

# REPRESENTATION

## Meeting with Fr. Joao, Dr. Flaminia and Fr. Ignatius

The newly elected and the former International Secretariat (IS) members of the ICYCW visited Fr. Joao (Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life), Fr. Ignatius (Missionaries of Africa - White fathers) and Dr. Flaminia (Dicastery for promoting integral human development) from December 19-20/2016. The main objectives of the visits were to introduce the new IS team and share about the 9th International Council which was held in Seoul, South Korea from 19 August to 1 September 2016.

The first meeting was held with Fr. Joao on 19 December 2016. The discussions addressed the following issues: Introduction of the new IS members, outcome of the 9th international council, and challenges of the IS especially, the situation of ICYCW's International Chaplain and future collaboration with the Pontifical Council Family and Life. Fr. Joao was happy to meet the new IS team and appreciated the work of the 9th council. In addition, we discussed on 2 other issues; the World Youth Day evaluation and preparation meeting which was scheduled for 5-9 April 2017, and the preparation required on the Synod on Youth under the theme "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment". His recommendation to the members of ICYCW was to reflect and give feedback on the Synod's preparatory document. On the challenges of chaplaincy, he recommended to the new IS members to have personal spiritual accompaniment, to try and get an international chaplain within Rome, especially among the priests who studied in Rome and lastly to try and establish a YCW group in Rome. Fr Joao commended the former IS team and was grateful for the work they had done in collaboration with his office especially on the preparation of the 2016 World Youth Day. He wished them well in their future endeavors.

On the same date, we had a meeting with Fr. Ignatius from the Missionaries of Africa (White fathers). The main agenda of the meeting was to introduce the new IS team, share the outcome of the 9th international council and explore future collaboration with the congregation. Fr. Ignatius was happy to meet the new and former IS team. He shared his experience in working with the young people and YCW groups in Africa. The IS, on behalf of the ICYCW, was grateful to the congregation for the financial support they gave for the 9th international council. A plan of collaboration on chaplaincy and issues of Social Justice in Africa had been developed between the former IS and the congregation. A follow up plan was agreed on in order to execute it. Finally, Fr Ignatius offered to help the IS in their efforts to get an international chaplain.

On 20 December 2016, we had a meeting with Dr. Flaminia from the dicastery of Integral Human Development. In addition to introducing the new IS team and giving feedback on the outcome of the 9th international council, the current challenges and realities of young people in our movement was addressed. This was more in regard to migration and youth unemployment. A proposal of future collaboration was shared and it focused on dissemination of Pope's message to the young people around the world, participation and contributing to the organising the meeting of the popular movements which was scheduled for February 2017 in California, and lastly participation in youth ministry conferences around the world. In general, having these meetings and meeting these key people was a wonderful experience for the new IS team.



# IS Live



December 2016 - April 2017

## ICYCW STRUCTURE



### Finance Commission MEETING

The Finance commission meeting was held on 7-8th Jan 2017 in Rome. It is participated the new International Secretariat members, outgoing IS, Helen Harrington the financial consultant and Rui Lavoura a member of the finance commission. It was the opportunity to discuss the present reality and challenge of ICYCW finance. It was identified 2 priorities in finance which are focus on finance training and the development of materials that will help to educate young people in the YCW on financial responsibility. The participants strongly believe financial education is essential for the young people in YCW. The secretariat members are collecting documents from the YCW movements around the world in order to compile an effective database of finance training material for the movements.

### Training Commission meeting

It was held as part of the handover process. The commission members also took this opportunity to give formation to the new International Secretariat members. Helping the new IS team to be effective leaders, guiding them to understand the international and cultural dimension of ICYCW and how to work effectively as a team.

The training commission has been doing a lot of work in the YCW development. They are about to finish compiling the YCW leadership training materials that were gathered from different YCW movements around the world. In line with this, the commission and the International secretariat are hoping and praying that these materials will help in the development of new and existing YCW movements and form future YCW leaders in the Church and society.





**Chaplaincy Commission meeting**

It was a great opportunity for the new IS to understand the importance of having accompaniment. We were happy to know that we have this commission who were doing their very best to gather documents for effective training and formation. These documents would help our Chaplains on accompanying the young people. The commission members also helped the International secretariat to visit congregations and seminaries in Rome to share about the mission of YCW and the important role played by Chaplains. The Chaplaincy Commission is facing a big challenge as we still don't have an international Chaplain due to the lack of enough priests in the world. However, this should not discourage us, but should make us work more in order to answer to this urgent need.

**REGIONAL COORDINATION**

**National Congress of YWC Italy**

YCW Italy had National Congress in December 2016 in Brescia under the theme of "Call by name". It was participated by young leaders, militants, former-militants, collaborators and chaplains. There were different activities during the congress; group discussion with the different subject regarding the reality of the young people today, Recreation activity, Farewell event for outgoing national Secretariat members, election of new national secretariat members, etc. Noella, the general secretary of the ICYCW, presented during the congress as the Europe coordinator.



**Europe commission meeting.**

The 1st physical meeting of Europe commission was held in Manchester, England. It was participated by all commission members. The commission updated the future plan from the last international council and made the action strategy by the time line.



**EAST AFRICAN REGIONAL COMMISSION STEPS UP PREPARATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL LEADERS TRAINING**

The East African Regional Commission (EA) whose members are YCW Ethiopia, YCW Kenya, YCW Malawi, YCW Tanzania and YCW Uganda has already commenced the implementation of the Commission's plan formulated during the 9th ICYCW International Council that took place in Seoul, South Korea in August 2016. EA planned to have a regional leaders training to be hosted by YCW Malawi in August 2018. The EA has been having online meetings in preparation for this important training. EA has so far formulated the budget which has since been adopted and National Movements have already started making commitments on their contribution towards the budget. The EA is jointly working with the International Secretariat (IS). So far the preparations calendar is religiously being observed. The IS has in the meantime circulated a questionnaire which is to be completed by each national movement. The questionnaire will help in identifying the region's needs and will, therefore, be helpful in the formulation of the theme for the training as well as the identification of facilitators.

**CHAPLAINCY**

**Visit of the different chaplains:**

*Bishop Ilesanu, Fr.Badie, Sr. Christine.*

Josep Cardijn; our chaplains said 'The YCW is the movement for young people, by young people, among young people but nothing without Chaplains'. As he said, The ICYCW always needs chaplains. The International chaplain is the absence since 2014. However, there are many priests, sisters and lay adult companions who are willing to accompany the International Secretariat. Bishop Ilesanu from Ethiopia always visits the HQ when he has the business in Rome. When he meets us, he gave a lot of courage and effort to find a way how to help us as we asked.



Fr.Badie from Bethlehem is currently studying in Rome. He had worked for the movements in Bethlehem. He accompanies the International Secretariat members in special occasion.

Sr. Christine from Scotland is currently working in Rome for the different religious order. She had been helping the International Secretariat members for many years especially looking for funds. She also accompanies the Review of Life with current Int. Secretariat members.

