

Youth leadership training. PIOUS SCHOOLS HUNGARY

Faith is essential to cultivate our integrity

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Last February, youth leaders of the Calasanz Movement participated in a basic training that consisted of three weekends and a week of intensive training before starting their volunteer service. The second training weekend took place at the Piarist Provincial Office in Budapest, with a total of 37 young people from all over Hungary and Transylvania.

The training team, consisting of group animators, teachers and experienced Piarists helped young people aged 15-16 to become leaders. The first training session focused on leading games, the second on leading conversations and the third on leading prayers. Finally, during the intensive week, all exercises were reviewed and completed. The weekends and the intensive week were interspersed with training material on group dynamics, self-knowledge and Piarist spirituality.

The Calasanz Movement was truly born during the weekly hour and a half meetings. We believe that group life is the main way of transmitting human values. We want conversations to be a form of sharing because it is in these situations where connections are born, based on knowing and understanding each other. From this understanding can come love.

Throughout the course, we value personal stories and symbols because they help us understand each other and connect in a community. We base this approach on the teaching model of Jesus, who

personally addressed people through parables. Our faith is essential to reflect on our wholeness, the reality of our surroundings, and we want to cultivate it with a claim to integrity. Therefore, we focus on self-knowledge, Piarist spirituality, vocational culture and the development of communication. We uphold the values of these teachings and want to invite young people to freely join the Piarist ministry of education and evangelization.

An important pillar of the Calasanz Movement is the Piarist spirituality that permeates all aspects of our way of thinking about ourselves. The source of this spirituality is the person of St. Joseph Calasanz. His call to serve God developed among children, especially the poor. Therefore, we want to look at life from their situation and help build their future through teaching and education.

During the second weekend of the group leader training, which began this academic year, the group leader candidates were introduced to the spirituality of Calasanz and also to the Piarist model of the students, which gave them the opportunity to create an individual development plan.

During this training weekend, participants were also introduced to the phases of group development and were introduced to the methodological basics of conversational leadership, with special attention to the rules of conversational leadership, self-talk, the practice of listening to leaders, creating consistency in conversations and reflection. With these learnable skills, the young participants will be supported in their development as leaders, while being strengthened in their Piarist spirituality.



