



COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF THE UNIONS OF GENERAL SUPERIORS MEN AND WOMEN

The Commission on Education of the Unions of General Superiors Men and Women **announces the next celebration of its VIII seminar of TRAINING OF EDUCATORS.**

This is a seminar that takes place annually in Rome, destined to *the heads of Education of the General Curias, to the members of the General and Provincial Councils and to the various national or regional leaders of our educative institutions who are interested.*

This year's seminar 2019 will address the important issue of educational innovation, and it will do so from a perspective that we consider especially important: the identity of our educational proposal.

We offer a first information about this VIII seminar.

“Innovating from the roots, with a sense”

OBJECTIVES

- a) To strengthen the innovative approach of the CS from its Christian identity.
- b) To reflect on the guarantee conditions for developing meaningful educational innovation.
- c) To dialogue on the right questions and the necessary steps that institutions must address to meet their strategic challenges.
- d) To analyze the keys of an innovation that contributes to promote and differentiate the Catholic School: sustainability, significance, quality... Making explicit the added value of the CS.
- e) To develop a joint document on the topic of the seminar that will reflect the contributions of the different dynamics and that, after its corresponding review, can feed the reflection in institutions and schools.

DESCRIPTION

- The Catholic school lives an intense incorporation of novelties, interesting but disarticulated, because they do not arise within an educational framework, shared by the whole institution, but rather of isolated initiatives that can generate punctual improvements, but without producing significant and sustainable changes.
- For the innovation to be meaningful, differential and sustainable, it does not serve the mere substitution of some artifacts by others, nor the accumulation of novelties, nor the recipes taken from other places. Innovating with meaning is not about doing new things or doing them any other way, but with achieving goals and results that were not possible before. Nor does it have to do with the search for standard answers, but rather with asking the right questions.
- This seminar proposes to work on the meaning of educational innovation, to see the time that Catholic Schools live and to work on some of these key questions: what is the "for what" of the Catholic School? How can we achieve a differential, meaningful, sustainable transformation that generates a comprehensive quality education?
- We are convinced that the key to address these issues is to build a reflection that arises from identity and, from there, articulates and gives meaning to innovation.

The seminar will be directed by Professor **AUGUSTO IBÁÑEZ**, Director of Education of the SANTA MARÍA Foundation (SM).

We offer you the basic data of the Seminar, so that you can organize properly. In early September we will send you more complete information and the registration form. Next to this letter we send you some initial information.

1) Days: 4 and 5 October 2019. We will start on Friday morning, 4th, and finish at noon on Saturday, October 5th.

2) Place: Headquarters of the International Union of General Superior Women (Piazza di Ponte S. Angelo, 28, 00186 Rome).

We cordially invite you to these days of encounter and reflection, from the conviction that together we will be able to move forward in our capacity to respond to the challenges of a world that needs children and young people to be better. They are the ones who make us authentic educators.

Receive an affectionate greeting from the Education Commission.

Fr. Pedro Aguado Sch. P.
President of the UISG-USG Education Commission

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