



## Breakout Session Descriptions

Please visit the LASSCA page on the Christian Brothers Conference website for updates on the following breakout sessions:

**Target Audience** of each session: Presidents, Principals, Board Chairs or All

### **Tuesday, February 26, 1:00 – 2:15 PM**

#### **1) Amping Up Your Annual Fund (Presidents & Board Chairs)**

*Mary J. Foley, Managing Director, Catholic School Management/Christian Brothers Services, Romeoville, IL*

The annual fund is the centerpiece of development programs and needs to be continually expanded and improved in order to generate growth and predictable revenues. Join us for a lively session that will address key strategies for increasing participation rate, upgrading gift levels, recapturing “Last Year But Unfortunately Not This (LYBUNT)” and “Some Year But Unfortunately Not This (SYBUNT)” donors and building a culture of major gifts.

#### **2) Capital Campaign – “Soup to Nuts” (Presidents & Board Chairs)**

*Barbara Perkins, Senior Associate, Ruotolo Associates Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ*

Ruotolo Associates will describe the various aspects and strategies surrounding the capital campaign, from testing the case through identification of leadership, determining major donors, recruiting a campaign cabinet with associated roles and responsibilities, and conducting the advanced gift phase and having that evolve into the public phase of the campaign.

#### **3) Culture of Vocation in the Age of Pope Francis & the iGeneration (Presidents & Principals)**

*Brother Francis Eells, FSC, Director of Vocations, District of Eastern North America, Eatontown, NJ*

*Brother Thomas Johnson, FSC, Director of Initial Formation, De La Salle Novitiate, Chicago, IL*

*Brother Christopher Patiño, FSC, Director of Vocation Ministry, District of San Francisco New Orleans, Napa, CA*

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**4) Detection, Disruption and Survival—Walking the Talk: How to Implement Meaningful Threat Assessment and Management Protocols, Part I (All)**

*John Nicoletti, Ph.D., ABPP, Police Psychologist, Nicoletti-Flater Associates, Denver, CO*

The breakout session will allow participants to review their current Pre-event Threshold, Event Threshold, Event Horizon and Post-event Horizon protocols. Participants are encouraged to come with questions, examples and gaps in their response protocols.

**5) One Heart: Online Formation for Mission (All)**

*Brother Michael Fehrenbach, FSC, Lasallian Lay Formation Coordinator, Midwest District, Burr Ridge, IL*  
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**6) Going, Going, Gone! The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics (All)**

*Bob McCarty, D.Min., Project Coordinator, Saint Mary's Press, Winona, MN*

In their study, *“Going, Going, Gone! The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics,”* Saint Mary's Press describes extensive research on young Catholics who have left the Church. This presentation will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation, describe the factors that reinforce those dynamics and examine the implications for parish life, Catholic education, liturgy and pastoral ministry.

**7) Mindfulness in Schools: Research to Practice (All)**

*Jules Nolan, Psy.D., LP, NCSP, School Psychologist, Benilde-St. Margaret's School, St. Louis Park, MN*

Educators across the country are beginning to learn the benefits of mindful practices in schools. Research demonstrates changes in the brains and behavior of students who practice these simple exercises during the school day. Participants in this session will learn about the research basis for mindful practices, the biological and behavioral changes that occur in students who practice mindfulness, and the effect of mindfulness on school culture. Simple, concrete strategies for bringing mindfulness into schools to benefit faculty, staff and students will be demonstrated.

**8) The Lasallian Five Core Principles (Presidents & Principals)**

*Greg Kopra, Ed.D., Director, Formation for Mission, District of San Francisco New Orleans, Napa, CA*  
*Brother George Van Grieken, FSC, Director, Lasallian Resource Center, District of San Francisco New Orleans, Napa, CA*

Over the past 25 years, “Lasallian Core Principles” have increasingly become an accessible way of describing what the experience of Lasallian ministries looks like. The current “Lasallian Five Core Principles” have emerged as a touchstone and unifying agent for many students, administrators, educational communities and entire Districts. This session is of particular interest to new or newer chief administrators who would like to

come “up to speed” about these core principles, but also of use and interest to all administrators. There will be some background on their development, the history of their use, and the application of their adoption in a variety of contexts. By the end of the session, participants will know what they are, what they mean, where they came from, and how they may continue to be helpful to them in describing and living out what it means to be “Lasallian.”

## **Tuesday, February 26, 2:30 – 3:45 PM**

### **1) Banking on Your Board (All)**

*Mary J. Foley, Managing Director, Catholic School Management/Christian Brothers Services, Romeoville, IL*

Your board is fabulous – skilled at what they do, passionate about the school, highly effective fundraisers and always on the lookout for strategic opportunities to advance the cause, RIGHT? If not, what will it take to get them ready, willing and able? Join us for an engaging workshop that will address the characteristics of strong boards and help you clarify expectations, recruit intentionally and provide the training and formation that enables them to embrace their roles with comfort, enthusiasm and impact.

### **2) Creating an Effective Case for Support (Presidents & Board Chairs)**

*Melpomeni N. Murdakes, Senior Consultant, Ruotolo Associates Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ*

Ruotolo Associates will walk participants through the process of strategically identifying the needs of their Lasallian institution, testing those needs through qualitative and quantitative research and, through that process, determining the elements of the case (annual or capital long-range funding) and clearly articulating the “why.”

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This session is a continuation of the 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. session.

**5) *Going, Going, Gone: Now What? (All)***

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In their study, *“Going, Going, Gone! The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics,”* Saint Mary's Press provides extensive research on young Catholics who have left the Church, identifying the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation. Now we need to identify the practical pastoral responses and strategies that can enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community and examine implications for parish and school life and pastoral ministry. Come ready to enter into candid, honest and realistic discussions, both as ministry leaders and as caring individuals, as together we explore what it means to accompany young people on their spiritual journeys.

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**7) *Social and Emotional Learning: Best Predictor of Student Success (All)***

*Jules Nolan, Psy.D., LP, NCSP, School Psychologist, Benilde-St. Margaret's School, St. Louis Park, MN*

Research indicates that social and emotional learning (SEL) skills are better predictors of student outcomes than intelligence. During this session, participants will gain a better understanding of the five critical areas of SEL skills and standards and benchmarks that have been developed by a growing number of state departments of education. Participants will leave with simple, concrete strategies for bringing SEL implementation to schools.

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