

## **Abstract**

The Piarist Order was established in Rome by St. Joseph Calasanz. Early after establishing, the order was invited to Czech lands. First, they were introduced to Mikulov (1631) and more colleges were established in Moravia. First college established in Bohemia was in Litomyšl. Piarists were not introduced to Prague until 1752 with contribution from a historian Gelasius Dobner. J. Calasanz dedicated his life to help his neighbours, primarily poor children. For these children, he established primary schools where trivium (reading, writing, counting) was taught. Upbringing and education were the most important to J. Calasanz which is why he wrote several publications on how to conduct schools. Over the course of time, Piarists opened gymnasiums and higher-education schools. The concept of gymnasiums was inspired by *Ratio studiorum*, a document published by the Jesuits.