

The two-year plan for the General Congregation 2006-2007

1st. General line of action CO-RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR FUTURE: VOCATIONAL PASTORAL AND FORMATION

To grow in our identification with Jesus Christ and to convene with audacity to share our vocation.

Operative plan

1.1. To consolidate, in tune, the processes of vocational pastoral (VP) and of initial formation (IF)

Objective:

1.1.1. To create tuning between VP and IF so that, through permanent dialogue, a better and progressive formation is assured.

Activities:

- a) Publication of the conclusions of the Meeting of Rome about VP and IF (July 2005) and promotion of its conclusions.
- b) Joint meetings between responsible for vocational pastoral and initial formation, according to circumscriptions or regions.
- c) To offer, for the communication between formers and responsible for pastoral, the Newsletter about formation, the newspaper clippings about the topic and the updating of www.calasanz.net
- d) To go on reminding, in the visits to the Demarcations, the need of implementing courses of humane and spiritual formation.
- e) To keep promoting the attention to those religious who need psychological care, offering the help of professionals and institutions.

Responsible:

- a) Fr. Francisco Aísa
- b) General Congregation through the VP and IF Secretariats
- c) Fr. Francisco Aísa
- d) and e) General Congregation during the visits.

Calendar:

During the Biennial period

Operative plan

1.2 To go on consolidating the culture of VP in the Order.

Objective:

1.2.1 To promote the agreements of the Meeting of Rome (July 2005) with reference to VP.

Activities:

- a) During the Visits to the Demarcations, to continue promoting, preferably full-time commitment, of a Religious to Vocational Pastoral.
- b) To promote the organization of meetings of VP within circumscriptions or sectors to carry out what was agreed on in the 2005 Meeting of Rome.

Responsible:

- a) Each Assistant in his Circumscription.
- b) General Congregation through the Secretariat of VP

Calendar:

During the Biennial period

Operative plan

1.3 To pay special attention to IF during the next four-year period.

Objective:

1.3.1 To promote the agreements of the Meeting of Rome (July 2005) with reference to IF

Activities:

- a) To fulfill the process of updating the Directory of Formation of the Piarist (FES) according to the iter submitted to the Council of Major Superiors F5
- b) To favor the fact that twenty new religious in the Order receive specific formation for formers during the four-year period.
- c) To promote the formation of formers in the Order and the constitution of formation teams.

Responsible:

- a) Fr. Francisco Aísa, General Congregation and Secretariats
- b) General Congregation
- c) General Congregation through the Secretariat of IF

Calendar:

During the Biennial period

Operative Plan

1.4 To assume with shared responsibility, that the future of the Order in its demarcations, communities, works and persons lies on Permanent Formation (PF)

Objective:

1.4.1 To promote the elaboration of a project of formation of the quinquennium, by each Demarcation, taking into consideration the humane, Christian, religious and Calasanctian dimensions.

Activity:

To remind, in the Visits to the General Congregation, the urgency of drafting the Project of Permanent Formation, in the different demarcations.

Responsible:

Each Assistant in his Circumscription

Calendar: during the biennial period.

Objective:

1.4.2. To obtain, through participative collaboration, some operative orientations that help to implement the "Piarist Directory of permanent formation"

Activities:

- a) Distribution of the conclusions of the Meeting of Veracruz (January 2005) and promotion of its translation.
- b) To put into action the Secretariat of Permanent Formation, according to the approved Statutes, and to develop in the demarcations, minimal structures that allow taking some steps according to the Meeting of Veracruz (January 2005)

Responsible:

- a) Fr. Francisco Aísa
- b) Fr. Francisco Aísa

Calendar:

- a) March, 2006
- b) August, 2006

**2nd General line of action: IN BROTHERHOOD WITH JESUS CHRIST:
SPIRITUALITY AND LIFE IN COMMUNITY.**

To grow in Calasanctian living experience and in fraternal life in community.

Operative plan

2.1 To assimilate, personally and in community, the documents of the Magisterium of the Church and of the General Chapter about spiritual life and community.

Objective:

*2.1.1. To get a personal and in community knowledge of the chapter document *Clothed with Christ* (Madrid 2004, col. "Cuadernos" n.25; translated into Italian, Polish and Hungarian; other translations to be done and published)*

Activities:

- a) To promote the preparation and publication, as far as possible, of new translations of the document with subsidies to favor its assimilation.
- b) To be interested in the utilization of the document, to boost its knowledge and to get information of what has been already done and what has still to be done (translations, publications, spread).

Responsible:

Each Assistant General in his Circumscription, taking privileged advantage of the Visits to the Demarcations.

Calendar:

During the biennial period.

Objective

2.1.2 To get a more complex and deep knowledge of the exhortations "Vita consecrata" (1996) and "Fraternal life in community" (1994), promoting their re-reading.

Activity:

To take interest in the matter in the Visits to the Demarcations and Communities, suggesting, for example, its consideration in the programming of the communities.

Responsible:

The General Congregation

Calendar:

During the biennial period

Operative plan

2.2 To favor among us the experiences of faith with attitudes of listening and silence, in order to grow in the consciousness of being communities of faith.

Objective:

2.2.1 To motivate the living experience of the Eucharist in the Order from the teaching of the Synod of Bishops 2005: "The Eucharist: source and summit of the life and mission of the Church".

Activities:

- a) To send to the Major Superiors a selection of the most significant texts.
- b) To follow the indications of the reception of the Synod.

Responsible:

Frs. Diego Bernal and Jaime Pellicer, with the Secretary-General

Calendar:

During the Biennial period

Objective:

2.2.2. *To achieve the use of Fr. Miró's book with the introductions to the psalms of Lauds and Vespers, also promoting their translation to other languages.*

Activity:

To talk about it in the Hispanic speaking zones and to present it for its translation in the other zones, on occasion of the Visits or through other opportune means.

Responsible:

The General Congregation

Calendar:

During the biennial period

Operative plan

2.3. To foresee periodic community meetings and spiritual retreats about topics of spirituality in the programs of the Demarcations and of the local Communities.

Objective

2.3.1 To obtain in the Order a "constitutional culture" for the Piarist project of life, contained in the present Constitutions and in the Constitutions of the Founder as spiritual reference, to be motor and habitual guide of our life and mission.

Activities:

- a) To give impetus to the reading, the study and prayer of the Constitutions in a personal as well as in a community way.
- b) To boost the translation of the Constitutions and Rules to all the languages used in the Order, which have not been already done.

Responsible:

The General Congregation

Calendar:

During the biennial period.

Objective

2.3.2. To promote meetings, especially of demarcation, for the formation of Rectors of the communities, their principal driving force.

Activities:

- a) To continue enriching the "dossier" prepared by Fr. Diego Bernal.
- b) To offer it to the MM. SS. as a subsidy, encouraging them to organize sessions of formation of Rectors.
- c) To be available to any petition that may come from the Major Superiors.

Responsible:

- a) and b) Fr. Diego Bernal, with everybody's help
- b) The General Congregation.

Calendar: during the biennial period.

3rd General line of action: WITH THE LAY PEOPLE: TWO VOCATIONS, ONE MISSION

To extend the Institutional Project of the Piarist Laity and where it is already in process, to deepen it.

Operative plans

3.1 To create the means or to reinforce the structures that allow the implantation of the Institutional Project of the Laity in each Demarcation, diversifying according to the reality they live in.

Objective:

3.1.1. To make the whole Order know the document “Clarification of the identity of the Piarist religious and lay man” (in “Shared Mission in the Pious Schools”, Madrid 1999, col. “Cuadernos” n.23, pp.69-105).

Activities:

- a) To request to the Demarcations the translation of the document into their own languages.
- b) To explain in a circular letter the reason and sense of such document.
- c) To be interested in the use and knowledge of the document.

Responsible:

- a) and b) the Father Delegate of the laity
- b) The Assistants in their own circumscriptions and the Fr. Delegate of the laity

Calendar: During the biennial period

3.2 To put in practice the “Directory of the Laity in the Pious Schools” (General Chapter 2003) elaborating their own Statute of the Laity, in each demarcation.

Objective:

3.2.1 To promote the diverse Modalities that the Directory of the Laity points out

Activities:

- a) To follow the drafting of the “Statute of the Laity” of each Demarcation
- b) To be interested and to promote the study and maximal benefit of the 20 topics of the “Manual of Formation of the Laity”
- c) To work on the topic of Circumscriptions.
- d) Celebration in Spain of a Congress of lay people of the modality “Co-operation” and “Participation”

Responsible:

- a, b and c) Fr. Delegate of the laity and the Assistants in their Circumscriptions.
- e) The team of the Spanish Circumscription

Calendar: During the biennial period

3.3. To develop or to start drafting a Plan of Formation of the laity in each Demarcation taking as basis the Document “Orientations for a plan of formation of the laity” (General Chapter 2003)

Objective:

3.3.1 To start the elaboration of a “Plan of formation of the laity” in each Demarcation, using the “Orientations for a Plan of formation of the laity” approved by the General Congregation.

Activities:

- a) To be concerned and to encourage the Demarcations to elaborate such Plan of formation of the laity.
- b) To draft the 2nd part of the “Manual of the formation of the laity”
- c) To be in contact with the life of the Demarcations in every aspect concerning the laical topic.

Responsible:

- a) Fr. Delegate of the laity and each Assistant in the visits to their Circumscriptions..
- b) Fr. Delegate of the laity.

- c) Everybody in the visits and diverse contacts with the Demarcations.

Calendar: During the biennial period.

**4th Line of action. TO GET WELL ORGANIZED IN ORDER TO SERVE
BETTER: RESTRUCTURING**

To establish a plan of restructuring of the Order that favors the processes of unification, consolidation or expansion

Operative plan:

4.1 To make the demarcations aware of the topic, starting from the knowledge and the study of the document: “To restructure in order to revitalize”

Objective:

4.1.1. To get the Order to focus restructuring, in a positive way, without fears or prejudices.

Activities:

- a) To go on with the process of being aware of the topic, giving information about other parallel experiences in other Religious Institutes.
- b) To help overcoming resistance or skepticism and to point to the positive aspects of the process already started during the visits that the members of the General Congregation pay to the Demarcations.

Responsible:

- a) General Congregation
- b) Assistant General in his Circumscription

Calendar:

During the biennial period

Operative plan:

4.2. To propitiate interdemarcational experiences either by geographic areas or by thematic areas that make inter-relation, nearness and acquaintance possible among the Demarcations.

Objective:

4.2.1. To be near the birth and the first steps of the Sectors.

Activity:

To go on and promote the life of each Sector according to the plan agreed.

Responsible:

The General Congregation and the Assistant in his Circumscription.

Calendar:

During the biennial period.

Objective:

4.2.2 To keep the activities of the Circumscription

Activities:

- a) To go on encouraging the life of the Circumscription (meetings of Circumscription)
- b) To accompany the foreseen meeting of the MM.SS. of Europe.

Responsible:

- a) The Assistant General in his Circumscription.
- b) The Assistants of the European Circumscriptions,

Calendar:

- a) during the biennial period
- b) September, 2006

Operative plan

4.3 The General Congregation has to elaborate a first pluri-annual Restructuring Plan

Objective:

4.3.1 To introduce in the Chapters the topic of restructuring the Order.

Activities:

- a) To introduce it in the circular letter summoning the Chapters.
- b) To follow it in the development of the Chapter period.

Responsible:

- a) and b): The General Congregation

Calendar:

During the biennial period

Objective:

4.3.2. To work on criteria of consolidation and expansion of the Order

Activity:

To work on the criteria and to share them with the implied MM.SS.

Responsible: The General Congregation

Calendar:

During the biennial period

4.3.3. To study the juridical aspects of our realities in the Order: unification of Italy and unification of the Basque country and Andalusia

Activities:

- a) To know the juridical difficulties that the process brings along.
- b) To give solutions.

Responsible:

- a) and b) General Congregation.

Calendar:

- a) and b) During the biennial period.

5th. General line of action: TO EVANGELIZE BY EDUCATING

To foster the Calasanctian style of our Works

Operative plan:

5.1 To foster in our Works the Evangelization of children, youths, families and collaborators, with structures and processes of pastoral and social action.

Objective:

5.1.1. To contrast the reach of this operative plan in its addressees, structures and processes.

Activities:

- a) To verify, in our visits, the operational capacity of this line of action, gathering the feeling and work of reality in each place.
- b) To elaborate, for the Council of MM.SS. in 2007, a report, even if it is a partial one, about the evangelization action in our Works

Responsible:

- a) The Assistant General in his Circumscription.
- b) The General Congregation and Veracruz

Calendar:

During the biennial period

Objective:

5.1.2 To favor the programming of Meetings of Circumscription over Piarist Ministry.

Activity:

To work with the MM.SS. of America and Spain in projecting a congress or symposium about our Ministry.

Responsible:

The Assistants General of America and Spain.

Calendar:

To take place in 2007

Operative plan:

5.2. To continue the Evaluation of Calasanctian Quality in all our Works and to establish Strategic Plans of Improvement.

Objective:

5.2.1 To continue urging on the necessity of applying Calasanctian Evaluation in Schools and Parishes,

Activities:

- a) To give a way of solution to the difficulties presented in those places in which the Evaluation of schools has not been applied.
- b) To boost the evaluation of the Parishes.

Responsible:

The General Congregation and Veracruz

Calendar:

During 2006

Objective:

5.2.2. To contrast the application of the Plans of Improvement in those places where the Evaluations have been applied.

Activity:

To prepare a report for the Council of MM.SS. in 2007, even though a partial one, about the application of the Calasanctian Evaluation and its operative results.

Responsible:

The General Congregation and Veracruz.

Calendar:

October, 2007

Operative plan:

5.3 To establish plans and demarcational processes of selection of our educators and collaborators and to elaborate the processes of formation.

Objectives:

5.3.1 To orientate those Demarcations that have not yet established a process of selection of Educators and collaborators.

Activity:

To provide a path of solution to those Demarcations that have more difficulties in these topics.

Responsible:

The Assistant General in his circumscription and Veracruz.

MEETINGS OF THE BIENNIAL PERIOD, WITH INCIDENCE IN THE GENERAL CURIA

Meeting of MM.SS of Europe
From September 28 to October 2, 2006
Warsaw (Poland)

Congress of Lay people in Spain
From December 6 to December 9, 2006
Peralta de la Sal (Spain)

Meeting of young Religious of Spain
Peralta de la Sal (Spain)

Congress of the Universidad Cristóbal Colon
June 2007
(Veracruz, Mexico)

Meeting of Students of the Pious School
August 2007
Peralta de la Sal (Spain)

Official Ceremony of the 450th birth anniversary of Saint Joseph Calasanz
From October 13 to October 14, 2007
Peralta de la Sal (Spain)

Council of MM.SS (Major Religious Superiors)
of the Order
From October 15 to October 23, 2007
Peralta de la Sal (Spain)

Symposium on the Piarist Ministry
December, 2007
Spain