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**ПАТРІАРША КОМІСІЯ УГКЦ
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Shaping Peace, Realising Hope: Global Youth in Dialogue

International training seminar

Seveso, 2-7 May 2026

Background information

The Italian Catholic Action, in collaboration with the Pastoral Office of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Youth Coordination of the International Forum of Catholic Action, is organising a training and dialogue seminar for 50 young people from Italy, Malta, Romania, Spain and Ukraine.

The initiative aims to provide an opportunity for formation and discussion on the major social issues of our time in the light of the Social Doctrine of the Church, contributing to the development of a conscious civic responsibility, as well as the promotion of the fundamental values of peace, solidarity and the common good among the young participants.

Through talks by guest speakers, visits to local organisations and workshops, participants will be encouraged to become active leaders in their own communities, capable of fostering collaboration and dialogue even beyond the training experience.

The first days of the Seminar will be held in conjunction with the national training event of the Youth Sector of the Italian Catholic Action “Facciamo a metà? Abitare il conflitto, generare il bene”, addressed to Vice-presidents, Assistants, Councillors and members of the diocesan teams, Regional Coordinators and Assistants for the Youth Sector, and educators, taking place in the same venue on 1-3 May 2026.

The Seminar is organised with the support of Caritas Italiana.

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Draft programme

Saturday 2 May | Arrivals

Activities are held in conjunction with the national training event of the Youth Sector of the Italian Catholic Action "Facciamo a metà? Abitare il conflitto, generare il bene".

Welcome

19:00 Prayer for peace

20:30 Dinner and evening together

Sunday 3 May | Living through international conflict

Morning activities are held in conjunction with the national training event of the Youth Sector of the Italian Catholic Action "Facciamo a metà? Abitare il conflitto, generare il bene".

8:30 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION** presided over by
Claudio Giuliodori, General Ecclesiastical Assistant of Italian Catholic Action

10:00 **BUILDING PEACE**
A discussion with young people from Malta, Romania, Spain and Ukraine, in conversation with **Riccardo Redaelli**, Catholic University of Sacred Heart, and **Giorgia Sorrentino**, Member of the Executive Committee of the National Youth Council with responsibility for EU Affairs

12:30 **CONCLUSIONS BY**
Emanuela Gitto and **Lorenzo Zardi**, National Vicepresidents of Italian Catholic Action - Youth Sector and Responsibles of the Youth Coordination of the International Forum of Catholic Action

13:00 *Lunch*

16:00 **Introduction to the Seminar**

16:30 **Team building activities**

18:00 **Prayer**

19:30 *Dinner*

21:00 **Ukrainian cultural evening**



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Monday 4 May | Politics and democratic participation

Objective: To explore the meaning of the common good in the light of our shared baptismal vocation, so that we may recognise our shared responsibility for building it and identify practical ways in which, as individuals and as a community, we can contribute to the good of all within the most complex social and political contexts.

9:00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

10:30 **OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS**

11:00 **WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF COMMON GOOD?**

Introductory activity to the seminar

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AS A VOCATION: A LOOK AT THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH AND EXPERIENCES OF POLITICAL COMMITMENT

11:30 Conversation with **Yuriy Tykhovlis***, Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and **Fabio Pizzul** Journalist, President of the Ambrosianeum Foundation in Milan, former Regional Councillor for Lombardy .

13:00 *Lunch*

POLITICS ON THE GROUND: THE EXPERIENCE OF A LOCAL COMMUNITY

16:00 Visit to the Municipality of Legnano and conversation with **Monica Berna Nasca**, Councillor responsible for Day-to-Day Affairs, Legnano City Council and **Simone Bosetti**, Councillor, Legnano City Council.

19:00 *Vespers*

20:00 *Dinner*

21:00 *Maltese cultural evening*



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Tuesday 5 May | Responsible participation in the digital age

Objective: To examine the ethical and moral challenges posed by the advent of the digital age and the anthropological implications – in terms of interpersonal relationships, education and work – of the epochal shift we are currently experiencing. In the field of communication, to consider the potential (and the challenges) of striving for an increasingly authentic understanding of reality and the search for a profound Truth within the narratives presented through ICT tools.

9:00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

LIVING IN A DIGITAL WORLD: A LOOK AT THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

10:30 Conversation with **Yuriy Tykhovlis***, Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and **Marco Verani**, Professor of Numerical Analysis at Politecnico di Milano

12:00 Workshops

13:00 *Lunch*

WORKSHOP ON HUMAN COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL STORYTELLING

16:00 held by **Paolo Bovio** Managing editor, Will & Chora Media.

19:00 Vespers

20:00 *Dinner*

21:00 Spanish cultural evening



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Wednesday 6 May | Integral ecology and care for creation

Objective: To help young people reflect on the link between faith, ethics and care for our common home, fostering awareness, responsibility and lifestyles that cultivate respectful relationships, solidarity and care for the environment, both locally and globally.

8:30 Departure for Milan

9:30 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION** at [Chiesa di Sant'Antonio Abate](#)

FROM A THROWAWAY CULTURE TO A CULTURE OF CARE: A LOOK AT THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH AND PRACTICES

10:30 Conversation with **Yuriy Tykhovlis***, Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and **Francesco Del Pizzo**, Sociology and the Social Doctrine of the Church at the St Thomas Aquinas Department of the Pontifical Theological Faculty of Southern Italy, President of Azione Cattolica - Naples.

WORKSHOP. HUNTING FOR THE URBAN ECOSYSTEM

11:30 Developing a keen understanding of the dynamics that underpin interconnected communities.

13:00 *Lunch*

INTEGRAL ECOLOGY IN THE CITY

16:00 Visiting the experience of **Parco UpTown***.

18:00 Departure for Seveso

19:00 Vespers

20:00 *Dinner*

21:00 Romanian cultural evening

Thursday 7 May | Departures

9:00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

10:00 Final considerations

11:30 Greetings and departures

***To be confirmed**



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