



*God has had the goodness to remedy so great a misfortune by the establishment of the Christian Schools, where the teaching is offered free of charge and entirely for the glory of God, where the children are kept all day, learn reading, writing, and their religion, and are always busy, so that when their parents want them to go to work, they are prepared for employment.*

*Thank God, who has had the goodness to employ you to procure such an important advantage for children. Be faithful and exact to do this without any payment, so that you can say with Saint Paul, The source of my consolation is to announce the Gospel free of charge, without having it cost anything to those who hear me.*

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### Reflection by Maria del Mar Carbonell Vidal - Spain

St. John Baptist de La Salle invites us to reflect on the reality of many children and young people who, because of the poverty of their families, grow up without guidance or access to education.

These circumstances expose them to bad influences and harmful habits that hinder their future development. Faced with this, De La Salle stresses the importance of the Christian Schools as free spaces where children receive not only knowledge, but also formation in values and faith.

As educators, they remind us that our mission is more than a job: it is a selfless service. To educate is to offer children tools to transform their lives in the light of the Gospel, helping them to build a future with dignity. This task is a privilege and a commitment to be lived with gratitude and fidelity.