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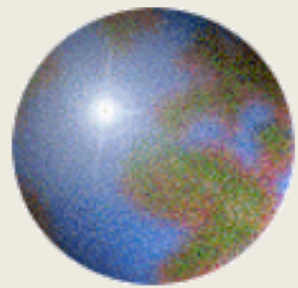
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Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God

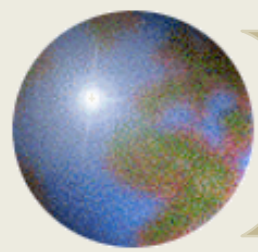
“The unexamined life is not worth living.”

The Apology, Line 38a



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How Can Lasallian Social Justice Priorities Influence the Electoral Process



Three Movements

1. Text and Context
2. Examine the candidates' platform
3. Open Conversation

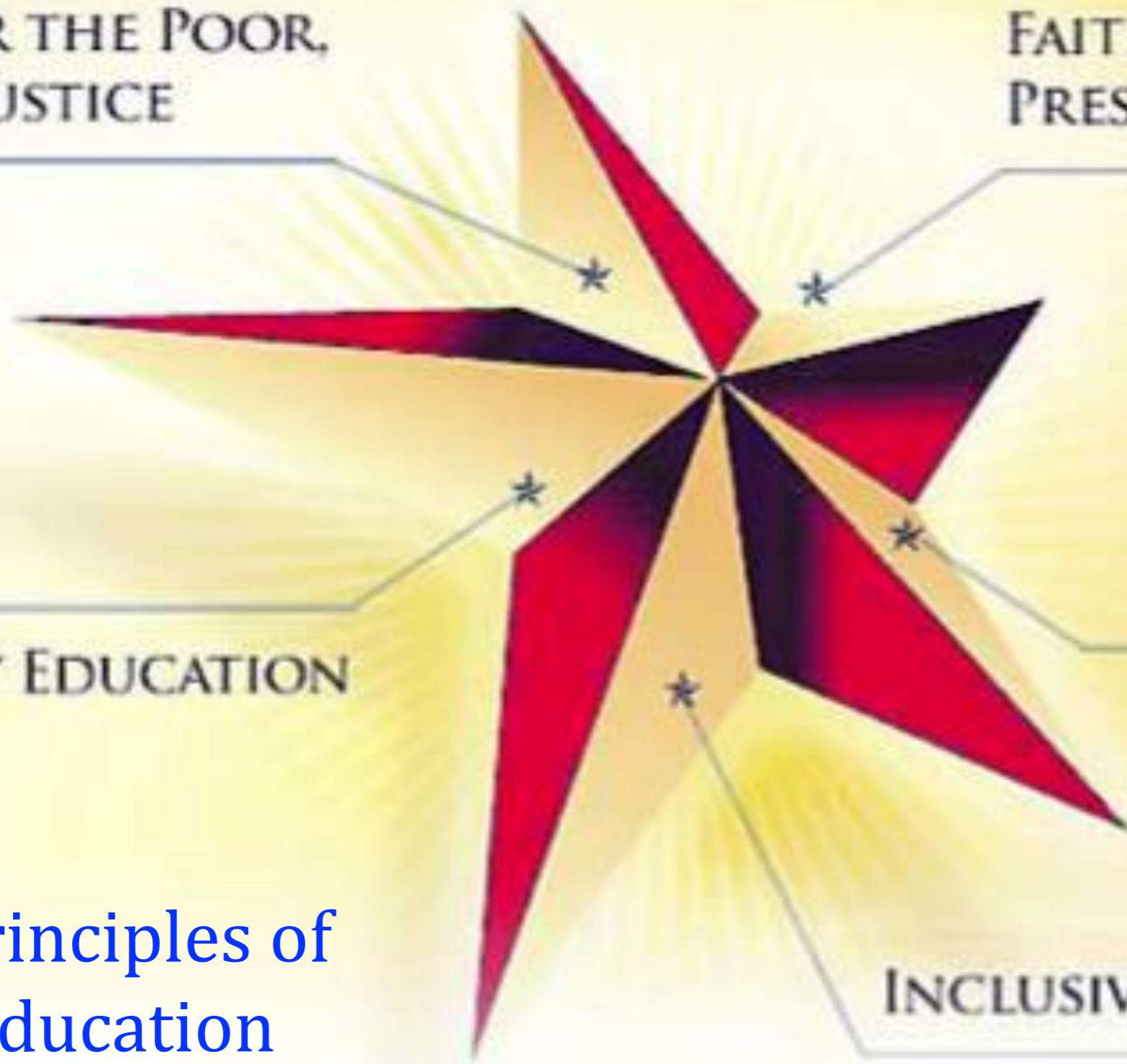
CONCERN FOR THE POOR,
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

FAITH IN THE
PRESENCE OF GOD

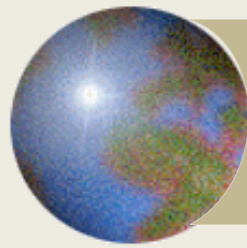
RESPECT FOR
ALL PERSONS

QUALITY EDUCATION

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



Five Core Principles of
Lasallian education



that morally speaking, there is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings, that indifference to evil is worse than evil itself...

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Lasallian Justice Priorities

Poverty

Commodified, Marginalized, Disinherited

Immigration and Migration

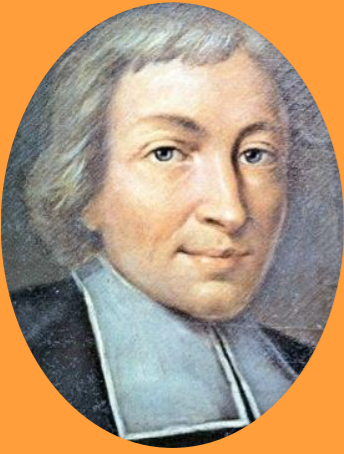
Environment

Integrity of All Creation

Education

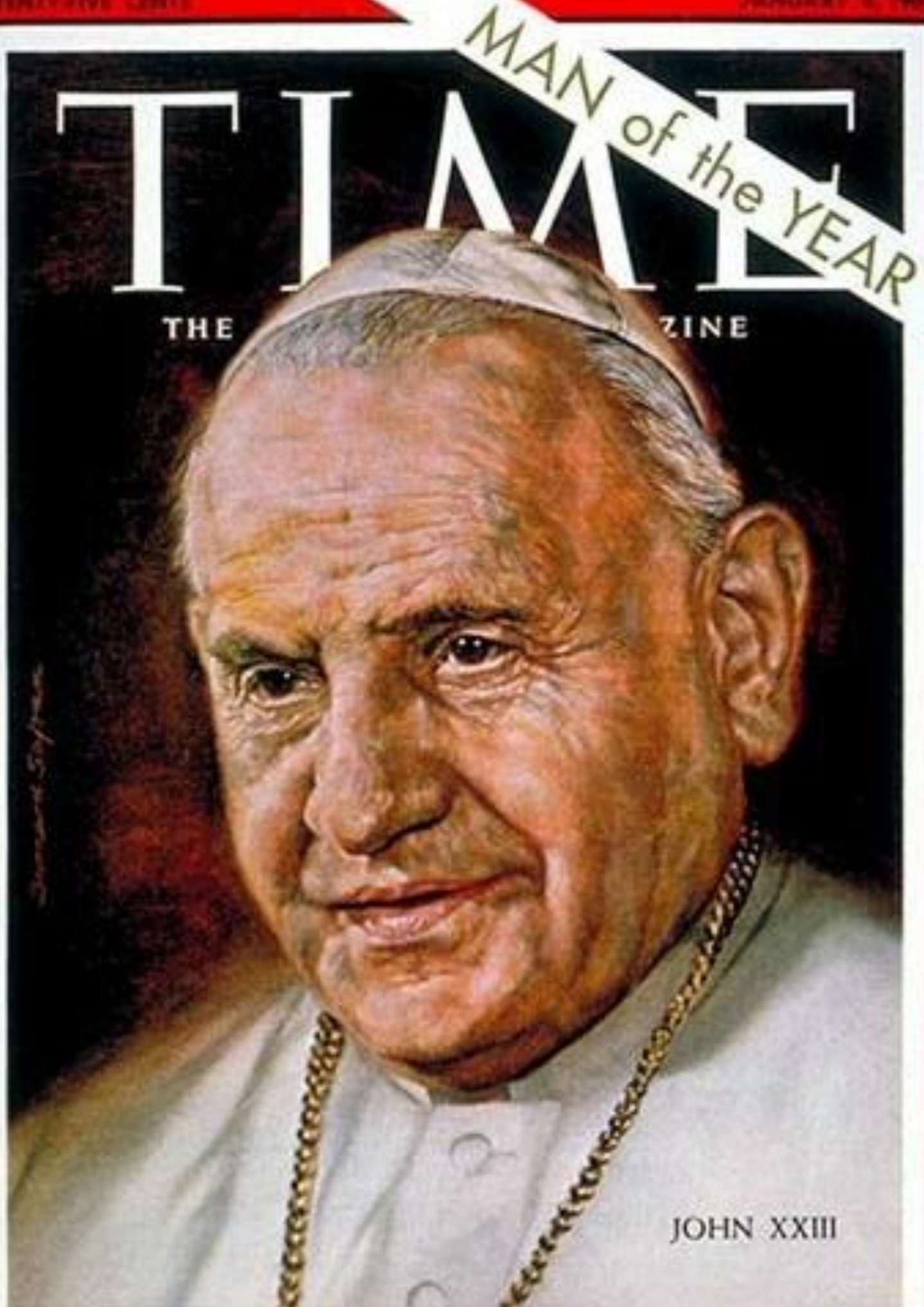
Accessible Quality Education

Text and Context



Modern
Catholic
Social
Teaching

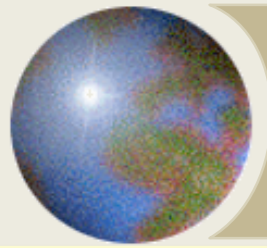
Rerum Novarum
(On Capital and Labor,
Pope Leo XIII, 1891)



St. Pope John XXIII:

“The sum total of social conditions, which allow people, either as groups or individuals, to reach their fulfillment, more fully and more easily.”

Pacem in Terris, 55,
1963.

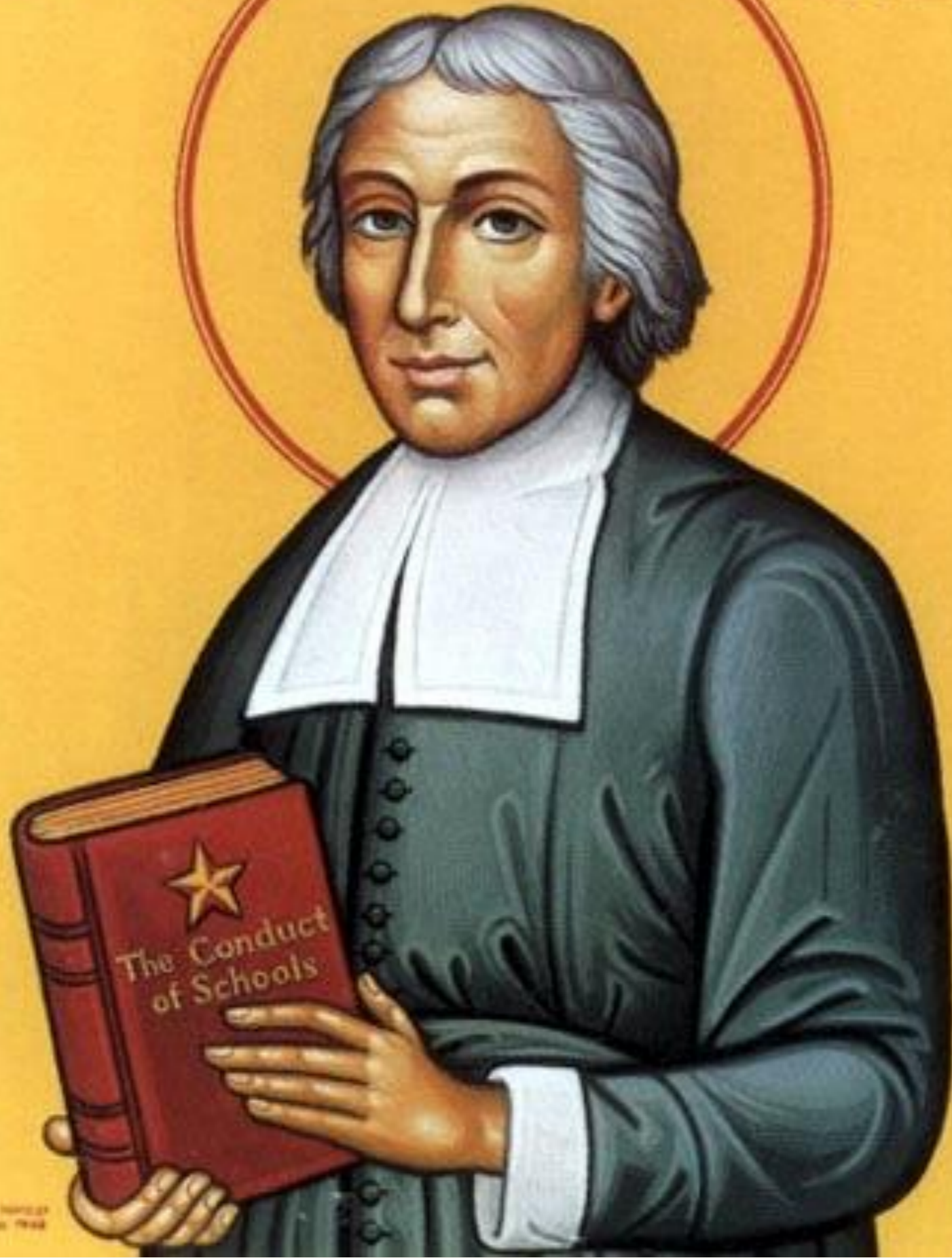


Justice in the World, 1971

Action on
behalf of justice
and participation in the
transformation of the world
fully appear to us as a
constitutive dimension of the
preaching of the Gospel, or, in
other words, of the Church's
mission for the redemption of
the human race and its
liberation from every
oppressive situation.

SAINT JOHN
BAPTIST

DE LA
SALLE



What
does
moving
from
charity
to justice
look
like?

**“developing a dangerous
unselfishness”**

listening to Martin
Luther King, Jr. at
Mason Temple,
Memphis, TN
3 April 1968

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixfwGLxRJU8>

Transform the Jericho Road

“A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand, we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life’s roadside, but that will be only **an initial act**. One day we must come to see that **the whole Jericho Road** must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life’s highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that **an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.**”

Martin L. King, Jr.