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If you wish to profit by the coming of Jesus Christ in you, let him be the master of your heart, and be docile to whatever he might require of you, often saying to him with the Prophet Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening", and with David, "I will hear what the Lord God will say in me". (Meditation 85.2)

Dear Lasallians,

## Greetings of Peace!

I begin this message to you with an excerpt from our Founder's Meditation for Christmas Eve. In this meditation he draws our attention to two figures from the Old Testament, Samuel and David, who can teach us what it means to live the Lasallian Spirit this Christmas.

Like Samuel and David we are a young District. We are encouraged to continually discern how to accomplish God's will in the fertile fields of East Asia.

In whatever we do, wherever we are, we are called to be Prophets: calling people to repentance and bringing them back to God; we are called to be Servant-Leaders: uplifting the poor, helping the marginalized and recognizing their inherent dignity.

Brothers, Partners, and Students: This Christmas we are challenged, just as Samuel and David were challenged, to let Jesus be the master of our hearts, to listen to His voice. If we are able to do this, then we can say that Christmas has truly come.

May the coming Christ Child bring you and your loved ones Goodness and Light! Merry Christmas!

Fraternally,

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