

PROVINCES

CENTRAL AFRICA



Vacation camps for children and young people were organized in July, August, and September. Throughout the month of July, more than 1,000 children and young people participated in camp activities in the various localities of the Province: Akonibé, Messamendongo, Bafia, Malibé, Bamendjou, Cité Verte, Kumbo, Futru, Menteh and Bandjoun. During August, preparations were made for the start of the new school year, with the training of directors, prefects of studies, and bursars in the latest educational policies and the recruitment and training of new teachers. Under the motto: "Pilgrims of hope: Piarists, educators, and children; let us walk in the footsteps of Christ for integral education and growth," September marks the beginning of the new school year, with the attendance of more than 6,000 children and young people during the first weeks.

WEST AFRICA

A few years ago, the West African province began the process of computerizing the management systems of its educational and social institutions. This year, the practical introduction of the Charlemagne/Aplon software has gone a step further. To this end, a training seminar on this software was held in Oussouye from September 2 to 7, bringing together all the general managers of our educational and social institutions to receive training on the software. This software was chosen because of its great possibilities, which respond to the reality of the works of the Province.



ARGENTINA



From August 31 to September 2, a Congress of Humanist Education was organized in Cordoba (Argentina), which seeks to "provide an ecclesial and social space to reflect on authentic education and its roots in the Western and Christian tradition." The slogan of the Congress is: "Innovating today from the classical spirit," and has three axes: "Faith and reason in the articulation of the educational proposal"; "Faith and life in the formative dynamics of teachers and students," and "The Catholic, Thomistic and Calasanzian tradition as perennial pedagogy." In this framework, experts from different countries will focus on topics such as "The dynamics of educational policy in Argentina"; "Where do the educational methods in our classrooms come from and where are they going"; "How to educate attention in a world with more screens than windows"; "Is it possible to recreate today the classical idea of the University? Dialogue with J.H. Newman", among other topics.

ASIA-PACIFIC



For the sixth year, Kiblawan's presence (parish and school) in the Philippines organized a solidarity campaign among the students who contributed valuable financial help, allowing them to practice solidarity. Fr. Mundoc spearheaded the initiative together with the entire Piarist community. The school's students and parishioners had the opportunity to work on a project of solidarity among the poorest.

BETANIA



Every year, the pastoral of the Province of Betania has mobilized hundreds of young people in various pastoral experiences in the summertime. The groups of the Calasanz Movement are offered different evangelizing proposals in our house of Cercedilla and the hostel of Orea, two pilgrimages to Santiago, and by the Piarist Catalonia in a meeting in Peralta de la Sal to learn more about the Founder. Two work camps in Valencia and Madrid have welcomed 50 young people for two weeks to live a volunteer experience among the poorest. The Orea shelter continues to offer camp shifts where children enjoy an educational environment. This year, around 900 children spent five shifts with the help of a large group of young volunteers who prepared themselves throughout the year.

BOLIVIA

For a month, six young people from the Province of Emmaus and Betania embarked on a mission trip to Bolivia, where they had the experience of living in a community, sharing mission and spirituality. Three young people were in Anzaldo and three in Cochabamba, ending the experience in Santa Cruz de la Sierra. The SAL Project is an initiative that allows direct and close contact with young people in the advanced stages of the Calasanz Movement. The international solidarity campaign was promoted, and the vocation and discernment deepened and grew in the International Pious School.



BRAZIL



All the presences of Brazil celebrated St. Joseph of Calasanz with different activities. In Araguaina, we shared with the Piarist Sisters. In Valadares, the “Café Calasanz” was organized, a festive meeting in which Father Deibson had a valuable intervention. Belo Horizonte was the scene of moments of formation and fraternization for the altar servers. It was a day full of joy, friendliness, and learning. Each of them contributed their dedication and energy, strengthening the bonds that unite us as a community. The presence of the altar servers is a true blessing for St. Mark’s Parish in Belo Horizonte, which is filled with gratitude and joy to see them serve with so much love and commitment.

CALIFORNIAS.

In July, in the cities of Mexicali, Tijuana, Ensenada, Los Angeles (USA), and for the first time in Calexico (USA), the great Caliverano was organized, a vacation program for children living in vulnerable conditions, promoted mainly by young volunteers (called “tias” and “tios”) from the same communities. The organization began with the first training session, followed by selecting the theme of interest, training with workshops for the coordinators and tíos, decoration with the chosen themes, delivery of shirts, scheduling of activities and tours, a task that involved a lot of collaboration among all! Twenty-one centers were opened in the five cities, serving 512 children with the support of 275 volunteers, promoting the culture of peace and gender perspective by offering safe spaces for integral development with the Piarist charism. We had a joyful and different summer!



CATALONIA

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of its foundation, Colònies Jordi Turull organized stays for 700 children and young people aged 5 to 18 who discovered a different place. The Pineta house has become one of the symbolic spaces for growth and coexistence, both for the participants and the instructors. The teenagers have been meeting for years, summer after summer, and little by little, they are



forging bonds and friendships that take root over time. It's this friendship that many of the young people who become instructors end up sharing. It's part of the driving force that binds them together and spurs them on to the educational task of training the children and teenagers of new generations, just as the instructors of the time did with them.

CHILE



Celebrating Chile's national holidays is a learning experience that blends folklore and discipline. Every year, the students of the Calasanz school in Santiago enthusiastically commemorate the country's traditions and cultural richness by displaying traditional costumes and dances. For this, the school was decorated with flags and patriotic colors. The energy and festive spirit filled the atmosphere with unity and joy. This folkloric act was a display of artistic skills and a reminder of our identity as Chileans. We celebrated the diversity and history that unites us as a nation through dance and music.

CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The School of Piarist Educators closed the first edition of the Leadership Course for Social Transformation, aimed at volunteer leaders in non-formal education activities and social projects. The closing occurred during the Venezuelan presences meeting on August 13, 14, and 15 in the city of Barquisimeto, in an online connection with Nicaragua, as part of the Itaka Escolapios Foundation district team meeting. In addition, the closing coincided with the start of the summer camps, which benefited from the support and active participation of three SAL volunteers (Lucia, Chema, and David) who developed a series of activities to help local children and young people.



EMAUS



Over 100 young people from the Calasanz Movement enjoyed summer experiences, including the "Chemin de Calasanz," a pilgrimage through the places in Aragon and Catalonia where Calasanz discovered his priestly vocation; the "Près de Calasanz," a pilgrimage through Calasanzian places in Rome to deepen their Piarist vocation and participate in the network we are forming at European level. Volunteer camps with minors in Soria and with young migrants in Txamantxoia to get closer to the realities of suffering. The Sal project in countries where the Pious Schools work in situations of significant vulnerability and inequality; a week in Taizé to nurture interiority and communion with other young believers or on the Camino de Santiago, as a group experience and personal search for what God is saying to us today as young people in our hearts.

HUNGARY



The new school year began with our school's festive Veni Sancte Mass. On September 2, the provincial superior, Father Victor Zsódi, celebrated mass at the Piarist school in Vác: "... here, at the start of the school year, the summary of results is also a look to the future: it can give us the strength and impetus to continue our mission as Piarists, teachers, and students, looking to the future with renewed vigor. Similarly, Matthew's Gospel encourages us to discover the providential goodness of the heavenly Father: "Your heavenly Father knows what you need. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

INDIA

Our Aryanad school commemorated the 29th National Reading Day in honor of the late Mr. P.N. Panicker with a week of activities and competitions in various languages - Malayalam, English, and Hindi - with enthusiastic and vibrant participation of the students in which enthusiasm for reading as a means of intellectual and personal growth was encouraged. Students read newspapers, magazines, and books and perform creative works such as recitations and skits. At the end of the week, the principal commended the participants and presented awards in recognition of their talent and effort. The week was a resounding success and was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.



ITALY



Meeting of Piarist parishes of Italy. It has been good news for the Pious Schools that, on September 13 and 14, religious and lay, people of the Piarist Province of Italy, met in the community of the Nazarene in Rome summoned by the Provincial to know more closely the implications of entering the Network of Piarist Parishes. Each pastor presented their current pastoral reality, strengths, and weaknesses. In a sincere and cordial dialogue, the group evaluated the pastoral reality according to the SWOT analysis scheme, a condition for building a joint project. The participants noted many weaknesses but also common strengths. The meeting left a good taste in everyone's mouth and the commitment to continue moving forward to build a shared project for the parishes of Italy in communion with the keys of life of the Order.

NAZARETH

The city of Cuenca (Ecuador) hosted 300 Calasanzian educators in the V Calasanzian Congress of the Province (Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru). The meeting focused on Piarist identity, accompaniment, educational innovation, evaluation, neuroeducation, mental health, and new technologies. All the participants contributed with their experience and good practices to share school life, caring for all its members. Among many other contributions, the Congress helped to dismantle myths about reconciliation with technology. For example, it allowed us to ask ourselves how to continue implementing technological tools such as AI in school and management processes.



MEXICO



In August, the province organized a retreat with pastoral agents from different locations in the country at the Calasanz house in Oaxaca under the theme “Pilgrims of Faith. The objective of the retreat was for the participants to have a deeper understanding of the faith and a personal encounter with the experience of Abraham. In this way, to discover that faith is the basis for hope, seeking to relate this retreat with the motto of this year’s Pious Schools: “Pilgrims of Hope” because if on the way, we find and are aware of our faith, it will be possible to share and cultivate hope in others.

POLAND

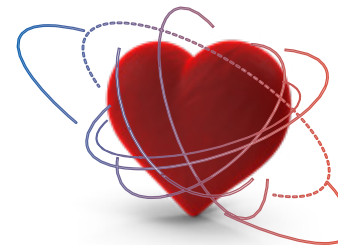
The summer camps are unique experiences in which children and young people from the Piarist communities in Poland have had the opportunity to enjoy an exceptional environment full of adventures. It has been an ideal occasion to disconnect from daily obligations, school, and routine and enjoy a leisure time full of positive emotions and new experiences. The vacation activities organized by the Polish Piarists offer educational programs that enrich the knowledge and skills of the participants in an attractive and accessible way. These activities include singing workshops, scientific experiments, or cooking classes. In this way, the children and young people, during July and August, have developed their talents and discovered strengths of which they were previously unaware. The Pious Schools in Poland organized more than 30 camps and bivouacs for children and young people during the summer vacations.



GENERAL EQUIPMENT



INTERNATIONAL PIARIST CONGRESS



PIARIST
CONGRESS 2025

education
360°

Javier Alonso will be in Budapest to finalize the logistics of the Congress that will take place from 10 to 14 March 2025, with the participation of 200 educators from different Piarist presences. With a dynamic of conferences, discussions, workshops, and experiences, it will reflect on how the Pious Schools, as a work of the Church, can respond to the significant challenges of today’s world. EDUCATION 360° is the title of the Congress. It represents a “full-time school” where integral education, evangelization, and social transformation are harmonized within the general framework of the Global Education Pact.



NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

Organized by the General Team and Christopher Columbus University, the online Diploma of Non-Formal Education began with more than 40 participants from different Provinces of the Order. The 16 topics seek a deeper understanding of the Piarist sense of NFE, to acquire tools that help in the educational work, and to learn about interesting educational experiences that are promoted in our presences.

CALASANZ MOVEMENT

During the week of July 22-28, a group of young people of the Calasanz Movement from the provinces of Europe lived the experience "Close to Calasanz," where the history of St. Joseph Calasanz was presented. They reflected on the current situation of the Calasanz Movement and shared various Piarist realities. Time was dedicated to volunteering, celebration, and prayer. The young people left with greater motivation to build Pious Schools.

CRISTÓBAL COLON UNIVERSITY

The semester began in August with the addition of the Interior Architecture and Mechatronics degree program. The university offers 26 bachelor's, 16 master's, and four doctoral programs. It has a language center where students can get certified and a plan of continuing education courses in connection with the needs of companies in the area. In total, just over 3,000 students. A festive gymkhana organized by the senior students was held to welcome the new students.

PARISH NETWORK

Three years later (2021), after the first assembly of Piarist parishes online, the SECOND ASSEMBLY will be held in the parishes of America on November 9 and Africa on November 23. The meeting will have a space for reflection and another for teamwork.