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“Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Timothy 6:12).

We have chosen the path of those who do God’s bidding on earth: make right from wrong while professing the Gospel, Jesus Christ’s coming. We, although working in different countries with different realities, are hence united in this European platform, JECI-MIEC.

JECI-MIEC is a network of several national organizations from European countries and all being made-up of Catholic students. The Orientation Guidelines are a series of themes spanning over four years that will be focused upon by JECI-MIEC. These themes are related to JECI-MIEC’s identity.

However, do we have a common identity? What is it that defines us? How can we reach true connections within our diverse countries and organizations? The answer is quick to most of us - we are Catholic Students. Its meaning, however, is more complex than one could think at first glance. Therefore, the proposal of these orientation guidelines is to identify what it means to be Catholic Students and reach a more profound depth on the specificities and challenges of living in Europe with this identity. We believe that our first and most important common point is our Christian faith and the values that it implies. These are realized through our identity of being Catholic and the way we live them in our society and our educational realities. Our methodology is the Review of Life (see – judge – act) that has direct impact in improvements that are necessary in our eyes. It also provides self-development to the students by giving them a voice and guiding them to live in a responsible way.

We would like to achieve this ambitious goal by incorporating, in our proposal, the image of a tree. Assuming the National Organizations as the root of the European Coordination, where all the life and activity flows from, we can then compare the trunk of the tree to our identity as Catholic students. This would divide into four branches covering the topics of “Culture”, “Sexuality”, “Dialogue and Human Dignity” and “Present and Future”. These branches could be divided even further. Each topic would then be the basis of the European meetings promoting exchanges between the groups, while inviting the national organizations to act on them.

Catholic Students Identity

CULTURE

- Environmental problems
- Democracy and youth’s role
- Globalization
- Media and technology
- Spiritual crisis
- Educational realities

PRESENT & FUTURE

- Evaluation process
- Developing concrete actions
- Orientation guidelines 2016-2020

SEXUALITY

- Family values
- Gender issues
- Homosexuality
- Controversial issues in the Church

DIALOGUE & HUMAN DIGNITY

- Religions and public authorities
- Intercultural dialogue
- Ecumenical and interreligious dialogue
- Cooperation between organizations

The first three topics approach the main concerns and themes that were identified by most National Organizations as their working or interest areas. The fourth topic is the time to reflect on the results and achievements and to direct our reflections on the issues of the future. These topics are dealt with using the meeting structure of the European Coordination JECI-MIEC, such as summer weeks, colloquiums, study sessions, training sessions, theological sessions etc. Furthermore there is a wide range of methods – publications, campaigns, lectures, group works, visits, role plays, forums etc. This structure and respective contents can only be considered as possible paths to reflect on the Catholic Students. These thematic and methodological possibilities could be carried out on the European level and within the National Organizations.