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**INVITATION TO ALL EDUCATORS AND MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT TEAMS,  
LAY PEOPLE AND JESUITS IN OUR SCHOOLS.**

... *"Discernment, a precious gift of Ignatius, is integral to our personal and corporate apostolic life. Discernment is more than ever critical for apostolic effectiveness. Consistent and participative discernment is our way of ensuring the ongoing apostolic planning, including implementation, monitoring and evaluation, is an integral element in all Jesuit ministry."*  
**(CG36, Decree 2, 4-5)**

**Let us rejoice in the Lord!**

Our network of Jesuit schools is preparing for the very important **Congress for Jesuit Education Delegates (JESEDU-Rio2017)** which will be held in October 2017 in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

In order to prepare for this Congress we invite all of our educators and members of management teams, all the lay people and Jesuits in our schools, to participate in the [VIRTUAL CONGRESS](#) in MARCH and APRIL of 2017. In this virtual Congress, we will have the opportunity to share our ideas and reflections on the proposals and themes that will guide the meeting in October. By participating, we can contribute to the discernment of the Education Delegates that will be gathering in Rio de Janeiro.

***It's time to act and work together as a global network!***

In order to participate in the Virtual Congress, you must visit the [website \(www.educatemagis.org/jesedurio-virtual-congress\)](http://www.educatemagis.org/jesedurio-virtual-congress), where you will be able to read the brief presentations on the basic themes of the Congress. Then, you will be able to **participate** by sharing your ideas and thoughts on them. In addition, we encourage you to spread the word to your colleagues in the educational community and encourage them to register at [Educate Magis](#) so that they, too, can participate in this process of discernment. We're counting on you!

Together in mission.

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