



## Presentation

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Hello everyone and welcome!

We are happy to share this time with you all to present the work that has kept us busy in recent months as the Youth Coordination of the International Forum of Catholic Action (IFCA) and from which this tool was born with the intention of re-reading and deepening the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit.

"Young people in the light of Christus Vivit" is a simple, fresh, dynamic and full of opportunity booklet to make sure that the beauty of the Synod on young people can continue to walk through us all over the world.

With this tool we are committed to making sure that the words, intuitions and concerns of the Synod not only remain words written on paper, but that through our life they can give further vigour to both our Church and the protagonism of us as young people.

Among the many indications and invitations that Pope Francis gives us back from the Synod with Christus Vivit is precisely that of being young protagonists of our formation and our path of faith. It is in chapter 7 that Pope Francis tells us that youth ministry has changed and that we must give answers to these changes, through a synodal youth ministry.

And it is precisely together with our associations, ecclesial communities and with our priests and bishops, that we want to build a synodal youth ministry, in which young people are the real protagonists, not only users, but creators and generators of a pastoral and a welcoming Church close to all young people.

The booklet is addressed to all young people in the world and precisely as young people of Catholic Action we are committed to involving our peers, to live, immersed in our communities, a beautiful experience of faith, of the church and of the world.

The booklet contains ideas and reflections of formation and mission for parish and diocesan groups and teams, ecclesial communities, to be re-read in the light of the reality in which we live, declining the proposals based on the life of us as young people, to walk and grow together.

In the preparation of this instrument our dear friend, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, accompanied us. Pope Francis added him to the list of witnesses in *Christus Vivit* at number 60: " "was a young man filled with a joy that swept everything along with it, a joy that also overcame many difficulties in his life"". Pier Giorgio is a young witness of Catholic Action, important for all of us and who continues to be a strong example for our faith and our being young today.

1. We continue our meeting with the prayer prepared by Fr Reuben Assistant of the young people of AC of Malta (ZAK) and by Don Gianluca, Assistant of the Youth section of Italian Catholic Action

2. now an Argentinian song with Matias Cerini

3 the 2018 Synod on "Young people faith and vocational discernment" was a moment of great participation for young Bishops and Pope Francis. We have the joy to listen to two witnesses

Eduardo Garcia - bishop of San Justo in Argentina and national assistant of CA Argentina and IFCA. He got to know Pope Francis in Buenos Aires closely by collaborating directly with him for many years

Gioele Anni sent us a video, he was national secretary of CA students, currently he is national board member for the youth sector, journalist, he participated at the Synod and during moments of preparation.

BUT the Synod continues at all levels. Tommaso Sereni represents the young people of IFCA in the first international body of young people at the Dicastery for laity, family and life, is a fruit of the Synod. He sent us a video

4. another song from Spain with Paula GAETA

5. Let's give the floor now to Fran - responsible for the young people of the Catholic Action of Spain, Jorge - responsible for the young people of the Catholic Action of Argentina who coordinated this work, together with Marija of the Catholic Action of Malta and Emanuela of Italian Catholic Action. Together they will present us the booklet we are giving today to all of you and to the young people of the world. They will present us the booklet!

6. Before closing the meeting, well give the floor to Africa with a music video

7. we will greet with a goodbye on September 4th for another meeting in this year on *Laudato Si* - you will receive more information to participate and finally with a Spanish song

Goodbye again with a Spanish song with JAVI RAMOS