



CELEBRATING IYCS WORLD DAY NOV

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« I have given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples from all nations... Preach the good news... I am with you always until the end of this world » (Mt 28 : 18-20)

The call of Jesus Christ and the inspiration of **Joseph Cardinal Cardijn** through the methodology of YCW - See, Judge and Act have brought about a marvelous change in the world with the emergence of IYCS. This methodology adopted by IYCS shared by Cardinal Cardijn which is the methodology used by Jesus Christ during his public ministry has paved way for thousands of young people all over the world for the past 70 years to discern their call as missionaries and action oriented leaders. This action reflection process which we call Review of Life has created a number of leaders in different spheres of life.

Celebrating this success in a unique way on the birthday of Cardinal Cardijn would be a tribute to his contribution to the world, to his innovative methodology of Review of Life, which is still making wonders within the student and youth milieu.

As we approach the **second IYCS World Day**, we need to take stock of the actions performed by us in very many different ways. Especially, the personal transformation of our self, which is extended to the other and to the service of the church and society at large. I know that some of the movements on this day organize get together, cultural programs and talent shows, etc. Can we think of doing something special this year to make it a memorable event?

Making it a memorable event for ourselves and to the other through our actions will make us firm believers in the action reflection methodology and bring about a change in the society.

I would like to call your attention to the suggestions we made concerning **this IYCS World Day which calls** on YCS and YCS Movements in the world **to launch action in solidarity with young people in Syria and other war torn zones**. While keeping to this action, I would like to, also, make a few suggestions for further reflection as we celebrate this day:



We have been receiving the Theological Reflections every month since April 2016. They indicate several examples to imitate. Try something like visiting Old people's homes, Orphanages, HIV AIDS centres, Sick people in hospitals, Poverty stricken villages, Slums, conflict trodden areas, places of Natural calamities like earth quakes, floods etc, to encounter the reality of life and infill in them the beauty of life amidst all problems.



As YCSer « Doing a good deed every day » without expecting any return, and looking upto an opportunity to do it always will fill our attitudes with positive energy. Helping a person in need or doing a deed of charity towards a needy person or to the Mother Earth will enable us to be the real change agents.



Praying for world peace everyday, which is torn apart by conflicts and wars will make us peacemakers. We shall remember all those who are suffereing because of this and show our accompanment with them through our prayers if not with things. Pope Francis calls it, « Acts of Mercy » in the Year of Mercy.



Paying attention to earth's resources like water conservation, air pollution, planting sapplings to conserve greenery, our attitude towards consumption, ressource sharing, using electricity carefully, using solar energy, etc which will help us love our Common Home and save it for our future generation.



Advocating for value-based education in our formal education curriculum so that the knowledge we receive in school curriculum will enable us put into practice this knowledge for the Good of humanity.



Saying NO to corruption, observing the common laws of our nation, playing a positive role in creating new policies which accepts every creation with love and care shall bring about a lasting change in the face of the world.



Saying NO to Euthanasia, Abortion, Killing, Human and Animal Cruelty will make us saviours of life which is a gift of God.



Shunning Indifference, Religious Fundamentalism, Intolerance, Racism shall enable us to be at the service of humanity



Using Social Media discreetely and using it to spread awareness about values that guarantees equal opportunities for all hence bringing about a peaceful and harmonious living with one another and with nature will make us social leaders in the service of the society.



Raising our voices against injustice, Becoming voice to the voiceless, Truthfulness will change us from within, which is the core objective of IYCS - Students committed to self transformation which leads to social transformation of the world.

May God help us to discern his ways in the service of the humanity and make a difference in the society by our various actions while commemorating the IYCS World Day in a unique way.

Don't hesitate to pen down a few lines of your actions and experiences with a photo and send them to us, so that we can share them with YCS members worldwide. Have a memorable IYCS World Day.

« By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another »

(Jn 13:35)

Questions for reflection:

- ✓ **What is the reality of the society and student world today?**
- ✓ **How do you find meaning in life for in this reality through scripture and your voice of conscience?**
- ✓ **What attitudinal changes you need to imbibe to embrace the whole of humanity in love and compassion?**
- ✓ **What are your actions to spread this message of hope through your personal life and social media?**

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