



INSTITUTE FOR WORLD EVANGELISATION
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YOUTH, THE FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

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SCHOOLS OF MISSION

The Institute for World Evangelisation – ICPE Mission is an international missionary community with a charismatic spirituality. The ICPE Mission serves the Church and affects the world for Christ by training Catholics to share their faith in a dynamic and effective way. For the past 33 years, Schools of Missions have been an effective tool to this end, affecting the life of several thousands of young men and women from an extended list of countries across all continents.

Before Jesus told his disciples to go, He invited them to come and follow Him so that He could make them Fishers of Men.

The School of Mission is a five-month long, full-time programme addressed to young people from all over the world. The course consists of two parts: a four-month lecture phase and a month of practical outreach.

“Come follow me” Mt 4:19

The first part of the school is the lecture phase. It is a time when participants can allow the Good News to touch and transform them in a personal way and fall in love with Jesus. This is a phase of conversion and transformation, a time which offers an opportunity to have the evangelizer...evangelized!

Much is received through the lectures. However, the emphasis is not on receiving and accumulating truth. More importantly, these four months are about an encounter with Jesus and appropriating these joyful and liberating truths in one's life. As a further aid towards this integration and application of truth, each participant is part of a small group and has the assistance of an experienced staff member as a sharing partner.

There is a multifold dynamic in a School of Mission that contributes to the effectiveness, enthusiasm, depth and transformative nature of such a programme. It consists of liturgy, lectures, personal and community prayer, celebrations, study, assignments, work duties, workshops, teamwork, fellowship, music, art, etc... Each of these activities contributes to significant spiritual, emotional, relational, intellectual and mission-oriented growth in the participant's life. Assistance in the discernment of their God-given vocation is also provided. As this is happening, we witness a strong and clear desire grows in the disciple almost naturally: a desire to serve God, to witness to the Good News through one's lifestyle and to proclaim the truth.

“Go into all the world” Mk 16:15

In the second part of the school, we give way to the fresh desire to serve, witness and proclaim: in fact, in the last month of the School, the young participants GO! The entire school travels to a different outreach location, sometimes in developed cities or remote villages in Africa and India and even to tribes in the rain forest of Asia. They spend time sharing the gospel message through various ways and in a variety of situations, from Church gatherings schools, prisons, camps to nightclubs. By now evangelisation is not so much an effort anymore. Rather it can be attributed to an overflow of God's grace working in and through the participants.

‘The man who has been evangelised becomes himself an evangeliser. This is the proof, the test of the genuineness of his own conversion. It is inconceivable that a man who has received the word and surrendered himself the kingdom should not himself become a witness and proclaimer of the truth’. Evangelii Nuntiandi n. 24, Pope Paul VI



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With permanent communities and Mission Centers in 17 different countries in all continents apart from the Schools of Mission, the ICPE Mission carries out a great variety of activities for the youth worldwide. Some examples of these are:

ICPE Mission New Zealand

Retreats in Catholic Colleges and Visits to Catholic Primary Schools

These missions range from visits to individual classrooms for an hour to whole day retreats. The topics covered are diverse: Our Identity in God, Relationship with God, Right Relationships, Sexuality, Growth in Maturity, Leadership, etc.

Prayer Meeting For Young Adults

This is held three times a month. Here the young people are also encouraged in their vocational discernment.

Worship Nights

A monthly highlight! Through contemporary Christian music, testimony, prayer and preaching on the Creed, participants are encouraged to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

ICPE Mission USA

Campus Ministry at Regis, St. Mary Catholic School, Stayton, Oregon

Campus Ministry focuses on the ongoing formation of the students through a Retreat Programme that ministers to each year group in the High School. These retreats do not stand alone, but each year builds on another culminating in the Junior Class Weekend Retreat that encourages and promotes a deeper awareness and encounter with the Lordship of Christ. In the Senior Year Retreat we aim to help the students prepare for college/university giving tools to help them continue to grow in Christ as they leave high school and take the leap into young adult life and responsibility. As Campus Ministers we also are responsible for the Sacramental life at the school, so we organize weekly Masses and regular opportunities for the students to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Directing the Ministry and Operations at the Fr Bernard Youth Center, Mt. Angel, Oregon

Through this work we are in contact with several thousand youth, young adults and youth mentors. Some of the areas of ministry over the past year have been:

- **Confirmation Retreats:** A growing, ongoing ministry service to parishes around the area requesting help to run vibrant youth weekend retreats.
- **Totus Tuus:** A programme offering a Vacation Bible School that is Catholic and theologically-based throughout the Archdiocese.
- **Marriage Preparation** for young adults, serving several parishes in the local area.

LiFE-ICPE Mission Sabah, Malaysia

For the past four years since ICPE Mission Sabah has been set up it has conducted various activities for youth. Among these are:

- a. **Parish Discipleship Formation** for *18-25 years olds*, school leavers and college graduates. The programme is designed in two phases: the first phase consists of teachings on the Catholic faith and character formation while the second prepares the participants to share what they have learnt and experienced in an outreach through mimes, dances and personal testimonies. Positive feedback has been given by the participants. They were amazed by how their lives changed for the better in just a short period of time. All shared that the element of community-living enabled them to live out



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the truth of what was shared in the teachings. They also mentioned that the sharing-partner times were essential in making concrete steps in responding to God.

b. GROW, 2017 is a 17-day live-in formation programme for young working adults, *25-35 years old*, with the focus on community living. The holistic experience of worshipping together, learning about God, self and others together, playing games and sharing house chores points to the richness of Christian life lived together with others. Topics covered are identity and self-image, community and relationships, sexuality, romantic relationships and leadership. The participants expressed that this two weeks programme helped them to find healing in various areas of their lives – particularly related to identity, relationships and images of God.

c. Discipleship Programme 2018 is a long weekend seminar on Knowing God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The 5 evenings of various teachings brought participants to deeper self-knowledge through the eyes of God and to respond by loving and serving others. The final day is focused on evangelisation and praying with one another to live lives fully and to share it with others. The life in community through fellowship and prayer together provides a safe place of connection and application of what was learned. Participants are invited for monthly follow-up gatherings. They share that this programme helps them to understand themselves better and some gain better perspective of the purpose of their lives.

d. “Who am I?” Seminar focuses on Self-Awareness and Identity. It has helped participants in their self- discovery along their spiritual journey. Participants comments that they are awakened to living out their true identity instead of living according to what others perceive them to be.

e. Jumpstart is a workshop that aids an individual identify his/her passion and purpose in life and how to respond to it. Participants have found it very empowering to explore and verbalize their goals and see possibilities of working towards them. JumpStart also encourages the individuals to see that everything we do as Christians is connected to the call that God has placed in our hearts. This helps the individual make decisions intentionally.

And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ”.Evangelii Gaudium n.10

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