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EDITORIAL

Dear friends of the OIEC,

A new year has begun, which we hope will be better than the previous one. We know how much your organizations are suffering from this epidemic, which often adds to so many other economic, political, social, etc. problems. Nevertheless, we wish everyone a good year, full of trust and hope. This year will be the year of engagement in the Global Educational Pact, proposed by Pope Francis. We will come back to that later. It will also be a year of reflection on how to continue our educational mission, so strongly affected by the pandemic! Indeed, we will have to learn about the appropriateness of developing new ways and new methods of knowledge transmission, which should enable us to reach as many students as possible in the world, especially among the poorest populations. The OIEC took advantage of this special year to review its organization and its working methods, so that they are ever more at the service of the objectives assigned to us by our founders. This is how we are currently developing a major work on two axes: the axis of representation within international organizations, which remains a major objective that we know well, but also the academic research axis at the service of members. This second axis is a major challenge. We have a responsibility to provide our members with tools to understand their mission, which remains difficult to them. Following the New York Congress, we produced the *Educatio Si* Bulletin, which you receive quarterly. We also published the first Global Report on Catholic Education in 2020, which gives you valuable information about the reality of Catholic education both on a universal level and in each of your countries. In a few weeks, we will publish the 2021 Report. It is important that, when the report is published, you can present it within the framework of the national sphere (local church, policy makers, press, etc.) in order to show that Catholic education is not only played out in one country, but on a global level. Indeed, the OIEC has received the vocation to express the universality of the Church through Catholic education.

Philippe Richard, Secretary General of the OIEC



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G.R.A.C.E. Network

As you might remember, OIEC has received a few months ago a very important form of recognition: its acceptance as the fourth member of the G.R.A.C.E. network (Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education

<https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/grace/>).

G.R.A.C.E. is an international research-based partnership between *Mary Immaculate College* in Ireland, *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 G.R.A.C.E. network will allow us to better honor 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."*



Beyond Test Scores
Measuring the Contributions of Catholic Schools and Universities
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | 10 AM CST/ 16:00 GMT | Online via Zoom

Speakers: Quentin Wodon (International Office of Catholic Education), Kathy Mears (National Catholic Education Association), Andrew Miller (Boston College), Timothy Uhi (Catholic Schools for Montana).

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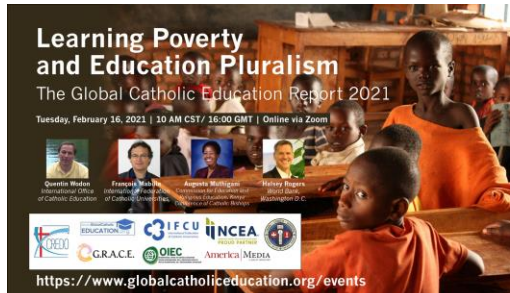
www.globalcatholiceducation.org/events

The COVID 19 crisis makes the development of research for the benefit of our members urgent. From November 2020, we will therefore be offering a monthly webinar on a topic that interests Catholic schools around the world. To the possible extent, and depending on the opportunities available to us, these webinars will be organized in the three OIEC languages: French, English and Spanish.

The next webinars are as follows:

January 19 at 5:00 p.m. (Paris time): *"Beyond the test results, measuring the contributions of Catholic schools and universities"*, with Quentin Wodon (OIEC), Kathy Mears (NCEA), Andrew Miller (Boston College) and Timothy Uhi (Catholic schools for Montana)

February 16 at 5 p.m. (Paris time): *"Learning about poverty and educational pluralism"*, with Quentin Wodon (OIEC), François Mabilie, (IFUC), Augusta Muthigani, (KKCB, Kenya) and Halsey Rogers (World Bank).



Learning Poverty and Education Pluralism
The Global Catholic Education Report 2021
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 10 AM CST/ 16:00 GMT | Online via Zoom

Speakers: Quentin Wodon (International Office of Catholic Education), François Mabilie (International Office of Catholic Education), Augusta Muthigani (Kenya Catholic Bishops Conference), Halsey Rogers (World Bank).

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To participate in these webinars, please register at <http://www.globalcatholiceducation.org/events>

Global Catholic Education

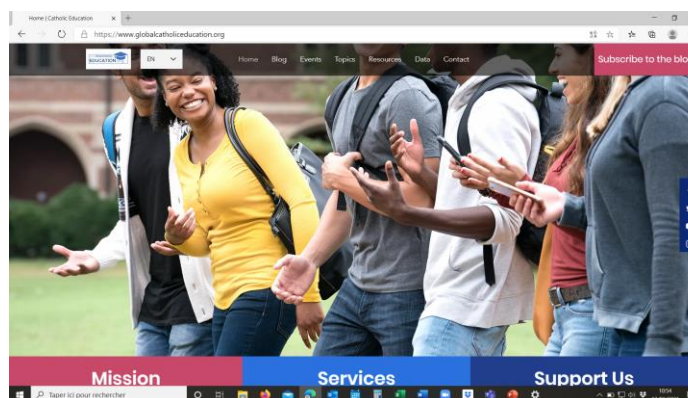
The Global Catholic Education website was launched at the end of November jointly by OIEC, IFCU, OMAEC and UMEC. It is a collaborative platform dedicated to Catholic education around the world. You can find on this platform academic resources, a blog, documentation from partners associated with this platform, information on events and interviews with different actors involved in Catholic education. In December and early January, a series of pages and research documents were added, including on enrollment trends in Catholic education at the K12 and university levels, a tool for classroom observation in low-income contexts, a directory of Catholic universities in the US as well as selected programs of graduate study. A "call for papers" page also provides opportunities for publications and a list of journals devoted to Catholic or Christian education. Finally, the website launched a series of interviews listed under publications, with the first set featuring teachers, researchers, and administrators from Burkina Faso, France, Germany, Haiti, Kenya, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

We are planning to add more materials this month.

Also, please do not miss the webinar listed under events organized on the contribution of Catholic schools beyond test scores on January 19.

The website is :

<https://www.globalcatholiceducation.org/>



Global Compact on Education

On October 15, Pope Francis invited us to get involved in the framework of the Global Compact on Education together with him

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQwpKS3knxU&feature=youtu.be>).

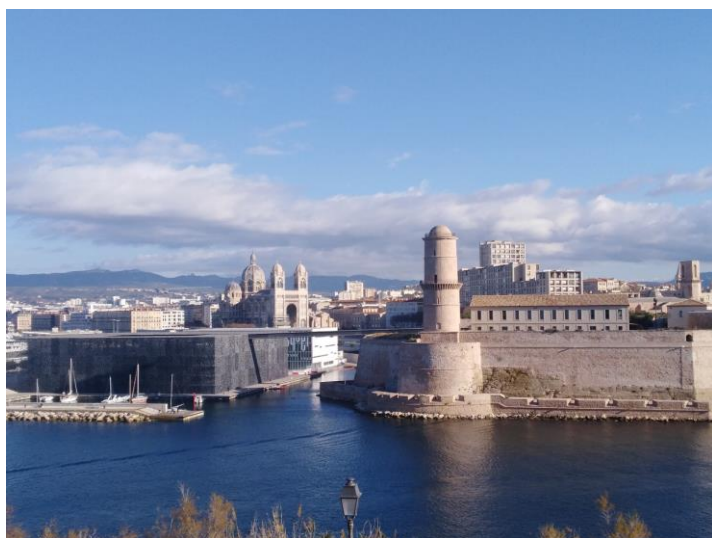


It goes without saying that the OIEC will engage with Pope Francis. On **February 25, at 2 p.m.** Rome time, we will host a webinar on the OIEC's commitment to the Global Compact on Education. During this seminar, the official commitment of the OIEC will be read, then each member of the OIEC can, if it wishes, express its commitment in relation to the OIEC. We will then forward the recording of this webinar to Pope Francis.



OIEC Congress 2022

The New York Congress is barely over, and we are already starting to prepare for the next one. For information: it will take place in Marseille during the month of November 2022, hoping that by then COVID 19 will have definitively left us ... This Congress will be prepared by all the members of the OIEC from the Mediterranean basin. It will also be the occasion for the OIEC to celebrate its 70th anniversary! A web site dedicated to the Marseille Congress will soon be online. Please watch out for information you will receive in the coming months!



PLANET OIEC : Learn and work with other children of the world

The title "PLANET OIEC" is the name of a new program of the OIEC (International Office of Catholic Education), which was presented at the last International Congress of the OIEC, held in New York, in June 2019. It is a project whose primary objective is to unite students and teachers from different Educational Centers around the world, to create ties, deepen the mutual knowledge of their people, their different cultural and religious realities, promoting brotherhood and solidarity between them.

PLANET OIEC is structured through a digital platform, in which, by learning English, it offers children from different schools around the world the possibility of weaving, from each classroom and center, new relationships between students and teachers of the Catholic Schools of the five continents.

To belong to **PLANET OIEC** is to be an active part of the world and the society of the future. It is about bringing together more than sixty million students who have Catholic faith. For the first time in the history of mankind, an educational organization meets all the requirements to help through learning English and working together on projects that change their lives and contexts. For this reason, working every month with different cultures and meeting children/ young people from all continents creating ties through weekly and constant work throughout the academic year is now a reality.

Initially, three key actions are promoted: English learning through the tool "*The Magazine*"; secondly, to share the religious involvements and experiences of each country and other pastoral actions or resources; and, thirdly, promoting the *YO PUEDO* Project, which empowers children to change the world, for which they use the *Design for Change* methodology and with it respond to the challenges of *Laudato Si'*, *Fratelli tutti* and the Sustainable Development Goals, thus gradually creating a global network of change, led by children/ youth.

The Magazine is a digital tool targeting students between 4 and 18 years old, in which teachers also have a place. Its main objective is the studying of the English language, stimulating the different skills of language learning: *reading, listening, speaking and writing*.

Thus, through this platform and with English as a vehicular language, they will be able to exchange knowledge, experiences and tackle projects co-created between the students themselves from one country to another. This program encourages student-centered learning, trusting them and giving them the necessary leadership so that they take responsibility for their learning and commit to eco-social transformation.

To learn more and / or participate in the **PLANET OIEC** program, contact: Brother Juan-Antonio Ojeda Ortiz (fec): ja.ojeda@lasallecampus.es or Alejandra Beigbeder, CEO The Improving Co.: alejandra@theimproving.es

The Bulletin Educatio Si and the GCE report 2020 available in paper form

The Educatio Si Bulletin and the GCE report 2020 can be purchased from the OIEC Secretariat (secretary@oiecinternational.com) in paper form:

The GCE 2020 Report costs: 15 euros + shipping costs.

The journals Bulletin Educatio Si costs: 10 euros per unit, 50 euros for a set of 6, + shipping costs.

Calendar

Spring 2021

January 19, G.R.A.C.E. "Beyond Test scores: measuring the contributions of Catholic schools and Universities"

January 20, G.R.A.C.E. steering committee

January 29, Webinar 'preparation meeting' for the OIEC engagement Global Compact on Education

February 4, Meeting of the 2022 Congress steering committee

February 16, G.R.A.C.E. webinar 'Launch of the World Report on Catholic Education 2021'

February 25, OIEC engagement webinar Global Compact on Education

March 4, meeting of the Transversal Representation Team

April 7 and 8, OIEC Executive Council (virtual)

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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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