we actively seek out the development of those we lead and work with - we live out our faith in this God whose love transforms us all. In this regard, hope and optimism are essential qualities of every committed educator. How have we nurtured hope and optimism in ourselves and in our communities?

RESPONSE
Gentle God who, in Jesus Christ, showed us humility and compassion, we thank You for Your gracious love. Forgive our sin of apathy and pride. Empower us to struggle for justice for the sake of young people who in this world are weak and have no voice.

Compassionate Jesus, teach us to be true disciples in our times and in all places today. Enable us to change attitudes and structures that enslave. Give us eyes to see and hearts to be so that your goodness may once again be announced to the world of youth.

Divine Wisdom, Holy Spirit, in Your grace, transform the world in us and through us. Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits. With serving hands and liberating actions, we humbly pray for courage and inspiration to do Your will beginning today. AMEN.

FROM DE LA SALLE’S MEDITATIONS FOR THE TIME OF RETREAT 16.2
Class reunions are joyous affairs on earth, but think for a moment on the final reunion in heaven of all the students you have taught during your ministry in the Lasallian school. You will be among the thousands of young people you have helped to attain their eternal happiness. As Daniel, the prophet says, “Those who instruct many in right living will shine like stars for all eternity.” You are to shine forever among your students, receiving praise for the part you had – after their parents and God, Himself – in their everlasting blessedness. This is what your hope and fidelity should mean to you as you carry out your daily tasks.

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ONE LA SALLE RELIEF DRIVE: YOLANDA (HAIYAN)

The Philippine Lasallian Family is banding together once again for relief operations for our fellow Filipinos who were affected by Super Typhoon Yolanda. Various La Salle Schools have begun taking in donations and volunteers.

MONEUTARY DONATIONS

For cash and check donations, you may deposit to any of the following accounts at any branch of the RCBC Bank (NOT RCBC Savings):

- **Account Name:** De La Salle Brothers, Inc. - Yolanda
- **Peso Account:** 1296-714778
- **US Dollar Account:** 8296-001156
- **Swift Code:** RCBC PHMM

We request you to email the validated deposit slip to bee.cruz@delasalle.ph for proper acknowledgment and issuance of official receipt. You may also opt to fax it to +63 2 721 5049.

For more information, you may contact Keane Palatino (+63 917 500 5323) or Gladstone Cuareros (+63 917 843 9468).

For the specific details of the relief drives of each of the La Salle Schools, please visit this link for the latest updates: [http://delasalle.ph/news/2013/11/10/one-la-salle-relief-drive-yolanda](http://delasalle.ph/news/2013/11/10/one-la-salle-relief-drive-yolanda)

INTER-LUZON ASPIRANTS’ WORKSHOP

The Inter-Luzon Aspirants Workshop (ILAW) is an annual event of Aspirants of the De La Salle Brothers from the three communities in Luzon namely the 1911 Community composed of De La Salle University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, and De La Salle Araneta University; ‘Brader’ Community of the De La Salle Lipa; and Residencia Community composed of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute.

Br. Alex Diaz, FSC, as the National Vocation Promoter, named it as Inter Luzon Aspirants Workshop and Recollection (ILAW-R) 2013 with the theme “Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God” hosted by the Residencia Community at the Retreat and Conference Center in De La Salle University – Dasmariñas last 26-27 October. The program aims to provide contacts and discerners of each community an experience God through encounters with fellow aspirants from other communities.

A total of 51 aspirants, contacts, and discerners made it as this year’s most number of participants of ILAW.

— By Aspirant Ed Mark Pagdato, De La Salle Health Sciences Institute | Republished from LEAD Story No. 123

VOCATION NOVENA

16-25 NOVEMBER

Let us pray that more young people will be inspired to commit their lives to the Lasallian Mission.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire them in a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church’s needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen. ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))