



CATHOLIC ACTION

PASSION FOR A RENEWED HUMANITY IN CHRIST

DURING THE SYNOD - IN A WOUNDED WORLD - WITH AND FOR EVERYONE

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Catholic Action in the Continents: realities, priorities, difficulties, challenges

Europe-Mediterranean



MEMBERS

Albania, Austria, Italy, Malta, Poland,
Romania, Spain, Switzerland
(Italian Lugano)

OBSERVERS

Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia,
France, Germany, Lithuania, Portugal
Czech Republic, Moldova Republic,
Slovakia, Ukraine, Hungary





Realities

**Different
Timelines**

Different Ages

**Ageing &
Shrinking
Catholic
Action**

**Different
Movements
& Works**

**Different
rites in
the same
country**

Ultimately: The Importance of Groups in the Parish!



Priorities

Communication & online presence for promotion

Community - taking care of each other

Being an outgoing Catholic Action

FORMATION

Promote parishes

Sustainability

Find more people who offer their commitment

to feel sent by the parish into everyday life

Engagement in life of church & society defend church & clergy



Priorities

FORMATION

The need to form and work with leaders / educators / responsible people

The need to involve young people

The focus on children's catechesis

Our identity as missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ

The need of a holistic formative process

The focus on the beauty of the First Announcement

The formation required to be credible and faithful lay people in everyday life



Difficulties & Challenges

MOBILITY

**WHAT IS OUR ROLE AS CA
WITHIN THE CHURCH?**

**INTERGENERATIONAL
DIALOGUE**

PARISH LIFE

ACCOMPANYING OTHERS

COMMITMENT

**COSTS & ADMINISTRATIVE
BURDENS**

PRESENCE IN SOCIETY

BEING A MINORITY

**COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RITES - SPIRITUALITY -
SOCIAL INJUSTICES AS AN OBSTACLE TO SHARING THE GOOD NEWS -**



Difficulties & Challenges

MOBILITY

- People are leaving our territory
- How to accompany people leaving their territory?
- How to strengthen links with our members living abroad?

WHAT IS OUR ROLE AS CA WITHIN THE CHURCH?

- Co-responsibility between laypeople and clergy
- Some bishops/priests do not understand Catholic Action
- Need of more priests who support Catholic Action
- What is our relevance in the church? New movements are more appealing and better financed

INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE

- The struggle to feel part of the same organisation
- Difficult to understand each other as we experience a fast generational change with members avoid taking on responsibilities for more than 1 year



Difficulties & Challenges

PARISH LIFE

- We need to rethink parish life
- Give value to associated apostolate
- Support CA in parishes and link them with the national aspect

ACCOMPANYING OTHERS

- How to address formation of our young adults?
- How to accompany our leaders / educators / assistants?
- Proclaiming Jesus Christ through our works
- Discover our work as a calling

COMMITMENT

- Lack of formed & committed leaders / educators / assistants
- People lead busier lives and want to find a balance
- people do not want to commit
- People feel overburdened
- Fewer people taking on responsibilities
- How to keep people motivated and committed?



Difficulties & Challenges

COSTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS

- Costs needed to maintain formation proposals
- Administrative burdens increase: how to find the balance between pastoral and administrative?

PRESENCE IN SOCIETY

- Being active citizens
- Our voice must be heard more (online & physical presence)
- Communicating our experiences
- Support & promote Catholic church
- Being more credible and faithful missionaries with passion in everyday life.
- Proclaiming Jesus Christ through our works



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