

# **La Salle Manor**

## Retreat and Conference Center Plano, Illinois

### **PRESIDENT SEARCH**



The La Salle Manor Board of Directors is seeking applications to fill the position of La Salle Manor President. The President must be a dynamic leader who will focus on preserving the values, culture and Lasallian charism of the Manor, while leading its growth and advancement. The President promotes the mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers through their dedication to the educational and spiritual development of today's youth.

#### **The President should:**

- Be a Catholic of strong faith
- Have administrative experience
- Possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree; master's degree preferred
- Be a visionary leader, a problem solver and a strategic planner
- Be an excellent steward of resources with fiscal management experience
- Build community with staff and patrons through exceptional communication, organization and respect
- Promote La Salle Manor as a place of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging
- Have participated in, or be open to, formation in the Lasallian charism

#### **Roles and responsibilities of the President include:**

- Serve as the foundational leader of La Salle Manor
- Build an intentional Lasallian community through living and working at La Salle Manor
- Recruit, manage and supervise La Salle Manor staff, including retreat staff, cooks, housekeeping, and administrative assistant
- Manage operation of the facilities
- Schedule and coordinate groups utilizing La Salle Manor
- Prepare and oversee an annual budget to address day-to-day operations
- Engage in active development and fundraising efforts
- Attend to upkeep and maintenance of La Salle Manor's buildings and grounds
- Procure goods and services to meet La Salle Manor's short-term and long-term needs
- Maintain open communication with and report to the Christian Brothers of the Midwest and the La Salle Manor Board of Directors

**La Salle Manor Mission Statement:**

La Salle Manor is a retreat and conference center dedicated to human development within religious, civic, and educational communities through continuing education and spiritual development. La Salle Manor Retreat Center is a place for people of all ages and faiths to reflect on their lives, discover God's love and peace.

**La Salle Manor's Lasallian Heritage:**

The foundation of this ministry is guided by the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers. Since 1958, La Salle Manor has served others by carrying on the mission of touching hearts and transforming lives through spiritual retreat experiences, particularly for high school students. The Manor is dedicated to providing a place of hospitality for peaceful and creative growth for individuals and groups.

**La Salle Manor Property:**

The La Salle Manor property spans 47 acres in rural Plano, Illinois, approximately 60 miles from Chicago. The Lodge includes spacious meeting rooms, a chapel, a dining area, a game room and dormitory accommodations for retreatants and visitors. The grounds include adjacent buildings: the Elizabeth House, the home for the President and their family, and the Timothy House, residential accommodations for the retreat staff. Fostering a collaborative community is a high priority for the La Salle Manor President, and living in community enhances opportunities for promoting the Lasallian mission as St. John Baptist De La Salle did with the Christian Brothers in the 1600s.

**Strengths of the La Salle Manor ministry:**

A rich 60+ year history

The oldest continuously run youth retreat center in the U.S.

High rate of satisfaction from retreatant evaluation data

Serves more than 5,000 students and 1,500 adults annually

Serves 24 schools annually

**POSITION START DATE: AUGUST 1, 2022**

Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and qualifications.

On-premise residential accommodations are included as part of the compensation package.

**Interested applicants should submit the following materials no later than May 2, 2022:**

- Letter of Application that addresses your qualifications for the position and your desire to assume the role
- Current resume
- Names and contact information of three professional references

Qualified applicants will be invited for a virtual screening interview with the search committee.

Please submit your documents to Esther Robson, search committee member, at [emrobson2017@gmail.com](mailto:emrobson2017@gmail.com)

For questions about the position, please contact search committee chair, Pam Jessee, at [jesseepa@comcast.net](mailto:jesseepa@comcast.net)