

THE LA SALETTE BROTHER

A Brother is called to be a man of faith. His life and spiritual development are important concerns. Through a regular study of scripture, his developing spirituality and personal life experiences, the individual Brother seeks to discover ways of effectively witnessing to Gospel values within the La Salette Community and among the People of God.

We respect the uniqueness and individuality of each member. We strive to create healing, trusting, challenging and committed relationships among members of our Community. Together, we strive to grow in our awareness of Jesus' presence among us and in the awareness of how we are to live out our ministry of reconciliation. We do this in part through our shared prayer, our ministry and through the bond of friendship in community.

LIFE AS A BROTHER

Community life and service to others are essential values for the candidate wishing to live his call as a La Salette Brother. The Novitiate experience and the profession of temporary vows mark the beginning of a deeper journey toward a lifelong dedication to the La Salette mission of Reconciliation. The ministry of the La Salette Brother focuses on non-sacramental service within the La Salette Community and to the people of the Church. He strives to develop his own unique talents which, along with the needs of the La Salette Community and the Church, will help to more clearly determine his life of service.

Some Brothers have developed their skills in building and grounds maintenance, or in various trades. Others use their talents in secretarial or administrative roles. They also serve as pastoral associates in parishes staffed by our Religious Community. All of these roles of service are essential contributions to the life and ministry of the La Salette Community. Through his faith, his witness to Jesus, his life in community, and the use of his spiritual gifts, the La Salette Brother assists in fulfilling Mary's mission of reconciliation at La Salette.



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MODERN MEN

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette were formed in 1852 in response to Mary's plea to proclaim the Good News of Reconciliation between God and His people. Her prayer has become our mission: "Do not be afraid... make this known to all my people." As a result of the message given during the apparition, the Bishop of Grenoble, France established the community to carry out this ministry of reconciliation. Since that time, we have worked as priests and brothers to spread the Good News of God's mercy throughout the world.

The mission of the La Salette Community is prophetic and evolving: reflecting on the needs of the changing times to better serve all generations of the faithful. Our work has expanded overtime, calling upon our missionaries to be creative and energetic as they move across new boundaries of spiritual life.

THE LA SALETTE COMMUNITY

The message and influence of the La Salette charism has spread to diverse cultures of the world. We minister to communities in Europe, North and South America, Africa, and Asia. Our service reaches the people in the form of shrines, parishes, retreat houses, and academic settings.

La Salette missionaries live a lifestyle that is both apostolic and reflective, consisting of various pastoral ministries as well as a life of communal prayer and Sacrament. We live together as brothers and priests, each with unique but collaborative calls to continue Mary's vision of worldwide reconciliation and lifegiving service. Both priests and brothers are educated in philosophy and theology, and are encouraged to pursue further training for the ministry of their personal choice and talents.

The message and gifts that are the legacy of the La Salette apparition continue to thrive and increase after nearly two centuries, and through the work of our missionaries. God wishes to give them an even more dynamic life. A man following this call can be assured of rewarding work, deepening faith, and encouraging fraternity. This call can be your call. Reach out to us!



**"MAKE THIS KNOWN
TO ALL MY PEOPLE."**

*-OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
SEPTEMBER 19, 1846*

Upon religious profession, those who have opted for brotherhood enter into a program of ongoing development which will help to deepen their spiritual and human maturity and develop their talents for their services to God's people through the La Salette Community. Those who choose to pursue their studies for the priesthood, enter a graduate studies program in theology. During this period of preparation, each priesthood candidate experiences many of the works in which he may be called to serve after ordination.

