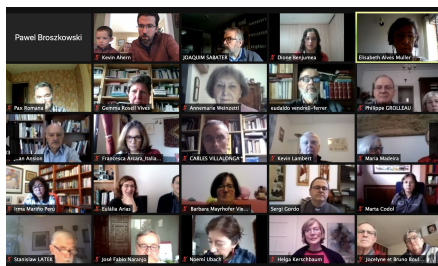
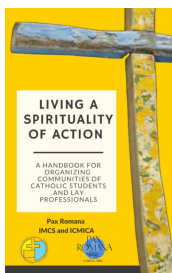


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2020 Report of Activities



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2020 has been a truly remarkable year. The Coronavirus and the related financial fallout have shaken the world in ways that are still unfolding. The pandemic has revealed and exacerbated a number of existing challenges, including the deterioration of democracy, the rise of nationalism and xenophobia, polarizations in the church, inequalities in health care and basic services, and an unprecedented crisis in education.

While the future remains uncertain, one thing is clear, we need a new way of operating; we need a new path. For the work of our movements, two challenges arise:

- **External: The Challenge Global Solidarity.** Even as many of us follow social distance guidelines, we cannot turn away from others and divide ourselves with borders and indifference. In his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis makes this point clear in his call for a renewed sense of global siblinghood; a greater awareness that we are united across borders and difference. This in many ways has been the fundamental vision of the Pax Romana movement since those days in 1921 when students and intellectuals created our pioneering peace movement following the First World War.
- **Internal: The Challenge of a Genuine Lay Spirituality** The unprecedented cancelation of public Masses in parishes around the world highlights the **need for a renewed sense of a lay vocation.** As a lay movement, Pax Romana has always pointed to the vocation and the responsibility of lay people to witness to the Gospel outside the church building, in homes, in workplaces and in society. As millions of Catholics seek other ways to live their faith temporarily without the Mass, our movements offer ways to support the development of a spirituality for this moment.

Over the past year, the global community of ICMICA has sought to respond to these and other challenges in this new environment using new online tools from Google Meet and What's App to Zoom.

Looking ahead to next year, the Centenary of Pax Romana, we pray that ICMICA will be able to have our Plenary Assembly in the beginning of November. The form that this will take has yet to be determined due to the crisis.

With all of this work, I am most grateful to my friend and ICMICA secretary general, Philippe Ledouble, who works tirelessly for the movement. Thank you to the members of the ICMICA Council, and our friends in IMCS, especially Ravi Tissera, IMCS President. It has been a joy to work with him on several projects. Thank you also to all our supporters and members who contribute to the life of our movement.

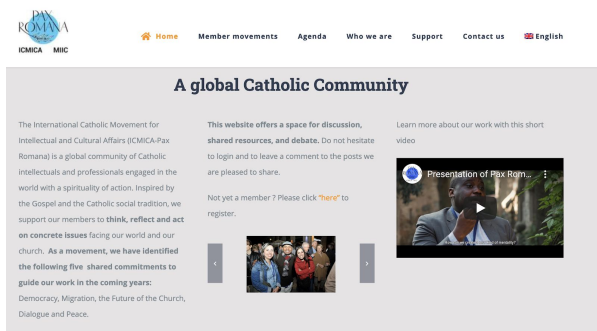
Sincerely,
Kevin Ahern, PhD, ICMICA President

Major Activities at the Global Level

Our New Website (Launched in 2020)

www.icmica-miic.org

In 2020, we launched a new website.



Responding to Racism:

Following a number of publicized murders by police, ICMICA responded with a statement and a list of resources committing ourselves to become anti-racist.



Leadership Formation Program

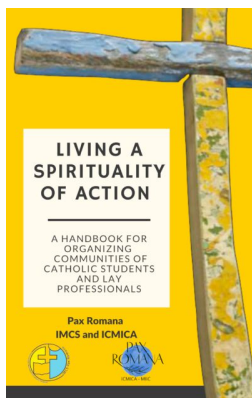
From July to October, we organized an online formation program for leaders of IMCS and ICMICA on our shared spirituality and history.

This was a pilot program organized in English. Programs in French, English and Spanish will be organized in 2021. Our initial program included participants from Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Chile, Hong Kong, and USA.



Responding to Fratelli Tutti

On October 8th, we organized an online discussion on Pope Francis's new encyclical, *Fratelli tutti* with a dynamic panel of lay leaders from five continents. The video can be found online.



Living a Spirituality of Action: A Handbook for Organizing Communities of Catholic Students and Lay Professionals (Revised Nov. 2020)

In 2020, we launched a new book, Living a Spirituality of Action.

The small book draws from resources and texts from our movement over the past century and finds much connection to the writings of Pope Francis. In many ways this booklet is an update of the book by Fr. Buenaventura Pelegri, *MIEC-JIEC Su Opcion Su Pedagogia* (Lima, 1978), later published in English as *IMCS-IYCS: Their Option Their Pedagogy* by the IMCS Asian Secretariat (Hong Kong, 1979).

The book can be found on our website. In 2021, French and Spanish versions will be published.

Responding to COVID - 19

Cross-continental conversations

With IMCS, we have organized six cross-continental conversations with members of our movements from eighteen countries on the impact of COVID19. All of these are available on our website and YouTube channel.



From Crisis to Conversion: Joint Statement of the MIACS

We helped to facilitate and draft a joint statement with the other International

Specialised Catholic Action Movements calling for a more humane way forward following this crisis.



Online Liturgies

In 2020, we launched a new way of bringing together our movement through online liturgies. Some of these included:

Palm Sunday Liturgy

28 participants from over a dozen countries.



Easter Sunday Liturgy

Over 90 participants from 52 countries.



Pentecost Celebration (Pax Romana Day):

121 participants from more than 60 countries.



Christmas Celebration

64 participants from 30 countries.



Publications

Convergence 2020

Our annual magazine updating the movement on our activities for the year.



Pax Romana Journal

In 2020, we relaunched the Pax Romana journal as an intercultural, international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational review.



In memoriam

This year, we mourn the loss of our longtime chaplain and friend, Fr. Antoine Sondag. Fr. Antoine served as international chaplain of ICMICA. We miss him deeply.



To celebrate the life of Fr. Antoine, we organized an online memorial service for him with 108 participants from 53 countries.



Fr. Antoine Sondag
(1948 - 2020)

Join us to celebrate the life of Fr. Antoine
Rejoignez-nous pour célébrer la vie du P. Antoine
Ven a celebrar la vida del P. Antoine

Nov 21, 2020

08:00 (New York / Lima)
14:00 (Paris) | 16:00 (Nairobi)
21:00 (Hong Kong) | 22:00 (Seoul)

Register: <https://www.icmica-miic.org/fr-antoine-sondag/>







Council Meetings

The International Council continued to meet monthly online to help coordinate the work of the movement. The President and Secretary General met weekly.

In November, the Council organized a longer Council meeting with four sessions over the course of two days.

Regional Program Highlights

At the regional level, our movement organized several online programs over the past year. Highlights include:

Latin American Regional Discussion on Education and COVID-19 (May)
30 Participants

Latin American Regional Discussion on Democracy (even in pandemic times) (June)
40 participants from 11 countries

Latin American Regional Eucharistic Celebration: “Signs of the times and signs of hope” (October)

An online celebration of the Eucharist with 80 participants.

African Regional Dialogues on COVID and Education (May and June)
Regional conversations in English and French on the impact of COVID on education.

“Latte with Jesus” (CAN Malaysia)
A series of online dialogues bringing together leaders from Catholic and Protestant churches in Malaysia to discuss what this moment means for people of faith.
www.facebook.com/CANMalaysia.

Pope Francis Meets with Pax Romana Italian Leaders (June)

On June 12th, Pope Francis received the national Presidency of the MEIC (Movimento Ecclesiale di Impegno Culturale), our national movement in Italy. In their meeting, the pope stressed the importance of discernment and the lay vocation and invited more reflection on the legacy of St. Paul VI.



The Church After 2020 Webinar (July)

On July 31st, Pax Romana launched a webinar on the Church After 2020.

THE CHURCH AFTER 2020

Friday, July 31 @ 3:00 pm EST

JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE CONVERSATION WITH.



Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.
Lexington



Shannen Dee Williams
Villanova University



Michael Bayer
St. Clement's Parish
Chicago



Daniel Cosacchi
Marywood University

Looking ahead to 2021

Pax Romana Open Forums

We will offer a series of online spaces for interactive discussions on key themes facing the church and the world after 2020.



Centenary Celebrations

With IMCS, we will be launching a series of centenary celebrations.



2021 Plenary Assembly

We will be organizing our Plenary Assembly in early November of 2021. We will be sending more details in the coming months.

Gratitude

We wish to thank all those who have helped to make this work possible, including all those who have made contributions of time and money to help support the work of our movement. We depend upon the generosity of individual members and friends to make the global coordination work possible,

Special Gratitude

As we close up 2020, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to **Philippe and Odile Grolleau** who have represented Pax Romana at the Council of Europe and **Marguerite Dauny** who has represented Pax Romana at UNESCO.

We are most grateful for their dedication, service and commitment to our movement and our mission. Their work as our voice in international institutions will be missed.

National Members of ICMICA

AFRICA: **Benin:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques (MIIC); **Cameroun:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques du Cameroun (MICC); **Congo-Brazzaville:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques (MIIC); **Côte d'Ivoire:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques (MIIC); **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques (MIIC); **Kenya:** Kenya Movement of Catholic Professional (KMCP); **Madagascar:** Fédération des Secrétariats des Intellectuels et Professionnels Catholiques de Madagascar (FSIPCAM); **Madagascar: Mouvement Chrétien de Cadres et de Professionnels (MCCP); Madagascar** MagMICA; **Rwanda:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques (MIIC); **Tanzania:** Catholic Professionals of Tanzania (CPT); **Togo:** Mouvement des Intellectuels Catholiques; **Uganda:** Catholic Association of Professionals of Uganda (CAPU); **Zambia:** Zambia Association of Catholic Professionals (ZACP); **Zimbabwe:** Catholic Professionals Network Zimbabwe (CPNZ). Corresponding members: **Burkina Faso:** MIIC; **Burundi:** MIIC; **Ghana:** Pax Romana; **Malawi:** MIIC; **South Sudan:** Catholic Professionals of South Sudan.

ASIA: **India:** The Newman Association of India; **India:** ICMICA India; **Indonesia:** Ikatan Sarjana Katolik Indonesia (ISKA) Association of Catholic Graduates and Intellectuals of Indonesia; **Korea:** Korean Catholic Women's Community for a New World (KCWC); **Korea:** Woori Theology Institute (WTI); **Malaysia:** Community Action Network (CAN). Corresponding members: Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

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SIQS: International Secretariat for Scientific Questions; **MIJC:** International Movement of Catholic Jurists; **SIIAEC:** International Secretariat for Catholic Engineers, Agronomists and Industry Officials; **SIESC:** European Federation of 'Christian Teachers; **SIAC:** International Society of Christian Artists.

About Us

The International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (ICMICA-Pax Romana) is a global community of Catholic intellectuals and professionals engaged in the world with a spirituality of action. Inspired by the Gospel and the Catholic social tradition, we live our faith by engaging the challenges of our times. As a movement, we are committed to the option for the poor, integral human development, interreligious dialogue, and the empowerment of women and young professionals. ICMICA brings together professionals, small communities and national movements to support one another across borders and to offer a voice in inter- national forums, including the Vatican and the United Nations system.

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