

## **GROWING UP IN THE PIARIST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

We share with Fr. Diego Bernal. Piarist.

### **What do you mean by Piarist Christian community?**



I understand three words: community, ecclesial base, piarist.

- Community: It is a fabric of human and Christian relationships between the different members that make up a Piarist presence.
- Ecclesial of base: it was one of the contributions of the Latin American ecclesiology to the Universal Church, the measure of the Church also in the ecclesial community of base: The Church we are all believers: lay, religious, priests, bishops. Also, church is a diocese. Also, church is a parish. Also, church is the family. Church is a Christian community of base, where there are laymen, religious, priests, children, teens, adolescents, young, adults, old, man and women who share the same life, the same faith and in the same geographical place. Live communion and participation with the local and universal church.
- Piarist. This community feels summoned in the name of the Trinity, like any church cell, but also with a color of its own that, in this case, is the Calasanzian charism (evangelizing by educating to be happy, reform the Church and transform society). Live communion and participation with the Pious Schools.

### **How was the Christian community born?**

- In a very simple way. First, becoming aware that we are a Piarist Christian Community.
- Promoting it, making the name known, from the Presence Team.
- Second, identifying what we already experienced from it.
- Third, making it visible and empowering people.

### **What is the Christian community you live in like? Make a description of what is done, the groups that are there and how it works.**

- For now, we are releasing the name.
- We are celebrating the Sunday Eucharist (virtual and face-to-face) on behalf of the PCC.
- We made an infographic so that its reality could be understood.
- This infographic has been socialized with all the presence teams of the Nazareth Province (in the 3 countries where we are).

### **What significance does the community have in the general pastoral project of presence?**

- For now, little, we join on Sundays to pray.
- We celebrate Easter in person and virtually, inviting all members of the PCC.
- There are links with the Calasanz Movement, in all its stages.
- And we are promoting activities of solidarity with the education of the poorest.

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

- It is one of the objectives of the Presence Team.
- The Presence Team promotes the PCC.
- Over the past year and this year, we have promoted the name and identified actions that are specific to the PCC.
- To make aware that the services already provided are made on behalf of the PCC.
- Connect the PCC with the Adult Calasanz Movement group that has been in the presence for several decades.
- Energize actions that favor the mission, responsibilities, send-offs, and ministries.

