

The Piarist Christian Community(PCC)

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What do you mean by Piarist Christian community?

In our Rules, after the General Chapter of 2015, it is said: "We will strive to strengthen our presence in each locality by configuring the Piarist Christian Community in which the religious, the members of the Piarist Fraternities and all the people who are part of the whole of the Piarist presence, can meet to share their faith and grow in their Calasanzian identity".

This may make us think that a Piarist parish, where the Piarist identity is cared for, is already PCC. And this can be justified quite logically. Although it has the risk of forgetting that a parish, even if it is piarist with a clear identity, must be a space for all charisms and sensibilities... and that taking care of the

Piarist identity means having some specific space for those who live their faith in the different modalities of Piarist participation.

In my opinion, I prefer to reserve this term for the meeting of religious and Fraternity, where the other modalities of participation, the Calasanz Movement and the participants in Piarist works fit... even if they do not belong to the same parish. And highlight more the concept and model of piarist presence, where the concept and operation is clearer.

How was the PCC born?

Now, the PCC is a project under construction, which must reach consensus so that it is understood and to implement it.

What is the PCC like where you live? Make a description of what is done, the groups that are there and how it works.

We are now giving more relevance to the concept of piarist presence, which brings together the religious community, the Fraternity, the various collaborators and each of the platforms and mission projects (school, parish, social center, boarding school, Calasanz Movement, vocation ministry...). It has a presence coordinator in each locality and country, with its corresponding team and presence project.

The PCC is visualized more in the Eucharist of the schools (educators, families, students, Fraternity and religious), in the specific meetings (retreats, formation, acts of the Fraternity and the Calasanz Movement where the various ways of being Piarists participate) and in the moments where Province and Fraternity with others responsible for the mission share prayer, life and plans in what we call Assemblies of Piarists.

What significance does the PCC have in the general pastoral project of presence?

The greatest significance today is in the Province and the Fraternity, which are more visible and active because of their responsibility and commitment. Also, the piarist mission teams where various people converge and the moments of the liturgy more specifically Piarists.

For the pastoral project, and the other projects (community, educational and transformative), each of the presence teams has more impact, where the approaches and actions of each of the piarist realities of each area are shared. It is the place where the common guidelines are most visualized, the priorities that guide everyone and where everyone can contribute, the bottom lines that are developed in the various places and moments, the Piarist style that is shaping everything we are and do.

What do you propose so that the PCC is consolidated and is the soul of the Piarist mission? What difficulties do you have?

I think there are different levels of community that need to be cared for, without diluting each other. Religious life has its own community, as well as fraternity (although both can and should share moments).

The PCC, a space for sharing faith and Piarist identity, where religious and fraternity members have a prominent place, must be open to other forms of "being a Piarist".

The parish community also has its scope, which can and should be enriched by religious life, fraternity, the CCE... and by other ecclesial realities.

Being clear about this and taking care of each area is the most appropriate way.



Last assembly of Piarists in Brazil this June, where the religious participate with the Council of the Fraternity and heads of the provincial teams.



Congregation with the Council of the Provincial Fraternity, as a space that we have sometimes to mark some baseline in the key to model of presence and impulse of the Pious Schools in Brazil – Bolivia.