

Board Notice – A Call to Unity in the Spirit of St John Baptist de La Salle

The Board noticed a recent letter criticising our current President, Mr. Kevin Kwok. Divergent views are natural in any vibrant association, yet our response should reflect the example of St John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Lasallian movement.

Lessons from St La Salle’s legacy

- **Leadership through service.** St La Salle taught that true leadership begins with humility and a commitment to serve others. We thank President Kwok and every volunteer—past and present—for the foundations they have laid. *As the Chinese saying reminds us, “前人種樹，後人乘涼” — we benefit today because others planted the trees long ago.*
- **Inclusive community.** He urged his Brothers to create communities where “each person is welcomed and valued.” We see that ideal today in the growing number of Lasallians from all generations and backgrounds in the Toronto Chapter.
- **Progress through collaboration.** St La Salle believed that unity, not division, advances a mission. Our stronger governance and fresh initiatives are possible because voices from many generations and locations now contribute to our decisions—“together and by association.”

The way forward

Guided by these principles, the Board invites every Old Boy to rise above personal grievances and work together for the common good of the Association. Constructive dialogue, volunteer service, and steadfast fraternity are the best ways to honour St La Salle’s vision here in Toronto.

We thank all alumni for their dedication and ask for continued cooperation as we prepare for the Annual General Meeting on **15 May 2025**.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

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