

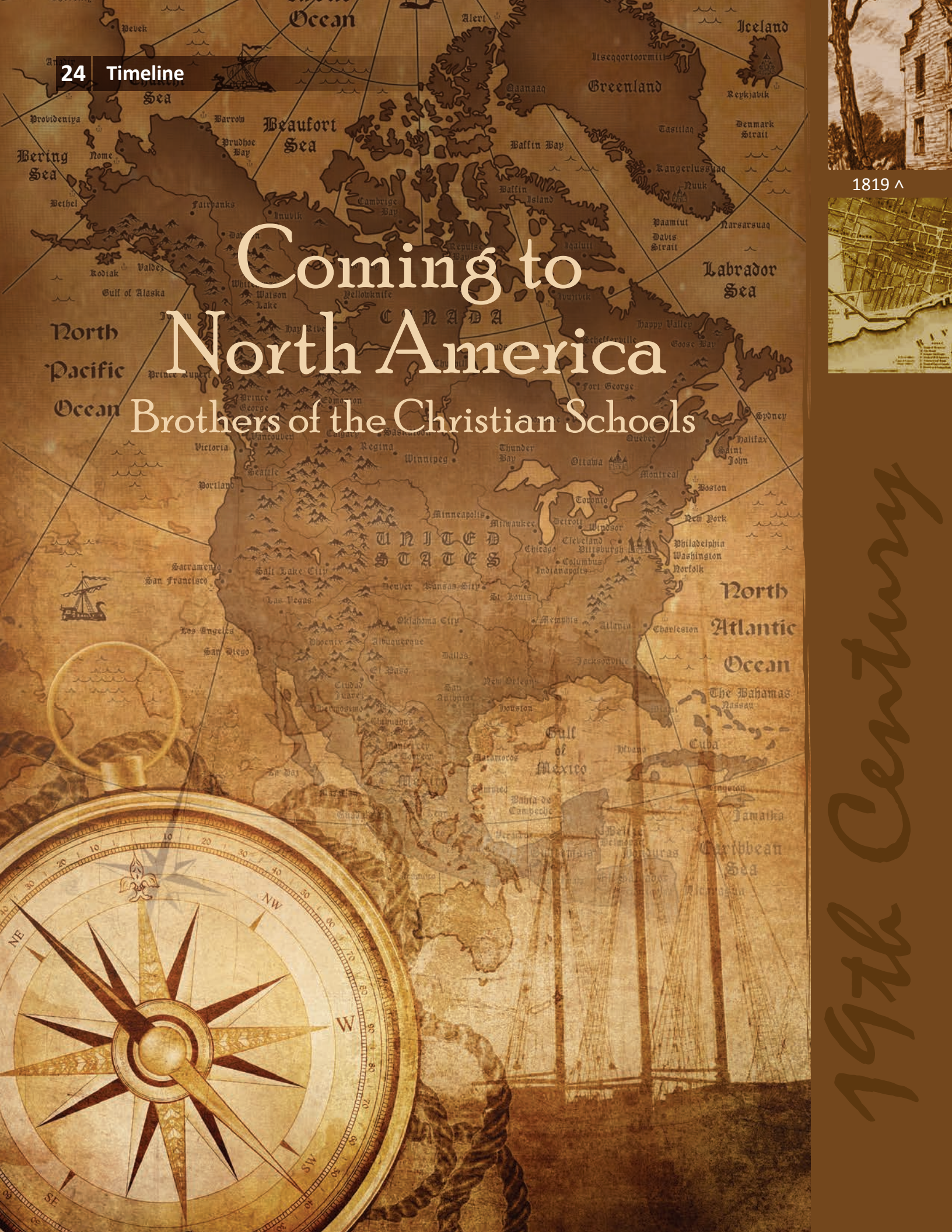
Coming to North America Brothers of the Christian Schools



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19th Century





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1819 - The Brothers established a school in St. Genevieve, Missouri, which operated until 1822. With the opening of the school, St. Genevieve Academy became the first school operated by the Christian Brothers in the United States. Since Bishop DuBourg had promised not to separate the three Brothers, Brother Fulgence and Brother Aubin soon joined Brother Antonin at the Academy. The bishop had assured the Superior General of the Christian Brothers that the three would be kept together so they were able to observe a community life.

1837 - Brother Aidant and three other Brothers arrived in Montreal from France and established the first permanent foundation of the Institute in North America.



1842 - John McMullin of Baltimore, Maryland, entered the Montreal Novitiate and took the name Francis to become the first American De La Salle Brother.

1845 - Brother Francis was a young man with strong faith but frail health. In 1845, he was but 17 years of age when he returned from the Christian Brothers' novitiate in Montreal to his hometown of Baltimore. Brother Francis and Brother Edward Whitty, began classes for a hundred or so students in the school that would become Calvert Hall College. Sadly, young Brother Francis would die only three years later, but his legacy as the first American Brother and the founder of this country's oldest Lasallian school endures.

1848 - Four Christian brothers journeyed to New York from France, and within two months they established St. Vincent's Parochial School on Canal Street. St. Vincent's relocated to Second Street in 1856, and in 1887 changed its name to La Salle Academy, which stands today.

1865 - With the creation of the District of New Orleans in 1865, the Christian Brothers expanded into other cities such as Baton Rouge in Louisiana, Pass Christian in Mississippi and Brownsville in Texas.



1868 - The District of San Francisco is founded. On July 16, 1868, four Brothers boarded the Ocean Queen in New York. Of these, only one was a born American; the others were immigrants from Ireland, Germany and Switzerland. Late in the evening of August 10, they sailed into San Francisco Bay. The very next day, they made the five mile journey along Old Mission Road to the grounds of Saint Mary's College, where Brother Justin accepted the keys and the responsibility for the school. Brother Justin became the first Visitor of the District of San Francisco.



1882 - Christian Brothers Winery started operations. During the depression of 1929, the winery was nearly lost, but it slowly and painfully pulled itself out of debt. By the 1940s and early 1950s, the steadily growing success of the winery helped to restore solvency to the District of San Francisco. In 1957, the winery was separately incorporated as Mont La Salle Vineyards, a commercial, tax-paying entity. The royalties from winery profits were used to support the De La Salle Institute's educational works, communities and Novitiate. The operation and rights to the name were sold to Heublein, Inc., in 1989.

1838 - John Baptist de La Salle was beatified. 1900 - John Baptist de La Salle was canonized.



1921 ^



1950 v



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1993 v



20th Century

1921 - The District of New Orleans - Santa Fe (NOSF) was created with Brother Agnel Isidore as the first Visitor (Provincial). This new district was comprised of schools in Louisiana, which had recently opened in Covington, Lafayette and New Iberia and the schools and formation institutions in New Mexico. The NOSF District, originally under the supervision of the French Assistant Superior General, was transferred to the Assistant for the United States in 1946.

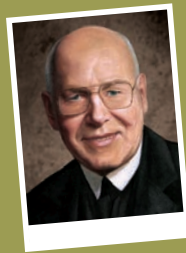
1943 - Brother Alphonsus Pluth, the author of the texts *"Living with Christ,"* considers 1943 as the birthday of Saint Mary's Press. In 1944, the Catechetical Commission gives its new publishing venture the name Saint Mary's College Press. In 1954, Brother Alphonsus moves Saint Mary's College Press from De La Salle High School in Minneapolis to Saint Mary's College in Winona. In 1979, Saint Mary's College Press becomes, as it is known today, Saint Mary's Press.



1950 - Pope Pius XII proclaimed St. John Baptist de La Salle the patron of all teachers of youth.

1960 - Christian Brothers Major Superiors (Christian Brothers Conference) is incorporated. The Conference provides programming and support for Lasallian educators through the North American Region's four districts and their 100 ministries.

1960 - Brother Joel Damian organizes a mutual cooperative purchasing group. The National Office of the Christian Brothers was established, and a number of cooperative programs were developed to assist and support the Christian Brothers Schools. The Conference sponsored the programs, appointed any Trustees and administered the program at the National Office. This is how Christian Brothers Services got its start.



1966 - At the 39th General Chapter of the Institute, Brother Charles Henry Buttimer was the first American to be elected Superior General. His leadership, his skills in personal relationships and his calm were his major assets in helping the Brothers worldwide adapt to the new views and processes in the Church and in religious orders promoted by the second Vatican Council. Brother Charles Henry served as Superior General until 1976.

1973 - Bethlehem University was established as the first Catholic university in the Holy Land. It is a Catholic Christian co-educational institution of higher learning in the Lasallian tradition, open to students of all faiths.

1978 - The Toronto District joined the U.S. Districts to create the United States-Toronto Region.

1981 - Christian Brothers Investment Services (CBIS) was founded by the De La Salle Christian Brothers to provide trusted, socially responsible investment management services exclusively to Catholic organizations.



1984 - The first Regional Convocation of U.S. Brothers was held. Brother John Johnston's address to the 1984 convocation of the United States/Toronto Region was a pivotal moment in calling attention to the new reality of a Lasallian school served by lay and De La Salle Christian Brothers as equal partners and to the possibility, in fact a reality, of a Lasallian school without De La Salle Christian Brothers on staff.

1993 - The Lasallian Volunteers officially become a program of the Christian Brothers Conference. In the early 1980s, communities of Brothers in New York and the Midwest invited lay volunteers to join them in their mission of serving the poor. By 1992, the Lasallian Volunteers program had grown into a national movement, with a staff working to recruit, train and support the volunteers through the Christian Brothers Conference.



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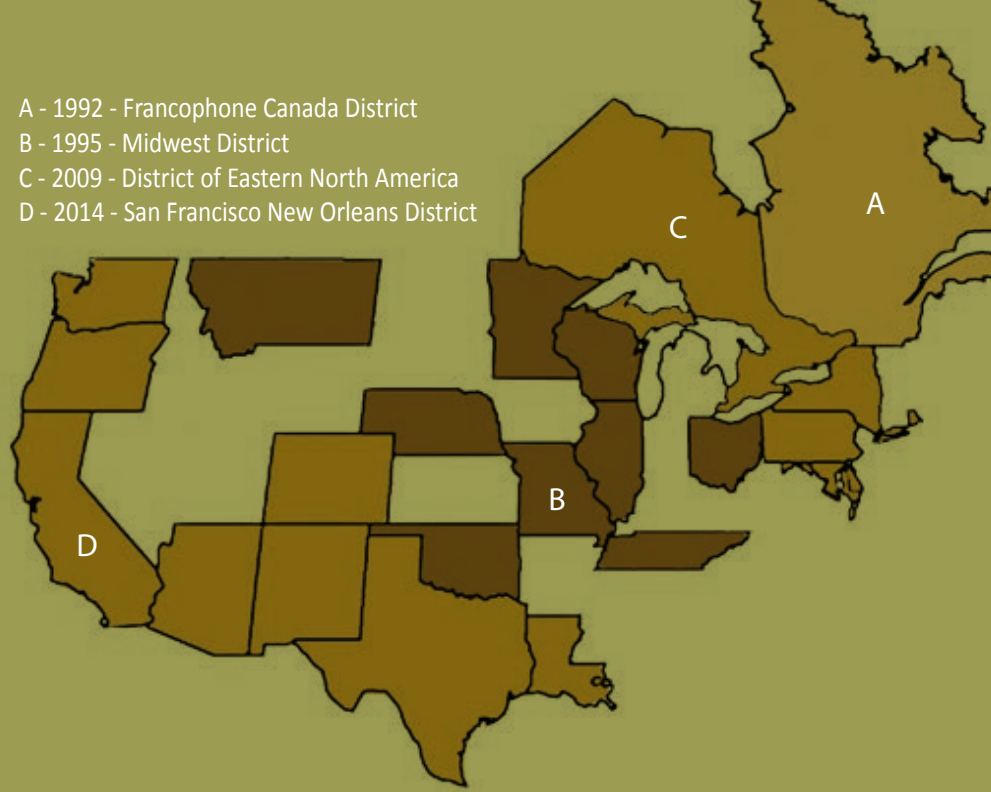
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LASALLIAN
EDUCATION

Transforming Lives Since 1680

- A - 1992 - Francophone Canada District
- B - 1995 - Midwest District
- C - 2009 - District of Eastern North America
- D - 2014 - San Francisco New Orleans District



1995 - The Midwest District is formed. The Christian Brothers of the Midwest District is one of five districts within the United States-Toronto Region, with its provincial headquarters in Burr Ridge, Illinois. The Brothers and their colleagues sponsor universities, high schools, middle schools, retreat centers and a variety of other educational ministries in the Midwest District.

1995 - In response to the General Chapter's call for twinning, the United States and Toronto launched a region-wide twinning program. Twinning partners each Lasallian school in the United States-Toronto Region with a Lasallian school in the Lwanga District, which includes the countries of Kenya, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia and South Africa. The Annual Twinning Appeal provides for the educational needs of African students who are economically poor or even without families.

2009 - The District of Eastern North America (DENA) is formed. After years of discussion and diligent planning, the Districts of Baltimore, Long Island-New England and New York were canonically combined by the Institute creating the new DENA, with its Provincialate in Eatontown, New Jersey. Today, the DENA administers, operates and educates in more than 30 ministries throughout Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Canada, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington D.C.

2011 - The Lasallian Education Council was created, making the United States and Toronto Region the first to implement an innovative structure as proposed by the International Assembly and adopted by the 44th General Chapter to move the Lasallian Mission forward. A new Lasallian Education Brand was adopted to unite schools and ministries to collectively tell the Lasallian story.

2012 - The Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) was formed from five current districts, including Francophone Canada.



2013 - Women in the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) made history this summer with the first RELAN Lasallian Women's Symposium. With each district represented, 33 women and five De La Salle Christian Brothers gathered at St. Joseph's Camp on the Russian River in California, July 8 – 12.

The RELAN gathering follows the first-ever International Women's Symposium, which was held in the spring of 2012 in the Pacific-Asia Regional Conference (PARC) in Pattaya, Thailand.

2014 - The new San Francisco New Orleans District is formed by merging the San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe Districts. Brother Donald Johanson becomes the first Visitor. Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Louisiana make up the new district.

Today

RELAN
North American Region
Regional Statistics (2013 - 2014)

- › 4 Districts - As of July, 2014
- › 2 Countries
- › 107 Schools / Ministries
- › 100,894 People Served
- › 71,983 Students Served
- › 722 Christian Brothers
- › 12,199 Ministry Employees

21st Century