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Mission Month Redesign Reflects MC's Tradition

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This month of April, Manhattan College celebrates its Lasallian tradition and mission by affirming the day-to-day activities and events that students, faculty, administration and staff all organize and attend. Mission Month was coordinated with the college community and the Office of Mission by the Vice President for Mission, Brother Jack Curran. The recast of De La Salle week all started when Curran read an **Op/Ed in *The Quadrangle* written by Michelle DePinho one year ago on April 24, entitled "How 'Lasallian' Was De La Salle Week?"** "But what did this broiled cheeseburger have to do with anything?" DePinho wrote referencing the BBQ on the quad held for De La Salle week last year. "More specifically, how Lasallian was De La Salle Week? Did the events we partook in really reflect the ideals of a Lasallian institution or increase awareness of our school's religious heritage?"

"She was very observant and reflective in her writing. She raised some issues," Curran said. "What she was saying was, there's a Lasallian tradition, but do the students understand it? Maybe what they're seeing is a big BBQ on the quad. How do we connect that with our rich heritage?"

Curran was determined to recast the connection of mission and the MC community this year. Curran was inspired by a speech President Brennan O'Donnell gave at a faculty convocation, in which O'Donnell noted that the MC community brings life to our Lasallian values every day.

"Together and by association with thousands of other Lasallians in more than 80 countries of the world, during April we take some time to reflect on our mission as a Lasallian Catholic College," O'Donnell said in a letter to the MC community about Mission Month. "The events are sponsored by a wide range of departments, programs, and individuals and reflect the diversity and dynamism of our community. Their richness reminds us of the pervasive and multi-faceted richness of our tradition as expressed in our day-to-day work."



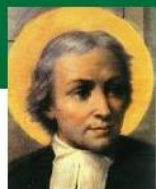
Signs displayed on the quad have different Lasallian values represented on each one.

Photo by Michelle DePinho.

"We didn't have to come up with a special set aside week for De La Salle and make up events," Curran said. "All we had to do was look at what's happening already on campus and affirm it, and link it to our values." I looked at the campus calendar for April. I noticed the event 'Light up the Quad Blue for Autism Awareness Month.' Doesn't that relate to our mission, 'respect for human dignity?' There's a link." Curran collected all the events on MC's campus calendar, plus ones that were not online, and added them to the mission month schedule of events. "More than 50 events in 30 days," Mission Month posters state. The Mission Month posters also include the Jewish star, the Christian cross and the Islamic crescent as symbols of MC's inclusive mission.

Dr. Mehnaz M Afridi, religious studies professor and director for the Holocaust, Genocide and Interfaith Education Center affirms the connection between daily life at MC and the mission. "The Center has always kept with the mission of the college in its goal of excellence in teaching, human dignity, ethical conduct, social justice," Afridi said. "The Center creates awareness and education about how human beings can get usurped by prejudice and ideologies that ultimately destroy human life. Our mission is to create and nourish all lives and all of my events are centered around preserving, remembering and respecting lives of all faiths."

Plaques of MC's mission statement are present all over the campus buildings, and remind us that the mission is present in our daily lives at the college. For Mission Month, additional banners are placed on the quad and on the outside of the RLC building. These banners state the focus of Mission Month. "Excellence in teaching, respect for human dignity, reflection on faith and its relation to reason, an emphasis on ethical conduct and a commitment to social justice."



QUALITY EDUCATION

De La Salle Week April 15-19, 2013

The Manhattan College community celebrates the life, work and legacy of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and Patron Saint of Teachers. Manhattan College was founded by the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1853. As is our custom, we celebrate the founder of the Christian Brothers because without De La Salle, we would not be here today.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

DE LA SALLE WEEK CELEBRATION MASS: 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Chapel of De La Salle and His Brothers

Join the Manhattan College community in celebrating Saint John Baptist de La Salle during Mass.

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE BBQ ON THE QUAD: 4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Quad (Rain Site: Locke's Loft and Dante's Den)

Join the Manhattan College community for a barbecue on the Quad in celebration of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The students of the Arches program will also be holding a canned goods drive during the BBQ.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

LASALLIAN STAR PHOTO & ACTIVITIES ON THE QUAD: 3:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Members of the Manhattan College community will form a Lasallian star at 4 p.m. on the Memorial Courtyard for a photo to commemorate Saint John Baptist de La Salle Week. Other activities include a photo booth, popcorn machine, candy bar, beauty prayer, and trivia!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER APPRECIATION LUNCH: 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Café 1853 Solarium

All are invited to attend a nice lunch and thank our Eucharistic ministers for their service to the Manhattan College community this year.

FRENCH LESSON: 3:30 P.M.

Memorial Courtyard

Professor Nonie Wanger will be holding a French lesson.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE BREAKFAST: 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Café 1853 Solarium

The Manhattan College community is invited for a free continental breakfast in celebration of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

LASALLIAN LUNCHEON: 12:20 P.M. - 1:20 P.M.

Alumni Room, O'Malley Library

The Manhattan College Community is welcome to join us for lunch and a brief discussion. Several Jaspers who participated in the L.O.V.E. Kenya and L.O.V.E. Montana trips this year will talk about their experiences.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

TOUR OF ARTWORK IN CHAPEL OF DE LA SALLE AND HIS BROTHERS: 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Chapel of De La Salle and His Brothers

Join Dr. Emmerson, Dean of the School of Arts, for a history behind the artwork featured in the chapel.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH CHRISTIAN BROTHERS: 12:30 P.M. | *Founders Bridge*

Close out De La Salle Week with a double treat! Come to the bridge for ice cream and socialize with the De La Salle Christian Brothers who have devoted their lives to the mission of their founder. Come play Name that Brother.

Mission Month Highlights 2017

Manhattan.edu/MissionMonth

Reflection on Faith and Reason

KAIROS STUDENT RETREAT: Campus Ministry & Social Action:

SISTERS' CIRCLE: Muslim Student Association

FOUNDER'S DAY MASS: CMSA: Chapel of De La Salle and His Brothers @ 12:15pm

DOES ISLAM NEED REFORM?: Muslim Student Association

¿RECONOCES RASGOS LASALIANOS EN TI MISMO?: Modern Languages, Physical Plant, Residence Life

Commitment to Social Justice

BELL TOWER PARK BEAUTIFICATION: Student Veteran Organization of Manhattan College
Henry Hudson Parkway and 239th Street

ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVERS OF SOCIAL CONFLICT: Business Seminar Series

CARDS FOR A CAUSE: Campus Ministry and Social Action

SERVICE ON SATURDAY: RESTORING HURRICANE SANDY HOMES: CMSA Rockaway @ 8am

Respect for Human Dignity

IMMIGRATION AND THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDERS: Center for Ethics

COMMUTER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING: Student Engagement

SAVAGE PORTRAYALS: RACE, MEDIA AND JUSTICE: Women & Gender Studies Annual Lecture

LASALLIAN MISSION, WOMEN'S BODIES, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS
School of Liberal Arts

THE STORY OF A BRIEF MARRIAGE: HAUNTING DEPICTION OF THE HUMAN COST OF

WAR: Psychology Department

Excellence in Teaching

MOTIVATING THE MIDDLE: Leadership Development Program

INSPIRATION FOR WRITERS FOR YOUNG READERS: English Department

BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE AND PROFESSIONALISM: Beta Alpha Psi

CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL ISSUES DEBATE: Government & Politics and Debate Team, Quad

JANE AUSTEN READ ALOUD: Sigma Delta Tau, Quad

Emphasis on Ethical Conduct

CAS PLAGIARISM AND CITATION WORKSHOP: Center for Academic Success

IMMIGRATION AND SOCIAL WITNESS OF CATHOLICISM: Religious Studies Aquinas Lecture

THESE HANDS DON'T HARM: Sigma Delta Tau: Smith Steps

ECONOMICS OF FLASH ORDERS AND TRADING: Business Seminar Series

ORGANIZING SANCTUARY CAMPUSES: Women and Gender Studies