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INTRODUCTION

2021 was a monumental year for the Global Pax Romana family as it marked our 100th year milestone since Catholic Tertiary Students came together to make our contributions to Peace & Justice around the world. This global mission which started in 1921 as a response to the social collapse caused by the 1st World War, has continued to survive challenges without forgetting our call from the Gospel; the call for social action.

The Centennial has presented the global Catholic students an opportunity to come together to brainstorm and set cornerstones for new initiatives. We were able to prepare and approve a 5 years strategic plan for the period of 2021-2026 with participation of delegates from all regions. This plan will be the guide for wider engagement for young student leaders in the Movement worldwide. As the International Secretariat, we would like to express our special thanks to former IMCS President, Iris Almeida-Côté who guided us through the entire process of strategic planning.

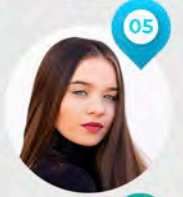
As we celebrate the Centenary year of Pax Romana from July 2021 to July 2022, we have witnessed and felt the warmth & strength of our global family who are joined together in solidarity from every corner of the world.

In light of the global pandemic, wars around the world, as well as the rise of the anti-democratic movements that challenge global student activism on many fronts, we are convinced that more than ever, our very presence is needed on every level of action, both as young student leaders as well as intellectuals. May the global Pax Romana family be the salt and light of the world whenever and wherever we are needed, for many years to come.

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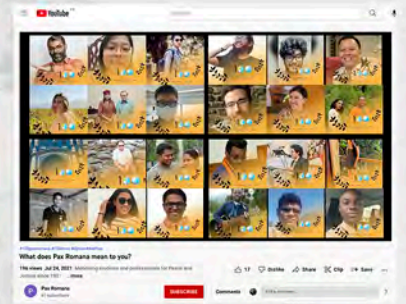
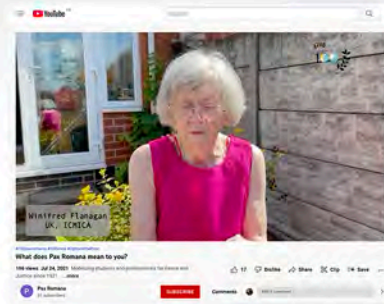
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International Coordination Team (ICT)

Pax Romana Centennial Celebration

2021 sees the global Pax Romana family celebrating the 100th year milestone of the movement's formation. IMCS and ICMI, the 2 branches that make up the Pax Romana movement, have declared a centennial year which would start from July 2021 until July 2022. Several events have been conducted to celebrate the contributions of Catholic students and professionals for Peace & Justice in the past 100 years. The joy of the centenary was celebrated through social media mobilisations, video testimonials from seniors in the movement as well as other celebratory gatherings both online and offline.

#100paxromana #100imcs #100miec #100icmica #100miic #Option4thePoor #IMCSPaxRomana@100 #MIEC@100 #MIIC@100 #Since1921 #Depuis1921 #Desde1921



Social Media Mobilisation



Pax Romana Centenary is a celebrative moment for all the IMCS and ICMICA members around the world. With the purpose of sharing the joy of the centenary with our members around the world, social media mobilisation was organised for 3 days from 21st to 23rd July 2021. For the mobilisation, members used social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp. Several ICMICA and IMCS regional and national movement social media pages joined with the mobilisations as contributors.

The International Secretariat released centenary Facebook profile frames in English, French and Spanish; thus allowing members and alumni of the movement to use them on their Facebook profiles. This has activated thousands of members of our national movements to participate in centennial activities.

On the 1st day (21st of July) of the mobilisation, Pax Romana centenary wishes were shared through social media through pre-recorded video messages and posts from national movement leaders and former members of the movement. On the 2nd day which was named as **#ThrowbackThursday** members were invited to share about the key Pax Romana programs and activities they have participated in. On the 3rd day

official centenary messages of the International and regional secretariats were shared and members were invited to share personal experience with IMCS on campus and from programs. Many members from all corners of the world had shared beautiful and inspirational memories about their journey with the movement. Many friends and well-wishers who wished to participate in the events, but were unable due to the Pandemic situation, were able to share their joy through the social media mobilisation.

Gathering at the Future Pax Romana International Secretariat in La Roche Sur Foron



For the past several years, IMCS and ICMICA together have been reflecting about the need to come together under a common International Secretariat premise as Pax Romana to rebuild the global movement. The proposed project is expected to take place in the convent of the Sister of Charity in La Roche Sur Foron closer to the city of

Geneva. A small gathering of Pax Romana friends was organised on 21st July 2021 in the proposed premises to discuss future actions and to celebrate the centenary at the future Pax Romana international secretariat. IMCS International President Ravi Tissera together with ICMICA International President Dr. Kevin Ahern and Secretary General Philip Ledouble participated in the gathering together with several former leaders, members and friends who are living closer to Geneva city. Spiritual sharing was facilitated by Markus Heinze OFM, the executive director of Franciscan International (FI). During the fellowship, Pax Romana leaders shared with the participants about the idea of the future common secretariat in La Roche Sur Foron and the plan for the expansion of Pax Romana international advocacy work through the centre.

Centennial Day of Gratitude - Chaplains Gathering

The Centennial Day of Gratitude was held on 21st July 2021 through the Zoom platform in celebration of both lay and religious chaplains' and animators' contributions or "The Mission of Accompaniment" in the Pax Romana movement.

Session was participated by many former and current chaplains, animators, coordinators and members from all the regions.



Our Footprints with Pax Romana - Interview Series

Throughout the history of 100 years, many people have journeyed together with the Pax Romana movement and have gained many life-changing experiences. Through the "Our footprints with Pax Romana" interview series, we were expecting to capture stories of our alumni which would inspire the future generations of young catholic students as well. Interviews were conducted by Dr. Edouard Karoue, Ravi Tissera and Eduardo Martin in French, English and Spanish which are the official languages of IMCS Pax Romana. Special thanks goes to Dr. Victor Karunan, Dr. Stefano Ceccanti, Mrs. Magdalena Durrón and many other alumni who shared their footprints with us. The interview series is expected to be continued beyond the Pax Romana centenary year with the purpose of sharing and preserving the inspirational experiences of Pax Romana alumni who are coming from various parts of the world.



Centenary Year Launching Ceremony

On 24th July 2021, Pax Romana centenary year was launched through an online event. Participants were able to join the ceremony directly on the zoom platform or through Pax Romana youtube and facebook channels. Ceremony was led with the participation of both international teams of IMCS and ICMICA. The session was conducted with a brief prayer service which included trilingual gospel readings, a gospel reflection from Msgr. Sergi Gordo, the

Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Barcelona and the prayers of the faithful. Following that International presidents of ICMICA and IMCS shared about the activities planned for the centenary year, and especially about the future common Pax Romana secretariat in La Roche Sur Foron, France. Finally the Centenary year was launched with a blessing of Patrick Cardinal D'Rosario CSC, the Archbishop Emeritus of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Centennial Advent Celebration

As we continued to celebrate the IMCS Pax Romana Centennial, we engaged students, alumni, lay animators and chaplains in the 2021 Advent sharing. This sharing was guided by the theme "gratitude for best practices in the accompaniment of the students"; this online event occurred on 3rd December, 2021. Nutifafa Abusah from Ghana and Anna Miccolis from Italy moderated the session. We listened to the gospel of Luke 24:13-34 as proclaimed by Fr. Etienne Triaille SJ, the former Pan African Chaplain, about the disciples and Jesus Christ in their walk on the road to Emmaus. The Chaplain

of IMCS Pax Romana in Latin America, Fr. Angel Seboya, shared two (2) of his best practices in the accompaniment of the students relating to how we see the existence of Christ, his works and his deeds.

To put this into perspective, we had asked students, alumni, lay animators and chaplains from across the world to share their experiences in a video on "What does IMCS means to me?". There



was also room for personal sharing when it comes to accompaniment of students, Chaplains Fr. Sergio Fenech (Malta) and Fr. Thomas Mthembeni (South Africa) shared on "Understanding the purpose and relevance of accompaniment?". Lay Animators Elisabeth Effrem (Ethiopia) and Law Lap Man (Hong Kong) shared on "How can we collaborate and engage with lay animators?" and Student Leily Pérez Chávez (Peru), Tinotenda Wakabikwa (Zimbabwe) and Anupma Bhengra (India) also shared on "What do students expect in terms of accompaniment?".



Memorandum of Cooperation signing for International Youth Training Centre (IYTC)

The IMCS Pax Romana Asia Pacific signed the Memorandum of Cooperation between Office of the promotion of Non-Formal Education of the Ministry of Education of Thailand, Baan Saan Fun Pan Suk, and the Brothers of St. Gabriel's Foundation, Thailand to establish an "International Youth Training Centre (IYCT)" in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 30th November 2021.

The Memorandum of Cooperation was attended by the Mr. Surasak Insrikrai, (Secretary-General, Office of the Promotion of Non-Formal Education), Brother Dr. Dechachai Sripichan, (Chairman of the Brother of St. Gabriel's Foundation of Thailand), Rt. Rev. Dr. Vira Arpondratana, DD, (Bishop of the Chiang Mai Diocese, Representative of the Catholic Church in Thailand), Dr. Jitprapa Srioon (Chairman of the Learning Center for All Ages, Baan Saan Fun Pan Suk), Brother Anurak Nidhibhadrabhorn, (Director, the Communal Life of Love and Unity of the Mountain People (CLUMP)), Dr. Fr. Jojo M. Fung, SJ (International Ecclesiastical Assistant IMCS Pax Romana), Mr. Ravi Tissera (International President, IMCS Pax Romana), Ms. Lapman Law (Lay Female Chaplain, IMCS Pax Romana Asia Pacific), Mr. William Nokrek (Asia Pacific Coordinator, IMCS Pax Romana).

Together, the three organisations will establish an "International Youth Training Center (IYCT) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This MOU is a significant milestone in our ongoing collaboration for young people. We would like to express our sincere thanks to our partners, supporters, friends, well-wishers, and National movements. With goodwill, clear ambitions and a strong commitment to work together, we look forward to taking the next steps towards our common goal of better.

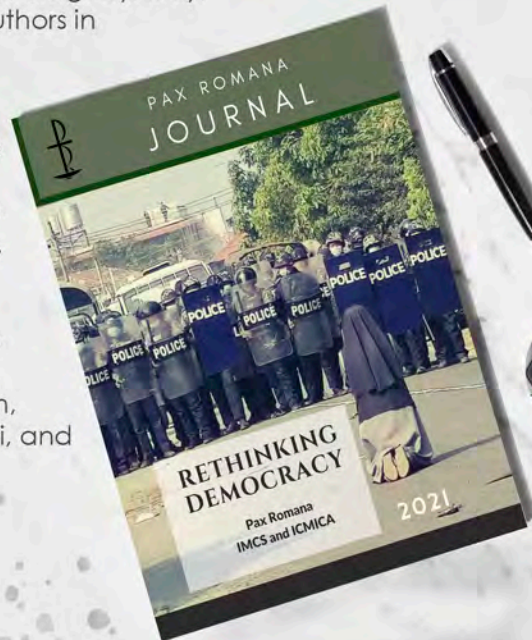


Pax Romana Journal 2021

The Pax Romana Journal is an annual interdisciplinary publication for literature reviews, research and opinion pieces on specific contemporary social issues. It is jointly published by ICMICA and IMCS.

The theme for this year is Rethinking Democracy. This issue features articles from nine contributors hailing from seven different countries (Indonesia, Germany, Australia, Uruguay, Italy, Switzerland, and Brazil). The authors in this volume bring a range of experiences, expertise, and ideas. We hope that these diverse papers can contribute in some way to the type of dialogue and social friendship that is urgently needed today.

Contributors includes Pablo Dabezies, Stefan Gigacz, Jens Mueller, Onesimus F. Napang, Roger Pochon, Walter Prysthon, Pietro Ramellini, Veronika Santi, and Andre Silalahi



Statutory Sessions

IMCS Pax Romana makes decisions with representatives of the national member movements. These student leaders participate in a democratic process which welcomes opinions through consensus building and collaboration. In 2021, national delegates met on several occasions through online platforms to deliberate & make decisions for the progress of the global Catholic student movement.



2021-2026 Strategic Planning Session

The IMCS Strategic Plan is a product of a synodal process of Students and Animators of the Movement. The outcome is a brief, high level plan with a renewed vision, mission, values, and strategic priorities for transformative actions over the next five years.

Through the strategic plan, we have established new mechanisms to facilitate our intercultural, interdisciplinary, inter-generational and earth sensitive communications and advocacy campaigns. To assist us in implementing this strategic plan of action, we have adopted a mechanism of Work-in-Commissions to renew and revitalise our movement for the next five years (2021-2026).

We wish to acknowledge and thank Iris Almeida-Côté, our alumnus and former International President of IMCS Pax Romana (1982-86) for the strategic accompaniment of the planning process and framework and Dr. Victor Karunan, our alumnus and former IMCS Asia Pacific Coordinator (1979-82) for sharing a historical perspective on the student movement.



Interim Election

The World Assembly of IMCS Pax Romana gathered online on 24th October 2021 for an interim election to elect the new Secretary-General. This was due to the resignation of the previous Secretary-General on 10th August 2021.

In line with IMCS Pax Romanas' General Statutes Article 28, the International Team called for a World Assembly vote via correspondence to elect the new Secretary-General. They unanimously approved the election of the new Secretary-General, Mr. Victor Kweku Ayertey who resumed the duty of the office from 25th October 2021 to December 2023.

VICTOR K. AYERTEY is Ghanaian & has been a member of the movement since 2013. He has served as IMCS Ghana National President from 2015 - 2016 & member of the International Advocacy team since 2018. He is an impact-driven youth leader with a zeal for community transformation, sustainable development & promoting social justice through advocacy. With a background in Marketing & Public Relations, he gained experience working in Academia, Social Enterprises, NGOs and For-Profit-making organisations.



International Council

International Council 2021 was organised as an online session on 12th December 2022 through the Zoom platform. Session was participated by the members of the international team, regional coordinators, and voting members from the national movements of each region.

Region	Voting members & sub-regions
Asia Pacific	East Asia - Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students (HKFCS) South Asia - Bangladesh Catholic Students Movement (BCSM) SouthEast Asia - Union of Catholic University Students of the Republic of Indonesia (PMKRI)
Europe	AKH Germany KHJO Austria
Latin America	JEC Ecuador MUC Bolivia
Pan Africa	NMCS Zimbabwe (South Africa) IMCS Ghana (West Africa) NMCS Kenya (East Africa) Congo Brazzaville (Central African)

Middle East & North America was absent from the meeting.

With 11 voting members present, the quorum was set to commence the International Council. Eirini Freri, JECI-MIEC European Coordinator, led the session as the Praesidium & Ravi Tissera, IMCS International President, presented the resolutions with the background for each of the proposed resolutions.

Following resolutions were passed during the International Council 2021.



RESOLUTION NO. IMCSPR2021IC01

Sale of Alexandre Dumas Apartment & Approval of Business Plan

Following the recommendations from IMCS Pax Romana International Secretariat, KHJO Austria proposes to pass the resolution to sell the Alexandre Dumas apartment and to approve the business plan presented by the IMCS Pax Romana International team.

DISBURSEMENT OF A. DUMAS APARTMENT SALE INCOME BUSINESS PLAN

Proposed Disbursement Item	Amount
Reservation for La Roche Sur Foron Property (Balance to be invested into a future apartment for IMCS)	200,000 Euros
Cachan Apartment renovation	50,000 Euros
Seed money for Fundraising	50,000 Euros
Savings/Emergency Fund	40,000 Euros
Total	340,000 Euros

Projected Min. Income from sale of apartment - **340,000 Euros**

* Any extra amount received from the above will be allocated to the purchase of future apartment near the new International Secretariat.

RESOLUTION NO. IMCSPR2021IC02

Purchase of La Croisee Building & Change of Address

Following the IMCS Pax Romana World Assembly 2019 resolution for the establishment of Pax Romana Centennial Centre, IMCS Ghana proposes to pass a resolution to sanction the IMCS International Secretariat to purchase and renovate the La Roisee building of Sisters' of Charity congregation in La Roche Sur Foron, France; and to change the official address of International Secretariat of IMCS Pax Romana from 7 Impasse Reille, 75014 Paris, France to **La Croisee, Soeurs de la Charité, Rue Soeur J. Antide Thouret, 74800 La Roche-Sur-Foron, France.**

RESOLUTION NO. IMCSPR2021IC03

Establishment of International Youth Training Center (IYTC), Chiang Mai, Thailand

Following the IMCS Pax Romana World Assembly 2019 resolution for the establishment of Pax Romana centennial center, Bangladesh Catholic Students Movement proposes to pass a resolution to sanction the IMCS International Secretariat and IMCS Asia Pacific Secretariat to establish International Youth Training Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand in partnership with Brothers of St. Gabriel and other like minded partners.

RESOLUTION NO. IMCSPR2021IC04

Recognition of the Pax Romana Federation

NMCS Zimbabwe proposes to pass a resolution to recognize the establishment and the function of Pax Romana Federation to support the activities of MIEC Pax Romana and MIIC Pax Romana, in the field of management, training & online communication, and all similar, related or complementary objects.



IMCS Webinars

Youth Community Forum - "Leading climate action through conservation & community engagement; giving youth access to resources for advocacy and action"

This IMCS Pax Romana initiative in collaboration with Youth For Our Planet was organised by Victor Ayerterey on October 4, 2021. The webinar was dubbed "Leading climate action through conservation and community engagement; giving youth access to resources for advocacy and action".

The Youth Community Forum was organised with the following objectives.

- Explore the intersections between access to climate action resources and community involvement.
- Provide the framework for youth participation and contribution of ideas for climate action through digital advocacy.
- To connect youth organisations, mobilise resources & collaborate to work & implement various strategic plans and programs in their respective regions.



The panellists were Josephine Marie Godwyll, a Doctoral Researcher on "Community Resources & Development" from Arizona State University and Francis Asamoah Bofo, Global Communications Manager of "Youth Our Planet" organisation. As a Conservationist, Mr. Bofo explored the intersections between access to climate action resources and community involvement during his presentation. Ms. Godwyll shared about the essentials needed to provide the framework for youth participation and contribution of ideas for climate action through digital advocacy. The importance of connecting youth organisations to be able to mobilise resources and collaborate to work and implement various strategic plans and programs in their respective regions was discussed.

For the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights

The International Movement of Catholic Students, Federation of the Democratic Republic of Congo, (IMCS Pax Romana DRC) organised on October 4, 2021, a webinar themed "IMCS Pax Romana: For the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights" in university environments. Students and Provincial Delegates, members of MIIC-DRC, Fr. Etienne Traille SJ, Former Chaplain of IMCS DRC and many others participated.

Three themes were developed which allowed the participants to have a panoramic view of the situation of human rights.

- The problems associated with the promotion and defense of human rights in academia.
- A commentary on Human Rights for IMCS-DR Congo/Pax Romana.
- Mechanisms for monitoring and engaging in advocacy on human rights.

Mr. Jean-Baptiste NDUNDU NSITUVILA, Former President of IMCS and MIIC in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Human Rights Defender, recalled that human rights are linked to the dignity of the human person. And Mr. Bénit MOKE, Federal President of IMCS DRC and member of the pedagogical team of RODHECIC (Network of Human Rights and Civic Education Organizations of Christian Inspiration) focused his intervention on the issue of the defence and promotion of human rights within the academic circles. Attorney Célestin OHOTE, coordinator of the Diocesan Commission for Justice and Peace in the Archdiocese of Kinshasa, summed up human rights monitoring, advocacy and reports on the various cases of abuses and violations of human rights in academic circles.



MIEC PAX-ROMANA :
POUR LA DÉFENSE ET LA PROMOTION DES DROITS HUMAINS

Intervenants :

Bénit MOKE
Président Fédéral de MIEC-RD Congo
Membre de l'Équipe Pédagogique du RODHECIC
« Problématique de la défense et de la promotion des droits humains en milieu universitaire. »

M Célestin OHOTE
Coordinateur de la Commission Diocésaine Justice & Paix de l'Archidiocèse de Kinshasa.
« Le monitoring et les plaidoyers sur les droits humains. »

04 OCTOBRE 2021
15:00 : Heure de Kinshasa
14:00 : Heure de Paris
17:00 : Heure de Nairobi

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Myanmar Military Coup and Democracy

Discussion Organized by Pax Romana ICMI & IMCS

"Myanmar military coup & democracy"

Speakers:
Dr. John Maung (Lay Mission Institute, Yangon)
Ms. Khin Thinzar (Human Rights Activist)

FEB. 13 2020
Register for the session with the link below..

22.00 Hong Kong
17.00 Nairobi
15.00 Paris
09.00 New York/Lima

On 1st of February, 2021, the military through a coup d'etat deposed the democratically elected government and established a military junta causing a huge public uprising all over Myanmar. With the purpose of creating awareness about the actual situation on the ground, Pax Romana organised an online discussion under the theme "Myanmar Military Coup and Democracy" on 13th February 2021. Dr. John Maung, the director of Lay Mission Institute of Yangon and Ms. Khin Thinzar, a young Human Rights Activist joined the session as the speaker.

Mother Earth Mourning - IMCS Asia Pacific organised a webinar to respond to Japan's plan on nuclear waste

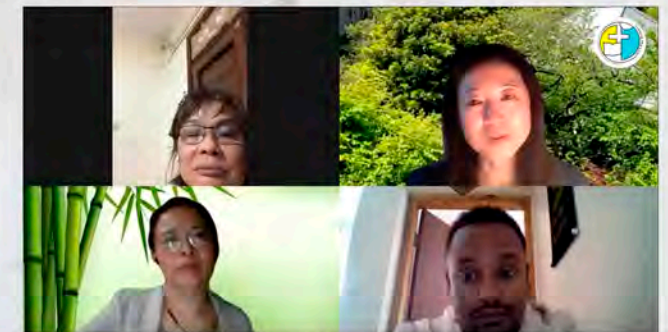
IMCS Asia Pacific organised a webinar on the theme, "Mother Earth Mourning" on July 10, 2021. This was organised in response to Japan's plan for nuclear waste management.

In March 2011, the Fukushima nuclear power plant was damaged in the Great Eastern Japan Disaster which saw damages on the cooling system as well as leakages of radioactive nuclear waste flowing into the surrounding sewers and into the Pacific Ocean. Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), the company in charge of the Fukushima power plant has said that although the concentration of radioactive materials that leaked was high, it was found via testings of radioactive substances in the surrounding sewers and bay, that the readings did

not increase significantly. Through these findings, even with the leakage that has happened, it would not pollute the environment at all.

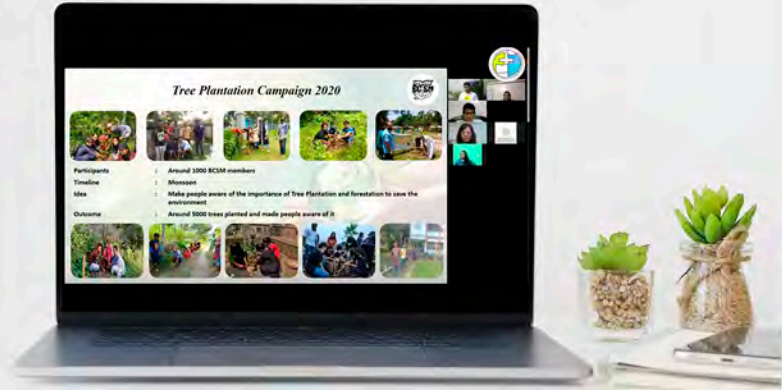
Although it has already been 10 years since the nuclear leak accident at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, Japan has failed to fulfil its responsibility to deal with the nuclear wastage. Moreover, Japan plans to dump nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean. It is also worth noting that in 2013, according to reports, some 300 tonnes of highly contaminated nuclear wastewater has leaked into the ocean.

The keynote was presented by Professor Miwako Hosoda, PhD, a Sociologist from Seisa University, Japan. Professor Noelyn Dano, PhD, a Researcher on Environment Studies was the reactor for the webinar. This webinar was jointly moderated by both Dr. Veronika Saraswati and Dr. Fr. Jojo M. Fung, SJ.



World Environment Day 2021

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2021, the IMCS Asia Pacific and Africa Secretariat jointly organised a webinar on 6 June 2021.



Launch of the Indigenous People's Youth Commission

As a part of the IMCS Pax Romana Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and On the occasion of the international day of the world's indigenous peoples 2021, IMCS launched the Indigenous People's Youth Commission (IPYC) on 15th August 2021. IPYC will ensure that indigenous students represent their communities at all levels, local, national and global. United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) Co-chair Mr. Binota Moy Dhamai was present as a speaker at the webinar.



Indigenous Women and Men overcoming multiple dimensions of marginalisation

Another webinar was organised under the theme of Indigenous Women and Men overcoming multiple dimensions of marginalisation on 22nd of August, 2021. Speakers shared about the experiences they have been through and the strategies and interventions youth can make to address the marginalisation and the empowerment of indigenous communities.



A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God - Season of Creation

The Webinar on the Season of Creation was conducted on 4th October, 2021.





International Day of the World's Indigenous People

A webinar was organised on the theme of celebrating Indigenous Culture and advocating indigenous people's rights in the Digital Era 29th August 2021.

The purpose of the webinar was to inspire indigenous youth to engage in the indigenous movement in Asia. To inspire indigenous youth to become future leaders of the indigenous movement in Asia. And to provide to indigenous leaders with the tools necessary to advocate for their rights in the digital era.

Synod and Synodality

A Webinar was organised under the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. Journeying together: IMCS Africa's role and Synod 2023" In this webinar, students were able to understand the Synod 2023 Preparatory Document (Summary By Fr Emmanuel Chimombo: Pastoral Department Coordinator AMECEA). It was also an opportunity to gather information, knowledge and data from the Students milieu, IMCS Africa's Role in contributing towards Synod 2023. All partners of the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) Africa, Students, National leaders, National Coordinators, IMCS alumni, National Youth Chaplains and friends of the movement attended the webinar and shared their wisdom contributing to the success of the Synodal process.

Synod 2023 Preparatory Document

THEME: FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION. JOURNEYING TOGETHER:- IMCS AFRICA'S ROLE AND SYNOD 2023

From 2021 to 2023, it will be a journey of sharing, reflecting, and listening at all levels across the entire Church!

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission.

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Chimombo
Pastoral Department
Coordinator: AMECEA

DEACON BURKA USURA SJ
A Jesuit from, Eastrip
Africa Province (AOR)

Time: Dec 18, 2021 02:00 PM Nairobi
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85675121806>
Meeting ID: 856 7512 1806
Passcode: imcs2021

IMCS Pax Romana Working Commissions

Over the past six months, Pax Romana has rolled out several activities in the quest to implement various aspects of the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan since its approval by the plenary in June 2021. It is worth sharing that we have made efforts to establish and run the Commissions which will work to facilitate the "Youth leaders-in-action, join us in building bridges of hope". Based on the period under review and the activities/projects that we are implementing, here are the following commissions;



Chaplains and Animators (C 7) Commission

This involves the formation of a C7 International Commission, which currently has nine members in the commission. These members will meet monthly to pilot the CAFÉ (Full form) model both at the Africa (Anglophone) & Asia Pacific Level and engage Chaplains and Lay Animators for the Advent celebration. This is geared towards strengthening the communication between the chaplains and regional coordinators through CAFÉ.

Indigenous People Commission

Asia Pacific (AP) has established this Commission and has got the National Movements to participate. They conducted the IP event on the theme "Indigenous People and the world – SDG13". However, not all regions have shown interest in forming this Commission. As part of the scale up strategy, we are building on the activities from the AP Region to having a Global level representation. Therefore, AP has outlined plans to run several programs and projects in 2022. We hope through AP we can engage other regions for participation at the global level.

Laudato Si Commission

The regional Laudato Si Commission was created by Asia Pacific. As National Movements implementing projects under the theme of Laudato Si are gradually building up to the regional level, we are planning to align the larger mission with the national projects and bring them under the same umbrella for learning. Hence, the scope of building forward indicates that Pan Africa will be establishing this Commission in the coming months. We look forward to bringing all existing activities under a common coordination. This functions more efficiently as a thematic area that can sync with various commissions.

Advocacy and Campaigns Commission

The response to this Commission has been impressive. The Asia Pacific Commission is working to run Advocacy training and activities for students & youth, which is open to all regions. While Latin America has received training, their committee is currently planning a suitable project for their region, while the Pan African and Europe Commission are currently formed in the initial stages at the Regional Level. Moving forward, we have plans to organise Advocacy training & activities that will bring together students of all regions to contextualise issues each region & support them to implement their projects.

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Skills and Training Commission – Learning and Development of Youth

To strengthen the context and role of the commission, we intend to integrate into the works of the other commission. Pan Africa has been able to form and organise several skills and training sessions for sub-regions and National Movements namely Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi, Ivory Coast, Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Sudan & Madagascar. Asia Pacific has a working commission (Continued Learning and Action Program - CLAP). However, a response from other regions to form an actual commission is yet to work out. Most importantly, plans are underway to guide and support regions that will be interested in forming this commission at the regional level.

Women Empowerment and Gender Equity Commission

Currently operating as a thematic area. The call by the Pan African Coordination to form this commission has been well received. Asia Pacific has formed a team, organised workshops and involved National Movements. Based on the evaluations, they have been able to create some partnerships with Institutions in the region and plan the next set of activities. Moving forwards, we are planning to take the next step to form the commission in each region and have the language barrier bridged. Also, a scope to have a coordinating team at the global level to manage the operations for this commission/ thematic activity.

Research Action Commission

Several regional secretariats are currently engaging in research and are expected to integrate them into the research action commission.

IMCS Asia Pacific secretariat is conducting a Stakeholder Analysis. The Pilot Stage with BCSM Students is progressing under the guidance of Dr. Ignatius Rasiah, a research consultant.

IMCS Pan Africa secretariat conducted surveys under the following topics;

- Informal education and Soft Skills development programs using Virtual platforms.
- IMCS Continued Learning and Action Program (CLAP) a virtual capacity building initiative.
- Understanding from the students' perspective on expected roles and responsibilities of the chaplains and animators accompanying Catholic University Students.

We have intentions to continuously engage researchers (professionals and students) to work on some research objectives and take action in the future until the commission is officially formed.

Fundraising and Resource Mobilisation Commission

This is not yet structured because we are considering the flexibility, accountability measures and establishing the needs of the Movement that will inform the type of mobilisation needed. We have been able to form this Commission at the International Level with support from some seniors of the Movement who have come together for consultation. As part of the next line of action, we are concluding on the activities of this commission and the involvement of students in this commission by working closely with the regions to form a student-centred commission that will work in tandem with the seniors.

Governance Policies Commission

Every organisation needs policies that guide the people and institutions that they interact with to implement activities. Hence, as a Movement, we are working to update the policies that we need as a movement; Ethical Code of Conduct, Confidentiality and privacy, Conflict of interest, Roles and responsibilities of the leadership in the movement, Strategic Partnerships in programming, training, advocacy and coordination activities, Diversity and inclusion, sexual harassment, Child safeguarding, E-Waste Management & Gender equity.

Recommendations

Notwithstanding these actions, we deem it essential to bridge the gap through the following priority areas for 2022 such as Advocacy, campaigns and engagement, Youth development, Project Management, Information & Communication and Missionary and Accompaniment. To work together with each Regional Coordination to form at least two (2) working Commissions in 2022, and supervise them to develop operational plans that are suitable to their context, involving students, alumni and prioritised partners for each project.

Financial Report



INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS 2021 REPORT EXPENSES

1. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY	16640.62	
- Office charges, maintenance		3995.70
- Office supplies costs		100.98
- Staff costs		4638.27
- Téléphone-mailing-internet		1710.39
- Communications tools - Publications		521.88
- www.imcs.miec.org		384.00
- Financial management and accounting		4600.00
- Others / welcoming visitors		407.26
- Bank charges		282.14
2. INTERNATIONAL TEAM	25,934.26	
- Allowances International Team		12512.00
- Transport allowances International Team		623.50
- Training International Team		4638.27
- Social charges		590.16
- Housing charges and maintenance		11054.97
- International Team change		1073.64
3. INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS - GLOBAL PROGRAM	172.13	
- International Coordination		172.13
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,747.01	

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS 2021 REPORT INCOMES

1. FUNDING	28,389.42	
- CAREME SUISSE		13589.42
- C.C.F.D.		14800.00
2. SELF-FINANCES	10,120.99	
- Membership		1450.00
- Miscellaneous and donations friends of IMCS		8669.93
- Financial services		1.06
TOTAL INCOME	38,510.41	
RESULT (EXCESS OF EXPENSES)	4236.60	
TOTAL	42,747.01	



Regional Report

IMCS Asia Pacific membership in APSD



IMCS-Pax Romana Asia Pacific has received membership from Asia Civil Society Partnership for Sustainable Development (APSD) as the Regional Youth organisation in the Asia Pacific. APSD is a regional (Asia) network and platform of international – regional civil society organisations (CSOs) in Asia engaged in the effective implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia and beyond through collaboration and

coordination among various initiatives and programs by member and partner organisations. APSD is a regional partner of the Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD) which is a global CSO umbrella network engaged in advocacy and campaign on SDGs and related issues. IMCS Asia Pacific is closely working with the APSD to increase young people's interest in SDG's and build the capacity and increase their involvement in Advocacy at local, national, and regional levels. For more info: <https://apsd2030.org/>



**ASIA
PACIFIC**



IMCS Asia Pacific & APAY Side Event for UN-ESCAP Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

The International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) Asia Pacific in partnership with the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs organised a side event during the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) that is organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). The side event that was entitled "Interfaith Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals: Organising and Mobilisation of Youth" was held on 24 March 2021.

The event was facilitated by three (3) young panellists who shared their experiences on interfaith and global cooperation in peacebuilding, protection of indigenous peoples and involvement in interfaith dialogue. The side event featured three (3) young panellists who shared their experience on interfaith and ecumenical collaboration in the areas of peacebuilding, protection of indigenous people and engaging in interfaith dialogue. The youth panellists were Mr. Toni Matthew, Focal Person of the Asian Indigenous Youth Platform (AIYP) on Land Rights and Environment, Mr. Tirmizy Abdullah, Associate Professor, Mindanao State University-Marawi; Director, Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM); Ms. Christiana Paruntu, Head of Health Department, Central Committee of Catholic University Student Association of Indonesia (PMKRI). The panel presentation was completed with the input on the main theme 'Interfaith Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals: Organising and Mobilisation of Youth' by Dr. Muriel Orevilla-Montenegro, Program Coordinator, Interfaith Cooperation Forum Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs.

The forum is the annual and inclusive intergovernmental forum and a regional platform for supporting countries, in particular those with special needs, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development while serving as a regional preparatory meeting to the high-level political forum.



Youth NGOs in Asia: jointly organised the C4UN consultation on UN75 in Asia



Youth NGOs in Asia: jointly organized the C4UN consultation on UN75 in Asia on 12 June 2021 under the theme "Young ASIAN Voices for the United Nation We Need".

This report provides an insight to the regional youth consultation session as part of the Coalition for the UN (United Nations) We Need (C4UN) regional consultation series. The result of this youth consultation contributes to the C4UN's Global Town Hall and to determine the priorities for the C4UN ahead of the UN75 Secretary- General's report (expected by September 2021). The series of meetings comprising

the regional consultation sessions, and the Global Town Hall were preparatory to the next C4UN People's Forum in October 2021.

The "Young Asian Voices on the UN We Need" youth consultation gathered over 60 youth from 14 countries. This session aimed to gather the concerns and suggestions of young leaders on multilateralism. The session discussed key questions which are: the relevance and the responsiveness of the United Nations to the current global challenges, the UN reforms required, and the role of CSOs and youth to take part in strengthening democratic global governance.

The regional meeting covers five thematic areas which are: environment, social covering the issue of poverty and inequality, economy, gender, and governance covering the issue of justice and human rights. Upon registration, delegates were able to select their respective key areas to contribute their inputs. The participating youth were activists and advocates in their own right championing the causes they are passionate about.

The meeting co-sponsors includes Malaysian CSO – SDG Alliance, IMCS Pax Romana, Pyeongchang Peace Forum, The Young Seekers, Youth Peace Ambassador and Asian Solidarity Economic Coalition.

IMCS Asia Pacific celebrates the Season of Creation 2021

IMCS Asia Pacific celebrates the Season of Creation 2021 with the students of the National Movement throughout the month (September 1 - October 4) on the theme "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God". The students of the national movement organised awareness campaigns and webinars throughout the month.



At present, global warming is a very alarming issue. The planet is careening toward the warming of 2.7 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels where global temperatures should remain below 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels to stave off the worse consequences of climate change. To save the world and to make it a better place for living in the future, we must act to stop the environment from being polluted. Planting trees, reducing the usage of plastics, spreading awareness, could help to save our environment.

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IMCS Pax Romana Continued Learning and Action Program (CLAP)

IMCS Pax Romana Global Initiative for Students Empowerment, Action & Solidarity (GISEAS) is an initiative created for the revitalization of the Global Catholic Students community. Continued Learning and Action Program (CLAP) is one of the flagship programs of IMCS Pax Romana under the global initiative which is focused on capacity building of masses of student communities on various social concerns through online workshops.

Indigenous people are often left out by the government while undertaking the developmental projects, resulting in abandoned culture and customs. This indeed has an adverse impact on the coming generations who are knowingly or unknowingly are pushed to suffer identity crises.

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IMCS Pax Romana Asia Pacific secretariat has conducted online capacity building programs under the CLAP initiative since 2020 in the Asia Pacific region. Being true to the main objective of the initiative, CLAP sessions have been able to reach out to a big number of grassroots leaders from IMCS national movements as well as other organisations. As Asia Pacific Catholic students, we are humbly proud that the CLAP initiative has been able to contribute to the capacity building of the young leaders of other like-minded organisations in Asia Pacific, as well as other regions.

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And some of the sessions have already shown great outcomes through the students' initiatives. The IMCS Asia Pacific Indigenous People's Youth Commission was created by the students upon the learnings of the CLAP session on the Indigenous peoples' rights.

The follow-up activities of the CLAP sessions have been a testimonial of the success of the CLAP sessions.

Video Testimonials from CLAP participants

Please visit this link:
https://youtu.be/5kf7hei_4CQ



Shaping My Tomorrow

"Shaping My Tomorrow" is a program designed for youth, for them to overcome the pandemic challenges and prepare themselves for the future during this pandemic time.

This program focuses on students self SWOT (Strength/Weakness/Opportunity/Threat) analysis, envision personal life principles and set concrete success indicators prior to conclusion, identify the immediate circumstances and realities and rationalise why they matter, Spiritual sharing, the need of living with other people/group and their feeling for their pathway for tomorrow.

The program is co-hosted by the Baan Sarnfun Punsuk (a private Learning Centre), Communal Life of Love and Unity of the Mountain People (CLUMP) and the Non-Formal Education (NFE) (an office of the Ministry of Education, Thailand).

CLAP follow up programs



Indigenous Peoples month

IMCS Asia Pacific celebrated the month of August as the month of the indigenous peoples. And on that occasion, IMCS student leaders led a social media campaign to advocate for indigenous culture, language and inherent rights.





EUROPE

European Committee 2021

From 11th until 13th of December the online European Committee brought together 28 delegates from the National Organisations, the European Team and the International Secretariat Teams to discuss the current financial situation of the movement, the registration in France, to create the work plan for 2021-2022 and the budget for 2021.

The European Committee elected the new European Team of 2021! The Executive Board of 2021 consisted of KSJ Germany, MCE Portugal, ASTRU Cluj, represented by Anna Holtkamp, Carolina Carreira, Paul-Cristian Sapon respectively. At the position of the European Coordinator, Eirini Freri from EKNE Greece was elected for a second mandate. The Team was accompanied by Fr Sergio Fenech, the European Chaplain, as he was assigned in the European Committee 2019.

Team Dynamics

During the year, the team met regularly in an online format, typically every two weeks. To coordinate the tasks the team communicates through Whatsapp and uses ClickUp, a task management application. Contact and communication between all team members was frequent. Although the Team has never met physically with all its members, it was possible to establish and create bonds. The overall cooperation was good. Fr Sergio, Eirini and Anna had the opportunity to meet twice due to the Training Session in Malta.



It was decided to share responsibilities and allocate specific tasks to each team member. Accordingly: Anna was the main responsible for social media and financial management; Carolina for the implementation of the guidelines and the regularisation of membership fees; Eirini was responsible for coordination, recruitment and contact with organisations and institutions and Paul took care of the website and the design of the Social Media. It was decided to carry out a similar approach to communication with member organisations in order to make communication more targeted, effective and personal. However, any team member could contact any movement or the other way around. The team summarised minutes from every meeting and made them available on Google Drive so future teams can use them as support or for clarification. Fr. Sergio's experience, support and perspective were extremely valuable to the team.



Team dynamics - Work of the Coordinator

The European Coordinator, Eirini Freri, was re-elected at the EC 2020, continuing the work previously carried out. She was always available and contactable, facilitating the work and development of the team throughout the year. Her previous

experience in the organisation, consistent presence and commitment was a great asset to the team.

Training Session 2021 Malta

From 5th to 12th September 2021 the training on "Today's students=Tomorrow's responsables" was held in collaboration with STEPS Malta and involved 25 (+ 2 online) participants from the following movements: Astru Cluj România, AKH Germany, KSJ Germany, Aktion Sodus Germany, MSAC Italy, EKNE Greece, JEC Spain, KHJÖ Austria, VKH Czech Republic, JEC France, IMCS and IYCS.





The Training Session explored national and European perspectives through a SWOT analysis, focused on mental health, communication and funding possibilities. At the end, participants had the opportunity to write their own applications and drafts for European activities.

The Training Session was supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

After the activity from the 23rd to the 25th October, the preparatory team met in Thessaloniki, Greece, in order to organise the follow up activities, finalise the output of the Activity, a best practices roadmap to be published online, and to create the report.

Representations

The JECI-MIEC European team participates in several regional conferences in 2021. These representations allow JECI-MIEC Europe to maintain and build partnerships with like-minded actors in the region.

European Youth Forum

The European Youth Forum is the umbrella organisation for Youth NGOs and National Youth Councils in Europe. It organises 2 Councils of Members (COMEM) annually and every second year the autumn COMEM is a General Assembly.

Online Spring COMEM 2021 17-18 April

At the Spring COMEM, JECI-MIEC was represented by Eirini Freri as an official delegate and Carolina Carreira and Paul Sopon as extra delegates.

This year the main items of the agenda were the following:

- Election of 20 representatives to the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe on behalf of the Youth NGOs and the National Youth Councils.
- Election/Approval of new full member of YFJ, National Youth Council of Ukraine
- Adoption of motion on Human Rights Violations in Western Sahara

For more information:

<https://www.youthforum.org/news/youth-democracy-in-action-highlights-from-our-council-of-members>

Hybrid Autumn COMEM 2021 19-20 November

The Autumn COMEM (Council of Members) took place near Brussels as a hybrid meeting with one official delegate from each member organisation joining physically. In total 90 member organisations were present. Anna Holtkamp participated on behalf of JECI-MIEC in person.



At this COMEM the first ever Policy Programme was adopted, the delegates discussed and adopted the budget for 2022 and continued with the governance review programme, while also celebrating the 25 anniversary of the European Youth Forum. It was an inspiring meeting and also a useful opportunity to network and connect with other movements.

New Quarterly Coordination Meetings

The YFJ board decided to establish quarterly meetings with the member organisations with discussion and information of current topics, and meetings in mixed groups of members for exchange of opinions and ideas together with the assigned board member for each group. JECI-MIEC will be present in all the meetings in 2021.

Policy Corners:

Policy corners are online discussion spaces created for the Member Organisations for informal exchange of ideas and updates on topics related to the work of the YFJ. They are accessed at Basecamp. Members of JECI-MIEC can be involved at the Policy Corners. Please find more information here <https://www.youthforum.org/policy-corners>



Online events of the YFJ

The European Youth Forum is organising several online events. One of them is the Training on fundraising where Eirini Freri participated at the training about writing a winning application on 27/10 and at the meeting with the DG EAC and EACEA who are responsible for Erasmus Plus.

The European Youth Forum offers many opportunities for members of the Youth Organisation to participate. It is not necessary to be part of the European Team to participate. It is suggested to establish a channel to share invitations for YFJ activities where JECI-MIEC members can participate and benefit.

COMECE Youth Platform

The Youth Platform of COMECE (Bishops' Conference in EU) consists of European Catholic Youth Movements. The Youth Platform meets approximately twice per year to exchange ideas and plan common actions. This year on June 3rd, 10th and 17th COMECE organised a Catholic Youth Convention on the Future of Europe about Social Recovery, Ecological and Digital Transitions and Democracy and European Values, involving approximately 100 young delegates from European Countries and NGOs.

One of COMECE Youth Platform's common projects was its involvement in the European Green Deal. After meeting with the cabinet of Mr Frans Timmermans in July 2020, the youth platform decided to organise an Interfaith Youth Meeting about the European Green Deal. The first part of the meeting was held online on October 1st where JECI-MIEC participated with 3 delegates, Fabian Eichmeier from AKH Germany, Lisa Anderer from KSJ and Teresa Gutierrez from JEC Spain. The second part of the event, with the honorary guest Frans Timmermans, Vice-President of the European Commission and responsible for the European Green Deal, was online on 25 November and was open for all members of Faith Youth Organisations.

Conference of INGOs

JECI-MIEC is a member of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe. The CINGOs consist of European NGOs. Eirini Freri participated at the General Assembly in April 2021 where the elections of the new Board were held. At this Assembly, the Conference decided and elected commissions thematic.

Orientation guidelines implementation / review

The main action point defined for this first year according to the Plan for the implementation of the guidelines was the "Organisational development", with focuses on the following points:

- Increasing visibility to Member movements, external entities and the general public
- Improving communication
- Increasing engagement of national movements at the European level, in terms of taking on responsibilities and active participation
- Providing training opportunities for young people in positions of responsibility
- Intercultural dialogue / Inclusive environment

The increase in visibility occurred essentially through the social networks and the presence in the various representations, was a point developed throughout the year and is considered positive. In parallel, the team maintained communication with Member Organisations and asked for their participation and presence in various activities, promoting responsibility, commitment, integration and involvement of all. The pandemic situation did not favour the creation of more opportunities for the last two topics. Taking into account that this is a work to be developed in the long term, the objectives set have been reasonably achieved and indicate a good start for the implementation of the Orientation guidelines.

Evaluation Work Plan

The main objectives were:

- Registration in France
- Updating the situation regarding the membership fees
- Strengthen the communication with the Member Movements
- Applications to financial support
- Increase visibility
- Create an action plan and implement the Orientation guidelines

The points mentioned above have been achieved, with the exception of obtaining financial support, although some are a work in progress. In this way, the Team considers the year was positive and that the planned work was largely accomplished.

Registration in France and Creation of Bank Account

At the European Committee 2020, it was decided to create a Commission to assist the European Team to register JECI-MIEC in France and to select a new bank. Since April 7th European Coordination JECI-MIEC is officially registered in France under Law 1901 and has opened a new bank account in Credit Cooperatif, an ethical bank as it was decided by the European Committee.

Approaching Former Partners

At the beginning of the year, the European Team reached VKH Czech Republic through facebook and established a contact. The movement was invited to the Training Session and participants with one person. After the Training Session, VKH Czech is interested to cooperate with JECI-MIEC in the future. Additionally, IYCS has created a commission on promotion and extension, where JEC Spain is appointed and JECI-MIEC is responsible, and one of its objectives is to contact possible members of the movement.

Social Media

In 2021, JECI-MIEC maintained the following social media: Instagram, Facebook and Discord. JECI-MIEC also uses a website and is trying to update it periodically.

The goal for the social media presence was to create a platform to keep people updated, inform them about events and provide general information. The main focus was on Instagram and reposting on Facebook. The content was drafted based on the following pillars: informative, collaborations, announcements and spiritual. Within the informative content pillar, there was a campaign with general information about JECI-MIEC regarding the history, current member movements, IYCS, IMCS and the partners. Under Cooperation there is a campaign introducing all participating member movements. The team provides information about current events such as the Training Session in Malta as part of the Announcements section. For the spiritual pillar, there was published a theological reflection every Sunday and ran a special campaign for Lent. The number of followers has increased by 63% compared to January 2021.

There has also been set up a Discord channel in the hope of having an area where members can interact. However, the Discord channel does not have many members and is not used very much.

Theological Reflection

To keep alive the spiritual dimension of JECI-MIEC throughout the year, theological reflections were offered to our members in various formats.

- On several Sundays, stories and instagram posts proposed short phrases that would help upon the reflection of that Sunday's Gospel reading.
- At the start of liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent etc., a more word content based post was sent as to spiritually guide our members in that particular liturgical period that was going to start.
- During the Lent period there was also a Lent reflection session on Zoom on the 20th of March where a number of participants from the European movements prayed together, reflected upon the passion of Christ and adored the 5 wounds of Jesus.
- In every organised event it was always made sure to make time for a theological reflection that would accompany the inputs and outcomes of the particular event.

Apart from theological reflections put forward to the members there were also internal reflection and discussion on how to strengthen the chaplain service given by the coordination. Meetings together with other chaplaincies within the international movement were held to discuss and reflect the needs of our members and a way forward. The first major proposal was to organise a CAFE (Chaplains Animation Formation Exchange) that will give opportunities to chaplains within our national movements to meet and exchange ideas and concerns and also meet Chaplain Alumni and experts for formation sessions.



LATIN AMERICA

2021 has been a very challenging year due to the continuity of the coronavirus pandemic and the slow vaccination process. In this sense, Latin American movements have continued their activities within the framework of virtuality.

For Latin American coordination, it has been a time of change and transition, as the Latin American Committee concluded in March with the election of the new task force.

On the other hand, virtuality has allowed it to be a year of great participation in international spaces and that we can strengthen ties with other regions.

Latin American Team (2021)	
Regional Coordinator	Karin Idrogo (Peru)
Regional Chaplain	Fr. Ángel Saboya (Peru)
Advisory Board	Fr. Luis Fernando Crespo (Peru)
Advisory Board	Rosario Zapata (Peru)
Advisory Board	Jorge Parra (Chile)

IMCS Member Movements in Latin America

BOLIVIA

Movement of Catholic University Students (MUC)

CHILE

Association of Catholic University Students (AUC)

ECUADOR

Catholic Student Youth (JEC)

PERU

National Union of Catholic Students (UNEC)

Spaces for Participation



Centenary Pax Romana

The Centenary of our movement has given rise to many learning spaces in which our students have been able to interact and learn much more about the history and organic of the international movement.

Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean

This year, the Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean took place in our region. This space was a call made to all the people of God with a synodal character, to remember what happened in the Fifth General Conference in Aparecida, to look contemplatively at our reality with its challenges, to revive our pastoral commitment so that our peoples have a full life in and on the new paths towards 2031-2033.

This great event, which took place in November, had a previous space of preparation called "Listening Process", where various topics were proposed that the communities could work freely and then send their reflections through the web portal of the Ecclesial Assembly.

Within the framework of our VER-JUDGE-ACT methodology, Latin American movements work on the following topics:

1. In the face of large educational gaps, it is necessary to "A global educational pact" (See)
2. Young people as social actors and cultural managers. (See)
3. Grow in the following of Jesus (Judging)
4. The mission, to be a movement in "exit" (Judge)
5. The call towards an integral ecology (Act)
6. Towards an integral renewal (Act)

Our movements did the work in July and August of this year, and finally the SLA sent the unified reflections, as the voice of all the Catholic student movements in Latin America.

SLA Memory Events, and Latin American Movements

Since 2020, coordination has been brewing to make panels on the history of Latin American movements and the coordination instance. These spaces were held in coordination with the Movement of Catholic Intellectuals of Latin America, and the University of Florida; the objective was to rescue the history of

Latin American movements to socialise it through podcasts. To this end, 7 testimonial panels were held divided into different themes that took place from July to October of this year. In addition to rescuing memories, these panels served to regain contact with former members who are willing to support our movements.



Pax Romana Centennial Latin American Memory Event series posters



Next, we will specify the themes of the 7 panels:

- Founding Meetings of Pax Romana in Latin America and the Caribbean: La Capilla 61 and Montevideo 62' (31 July 2021)
- "Unification of the Secretariats" "Publications" (14 August 2021)
- "Pastoral and Theological Maturity of the Movements" (28 August 2021)
- "Crisis and Persecution of Movements: The Secretariat and National Movements (1972-1980)" (11 November 2021)
- "Renaissance and New Challenges (1980-1995)" (2 October 2021)
- "The Advisors of the Ecclesial Communities" (9 October 2021)
- "Movements today" (23 October 2021)

Contact with the Young Spirit Movement

In August of this year, we were contacted by the movement of Young Foreign Catholics in Cuba "Young Spirit", so we established communication to meet them and see if we can later do joint activities. To this end, a first meeting and coordination meeting was held on September 5, 2021. Subsequently, some invitations to the meetings held have been extended to them and the SLA has participated in its anniversary on October 31, 2021. With this movement we continue in a period of rapprochement and knowledge.

Achievements

- To bring the voice of our movements through participation in the process of "Listening" of the Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Organisation of memory spaces of Latin American movements.
- Contact with former leaders interested in supporting the movement.

Challenges

- Economically stabilise the SLA.
- Moving Forward with the SLA Historical Archive Digitization Project.
- Maintain the Unity of the Movements in the context of virtuality.
- Hold a training meeting of Advisors.



PAN AFRICA



Students Participation in Community Action.

This was a programme designed by IMCS Africa. It was implemented in 7 countries from Eastern and Central Africa. 396 IMCS members and Youths from the community participated during the implementation of this project. A total of 1500 people directly benefited from this community action and students participation project.

BURUNDI

Environmental Protection and Cleaning Activities



ETHIOPIA

1 Month internship program for 28 students in Ethiopia



KENYA

Tree Planting and Care for Children in need



RWANDA

Fruit trees Planting and Environment Cleaning



SOUTH SUDAN

Tree Planting and Addressing the Challenge of Climate Change



TANZANIA

Environment Cleaning and Blood Donation and Charity Activities



UGANDA

Workshop on Teenage Pregnancy, and Tree Planting



IMCS Africa: Promoting youth (students) innovations & Culture of Entrepreneurial Mindset

This is a pilot program to promote students innovations/talents, a culture of entrepreneurship mindset, building the capacity of 200 youth (students) from 08 countries (Kenya,

Burundi, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Eritrea, and Ethiopia), and creating 3 youth-led micro businesses for 15 young peoples that contribute responding to unemployment during and after Covid-19.

A total of 8 Virtual Capacity Building Workshops on innovations and culture of entrepreneurial mind-set were organised by IMCS Africa. And 215 Students from 7 countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and Uganda) directly benefited from the training workshops. Through this program, 19 students submitted their innovations and the best 3 innovations were selected and awarded by IMCS Africa. The best three selected students' innovations are

- I. Project of Growing Apple (by: IRADUKUNDA A.M) from Rwanda
- II. Sungura Farm Rabbits (by: NNGORE SILAS MWONGERA) from Kenya
- III. Aquaculture Business Venture (by: FERDINAND NASIBU) from Rwanda

IMCS Africa Leaders Session

Two days training workshops were organised for 39 leaders and Chaplains from 13 countries who have been trained on technical aspects to operate national movements' activities.

The training was themed; the role of student leaders and chaplains in developing innovation and soft skills in students and youth outside school. It strengthened the technical skills of student leaders and national chaplains, improving student activities and strengthening



accompaniment. The training was done virtually via zoom on 30th and 31st July 2021 and was attended by 39 participants. The participants were national movement leaders and chaplains with an average male / female representation of 60%:40%. The training focused on the following topics:

Topic	Facilitator
Servant Leadership, Chaplains and Chaplaincy revolving on Pope's messages to young people in CHRISTUS VIVIT	Fr. Jojo Fung SJ (International Chaplain, IMCS Pax Romana)
Promoting student's innovations, Soft Skills development and Entrepreneurship mindset	Aaron Fenu (Former IMCS Pan-African Coordinator)
Encyclical letter "fratelli tutti": summary of pope francis's on fraternity and social friendship	Fr. Fratern Masawe SJ (IMCS Pan African Chaplain)
Situational analysis, local resource mobilisation skills and Community development projects (National, and Regional)	Aaron Fenu (Former IMCS Pan-African Coordinator)
Human Rights, Human Support Campaigns and Child Protection Policy within IMCS Africa structure	Attorney Hillary Muthui

IMCS Africa Database & Hybrid eLearning System

IMCS Africa virtual learning and Database system was developed and launched. The purpose of this system was to give online courses to our students and to keep the data of IMCS Africa and its members in secured and digital formats. IMCS Africa with the help of partners and its ICT team managed to launch the system on 11th of December, 2021.



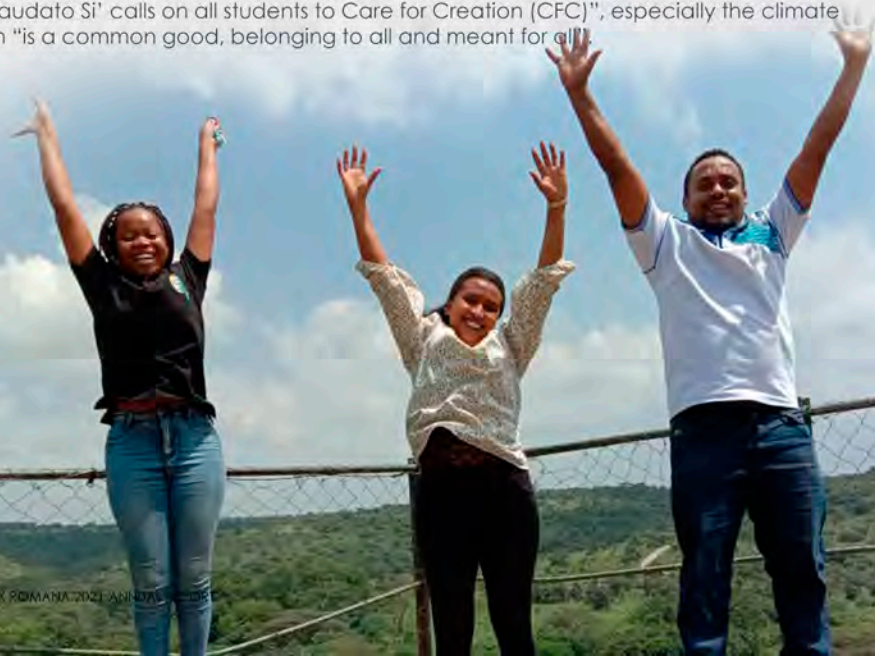
CELEBRATION

Laudato Si Week



IMCS Africa together with NMCS Kenya, IYCS Africa and IMCS Ethiopia celebrated Laudato Si Week and Season of Creation by planting trees and cleaning activities under the theme "Students' Response to Climate Action, and Clean Environment".

Fr. Jojo M. Fung SJ, international Chaplain of IMCS Pax Romana gave a special seminar on "Laudato Si' calls on all students to Care for Creation (CFC)", especially the climate which "is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all".



Ignatian Year 500

With their rich Ignatian Spirituality, the Jesuits have been rendering the Chaplaincy services to the IMCS – Pax Romana Africa. With this hope filled service to the youths, many young people under the umbrella of IMCS Pax Romana Africa have discovered their vocations such as religious life, married life and professions. As the Society of Jesus celebrates the 500 Anniversary of Ignatian year, the IMCS Pax Romana Africa joined the Jesuits and other Ignatian families in prayers and celebration that our gracious Lord may continue to guide the Society of Jesus in its mission for the Greater Glory of God.

On 13 November, 2021, IMCS Africa organised a webinar to celebrate 500 Years Ignatian Anniversary and the Fruits of the Services of the Society of Jesus to the Youths (Students) in Africa. Fr. Allan Ggita SJ who is a Jesuit Priest from Uganda (Director of Development, Jesuits Eastern Africa), Mrs. Catherine Njuguna a former IMCS Africa coordinator and UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights East Africa Regional Office (UN OHCHR – EARO) and Burka Usura Gelato SJ a Jesuit Deacon from Ethiopia, Eastern Africa province (AOR) facilitated the webinar.

WEBINAR ORGANIZED BY: IMCS-PAX ROMANA, AFRICA.

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OUR AWESOME SPEAKERS:

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Burka is a Jesuit (Deacon) from Ethiopia, Eastern Africa Province (AOR).
- Moderator, Raoul Fongue**
Former NMCS Kenya National President
- Raoul Fongue**
English/French Translator

13 NOVEMBER 2021 04:00 PM AFRICAN TIME

All IMCS Members, Alumni, families, and friends of Pax Romana are cordially invited.

Zoom
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