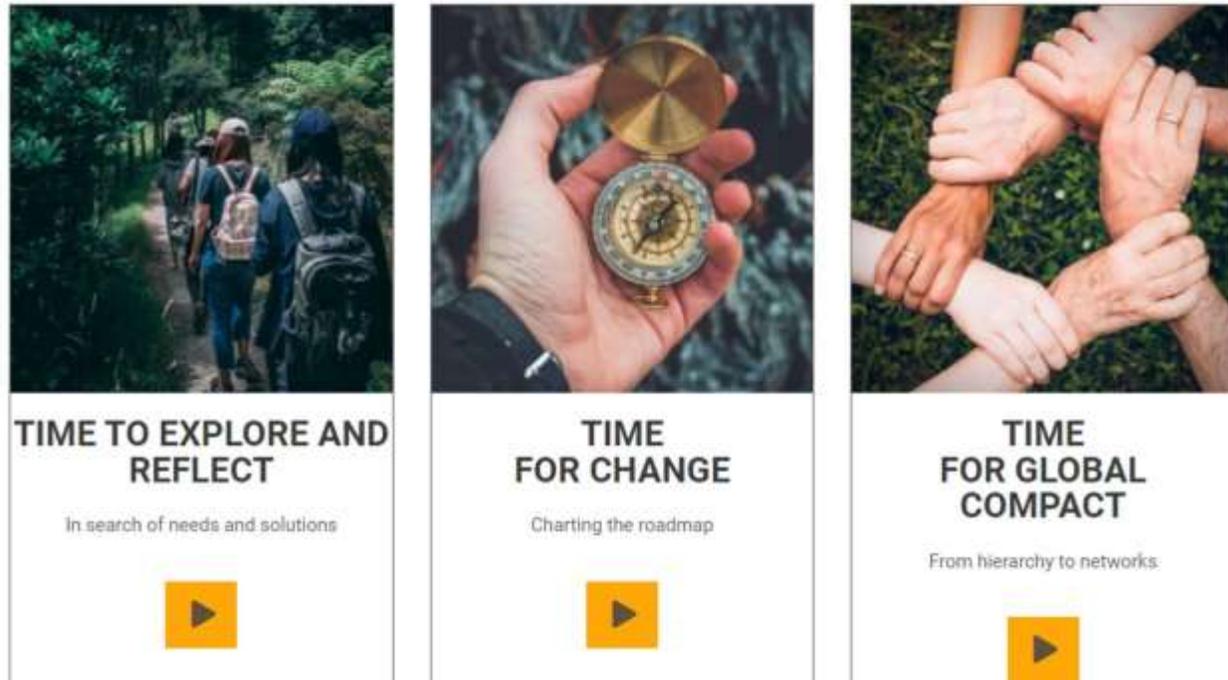


# TRANSFORMATION OF THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL COMPACT

## Education Seminar USG-UISG



Every year, the education commission of the UISG and USG chaired by our Fr. General, organizes a seminar of reflection on some relevant educational aspect. In this year, the training meeting was held in online mode from October 21 to 23 and reflected on the transformation of the school inspired by the Global Educational Compact.

The virtual event was attended by nearly 500 people (religious and laity) linked to 86 religious' congregations from 73 countries. From the Pious Schools, Fr. Pedro Aguado and a commission of 6 people linked to the school management participated.

The purpose of the Seminar is to carry out a joint reflection to discover the opportunities for change offered by the seven commitments of Pope Francis for the Educational Pact under four axes of transformation.

The organizing committee asked a team of the Missionary Daughters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the responsibility of coordinating the work of the Seminary that they organized in three moments.

1. Time to explore and reflect
2. Time of change.
3. Time of compact

The first day, "time to Explore and Reflect", began with a lecture by the religious sister Monserrat del Pozo, in which she gave some guidelines to work in small teams the commitments proposed by the Pope from 4 areas of transformation of the school.

On October 15, 2021, pope Francis proposed some challenges to work on the Compact.

1. Putting people at the center
2. Listening to children and young people

3. Encourage the full participation of children
4. The family, the first and indispensable educator
5. Openness to the most vulnerable
6. Finding other ways of understanding economics, politics, growth, and progress
7. Take care of the common home.

Montserrat proposes to the attendees that each of the 7 commitments be worked in teams from 4 axes of transformation of the school: the curriculum, the role of the teacher, organization of the center and learning spaces.

On the second day, "time of change", Sister Nuria Rica gave a brilliant lecture in which she offered some clues to understand the changes that happen in our world in such a dizzying way and how the school should adapt to them. To this end, he quotes Pope Francis: "We live in a change of epoch, a metamorphosis not only cultural but anthropological, a rapidity. The only way to face these changes is to do them together, sharing concerns and proposals for change.

On the third day "time of pact", Juan Villanueva, director of the *Fe y Alegría* Network, takes the floor, who shares with everyone, the experience of networking with many religious congregations Next, Sister Monserrat introduces the concept of redarchy as a strategy to lead a transformation of the school in times of crisis and change. Redarchy does not oppose hierarchy, but complements it; moreover, in Catholic schools the two models must coexist.

The contents of the seminar were collected in five languages on the website <https://seminario2021.org/> where you can see the videos of the lectures and testimonies. In addition, on November 5 a panel was organized on the very suggestive seminar that can also be seen on youtube.

The meeting was explicitly designed to be replicated in any of the school networks with which we work. The material available can be of great help.

Our Piarist networks are gradually joining the dynamism of the EDUCATIONAL COMPACT. The Piarists already held an event in October 2020 to launch the Compact. We are already working on some of the commitments that the Pope proposes, but we need to make more progress, sharing the good practices we already have, making alliances with other networks and opening ourselves to the community.

It has been an inspiring meeting that opens new paths and that can help us transform the school to make it more humanizing and generating social change. What more Piarist than the Educational Pact! Go ahead! We have a great future to build. The road has only begun.

