

The Spirituality of the YCW

Is expressed in

The Review of Life
(through the See – Judge – Act Method)

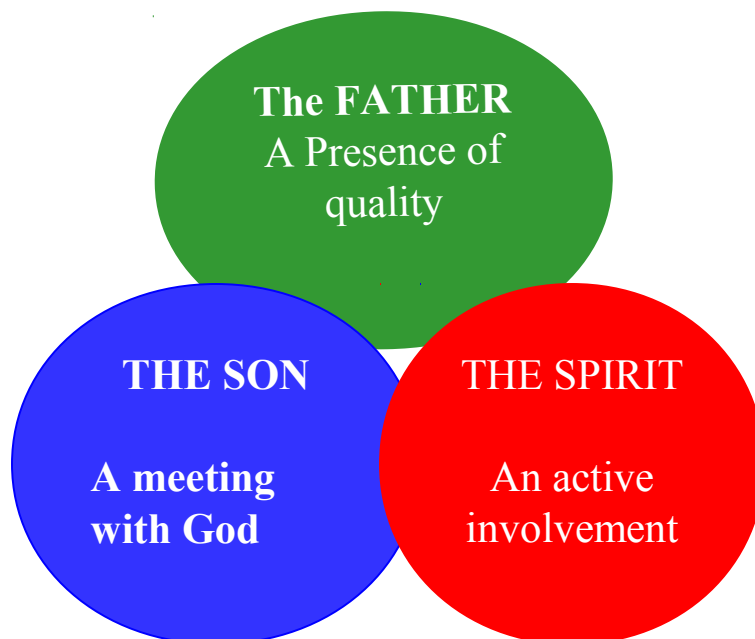
Which becomes

- a way of life
- a life-style
- a continual calling to commitment and involvement in everyday life.

The spirit of the review of life takes us beyond our personal preferences and becomes the foundation stone of an *active lay apostolate*.

It is this apostolate that determines the spirituality of the YCW.

“If anyone loves me , he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:23)



SEE : accept and understand

“The Kingdom of God is close at hand.”

The “SEE” educates their way of seeing

- it helps them accept that the reality is as it is;
- it invites them to contemplate the human person as God’s image
- It pushes them to understand the experiences and events in the life of young people and especially of those who do not count for much in the eyes of the world.
- It gives them the opportunity to share experiences
- It leads them to give value and respect to the life of others.

The Truth of Experience/Reality

Luke 15: 12 “The Father divided his property between them”

20. “While he was still a long way off his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy..”

The FATHER
A Presence of
quality

Luke 10: 33 “A Samaritan traveller who came by, saw him and was moved with compassion”

A gift of welcome and space

The YCW Chaplain is calledwith the Father.....

To go and meet – to be present – to have compassion

To listen: with attention – with patience

To observe: with objectivity – with love – with respect

To see in depth, beyond the superficial

JUDGE: to learn to love

The Kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in a field.

The “Judge” educates their way of discerning good and evil.
-it helps them to identify the signs of the Kingdom and the counter signs, the contradictions.
- it gives them a space and context to listen to God, revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, the Word of God.
- it makes them aware that there exists a plan of God for the world, for young people.
- it gives them the possibility to meet Him personally.
- it enables them to remember their dignity as sons and daughters of God.

The Truth of Faith

Luke 15:20

*“I am no longer worthy to be called your son”
“Quick, bring the best robe and re-clothe him”*

THE SON

A meeting with God

Luke 10:34

“He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them”

A gift of friendship and a living encounter with Jesus.

The YCW Chaplain is calledwith the Son.....

- to give true value to their life;
- to make a meeting with Jesus Christ possible;
- to learn His way along with them;
- to appreciate his Word along with them;
- to accompany them in:
 - really knowing the person of Jesus
 - being a friend of the Lord
 - being converted
 - giving thanks

ACT: to dare to change and transform

“The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed”

The “Act” educates their way of acting.

- it helps them respond to their meeting with Jesus;
- it prompts them to take on responsibility within the plan of God in their life and in the life of young workers;
- it gives them the possibility of being active collaborators with the Spirit of God;
- it invites them to transform their lives and the situations around them;
- it enables them to build a community/a Movement;

The Truth of Method/Pastoral Response

Luke 15:24

*“This son of mine was dead and now he has returned to life”
“And they began to celebrate”*



Luke 10:37

« Go and do the same yourself»

A gift of life, of an apostolate expressed in concrete actions

The YCW Chaplain is calledin the Spirit....

- to give witness to our faith
- to celebrate the “small” victories
- to understand their lay commitment
- to confirm them as:
 - prophets: speaking the truth
 - priests: offering a service
 - kings : living with dignity and responsibility
- to support the life of YCW leaders who are trying to live with a Christ-like heart.

The Spirituality of the YCW

- a way of life
- a life style
- an ongoing calling

To commitment and involvement in everyday life

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