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TO THE WHOLE OF THE PIOUS SCHOOLS GRACE AND PEACE FROM GOD, OUR FATHER

TO EDUCATE, ANNOUNCE, TO TRANSFORM

Dear brothers and sisters:

We gradually move in this our **CALASANCTIAN JUBILEE YEAR**, a year of grace of the Lord for all of us who share the dream of Calasanz. We are living a full year of mission, of vocational experience, of joy and thanksgiving to God.

They are still some specially designated moments in our Jubilee, e.g.:

- ➤ The Day of Prayer for our Youth in Initial Training on September 26.
- The canonization of the Blessed Faustino Míguez Sch.P, October 15.
- The Jubilee Day of the Calasanctian Family, October 17.
- ➤ The audience granted by his Holiness Pope Francis the Council of Major Superiors of the Order on November 10, at the Vatican.
- ➤ The solemn Eucharistic Celebration of the closing of the Calasanctian Jubilee Year, to be held in our Church of San Pantaleo and Saint Joseph Calasanz on November 25 and which will be broadcasted online to promote the participation of all.

In order to thank the Lord for the gifts of this Jubilee Year and prepare ourselves properly to its closure, the General Congregation proposes that in every Demarcation and Piarist presence be held a *Novena of Prayer*, asking for God's blessings for the whole of the Pious Schools, bearers of the charismatic gift of Calasanz, and for the whole of the Piarist Mission.

These will be the intentions of prayer for each day:

- November 17, let us pray for the growth of the Popular Christian Education.
- November 18, let us pray for the various Congregations of the Calasanctian Family.
- November 19, let us pray for the Fraternity of the Pious Schools and the growth in identity and mission of the Piarist laity.
- November 20, let us pray for the Piarist vocations.
- November 21, let us pray for the Church and for Pope Francis.
- November 22, let us pray for justice and peace in the world
- November 23, let us pray for the Order of the Pious Schools.





- November 24, let us pray for children and young people, especially for those living in greater difficulty.
- November 25, closing of the Calasanctian Jubilee Year.

In each presence, you will see the best way to organize these celebrations. It is important that we all pray, joined by Calasanz, for the intention of each day. You can have celebrations of the Word, celebrate the Eucharist, pray with the Crown of 12 stars or any other expression of shared faith that will be more appropriate for every place.

In order to help each other preparing well this Novena, we propose you, if you agree, to send us materials that eventually you will prepare for these celebrations. This will help us to better share our prayer.

We entrust our Mother Mary, whose feast we celebrate today, the fruits of this Novena of Prayer.

Receive a fraternal embrace.

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Rome, September 12, 2017, feast of the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Title of our Order.