

## PIARIST EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Piarists of Poland



Physical experiments, hand puppets, fitness...? These are just some of the proposals for the teachers who participated during the days 25 and 26 February 2022 in the 2nd Piarist Educational Meeting organized in the Pious Schools of Poznań.

When working with children and young people, the closeness of the teacher to the student is very important. Therefore, the meeting began with a conference: "How to take care of yourself to work with others? Elements of communication without violence" by Małgorzata Narożna-Szmani, educator, therapist, coach and member of the Association of Pedagogues and School Psychologists of Poznań. The speaker drew attention to the language with which we address our students, how listening carefully can support educational communication to lead to the success of the student group.

On the second day the Eucharist was celebrated in which the Word of God was perfectly adapted to the theme of our meeting: *Jesus blesses children* (Mk 10:13-16). - We try to make children as we would like them to be - said Fr. Jacek Wolan, Provincial Assistant for Youth Ministry and Communication. - On the other hand, the gospel offers us something completely different: we must make ourselves as children.

The program of workshops prepared by teachers from our schools was incredibly rich and varied. More than 100 teachers from Bolesław, Elbląg, Jelenia Góra, Katowice, Kraków, Łowicz, Poznań, Rzeszów and Warsaw met to share their experience and innovative working methods in various subjects: physics, chemistry, biology, nature, history, foreign languages, physical education, pedagogy, and catechesis. In total there were 21 workshops.

The teachers spared no energy in communicating their ideas and diversity in the approach of the subjects they taught. They learned how to create assignments, test knowledge in an attractive way or prepare for *the Matura 2023 exam*. Among the methods presented, SUMMEM (developed by

the Piarists of Catalonia) and IBSE (Inquiry in Education Sciences) were presented. Learning through play and experience is undoubtedly the path to success, and this was demonstrated by the teachers by presenting didactic games, language, and practical experiences.

The participation of students allows them to be content creators. As shown in a history lesson on using drama or creating a living image. Educators proposed proven methods for resolving conflicts in school with reference to cooperation and assertiveness. Physical education teachers presented interesting games and team games from other countries, fitness items during physical education classes, as well as a mental training workshop.

It is impossible to list all the workshops and the scope of their topics. Everyone could have something interesting, which would allow them to develop and expand the horizons of working with students by proposing new work methodologies. The good attendance and commitment of teachers shows that we need such meetings in our Piarist province because they can share innovative ideas that support the education of children and young people in schools.

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