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Dear Brothers and Lasallian Partners,

Since their foundation, the Brothers have been helping to promote the Christian laity, and especially lay educators who wish their professional work to be a form of Gospel ministry. Each District recognizes the important role of all the Partners in the mission. For this purpose, and as an expression of the spirit of association, it establishes participative structures intended to help the Brother Visitor in areas which concern the mission. [The Rule Of The Brothers Of The Christian Schools 19.2]

It is with great joy that I announce that Brother Superior has approved the establishment of the Lasallian Trust of Singapore (LTS). The initiative stems from the Institute's policies since 2000, to establish Lasallian Mission Councils at the District and local levels. The LTS is the strategic response to the Institute's directions to localize governance and to involve the local Lasallian partners in sustaining the Mission in Singapore in the years ahead. We are now seeking regulatory authorities' approval to establish LTS as a Company limited by guarantee and a charity. The intended date of the inauguration of LTS is 01 July 2024.

The Lasallian East Asia District Visitor appoints the LTS Chairman and Board members, a responsibility I am honoured to hold. As the designated representative of the Brother Superior, the Visitor is the head of the Lasallian Mission in Singapore; holds the highest authority; and has veto power over all LTS matters. LTS will operate strictly in compliance with local laws including the Compliance Law; and guidelines and regulations issued by regulatory authorities such as the Ministry of Education, Registrar of Companies, Commissioner of Charities, Charities Council.

The governing bodies of the various Lasallian entities in Singapore will continue to operate by its charter, governing instruments, and regulations and guidelines of the relevant local authorities. However, with the setting up of LTS, all nominations to the governing bodies will now be processed and supported by the LTS Appointments Committee before they are submitted to the appropriate authority for approval. This will take immediate effect.

The LTS pro-tem committee is chaired by Mr Tan Tee How. I am happy to note that at its first meeting on 17 February 2024, the pro-tem committee has decided to focus on the following areas of work for the next 3-5 years:

- A. Build the Lasallian brand in Singapore as "One La Salle."
- B. Support our Lasallian schools to nurture a robust Lasallian culture and values in our Lasallian schools, especially our Government-aided schools that require more support and resources, including teacher onboarding and Lasallian formation.

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- C. Provide additional support to De La Salle School and St. Anthony's Primary School, "neighborhood" schools serving the heartland, to strengthen their Lasallian mission and provide a Lasallian secondary school pathway for the girls in these schools.

I hope that our new structure will enhance the spirit of "One La Salle" by fostering collaboration among the Lasallian ministries in Singapore and other Lasallian ministries in LEAD and the global Institute, especially those most in need.

The programs and activities of LTS will reference the above focus, which the LTS Board will adopt after consultation with the various local stakeholders. I am happy to note that LTS pro-tem committee chair, Mr Tan Tee How, has started his engagement with the various Lasallian governing bodies.

I am confident that with a close partnership between the various governing boards and LTS, the Lasallian mission in Singapore will be further strengthened. I look forward to your continuing support and blessings.

Yours truly,

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