

Pastoral Recommendations

“Towards a Word-Centered and Eucharistic Youth Ministry”

As a follow up to the 5th Asian Youth Day, national representatives from 22 participating countries all over Asia gathered for a 3-day reflection and planning at the 5th Asian Youth Ministers’ Meeting. Below are their recommendations towards building a more Word centered and Eucharistic Youth Ministry.

The Voice of the Word:

Forming Disciples through the Scriptures and the Eucharist

For youth ministers

1. Own and share God’s perspective of the young in the way we do youth ministry, e.g. the use of Scripture stories of young people in our programs, modules, etc.
2. Deepen one’s relationship with God through the Word and the Eucharist, guided by the developmental stages of the spiritual journey

For young people

3. Be aware / identify where one is in the stages of the spiritual journey, and to use / pray with relevant Scripture passages as guide in that stage (accompanied by a youth minister)

For the youth ministries in Asia

4. Create / develop / own a vision for youth ministry in their respective jurisdictions, a vision that is inspired by and patterned after God’s vision for the youth, as articulated by the Scriptures and Church teachings

The House of the Word:

Youth And the BECs

5. Promote participatory methodology/processes in all stages of youth formation from leadership formation/selection, formulation of pastoral mission/vision and social mission.
6. Formulate youth friendly/relevant BEC modules of worship activity, reflection, social awareness/action based on AsiPa module and Vatican 2 Council documents
7. Ensure that the Eucharist and the Word is interpreted together to the young in a relevant way that their personal needs and the social realities/issues affecting society are integrated

***The House of the Word:
Eucharistic Celebrations for the Young***

8. Engage the youth in celebrations that are experiential, participatory, image-driven and connected to their realities and concerns (E.P.I.C.) while keeping the balance between tradition and creativity in the Celebration of the Eucharist.
9. Provide ongoing formation on the Eucharist (Liturgy and Sacraments) to young people.
10. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith, poor celebrations may weaken it.

***The Roads of the Word:
Ministering to the Youth in the E-Culture (D-Culture)***

11. Organize a basic media literacy program for youth and youth ministers
12. Be aggressive in the use of internet/sms/media in youth ministry
13. Train priests to use mass media in delivering simple grounded homilies related to the young.