

VI. PATRIMONY AND FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

6.1 The Congregation is blessed with many material resources and has certain rights and duties in relation to its possessions. SRL states that “*all the Congregation’s goods are put to use to serve its aims*” (SRL 229), which is fundamentally identified as the evangelization of the poor (SRL 4). Consequently, all the material goods and resources at our disposal are entrusted in a very real and spiritual sense for the completion of the Congregation’s mission in the Church and therefore must “*be cared for, managed and used strictly with this end in mind.*”⁶

6.2 Educational works require considerable investment in terms of finance and human resources. Therefore the circumscription council shall work closely with boards of governance and administration:

- a) to ensure financial sustainability of each educational work;
- b) to put in place mechanisms to ensure best practices in financial management, accountability and transparency of each educational work.

6.3 The circumscription has the right to benefit from the use of its patrimony assigned to educational works. However, no educational work shall be established with the specific objective of fundraising or ‘*lucrative*’ gain for the local circumscription (Torre d’Aguilha 7.14.1). Experience has shown that educational projects require considerable financial resources over a long period of time.

6.4 As deemed necessary, the circumscription, in dialogue with the General Council, may acquire property, goods and services for educational purposes and alienate the same according to the established norms of SRL 248.3.4; 248.5.5.

⁶ John Fogarty, Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Christmas Letter 2015.