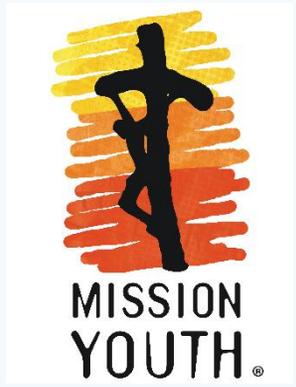


Team Life



Biblical Process



Chosen People facing the desert



Jesus desiring to build up the Church to save the world

Pope Francis

164. When an encounter with God is called an “ecstasy”, it is because it takes us out of ourselves, lifts us up and overwhelms us with God’s love and beauty. Yet we can also experience ecstasy when we recognize in others their hidden beauty, their dignity and their grandeur as images of God and children of the Father. The Holy Spirit wants to make us come out of ourselves, to embrace others with love and to seek their good. That is why it is always better to live the faith together and to show our love by living in community and sharing with other young people our affection, our time, our faith and our troubles. The Church offers many different possibilities for living our faith in community, for everything is easier when we do it together.

Pope Francis

167. God loves the joy of young people. He wants them especially to share in the joy of fraternal communion, the sublime joy felt by those who share with others, for “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). Fraternal love multiplies our ability to experience joy, since it makes us rejoice in the good of others: “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Rom 12:15). May your youthful spontaneity increasingly find expression in fraternal love and a constant readiness to forgive, to be generous, and to build community. As an African proverb says: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of fraternity.

Pope Francis

165. Hurts you have experienced might tempt you to withdraw from others, to turn in on yourself and to nurse feelings of anger, but never stop listening to God's call to forgiveness. The Bishops of Rwanda put it well: "In order to reconcile with another person, you must first of all be able to see the goodness in that person, the goodness God created him with... This requires great effort to distinguish the offence from the offender; it means you hate the offence the person has committed, but you love the person despite his weakness, because in him you see the image of God".[89]

Team in ECYD

§1. ECYD Adolescents form teams. The team is the natural environment where life in ECYD grows and develops. It is a place of true friendship where adolescents meet with their friends and the Friend, and where they seek to grow together and help each other live their faith.

§2. Each team member should be welcomed, loved and respected; so that all members truly feel that they are an active part of the team and seek to contribute the best of themselves. Team life also helps awaken creativity and apostolic initiative.

Stages of a team

1. Forming

2. Storming

3. Norming

4.
Performing

5.
Transforming

6. Ending

1. Getting to know each other, build safety & acceptance
2. Conflict & Competition, build communication skills
3. Cohesion growing, build up trust & skills
4. Unity & productivity, build delegation
5. Regroup, build recognition
6. Transition, build openness & gratitude

Exercise

- Break into small groups
- Each small group will practice being in a different “stage” of a team (forming, storming, norming, performing, transforming)
- Perform your different exercise, then share with the large group your experience

