



The Unum Omnes representatives in the following countries are actively involved in youth ministry.

In Argentina our representatives are Catholic Action, in Ghana they are the Knights of Marshall, in Ireland the Knights of St Columbanus and in Lithuania the Living Stones Catholic Community.

The Knights of Marshall and the Knights of St Columbanus are also members of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights who are members of the Catholic Inspired NGOs.

Argentina Activities

Youth management competition, “Hope for development”

The Youth Management Contest "Hope for Development" uses an educational simulation program that promotes the development of skills in the economic, labour and social fields, with a view to the common good, accompanying the teacher in the classroom and in the animation and integration of the contents of their subjects, being a practical, didactic and motivating tool for the students.

The participants are students from the last three years of high school of all types, who must form a virtual company of up to four members, give it a fancy name and register it in the contest, in which 27,000 young people from all provinces have already participated.

Students make decisions to run their organization, where analysis, initiative, freedom and responsibility are the fundamental ABC of the teamwork.

For the second part of the year, a new call for the other big competition, "Plastic expressions competition- educating for peace", destined for primary children, also in schools.

Ghana Activities

INTRODUCTION

The Junior Order comprises of One Hundred and Seven (107) Junior Councils and Courts spread across Ghana, Togo-Benin, Liberia, Sierra Leone, the United Kingdom and Burkina Faso.

Programme of activities are drawn on a Local, Regional and Zonal levels and are based on both Social and Religious activities.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

1. Youth Conferences/Camps – these programmes are held every year and this affords the Juniors the opportunity to learn and get them involved with activities that will enhance their growth. During these programmes the following activities are organized.
 - Career counseling and guidance – The Juniors are taken through such programmes to enable them choose good career for the future. Mentoring and Coaching sessions are also held.
 - Youth Formation –The Juniors are taken through sessions to educate them on good moral upbringing and respect for the elderly.
 - Youth Development – the Junior are taken through the stages of development in life to enable them grow to be good adults.

- Talent Hunt – activities are held to bring out their talents and are assisted to enhance their innate abilities for their future lives.
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2. Charity Works and Voluntary Services –To inculcate the spirit of self- help and volunteerism among the Juniors the following activities were held. They also donated items and money to the homes and orphanages they visited.
 - Church cleaning
 - Visit to Child Protection Homes
 - Orphanages
 3. Talks/Open Fora –The following activities were held to educate the Juniors about the word of God and also to enable them understand better the doctrines and dogmas of the Church. Some of the activities are done on competitive basis to enable them understand the teachings better.
 - Bible sharing
 - Debates
 - Bible Quiz
 - Talks Doctrines of the Church
 - Essay competitions
 4. Retreats and Recollections – to enhance their spiritual growth these were held during the Advent and Lenten periods.
 5. Leadership Training (Officers Forum) – this activities were held to train new Officers to enable them understand what leadership is and how they can behave as leaders.
 - Officers Fora and Orientation
 6. World Youth Day celebrations – The Juniors celebrated activities that were planned to commemorate the World Youth Day celebrations for 2019 which was climaxed in Panama.
 7. Some members of the Junior Marshallans in the Basic Schools were encouraged to join Integrity Clubs which the NGO Wing of the Order, (Maredes) in partnership with Caritas Ghana and other Faith Based Societies has established in the country. The objective was to give the children the exposure on causes and effects of corruption, and to uphold integrity as a priceless value in the fight against this canker. This initiative was also to help form the heart and shape the mindsets of the children to shun corruption.
 8. In the past the Order has sponsored programmes to enhance the teaching and learning of Science and Mathematics for girls in deprived rural communities in the country. The programme touched over 5000 girls over a period of 3 years. Some Mathematics and Science teachers in rural community schools were also sponsored to a week's course in Mathematics and science teaching methodologies.
 9. The Juniors also took part in the International Alliance of Catholic Knights Essay Competition. This gave the Juniors an opportunity to share their ideas on the with their colleague youth outside the country on the topic “Walking in Joy to serve the Lord”-A young person’s perspective on living the Good News of the Gospel in today’s world.

Ireland Activities

The Catholic Men's Lay Organisation, the Knights of St Columbanus, have financed the establishment of the St. Pope John Paul II Award in the majority of dioceses in Ireland. This award is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. Young people achieve their Award by taking part in parish and social activities – 1 hour per week over 8, 14 or 20 weeks. There are 3 Award levels – Gold, Silver & Bronze. Those that have completed the Gold Award have a further option of completing the Papal Cross Award. Over 25,000 young people, in 24 dioceses throughout Ireland have successfully completed the St. Pope John Paul II Award since it was created in 2006 by the Knights who promote and finance the award in all Dioceses. Our members serve on the National Committee and have sponsored the appointment of a National Coordinator for the past two years.

Many Dioceses and parishes have further developed the award by providing catechetical opportunities for the participants.

Further information can be obtained at

<https://thepopejohnpauliiaward.com>

The Knights of St Columbanus also promote and finance an All-Ireland Schools Public Speaking Competition with a National Final which is televised. The participants must be in their final years of second level education

The subjects to be addressed cover the following areas

Social Media and the Gospel

Life and Family Issues

Living the Christian life

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation

Young Christians

Teams of three students deliver their presentation which must be no longer than 13 minutes.

Students are expected to support their arguments with references from Old and New Testament, Church documents, Church teachings, Papal Encyclicals, Youcat and Docat. For Non-Catholic Schools references to statements from Church of Ireland Synods, Presbyterian General Assemblies and Methodist Conferences statements (Bishop's conferences) are welcomed.

Each team will be expected to address the topic under discussion in a balanced way.

When the team presentation is finished, an unseen question, is asked. After conferring for 1 minute a team member responds.

The competition has been running for 5 years and is growing in popularity

The competition

- Engages young people Catholic and those of other faiths in comprehensive research of Church Teaching and Scripture.
- Encourages team work

- Strengthens relationships between teachers and pupils.

Here is a link to some of the successful participants making their presentations

<https://www.icatholic.ie/kosc>

The Knights of St Columbanus are involved in setting up Catholic Youth Ministry Ireland, which is caring for Youth and Young Adults. The aim is to enable them to work together better, supporting one another in their efforts, and to collaborate on regional, national and international projects and to promote and offer direction to those working in Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry based on best practice.

The Objectives are to develop, sustain and promote a national vision and strategy by providing a regular forum for ideas, national vision and strategy to be shared, promoted, developed and evaluated and reflecting on and being nourished by common themes from scripture, Church teaching, magisterial and other theological writing in a form which is accessible and easily understood and liaising with other groups and agencies working in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in Ireland and internationally.

Lithuania Activities

YOUTH FORMATION IN THE LIVING STONES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.

Living Stones Catholic Community organizes a prayer group for children aged from 7 to 10. The group gathers once per week from October to Pentecost. This group also functions as a preparation group for the First Communion Sacrament. About 30 children are prepared for the First Communion Sacrament each year.

Some of these children after receiving their First Communion want to continue the prayer group, therefore the group of young missionaries is organized. At the moment there are two groups of young missionaries (aged 10-11 and aged 12-14). Both of these groups also gather once per week from October to Pentecost. Young missionaries do some little missions. For example, they serve as volunteers at the youth prayer weekends, retreats, Renewal Days or camps; they worship or give testimonies; they go the street and give the people something that they have made (a cake or some little present); they visit children or elderly care centres, etc.

Since October 2018 Living Stones Catholic Community has also started the preparation group for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All youth prayers groups have lent and advent retreats and summer camps. These events are also attended by children and young adults from other communities and parishes.

YOUTH MISSIONS.

Renewal Days. *January 28, April 22 and October 21.*

Renewal Days is the biggest mission organized three times per year by the Living Stones Catholic Community. The basic target of this mission is not the youth, rather it is the broad range of people from the very young to the elderly. However, this mission always includes the special part for the youth. The young missionaries of our community always prepare the special programme for kids from 2 to 12 years. This activity is organized to occupy the children whilst their parents take part in the main programme of the Renewal Day. Children get to know more about Jesus and His love. Our young missionaries learn the skills of being a volunteer and communication with children.

Also, at the Renewal Days one discussion group is usually organized for the youth (aged 15-30). Young adults and teenagers can listen to the special teaching prepared for them and discuss the faith and life issues important for them. Last year this type of discussion group was organized at the January 28 Renewal Day.

Small Missions for the Youth and Young Adults.

Worship and prayer evenings at the Kaunas Archdiocese Youth Centre. *Every month, except July and August.*

Members of the Living Stones Catholic Community serve at the prayer evenings as intercessors. Young adults and teenagers come with their prayer intentions and receive the charismatic prayer. Every prayer evening is attended by approximately 100 young people.

Summer Youth Camps. *Zalensy on July 2 and Dvarvieciai on July 8.*

Members of the Living Stones Catholic Community during summer youth camps serve at the prayer evenings as intercessors. Young adults and teenagers come with their prayer intentions and receive the charismatic prayer. In 2018 this mission was lead in two summer camps: “You Are Worthy of More” at Zalensy Mansion on July 2, attended by 200 young people and “Pilgrimage Centre Youth Camp” at Dvarvieciu Mansion on July 8, attended by 100 young people.

Youth Renewal Days. *Siauliai on October 27 and Plunge on December 15.*

Following the example of Renewal Days organized by the Living Stones Catholic Community, dioceses and parishes also organize Renewal Days and invite the Living Stones Catholic Community for different mission service at these Renewal Days. In 2018 two renewals Days were organized for the youth: one at Siauliai Diocese, attended by 500 young people and the other at Plunge Parish, attended by 300 young people. Members of the Living Stones Catholic Community lead the worship, gave teachings and testimonies, prayed the blessing prayer and intercession prayer for the young people.