

Summer Assignment 2022 –Religion 9

Welcome to La Salle! It might be hard to appreciate the global family and the 342-year-old heritage of Lasallian education that you are now a part of, but hopefully you will begin to get a glimpse of both through this summer assignment.

For now, read the booklet *I, John Baptist de La Salle*, view the YouTube video (link below), and prepare the paper as described below. Bring the paper with you to your first religion class the first week of school.

There are two main objectives to this summer assignment. First, we want you to start off with a solid foundation about De La Salle, the Brothers of the Christian Schools, and the worldwide Lasallian Mission today. Second, we ask that you reflect on De La Salle's faith, the faith of people you know, and your own faith. This assignment will be used in both your religion and world history course to start your freshman year at La Salle.

Assignment Details

1. As a primer, watch [this video](#) on YouTube entitled "Who is St. John Baptist de La Salle?" published by Manhattan College, one of the six Lasallian colleges/universities in the United States.
2. Then, read the PDF of [the booklet](#) *I, John Baptist de La Salle*. We recommend that you jot down a few key points from the book as you read. You don't need extensive notes, but an outline will help you when you answer the following questions and later when the classroom assessments begin.
3. In response to each question, write a well-crafted paragraph, including a topic sentence and conclusion, that completely answers each question. Make sure you include several details from the booklet and video. The paper should be typed in a standard (e.g. Calibri, New Times Roman) 12-point font and double-spaced.

Questions:

1. Using three specific qualities or examples, who would you say St. John Baptist de La Salle is? Why did you select these three characteristics?
2. In what ways did De La Salle shape the Christian Brothers and their schools with respect to the following areas: Teacher training, service to all classes including the poor, legal/clerical challenges?
3. Who is the most important person in St. John Baptist de La Salle's life? Why did you select this person?
4. Based on watching the video, "Who is St. John Baptist de La Salle?" how would you describe being a Lasallian? How might you become a Lasallian over the next four years?
5. Reflect personally, what would you like your teachers to know about your religious identity? How would you describe your faith as you enter high school?

If you have any questions, contact Mr. McCabe at mccabem@lschs.org or your freshman teacher once rosters are made available. Enjoy your summer!