



## Clapping

grammed to see problems  
e them.  
We have minds that can focus too much  
on mistakes. It is best to recognise the  
good that is always here and thank God  
for it.  
Invite the group to respond to the litany  
by a short round of clapping as an active  
prayer of gratitude.



## Lord

We thank you by clapping, for a new day to ex-  
perience, good friends to share the day with,  
many different gifts in this group, hidden acts  
of kindness in our group, the courage to say  
we are sorry, the fun that happens by accident,  
(add your own as leader)  
Lord thank you for the ability to see what's  
positive in each other and enjoy the gift of  
life you give us every day.



cations have sought to  
provide some of this  
support by encouraging  
Salesians to collaborate in  
the creation of publications  
which staff will welcome,  
since these publications will  
help them in the education of  
the young people entrusted to  
them. Some publications have  
been written specifically for the  
staff in our Salesian schools, for ex-  
ample the booklet *Working in a  
Salesian School – Working from the  
Heart*. This short booklet, which sum-

marises the essentials of our Salesian Pre-  
ventive System, is given to everyone who  
works in our Salesian Schools. However,  
when we display our books at teacher  
conferences we make this booklet avail-  
able for anyone to take, free of charge.  
Participants at conferences always appre-  
ciate a gift.

While being aware of the needs of the  
staff and young people in our own  
Salesian schools, most of our publications  
have a wider remit; they are designed for  
all Christian schools. For example the  
book entitled *The Christian Teacher: Shep-  
herd of Loving Kindness* by David O'Malley  
SDB, while being firmly based on Salesian  
principles, is widely appreciated in Chris-  
tian circles and is used in teacher-training  
courses.

A recent interesting development has  
been the introduction of *Swatch & Pray*, a  
60 page card-resource of prayers, actions  
and reflections for use with young  
people. It brings together the Church tra-  
ditions of praying with the body and with  
the heart. These prayers are designed to  
be used in large groups, small groups or  
individually. The swatch can be given to  
an individual to choose a prayer or the  
leader may select an appropriate prayer  
for that day. The activities and reflections  
lead from life experience into prayer. We  
have had a very positive response to  
*Swatch & Pray* from many Catholic schools  
and orders from Anglican schools. All  
enjoy praying in this Salesian way.