

Education Apostolate (Basic) from GC36

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Decree 1



“34. Our educational apostolates at all levels, and our centers for communication and social research, should help form men and women committed to reconciliation and able to confront obstacles to reconciliation and propose solutions. The intellectual apostolate should be strengthened to help in the transformation of our cultures and societies.”

(Decree 1 – Companions In A Mission of Reconciliation and Justice)

Reconciliation is the heart of the Society of Jesus’ mission today. (Fr. General Sosa)

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35. “Because of the magnitude and interconnectedness of the challenges we face, it is important to support and encourage the growing collaboration among Jesuits and Jesuit apostolates through networks. International and intersectoral networks are an opportunity to strengthen our identity, as we share our capacities and local engagements in order together to serve a universal mission.”

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36. “Collaboration with others is the only way the Society of Jesus can fulfill the mission entrusted to her. This partnership in mission includes those with whom we share Christian faith, those who belong to different religions, and women and men of good will, who, like us, desire to collaborate with Christ’s reconciling work.”

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The Three Calls of the Eternal King



1. ***Reconciliation with God*** (Ignatian spirituality and discernment for youth, family, vocation promotion, formation of clergy, and Christian life in general).

- a. *In a secularized world, how to attract the younger generations*
- b. *In a pluralistic world and inter-religious dialogue*
- c. *For people in diverse cultural contexts trying to understand the Gospel with their hopes and challenges through Jesuit/Ignatian education*

The Three Calls of the Eternal King (cont.)



2. *Reconciliation with Humanity* (Christ summons us anew to a ministry of justice and peace, serving the poor and the excluded)

- a. *The displacement of peoples (refugees, migrants, and the internally displaced individuals) – to promote a more generous culture of hospitality*
- b. *The defense of human rights/dignity and integral ecology as an ethical horizon (e.g., for the safeguarding of the youth and vulnerable, indigenous peoples and communities, women)*
- c. *Building of peace on local and global levels with other religious-spiritual traditions against sources of violence such as fundamentalism, intolerance, and ethnic-religious-political conflicts. (refers to the 'Witnesses of Friendship and Reconciliation' Letter)*

The Three Calls of the Eternal King (cont.)



3. Reconciliation with Creation (*Laudato Si* not a green encyclical but a social encyclical. Poverty, social exclusion, and marginalization are linked with environmental degradation.)

- a. Help our students the skills to conduct rigorous analysis of the roots and solutions to the crisis.
- b. Our contribution should transform our own ways of living – our personal and (school) communal lives.
- c. We are invited to be messengers of hope, heal personal wounds, promote new ways of producing goods and new models of consumption that respect ecological equilibrium and promote social change. (Fr. Sosa)
- d. We are mission to contribute to better conditions of life for every human being so people can live in dignity and freedom. (Fr. Sosa)

Service of Faith & Reconciliation

- Service of Faith takes place in the ministry of reconciliation among human beings, with creation and with God in Christ. (Fr. Sosa)
- These three dimensions of the mission of reconciliation (with God, Humanity, and Creation) are always together, cannot reconcile with one without the other two.

Being Intellectual & Reconciliation

- Ministry of reconciliation begins with understanding the world we live in and we feel as our home. That is why we understand our mission as *intellectual apostolate*.
- Becoming a thinker is an on-going process. To be an intellectual is to have the ability to share the good meaning and values coming from the Gospel in a manner that is appealing and transformative.

Discernment is Our Way

- GC 36 underlines how discernment is our *way of proceeding* because the complexity and magnitude of the current challenges to our mission are so big that we cannot be apostolically efficient/effective without serious discernment.
- Of course, our discernment must include our collaborators and companions. They often teach us the openness to the Spirit as they come from a diverse background and expertise. Important discernment concerning mission is often enriched by their voices and commitment.

Protection and Safety of Minors



- GC36 asks Father General to continue working with Major Superiors and Conferences to promote, within the communities and ministries of the Society, a consistent culture of protection and safety for minors.
- How are we responding to this urgent call?

Witnesses of Friendship and Reconciliation



- How are we educating our students to hold a global view but not globalization?
- How are our students in touch, both intellectually and affectively, the gross injustice and violence around the world, such as in Syria and Africa? Areas that are geographically distant from our region.