

## Abstract

The dissertation analyses the activities of Joseph Calasanz in education and the circumstances which resulted in founding the Order of the Pious Schools. The thesis pursues his decisions to promote education of children from the poorest social classes. Based on abundant literary sources, in particular, his correspondence, Calasanz's initiatives and instructions for administration of the schools and education of children have been examined. The work also pursues the aims of education and the key competences which Piarists were supposed to acquire.