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Letter From Piarist Youth Assembly to The Pious Schools Order

To our brothers and sisters: the youth, the Pious Schools Order, the Piarist Fraternities and all the groups of the Calasanz Movement,

Greetings of peace!

Jesus is alive and wants to live through us. We are extremely excited to tell you that our hearts are burning as we gather here together during the Piarist Synod, because like the disciples of Emmaus we have encountered Christ and recognized Him in our midst.

Two years ago we started our way to our very own spiritual Emmaus and in that journey, we have encountered Jesus through the Pious schools, the Piarist Fathers and Fraternities, Calasanz Movement, formation programs that we had experienced. Now in Oaxaca, Mexico, we have recognized Him in the reality of the young people when we reflected “Christus Vivit” and shared our situations, fears, hopes and dreams for the Church and the Pious Schools.

During this fruitful time we have experienced Synodality. We met with a Church that truly listens to the youth, it is eager to hear their hopes and concerns, that acknowledges that the Holy Spirit is speaking through them, and one that invites the young to actively participate in its mission. In this synodal way we would like to continue walking together through life, the youth and



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the Order alike, to carry on the work Christ left us to accomplish, to live the faith and the Piarist charism!

We received the Spirit through worships and prayers in all the different languages, even if we didn't speak a particular tongue. What unites us is far greater than what divides us, as we are all connected in Christ – one body, one spirit.

During the visit to the City of Children (an institution for vulnerable children, placed in Oaxaca), we were reminded to give to the poor, to sacrifice our time and energy to those who need it the most, to give back what we are generously receiving in the gift of the Eucharist. “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9, 37-38). God is calling each and every one of us to become the workers to His harvest, lead those around us to the cross and to live a life of resurrection. The Church and the Pious Schools need us to empower our fellow youth by offering to them nothing less than Jesus Christ. The experience motivates us to continue moving forward, to continue serving the youth with all our hearts, to become bold, fearless leaders to the youth, helping them to become disciples.

Many young people want to become witnesses of the Light of Jesus, but if we make wrong decisions or do not take risks, they will stay in the shadows. The Synod has awakened in our hearts a new fire of being a burning torch to light the way for the youth towards the kingdom of God. To help them see themselves as God sees them, to lead them to a life of freedom, to guide them to develop a loving and authentic relationship with God.

We heard the voice of the youth and on that basis, we developed proposals for them and the Pious Schools. We invoke the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph Calasanz to guide us in the process of bringing the Pious Schools Order closer to Christ and serve the poor children and youth to the fullest. Amen!



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