

Catholic Schools Week

Reflections from De La Salle Academy,
Concord, CA: *How is my experience at De La Salle
Academy influencing my faith and my plans for
what I hope to do with my life?*



Alex R.
Grade 6

De La Salle Academy has deeply helped me in everything. Since the first day of school I knew my life would be changed. My life wasn't easy; in my old school I always had putdowns, not from other people but from me. I always thought my grades were low and that I wasn't doing something correctly. My faith wasn't as strong, I never knew about Abraham or Sarah or Jacob until the Academy. With daily religion I learn more and it's not so tough. My grades went up and in math I'm doing better.

In my old school I didn't have any nice friends like in the Academy or as we call them "brothers." After school we have time to do our homework and an advantage is that older "brothers" from the high school in Concord come to help us. Another advantage of the Academy is that we get to celebrate Mass. The Academy is truly expanding my faith. My favorite subject at the Academy is history which was one of my least favorites in my old school. My teacher teaches history so well I would know all the "hominids" there are in a day. The truth is, the Academy has convinced me to think about my future and I want to graduate and become a Christian Brother and teach at De La Salle High School; I have never felt to give up my life to be a priest or Brother until I entered the Academy and learned our Lasallian way of life.



Alex C.
Grade 6

At De La Salle Academy, I am experiencing many new things. I think the teachers are great role models for all of the students at the Academy. I am also trying new things that I now am starting to enjoy. I am starting to learn more about my religion, and I am very eager to know more. I know that my faith is growing stronger and stronger. The people I am meeting are inspiring me to do great things. If it wasn't for Mr. Hofmann I wouldn't be trying new things and learning so much. I am very grateful that Mr. Hofmann helped start De La Salle Academy.

De La Salle Academy is helping me get better job opportunities. What I would like to do when I get older is to be a philanthropist. A philanthropist is someone who gives to others, but it doesn't have to be just money. When I am a philanthropist, I hope to help many people who need it. I want to give to schools that need help buying new books. When I gave out my presents at Christmas it felt good and I would like to feel that same way when I get older.



Leo G.
Grade 6

All my life I have been attending public schools. In public schools they don't teach you about Christ, so I had to learn about my Father and Savior on my own. My parents taught me the best they can about Christ and who he is. Now, since I am attending a Catholic school, my faith has grown thanks to my religion teacher Mr. Rodriguez. We have religion class every day. I love the fact that we get to go to school and learn about God at the same time. Every day I learn something new that would help me in life and in times of testing. Thanks to De La Salle Academy and the supporters, I know more about Brothers, priests and the House of God.

People always asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up and I always answered pro-football player. Then they asked me what my back-up plan is. I never knew what I wanted to do. There have been many Brothers who have come to our school. Some of the Brothers told us a little bit about their life. All the Brothers inspired me in many different ways. Since coming to DLSA I finally know what my back-up job will be. I want to become a Brother or a missionary. No matter what you do in life always remember that without God you would never be in the spot you are in today.



Ramiro R.
Grade 6

My experience at my school has influenced me in my faith because of the teachers I have. The teachers have always encouraged me to do it. They don't do it to give us a lot of homework but to prepare us for high school and college. Whenever they encourage me, they give me more faith. The more I have faith, the more I believe in myself. And the teachers do a great job of encouraging me.

The school has helped me in how I want to behave right now and when I grow up. I want to be a man of faith, integrity and scholarship. The staff is preparing us to be respectful and responsible. When my brothers ask for help I say yes. If I say no they will think I am mean. When I grow up I want to be kind, not mean. The school has also showed me that I want to be a philanthropist.



Kevin Q.
Grade 5

Being at De La Salle Academy has really evolved me into a new man. It really made me think about my future. I have been in this school for half a year and I pretty much like the school. It makes me think more about God and his stories. The school has made me responsible, helped me to focus, and kept me organized. De La Salle Academy is not a normal school. It's called an academy because they're training me to believe in God and to become a gentleman and they told me they're doing this because they love me. I'm going to be a great man one day because of De La Salle and I will help my family and the community.