



# YOUTH COORDINATION

*TOGETHER IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD*

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## **2001 - 2004    FIRST STAGES**

- a.    Weeks of youth formation in Europe (1998 IASI; 1999 ORADEA in Rumania; 2001 MIROMIR in Bulgaria).
- b.    Participation in the WYD (from its very start).
- c.    Meetings of representatives of member countries (Italy, Spain, Argentina, Rumania) with a view of establishing youth coordination.

## **2004**

- a.    International Congress on CA, Meeting in Loreto and IFCA IV Assembly with the participation of Spain, Argentina, Rumania, Ukraine, Poland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Uganda, Burundi, Mexico and Italy.
- b.    During the Assembly the representatives decided to set up a YOUTH COORDINATION in order that the CA youth groups in the different countries may get to know one another, exchange information and materials.
- c.    During the first meeting of the 2004-2008 Secretariat, Oana Tuduce, Rumania's representative, was charged with the YOUTH COORDINATION.

## **2005**

- a.    17 August - First International Meeting of CA youth representatives and groups from different countries. The countries present were: Spain, Italy, Rumania, Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico, Ukraine and Malta. H.E. Msgr. Francesco Lambiasi, IFCA's Ecclesiastical Assistant, and H.E. Msgr. Boutros Marcuzzo attended this meeting.
- b.    The idea of a World Pilgrimage of CA youth to the Holy Land was launched.
- c.    Preparations for the Holy Land pilgrimage started with a meeting with the Patriarch Michel Sabbah in October and the sending out of the first circular.

## **2006**

- a. Youths from different countries took part in the V American Continental Meeting (Buenos Aires, April) and in the III African Continental Meeting (Uganda, August).
- b. National meetings: Argentina, Burundi, Italy, Rumania.
- c. Preparatory visit to the Holy Land to establish contact and postponement of pilgrimage because of financial difficulties.

## **2007**

- a. Round table on youths' contribution towards evangelization in Europe during the IV European -Mediterranean Continental Meeting in Madrid (March): Rumania, Italy, Spain, Ukraine and Israel.
- b. National meetings: Burundi, Italy (Agora).
- c. Preparations of the pilgrimage.
- d. Preparations of WYD 2008, during which the possibility of twinings will be studied.

## **2008**

- a. Continual updating of the YOUTH COORDINATION section in IFCA website.
- b. Young representatives participation in V IFCA Assembly.
- c. Participation in the WYD 2008 in Sydney.

## Brief presentation of the CA YOUTH COORDINATION

CA is addressed to people of all ages and conditions of life. Presently CA is giving special attention to young people, following the example of the Church which is regarding pastoral youth work as a priority. John Paul II also affirmed this when he established the celebration of WYD. All this is evidence of the pressing need of an educational programme for young people keeping also in view that they are the future of the Church.

The Youth Coordination Project confirms CA's commitment to:

- maintain an "ongoing" link among CA Youth Groups in the different countries;
- encourage the participation of CA youth in international and continental occasions organized by the Church (in particular the Forum and WYD);
- support youth participation in all IFCA initiatives;
- promote formation activities for and with young people.

Countries where there are CA Youth Groups:

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| ARGENTINA   | <b>Acción Católica Argentina Area Jóvenes</b>    |
| BURUNDI     | <b>Mouvements d'Action Catholique Jeunes</b>     |
| ITALY       | <b>Azione Cattolica Italiana Settore Giovani</b> |
| RUMANIA     | <b>ACT IASI e ASTRU</b>                          |
| SPAIN       | <b>Movimiento de Jóvenes de Acción Católica</b>  |
| MEXICO      | <b>ACJM los jovenes JFCM las jovenes</b>         |
| VENEZUELA   | <b>Jóvenes de Acción Católica de Venezuela</b>   |
| PERU        | <b>Acción Católica Peruana Jóvenes</b>           |
| MALTA       | <b>Zghazagh Azzjoni Kattolika</b>                |
| SWITZERLAND | <b>Azione Cattolici Ticinese Settore giovani</b> |
| UKRAINE     | <b>Ukrainian youth for Christ</b>                |
| RWANDA      | <b>Mouvement d'Action Catholique Xavéri</b>      |
| POLAND      | <b>Katolickie Stowarzyszenie Młodzieży</b>       |

CA Youth groups are being established in MYANMAR and the HOLY LAND.