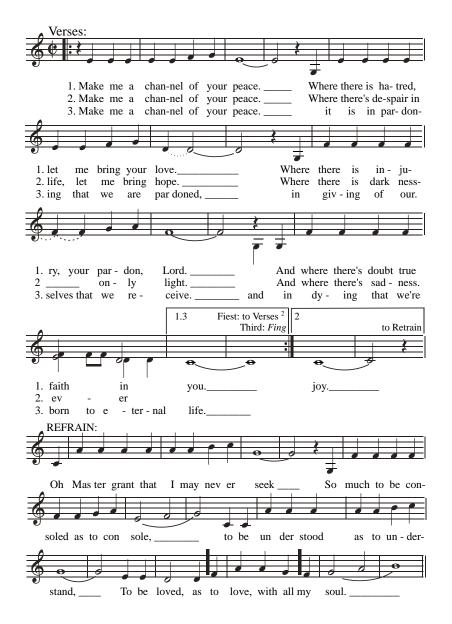
Wisdom - The 5th Virtue of a Good Teacher

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

Opening Song

Reading

Make me a Channel of your Peace



from Brother Agathon 1785, translated by Brother Gerard Rummery 1998

Wisdom is a virtue which gives us knowledge of the most exalted things.

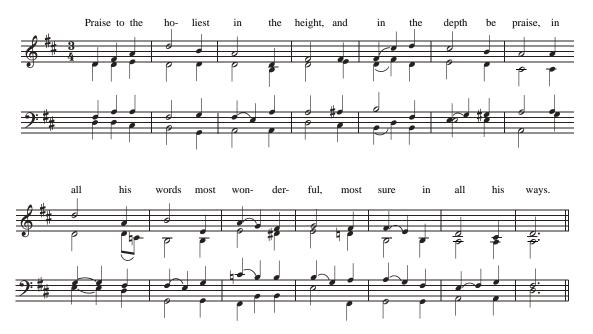
The good teacher will teach his students how to direct their actions in conformity with the true rules of behaviour; to moderate and correct their passions; to become truly and genuinely happy. He will strive to distinguish what is really good from what is such only in appearance; he will lead them to choose rightly and to persevere in every enlightened choice; to arrange all things with order and measure; in a word, to fulfill exactly their duties toward God, toward themselves, and toward others.

Our response	from The Book of Wisdom
Side One:	Learn what I teach you, my son, and never forget what I tell you to do. Listen to what is wise and try to understand it.
Side Two:	Yes, beg for knowledge; plead for insight. Look for it as hard as you would for silver or some hidden treasure.
Side One:	It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from him comes knowledge and understanding. He protects those who treat others fairly, and guards those who are devoted to him.
Side Two:	If you listen to me, you will know what is right, just and fair. You will become wise and your knowledge will give you pleasure.
Side One:	Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong.
Side Two:	If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains.
Side One:	Happy is anyone who becomes wise, who gains understanding. Wisdom is more valuable than jewels; nothing you could want can compare with it.
Side Two:	Hold on to your wisdom and insight, my son. Never let them get away from you.
All:	Glory be to the Father Amen.
Pause for quiet reflection	

Reading from *Meditations 91 and 170* by John Baptist de La Salle

Have you been careful to teach your students the maxims and practices of the holy Gospel and to see that they practise them? A teacher who has piety in his heart, says the Wise Man, will bring forth wisdom; that is, he will procure wisdom for himself and he will make those wise whom he instructs. It is in Holy Scripture that the outpourings of all the treasure of God's knowledge and wisdom are found. These are the divine books which the true servants of God must devour and be filled with in order to communicate their secrets.

Closing Song Praise to the Holiest



- 2. O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came.
- 3. O wisest love! That flesh and blood which did in Adam fail, should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;
- 4. And that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine, God's presence and his very self, and Essence all divine.
- O generous love! that he who smote in man for man the foe, the double agony in man For man should undergo.
- 6. And in the garden secretly and on the Cross on high, should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.
- Praise to the Holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise, in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

He who knows others is learned; he who knows himself is wise. (Lao-Tze, Character of Tao)

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!