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Lasallian Educators to Gather in Chicago

Washington, DC, Nov. 17, 2014 — Educators will gather in Chicago for three days of sessions designed to inspire excellent catechetical, evangelization and pastoral ministry practices in the Lasallian tradition (De La Salle Christian Brothers) at the Huether Lasallian Conference.

The 41st gathering of educators in the Lasallian Region of North America (United States and Canada) will take place **Thursday, Nov. 20** through **Saturday, Nov. 22** at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza (350 West Mart Center Drive, Chicago). It continues the tradition of exploring emerging educational issues with the theme *The Lasallian Mission: Word, Witness & Invitation*. More than 300 people, including international participants, will attend, including teachers, campus ministers, administrators and others representing many types of Lasallian educational ministry – elementary through higher education, as well as youth and family services. This year marks a return to Chicago, which was the long-standing site of the conference, after nine years of being hosted in other cities.

Dynamic speakers will highlight the event over three days. As part of opening night, **John L. Allen Jr., associate editor of *The Boston Globe***, will discuss Pope Francis and what his reforms mean for the Church (Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.). Also on opening night, **Brother James Gaffney, FSC, president of Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois**, will be honored with the Brother John Johnston, FSC Award, the Region's highest honor (Nov. 20, 8:10 p.m.). The evening will also feature musical contributions and a concert by **singer/songwriter David Haas**.

On Friday, **Dr. Carole Eipers, vice president, executive director of Catechetics for William H. Sadlier, Inc.**, will talk to participants about the importance of teaching with faith and being attentive to students' needs. (Nov. 21, 9:00 a.m.). On Saturday, **John Donahue-Grossman, director of retreats at La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, Illinois**, will close the conference with an interactive session leading participants to identify best practices to take home with them (Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m.).

The gathering will also feature two pre-conference workshops (Nov. 20, 2:00 p.m.): Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth with **Dr. Sean Reynolds, Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio**; and Talk Better Together with **Rev. Hannah Kardon, pastor of Elston Avenue United Methodist Church, Chicago**. Breakout sessions on Friday will delve deeper into important trends and issues along the theme. The conference will culminate with a banquet honoring Distinguished Lasallian Educators (Nov. 22, 6:00 p.m.), including **Melinda Rueden, executive director of the Brother David Darst Center in Chicago**.

Huether, hosted by Christian Brothers Conference, is an opportunity for educators to not only learn new techniques and find inspiration, it also allows them to interact, share best practices and grow more deeply committed to their vocation of providing students with transformative, holistic experiences. Highlights will be available on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with [#Huether2014](#), and on www.lasallian.info.

Christian Brothers Conference in the Lasallian Region of North America is part of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a Catholic religious order of laymen whose mission is to provide spiritual and human education to youth, especially those who are poor and disadvantaged. Founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle in 17th century France, today approximately 4,300 Brothers and 87,000 Partners serve more than 979,000 students in about 1,000 educational ministries in 77 countries. The Lasallian mission serves more than 100,000 people in 113 institutions in the United States and Canada. For more information, please contact Christian Brothers Conference, Communications Office, 3025 Fourth Street NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20017, 202.529.0047 or visit our website at www.lasallian.info. Connect on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LasallianLink or on Twitter at [@Lasallian_RELAN](https://twitter.com/Lasallian_RELAN).

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