

# Much Piarist history. Hope for the future

## Piarist Christian Community in Chile

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

It is a way of living the Christian vocation and the Piarist style, a way of being a church that I feel updates the proposal of Jesus of Nazareth and the first communities. This community is expressed in the small group where I share life and faith, in the great assembly where we share the Eucharist, in the teams where we plan and execute the educational, catechetical and solidarity actions in favor of others; it is formed by all of us who feel followers of Jesus from this scholastic work where we make life.



### How was the Christian community you're in born?

The Piarist religious arrived in Chile more than 100 years ago and have sown the seed of the Gospel in many people throughout this time. There have been very significant experiences of community that today serve as a reference to promote the PCC.

The model of the Piarist presence and the PCC is still an incipient reality towards which we have taken important steps in recent times. We have made in the shared mission groups, fraternity communities, religious communities, and management teams the reflection on this matter of the PCC and steps are being taken in its consolidation.

### 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.

Being an incipient reality there are elements to develop, the main one is that of the Sunday Eucharist as a community meeting place, this is a reflection still in development that has been conditioned by the pandemic.

However, fraternity communities and Shared Mission groups are becoming increasingly aware of their role in the work and therefore in the CCE. The members of these groups are not only aware of their role as co-responsible for the Piarist mission (and charisma in the case of fraternity), but most of their members actively participate in the management of the school, pastoral care, solidarity actions and the Calasanz Movement aware of their vocational identity.

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

Our Pastoral Project of the Delegation of Chile establishes 10 key areas in the pastoral action of the works, participation is one of them and alludes to the Modalities of Participation and the Piarist Christian Community as dynamic axes of the life of faith and the Piarist mission. The PCC gives horizon to our pastoral action becoming a reference and model.

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

Some proposals for the consolidation of our PCC:

- The animation of the Sunday Eucharist and the active participation of the different groups.
- In addition to the religious communities, the communities of the Fraternity, groups of Shared Mission, other people and groups that participate in the life of faith of the work must be summoned, establishing bonds of brotherhood and closeness.
- It is also fundamental how we link the celebratory and formative actions between the pastoral of the school and the PCC, so that more and more people from the different instances of the Educational Community feel summoned to the PCC.
- The Calasanz Movement as a proposal of faith groups is the most important engine for the community proposal among the children and young people of the school and their families.

It is imperative that the CCE is consolidated in presence, this will give greater meaning to our work as committed people and to work as Piarists, that our schools and parishes are places to live and share life and faith.

