

## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At 6:00 AM Rome time (11:00 AM Bogotá time), the Extraordinary General Assembly of OMAEC, duly convened according to the Statutes, began via videoconference on the Meet platform on August 1, 2025.

This Assembly is chaired by Ms. Evangelina García Richard, Vice President of OMAEC (UNAEC-America); coordinated by Mr. Guillermo Gutiérrez Piraquive, Secretary General; and supported by French translation by Giuseppe Mariano.

The following members of the Executive Council are participating in the Assembly:

- Evangelina García Richard – Vice President of OMAEC (UNAEC-America)
- Giuseppe Mariano – Vice President (UNAEC-Europe)
- Laurent Gregoire – Deputy Treasurer General
- Guillermo Gutiérrez Piraquive – Secretary General

The candidate for Treasurer General: Claudio Prato

Representing the Organizations:

- José Antonio Cecilia – Spanish Confederation of Associations of Former Students of Catholic Education (CEAAEC), by proxy to Giuseppe Mariano.
- Jocelyn Pinoteau – French Confederation of Former Students of Catholic Education (COFAEC), by proxy to Laurent Gregoire.
- María Carmen Castellón – Mornese World Confederation of Former Students of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

The Correspondents:

- Claudio Báez – Chile.

The General Assembly begins with the following AGENDA:

- 1) Opening Prayer (Church Assistant).
- 2) Report of the Acting President.
- 3) Appointment of Treasurer (Acting President).
- 4) Incorporation of virtual procedures into Article 13 (Operation) of the statute (Acting President).
- 5) Other topics.

The Acting President opens the Assembly, explaining the absence of Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra due to his recent return to work.

### 1. OPENING PRAYER (Ecclesiastical Assistant)

Due to the inability of the Ecclesiastical Assistant, Monsignor Héctor López, to connect to the General Assembly, his recorded prayer was played.

### 2. REPORT BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT (Evangelina García Richard)

The Acting President, Evangelina García, welcomed all attendees to the General Assembly. She then referred to her report on OMAEC activities for 2024 and the first half of 2025, which was sent with the notice of this Assembly and is attached to these minutes.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER (General Secretary)

The General Secretary introduced Mr. Claudio Prato to the General Assembly. His nomination as General Treasurer was made by the President, Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra, at the Executive Council meeting on the 1st. From March 2025 and was approved for confirmation at this Assembly.

Submitted to the Assembly for consideration, his appointment was approved with 13 votes, distributed as follows:

WORLD ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES	VOTES
Mornese World Confederation of Former Students of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.	María Carmen Castellón	3
<b>CONTINENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
European Union of Alumni of Catholic Education – UNAEC Europe	Giuseppe Mariano	1
Union of Alumni of Catholic Education – UNAEC America	Evangelina García	1
<b>NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Spanish Confederation of Associations of Alumni of Catholic Education – CEAEC	P/P Giuseppe Mariano	1
Italian Confederation of Alumni of Catholic Education – CONFEDEREX	Giuseppe Mariano	1
French Confederation of Alumni and Friends of Catholic Education – COFAEC	P/P Laurent Gregoire	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

### 4. INCORPORATION OF VIRTUALITY INTO ARTICLE 13 (Operation) OF THE STATUTE (Secretary General)

The Secretary General submits the following proposed text for incorporation into Article 13 of the statute:

**“Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies may be held in person or via video, as determined by the OMAEC Executive Council.”**

Once the proposal was submitted for consideration, it was approved by 13 votes, distributed as follows:

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### 5. OTHER MATTERS (Acting President)

The Acting President raised the issue of dues, requesting that the new General Treasurer contact Laurent Gregoire or Debora Lattuada. She also requested clarification on whether the Paraguayan Confederation has any outstanding debts.

Furthermore, the President asked Laurent Gregoire if he would continue as Deputy Treasurer, to which he replied that he would, for the time being.

María Carmen Castellón offered a Zoom license for the meetings. The President responded that she would submit this to the President for consideration and provide further information.

At 6:52 PM Rome time (11:52 AM Bogotá time) on October 1, 2025, and with the agenda completed, the Extraordinary General Assembly was adjourned.

Guillermo Gutiérrez Piraquive  
 General Secretary  
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**APPENDIX**  
**OMAEC ACTIVITIES REPORT YEAR 2024 AND FIRST HALF OF 2025**

**2024**

- OMAEC organizes the Departments of Solidarity and Social Justice, Continuing Education, and Communication, and the organizational chart for this second term of President Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra.
- OMAEC is represented by Vice President Evangelina García Richard at the Meeting of Jesuit Alumni of Latin America and the Caribbean (UASIALAC) in Montevideo, Uruguay. From that moment on, OMAEC has a correspondent for Uruguay, Verónica Nieves Vera.
- The Conversation organized by the OMAEC Department of Continuing Education takes place on the Charisms of different Congregations. This time with Francisco Guarner, President of the Alumni Association of the Society of Jesus, WUJA (World Union of Jesuit Alumni), and Maricarmen Castellón, President of the Federation of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Later, on another date, it will be held in English.
- President Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra participates in Rome, invited by the Jesuit Alumni Association of Hungary, in an interesting meeting with other presidents of World Unions. An important dialogue arises there with Hervé Lecompte, Secretary General of the OIEC (International Office of Catholic Education).
- Simultaneously, UMAEL (World Union of Lasallian Alumni) invites OMAEC to its Congress to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Given the circumstances, it is represented by its Vice President, Ms. Evangelina García Richard.
- A discussion on the importance of the Social Teaching of the Church is organized by the Institute of Social Doctrine of the Church of the Catholic University of Santa Fe, Argentina. And within this context is the Virtual Presentation of the SECOND DIPLOMA COURSE on the Social Doctrine of the Church, offered by the OMAEC's Directorate of Ongoing Formation.
- Throughout the year, there have been problems with the website, which has been organized by Aaron Caterina, a Lasallian alumnus from Panama.

**2025**

**January:** The OMAEC Council approves the election of the new OMAEC Treasurer, Claudio Prato, a Jesuit alumnus from Italy. The Council also approves the new OMAEC representative to the United Nations, Geovanny Duffer, an Ecuadorian Lasallian alumnus living in New York.

**February:** The Second OMAEC Diploma Course begins, offered through an agreement with the Catholic University of Santa Fe, Argentina. Approximately 50 people from Spain, Colombia, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela participate. The course concludes on May 24.

**April 26:** Ordinary General Assembly, convened three months in advance. President Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra's request for a three-month leave of absence, extendable for another three months, due to serious illness, was received. It was approved, and Vice President Evangelina García Richard assumed the position of Acting President.

**April 21:** A prayer for the passing of Pope Francis was drafted and subsequently sent to the members of the OMAEC (Organization of Mexican Apostolic Affairs).

**May 8:** OMAEC issued a manifesto regarding the election of Pope Leo XIV.

**May 15:** The Youth Forum, represented by Dr. Priscilla Acevedo, traveled to the Darién jungle, between Panama and Colombia, to repair and improve an abandoned chapel. Donations were received, along with the collaboration of children and young people for the repairs. A bishop presided over a Mass during which local children were baptized.

**May 24:** The OMAEC Department of Solidarity and Social Justice provides food assistance to approximately 300 vulnerable children, adolescents, and young adults in Huancayo, Perú, at Don Bosco Oratories.

**May 29:** A Declaration on Catholic Education Day is drafted and forwarded.

**June:** The OMAEC Youth Forum organizes visits to nursing homes with a group of medical students to monitor health and conduct medical tours in Panama.

**July:** The OMAEC receives an invitation from the United Nations to attend the 2nd World Summit for Social Development in Doha, Qatar, on November 4.