

PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LAITY YAOUNDE 2025

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Arrival, welcome, registration, orientation, and check-in

7:00 p.m.: Dinner and rest.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

6:00 a.m.: Lauds

8:00 a.m.: Breakfast

9:00 a.m.: Pontifical Opening Mass + Presentation of the General Assembly

11:00 a.m.: Inaugural Lecture: His Excellency Bishop Sosthène Léopold BAYEMI MATJEI

12:00 p.m.: Angelus

1:00 p.m.: Break/Lunch

3:00 p.m.: Prayers to Divine Mercy

FIRST THEME: ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST: PRIMACY OF HOLINESS

3:30-4:15 p.m.: **Conference 1: “The personal encounter with Christ as a fundamental criterion of the Christian vocation to holiness”**

Speaker: Prof. Ab. Jean-Paul René ONDOUA, SGA/UCAC

Moderator: Sr. Prof. Angèle MAKIANG, Director of the Department of Canon Law

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.: **Conference 2: “Christ, our hope, is alive, and he is the most beautiful youth in this world (...) He is alive and he wants you alive! Dear young people (...). Run, “drawn by that beloved Face.” (Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit, March 25, 2019, Nos. 1 & 299).**

Speaker: Prof. Ab. François NDZANA, Dean of the Faculty of Theology

Moderator: Prof. Jean-Paul BETENGNÉ, Lecturer

6:00 p.m.: Vespers

7:00 p.m.: Break/Dinner

8:30 p.m.: **Round table: “What concrete structural and operational commitments are needed to make our laity more visible and our Church more vibrant?”**

Panelists: 14

Moderator: Bishop Immanuel BUSHU

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

6:00 a.m.: Lauds

8:00 a.m.: Breakfast

SECOND THEME: LAY PEOPLE AND SYNODALITY

9:00-9:45 a.m.: **Conference3: “The apostolate of the laity” – Individual and community apostolate – Associative and non-associative apostolate.**

Speaker: Father Serges Rémy NGABA, Former AGAL

Moderator: Prof. Bruno BEKOLO EBE

Conference 4: “Accompanying the Laity: Chaplain or Ecclesiastical Assistant (who is he? Role and prerogatives)

Speaker: Bishop Dieudonné Espoir ATANGANA

Moderator: Ab. Clément MEVO (Former AGAL)

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Breakout sessions (*see below after Program)**

1:30 p.m.: Break/Lunch

3:00 p.m.: Breakout session reports

5:00 p.m.: Pontifical Mass

7:00 p.m.: Break/Dinner

8:00 p.m.: Cultural entertainment

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

11:00 a.m.: Closing Pontifical Mass (Minor Basilica of Mary Queen of the Apostles in Mvolye)

1:00 p.m.: Meal and diaspora 15

***SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS FOR CROSSROADS WORK (SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025)** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

– Workshop 1: Strengthening catechetical and socio-professional training for young people (Prof. Fernande ZEH);

– Workshop 2: Consolidating the commitment of young people and women in the Church (*Jeanne MENG);

– Workshop 3: Encouraging men in individual and community apostolate (Mr. BODIONG Renaud);

– Workshop 4: Social training of the laity (Prof. Eulalie ZAMEYO);

– Workshop 5: National coordination of lay associations (Rev. Marc MAKANI);

– Workshop 6: Structuring the non-associative laity for the launch of the National Council of the Laity (Maurice NKODO ATANGANA);

– Workshop 7: Financial autonomy of CEAL and AGAL: strategies for resource mobilization and sustainable management. (Ab. Antoine OWONA, Former AGAL)

– Workshop 8: The challenges of the synodal approach in the apostolate of the laity;

– Workshop 09: Social communication: The need for Christian discernment for the responsible use of NICTs. (Sr. Pr Angèle MAKIANG, Director of the Department of Canon Law)