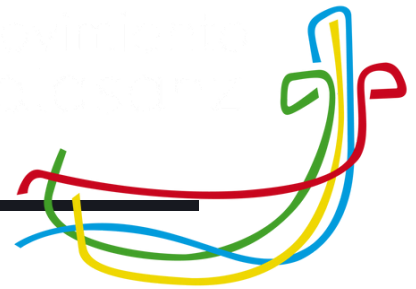


NOVEMBER



# EN MOVIMIENTO

A LOOK AT THE CALASANZ MOVEMENT  
IN THE ORDER



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- Place of first proclamation
- Place of vocational yes to God
- Invites to be Piarist
- Builds Piarist community
- Among the poorest
- Living the Order and the Church



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Calasanz Movement is a communion of groups from different Demarcations throughout the Piarist geography, united in the same educational and evangelizing proposal, official of the Order of the Pious Schools, inspired by the spirit and style of Calasanz.

### KEY ELEMENTS OF THE ITINERARY

Evangelization is not achieved through isolated actions, but rather through a process in which individuals gradually develop their vocational life project shared within the community.

The charism of Saint Joseph Calasanz and the Piarists guides the pillars of the educational process throughout the Movement.





## FROM THE GENERAL TEAM

### A few months of hard work

Since September, as part of our plan to serve as a bridge between the various secretariats and teams of the Order, our team has coordinated meetings to continue planning and joining forces in the mission to expand and strengthen the Calasanz Movement within the Order.

During this time, we have met with:

1. A new formation team to support the formation process of our leaders.
2. The General team of Youth and the Pious Schools.
3. General Council of the Fraternity
4. International Volunteer Team

We also have organized encounters to follow up with:

1. America circumscription
2. Europe circumscription

### Theme/Motto 2025-2026

This year's motto, "Your roots within", is an invitation to reflect on the importance of being well-rooted: having solid foundations that provide identity and inner strength. This is an idea deeply rooted in the Word of God. Saint Paul reminds us in Colossians 2:7: "Remain rooted and built up in Christ, firm in the faith as you were taught." To be rooted in Christ means to have our foundation in Him, from where we grow as individuals and as a community. Deep roots allow us to withstand storms, remain steadfast in difficult times, and bear fruit.





GENERAL TEAM OF THE CALASANZ MOVEMENT

WITH THE FORMATION TEAM



Equipo General Mov CLZ



Con el Consejo General Fraternidad de las Escuelas Pías



# OUR ENCOUNTERS

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General Team of the Calasanz Movement

With the team Youth and Pious Schools



Equipo General del Mov CLZ

Con los coordinadores del Movimiento Calasanz América

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR COORDINATOR ROLAND MARKUS, S.C.H.P.

Dear friends of the Calasanz Movement:

It is with great joy that we launch the monthly newsletter of the Calasanz Movement, whose sole objective is to make the MC's life around the world more visible. Each month, we want to share the most important events, showcase best practices, small initiatives, and big dreams, always based on the life of different districts. I trust that this common "window" will inspire us all: both those who are beginning to build the CM and those who already carry the beauty and weight of a long history on their shoulders.

Our motto for this year is: "Your Root." Just as a phone only works well if it is constantly charging and connected, so too our movement is only truly alive if we "connect" to Christ again and again, if we take root in Him, both personally and communally. Good roots provide stability in the storm and nourishment for growth. I wholeheartedly believe that our news, testimonies, and shared stories will help us strengthen this invisible network of roots throughout the world: that the faith, creativity, joy, adventures, and courage of some will sustain and encourage others.

May everything we do for children and young people be Gospel, good news.  
And may the way we are able to show it to one another be good news,  
for the glory of God.



# *Letter from Father General: Carles Gil, Sch.P.*

Dear participants and educators of the Calasanz Movement,

How wonderful it is when courses begin with a word that illuminates our path! This year, that motto is **Your Root**. A simple but profound word. A word that invites us to look inward to understand where we come from, what drives us, what sustains us, and what nourishes us.

**Your roots sustain you.** When we think of roots, we think of what gives **stability**, what is hidden underground but makes everything else possible. Without roots, there is no tree. Without roots, there is no life.

In our lives, sustaining means knowing who we are and what gives us balance. It means having a reference point, a firm center that keeps us standing when strong winds come. Faith, community, family, true friends... that is what sustains us.

**Jesus and Calasanz** were people who sustained others: profound, balanced, reliable people, the kind who inspire confidence when everything else is shaking.

May we also grow in this way, solid and deep, with a heart capable of listening, accompanying, and providing peace.

**Your roots nourish.** Roots not only sustain: they **nourish**.

Here is something I learned while visiting one of our farm schools in Karang, Senegal. An agriculture teacher told me, "You don't water a tree by the trunk. You water under the outer crown, where the newest roots actually absorb the water."

And I thought, how often do we look for nourishment in the wrong places! Perhaps we water where we think we should... and not where we really should.

For a young person, **watering well** could mean:

- Choosing friends who add value.
- Caring for spaces where you can be yourself.
- Dedicating time to prayer that gives peace and guidance.
- Welcoming words that build you up.
- Asking for help when you need it.



The depth of life is born there: in a life that is thought out, shared, prayed for, and dignified.

**Grow to give life.** We do not grow only for ourselves. A tree does not give shade for itself, nor does it bear fruit for itself. **It grows for others.**

Therefore, to those of you in your final years of school, entering university, pursuing vocational training, or starting a work project, I invite you to ask yourselves a fundamental question: **How can my vocation, my studies, my career, or my future profession improve my environment?**

If this question accompanies you, your growth will be fruitful.

**We are a Movement.** I think of two people who occupy many pages of the New Testament: Jesus, of course, but also St. Paul. Both were always on the move, always searching, always reaching out, always inspired by the Spirit to passionately transmit and share the Good News.

We are a movement because **we are alive.** We meet each week to pray together, serve those in need, and experience camps that fill us with joy.

We move **to transmit life.**

We are a vibrant, extensive, and diverse **network** of 20,000 participants, supported by 2,500 educators who make this journey possible. The Calasanz Movement is present in 17 provinces and 22 countries, and is one of the largest, most creative, and dynamic networks in the entire Order.

Continue to foster this **growing communion** by getting to know each other, supporting each other, and following each other in the digital world as well. May our social networks be a place of discovery, encounter, and mutual care.

**Where do I need to water? What roots do I need to strengthen so that my life offers more shade, shelter for others, more fruit, support for those in need, and more flowers, an expression of authentic joy?**

**Thank you** from the bottom of my heart to each of you, children and young people of the Calasanz Movement, for your participation, enthusiasm, questions, and prayers.

Thanks also to the educators who prepare each meeting, prayer, activity, camp, and volunteer opportunity with immense care.

And thanks to all the Piarists and communities who accompany you with closeness, dedication, and affection, believing in you and walking with you. Thank you for making this great Piarist family possible.