Congregation of Jesus and Mary
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Pastoral Action Plan
of the Eudist Missionary Youth

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Presentation

One of the achievements of the 67th Eudist General Assembly was to decisively enter into the synodal process of the entire Church. This involves the Congregation listening 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 “shut themselves in,” which would deprive them of an active listening to the Holy Spirit.

Among those the Congregation wants to listen to more are young people, a significant reality in many countries where Eudist 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; they are a treasure for the world because they carry within them multiple promises. These young people are enthusiastic about Christ, eager to proclaim Him and live the mission with everyone. They possess audacity and energy. However, many



have suffered from the pandemic, many endure conflicts that are sometimes violent, and face complex social and political situations, along with the very concerning state of our common home.

The General Assembly of the Congregation wanted to offer young people a space for encounter 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: Let’s go, let’s continue together in the mission of Jesus!

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Introduction

The Eudist Missionary Youth is the youth project of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary - CJM, which gathers and concentrates all youth initiatives of the Congregation in its various missionary expressions around the world.

The great mission of the Eudist Missionary Youth within the Congregation is to accompany and comprehensively form young people so that, in love with Jesus Christ, they become a strong and diverse generation of missionaries of mercy, transmitting the message of the heart of Jesus and Mary in society.

Thus, the International Committee of Eudist Missionary Youth – CIJME is a team animating this project, composed of young representatives from each country where there is Eudist presence, supported by provincial and vicariate advisors. It is a space to dream big, unite forces, and give youth the leading role, allowing them to be young formers of other young people.

As an international project, it is essential that cultural diversity and creative expression be manifested in their contexts, so that, in respect for differences, there is unity and communion, and common plans are sought and realized so that together, in the boat, we navigate along the same route with the same purpose.

For this reason, ***the Pastoral Action Plan – Eudist Youth on board***, sailing with Jesus and Mary, for the years 2024 - 2027 aims to align our strategies to seek the fulfillment of the mission of Eudist youth in all its instances worldwide.

The methodology has been defined in four verbs, which will serve as our compass for navigation:



Know

among young people, between groups, even within the same country, what the Eudists are and their projects with young people.

Listen

to the aspirations of young people in the Church and in different societies, their aspirations, difficulties, and commitments

Form

comprehensively addressing all dimensions of the person, ensuring the transmission of the richness of Eudist spirituality.

Act

living out the mission of mercy through encounters, retreats, and moments of common prayer.



The Pastoral Action Plan - PAP Eudist Youth 2024 - 2027 is composed of 5 working teams to facilitate its execution and fulfillment. They are: encounters (know and listen), communications (know and listen), art and spirituality (listen), formation (form), missions and volunteer work (act).

In this way, we hope to begin concrete and fruitful work with youth in our Congregation.

Together, in one heart, with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit and driven by St. John Eudes, creative and innovative, we can do great things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy mother, the Virgin Mary.

Know

"Faith is that light and divine science that gives us perfect knowledge, as far as we can have it in this life, of all things that are in God and outside of God." (Saint John Eudes, OC I 169)

Communications:

- Create a digital community for Eudist youth through major social media platforms (Instagram, TikTok, Facebook).
- Use social media as a space for integration, formation, and information.
- Create visual communications for the main events organized by the CIJME.
- Design a website for the Eudist Missionary Youth.

Listen

"Prayer is a sweet conversation, a holy communication, and a divine colloquy of the Christian soul with its God, where it contemplates His divine perfections, His mysteries, and His works." (Saint John Eudes, OC I 192)

Encounters:

- Hold 2 annual (virtual) meetings for all Eudist youth.
- Conduct 2 annual (virtual) meetings in collaboration with the training team for Eudist youth leaders.
- Organize participation in the Jubilee for Youth in Rome 2025.
- Plan and promote participation in the Pre World Youth Day and World Youth Day Seoul 2027.

Art and Spirituality:

- Develop and promote a manual of tools for workshops and artistic expressions.
- Create a hymn for the Eudist Missionary Youth, reflecting cultural and linguistic diversity.
- Promote Eudist spirituality through Eudist songs, readings of Eudist works, and other artistic expressions.
- Organize days of prayer and spirituality in collaboration with the encounters team during the appropriate times offered by the Church.

Form

"The mystery of mysteries and the work of works is the formation of Jesus, marked for us in the words of St. Paul: My children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you (Gal 4,19)."
(Saint John Eudes, OC I 271)

Formation:

- Build an initial retreat with elements of Eudist spirituality aimed at youth.
- Create a formative itinerary for youth groups with Eudist elements.
- Provide leadership training in Eudist principles.
- Encourage continuous formation among Eudist youth through formation schools within the CJM and other platforms.
- Ensure that provincial youth committees, along with their advising priest, implement the proposed formative itineraries.

Act

"Three things are required of mercy: The first is to have compassion for the misery of others, for he is merciful who compassionately carries in his heart the miseries of the wretched. The second is to have a strong desire to help them in their misery. The third is to move from will to action."
(Saint John Eudes, OC VIII 53)

Missions and Volunteer Work:

- Develop a guide for Eudist youth groups for the development of missions.
- Encourage and promote missions during the significant times recommended by the Church.
- Explore and propose mission fields for Eudist youth in various works of Eudist provinces and vicariates and the Great Eudist Family.
- Create a program for "Eudist missionary exchange" between the different mission fields of the Great Eudist Family.

The CIJME is committed to encouraging young people to continue walking with their youth in pursuit of Jesus, as a Church, under the spiritual heritage of St. John Eudes.

Therefore, for more fruitful action and as a result of this work, the CIJME aims to develop a ***Directory for the Eudist Missionary Youth***, to serve as a tool for the provinces and vicariates, fostering the emergence of new groups and the continuous formation of existing ones; additionally, to promote interest and openness towards young people among the Eudists—incorporated, associates, and candidates.



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