

## Declaration

Since the Kosovar post war period ('99) the Diocese of Prizren-Prishtina (The catholic church in Kosovo) together with donators and the religious order of the Jesuits as co-founder of the school "Loyola-Gymnasium" in Prizren, was willing to share this responsibility also with other institutions by founding the Asociation "Loyola-Gymnasium" (ALG) as the assembly of the responsible entities for the Loyola school.

On the day before the celebration of the school's fourteenth anniversary, on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, the regular ALG members' assembly was held. Unfortunately, this meeting did not proceed like a common meeting with exchange of arguments and an adjustment of positions. Instead of this it happened that a simple majority gathered and took all the decisions somewhere in advance, before the opening of the members' assembly.

Therefore, for the truth to be known, it appeared demanded to publish this declaration as follows below:

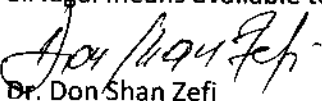
- The assembly of the members of ALG "Loyola" on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 dismissed with immediate effect and without appropriate, true and consistent reasoning P. Dr. Axel Bödefeld SJ from his position as Executive Director by voting.
- After this resolution of no confidence against the director, the religious order of the Jesuits (the German, the Austrian and the Croatian province) as members of the assembly and management of this institution, quit their membership of ALG as an expression of protest and disagreement and withdrew completely from the responsibility they had assumed for Loyola-Gymnasium.
- Our effort as a member of this assembly to mediate between to two sides was fruitless because the strategy of outvoting was prepared before. Something like this was fully strange for the Asociation "Loyola-Gymnasium" and for us.

Relying on the pure fact of the votes, decisions were taken that change completely the quality and the first objectives of the founders of this school and depreciate the Jesuits' commitment and sacrifices.

All this leads to the effect that the topic "Loyola" becomes an object of mistrust, uncertainty, conflict and greed of certain persons. Therefore the Diocese of Kosovo (Prizren-Prishtina) as a member of the association and also as a promoter and tireless supporter of this temple of education, asks pardon from you all, teachers and other working staff members, students and parents, donators and other institutions involved, for the situation arisen in Loyola-Gymnasium.

At the same time we appeal once again to the present board of management to reflect and to urgently convoke an extraordinary members' assembly to reconsider the resolution of no confidence against the Executive Director and to require the Jesuits' return to the school.

In case this shall not happen the diocese refuses any future responsibility neither towards students or parents who trusted us nor towards other institutions or organizations. Therefore we will make use of all legal means available to bring the school back on its earlier track.



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