



TO ALL THE RELIGIOUS OF THE ORDER
THE GRACE AND THE PEACE OF GOD, OUR FATHER

“I write to you sure of your answer, knowing that you will do more than what I ask you” (Flm, 21)

“Clothed with the feelings of Christ, we make ourselves co-operators of Divine Truth by adapting ourselves more to the way of life of the children and the poor” (C 19)

Dear Brethren:

We are writing this circular letter to you with the purpose of informing you about some of the first options we are taking, as General Congregation, at the service of the Order. We have just begun this work in this month of September, trying to gradually shape the wide and rich Project that the General Chapter recently celebrated in Peralta de la Sal has entrusted us. We wish to share with you some reflections as well as offer you some information.

1- To receive and welcome the General Chapter.

Undoubtedly, it is one of the fundamental tasks that we have to deal with among all of us. Little by little we will be receiving the documents approved by the Chapter and the Lines of Action that will orientate the six-year period we are just beginning. We beg you all to



make with us the effort to receive and welcome our Chapter as a new opportunity of renewal and fidelity. We are aware of the fact that for the message of the Chapter to be really received in the body of the Pious Schools, it is necessary to take care of the information, to invite to discernment and to propose options and decisions. In the dynamism of knowing, discerning and opting it is summarized what we can do and hope from the capacity to give dynamism to the life of the Pious Schools, in the bosom of the Order as well as in all the persons and communities who share our mission and our charism.

We invite you, then, to keep interest in knowing, not only the details or what is immediate, but the content, the conductive thread and the great agreements that come out from Peralta 2009. The General Congregation, the Major Superior and all the Chapter members have a great responsibility in this process. We also invite you to discernment, in all the ambits (general, demarcational, local, and personal) of everything we will be receiving as a Chapter message. This implies reflection, common search, revision, planning, election of priorities, as well as prayer and wishes of fidelity. Finally we invite you to make decisions that really allow that what we have determined in General Chapter can really profoundly offer new possibilities for the Pious Schools.

2- The impulse of the General Lines of Action.

The six LGA approved by the Chapter must be propelled to all levels of the Order, in each one, according to their possibilities. Also the General Congregation has to set out how to impulse them and carry them out. In this sense we communicate you that we have appointed five Delegates from Fr. General, who will assume some of the General Lines of Action, in communion and coordination with the General Congregation, with the Major Superiors and with the responsible of the different areas in each one of the Demarcations.

- ✚ Delegate from Fr. General for Vocational Pastoral: Fr. Józef Tarnawski, from the Province of Poland.
- ✚ Delegate from Fr. General for Initial Formation: Fr. Juan Carlos Sevillano, from the



Province of Colombia.

- ✚ Delegate from Fr. General for Communitarian Life and On-going Formation: Fr. Javier Negro, from the Province of Aragon.
- ✚ Delegate from Fr. General for the Piarist Ministry and Shared Mission: Fr. Rodolfo Robert, from the Vice-province of Central America and Dominican Republic
- ✚ Delegate from Fr. General for Charismatic Integration: Fr. Javier Aguirregabiria, from the Province of Emmaus.

Likewise we communicate you that Fr. General, Pedro Aguado, will directly assume the coordination and impulse of the restructuring process, consolidation and expansion of the Order and that Fr. Vicente Climent, General Administrator, assumes the coordination of the reform process of the economic sharing system in the Order.

The appointment of these Delegates from Fr. General (DPG) tries to make more effective and co-responsible, the work of the great lines of action of the Order. These are some of the criteria that we want to keep in consideration:

1. Each DPG will count on a team of work and discernment. They will be reduced and different teams. In a certain case the persons who make it up also assume the coordination tasks in their Circumscription; in others the accomplishment of concrete tasks and in others, support will be fundamentally looked for in deepening into the topics, discernment and making decisions. When all these teams are configured, we will provide you with all the information.
2. Each DPG will be directly supported by one of the members of the General Congregation, with the purpose of guaranteeing the coordination. This is the distribution we have made:
 - 2.1. Vocational Pastoral: Fr. Pedro Aguado
 - 2.2. Initial Formation: Fr. Fernando Hernández



- 2.3. Community Life and On-going Formation: Fr. Pierre Diatta
- 2.4. Shared Ministry and Mission: Fr. Miguel Giráldez
- 2.5. Charismatic Integration: Fr. Mateusz Pindelski.
3. The work of the DPG will be centred on starting the great priorities that we determine in each General Line of Action and on the effort that, through our ordinary structure we can finally impress dynamism to the real life of the Order, which is given in the Provinces and in local presences. We look for a mediation of impulse and progress, able to integrate itself in the habitual dynamism of the Pious Schools and in the ordinary organisms from which we work.
4. We are convinced that we risk the future in our capacity of reading the General Lines of Action from this creative fidelity to which we are called. It is true that most of them are not new; in almost all the Chapters we talk, for instance, about our ministry or of vocational pastoral. Our effort must be centred on knowing how to read these great Lines of Action from that nice proposal on which “Vita Consecrata” insists: audacity, creativity and holiness. Audacity is to choose thinking on the future; creativity is to do things in a new way; holiness is to look for and to live what God wants.
- 4.1. In the area of Vocational Pastoral we will try to give an answer to an essential priority: to work in such a way that VP becomes nuclear among us, so that it can produce new life in the Pious Schools.
- 4.2. In the area of Initial Formation, from the discernment of “what Initial Formation for what type of Pious Schools”, we will try to guarantee our renewal from our essential fidelities.
- 4.3. In the area of Communitarian Life and Ongoing Formation we will intend to reach our communities and our brothers for them to assume that only living from Evangelical projects and in dynamics of a vocational growth process we will be able to give a response to the challenges we have to face.
- 4.4. In the area of Ministry and Shared Mission our intention is to boost our sense of mission and the Calasanctian identity of our ministry, a project shared with so many persons who discover the Piarist ministry as their own vocation and thus they contribute to make the Pious School go on with its commitment of evangelizing by educating.



- 4.5. In the area of Charismatic Integration we will try to give a significant impulse to this key dynamism in our institutional document “The Laity in the Pious School”, what implies to advance in the extraordinary gift we are receiving and sharing with so many persons and communities, especially through the Piarist Fraternities and the vocational diversity that is arising among us.
- 4.6. We have received from the Chapter the mission of making a new life possible for the Pious Schools, as a conductor wire of the sexennium, and we understand that restructuring, consolidation and expansion of the Order are essential points of reference in the process. But we believe that this objective will only advance if we understand it in a global way, because it is not a simple matter of new provinces or presences, but of the coordinated impulse of all the factors that offer life to the whole Pious Schools.

3-Our first Visit to the Order

We communicate you that Fr. General, accompanied by the Assistant General of the Circumscription and, as far as possible, by some other Assistant, will visit all the Order throughout this first year of the sexennium. It is not going to be a Canonical Visit nor will it be a wide visit to the Demarcations. Time for that purpose will come. The purpose is to get a first contact that has three specific objectives: to know, to transmit and to consult. To know, initially, the reality of the Demarcation (above all, through the Demarcational Congregations); to transmit our reading to the 46th General Chapter and our first options, and to consult to the Demarcations about some fundamental topics, among others, the following ones: the restructuring process, and that of consolidation and expansion of the Order in line of revitalization and the reform of the economic sharing.

4-Confirmation of some encounters of importance for the Order.

We officially confirm some important meetings for the Order, each one of them with their own aims:



- a) European Piarist Forum, to be celebrated in Budapest from the 9th to the 11th of November, with the presence of all the MM. SS. of Europe. We will try to define the steps that we want to take in these years in the attempt to configure Europe as a referential mark for the Pious Schools.
- b) Encounter of Initial Formation of Africa, to which all the formers and MM. SS. of Africa are invited; it tries to define the best options to give an adequate impulse to Initial Formation in our African Demarcations within the frame of restructuring and growth we are preparing. The encounter will take place in Daloa (Ivory Coast) from December 18th -22nd, of this year.
- c) Meeting of MM. SS. of Circumscriptions, centred on starting the march of the General Lines of Action from 46th General Chapter. The dates of the meetings have been confirmed: Spain (October 7th, January 12th and April 14th) and America (from 16th to 18th of February, in Caracas).
- d) Council of Major Superiors. We summon to the first Council of Major Superiors of the sexennium, that we wish to celebrate before the Demarcational Chapters. It will take place in Rome, between the 10th and 17th of October, 2010. It will be centred on two great topics: a consultation about the restructuring, consolidation and expansion of the Order in lines of revitalization and renewal of the economic sharing system.

Dear brethren, it is our wish to have a frequent communication with the whole

Order and with the persons and communities that enrich and make up our Piarist presence. We believe that sharing options and search we can march together along a way that little by little lead us to grow up in fidelity to our charism and in passion towards our mission. That is what we wish you all, with all our faith and confidence in the future, which is in the hands of God. It is Jesus who systematically invites us to live open to the inspirations of His Spirit: “Do not wander that I said to you: You must be born again” (Jn 3, 7). We beg God, our Father, to grant us His light to live our Piarist vocation in depth.

We send you a fraternal hug from Frascati, in whose sanctuary we have celebrated the



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Eucharist and begged the protection of Mary, Mother of the Pious Schools, for our whole Order.

Frascati, 25 of September, 2009.

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