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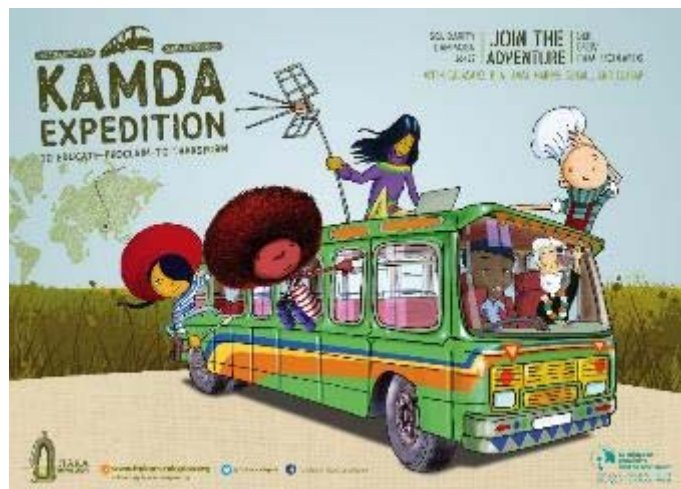
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2016-17 Piarist solidarity campaign

Itaka-Escolapios has started this school year a new solidarity campaign named "*Kamda Expedition. To educate – proclaim – to transform*". As the name itself suggests, the campaign focuses this time on announcing and supporting the Piarist educative mission in Kamda (India) and is part of the Calasanctian Jubilee Year and of the special call we get to inspire the Piarist mission and make it grow.

In different places and countries in which Itaka-Escolapios is present awareness and fundraising activities are being done. They are accompanied by many educative resources for inside and outside the classrooms (resources available at www.itakaescolapios.org and www.educa.itakaescolapios.org).

In a few months, we will inform about the final balance of this campaign. We hope it will be as positive as in previous occasions.



Poster with the campaign characters, led by Calasanç.

First steps of Itaka-Escolapios in Philippines

With the accession of the Piarist Schools of Japan-Philippines to the Programmatic letter, Itaka-Escolapios gives the first steps in this Demarcation. Until now, there had been timely collaboration with Itaka-Escolapios, but the novelty now is that the Demarcation becomes part of the network. The first step has been to form a demarcational team, coordinated by Fr. Antonio Marco. The team is also composed by the contact people in the different presences: Manila, Cebu, San Vicente and Kiblawan.

Finding resources together to support the Piarist life and mission in this part of the world will be an important goal, both in Philippines as well as in the new presences in Asia. A particular project in which Itaka-Escolapios is already involved is the expansion of the San Vicente Parochial School to extend it to more courses and welcome more students.



Piarist school in San Vicente, Philippines.

Progress in Mexico

Itaka-Escolapios Mexico is taking advancing steps in its first year. In the last months, different activities have been done to promote Itaka-Escolapios in the whole Province, as well as promoting volunteering, awareness and fundraising. Regarding the Calasanç Cultural Center of Campeche, a shared mission in Itaka-Escolapios, last semester a hostel with fifteen children started. In the second semester, additionally, a school support project will be starting for Primary and Secondary students. In the same way, they are planning the missions for next Holy Week.



Ludic activities in the Cultural Center of Campeche.



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9th March: Volunteer Day in Itaka-Escolapios

The Itaka-Escolapios network, through its General Volunteer Team, has proposed to the different demarcations and headquarters to celebrate the Volunteer Day in Itaka-Escolapios: a day specifically dedicated to promote and increase awareness on the volunteering as our distinguishing mark, going in depth into its Piarist keys. The chosen day is March 9th, Anniversary of the foundation of the Itaka-Escolapios Foundation.

This initiative, which has had a very good welcome, is also presented as a network's contribution to the many activities that are being hold in the frame of the Jubilee Year.

Soon the Volunteer Team will send some resources as proposals to do that day.

New stage in Brazil and Bolivia

Last January 16th Brazil-Bolivia Province was constituted, starting a new phase in this Piarist Demarcation. Additionally, Javier Aguirregabiria, President of Itaka-Escolapios, has been elected Father Provincial.

Itaka-Escolapios, as part of the Piarist School of Brazil and Bolivia, present in both countries for many years, takes part with thrill in the projects aimed for this Province regarding the strengthening and expanding of the presence and mission in both countries.



First encounter in Bolivia with Javier as new Father Provincial.

Atambua's boarding school, closer to opening

The building of the new Piarist boarding school in Atambua, Indonesia, is at its final stage: it is planned that the works will finish in April, after which the building will be equipped to welcome the interns next academic year, with a capacity for more than 100 young people.

It is of great joy to see how this new Piarist mission becomes true, for which Itaka-Escolapios fundraised near to 225,000 euros last year for the building and equipment of it.



Boarding school works, middle January.

Reorganizing and promoting the network's teams

The Executive Committee has had many encounters and meetings In December and January with the people in charge of the network's general teams and the contacts with the countries.

The goal has been to assess the operation of the international network, analyze the strategic challenges in this moment of growing of the organization (already present in 10 demarcations and 16 countries) and to introduce the changes and reinforcements needed to tackle them. All that taking into account the present situation of the Piarist Schools, both the Order and the Fraternity. A reflection that will have a continuation and will lead us to new steps in the near future.



Managers of the network sharing reflections with the General Council of the Fraternity..



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