



ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Itaka-Escolapios maintains a very close relationship with the Province of Central America and the Caribbean, which began in the early '90s when it began to participate in the Piarist life of the province, especially in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. However, it has since collaborated in the implementation and accompaniment of the Piarist mission in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, some clear examples being the five-year collaboration with the Calasanz Cultural Center of León, and the Hogar Calasanz de San Jose, with a contribution to both projects of over €145,000.

Some time before becoming an official organization promoted by the Order and the General Fraternity, Itaka-Escolapios was already running projects jointly with the current province. The building of the lyceum, the purchase of the first premises in Lomas and Trompillo, and the long-term consignments of 16 people across a decade to Venezuela are previous to the current, legally recognized reality of Itaka-Escolapios.

We have seen numerous manifestations of the relationship of the Pious Schools of the Dominican Republic with Itaka-Escolapios over time: the sending of containers with materials, scholarships, volunteering in the south, and supporting different cooperation projects. Since 2005, Itaka-Escolapios has sent nearly €1,000,000 as well as four long-term volunteers who have helped to consolidate projects in the province. We have seen a more explicit desire for a more structural linkage through the signing of the Programmatic Charter by the Province and the first agreement with the Itaka-Escolapios network in 2014-15.

Despite the fact that the Province of Central America and the Caribbean made the decision to share only the project of the Calasanz Cultural Center in the neighborhood of La Puya de Arroyo Hondo in the Dominican Republic, through Itaka-Escolapios, the solidarity network has continued to support the growth of the entire Piarist mission in the Dominican Republic.

With the 2014-15 annual agreement, the Calasanz Cultural Center in La Puya neighborhood has become part of the projects shared by the Order with the Fraternities through the Itaka-Escolapios network. The project finds its origins in a small homework room and library set up initially by the Piarists for the children of the neighborhood. Since then, the Calasanz de la Puya Cultural Center has been growing in users and programs through Itaka-Escolapios. Currently, it has a team of fourteen professionals who manage and accompany the children's education programs, school support, reading support, art, volunteering, and psychological care.

For the 2019-20 school year, within the framework of the collaboration between the Province of Central America and the Caribbean and Itaka-Escolapios, it is not feasible to incorporate the Calasanz La Puya Cultural Center into the annual agreement; for this reason, this center will not be part of the solidarity network.

SHARED MISSION PROJECTS

Project	TOTAL	Boys	Girls
Psychopedagogical Orientation	191	87	104
Preschool	48	21	27
School Support	123	68	55
Reading Support	39	16	23
Calasanz Unites Us	37	23	14
EducArte	32	18	14
Forma-T	20	5	15
Somos +	98	18	80
Summer Camps	275	137	138
TOTAL	863	393	470

RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE ITAKA-ESCOLAPIOS NETWORK TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PIOUS SCHOOLS

Economic Contributions (up to 15/05/2020)

The solidarity network has contributed a total of 997,111.63 EUR (69,855,800 DOP) since 2006.

	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES	€120,100.00		€ 281,659.76		€69,846.67	2,000.00	
PRIVATE SUBSIDIES							
SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN		€26,639.00	€21,236.00	€13,304.49	€25,989.05	€20,047.03	€21,155.56
TITHES				6,374.53		€7,925.83	€9,969.30
MEMBERS				€10,143.00	€9,849.00	€16,500.00	
ENTITIES				€623.40	€2,883.52	€2,237.00	€4,405.23
DONATIONS						€32.00	
	€120,100.00	€26,639.00	€ 302,895.76	€30,445.42	€108,568.24	€48,741.86	€35,530.09

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES		€15,000.00	€4,378.40	€43,817.86		7,013.00		€543,815.69
PRIVATE SUBSIDIES		€422.00		€1,375.00				€1,797.00
SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN	€26,862.26	€46,570.79						€201,804.18
TITHES	€5,351.57	€812.81	€11,775.53	€15,750.75	€12,005.24	€17,616.02		€87,581.58
MEMBERS	€7,650.00	€7,830.00	€18,568.86	€6,904.14	€39,996.58	€11,804.65	€5,600.00	€134,846.23
ENTITIES		€12,422.00				€2,800.00		€25,371.15
DONATIONS						€1,863.80		€1,895.80
	€39,863.83	€83,057.60	€34,722.79	€67,847.75	€52,001.82	€41,097.47	€5,600.00	€997,111.63

Human Resources

	2019-20	Annual Cost in EUR
PAID STAFF	17	€39,000
PAID PIARISTS DEVOTEES	-	
VOLUNTEERS	23	
TOTAL STAFF	40	€39,000

Itaka-Escolapios has also participated in the mission by sending 4 members (2008-18) of the Bethany and Emmaus Fraternities.