

**Catholic Action means...  
TOGETHER**

“ The mission is the task of Catholic Action.  
Formation is mission-oriented. ”

- It is the space and time where together we can listen to what our lives have to say and to question our faith. Catholic Action's formation is an open and welcoming experience for all those who wish to share culture, ways of life, dreams.
- It is meant for all those who are searching even for answers to the major questions in life. It is characterized by a type of personal guidance through the listening of the Word of God who is present in our consciences and gives an added value to the communication of faith.

**The Youth Coordination Group commits it self to:**

- ▶ maintain an "on-going" link among CA youth in the various countries;
- ▶ encourage CA youth participation in the life of local church and of the universal and continental Church;
- ▶ support the participation of youth in all IFCA initiatives;
- ▶ promote formation for and with young people.

**Catholic Action appeals to people of all ages and of all conditions in life.**

It focuses its attention on youth, on children and on the responsibility of adults to build active and mature christian communities wherein everybody participates.  
Children and Adults Coordination are starting after the 2017 IFCA Assembly.



**for our formation**

*My Dear Young People,  
... Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit  
who proposes bold choices; do not delay  
risks in following the Master.  
The Church also wishes to listen to your  
voice,  
your sensitivities and your faith; even your  
doubts and your criticism.  
Make your voice heard, let it resonate in  
communities and let it be heard by your  
shepherds of souls.  
Pope Francis 13.01.2017*



**Youth Coordination  
our Network**

**website and information**  
[www.catholicactionforum.org](http://www.catholicactionforum.org)



**A SPACE FOR US IN THE IFCA WEBSITE**  
[www.catholicactionforum.org/coogiovani/](http://www.catholicactionforum.org/coogiovani/)



**2017-2021 - YC Responsibles**

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**“the young saints  
“next door”**

**Our friend Blessed  
Pier Giorgio Frassati**

**A PROPOSAL - 1st November  
ALL SAINTS. Our most authentic identity Card**

change your profile picture on social networks  
with the image of your favorite witness  
choose it on the website.....

*Mekness, strength,  
and not cowardice,  
not mediocrity.  
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati  
— he was a young man  
used to say that one must live,  
not just get by.*

Pope Francis  
General Audience  
June 13th 2018

## our steps

From WYD in Köln to WYD in Panama

### Youth Coordination was created during Köln WYD 2005.

The CA youth participate with their diocese. For each WYD we offer a Spiritual journey for all CA youth with the blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and many other young saints.

### Catholic Action Youth Meetings during WYD

- Köln - 25 August 2005
- Sydney - 19 July 2008
- Madrid - 17 August 2011
- Rio de Janeiro - 24 July 2013
- Krakow - 26 July 2016
- Panama - 22-25 January 2019



## where we are



### Member Countries

**AFRICA 16** - Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Congo B., Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya (Metropolitane Nyeri), Mali, Central African Rep., Democratic Rep. of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania (Dioc. Kigoma), Uganda and 8 Observer Countries

**AMERICA 8** - Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and 8 Observer Countries

**EUROPE-MEDITERRANEAN 8** - Albania, Austria, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Spain, Italian Switzerland Ticino and 12 Observer Countries

**ASIA 2** - Philippines, Myanmar and 6 Observer Countries.

## Youth seminars with EU contribution

Youth in Action Program and Erasmus+ (Europe Mediterranean countries)

**Hand in hand we stand!**  
17-21 October 2009, Rome

**We act now for our Europe!**  
1-7 October 2013, Rome

**OWLS**  
Opportunités + Willingness + Learning = Success

**2018** 24 February -2 March, Rome  
7/13 August, Grottaferrata (Rome)  
2/7 October, Rome-Spello-Assisi  
**2019** 14/22 April, Birkirkara (Malta)  
18-23 August, Iasi (Romania)



## CA Youth after the Synod 2018 with *Christus Vivit*

Thanks Pope Francis for *Christus vivit*, the post-Synodal apostolic exhortation "to young people and to the entire people of God". (Loreto, 25 March 2019)

We are all urged to be the protagonists of this in our times, in our daily lives, and not to be satisfied to be looked upon only as the future because **we are the "now" of God.**

Luisa and Michele

**• INVITE YOUR BISHOP!**  
«You are the "now" of God» cv



### For the SYNOD 2018

- Contribution from our dioceses
- Participation in the Pre-Synod
- Participation in the Synod
- Our proposal for the Synod

A book written by Luisa Alfarano and Michele Tridente  
Responsibles for the IFCA Youth Coordination



## Towards WYD 2022 from Panama to Lisbon Portugal

with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati  
and with Card. Eduardo F. Pironio, Servant of God



"Go back to your parishes and communities, to your families and your friends, and share what you have lived, so that others can resonate with the strength and concrete enthusiasm that is yours. And with Mary, keep saying "yes" to the dream that God has sown in you."

Pope Francis, Farewell WYD Panama, 27.01.2019

## our friendship is growing in Holy Land



### International Pilgrimage in Holy Land

28 December 2007 – 6 January 2008

### Formation seminar: journey in the Land of Jesus

28 November – 13 December 2010

### With the youth in the parishes 2017-2021

Study and training Seminar  
Bethlehem, December 1-3, 2017  
Bethlehem, November 2019

### Ordinary activities

- The Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday
- Diocesan pilgrimages
- Voluntary work (Italian CA "Al vedere la stella")



## Black Sea Agorà

### A project with young people of Black Sea countries

- 1 2013 in Costanza – Romania
- 2 2015 in Bucarest Costanza – Romania
- 3 2019, in Odessa - Ukraine

