



News

from the General Council

Brothers of the Christians Schools

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From February 5 to 28, the Brother Superior General and his Council have held their Plenary Session. Certainly something shorter than usual, coinciding, immediately after, with the Intercapitular Assembly. It has been a time to share, discern and decide important aspects of the vitality of the Institute.

We share:

- With the Brothers of the Council, the **personal experiences**, the activities carried out by each Brother during the months that precede us. Also about the challenges we encounter from our visits to the Regions and Districts. Since the previous Plenary Session, and for different reasons, we have been present in 25 countries of the Lasallian geography. This helps to know the reality and opens us to new perspectives. Our three days of community retreat in Subiaco, the Benedictine cradle, have enriched our spiritual sharing.

With the **new Superior General and General Council of the Marist Brothers**, we held a whole day of meeting at the Generalate on February 15. There are more and more common themes and projects.



- With the different **Secretariats and Services of the House**. All of them are at the service of the Lasallian Educational Mission and in continuous work as a team with the General Council. In this session we have shared in a special way: with the Secretary General, the Attorney General, the Secretaries of Association, Mission and Formation, with the General Treasurer and the Coordinator of the International Commission of Young Lasallians. All have shown to be well prepared to report on their activities and projects as well as to dialogue with the General Council based on its suggestions.

- With the **Preparatory Commission** of the **Intercapitular Assembly** with which we have shared, at various times, the planned program. We also include several sessions with the Secretariats and Services to discern the content of the different reports and the methodology to be followed during the Intercapitular Assembly. Everything has been ready for its start.

- With the entire **Generalate**. On February 16 we had a **formation meeting** with the Brothers and the staff that works in the different secretariats and services on the theme of Synod 2018: "Faith, youth and vocational discernment". A small group of Young Lasallians with whom we shared their vision, expectations and experiences also participated in it.

With the **International Commission of Young Lasallians** with whom we were able to share the Eucharist and discuss the Plan they are developing both in each of the Regions and at the Institute level.



- With the **Commission for the Conservation of the Heritage of the Institute** we have known the development of its work and dialogue about the meaning of the expression "Heritage of the Institute", criteria to be taken into account and the scope of the responsibility of the same commission, among others themes.
- With **Solidarity and International Development** (ONLUS) we had the Administrative Council of the same in which we approved the report of activities of 2017 and the Strategic Plan for 2018.

In this plenary session we have studied several CIAMEL proposals that make reference to its composition, the need to appoint a woman as co-secretary of the Association and several proposals related to the AIMEL of 2020.

Finally, we have continued our reflection on leadership and priorities of animation at the Institute level and worked fundamentally on three important documents:

- Lasallian Reflection No. 4 "Lasallians of heart: our hearts burn within us" that will be offered to the entire Lasallian Family as a text to frame the 2018/19 academic year.
- "Initiatives beyond the borders"; document that specifies the missionary policy of the Institute.
- "Adrián Nyel Project"; framework document of the response of the RELEM to the proposals "beyond the borders" of the 45th General Chapter.

Some aspects of the functioning of the Generalate and the needs of Brothers for the future, and the forecasts for the next Plenary Session in June, closed our work.

