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Preface

May this short work on education, intended for use by those working in the schools associated with the Congregation, attain the end that I proposed to myself in composing it: the formation of the hearts of young people and the development of a positive response toward religion within them. I

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have always understood the education of youth to be only this, and I have always been convinced that the first duty of any teacher is to produce Christians: Society has a greater need for people of values than it has for scholars.

Knowledge itself does not bring about positive values, but positive values do influence knowledge and put it to a good

use. If there ever existed a time when this type of education should be an influence in the lives of young people, it is certainly now – a time when worldly and unchristian values seem to produce such confusion for the young. Christian education alone can influence the evil that we all experience in today's world. Christian education alone can return people to the belief in and practice of Christianity by inspiring positive values in the coming generations.

In order to bring unity to our efforts in educating young people in the schools with which we are associated, I have organized the educational plan that is discussed in this work. I call it a plan because as of now it is really only an outline of how to reach the goals I mentioned in my Circular Letter of May 29, 1856. I intend to complete work in this effort after I have received my observations and responses that the Brothers may wish to make regarding this document.



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