



Jesuit Global Network of Schools

On the 26th November 2021, on the Feast Day of young **St. John Berchmans** (SJ) the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, **Rev. Fr. Arturo SOSA SJ** releases the Jesuit Global Network of Schools. He will preside over the Eucharist at the Tomb of the Saint at St. Ignatius Church in Rome. Fr. Jose Mesa SJ, the Secretary of Jesuit Education will concelebrate Mass with Fr. General. The entire program will be livestreamed for Jesuit schools to participate and simultaneous translation will be available in English, French, Spanish and Italian. This year is Ignatian Year too. So, the release of the JGNS is so significant for Jesuit education.

The Jesuit Global Network of Schools expresses the collective global identity of the Jesuit Secondary and pre-secondary schools. Jesuit education is committed to the Jesuit mission of justice and reconciliation in our world today. It also expresses the commitment to strengthen collaboration, discernment, and networking as part of our contemporary way of proceeding.

Network History

Though we are witnessing its official foundation on November the 26th, 2021, its spirit has been alive for decades. The following are the milestones that led to its creation and consolidation:

- 1965-67: The Secretariat for Education of the Society of Jesus is established by General **Congregation XXXI**, Decree 28 to facilitate communication and coordination between the General Curia and the educational apostolate and promote the apostolic vigour of the Jesuit school apostolate in the world. Fr. General Pedro Arrupe appoints the first Secretary for Education, **Fr. John J. Blewett** (June 1967) from the Japanese Province.
- 1980: Fr. General **Pedro Arrupe** presided over a seminar on Secondary Education. Fr. Arrupe presented his thoughts through his famous discourse: ***Our Schools Today and Tomorrow***. As a follow up of this meeting it is decided to create the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education – ICAJE, as an advisory commission to the Secretariat for Education. ICAJE has played an important role in outlining the contemporary official documents of Jesuit Education.

1986: Publication of **The Characteristics of Jesuit Education prepared by ICAJE.**

- 1993: Publication of **Ignatian Pedagogy: A Practical Approach prepared by ICAJE.**
- 2012: Begins the first cycle of international gatherings with the **ICJSE Colloquium** (International Colloquium on Jesuit Secondary Education) in Boston, USA.
- 2014: The cycle continues with **SIPEI** (International Seminar on Ignatian Pedagogy and Spirituality) in Manresa, Spain.
- 2015: This year **Educate Magis** was presented as the global online community for Jesuit and Ignatian educators, to collaborate in the process of renewing, innovating and re-imagining the Living Tradition of Jesuit Education.
- 2017: The first cycle of global gatherings closes at **JESEDU-Rio2017** (the International Congress for Jesuit Education Delegates) with a common global agenda that is supported by **Fr. General Arturo Sosa SJ.**

2019: Publication of **Jesuit Schools: A Living Tradition in the 21st Century** prepared by ICAJE.

- 2019: ICAJE agreed on the name **“Jesuit Global Network of Schools”** to express the collective global identity of the schools and school networks involved in Jesuit secondary and pre-secondary education worldwide.
- 2020: After several proposals and discussions, ICAJE approves the official logo of the JGNS.
- 2021: The second cycle of global gatherings opens with the II **Colloquium JESEDU-Global2021**, which was supposed to happen in 2020 in Indonesia, but had to be postponed and was held successfully completely online due to the pandemic.
- JESEDU-Global2021 was the first event in which the logo of the Jesuit Global Network of Schools was used, though it first appeared in the Educate Magis global map in 2020. The JGNS also includes two global networks: **Fe y Alegria and JRS Education.**

o Secretariat for Education has the responsibility entrusted by Father General of coordinating and animating the network with the goal of developing its global apostolic potential. o **Educate Magis:** which is the online platform where the network becomes a global community at the service of the mission.

• **The JGNS gathers together 2,525 schools with 1632796 students, 100.846 students of Fe Y Alegria and 1.958 students of JRS in 78 countries worldwide.** Out of the total of 2.525 schools, 891 are Jesuit and Companion Schools affiliated to the conference education networks; 1.592 belong to Fe y Alegria and 42 to the Jesuit Refugee Service. Besides schools, non-formal education is also provided through educational projects, serving 324.330 beneficiaries and students around the world. We invite you to visit the education section in the Curia Website for knowing more about the work of the Secretariat, ICAJE and the JGNS, in www.jesuits.global/ministries/education/

- Educate Magis is the global online community of Jesuit and Ignatian educators, collaborating in the process of renewing, innovating and re-imagining the Living Tradition of

Jesuit Education. There you will find the interactive and printable Global Maps of the JGNS and other resources for Ignatian educators. o If you have not registered already, we invite you to visit www.educatemagis.org. From now on the logo of the JGNS will be available for all the schools and education networks that make part of the network. They are invited to use the logo to show that they belong to this vibrant global network. Next week the logo in English, Spanish and French; and a use manual will be available in **Educate Magis**.

Jesuit Global Network of Schools 1- The Jesuit Global Network of Schools is composed by the Jesuit and Companion schools belonging to the Jesuit Conference Networks of Schools:

- **Basic Education Network of the Jesuit Asia-Pacific Conference (JCAP-Education)**
- **Association of Jesuit Basic and Secondary Education in Africa and Madagascar (JASBEAM)**
- **Jesuit Schools Network (JSN) - US and Canada**
- **Jesuit European Committee for Primary and Secondary Education (JECSE)**
- **Jesuit Educational Association of South Asia (JEASA)**
- **Latin American Federation of Jesuit Schools (FLACSI) It is also composed by Fe y Alegria and the Jesuit Refugee service (JRS-Education).**

The secretariat of Jesuit Education carries out the coordination and animation in close collaboration with the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education – ICAJE. The Secretariat, in collaboration with ICAJE, has conceived the cycles of global gatherings as the moments in which the network gathers, explores and develops its global apostolic potential. Educate Magis is the online platform where the network becomes a global community at the service of the mission. The Jesuit Global Network of Schools is not an association or autonomous organization. However, it expresses the collective global identity of the schools and school networks involved in Jesuit secondary and pre-secondary education worldwide, and, as such, it strengthens the communication and apostolic potential of them.

The Jesuit Global Network of Schools Logo can be used by all the institutions that make part of the network for the following purposes:

- Show the affiliation of an institution to the Global Network.
- Communicate activities or actions promoted or organized by the Secretariat.
- Communication materials to present the Global Network.

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