

LAY PEOPLE IN PIARIST WORKS

In Polish Province work:

- **443 teachers and school service;**
- **about 30 tutors in after school facilities;**
- **14 lay religion teachers;**
- **13 ONG workers,**
- **about 45 lay people who support our ministry;**
- **about 120 volunteers**
- **and students and parents...**

CALASANTIAN SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF PIARIST SCHOOLS' TEACHERS

**The documents of the Piarist Order
set 4 ways of belonging to it:**

- 1. Cooperation**
- 2. Participation**
- 3. Charismatic integration**
- 4. Charismatic and legal integration**

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Each school puts forward a program for a year which consists of:

- **Celebration of Eucharist in school's chapel**
- **Prayer Days during the school year**
- **Spiritual gatherings**
- **Liturgical celebrations**
- **Trips and pilgrimages**

On Calasantian Day, Calasantian Letter is addressed to all provincial communities to awaken afterthought. It also presents prayer intentions.

HOLIDAY RETREAT

They are organised yearly, during summer holidays by the Province.

- **1st level retreat- they are aimed at people who take part in the retreat for the first time. They consider Calasantian tutor's features based on st. Joseph Calasanz**
- **2nd level retreat- their subject of consideration changes every year. Those subjects refer to Christian life, spirituality and Calasantian pedagogy**
- **3rd level retreat- (focus on different subjects) They are aimed at those who participated the former levels and want to focus and develop more in silence.**

Not only Piarist collaborates can participate in the 1st and 2nd level retreat but also their spouses and children. In such a way it can be a family experience. Only adults can participate in the 3rd level retreat.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF LAITY SECRETARY

Tasks of the Secretary:

- **Preparation of yearly retreat for lay people working in Piarist institutions,**
- **Working out and inspecting Calasantian Spiritual Development Program for Lay Collaborates, including creation of Pious Schools Brotherhood,**
- **Preparation of Calasantian Spiritual Development Program for Tutors in Day Care Institutions, association workers, foundations and clubs workers taking into consideration the uniqueness of each of the institutions,**
- **Writing Spiritual Development of Lay Statute,**
- **Preparing Piarist lay leaders and including them into spiritual development processes,**
- **Organising current events for lay people.**

Due to the differences in processes of spiritual development among lay Piarist collaborates, which result from the character of their involvement, two separate secretaries were brought into being by Provincial Father:

- **secretary dealing with laity involved in formal education and**
- **secretary dealing with laity involved in non-formal education)**

Both lay people and monks are members of these secretaries.

LAITY IN POLAND

Once a year we offer to all willing to
participate lay people

Laity meetings

or

Laity Feasts

They are held in turns every other year

LAITY MEETINGS

Piarist Laity Meetings are aimed at lay people who cooperate in Piarist actions in order to enrich them spiritually and develop the Piarist pedagogy.

Laity Meetings held so far:

1st Laity Meeting – Warsaw 2009.

Motto: „Two vocations- one mission”

2nd Laity Meeting – Sulejówek 2012.

Motto: "You did not choose me, no, I chose you" John 15,16.

The major purpose of this meeting was to show the participants what Piarist Faith Communities are and their development path. Thus Constanza from Valencia and Patxi from Emaus – two lay people from Pious Schools Brotherhood, participated in the meeting

3rd Piarist Laity Meeting 2014- autumn.













LAITY FEASTS

They are a chance to:

- **establish bounds among people involved in Piarist actions**
 - **exchange experiences and discuss about important pedagogical issues**
 - **pray together for the Piarist teachers and students**
 - **enjoy each other, experience community and continue st. Calasanz work**
- **Laity Feast – Warsaw, 27 October 2007. 174 representants from most of Piarist institutions in Poland participated. The meeting product was establishing seven features of lay Piar:**
- **We are called to bring up and educate according to the spirit of Gospel.**
 - **We are aware of our vocation and we want to follow our Master Jesus and his faithful follower Calasanz.**
 - **We are open to others needs and we share our love and faith.**
 - **We bring the youth up to become responsible for the Country.**
 - **We practice the Calasantian charisma remembering about the vocation to live in a family**
 - **We wish to support each other by exchanging experiences and integration**
- **Laity Feast 2010 in Warsaw- 177 teachers and Piarist workers participated. They Discussed how Polish Piarist Fathers can pass the Piarist charism to they lay people.**
- **Laity Feast 2013 „Religious and lay people – witnesses of faith in education”, Piarist Lay people from Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary participated.**



















EUCCHARIST FINISHING THE IIIrd LAITY FEAST



PIARIST FAITH COMMUNITIES (PFC) AND PIOUS SCHOOLS BROTHERHOOD (PSB)

➤ **Elbląg**

2011-2013 PFC - 14 people

since October 2014 PSB - 7 people

since 2013 PFC - 5 people

➤ **Poznań**

since 2012 PFC - 14 people

➤ **Kraków**

since 2012 PFC - 7 people

ELBLAG'S PIARIST FAITH COMMUNITY YEARS 2011 – 2013



14 people started the community. We met every week on Eucharist and other week faith group meetings. We participated in prayer days. We discussed the vision of school and teacher according to st. Calasanz. After two years 7 of us vowed to enter the Pious Schools Brotherhood

12 OCTOBER 2013



During the 3rd Laity Meeting we vowed to enter the brotherhood and started new stage in Piarist vocation.

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THE PIOUS SCHOOLS BROTHERHOOD IN ELBLAG



Alicja
Kamińska



Anna
Trykowska



Maria
Soroka



Danuta
Stankiewicz



Iwona
Iwanicka



Beata
Rostowska



Agnieszka
Kawałkowska

BROTHERHOOD ACTIONS



- ▶ **Creating Statute**
- ▶ **Learning Calasantian prayer and work**
- ▶ **Cooperation with Supporting Association held by nuns in nearby Braniewo.**

KAWAŁKOWSCY FAMILY



- **This cooperation resulted in adoption of little Ewa by one of our families.**

CHILDREN FROM SUPPORTING ASSOCIATION IN BRANIEWO



- ▶ **Children from this association are taken from their parents due to all kinds of inattention.**
- ▶ **They visit our homes and families once a month. We spend time together and let them feel parts of our families.**
- ▶ **We also encourage our children to take part in actions concerning „Braniewo Children”**
- ▶ **We try to involve them in all kinds of celebrations e.g. Christmas, holidays, entertainments.**
- ▶ **We share our love as well as duties in return they teach our children to value the most important things such as having a family.**



TRIPS

**Cooking, dancing,
being together**



RETREAT AND PRAYER DAYS

- ▶ **We organise and cooperate with running retreats for the youngest students of our school**
- ▶ **We work as tutors during the semicamps or semi winter camps organised**



INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

► **Everyone of us has their own commitment in brotherhood:**

- **We take care of children in need,**
- **help them if they have problems at school or develop their gifts,**
- **support financially,**
- **or we simply pray for them.**



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ **We try to discover st. Calasanz preaching through:**
 - ↯ **Celebrating Eucharist weekly**
 - ↯ **Common Celebration of services**
 - ↯ **Adoration Holy Sacrament**
 - ↯ **Prayer days during the Advent and Lent**
 - ↯ **Common prayer at a certain time**
 - ↯ **Setting the Advent's and Lent's resolutions and experiencing them together**
 - ↯ **Praying for each other**
 - ↯ **Praying for the Piarist Order intentions**
 - ↯ **Praying for teachers and students of the school**
 - ↯ **Common religious readings and discussing, sharing thoughts on them**



BUILDING THE COMMUNITY

- ▶ **The community is created by common actions and spiritual experiences. In order to tighten bonds in our community we meet once a month on „agapae” during which we share our happiness and obstacles, discuss what we achieved and what we have to still improve.**
- ▶ **We raise or search for funds to support the actions we perform.**
- ▶ **We meet Piarist Faith Community in Elblag in order to develop spiritually and experience „agapae”.**
- ▶ **We met the community from Poznan and shared the experiences**





We met the Piarist Faith Community from Poznan and shared the experiences

Important Events

- ▶ **Meeting with General Father and Provincial Father were enriching experiences for the whole brotherhood.**
- ▶ **Fathers Józef Tarnawski's and Mateusz Pindelski's support in creating the essential document of statute.**
- ▶ **Father Sławek's everyday help who runs the meetings and supports us now as well as during the Piarist Faith Community period.**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION !**