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### Celebration of Christian Brothers in Louisiana Slated for July, 2018

NAPA, CA (June 11, 2018) — The District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools has announced that it will sponsor a special celebration day in observance of the 100th year of the Brothers' continuous presence in Louisiana.



The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 28, 2018, in New Orleans. Public events scheduled for the day will include Mass at Saint Louis Cathedral at 9:00 a.m., to be followed by a reception at Ursuline Convent. A private invitation-only reception will be held that afternoon on the Steamboat Natchez.

According to planning committee chair person Brother James Joost, FSC, the day will recognize the achievements of the Christian Brothers in Louisiana, celebrating with the Louisiana Lasallian family the life of the Brothers and their mission with their Partners in the world today.

In 1914, a number of Christian Brothers who fled the Mexican Revolution arrived in the United States, with some assigned to Santa Fe while others were dispersed to other American Districts. In 1918, a number of these Brothers arrived in Covington, Louisiana to assume operation of Dixon Academy, renaming it Saint Paul's School. That same year, in New Iberia, Louisiana, another group of Brothers established Saint Peter's College (high school), now Catholic High. Both the De La Salle Christian Brothers and schools conducted by them have been present in Louisiana ever since. Current Lasallian schools in Louisiana include Saint Paul's School; Archbishop Rummel High School in Metairie (1962); Christian Brothers School in New Orleans (1960); and De La Salle High School in New Orleans (1949).

The New Orleans celebration is one of three anniversary events scheduled for 2018-2019 by both the SFNO District and the Institute. Under the theme, "Procuring God's Glory from Generation to Generation", a District commemoration in 2019 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Christian Brothers' arrival in San Francisco, California; and the Institute will commemorate in 2019 the 300th year since the entry into eternal life of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and Patron Saint of Teachers of Youth.

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For more information on the Christian Brothers, contact Brother James Joost, [brojames@dlsi.org](mailto:brojames@dlsi.org).

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**About the District of San Francisco New Orleans.** The District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) is part of the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. It is made up of over 115 De La Salle Christian Brothers and over 1,400 Lasallian Partners. Dedicated to the education of youth, especially the poor and marginalized, the District conducts 21 middle, secondary, and post-secondary schools that serve over 18,000 students in Arizona, California, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and in Tijuana, Mexico. The District's headquarters is located in Napa, California. [www.delasalle.org](http://www.delasalle.org)