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**TO ALL WHO ARE PART OF THE PIOUS SCHOOLS
GRACE AND PEACE OF GOD, OUR FATHER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As you all know, on August 20, Pope Francis sent all those who feel part of the Church an important "Letter to the People of God." In this letter, the Pope faced all the painful process provoked by the "sexual, power and conscience abuse committed by a notable number of clerics and consecrated persons" and proposed "to generate a culture capable of preventing these situations not only to not repeat, but to do not find spaces to be concealed and perpetuated. "

The Pope directs this letter "to the People of God." The General Congregation thinks that we must make every effort we can for this letter to reach each and every one of the people who are part of the Pious Schools. This should be one of our contributions to the pope's struggle to move towards that "ecclesial and social transformation that we so much need": to collaborate in the fact that his message arrives, really, to those to whom it has to arrive.

Therefore, we ask and propose that this "Letter to the People of God" be treated as such: be read and reflected in each and every one of our religious communities, within the Fraternity of the Pious Schools, in each of our Piarist presences. In an adult and stewardship way, let us receive this letter, which is also addressed to us, who are part of this People of God and we seek to build a different society and Church, in which it is never possible for anyone to harm a child.

Many people have asked us what we can do to help the Pope. We think that what the Pope needs most, in addition to the prayer of the Christian community, is to work so that his message reaches every person and every community, preventing other media noises from distorting or hiding it.

Good reading and good reflection!

To all, our embrace and our best wishes



The General Congregation of the Pious schools

Rome, September 1, 2018.

(Link to the letter to the people of God, in the different languages:
<http://bit.ly/2PXzsyv>)