

**WORLD ORGANIZATION  
OF ALUMNI OF  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
XVI WORLD CONGRESS  
APRIL 30 – MAY 3, 2026  
UNITED FOR PEACE**



**MANIFESTO**

*WE, ALUMNI OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, GATHERED IN SANTO DOMINGO, COLONIAL CITY, FROM APRIL 30 TO MAY 3, 2026, DECLARE:*

**1. OUR FOUNDING CONVICTION.**

*WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WITHOUT JUSTICE THERE IS NO PEACE. PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT, BUT THE FRUIT OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, THE RULE OF LAW, AND SOCIAL EQUITY.*

**2. OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT.**

*WE EMBRACE THE LEGACY OF OUR FOUNDERS—SALESIANS, MARISTS, LASALLIANS, JESUITS, TERESIANS, MARIANISTS, DOMINICANS, AND OTHERS—TO FORM MEN AND WOMEN WITH CRITICAL AWARENESS, GOSPEL VALUES, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. CATHOLIC EDUCATION MUST BE A SEEDBED FOR CITIZENS WHO BUILD BRIDGES, NOT WALLS.*

**3. OUR CALL TO JUSTICE.**

*WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BEING AGENTS OF JUSTICE IN OUR COUNTRIES THROUGH OUR PROFESSIONS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. WE DENOUNCE ALL FORMS OF CORRUPTION, EXCLUSION, VIOLENCE, AND POLARIZATION THAT FRACTURE THE SOCIAL FABRIC. JUSTICE CANNOT BE THE PRIVILEGE OF A FEW; IT MUST BE THE RIGHT OF ALL.*

**4. OUR CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE.**

*WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BEING BUILDERS OF PEACE IN A WORLD MARKED BY DISINFORMATION AND DIVISION. WE PROMOTE FRATERNAL DIALOGUE, RECONCILIATION, AND ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN CULTURES AS A PATH TO COEXISTENCE.*

**5. OUR CONCRETE ACTION.**

FROM TODAY ON, WE COMMIT TO:

- BEING WITNESSES OF INTEGRITY IN OUR WORKPLACES AND PUBLIC SPACES
- EDUCATING NEW GENERATIONS IN THE VALUES OF TRUTH, SOLIDARITY, AND SERVICE
- WORKING AS A NETWORK WITH OMAEC TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE CARIBBEAN REGION AND THE WORLD.

**6. OUR HOPE.**

AS ALUMNI OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, WE BELIEVE THAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE WHEN JUSTICE IS LIVED AND TAUGHT THROUGH OUR MISSION FOR LIFE.

DONE IN SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2026.



**ALFONSO GIRALDO SAAVEDRA**  
*Presidente of OMAEC*



**MARIA ISABEL PICHARDO DE VALDEZ**  
*President of the XVI OMAEC Congress*



**GUILLERMO GUTIERREZ PIRAQUIVE**  
*Secretary General of OMAEC*