

# Program Guide for the National Event



**Alive in Christ: Young, Diverse, Prophetic Voices Journeying Together**  
Thursday, June 23, to Sunday, June 26, 2022 | Marriott Chicago O'Hare

## Hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Led by the USCCB Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, with the Secretariats of Catholic Education; Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; Evangelization and Catechesis; and Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, and the collaboration of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and the National Dialogue

**Alive, (Christ) can be present in your life at every moment**, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised... he comes to you today and every day, inviting you to set out towards ever new horizons. (Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit* [CV] 125)

**If we journey together, young and old**, we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another, warm hearts, inspire minds with the light of the Gospel, and lend new strength to our hands. (CV 199)

**Cultural Family Key:** **API:** Asian/Pacific Islander | **BAA:** Black/African American | **EA:** European-American | **HA:** Hispanic/Latino  
**NA:** Native American and Alaska Natives | **PCMRT:** Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers

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## Thursday, June 23, 2022: Prophetic Voices

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**On the first day**, we look back at the synodal *Journeying Together* experience over the past two years. We hear from the diverse, gifted, and prophetic voices of young adults, ministry leaders, and bishops who have graced this journey with their challenges, wisdom, and enthusiasm. We reflect on the gifts and stories we have all brought to Chicago, recognizing that those are now all our gifts and stories as we are truly one, holy, catholic, and apostolic community of faith, alive in Christ and ready for the journey ahead.

Drawing together creates the conditions for the Church to become a place of dialogue and a witness to life-giving fraternity. We need to make more room for the voices of young people to be heard: listening makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of empathy... At the same time, it sets the conditions for a preaching of the Gospel that can touch the heart truly, decisively, and fruitfully. (CV 38)

### Opening Mass: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

3:30 to 5:00 p.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Journeying Together Opening Mass**, celebrating the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, led by the *Native American* cultural community

Emcees: **Carolina Perez**, DePaul University, Chicago (HA)  
**Vicky Hathaway**, Diocese of Gary in Indiana (EA)

Presider: **Most Rev. José H. Gomez**, Archbishop of Los Angeles (HA),  
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Homilist: **Most Rev. Chad Zielinski**, Bishop of Fairbanks (NA)

Music: **Pedro Rubalcava** and Ensemble

## Welcome Dinner

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5:00 to 6:30 p.m. CT | O'Hare Ballroom

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## General Session 1: Welcome and Opening

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6:30 to 9:00 p.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Welcome to Chicago:** Beginning with a celebratory procession, we welcome all participants to the diverse experience of the greater Chicagoland area for this seminal gathering of bishops, young adults, and ministry leaders from across all cultural families in the Church.

**Diversity and Giftedness:** In this opening session, we will hear insights on advancing and encouraging the diversity, giftedness, and prophetic voices of the young people of the Catholic Church from every cultural family, while also exploring what gifts which we all bring to the one Body of Christ in order to showcase the diversity of our Catholic Church, especially in a nation as richly diverse as the United States

Music: **Pedro Rubalcava** and Ensemble

Emcees: **Carolina Perez**, DePaul University, Chicago (HA)  
**Vicky Hathaway**, Diocese of Gary in Indiana (EA)

Welcome Remarks: **Most Rev. Robert Casey**, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (EA)  
Prayer Leaders: **Sr. Joanna Okereke**, USCCB Cultural Diversity Secretariat (PCMRT)  
**Lisa Franqui**, Kateri Center, Archdiocese of Chicago (NA)

Thematic Introduction: **Dr. Maureen K. Day**, University of San Diego (EA)

Prophetic Witnesses: **Clarissa Martinez**, Archdiocese of Los Angeles (API)  
**James Conway**, Archdiocese of Baltimore (BAA)  
**Maka Black Elk**, Pine Ridge Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota (HA)  
**Melissa Scutt**, Haitian Catholic community of Philadelphia (PCMRT)  
**Grace Gretz**, The Catholic University of America in Washington DC (EA)  
**Antonio Guzman**, Archdiocese of Detroit (HA)

Keynote Speakers: **Teresa Rojo Tsosie**, Navajo Nation; St. Jude Parish in Tuba City, Arizona (NA)  
**Most Rev. Christophe Pierre**, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Closing Remarks: **Most Rev. José H. Gomez**, Archbishop of Los Angeles (HA),  
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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## Friday, June 24, 2022: **Rooted in Jesus Christ**

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**On the second day**, grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ, we begin to develop our action plans. We explore how historical memory, healing, restorative justice, and a desire to renew our communities can help us to forge a way through potential obstacles in our path. Knowing that we cannot do anything without the love and presence of Jesus, we also spend time in celebration and adoration of the Lord in our midst.

Christ, out of love, sacrificed himself completely... His outstretched arms on the cross are the most telling sign that he is a friend who is willing to stop at nothing... No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by his boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness that never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. (CV 118, 119)

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### **General Session 2: Prayer, Dialogue, and Keynote**

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8:00 to 10:00 a.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Embracing Historical Memory:** In this morning general session, we will explore how we can find a way forward through healing and restorative justice, rooted in the love of Jesus Christ. As Pope Francis notes, “Helping the young to discover the living richness of the past, to treasure its memory and to make use of it for their choices and opportunities, is a genuine act of love towards them, for the sake of their growth and the decisions they are called to make.” (CV 187) Grounded in our historical memory, we can strengthen ourselves for the work that lies ahead of us.

*Morning Prayer* will be led by the *European American* cultural community.

Music:	<b>Pedro Rubalcava</b> and Ensemble
Emcees:	<b>Fr. Tony Massad</b> , Parish of Saint Maron, Youngstown (PCMRT) <b>Eleanor Dias</b> , Archdiocese of Milwaukee (API)
Plenary Presider:	<b>Most Rev. Ron Hicks</b> , Bishop of Joliet (EA)
Prayer Leaders:	<b>Lauren DeSmit</b> , Bon Secours Young Adults (EA) <b>Mike Hayes</b> , Diocese of Cleveland (EA)
Panelists:	<b>Young Hoang</b> , Archdiocese of Washington (API) <b>Rudy Dehaney</b> , Archdiocese of Baltimore (BAA) <b>Anna Robertson</b> , Catholic Climate Covenant (EA)
Facilitator:	<b>Darius Villalobos</b> , National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (HA)
Keynote Speakers:	<b>Dr. Nicole Symmonds</b> , Mercer University, Atlanta (BAA) <b>Fr. David A. Kelly, C.PP.S.</b> , Kolbe House of Assumption, Chicago (EA)
Closing Prayer:	<b>Most Rev. Michael Sis</b> , Bishop of San Angelo in Texas (EA)

## Breakout – Action Planning Session 1

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT | Chicago Rooms

Breakout Topic	Room
<b>Embracing Historical Memory</b>	Chicago C
<b>Active Inclusion</b>	Chicago D
<b>Diversity and Giftedness</b>	Chicago E
<b>Practicing Accompaniment</b>	Chicago F
<b>Formation Possibilities</b>	Chicago G

## Lunch Break

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. CT | O'Hare Ballroom

## Breakout – Workshop Round A

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. CT | Chicago Rooms

Breakout Topic	Presenter(s)	Room
<b>Nurturing Diverse Families:</b> Supporting marriage and family life and intercultural expressions of spirituality in the home	<b>Deacon Gary Nosacek</b> and <b>Cindy Nosacek</b> (PCMRT)	Chicago AB
<b>Pathways for Young Protagonists:</b> Empowering young adults across cultural families to step into leadership in the Church structure. <i>This session is sponsored by the Catholic Apostolate Center</i>	<b>Jessica Romero</b> (PCMRT) and <b>Nicholas Stein</b> (EA)	Chicago C
<b>Fostering Healing and Peace:</b> Cultivating a spirituality of non-violence and overcoming personal and community trauma in diverse communities.	<b>Maka Black Elk</b> (NA), <b>Eunice Park</b> (API), and <b>Tara Segal</b> (EA)	Chicago D
<b>Accompanying Young Disciples:</b> Practicing accompaniment of youth and young adults within our intercultural communities of faith	<b>Pamela Harris</b> (BAA), <b>Jocelyn George</b> (API), and <b>Saul Llacsá</b> (HA)	Chicago E
<b>Communicating the Gospel:</b> Using the Church's media presence as a means for accompanying youth and young adults of all cultural communities	<b>Fr. Rafael Capo</b> (HA), <b>Kara Dixon</b> (BAA), and <b>Ryan Bao</b> (API)	Chicago F
<b>Journeying Through Identity and Morality:</b> Practicing accompaniment with the diversity of young people who identify as LGBTQ+	<b>Bp. Edward Burns</b> (EA) and <b>Fr. Frank Cancro</b> (PCMRT)	Chicago G

## Friday Mass: Sacred Heart of Jesus

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3:30 to 5:00 p.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Friday Daily Mass**, celebrating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
led by the *Black/African American* cultural community

Emcees: **Fr. Tony Massad**, Parish of Saint Maron, Youngstown (PCMRT)  
**Eleanor Dias**, Archdiocese of Milwaukee (API)  
Presider: **Most Rev. Shelton Fabre**, Archbishop of Louisville (BAA)  
Music: **Pedro Rubalcava** and Ensemble

## Dinner Break

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5:00 to 6:30 p.m. | O'Hare Ballroom

*Prayer before meals led by the Marianist community*

## Breakout – Action Planning Session 2

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6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CT | Chicago Rooms

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<b>Embracing Historical Memory</b>	Chicago C
<b>Active Inclusion</b>	Chicago D
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## An Evening of Eucharistic Adoration and Praise

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8:30 to 10:00 p.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

In celebration of the Eucharistic Revival taking place across the United States and rooting our work in Jesus Christ, fully present in the Eucharist, the source of our intercultural communion, we spend time before the Lord this evening. Through prayer, reflections, music, and silence, we let our prayers rise before our God. We also join in adoration of the Lord with Blessed Carlo Acutis, a Millennial witness whose passion for the Eucharist inspires us today and whose relics we venerate during this moment of prayer.

As in the miracle of Jesus, the bread and the fish provided by young people can multiply (cf. Jn 6:4-13). As in the parable, the small seeds sown by young people can yield a rich harvest (cf. Mt 13:23.31-32). All of this has its living source in the Eucharist, in which our bread and our wine are transformed to grant us eternal life. Young people face immense and difficult challenges. With faith in the risen Lord, they can confront them with creativity and hope, ever ready to be of service. (CV 173)

Emcees: **Fr. Tony Massad**, Parish of Saint Maron, Youngstown (PCMRT)  
**Eleanor Dias**, Archdiocese of Milwaukee (API)  
Presider: **Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry**, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (BAA)  
Homilist: **Most Rev. Edward J. Burns**, Bishop of Dallas (EA)  
Reflections: **Fr. Rafael Capó**, Saint Thomas University Miami (HA)  
**Fr. Ajani Gibson**, Archdiocese of New Orleans (BAA)  
Music: **Pedro Rubalcava** and Ensemble

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## Saturday, June 25, 2022: Accompanied by Mary

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On the third day, accompanied by the Blessed Mother, we continue to plan for action. We explore how practicing accompaniment and engaging in active inclusion can help us to ensure full representation of all people and communities in our midst. Modeling ourselves after the example of the young virgin of Nazareth who said yes to the Lord's call, we spend time in her company throughout this day.

In the heart of the Church, Mary shines forth. She is the supreme model for a youthful Church that seeks to follow Christ with enthusiasm and docility. While still very young, she accepted the message of the angel, yet she was not afraid to ask questions (cf. Lk 1:34). With open heart and soul, she replied, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38). (CV no. 43)

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### General Session 3: Prayer, Dialogue, and Keynote

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8:00 to 10:00 a.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Practicing Accompaniment and Active Inclusion:** In this morning general session, we will explore how we move towards action on this journey and how can each of us – whether as bishops, young adults, or ministry leaders – can accompany and be actively inclusive of all perspectives and all cultural families to achieve our actionable goals. As Pope Francis notes, "we can move towards a participatory and co-responsible Church, one capable of appreciating its own rich variety, gratefully accepting the contributions of the lay faithful, including young people and women, consecrated persons, as well as groups, associations, and movements. No one should be excluded or exclude themselves." (CV 206)

Morning Prayer will be led by the *Hispanic/Latino* cultural community.

Music:	<b>Pedro Rubalcava</b> and Ensemble
Emcees:	<b>Stacy M. Allen</b> , Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (BAA/HA) <b>Benito Medrano</b> , Diocese of Orange in California (HA)
Plenary Presider:	<b>Jessica Maciel Hernandez</b> , Diocese of Des Moines (HA)
Episcopal Blessing:	<b>Most Rev. Oscar Cantú</b> , Bishop of San Jose (HA)
Panelists:	<b>Dallas Carter</b> , Diocese of Honolulu (API) <b>Jessica Gallegos</b> , Diocese of Boise (PCMRT) <b>Benito Medrano</b> , Diocese of Orange in California (HA)
Facilitator:	<b>Amy S. McEntee</b> , RCL Benziger, Archdiocese of Cincinnati (EA)
Keynote Speakers:	<b>Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez</b> , Archbishop of Philadelphia (HA) <b>Cecilia Marie Flores</b> , Sacramento Area Congregations Together (API)

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### Breakout – Workshop Round B

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10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT | Chicago Rooms

Breakout Topic	Presenter(s)	Room
<b>Encouraging God's Call:</b> Vocation promotion strategies for priesthood and consecrated life within multicultural communities and families	<b>Fr. Adam McDonald</b> (EA) and <b>Taylor Mitchell</b> (API)	Chicago AB

<b>Fostering Important Conversations:</b> How Catholic communities can initiate and sustain sensitive, potentially divisive, discussions on race and culture	<b>Joyce Jones (BAA), Kwadwo Mireku (PCMRT), and Alexander Roth (EA)</b>	Chicago C
<b>Overcoming Division with Diversity:</b> How the rich diversity of the Church can inform and dispel polarization in the Church and the world. <i>Sponsored by the Catholic Apostolate Center</i>	<b>Jose Matos Auffant (HA), Dr. Tracey Lamont (EA), and Sally Stovall (PCMRT)</b>	Chicago D
<b>Diversity and Sacred Spaces:</b> Exploring cultural inclusion in the liturgical life of parish and campus communities	<b>Sr. Christina Nantaba (PCMRT), Darius Villalobos (HA), and Clarissa Martinez (API)</b>	Chicago E
<b>Developing Vibrant Ministries:</b> Fostering intercultural inclusion in the Church's ministries with youth and young adults and on college campuses	<b>Christopher Malano (API), Doris Barrow III (BAA), and Diana Hancharenko (EA)</b>	Chicago F
<b>Cultivating Healthy Relationships:</b> How the Church can form and mentor young people through building healthy friendships and dating relationships	<b>Ashley Morris and LaSheka Morris (BAA) and Javier Orozco (HA)</b>	Chicago G

### Lunch Break

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. CT | O'Hare Ballroom

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### Breakout – Action Planning Session 3

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CT | Chicago Rooms

Breakout Topic	Room
<b>Embracing Historical Memory</b>	Chicago C
<b>Active Inclusion</b>	Chicago D
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### Saturday Mass: *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

3:30 to 5:00 p.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Saturday Daily Mass**, celebrating the feast of the Most Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, led by the *Asian and Pacific Islander* cultural community

Emcees: **Stacy M. Allen**, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (BAA/HA)

**Benito Medrano**, Diocese of Orange in California (HA)

Presider: **Most Rev. Larry Silva**, Bishop of Honolulu (API)

Music: **Pedro Rubalcava** and Ensemble

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## Sunday, June 26, 2022: [Going Forth in the Spirit](#)

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**On the final day**, we ready ourselves for the journey ahead by committing to the prophetic action plans that are unfolding before us. We listen attentively to the creative ideas expressed by the fellow travelers on the road: young adults, ministry leaders, and bishops who accompany us along the way – and we hold ourselves and each other accountable for the promises we make before the Lord. As we go forth in the Spirit, alive in Christ, we are blessed by this time together and the joy of the Gospel burning in our hearts.

Jesus' life can prove inspiring for all those young people who are developing and preparing to take up their mission in life. This involves growing in a relationship with the Father, in awareness of being part of a family and a people, and in openness to being filled with the Holy Spirit and led to carry out the mission God gives them, their personal vocation. (CV 30)

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### **Travelers Mass: *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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6:00 to 7:00 a.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

Presider: **Fr. Ajani Gibson**, Archdiocese of New Orleans (BAA)

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### **General Session 4: *Prayer, Dialogue, Keynote, and Commitment***

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8:00 to 10:00 a.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

**Formation Possibilities and Enduring Hope:** In this morning general session, we surrender to the Holy Spirit for guidance as we look ahead at what creative possibilities for formation, communication, and encounter lie beyond the present moment. As Pope Francis exhorts us, “Dare to be more... Ask the help of the Holy Spirit and confidently aim for the great goal of holiness... Keep following your hopes and dreams” (CV 107) and that “our best dreams are only attained through hope, patience, and commitment, and not in haste. At the same time, we should not be hesitant, afraid to take chances or make mistakes... for no one has the right to rob you of hope (CV 142). As we take those action steps to which we are now committing, we are reminded of the lasting hope that God has in store for each one of us.

Morning Prayer will be led by the cultural communities represented by the Subcommittee on the *Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers*.

Music: **Pedro Rubalcava** and Ensemble

Emcees: **Fr. Jimmy Hsu, CSP**, The Ohio State University (API)  
**Stefanie Miles**, Archdiocese of Washington (BAA)

Plenary Presider: **Fr. Tony Massad**, Parish of Saint Maron, Youngstown, Ohio (PCMRT)

Ministry Leader Panel: **Doris Barrow III**, Texas Southern University, Houston (BAA)  
**Diana Hancharenko**, St. Angela Merici Parish, Youngstown (EA)  
**Semret Hailemariam**, Ge'ez Rite Eritrean Catholic community (PCMRT)  
**Mar Muñoz-Visoso**, USCCB Cultural Diversity Secretariat (HA)

Panel Facilitator: **Paul E. Jarzembowski**, USCCB Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth (EA)



Bishop Response Panel: **Most Rev. Oscar Cantú**, Bishop of San Jose (HA)  
**Most Rev. Joseph Perry**, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (BAA)  
**Most Rev. Larry Silva**, Bishop of Honolulu (API)

Panel Facilitators: **Paul E. Jarzembowski**, USCCB Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth (EA)  
**Mar Muñoz-Visoso**, USCCB Cultural Diversity Secretariat (HA)

Commissioning Rite: **Most Rev. Oscar Cantú**, Bishop of San Jose (HA)  
**Most Rev. Armando Ochoa**, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Fresno (HA)  
**Most Rev. Nelson J. Pérez**, Archbishop of Philadelphia (HA)  
**Most Rev. Joseph Perry**, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (BAA)  
**Most Rev. Larry Silva**, Bishop of Honolulu (API)  
**Most Rev. Chad Zielinski**, Bishop of Fairbanks in Alaska (NA)

**Closing Mass: *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT | Grand Ballroom

***Journeying Together Closing Mass***, celebrating the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Emcees: **Fr. Jimmy Hsu, CSP**, The Ohio State University (API)  
**Stefanie Miles**, Archdiocese of Washington (BAA)

Presider: **Most Rev. Nelson J. Pérez**, Archbishop of Philadelphia (HA)

Music: Pedro Rubalcava and Ensemble

Dear young people, make the most of these years... Make a ruckus! Cast out the fears that paralyze you... Live! Give yourselves over to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out, and fly! (CV 143)

I want to encourage all of you in this effort, because I know that your young hearts want to build a better world...Please, do not leave it to others to be protagonists of change. You are the ones who hold the future! Through you, the future enters into the world. I ask you also to be protagonists of this transformation... Continue to fight apathy and to offer a Christian response to the social and political troubles emerging in different parts of the world. I ask you to build the future, to work for a better world. Dear young people, please, do not be bystanders in life. Get involved!... Don't stand aloof, but immerse yourselves in the reality of life, as Jesus did. Above all, in one way or another, fight for the common good, serve the poor, be protagonists of the revolution of charity and service. (CV 174)



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