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Today, we echo the words of the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Philippi: “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice!”

We pray that President Hanycz, in her pursuit of the mission of La Salle University, will lead all members of the University community to “maintain a heightened sensitivity to those marginalized within society as [we] practice civic engagement, provide leadership with a global perspective, and contribute to the common good.”

La Salle’s status as a Catholic and Lasallian university causes the community to live tensions to be authentically Lasallian and Catholic, to provide an authentic context for the meeting of the gospel and the culture, while sustaining the virtues and practices of the Academy.

We pray that President Hanycz be imbued with the gifts of prudence, fortitude and wisdom to guide La Salle as a center of intellect, to live the tensions of supporting, sustaining and critiquing church and society while nurturing cultural diversity and supporting a “community of communities and movements.”

We draw upon St. John Baptist de La Salle’s prayer to send us forth:

Don’t be troubled about the present or disquieted about the future, but be concerned only about the moment [we] must now live. Do not let anticipation of tomorrow be a burden on the day that is passing. What you lack in the evening, the new morning will bring you, if you know how to hope in God.

May wisdom and courage, mercy and justice, be the stability of our times.

Let us appeal to St. La Salle, and all our Blessed and Sainted Brothers of the Christian Schools, to intercede for us in the presence of the Most High God.