



## **EDUCATION AND UPBRINGING AS DRIVERS OF PEACE**

In his message of 1 January, the Pope relaunches the Global Education Pact



In his Message of 1 January 2022 for the 55th World Day of Peace, Pope Francis indicated three ways to build lasting peace: "Dialogue between generations, education and work". After pointing out that recently investments in education have decreased, while those in military spending have increased, the Holy Father says: "I hope that the investment in education will be accompanied by a more consistent commitment to promoting the culture of care. Faced with the fractures in society and the inertia of institutions, it can become the common language that breaks down barriers and builds bridges". A country grows when its different cultural riches engage in constructive dialogue: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture and technological culture, economic culture and family culture, and media culture. It is therefore necessary to forge a new cultural paradigm, through "a Global Compact on Education for and with the younger generations, which commits families, communities, schools and universities, institutions, religions, rulers, the whole of humanity, in forming mature people". A pact that promotes education to integral ecology, according to a cultural model of peace, development and sustainability, centred on fraternity and on the alliance between the human being and the environment".

To access the full Message:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>

## EDUCATION AS A PRIMARY VECTOR FOR INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Pope's address to the Diplomatic Corps



During the Holy Father's traditional meeting for the exchange of greetings with the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See on 10 January 2022, the Pope took up in his speech the theme of education that he had dealt with in his Message for Peace of 1 January 2022: "In my message for the World Day of Peace celebrated on 1 January, I sought to highlight the elements that I consider essential for fostering a culture of dialogue and fraternity. A special place is occupied by education, through which the new generations, who are the hope and the future of the world, are formed. It is the primary vector of integral human development, since it makes the person free and responsible. The educational process is slow and laborious, it can sometimes lead to discouragement, but it can never be abandoned. It is an eminent expression of dialogue, because there is no true education that is not dialogical in its structure. Education then generates culture and builds bridges of encounter between peoples".

To read the full speech:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/speeches/2022/january/documents/20220110-corpo-diplomatico.html>

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL AS A BODY OF HOPE FOR THE WORLD

OIEC World Congress under the banner of the Global Compact on Education

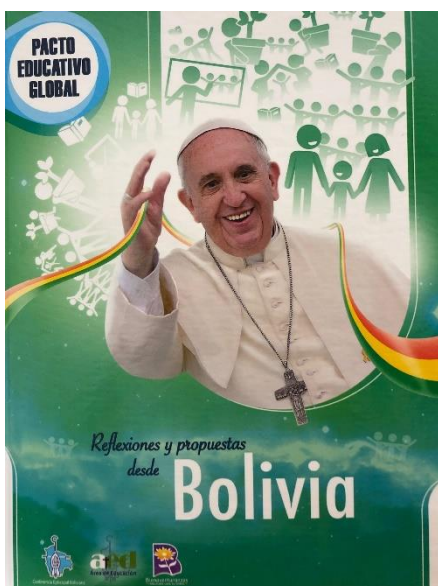


The OIEC has published on its official website the announcement of the new World Congress that will take place in "Le Palais du Pharo" in Marseille (France) on 1-3 December 2022 with the objective of "Building together the village of Education".

The announcement of the Congress reads: "At the last OIEC Congress held in New York in 2019, we sought the possible commitments of Catholic schools around the world to promote the civilization of Love. Now committed to the Global Compact on Education launched by Pope Francis, we will meet in Marseille in December 2022 to continue the construction of the village of education, in connection with the contribution of each OIEC region (Europe, America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East), and in dialogue with educators of other faiths and religions".

For more information:

<https://en.congresdeloiec2022.com/>



## GLOBAL COMPACT ON EDUCATION "DESDE BOLIVIA"

A response to the Pope's invitation

We received in these days in the Secretariat of the GCE the book "Pacto Educativo Global. Reflexiones y propuestas desde Bolivia", by the Bolivian Episcopal Conference (CEB). In the letter of presentation, H.E.R. Monsignor Fernando Bascopé Muller, President of the Education Area of the CEB defines the book as a response to the invitation of Pope Francis regarding the Global Compact on Education and states that "This book is the fruit of the effort of people who have in common faith and love for education, for this reason we believe that it will animate the leaders of the educational community of Bolivia, who strengthened in their educational vocation make present the message of Jesus Christ".

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A conference of universities organised by the CEC and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences



## Lines of development of the Global Education Pact

Conference on **GLOBAL COMPACT ON EDUCATION**

Vatican City - Casina Pio IV - 30-31 May 1 June 2022



The Congregation for Catholic Education, in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, in order to follow up on the invitation that the Holy Father has launched with the Global Compact on Education, has promoted a Conference entitled "Lines of development of the Global Education Pact" that will take place in the Vatican, at the Casina Pio IV, on 30-31 May and 1 June 2022.

The Rectors, the Delegates for the GCE and other members of the Universities that have given their availability to coordinate other Universities to develop the proposal of the Educational Pact in the identified disciplinary areas have been invited to this Conference. Other significant figures in the field of education and the LUMSA University, coordinator of GCE activities, were also invited.

The meeting, aimed at preparing a strategic plan for the coming years, will be divided into two parts: in the first part there will be speeches by a number of experts on topics relating to education, followed by a wide-ranging debate. In the second part, each university will present the state of play of the work it is carrying out in its thematic area and the prospects for the future.

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### UNE CONCRÉTISATION AFRICAINE DU PROJET DU PAPE FRANÇOIS

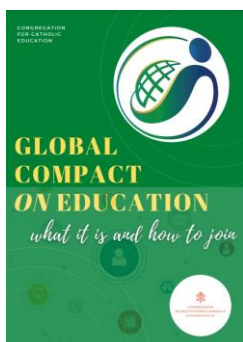


On January 20, 2022, His Excellency Mgr ZANI, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, received Fr. Michel Coppin, Provincial Superior of the Salvatorians in Belgium and Holland, and Councillor of the Fondation Internationale Religions et Sociétés together with Professor Nathanael Wallenhorst of the Université Catholique de l'Ouest in France. Fr Coppin thanked His Excellency Mgr Zani for his participation in the symposium held in Yaoundé last November via video conference, which had an enormous resonance among the participants. In fact, 13 bishops and three cardinals from French-speaking Africa came together to discuss education. In addition, Fr Coppin was asked to present the invitation of Card. Ambogo, Archbishop of Kinshasa, addressed to H.E. Mgr. Zani for the symposium to be held from 3 to 5 November 2022 in Kinshasa on the theme: "Un Pacte Educatif Africain. Une concrétisation africaine du projet du Pape François". Finally, Mgr Zani presented the seven commitments of the Global Education Pact and the five thematic areas for research in the university world, inviting educational institutions to work together for a better future.

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A new tool for the GCE

## WHAT THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON EDUCATION IS AND HOW TO JOIN IT



A new tool has been published in the Tools section of the GCE website, briefly explaining what the Global Compact on Education is and how to join. In the Secretariat, several institutions have already joined the GCE, and now with this new tool we are confident that many more organisations will be able to join more easily and see their name published in the list of participating institutions. The Italian and English versions are already online and will soon be available in other languages as well.

To access the tool

<https://www.educationglobalcompact.org/resources/Risorse/gce-cose-e-come-aderire.pdf>

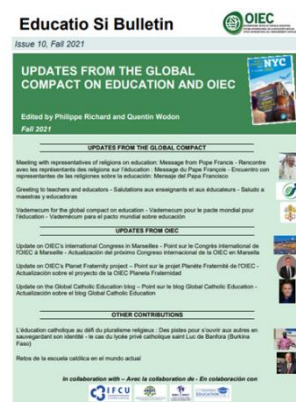
## "EDUCATIO SI BULLETIN" e GCE

The OIEC Bulletin number 10 Autumn 2021 focused on the Global Compact on Education dedicating ample space to the Meeting of Representatives of Religions "Religions and Education: Towards a Global Compact on Education" and to the *GCE Vademecum*.

Updates can also be found on the 2022 OIEC Congress dedicated to the Global Education Village.

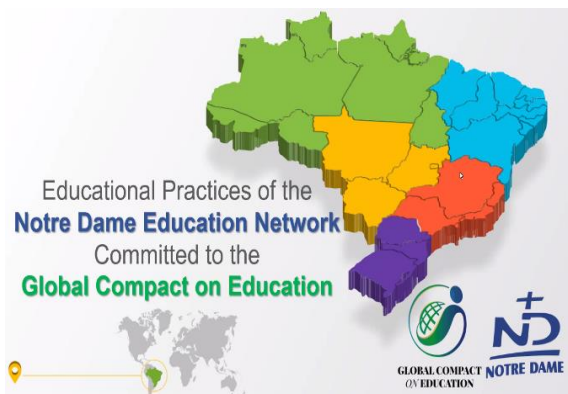
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## EDUCATION AS A WAY OF HUMANISING THE WORLD AND HISTORY

International meeting of the Sisters of Notre Dame



On 12 January 2022, the Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education H.E. Mgr Zani presented the Global Compact on Education at an international meeting on education of the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame. The online meeting was attended by educators from various continents. Archbishop Zani began by recalling the three fundamental principles of the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame: "the centrality of the person made in the image of God, the figure of the educator as a witness to the Gospel, and integral education.

These are the pillars," continues Mgr Zani, "that support Catholic Education in all the cultures of the world and offer a specific vision that contributes to the good of the person and the common good. With these elements, Catholic education becomes a motor for the new evangelisation. His Excellency then presented the GCE in the following points: How did the idea of the Educational Covenant come about and what is its meaning? The objectives of the Education Compact. What challenges should the Global Compact respond to? Some lines of work. The various protagonists of the Education Pact.

Finally, Mgr Zani took his leave with these words: "Education thus becomes an act of hope and is proposed as a field where it is possible to co-participate and transform ways of thinking and living, to help respond to the emergencies and challenges of the contemporary world. In other words, it can be a way of humanising the world and history".

## NEWS IN BRIEF

On 18 January 2022, a joint CEC-EIS meeting was held at the CEC Library to plan the University Conference to be held at the end of May 2022.