

JUDGE

What should the mission/ role of the Church be in the world?

What is our place/ role in this?

What is good about Church?

What is bad?



“The Lord said to me:

‘Do not say I am only a child’.

You must go to whoever I send you to and say whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you.

I will rescue you.” Jer 1:7-8

What is the message of this Scripture?

What message does it have for our lives?

“When young people say the Church doesn’t do anything then they’re slugging themselves off, you know, because they are the Church.”

What does this mean?

How far do we agree with it?

How are we challenged to be Church in our everyday lives?

ACT

Looking back at our SEE, What were the main issues that we discovered from our SEE about Church?

How did these affect young people? How did our JUDGE call us to respond?

Now we’ve talked about the issues, found out what’s actually happening, and decided what we think about it as young people and young Christians, what are we going to do about it?

Suggestions

Is there anyway in which we could follow our beliefs more?

How can we strengthen our own faith?

Is there any way in which you can put a positive view of religion over to our friends and contacts?

Can we organise an exchange meeting with young people of other beliefs? Locally, nationally, or even with international links? Has anyone of our Friends and Contacts been affected by the issues we have discussed? Can we do anything personally or as a group to support them?

Can we promote anything we have discussed or discovered to our friends and contacts?

Example: A member of the YCW in Manchester, England, bought a copy of a homeless magazine. When the vendor wouldn’t give her any change she took this to the group. They decided to look at the issues surrounding youth homelessness. As part of their action they challenged the parish to look beyond and help homeless people. The parish started to do this by collecting toiletries to distribute to homeless people.

A Voice from the Church...

“It is through the Church and in the Church that God invites all men and women to collaborate in the apostolate of Christ, the unique apostle. When God calls us into being, when he creates us in his own image and likeness, he gives us a vocation, an apostolate. Christ’s invitation, ‘Come and follow me’ is meant for everyone; this is the divine vocation, through the very act of the creation and the redemption. And this is God’s plan...

The apostolate of the laity, is therefore that of their daily life, of their ordinary environment, as regards all the problems and responsibilities this life creates, both for themselves and for those closest to them, for whom they bear responsibility... Their lives take on a new value and meaning, an apostolic significance which enriches the Church and saves the world. It has been called ‘the apostolate of people who haven’t got time’; people who have consecrated their whole lives, on every level – be it family, social, civic, scientific or artistic – to spreading and bearing witness to their Christianity.”

Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, Founder of the YCW

What is the message of this passage for the laity (the ordinary men and women in the Church)?

What vision does this give us of the Church in the world?

How does this call us to act in our own daily lives?

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