

CONCLUSIONS

After the celebration of the III Advisory Council of Itaka-Escolapios, we note that today the Pious Schools are immersed in an exciting moment, marked by various signs of progress, ranging from geographical expansion (with the commitment validated in this meeting to promote together new dynamisms that go beyond the demarcational agreements) to the establishment of a Piarist subject enriched by a more active religious life and by a Fraternity that is growing in number and adulthood, among other things.

From this observation, we extract seven ideas-force from the III Advisory Council which, as calls for progress, we propose as conclusions to the whole of the Itaka-Escolapios network:

- 1.- We have a strategic challenge in **taking care of the training of this new subject**, especially of those - religious and laypeople - called to lead in the future the development of the Piarist mission, and also in the continuing education of all the religious and members of the Fraternity.
- 2.- The Advisory Council also underlines the key contribution of Itaka-Escolapios, especially with the Calasanz Movement, in the **call to all ways of participation in the Pious Schools**, and especially the Piarist religious life and the Fraternity, generating vocational diversity that gives a response to all interested persons.
- 3.- Within this framework of communion, both the Order and the Fraternity consolidate Itaka-Escolapios as **an institutional tool**, created and shared by both, for the promotion of the Piarist life and mission.
- 4.- Certainly, there is no single way to be and configure Itaka-Escolapios, but from its common keys it is adapted to the Piarist, social and cultural context of each place. Therefore, we must continue to advance in this **inculturation** of the entity, as well as in the expression of the **interculturality in our network**.
- 5.- All of this involves our organization and the teams of the network. For this reason, the Council is committed to strengthening the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee as the network's driving and management teams, as well as the rest of the general teams of Itaka-Escolapios, taking concrete steps towards the **internationalisation** of its members.
- 6.- In this connection, it is important to highlight the **importance of communicating** our identity and our model properly. We are especially the participants in this III Advisory Council (the Order and demarcations, the Fraternity, the people who act as country-contact, the teams of the network and the Executive Commission) who have a special responsibility in the narration of Itaka-Escolapios, in order to make it understandable and to express the wide range of possibilities it offers.
- 7.- Finally, Itaka-Escolapios must promote the project culture in the Pious Schools wherever it is present, and help to make it more and more widespread. This implies having **teams and trained managers working on a project basis**, favouring the planning, the networking and the efficiency in the achievement of objectives and the generation of resources.

These conclusions must be followed up and put into practice. Therefore, we ask each Demarcation and Fraternity participating in Itaka-Escolapios, as well as each general team of the Network, to identify **three concrete commitments** for progress in their field until mid-2021, when they will be evaluated by the IV Advisory Council.

Finally, with joy and responsibility at the same time, we contemplate Itaka-Escolapios as a sign of a new way of being and of building the Church from the Pious Schools, with the co-responsibility to which the Gospel and the present reality invite us, attentive to the call of Pope Francis to be on the move, making ourselves present and committing ourselves to the peripheries of poverty, education and faith.

Executive Committee, May 2018.