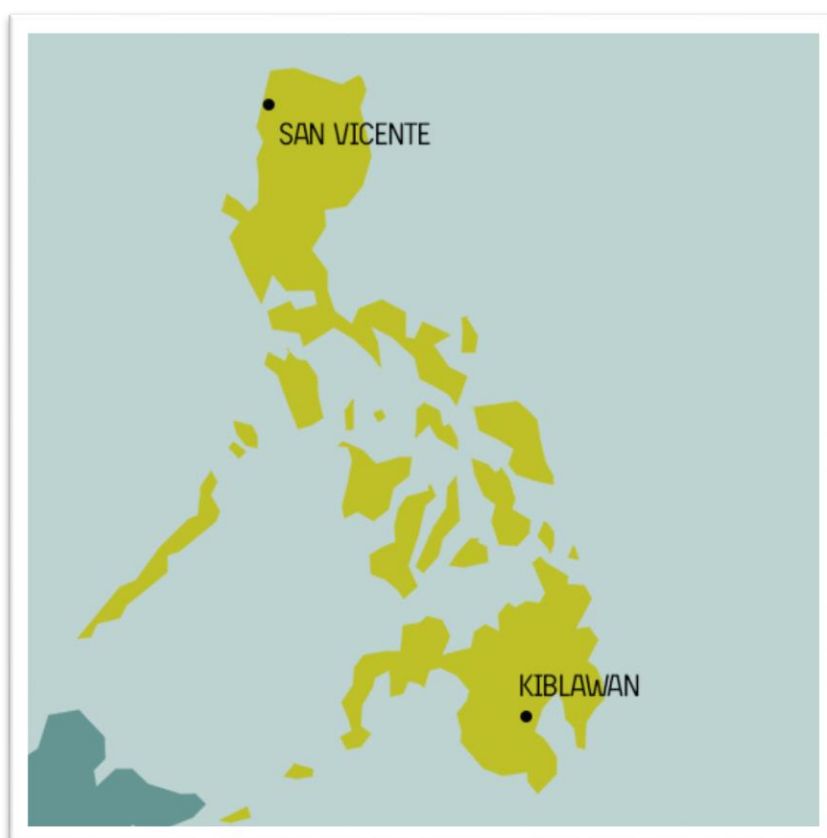


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1. General presentation

Piarist presence in the country dates back to 1995, with the arrival to a country marked by its insular character. Comprising over 7,000 islands, the Philippines has great ethnic diversity that at the same time constitutes a challenge and great wealth.

Since the first significant collaboration between the demarcation and Itaka Escolapios in 2007, aimed at erecting the new school building and the community house in San Vicente, sporadic conversations have been held, as well as some appropriate collaborations that in 2016 led to the signing by the Japan-Philippines Vice Province of the programmatic letter of the Itaka Escolapios Network. Ever since, the aim has been to promote a work system centred on joint planning that exceeds individualist work dynamics. That remains one of the greatest current challenges.

The search for resources for the Piarist life and mission is another of the biggest priorities. As a more immediate tool, the promotion has been proposed of a demarcational team charged with giving Itaka Escolapios a presence in the Piarist mission in the Philippines, at joint meetings of the religious communities of the demarcation or at potential specific meetings. The team is officially appointed and made up of, in addition to Father Superior Miguel Artola, Father Antonio Marco as head, Francis Mosende and Efren Mundoc. It should gradually start working in a coordinated and systematic fashion.

During this academic year, the Philippines will for the first time participate at the annual international campaign of the Itaka Escolapios Network, on this occasion in favour of Senegal. The aim of this is to raise awareness and solidarity beyond the Piarist mission in the country itself and to maintain the presence of Itaka Escolapios in the Philippines' Piarist life. After evaluating the campaign, it will be suggested that it is appropriate to take new steps and reflect on the new annual agreement that will be appropriate for the rhythm of Filipino school academic periods that run from June to May.

2. Itaka-Escolapios venues

The presence in **San Vicente** on the island of Luzón, is joined in the annual agreement of the 2017-18 academic period by **Kiblawan** in Davao del Sur. The aim is to support the growth of the two schools and their consolidation. To do so, it will be necessary to progress in the creation of work teams that consolidate broad leaderships, enabling day-to-day urgencies to be seen with regard to pertinent and well-founded long-term planning to be increased.

3. Description of works and work areas

Both **Kiblawan** and **San Vicente** are parish schools. In both cases, there are recent needs for expansion and improvement, especially after the Filipino education law that prolonged secondary education by two more years. It was recently possible to address the expansion of San Vicente, enabling the required courses to be increased and to fix the building. The more recent presence in Kiblawan first requires greater institutional stability through an agreement with the Diocese, enabling more long-term decisions to be made.

	Total	♂	♀
San Vicente school	176	52,8 %	47,2 %
Kiblawan school	350	51,8 %	48,2%
TOTALS	526	52,1 %	47,9%



4. Objectives of Itaka-Escolapios

Since the San Vicente and Kiblawan schools are still not officially deemed shared institutional mission spaces, their ordinary budgets are not linked to the Network.

Nonetheless, it is proposed that, over this academic year, the necessary stability is achieved, and to work from the Philippines with the Network to seek financial assistance that enables the expansion of the Kiblawan schools with new secondary education courses.

To strengthen the Itaka Escolapios team in the Philippines, facilitating its operation as far as possible, the Itaka Escolapios Network will contribute 3,000 euros with the purpose of supporting the execution of actions, potential expenses of the solidarity campaign and the carrying out of any trips and meetings that consolidate the team's work.