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III CONSEJO ASESOR ITAKA -ESCOLAPIOS



MEXICO



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1. General presentation

The Piarists arrived in Mexico on 29th May 1913 when the then Archbishop of the city of Puebla, Don Ramón Ibarra, requested of the provincial representative of Catalonia, Father Luis Fábregas, the foundation of a Piarist school in Puebla. On 23rd November, Father Juan Figueras and Brother Juan Vives, the first Piarists (of Catalan origin) to come to our country, arrived in the city of Puebla. Unfortunately, the political situation at that time was difficult, since the revolution took place and had a social political significance, with the so-called Carrancistas who were anticlerical. In 1914, the Piarist fathers were forced to close their schools and religious communities were outlawed. In 1934, all the Piarist religious teachers were asked from Catalonia to leave the country. By 1950, the provincial representative of Catalonia agreed to visit the schools in Cuba and, at the request of the former pupils of the Piarist Schools of Puebla, came to Mexico where he personally confirmed the enthusiasm and support for the religious teachers to return to Mexican lands. Therefore, on the 5th February 1951, the presence of Piarists in Mexico was reinstated, the new academic period beginning with the blessing of the Archbishop Don Octavio Márquez and on 23rd May 1990, the canonical establishment of the Province of Mexico was obtained.

In 2015, the Itaka Escolapios Network began a relationship with the Piarist Schools of the Province of Mexico in order to start a joint work the following year, specifically with the work of the Centro Cultural Calasanz de Campeche AC and all the projects it comprises. This work is located in the state of Campeche (southeast Mexico) 68 miles from the state capital, in the municipality of Champotón, in the municipal district office of Felipe Carrillo Puerto.

Its objective is to favour the reconstruction of the social fabric of the indigenous and farming communities of Campeche, primarily of the localities belonging to the San Felipe de Jesús Parish, by starting informal education programmes that promote the comprehensive formation of people, with special attention on children and youngsters.

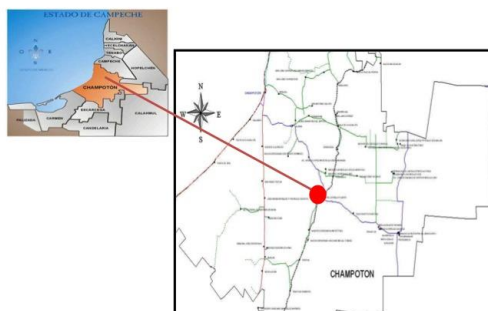
2. Itaka-Escolapios venues

MÉXICO - CAMPECHE

Centro Cultural Calasanz de Campeche AC.

ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS MEXICO TEAM

- *Fr. Emmanuel Suárez Serrano* (Provincial Representative).
- *Fr. José Gpe. Álvarez Martínez* (Coordinator).
- *Fr. Carlos Martínez Pinales* (Social and Pastoral Care Assistant).
- *Julio Carreón* (Dir. of Schools in Campeche – Fraternity of Mexico).
- *Nancy Cahuich Ontiveros* (Cultural Centre Secretary).



3. Description of works and work areas

SCOPE OF SHARED MISSION

The scope and projects of the Piarist Schools of Mexico shared at Itaka Escolapios will be those indicated below.

1. Centro Cultural Calasanz de Campeche AC

- 1.1 Refuge
- 1.2 Calasanz Campeche Tasks School
- 1.3 Ecology – Clean Carrillo
- 1.4 Holy Week and Christmas missions
- 1.5 Summer workshops

2. Volunteering

- 2.1 Provincial volunteering platform: there is already a written project to implement it throughout the province, starting at the Campeche work.
- 2.2 Support with the Ulises project.
- 2.3 Volunteering with Mexican youngsters
 - Of the schools of the province: summer workshops, missions and other specific extraordinary dates.
 - Of the communities of the Campeche work: summer workshops, homework school, missions.

3. Procurement of funds

4. Awareness raising

THE EDUCATIONAL PROJECT OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE INCLUDES FOUR PROGRAMMES:

A) Artistic-cultural programme: This programme seeks to develop individual and community artistic skills, as well as actions that promote the educational and cultural growth of each inhabitant.

- Summer workshops: Their main objective is to stimulate and develop the artistic appreciation and creative potential of the children and youngsters who participate by comprehensively developing their abilities.
- “Training of community promoters” project: The aim is to create a network of youngsters through the different youth groups belonging to our parish, in order to encourage their leadership skills.

B) Ecological-agricultural and livestock programme: In this area, different projects will be executed with the purpose of fostering environmental care and the development of agricultural and livestock techniques (beekeeping, livestock farming, sustainable forestry, etc....).

- “Clean Carrillo” project: With the assistance of the community and its inhabitants, the aim will be to carry out this environmental project through the recycling of primarily PET in Carrillo Puerto and the vicinity, preventing them from being burned and polluting the atmosphere.
- Productive projects: Maize, hibiscus flower, coriander, courgette, etc. are harvested (depending on the season)
- Community farms: Raising sheep, hens, turkeys and pigs.

C) Human promotion and social development programme: This programme considers actions that promote the defence and protection of children’s rights, and the development of leadership skills and community cooperation, among others.

- Refuge project: To create a space that enables secondary school students to sleep during the class week, eliminating commuting time and saving money; offering them help that enables them to establish a work routine, thereby improving each one’s personal academic level; establishing areas of training that enable each student to enrich themselves personally and in the community; favouring students so that they continue with their studies once they have completed secondary school, offering the possibility of an agreement with some universities.
- “Calasanz” Task School: Its aim is that during the afternoon, primary school children are attended to and assisted with any tasks they can develop through different activities and that, at the same time, favour their abilities in mathematics and Spanish.

D) Spiritual formation and support programme: Comprehensive education proposes that the development of all the areas of humans and the spiritual area is essential for living an authentic and happy life

NUMBER OF USERS-BENEFICIARIES:

			Staff	Volunteers			Total
Centro Cultural Calasanz de Campeche AC	Task school		4	10	16	14	30
	Refuge		7	1	13		13
	Summer workshops		8	25	50	47	97
	Spiritual formation and support	Children			90	80	170
		Youngsters			80	100	180
		Adults			120	100	220
TOTALS			19	36	369	341	710

4. Objectives of Itaka-Escolapios MEXICO

1. CENTRO CULTURAL CALASANZ DE CAMPECHE AC. PROJECTS THAT WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON

- Parish level sports tournament (18 communities).
- Community promoters and assistants (community leaders).
- Founding the task school in another two communities in our parish.

2. VOLUNTEERING. PROJECTS THAT WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON

- With the schools of the Diocese of Campeche: missions, summer workshops, refuge, task school, ecology.
- Search for one person.

3. PROCUREMENT OF FUNDS

- Solid relationship with Itaka Network.
- Legal completion and formal tax existence.
- Diffusion.
- That it starts operating effectively and efficiently.

4. AWARENESS RAISING

- Search for a person.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. To achieve, at each Piarist presence in the province of Mexico, an Itaka Escolapios relationship.
2. To receive greater recognition for the Itaka Escolapios network as a shared entity from institutions: the signatures missing from the agreement will be obtained, that drives us to inform of and take on the decisions that are legally taken through its operational bodies, always in communion with the Piarist Province of Mexico.
3. Have Itaka Escolapios in the provincial organisational chart.
4. Promote the action of Itaka Escolapios in all provincial level projects.
5. Obtain the legal recognition of the Itaka Escolapios Mexico Foundation with the Procurement of Funds Office.
6. Have the Piarist Fraternity of the province of Mexico assess Itaka Escolapios as a mission space shared between the Order and the Fraternity, assuming its purposes and decisions.
7. Have the Piarist Fraternity of the province of Mexico actively participate by contributing its solidarity tithes as support for Piarist projects, in this case with the Campeche work.

5. Ordinary budget

Academic period/year	2018				
VENUES Projects	TOTAL budget	Forecast income		Forecast contribution Itaka-Escolapios Network	
CAMPECHE	34.641,96 €	21.652,91 €	62,50%	12.989,05 €	37,50%
Calasanz Cultural Centre	34.641,96 €	21.652,91 €	62,50%	12.989,05 €	37,50%
GENERAL TOTAL	34.641,96 €	21.652,91	62,50%	12.989,05 €	37,50%