

CONGREGATION OF JESUS AND MARY

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE EUDIST MISSIONARY YOUTH

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Presentation

One of the highlights of the 67th General Assembly was to enter decisively into the process of synodality of the whole Church. The Congregation has chosen to listen more to its members (incorporated, associates and candidates), to those who collaborate in the apostolic commitments of the Congregation and to those who are in daily contact with the various missions. The Eudists do not want to "close in on themselves", which would deprive them of an active listening to the Holy Spirit.

Among those to whom the Congregation wants to listen more is the world of young people, a strong reality in many countries where the communities are established. By definition, young people are bearers of the future, because they have multiple gifts, skills and abilities to invent, create and offer something new; young people are a wealth for the world because they carry in themselves multiple promises. These young people are enthusiastic about Christ, about proclaiming him and living the mission with everyone. They have in themselves audacity and energy. But many have suffered from the pandemic, many suffer from sometimes violent conflicts, complex social and political situations and the very worrying situation of the common home.

The General Assembly of the Congregation wanted to offer young people a space for meeting and dialogue, formation and projects, to become missionaries of mercy for this waiting world. It is a great joy to know that the International Youth Committee has been created to move forward: “Courage! Let’s go! Let’s continue together the mission of Jesus!”

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Superior General

The International Committee of the Eudist Missionary Youth - CIJME, is born from a request and commitment of the 67th General Assembly **to accompany and form young people in an integral way,** opening a space and a creative participation of the Eudist Missionary Youth within the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, and thus form them so that they may be the ones to form other young people.

- Members:

The committee shall be represented by the following members:

o 01 member of the general council;

o 01 general coordinator, appointed by the superior general with the consultative vote of the general council;

o 01 youth advisor priest per province and vice-province (total of 06, appointed by their provincial superiors);

o 01 young representative per country where there is a Eudist presence and youth activities (suggested by the provincial youth committee, in dialogue with the local communities of each country);

The appointments are valid for 3 years and can be renewed for one more period.

Note: It is suggested that at the provincial level, the father advisor together with all the coordinators of the Eudist youth groups, have a provincial committee so that there is a unity of participation and organization of the general projects and of each province.

To be a representative of the committee, the following criteria must be met:

o Youth:

- Age: 18 to 35 years old;
- Be inserted in Eudist communities and contexts, such as: parishes, universities, schools, formation houses, etc.
- Have the following profile:

  - Be available;

  - To have a missionary spirit, with creativity and audacity.

  - To have a life of faith, prayer and apostolic commitments,

  - To have the ability to dialogue, to collaborate and to organize.

o Priest: appointed by each Provincial Superior**,** he should be the Provincial Youth Advisor in his Province.

The International Committee of the International Committee of the Eudist Missionary Youth - ICEMY is a project at the general level, (in which it is) under the accompaniment of the General Council and has autonomy to decide its dynamics, agendas and activities. The structure of the Committee guarantees the collaboration and participation of each province.

- General Objective:

To accompany and fully train young Eudists, so that they may be a strong and diverse generation of missionaries of mercy, retransmitting the message of the Heart of Jesus and Mary in society.

- Specific Objectives:

o Getting to know the young people by providing a space for integration among all;

o Listening to them, welcoming their ideas, concerns and frailties;

o Generating a program of formation and accompaniment taking into account the common needs of the young people of the congregation, be their spiritual, professional or personal development;

o Facilitating spaces for youth evangelization and mission, at the local and/or international level, cultivating their talents and abilities.

Knowing | Listening | Forming | Acting.

- Methodology:

o Knowing:

- Recruit young people to the programmed meetings and activities (local, international and/or language level);
- Share pastoral experiences carried out in the various youth communities;
- Use the Pre-WYD days as a space to carry out the General Meeting of the Eudist Youth;
- Promote artistic and sport activities with the purpose of integration.)

o Listening:

- Create a listening forum at local, provincial and international levels to welcome the ideas of young people (may be online and occasionally face-to-face depending on meeting opportunities;
- Schedule days of Prayer with a Eudist structure.

o Training:

- Create an international training program with all youth, online;
- Create a formation program for youth groups with Eudist themes adapted to young people, in order to learn from the experience of St. John Eudes;
- Organize a youth camp and retreat with the accents of Eudist spirituality;
- Train young people in Youth leadership so that they can multiply the Eudist Missionary Youth experience.

o Acting:

- Conduct a commitment ceremony annually;
- Provide mission spaces at the local, provincial and international levels;
- Generate opportunities for missionary exchanges in propitious periods, in different CJM contexts;
- Create sub-committees for: meetings, formation, mission and communication where the leaders belong to the ICEMY.

It is good to see young people of your age willing to dedicate themselves to evangelization projects and to live the message of Christ in the midst of their daily occupations.

You are not only the future of the Church, but above all its present.

- Pope Francis -