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**66th SIESC Meeting in Tirana, Albania**

God willing, from 23 to 29 July 2022 we will have the opportunity to meet physically in Albania.

The topic of this meeting is really attractive and we think it is comprehensive, where each of us has the opportunity to reflect on: **WITHOUT MEMORY NO MOVING FORWARD!** (taken from the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* by Pope Francis)

It will be three of our teachers who will accompany us during these days and guide us to live this experience of memory to the fullest.

P. Vitor Dema-Frat, an Albanian Franciscan, who studied philosophy, will offer us his essay on the **testimony of the Catholic clergy** in the communist era. The message that will accompany us on the first day will introduce us a little to the historical and spiritual climate that our people experienced and to the terrible persecution of the Catholic clergy in Albania.

Prof. Zef Paci is Professor of History of Art and Painting at the Faculty of Visual Arts, University of Arts, Tirana. Art must be responsible for moral values in order for them to become valid. **What happened during communism to art in Albania?** Transmission of truth in part, because the reality was very different and art, the force of human creativity, had to manifest itself in a very different way, being limited and restricted. In fact, this was how Albania had to be in the eyes of the totalitarian doctrine of communism.

Teuta Buka the Coordinator of Catholic Education, will present the *Pact for Global Education - Concrete work in our schools.* **Building together a holistic, open, flexible and constantly evolving educational ecosystem** that aims at the integral education of every child. Education is an act of hope where, at the centre of every formal and informal educational process, we place the human person, his or her special value and dignity, and his or her beauty and uniqueness, as well as the ability to relate to others and the reality around him or her.

We listen to the voices of children and young people to whom we transmit values and knowledge, in order to build together a future of justice, peace and a dignified life for each person. Even when the memory is painful, like what Albania has experienced, the past serves to remind us always that it must not be repeated.

During the **afternoons of our meetings** we will have the opportunity to visit some places of memory such as: Bunk art, the House of Leaves, the National Museum of Tirana, and to visit the historical city of Kruja. The **final excursion** will take place to Shkodra, a historical centre in the north of Albania, where we will have the opportunity to visit the cathedral, the museum near the cathedral, the mosque, the photo library, the former prison.

We greet you by entrusting you with the Pope's expression so that we do not forget the therapy of memory.

We cordially invite you on behalf of SIESC and the organising team.

For SIESC For the organising team

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