



# CAMPUS MINISTRY IN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Although Campus ministry is addressed to all members of the university community - students, professors, administrative personnel, management staff - students are always at the center of the life and of the educational project of the university, and this central position must also be taken into account when we consider the life of faith and the ministry action in the university community.

In accordance with the Catholic identity of our universities, we would like to introduce a campus ministry model in which all members of the university community are involved, a model thought for and with the students. A model that is more inclusive and takes into account the conditions of all students present on campus, and of their stage of human maturity and knowledge of their faith. An integrative model, that helps students to interiorize their faith during the time of their studies, confronting it with sciences and with all the challenges that stem from culture.

## ► Main objective

- To promote, through the training of campus ministers, a model of campus ministry which is based on the real situation of the students and that lead them to the encounter with Christ and to a major commitment with the construction of the Kingdom of God.

## ► Specific objectives

- . To promote reflection on the situation of students and on the models of campus ministry applied in our Catholic Higher Education Institutions
- . To put forward the elaboration of an inclusive campus ministry proposal, based on the situation of young students but also involving all members of the university community
- . To identify mediations and interventions that could be included in a campus ministry plan
- . To define the figure and role of the campus minister in Catholic HEIs

## ► Methodology

- This program is designed to confront the praxis of campus ministry with the reality of living conditions and expectations of the students that attend catholic universities.

- The first part focuses on the results of the World Survey on Youth Cultures conducted by IFCU and is organized around a series of modules that each combine an initial presentation with a series of activities aimed at favoring at the same time individual reflection and group interaction. Starting from a focus on a macro (global) approach, the results of the region where the training is given will be emphasized, in order for each participant to be able to question his own reality and to share it with his peers'.

- Taking into account the results of the survey, the guidelines of the Church on campus ministry and some best practices in this field, personal and group reflection will be provoked among participants on the criteria and ways of intervention for a better campus ministry practice that can become more inclusive and integrative.

- In addition to reflecting on one's own pastoral practice, each participant will have the opportunity to evaluate the model and campus ministry plan of the institution in which he or she works in order to elaborate and propose improvements.

## Dates

January 14-16, 2018 (2 days)

## Deadline for registration

October 11, 2018

## Venue

Pontifical Irish College  
Rome, Italy

## Who should attend

The program is directed to all those that work as Campus ministers in Catholic Higher Education Institutions, that is: directors and/or coordinators of campus ministry offices, members of campus ministry teams, chaplains, etc.

## Registration fee

IFCU members: 400 €  
Non-members: 550 €

This includes participation to the workshop (2 days), coffee breaks and lunch at the College (January 15 and 16)

## Contact and Registration

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## Theme 1

### YOUTH CULTURES

- 1. Introduction to the context of the "Youth cultures in Catholic Universities" survey
- 2. Presentation of the survey's results and reflection work by modules
  - . Socio-biographic profile of the students
  - . Choice of the university and university life
  - . Students' ego or self
  - . Perception of the world in which students live in
  - . Student's vision of the future and projects

Each module is developed according to this frame:

- . Presentation of research results by the trainer
- . Confrontation of results with the reality of each university
- . Reflection on the teachings that emerge from the survey
- . Discussion on improvement and innovation opportunities in each context

## Theme 2

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

- 1. Campus ministry in Catholic universities
  - . Church guidelines on campus ministry
  - . Models for campus ministry at the university
- 2. Campus ministry as a service to the university community
  - . The university community as an agent of campus ministry
  - . The student-centered approach in the campus ministry proposal
  - . Interventions according to the level of maturity in faith of all members
- 3. The organization of campus ministry
  - . An organic ministry integrated within the mission of the university
  - . The president and the board of directors
  - . The coordinator and / or team of campus ministers
  - . The role of the chaplain and of the spiritual director
  - . The commitment and the leadership of young students
- 4. Mediations and interventions in campus ministry
  - . The Catholic identity of the university
  - . The campus ministry plan
  - . The liturgical year calendar and the life of faith of the community
  - . The promotion of dialogue between faith and culture
  - . The coordination of ecclesial groups, associations and movements
  - . Personal guidance
  - . The promotion of volunteering and solidarity
  - . The elaboration of lifelong faith formation programs
  - . The training of new campus ministers in the university community