

Dear Educators of the Calasanz Movement:

Receive a big hug from the General Team of the Calasanz Movement! We also send it to you from the children, boys, and girls and from so many people who make up the Calasanz Movement throughout the Piarist world.

We are experiencing hard circumstances due to this Health Outbreak created by the COVID-19 pandemic. You are aware of the measures that have been taken in most of the countries where we the Piarists are. Also, we are united in solidarity and prayer with those who are having the worst part of it: because the disease reached their family, because of the job situation and the economic precariousness, because they have been confined longer, etc. From the Calasanz Movement, we want to send a message of encouragement, solidarity, and hope.

As in other situations, our faith and our Piarist commitment are much more alive than ever. Therefore, we want to share these three keywords that can accompany us:

- **PRESENT.** We will be present in a different way. The in-person activities of the Calasanz Movement are postponed (we place great emphasis on complying seriously with what the authorities of each country indicate). However, in the most complicated situations, we can BE and accompany in a thousand different ways. The Calasanz Movement and the Piarists are in places where it has been, is being, and will be very difficult to carry out our mission. And we make it possible because we have received a great treasure to communicate: faith in Jesus and passion for Calasanz's mission.

- **THE TREASURE OF FAITH.** Jesus, the Lord, is present day in day out. In difficulties, He sustains us. The most important word of encouragement is the word that is spoken from faith. We have the best treasure: God Himself and the hope that His Word can give us. How can we carry that bread and that medicine that we need so much in circumstances like these? How can we be "servants of hope" as Father General Pedro Aguado asks us?
- **CREATIVITY.** How can we be close to each other when we have to stay at home? How to communicate? What to do? The answer is that it is already being done. And congratulations because it is done in very creative, surprising, and full of content ways. Perhaps it is enough that the local or provincial team of educators have this sensitivity, and we help each other. You can check the social networks of our Local Calasanz Movement to discover the multiple proposals that are coming.

We cannot stop sending a big hug to the Calasanz Movement in Italy that is taking its first steps. A nation where the Coronavirus has been especially virulent. We remember Venezuela and Nicaragua, where young people suffer so much because of the situation in their countries and where our educators give examples of heroism. To Cameroon, where we cannot forget the crisis that the communities of this country are going through. Also, to Kiblawan (Philippines) where last December 15, they suffered a terrible earthquake and continue facing thick and thin.

And finally, we would like to end this letter thanking you for so many testimonies that we are seeing of commitment to our kids during these difficult times.

General Team of the Calasanz Movement.