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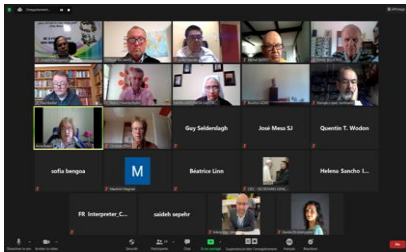
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EDITORIAL

Dear friends of OIEC,

The OIEC has just held its last Executive Council, by videoconference for two days. Most of the council members were present, and despite the overly impersonal aspect of the online conference, we managed to work well. During this meeting, we followed, on October 15, the announcement of the Global



Education Pact by Pope Francis. We imagine that you have also watched this ceremony, and that you have started to work in each of your countries with this proposal.

The *Educatio Si Bulletin* n° 6 which was sent to you at the end of October was exclusively focused on the publication of the major texts related to the Global Educational Pact. In a future issue, we will further develop the content of these texts. Indeed, the proposal for a Global Education Pact is a very serious matter, the ambition of which is to encourage us to reflect on education, and more particularly on the paths that education must take to humanize the world.

With the help of SM and Brother Juan Antonio, the OIEC published a long awaited and highly mediatized contribution: *Luces para el camino, Pacto Educativo Global*.

This book has been sent to you in a digital format:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TGn24qpy3s9902jCvo3mg5VjVfj2zon/view>

Thank you to the numerous contributors, who made this book possible.

Finally, please consider that the next OIEC Congress, which should normally be held in October 2022, will focus on showing how Catholic schools around the world follow the call to promote new forms of education and to take their place in the village of education. In this new edition of the newsletter, you will find some latest updates regarding the life of the OIEC.

Philippe Richard, Secretary General of the OIEC



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Financial situation of the OIEC

The financial situation of the OIEC is now under control. For the first time in a long while, our accounts are good, and the result for 2020 will be positive. However, we must continue our efforts. In this regard, we would like to thank the members who are up to date with their annual dues and ask others to pay them in the coming weeks.

Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education

The OIEC has received a very important form of recognition, due to its acceptance as the fourth member of the GRACE network:

Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education
(<https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/grace/>)

GRACE is an international research-based partnership between the *Mary Immaculate College* in Ireland, the *Boston College* in the United States, the *University of Notre Dame* in Australia and now the OIEC in Rome. GRACE offers academics the opportunity to collaborate in the analysis of the challenges and opportunities facing Catholic schools. Activities include: (1) research and publications, including by doctoral students; (2) a series of lectures; (3) various forms of exchange through a community of practice. This entry into the GRACE network will allow us to better comply to an important objective of the OIEC which is *“to promote research on the specific contribution of Catholic school to the field of education and on the school’s adaptation to the needs, realities and aspirations of the environment in which it is integrated.”*

The COVID 19 crisis makes the development of research for the benefit of our members even more urgent. From November 2020 onwards, we will therefore be offering a monthly webinar on a topic that is of interest for Catholic schools around the world. This webinar will be presented by a panel of academics and researchers. In the coming days you will receive a detailed program for the next conferences that we suggest to you.

Global Report on Catholic Education 2021 – Short survey

With the help of Quentin Wodon, we are currently working on the Global Report on Catholic Education 2021 (GRCE), which is expected to be released in the coming months. In this regard, we have asked our members to reply to a fast survey concerning COVID 19, in order to supplement the information, we already have with data from the field. These surveys are very useful and very important. Thanks to their outcome OIEC can publish information of high scientific value,



which corresponds to our need to contribute in the best possible way to debates taking place within international organizations.

We like to remind you that the network of Catholic schools is the leading educational network in the world, and that therefore, we have a great responsibility to contribute to international debates. Finally, we have asked IFCU to co-publish this report together with the OIEC, by expanding the database to Catholic Universities. In the same way, we have suggested that IFCU takes part in the writing of the *Educatio Si Bulletin*, fruit of the New York Congress, in order to enrich the journal with its contributions.

Think Tank OIEC - GPEN

The OIEC and the GPEN (Global Pedagogical Network - <https://www.gpenreformation.net/>) have set up a think tank in which Catholics and Protestants discuss common issues regarding schools and Christian education. This think tank has met three times already. It has the intention to publish a common text which allows us, Catholic schools and Protestant schools, to work better together, in particular within international organizations.

Planet OIEC

The OIEC is working with *The Magazine*, a publisher in Spain, on a project called Planet OIEC. *The Magazine* is a well-developed company, which will put all its technical and logistical experience at the service of the Planet OIEC project (<https://www.themagazine.live/>) Planet OIEC is a digital online resource platform for English language teachers and their students at a very low cost. Planet OIEC should allow the creation of

bonds of fraternity between the students of Catholic schools in all regions of the world. The idea is to provide online resources for learning the English language. These resources will be created by English language teachers, in conjunction with the OIEC. The editorial line of this platform will be adapted to the specific character of Catholic schools. Planet OIEC is inspired by *Laudato Si, Fratelli Tutti* and the UN's 17 SDGs.



It will be a way to better develop the spirit of the Global Education Pact. In particular, it will support the *I can* project, developed by the OIEC. At present, an experiment is started in a few middle and high schools in five countries. Following this experiment, all Catholic schools in non-English speaking countries will be able to access this platform.

On November 25 (4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Rome time), we invite you to attend a webinar that will introduce the project (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83422275358>, Meeting ID : 834 2227 5358, secret code : 283497).

« SOLIDARITE LIBAN »

Finally, we inform you that the Donors' Conference for the benefit of the General Secretariat of Catholic Schools in Lebanon that we organized to prevent the risk of the disappearance of SGEC-L has ended at the end of October.



Lundi 21 septembre de 14h à 15h, heure de Paris, CEST, (UTC + 2)
 Monday, September 21 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time, CEST, UTC +2)
 Lunes 21 de septiembre, de 2:00 a 3:00 p.m, hora de verano de Europa Central, CEST (UTC +2)

Conférence des donateurs de l'OIEC au profit du Secrétariat Général des écoles catholiques du Liban
 À la suite de la terrible explosion du 4 août 2020 à Beyrouth, qui a fait par ailleurs un pays déjà ravagé par une terrible crise économique et politique, l'OIEC se mobilise au profit de l'un de ses membres, en grand danger pour sa survie. Merci pour votre présence à ce webinaire de la solidarité.

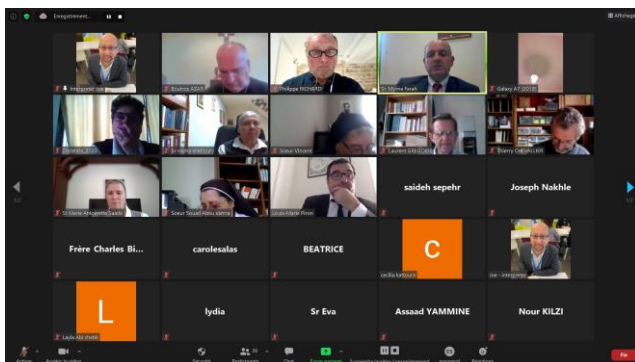
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Conferencia de donantes de la OIEC en beneficio de la Secretaría General de Escuelas Católicas del Líbano
 Following the terrible explosion of August 4, 2020 in Beirut, which ended up destroying a country already ravaged by a terrible economic and political crisis, the OIEC is mobilizing for the benefit of one of its members, in great danger for its survival. Thank you for attending this solidarity webinar.

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We would like to thank the few members and friends of the OIEC who generously associated themselves with this conference. As soon as possible, we will remit to SGEC-L the amount collected, which should correspond to about 48,000 euros.



We hope that this sum will help our friends in Lebanon to rebuild their organization, and above all that this solidarity shown by OIEC will encourage them to continue their mission despite the cataclysm affecting them.

Calendar

Fall 2020

September 21, 2020, "Solidarité Liban"
Donors' Conference

October 14 and 16, 2020, OIEC Executive
Council

October 15, 2020, Global Educational Pact
Day

November 9, 2020, GRACE Webinar
"Experiences of Christian schools in
responding to the COVID crisis"

November 19, 2020, Webinar "Ancrage du
Numérique dans la Gouvernance des
Etablissements – Dissémination du projet"

November 20, 2020, GA of CEEC

November 25, 2020, Webinar "Presentation of
the Planet OIEC project"

December 2, 2020, GRACE Webinar "The
heart of Catholic Education"

December 3-4, 2020, Forum of Rome

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ETR Bulletin

The Transversal Representation Team (ETR) represents the OIEC to international organizations. It regularly publishes a newsletter in which we are told about the latest activities of the group and how the interests and needs of Catholic schools at the international level are represented. The latest publication of its newsletter can be downloaded from the OIEC website:

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