

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

As a member of IMCS—Pax Romana through the Federation of Italian Catholic University Students (FUCI), Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati saw Jesus in the poor and the vulnerable. In 1990, Pope John Paul II called him a "man of the Beatitudes" during the beatification Mass. His body will be at St. Mary's Cathedral throughout WYD for the veneration of his relics. He showed that a



life in the service of justice can be lived in joy and peace.

St. Mary's Cathedral

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About IMCS/MIEC

IMCS Pax Romana is the International Movement of Catholic Students which brings together over 80 diverse national federations, associations, and movements of Catholic university and tertiary students from six regions. Since 1921, when it was founded under the name of Pax Romana with the aim of promoting peace and justice at the global level, IMCS has been helping in the holistic formation of students around the globe.

As a Catholic students' movement, IMCS's main mission is the evangelization of the student milieu by helping students to get involved as social actors in the unification of people, in the university, in the Church, and in the world.

Since 1949, IMCS has been advocating on behalf of its members as a non-governmental organization (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), and United Nations Education Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO). IMCS is also active with regional inter-governmental and international bodies, such as the International Labor Organization and the World Bank to voice the concerns of youth.

IMCS represents Catholic students within the Church as an international association of the lay Catholic faithful with a special relationship to the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Secretariat of State of the Holy See.

Inspired by Jesus' teachings and the Gospel Values, IMCS encourages students to live a Spirituality in Action, which bridges students' intellect to their service with others through praying, reflecting, and acting on issues which affect society at all levels.



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IMCS / MIEC Events & Activities

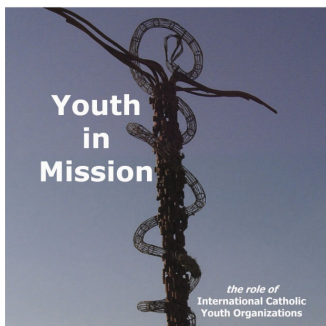
▶ *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)*

15–20 July 2008 / Sydney, Australia

► Vocations Expo

Darling Harbour at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Opening Times:

Tue 15 July 10:00am - 3:30pm (followed by Opening Mass)

Wed 16 July 1:00pm - 10:00pm

Thu 17 July 5:30pm - 10:00pm (following Papal Arrival)

Fri 18 July 6:30pm - 10:00pm (following Stations of the Cross)

Partner ICYOs:

- International Catholic Conference of Scouting (CICS/ICCS)
- International Conference of Catholic Guiding (CIC/ICCG)
- International Coordination of Young Christian Workers (CIJOC/ICYCW)
- International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Communities (FIMCAP)
- International Movement of Catholic Agricultural & Rural Youth (MIJARC/IMCARY)
- International Young Catholic Students (JECI/IYCS)



Members Gathering

"Power to Act"

IMCS/MIEC will be hosting a members gathering together with IYCW and IYCS. We will learn about each others campaigns and realities, and share our experiences of making the Gospel message alive in our daily lives. This event is an excellent opportunity to meet our counterparts from the other regions of the world

Time and Venue to be announced

Youth Forum

"Act Today, Change Tomorrow: A New Generation of Apostles Speak Out!"

The Youth Forum is an invitation to people to witness to the injustices they face, and discuss how faith calls them to transform these situations. It will focus on themes such as education, work, community, conflict, and individualism. This event will be the culmination of a Real Life Survey which was circulated around the globe.

There will be a number of high profile guest speakers, including Brother Cesar Henriquez, a Guatemalan

child rights advocate based in Geneva.

The outcome of this Youth Forum will result in a statement addressed to governments, church leaders, and the media about the challenges facing young people and their hopes for the world.

*Wednesday 16 July; 14:00—16:00
The Big Top, Luna Park*

Youth Festival

"Witness Through Action: Young People and the Millennium Development Goals"

Hosted by Caritas Australia in partnership with IYCS, IYCW, MIJARC, and IMCS, we will share how our faith challenges us to ensure that the MDGs are achieved by 2015. Testimonies of participants will focus especially on the issues of hunger, education, and work. The event will be co-hosted by Caritas Australia CEO, Mr. Jack de Groot. The event



will conclude with the signing of a personal commitment declaration of putting our faith into action.

*Tuesday 15 July; 14:00—16:00
Barnet Long Room, Customs House, Circular Quay*