

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### *“Formation, Laity, & Vatican II: The YCW in Australia”*

**Symposium: Saturday 29th July 2017**



### **Frank Lombard and Joseph Cardijn, 1957**

(MDHC Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne)

The YCW was the ‘most significant lay movement in twentieth century Catholicism’, declared Australian church historian Edmund Campion in his book *Rockchoppers*.

The Australian YCW was notably an initiative of the laity (the Melbourne Campion Society, and the Grail), whose schemes were adopted by the bishops and from 1941 developed by a priests committee with lay financial support. In later years lay adult ‘collaborators’ replaced religious chaplains. Many YCW leaders surrendered years, and sometimes careers, to the compelling vision of the YCW. Many religious vocations were shaped significantly by YCW exposure. Australia’s YCW is a potent story of clergy and laity in a vital, undulating, working relationship.

In 2017 we commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn and national chaplain Fr Frank Lombard. It is also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Msgr John F Kelly, YCW author, editor, and pre-Cana leader, and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr Hugh O’Sullivan, YCW author, and Adelaide, Australian and Asia-Pacific YCW chaplain.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July Cardijn Community Australia in conjunction with Catholic Theological College (University of Divinity) will present a symposium on ‘Formation, Laity, Vatican II: The YCW in Australia’. We are seeking a wide range of papers relating to the historical context of the YCW in Australia. For example:

- the developing theology of the laity in the Church, and YCW
- particular YCW chaplains & lay collaborators (local, state, national)
- methods of YCW lay formation
- initiatives of YCW / NCGM leaders, including extension work (national and international)
- new environments: eg, Vatican II, cultural revolution, changes in localism, education, social critiques
- new responses: eg, the ‘worker question’, ‘social justice’, ‘small Christian communities’, ‘liberation theology’
- notable conflicts between YCW (or related lay movement) and church hierarchy

We are calling for short (20 minute) scholarly presentations. We will also welcome expressions-of-interest for non-scholarly presentations on, for example, experiences with a particular chaplain, YCW/NCGM training weekends, or broader thoughts on formation. It is anticipated that some papers will be published.

While the forum will look at the role of chaplaincy and lay formation in the YCW, it will also provide opportunity for wider reflection on lay formation and mission in the Australian church today.

It is anticipated that it will be a prelude for a larger conference on the YCW to be held in 2018.

Please submit proposals, with synopsis, by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, to:

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