



Catholic Action is where you are

Video Text

A discrete presence - sometimes hidden - a nod, a smile, a look.

Jesus is there, apart or as part of the crowd as depicted in the panels of an anonymous Flemish master representing the works of mercy.

Jesus is there, to indicate a style, a way - of discretion, of listening, of sharing - the way which Catholic Action tries to follow in daily life and in history's peripheries. Because Catholic Action is where you are: in the marches for peace in Burundi; in the campaign against human trafficking in Argentina; in the welcoming of immigrants in the Italian dioceses; in the inter-ethnic schools in Sarajevo; in the search for co-existence between peoples in the Holy Land; in the caring of creation in Austria; in the meetings of spirituality with children and the elderly, with young people and families...

Catholic Action has your face: that of John, of Frances, Joseph, Martin, Paul, Chiara... children of this age, of a globalised culture, of a world that seems to be at the reach of a "tap" and in which, paradoxically, solitude and distances between neighbours seem to be on the increase. Catholic Action has the face, the many faces of an outgoing Church. This Church cannot consider the mission "at the heart of the people" as an ornament, an appendix or a moment amongst the many existential moments, but as "something which cannot be eradicated from its being."

"Regenerating one's faith in the crucified and risen Christ, sharing the daily life questions and troubles and discerning deeply with evangelical criteria", should therefore be among Catholic Action's commitments. Catholic Action should: "enlighten, bless, enliven, cure, liberate..." , in the image of that Jesus who today, just as yesterday in the streets of Galilee, chooses history's margins and peripheries.