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Emerging Lasallian Wisdom

A Letter to My Lover God

Today, as a Lasallian in the third half of my life, you and I are lovers. You are my inner mother, my feminine energy replete with care, compassion, concern, and confidence within my deepest self, closer than breath. It's clear when you appear as a wise woman or my Anima in many of my night dreams.

You accept me as an equal in love; nothing I can do will make you love me more or less. Wow. I am one with you and your Christ lives in me as me.

You are the energy of every cell of my being. And even more, you are the flow of energy willingly allowed and exchanged without requiring payment in return. You are the Source of me and in me. I am because we are. Help me be that source each day for my world. It's the divine flow. I am you here, and you are delighted.

You are the other me, and I am the other you.

Most importantly, you love and live in all other humans and creation. They are in you and somehow in me. I can not fix this world, but I can only participate in its self-healing with all the circles of

humans around me—my community, the Lasallian family, friends, and strangers everywhere. Your love is the call that binds us as a community to do good in your world and mine.

My father taught me a lot about being in love with you. Dad spent so much time with me in my early years as we reflected together on what living on our imaginary farm might be like. Later, he helped me be my best at hitting and catching a baseball, still later by coaching my junior

high school team, attending every game, and driving some teammates home after the games. He loved spending time with me, and I loved his presence. I never wanted to offend him in any way. He seemed to specialize in care, confidence, concern, and compassion.



Now, it seems there was nothing I could do to make him love me more or less. He had fun in life and helped many people enjoy their lives. He did not take it too seriously and always had a helping hand. He wanted people to be well.

I learned a lot about you from his example, even without having had specific conversations with him about you. He mysteriously prepared me for being in love with you.

He was your feminine face in my early life,

With open hands, I often inhale, hearing you say, "I love you," and exhale, hearing me say, "I love You." I finish the exchange with an open hand to all the symbols and images of my life with another, "I love you."

Yoga and massage help give this prayer a more holistic and profound meaning as more of me is involved. In other words, my being increases as my receptivity to more profound meaning increases.

Accompaniment

I find opportunities for receptivity in meeting people at Lasallian institutes, workshops, and seminars and as welcome guests to our community. I listen to their stories and experiences, and many want to hear my story. As a result, a bond is created between us—a willingness to work together. It is all profoundly human and, for that reason, deeply divine. We share our gift of attention.



Surrender

Another personal opportunity for receptivity is every Brother's community, school, and organization I have ever served in has closed and is no more.

It hurts due to all the blood, sweat, and tears, but somehow, by surrender, I am brought closer to you and, therefore, to my best self over time. I do not need to see the results of my work in my lifetime.

Similarly, the end of the Lasallian Volunteer Office and program after 40 years and 760 young women and men were challenging for me, considering all my efforts to help them become part of the Lasallian family in the USA. Surrender is not the white flag, but accepting things as they are, listening carefully with you to the signs of our times, and being ready to give all my energy to address them.

Together

You inspired De La Salle and the Lasallian women and men who follow his example to form a community of people who belong to each other and feel a call to be together for a mission. This is the core tenant of the Lasallian family, and without it, we are all in trouble. The work is yours.



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