

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE II ASSEMBLY OF THE GENERAL FRATERNITY OF THE PIOUS SCHOOLS

PRESENTATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

We welcome you to the Second Assembly of the General Fraternity of the Pious Schools and we thank you for your commitment to participate in this meeting, which we will hold online on March 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2021. This document is a simple guide to facilitate your participation and give some practical indications.

The General Fraternity Assembly is a very significant event for the Pious Schools that provides evaluation, reflection and keys to the future for all the Piarist Fraternities. After the impetus of the celebration of the first Assembly in July 2014 in Peralta de la Sal, we are about to celebrate this second since the conviction of knowing ourselves called to continue to build Pious Schools, Religious and Lay together.

The well-known circumstances have led to the virtual format of the Second Assembly. This offers advantages for participation, as we do not have the limitations or costs involved in a multi-day international face-to-face meeting. However, it is also an organizational challenge to ensure that the Assembly adequately develops its important objectives during these days of virtual meeting

DAYS AND HOURS OF THE SESSIONS

- The sessions of the meeting will be on **March 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Wednesday to Saturday)**.
- The schedule will be the same on each of these days: **15:00 to 18:00 hours (Rome time, GMT+1)**.
- On each of the days of the meeting, the time will be distributed in two sessions, with a short pause between the two. Each day's schedule and corresponding sessions are listed below.

We request and appreciate the effort to participate continuously in these sessions.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING

The Second Assembly of the General Fraternity participates:

- **General Congregation of the Pious Schools.**
- **Council of the General Fraternity of the Pious Schools (outgoing).**
- **Superiors of the Piarist Demarcations that have Fraternity.**
- **Councils of the Provincial Fraternities.**
- **Other guests.**

A specific document contains the complete list with all persons participating in this Assembly



PLATFORM FOR VIDEO FOR THESE CONFERENCES

The platform we will use for video conferencing sessions is **ZOOM**.

This tool can be used through the web browser or through the corresponding program, being highly recommended this second option (therefore, it is advisable to download and install ZOOM if you do not already have it).

ZOOM link for session access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89673595879?pwd=d1NVVnhyS3ZNbnZyeTRvajlubWt3QT09>

Instructions for proper connection and follow-up of the meeting:

- Ensure, as far as possible, good internet connection conditions: by network cable or, in the case of a wireless connection, that it is sufficient and as stable as possible.
- Especially on the first day, it is appreciated to connect to the meeting in advance to be able to do the necessary tests and checks.
- Keep the camera preferably on; while the microphone is off, except when you are going to take the floor.
- During the sessions we will have simultaneous translation in three languages: Spanish, English and French. Each of these languages will have its corresponding channel in ZOOM, each participant must select on their device whatever is of their convenience (by pressing the button "interpretation", shaped like a balloon). When you take the floor, it's very important that whoever speaks have selected the language in which he is going to speak, to enable its translation into the rest.
- Among other features, ZOOM has a chat that can be used during sessions to share in the form of short text notices, comments, links, etc.
- There will be two sessions in which we will divide into groups. In turn, indications will be given to each participant to connect to the group assigned to them.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

- **1st session, 15:00.**
 - Opening prayer
 - Assembly plan
- **2nd session.**
 - Fr. General: The Fraternity in the current and future reality of the Pious Schools
 - Open dialogue

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

- **3rd session, 15:00.**
 - Opening prayer
 - General Council: Three perspectives of the Fraternity's journey
 - Open dialogue
- **4th session.**
 - Current situation of the Fraternity and balance sheet of the past six-year period
 - Open dialogue

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FRIDAY, MARCH 5

- **5th session, 15:00.**
 - Opening prayer.
 - Some guidelines for the next six-year period; teamwork
 - Open dialogue
- **6th session.**
 - Election of the new Council
 - Dialogue with the new Council

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

- **7th session, 15:00**
 - Teamwork: Comments, specifying the guidelines for the 2021-2027 six-year period, suggestions for the new Council.
- **8th session.**
 - Final open dialogue
 - Letter from the new Council to the Piarists and the members of the Fraternities
 - Final prayer

Significant and meaningful experiences at specific moments throughout these days