



INTERNATIONAL DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT (IDYM)

STATUTES

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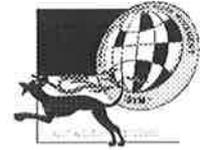
Preamble

St. Dominic wanted to share his preaching work with people of all ages and conditions. The last general chapters emphasize that young people are not only passive subjects of our preaching but - and especially - partners of this same preaching.

The members of the Dominican Youth Movement (IDYM) have established and developed in several countries; live their belonging to the movement and the Dominican Family in various ways, in dialogue and permanent sharing with the culture of each country or region, but having the same desire to devote themselves to preaching (cf. ACG Caleruega 1995, 97C; ACG Bologna 1998, 161-164). The groups also experience prayer, study and fraternal life.

Article 1. Profile of the movement members

1.1. Given that he/she is part of the Dominican Family (cf ACG Bologna 1998, 162; Providence 2001, 417.3), the Master of the Order is the first responsible of the International Dominican Youth Movement (IDYM). The members of the Movement must be attracted by the Dominican vocation. This vocation includes, as for all the members of the Order and the Dominican Family, a life of prayer, study and experience of fraternal life, all this for the common and permanent mission of preaching as lay people who bear the Spirit of Christ in temporal realities.



1.2. The members of the Movement are committed in the Dominican Family not individually but as members of a group that is part of IDYM. Each group will specify, in referring to the present statute of IDYM, their own internal rules as well as the mode of commitment of its members in the group. It will transmit this internal rule to the International Commission which will confirm its belonging to IDYM.

1.3. Belonging to the Movement requires a certain maturity in faith. Normally the members must have made a catechetical journey with the sacraments of Christian initiation before engaging in the movement. The internal rules of each group will specify how to integrate new members.

1.4. The IDYM corresponds to a step in the lives of young people: they must be over 18 and under 35. This period may be defined differently depending on the regions.

1.5. The groups must provide, based on the guidelines given by the International Commission of the Movement, an initial formative journey to their members who will precede their commitment. This commitment will be made for a given period, in a very flexible way, but which, at the same time, will engage them concretely in the group and in the mission. The internal rule of each group will define the content and the modality of both this preliminary formation and that of the formation of the involved members.

Article 2. Relationship with the Order

2.1. Under the responsibility of the Master of the Order, the Order joyfully welcomes these groups members of IDYM, they are a sign and a very important part of the vitality of its preaching (cf ACG Rome 2010, 154 and 156).

2.2. The groups are placed under the responsibility of the provincial Prior, vice-provincial prior or their vicar, or of the prioress General or provincial of a Dominican congregation. It is up to them to accept and recognize the erection of these groups, to approve, in agreement with the International Commission of the Movement, the internal Rule of the groups of their entity and to integrate them as full members of the provincial council/vice-provincial or vicar of the Dominican Family (cf ACG



Providence 2001, 449; Bologna 2016, 202).

2.3. These major superiors have the responsibility to ensure, with other members of the Dominican Family, formation, support and the development of these groups.

2.4. The IDYM is also present in countries where there are no brothers and, in other regions, the groups are born by the preaching of different branches of the Dominican Family. The IDYM must count with the assistance of all members of the Dominican Family: brothers, nuns and lay people of the Order, priestly fraternities, apostolic sisters, and members of Secular Institutes.

2.5. The groups of IDYM, recognized as such according to 2.2-2.3, in each region must be welcomed and recognized by all the other members of the Dominican Family.

2.6. When there are several groups in the same country, the entities that approved them, will put in place with them, and in agreement with the International Commission, a coordination between these groups.

Article 3. International Structure of the IDYM

3.1. The structure of the IDYM and its government must testify to the tradition of the Order in its fundamental characteristics of government that are its democratic and community tradition.

3.2. The International Assembly of the Movement will meet every four (4) years. It will assemble the representatives (designated according to the modalities specified in 4.1) of groups by provinces, vice-provinces or vicariates, or still groups existing in a country where there is not yet an entity of brothers.

3.3. The Movement is coordinated by an International Commission elected by the International Assembly. This commission is made up of a (1) coordinator and four (4) advisors. Each will have a specific function: formation, communication, mission and finance.

The members of the Commission may be re-elected for a second term, but not for a third. It is



desirable that, as much as possible, each of the regions of the Order - Africa, Latin America, Asia Pacific, Europe and USA - have a member in the commission.

To ensure the transition of the commissions, the outgoing international coordinator must work with the new commission for a (1) year.

3.4. This commission depends on the Master of the Order represented by the General Promoter of the Laity who is the assistant of the Commission.

3.5. This commission must meet once a year with all its members. Throughout the year the commission will do its work online.

3.6. The commission must provide support to the formation and development of the groups in the different regions in close relationship with the major superiors who are responsible for them.

3.7. The commission is responsible for:

- 1) Preparing the International Assembly and possible international meetings.
- 2) Maintaining regular communication between its members, each of whom must have an active participation in the activities of the commission.
- 3) Implementing the decisions of the international assembly.
- 4) Welcoming new groups in IDYM.
- 5) Updating information on existing groups.
- 6) Designating the representative of IDYM where and when necessary; It is usually the coordinator who represents the Movement.
- 7) Ensuring that IDYM groups have the information and documentation needed.
- 8) Renewing its members when needed, with the advice of the Assistant of the commission and the ratification of the Master of the Order. In this case we must choose for the commission, the person who had the greatest number of votes in the international assembly.

3.8. The International Coordinator must:

- Participate in the International Bureau of the Dominican Family, regularly reunited by the Master of the Order.



- Coordinate the different areas: Mission, Formation, Communication and Finance.
- Represent the IDYM when requested.
- Collaborate with existing groups and for the promotion of new groups.
- Know the situation in each country and keep contacts and information up to date.
- Make an annual report of the work carried out to the Master of the Order.

3.9. The Promoter of Formation must:

- Collect and distribute information on the formation to the IDYM groups, in close relationship with the promoter of communication.
- Assist the groups (new or existing) in their formation.
- Provide the formation material in the different languages.
- Work with the Dominican Family to constantly update the formation material.

3.10. The Promoter of the Mission must:

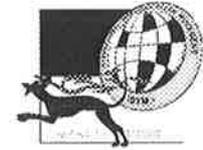
- Strengthen and promote the mission by concrete actions in different countries.
- Know the mission and what is done in each of the countries.
- Facilitate actions of mission and preaching internationally.
- Facilitate contact with possible mission locations, when appropriate in collaboration with other members of the Dominican family.

3.11. The Promoter of Communication must:

- Oversee the presentation and publication of the movement's news, Formation material and other information on the website of IDYM and other means.
- Spread the information on the next international meeting to all member countries and its representatives.
- Take care of the communication with the different branches of the Dominican Family.
- Request and share the information of the different groups, according to an official channel which will be determined by the Commission.

3.12. The Promoter of Finance must:

- Manage the financial resources of IDYM.



- Update the accounting of IDYM.
- Inform the International Commission and the economic status and on management at least once a year.
- Submit the annual balance sheet and the provisional budget to the Master of the Order before the end of September, after approval by the International Commission, for the following year. It is on this basis that the subsidy granted by the Order will be determined.

Article 4. The International Assembly

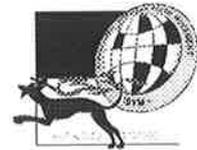
4.1. It is composed of representatives of all the countries where the IDYM is present (when there are in a country several types of groups, a representative of the coordination of these groups - see 2.6) and meets every four years. The representatives are elected by the groups in each country. The election procedures will be specified in the internal Rules of the groups or of the National Coordination. In the Assembly each country has the right to have only one representative with voice when members are less than 100, an additional representative above this number of members. The representative (or representatives) with voice can be accompanied by an assistant, without the right to vote.

4.2. The assembly must be the fundamental moment to reinforce the communion of all groups of the movement and to determine the guidelines of the IDYM.

4.3. The assembly must elect the members of the International Commission.

4.4. The assembly must review this statute and propose necessary changes to the Master of the Order who is in charge of approving them.

4.5. Representatives of other countries, who are not members of the IDYM, may be invited as observers to participate in the International Assembly.



Article 5. The Assistants of the IDYM at local, national and international level

5.1. Local and national assistants of the movement can be brothers, nuns, apostolic sisters or lay Dominicans, having the experience of the Dominican Family and able to work with the world of young people.

5.2. Where the brothers are present, the Assistants of the IDYM must be appointed by the Major Superior or the Vicar and their Council, and recognized by all branches of the Dominican Family. In other cases, they must be appointed by the major superior of the Dominican family present in the country.

5.3. They must participate in all the meetings of the groups, and actively participate in all the Assemblies or meetings, without, however, having an active or passive voice. Under the same conditions, the national Assistants must participate in the International Assemblies.

5.4. They must take care of, and help in a special way, the formation and spiritual support of the members of the IDYM in the Dominican tradition and be a link between the IDYM and the Institutions of the Dominican Family in the country. They must favour communion among the members of the groups and between the different groups.

5.5. The General Promoter of the Dominican Laity is the assistant of the International Commission and the International assistant of the whole movement.

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