



**Brothers of
the Christian
Schools**



TESTIMONIES

Abraham Tesfai: a discreet presence

Those who have lived for some time in our Generalate have easily been able to perceive the discreet and warm presence of one of the Lasallians who instils most affection and respect in the House.

A person who, like Abraham, had to leave his tent, his home and, like Joseph, had to leave his homeland, his city of Asmara in 1982.

He came to Rome hand in hand with a cousin of his, a priest in the Vatican. The Lord arranged for his cousin to meet Brother Pasquale Sorge who offered him a job in our Generalate.

He lived in our house for a while until he found his family home where he lives with his wife and two children.

Thirty-eight years of work and service among us. He has taken care of different services such as the “stamperia” (printshop) and is responsible both for sending to the Districts the Lasallian materials they request and for arranging the “apostolic blessings” which are frequently requested from all over the Institute.

Abramo, by this name we know him, is a deeply practising believer or, to use his own words, “I am very Catholic”.





He is one of those people who can easily go unnoticed. What does not go unnoticed is his permanent smile, his simplicity of manner, his total availability and his affection for the Brothers and all his colleagues.

A Lasallian of today who, far from trying to stand out, shares his faith with simplicity and humility.

The words of Pope Francis in *Patris corde* can well be applied to him: “Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation”.

Abramo is, in our midst, a witness of discreet presence that does not go unnoticed by those who are able to look with the eyes of faith.

Our recognition and our gratitude for all his time shared, for being a sign of faith among us, for showing a heart without any malice and for always being ready to serve.

It is difficult to be more Lasallian!