

# Rebuilding the Global Education Compact

## International Formation Seminar

**RECONSTRUIR EL PACTO EDUCATIVO GLOBAL**  
**El Pacto Educativo Global**  
desde **LA INDAGACIÓN APRECIATIVA**

12-14 Noviembre 2020 · Online  
13.30h a 18h horario CET- Roma



The virtual event of October 15 convened by the Pope on the Educational Compact was only the beginning of a series of initiatives that are being organized to join this stream of life that seeks to humanize education...

The USG and UISG Education Commission; that is, all Religious Life, has organized an online seminary from October 12 to 14 to savor the challenges proposed in the Educational Compact. To do this, a group of 700 participants have talked with the help of the methodology of "Appreciation Research", which uses dialogue as a tool for change...

The members of the Secretariat of the Ministry and School of the Province of Bethany, Emmaus, West Africa, Nazareth, Mexico, Italy and Austria participate from the

Pious Schools.

In organizing the event, the following objectives were raised:

1. Deepen the challenge of rebuilding the GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL COMPACT proposed by Pope Francis.
2. Reflect on the role of the Catholic School in the face of this challenge, seeking common paths of network work.
3. Know the *Appreciation Research method*, of high interest to our Congregations in their processes of analysis, discernment, planning and decision-making.

The Seminar was opened by Fr Pedro Aguado, as President of the Commission. He read us a beautiful letter that Pope Francis had written on the occasion of this international event.

It is an honor for the Piarists that in the letter he wrote for this international event cites St. Joseph Calasanz as pioneer of popular education: "Consecrated Life has always been at the forefront of the educational task. An example of this is your founder, St. Joseph Calasanz, who built the first school of children, but also the religious who educated him in Estadilla and much earlier the medieval monasteries that preserved and disseminated classical culture. From this strong root, different charisms have emerged in all times of history that, by God's gift, have been able to accommodate the needs and challenges of each time and place. Today the Church calls you to renew that purpose from your own identity, and I thank you for bringing this witness to life with such commitment and enthusiasm."

Afterwards, Monsignor Zani, director of the Congregation for Catholic Education, addressed a few words that encouraged us to bring the Educational Pact to life from our charisms.

The work dynamics were masterfully carried by Carmen Subirana, expert in the methodology of Appreciative Research and director of the IDEIA Institute. Of course, with the help of a good team.

After an initial conference to explain the working methodology well, 7 large subgroups were made by linguistic groups. In turn, each of them formed subgroups of 8 people for the dialogues.

The final product was a series of statements and guidelines for action on the Education Pact, an extraordinary material that should be analyzed by the education commission and decide what to do with the conclusions of the work.

Although time has been little, it has been a real SINOD that has begun to design a global project for our schools. We look forward to the conclusions so that they can inspire our religious families.

The flame is on in many. We hope that, as the Olympic fire travels through all our educational works so that many more educators will be added to the beautiful project of universal fraternity promoted by Pope Francis.

Fr. Javier Alonso

