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PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE OFFICE OF

LITURGY AND EVANGELISATION

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DESCRIPTION

Liturgy is the peak activity of the Church. It is connected to the real world and requires one to be highly organized. It is a fixed form of public worship used in the Church mainly focused on the Catholic Church. It is the Centre of Christian life for the church and the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the heart of all parish and community life in branches. Evangelization is the teachings and preaching of Gospel to the nations. It is important for ACTS, as we need to be spiritually uplifted and again we are a Christ centered association and since we Christ centered we need to follow in the footsteps of Christ AND the doctrines of the Church passed on the faithful.

Aims and objectives

* The aim is to be considered before all else when preparing and celebrating liturgy is that everyone present participates fully, consciously and actively. That everyone is spiritually uplifted and growing spiritually.

* The main objective is to establish and maintain contact with people who participate in the liturgical word, gospel teachings, catechism teachings, vocational teachings and Eucharistic CELEBRATIONS (MASS) and also to recruit people, who are particularly involved in the Sacraments of the church in a manner that supports and respects the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Functions and roles:

Oversee the bigger picture of liturgy at branch, provincial and national level across the entire liturgical year, establishing policies on matters of worship and setting goals for liturgical life of ACTS. Please follow the Universal Liturgical Calendar for important dates and obligations,

-Improving the process and the order of Mass through clear understanding of our faith and through music.

-Improving our spirituality through reminding of different church celebrations, creating teachings about our faith, creating catechism teachings and creating liturgical teachings,

-Help the church to pray by introducing lots and lots of Catholic prayers such as divine mercy, novenas and many prayer sessions such as retreats and adoration masses to uplift our spiritual well-being.

-To see that all members understand of the main aim of this structure and to see that members attend more of spiritual activities than of trips and social activities.

-Improving the process and view of Mass and general catholic ritual and tradition

-Make discipline of all nation

-Helping and encouraging members to share God's love through the Acts of Mercy

PROPOSED YEAR PLAN OF ACTION FOR BRANCHES

- Use of Acts hymnals and singing more of Catholic hymns than choruses when we having provincial mass (es) and gatherings
- Make prayer booklets with prayers that we normally pray
- Adopt the theme of the church: theme of the church- Year of Mercy
- Choose patron saints each term and meditate on their lives and ask them to intercede for us as a branch
- Adopt nearest orphanage and pray with them
- Identify ACTS members that have spiritual problems and help them as well as dedicating prayers for them
- Following the church calendar and celebrating what is being celebrated that day or month
- Meet at least twice a week for service or spiritual talks, discussions, bible sharing and debates
- Have adoration mass once in two months
- Have spiritual workshops once in a semester
- Have retreat before every exams
- Have ACTS choir to encourage participation and making international student feel free.

PROPOSED YEAR PLAN OF ACTION FOR PROVINCES

- Use the ACTS hymnal and sing more of Catholic hymns than choruses
- Make prayer booklets with prayers that we normally pray
- Adopt the theme of the church
- Choose patron saints each year and imitate on their lives and ask them to intercede for us
- Visit the poor and pray with them
- Following the church calendar and celebrating what is being celebrated that day or month.
- Have provincial spiritual workshops
- Celebrate either mass or adoration mass together
- Have spiritual debates together

METHODOLOGIES

- Compiling of prayer books
- Sending of church calendar
- Organize vocational workshops
- Choose a patron saint for Acts national of which is St Francis Xavier the patron saint of Evangelization to encourage branches and provinces to choose one as well whom will be suitable for their branch or province, keeping in mind that we have to be evangelized to evangelize therefore we need a patron saint of evangelization to interceded for us and to be our example and role model.
Suggested patron saints that they can choose
 1. St Jude patron saint of impossibilities

2. St Dominic Savio patron saint of the youth
 3. St Anthony patron saint of lost things
 4. St Michael patron saint of our faith or defender of our faith
- Branches are encouraged to pray together the divine mercy prayer during the respected catholic hour or at three for at least a week in preparation for lent season.
 - Pray the novena of St Rita for 9 days before Pentecost in preparation of Pentecost season
 - Pray the Rosary of holy wounds and station of the cross during lent.