
IV CONGRESS OF EDUCATORS OF THE CF

“TOWARDS A TRANSFORMATIVE CLARETIAN EDUCATION”

Hello dear Family,

we have the joy of announcing that between November 2 and 6, 2020 we will hold the IV Congress of Claretian Educators with the theme: **“Towards a Transformative Claretian Education”**.

We feel that this initiative does not sound new to anyone, since it is part of a journey that we have been making as a Claretian Family for years.

If we recall our history in this field, the first Congress was held in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) in 2002, followed by the second in Vic (Spain) in 2008 and the third in Bangalore (India) in 2014. God willing we prepare to celebrate the IV in Mongomo, Equatorial Guinea - Africa.

Each Congress has been held on a different continent. By doing it now in Africa, we feel it is important to underline the following:

1. It is a continent that is currently increasing the Claretian presence, with different modalities in education: own schools and pedagogical collaboration in other centres, with others.
2. In the congress of Bangalore the group of Africa underlined the need to intensify the formation and sensitization in the Claretian identity and spirituality at all levels, in our educational platforms of the Continent.
3. The aim is to offer the possibility of focusing the development of the Congress within a specific cultural, social, political and ecclesial context (such as that of Africa), so that it can have an immediate, concrete and inculturated impact.
4. EQUATORIAL GUINEA is the country that has the longest history of experience with regard to the Claretian school, and the context is favourable to the reception of educators representing the other continents where the Claretian Family is well committed to education.

Thus, the IV Congress of Claretian Educators in Africa has as its goal, the consolidation and organization of the educational identity through an integral education that takes into account human values, the richness of some elements of the African cultural wisdom, reconsidered from a process of transformation of the triangle Family/Society-School-Church and the testimony and coherence of the life of the educators.

Among the objectives that this Congress aims to achieve are the following:

- a. Revaluing the family and the educational community from the values of African culture and wisdom;*
- b. To build an educational proposal from our Claretian identity that responds to the current clamours of our society, favouring an education for global citizenship in harmony with the global educational pact;*
- c. To value the mission of the educator and to promote his or her formation to be up to date with the present times;*
- d. To continue deepening the educational path as a Claretian Family and in mission with others.*

The Congress is addressed to members of the various educational institutions of the Claretian Family present in Africa, as well as from other continents. We think it is important that the participants are educators willing to assume the commitment of sharing their experience, their knowledge and all the dialogues, proposals and dynamics of the Congress; and that when they return to their places they get involved in transmitting to the other members of their educational centres and of the organism to which they belong, those learnings and common lines.

The contribution price for each participant is 80\$ per day (accommodation, meals and congress expenses), for a value of 400\$ for the 5 days of the Congress. In case someone has to arrive before or leave later than the indicated date, they must provide 80\$ for each extra day they stay.

The Local Organizing Commission suggests that each foreign participant buys a return plane ticket to Malabo International Airport and, once he has entered Equatorial Guinea through this border, he will receive from the same Commission the ticket to continue from Malabo to Mongomo, which he will have to pay to the person indicated on arrival at the meeting place. Once you have registered and requested it, you will be informed of the price.

We send you the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScA2HkanIq7aydG2CZZaOL48IAjl23OWr8gi_R-OTMMxBkAIA/viewform?usp=sf_link from which you can formalize your registration. We ask you to fill it in properly and to register as soon as possible as we only have 100 places available.

Registration will be open until June 30th, 2020.

Those who need a Visa (which should be checked in advance at their countries' embassies and arranged in good time) can apply for a letter of invitation to the same Commission, writing by email to congresomongomo2020@gmail.com.

It is important to inform yourself about the vaccinations needed to enter Equatorial Guinea.

Everything related to the Congress can be found in the claretian family portal <http://www.familiacletiana.org/>.

We entrust to St. Anthony Mary Claret this path *towards a transformative Claretian education*, so that during this time and in all the places where the Claretian Family is present, we continue building our identity as a Family and evangelizing through education, following the example and style of Claret.

With this motivation, we wish you a good immediate preparation for this IV Congress.

See you in Mongomo!

Rome, 13th March 2020.

The General Prefects of the Apostolate: *of the Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI of Equatorial Guinea), of the Claretian Missionary Sisters (RMI) and of the Claretian Missionaries (CMF).*