



## CALASANZ'S DREAM TOWARD A PASTORAL PROJECT



Among the works of the painter Josep Segrelles (1885–1969), Calasanz's Dream\* serves as a fitting illustration of the project we wish to build. He was surely inspired by this testimony from Fr. Giovanni Carlo Caputi, a confidant of Our Holy Founder:

"It once seemed to him that he was in Rome preaching to a group of children, who appeared to him as angels. He taught them how to live as Christians, blessed them, and then accompanied them home. Paying no heed to this vision, he thought it might have been a fantastic dream."

We all know that this "fantastic dream" became a reality in an overwhelming way.

A common trait among those who coordinate pastoral ministry in our schools is this very ability to dream, to invent new things, to imagine horizons, to set goals, and so on.

On April 7, Santiago Gaviria, coordinator of Pastoral Processes for the Nazareth Province, offered a reflection to this team based on his region's experience. This meeting can be considered the first step toward developing a project that integrates experiences, lessons learned, convictions, and, in particular, the dreams of religious and laypeople that align with the dream of Calasanz.

The Piarist charism continues to inspire us today, just as it did for our predecessors four centuries ago. "Viva Calasanz" serves as a window into the hearts of devoted individuals who dedicate themselves to this mission under the guidance of the Spirit.

We welcome all contributions, all helping hands, and all ideas that will be useful to us in building this portion of the Kingdom of God entrusted to us, especially for children, for young people, and for the poor.

FR. FRANCISCO ANAYA WALKER, SCH. P.  
ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ COMMUNITY, DEVON



## WE CELEBRATE A NEW BEGINNING

### CALASANCTIAN SPIRIT IS AWAKENING IN THE CALASANCTIAN MOVEMENT!

With great joy and hope, we launched the Calasanz Movement at our beloved Calasanz School in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

We have an amazing team made up of seven leaders from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades who, with dedication and heart, mentor eight students from the Seeds and Walkers groups.

We meet two Tuesdays a month for an hour, which always feels too short, because we fill it with experiences that touch all aspects of our lives: the spiritual, the Calasanzian, the human, and the social.

Our leaders, with creativity and commitment, prepare activities ranging from games and crafts to deep reflections and moments of sharing. All with a beautiful purpose: to awaken, strengthen, and nurture a love for God in each of our children and young people.

This semester has been filled with discoveries, laughter, growth, and, above all, that Calasanzian Spirit that unites us as a family. We move forward with enthusiasm and great faith!

NOEMARIE ORTIZ CORREA  
COLEGIO CALASANZ, SAN JUAN, PR





## YOUNG ADULTS OF THE CALASANZ MOVEMENT A RETREAT IN FLORIDA



“The true desert does not distance us from life but rather prepares us to live it with greater depth, faithfulness, and devotion.”

Fr. Carles Gil i Sager, Sch. P.

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Recently, the “Living Stones” group of the Calasanz Movement held a significant gathering during its youth retreat, which was led by Edward Herrera at the Calasanz Community in Hialeah. This event marked a pivotal moment for the group. The main purpose of the gathering was to facilitate internal restructuring and a change in leadership, paving the way for a new phase in the movement's journey.

Throughout the day, the young people participated in various opportunities for reflection, prayer, and dialogue, which allowed them to deepen their identity as a community of faith. It was a propitious time to listen to God’s voice, discern together the future of the movement, and strengthen the fraternal bonds that unite them as true Living Stones, called to build up the Church from their youth.

The retreat also provided specific opportunities for organization and planning, during which goals were set and a renewed commitment was made to continue growing both spiritually and as a community. Throughout this process, an atmosphere of hope and enthusiasm was evident, a clear sign of the Holy Spirit’s work in each of the participants.

It is a source of great joy to see how the Calasanz Movement continues to grow, attracting more young people who wish to live their faith in an authentic and committed way. We trust that this new phase will bear abundant fruit and that, guided by the charism of Saint Joseph Calasanz, our young people will continue to be a light in the midst of the world.

May the Lord continue to bless and accompany each one of them on this beautiful journey of faith.

FR. RICARDO RIVERA, SCH. P.  
CASA CALASANZ, HIALEAH



## HOLY WEEK IN PRESCOTT VALLEY, ARIZONA

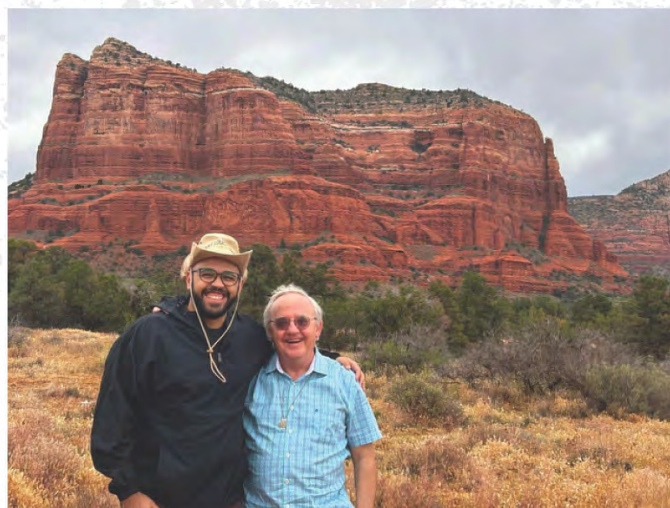
### A MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE IN THE DESERT

This unforgettable experience was deeply enriching, both spiritually and personally. I loved so many things about it, starting with how kind and generous everyone was: the parishioners, the staff, and the Piarist brothers who welcomed us (Fathers Manoj and Nobel). I really enjoyed Arizona's scenery and climate—beautiful and different from Puerto Rico's. I also greatly appreciated the hospitality in the homes where we were invited to eat and spend time with families. I loved making new young friends and spending time with the children, playing with them, learning from them, and seeing Jesus present in each one.

But what I want to emphasize most is the importance of being willing to listen. This is something that has struck me more and more since I served on a mission in Homestead, Florida: people need to unburden themselves; they need to be heard. Furthermore, something I noticed very clearly is that they also long to be heard by God and to receive His forgiveness. They wanted to go to confession with someone who understands them. This experience taught me so much. It is something I carry in my heart and intend to live out from now on, as a junior (a religious brother in formation): to be available to listen to anyone who needs it. I cannot yet grant absolution because I am not a priest, but, with God's grace, that will come in due time. Seeing Fr. Fernando devote all the time he could to hearing confessions or simply talking with people left a deep impression on me.

This is what the Lord has invited me to do and continues to invite me to do: to listen to his children who come to me. And, to be able to express what I carry within me with my formator, with my brothers, and with those close to me. I give many thanks to the Lord for this beautiful experience, which helped me grow and reaffirm my Piarist vocation more and more.

JAFET GUZMÁN, SCH. P.  
NTRA. SRA. DEL PILAR COMMUNITY, PONCE, PR



#### PRAYER FOR PIARIST VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, you said that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; we ask you to send workers into your harvest, especially those who will dedicate themselves to the Christian education of children and young people in the Pious Schools, guided by the example of Saint Joseph Calasanz. May your divine fire be kindled in young hearts so that they may devote themselves to this work. Amen.

*Our Mother of the Pious Schools,  
pray for us*



## SPACES THAT TRANSFORM

### GROUP MEETINGS INITIATIVE



In today's educational context, it is evident that students' education must go beyond the academic realm. It should also support their personal, emotional, social, and spiritual growth while acknowledging the significance of each stage of their development.

From a holistic perspective, the Group Meetings initiative emerged from collaborative work between the school's Pastoral Ministry and the School Counseling Office, with the aim of providing students at Calasanz School with spaces for reflection. The meetings became an opportunity for students to express themselves freely, listen to one another, and strengthen essential life skills.

Through various activities, they reflected on topics related to group dynamics, teamwork, self-esteem, and mutual respect. On a personal and professional level, this experience has been and continues to be very rewarding for me.

Accompanying students in their journey, listening to their concerns, and serving as a catalyst for their development reaffirms the meaning and mission of our educational work within the charism of Saint Joseph Calasanz.

Each gathering became a learning opportunity, not only for the students but also for those of us who were blessed to be part of and accompany these processes of inner growth and shared life.

This initiative was made possible thanks to the commitment of the entire school community. I thank the Piarist parents, the Pastoral Ministry, the teaching staff, and every person who generously contributed their time and dedication. These gatherings have become a legacy that continues to illuminate our educational and pastoral journey.

Finally, fostering spaces for reflection and dialogue not only strengthens the present but also sows hope for the future. In this way, we contribute to the formation of young people who are more compassionate, empathetic, and prepared to face life's challenges with faith, love, and a sense of community.

GABRIELA ALICEA CABRERA  
COLEGIO CALASANZ, SAN JUAN, PR





## MEETING WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL A STEP TOWARD COMMUNION, HOPE, AND GROWTH

In an atmosphere of fellowship and mutual listening, our Provincial Council of the Fraternity held a meaningful meeting with the General Council of the Piarist Fraternity.

This gathering was experienced as a true moment of communion, in which we were able to joyfully share the journey we have undertaken over these past two years.

We presented the achievements we have made, the steps we have taken, and the quiet yet steady growth of our Fraternity, recognizing in all of this the constant action of God who guides and sustains our mission.

With the same sincerity, we also opened our hearts to speak about the challenges we face, including the geographical distance between our community members, which, while it presents a difficulty, has not prevented the spirit of family and unity from continuing to grow stronger among us.

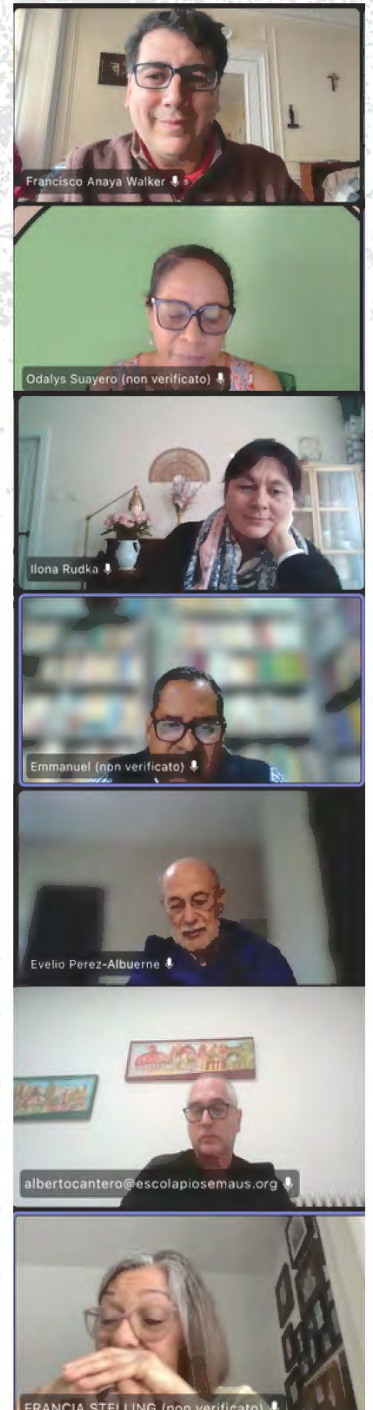
One of the most meaningful moments was sharing our experience at the annual provincial retreat, where the Fraternity's participation was felt as a living, committed presence in communion with the Piarist mission.

For its part, the General Council offered us not only valuable guidance for our future but also a close witness of accompaniment, encouraging us to continue deepening our vocational journey with a broader, more confident perspective and in constant discernment.

This gathering leaves our hearts strengthened and inspired, with the certainty that we are moving forward on the right path, sustained by grace and accompanied as a true Piarist family.

We move forward with faith, unity, and hope.

ODALYS SUAYERO  
FR. MARIO VIZCAÍNO COMMUNITY





## THE PIOUS SCHOOLS IN THE APPALACHIANS THE PIOUS SCHOOLS FAMILY OF KENTUCKY

On Friday March 27 th, The Piarist School hosted their second Annual Community Piarist Family Night. The school had the opportunity to showcase its new electrical sign at the entrance of the school and the new improvements to the school cafeteria and science lab. In attendance were Fr. Anaya Walker, Provincial, Mr. Kevin Owens, and Fr. Vinod Angadathu from the Province Development Office, the Our Lady of the Mountains Piarist community, students, alumni, parents, benefactors, and local pastors. The evening consisted of prayer service, presentations, music, and dinner. You just can't beat good Southern hospitality! Whether in



Kentucky, New York or as part of the broader Province, the Piarist Fathers are known for that unique sense of “family” that goes beyond academics. It was a perfect night of fellowship, bridging the gap between the classroom and the home, celebrating the shared values of Piety and Letters. Viva Calasanz!

**KEVIN OWENS**  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

“If Calasanz and many other founders were innovators in such difficult times, surely the same Spirit will show us what we can do now to rekindle our enthusiasm for the educational mission and enable us to call young people to dedicate themselves to this noble vocation.”

Fr. Javier Alonso, Sch. P.




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**PIARIST PROVINCE OF UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO**
**YOUTH EASTER 2026  
FROM SPECTATOR TO WITNESS**


Last Saturday, April 25, the Archdiocese of Miami's Youth Easter celebration took place at our school, St. John the Apostle Catholic School, bringing together young people from various parishes in Miami for a deeply meaningful gathering.

More than just a series of activities, the day unfolded as a carefully structured spiritual journey. From the early hours of the day, marked by preparation and the celebration of the Eucharist, the foundation of the entire gathering was established: the centrality of Christ and a willingness to serve.

The program continued with times of welcome, activities, and opening prayer that fostered an atmosphere of fraternity and openness. The first talk, centered on the theme "Being a Witness: The Encounter with Jesus," invited participants to deepen their personal relationship with Christ as the starting point of every mission.

The group activities and the rally offered a hands-on experience of community, highlighting the importance of teamwork and mutual support within the life of the Church. These moments, far from being merely recreational, helped strengthen the bonds among the young people and enabled them to live their faith in a concrete and shared way.

In the second part of the gathering, the talk titled "The Sending: How to Evangelize Your Own Jerusalem, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth" guided participants toward a missionary dimension, emphasizing the call to bring the Gospel to the various areas of their daily lives.

The celebration culminated with the Vigil Mass, a central moment that brought the entire day together and gave it meaning. During the Mass, the young people were sent forth as witnesses to Christ's love, concluding the journey with a strong sense of mission.

Finally, the festive atmosphere, expressed through fellowship, music, and dance, reflected the joy inherent in a living, shared faith. This closing demonstrated that the encounter with Christ not only transforms but is also celebrated.

Youth Easter 2026 thus presents itself as a comprehensive experience of faith, community, and mission, leaving a significant mark on the lives of the young participants. Beyond a one-time event, it represents a concrete invitation to live as true witnesses of the Gospel in today's world.

**FR. RICARDO RIVERA, SCH. P.  
CASA CALASANZ, HIALEAH**



## THE CLASSROOM: WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET



Calasanz commends the teaching profession and underscores the decisive role teachers play in shaping the lives of students or learners. Indeed, it is commonly held that much of who we become is formed through our classroom experiences, particularly under the guidance of educators who serve as stewards of both knowledge and faith. St. Helena School – Bronx (New York) consistently strives to adhere to this principle through regular meetings and sessions with teachers aimed not only at strategizing effective curriculum implementation and revising calendars but also at exploring how faith can be integrated into every academic aspect. This is a vital element that cannot be overlooked, as classrooms can indeed serve as environments that

harmoniously blend faith and science. From a psychological perspective, the minds of individuals within classroom walls are especially receptive to new ideas and practices, positioning teachers as architects of knowledge. Calasanz recognized this when he noted that children during their formative years are significantly influenced. In this context, education not only shapes habits but also nurtures critical thinking and deeper understanding, ultimately shaping lives both now and in the afterlife.

FR. PAULINUS ABOSE, SCH.P.  
PERALTA COMMUNITY, NY



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“The dawn foretells the day, and a good start foretells a good ending; the course of one’s life depends on the education received in childhood.”

St. Joseph Calasanz.  
Memorial to Cardinal Tonti.



## WORD SEARCH

Send your answers via DM to the Viva Calasanz Instagram account.  
The first 5 participants will receive a gift.

1. The name of a Piarist school in Puerto Rico.
2. Calasanz was an enthusiastic advocate of the Church reforms promoted by this council.
3. A wealthy young man who gave up everything he had to follow Jesus in the Pious Schools. Today, he is the patron saint of the Calasanz Movement.
4. A Latin teacher and faithful collaborator of Calasanz, he lived to be over a hundred years old.
5. A Piarist saint who was a teacher, scientist, and founder of a congregation of the Calasanz Family.
6. City where the Piarists founded the first school in the Americas for the training of teachers.
7. A Central American country where three Piarist provinces began a mission.
8. Name of a character from the first chapters of Genesis. It is also the name of the youngest Piarist Religious in our province.
9. First foundation of the Pious Schools outside Rome. There stands the image of Our Lady of the Pious Schools.
10. Name of the founder of a Calasanzian-inspired congregation that runs children's homes called "oases."
11. The name that Saint Joseph Calasanz repeated three times before he died.
12. A state where there is a school called "The Piarist School".
13. A city where the Piarist Fathers run a parish school.
14. The first surname of the Superior General of the Order of the Pious Schools.
15. An Asian country where three Piarist Fathers from our province were born.

"Education is always an act of hope that, from the present, looks toward the future... fostering the transcendence of the human person, integral and sustainable development, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, the protection of the planet, efforts for peace, and openness to God."

Pope Francis

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