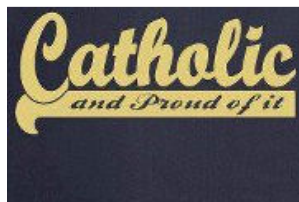




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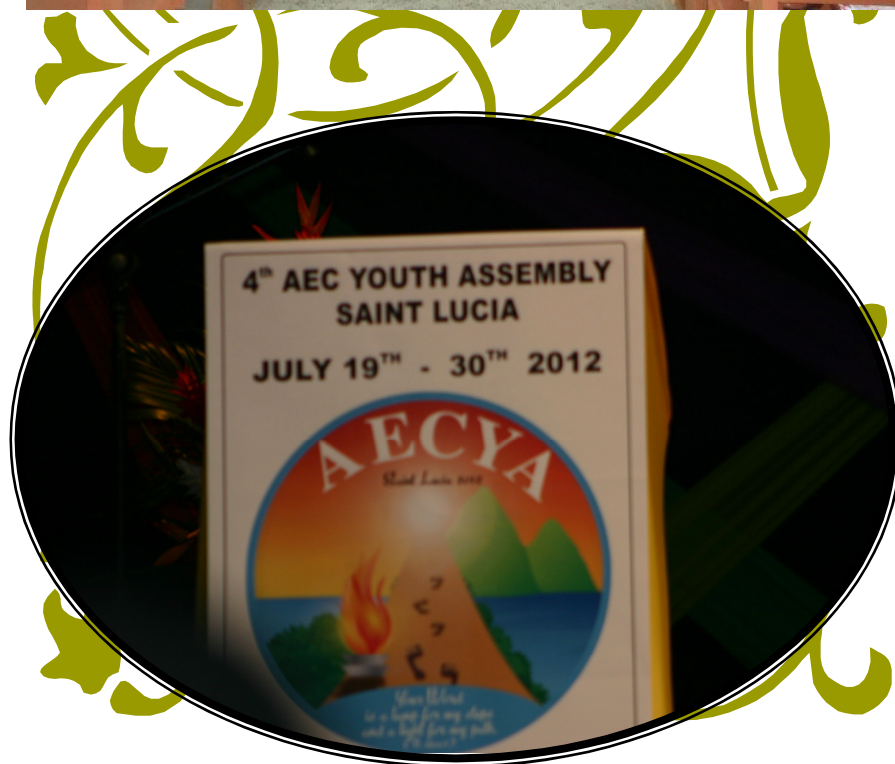
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ANTILLES EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE YOUTH ASSEMBLY (AECYA)



After all the fundraisers, the social activities, spiritual exercises and outreach to Clarevue Mental Home were completed, July 19th arrived. Sixty five pilgrims from the Diocese of St. John's Basseterre left for St. Lucia to attend the AEC Youth Assembly. The first stop for five days was in the parish of St. Michael, La Ressource was where the faith journey began. The days began with Morning Prayers and Mass where we were blessed with an energized youth music ministry, vibrant music and melodious singing as well as inspiring homilies.



The days in the parish also saw catechetical sessions which covered pertinent areas such as discernment— been called to several spiritual life styles contributing to positively shaping our lives and that of others. Vocations looked at being called to the religious, single or married life and Lecto Divina which means “divine reading” - it describes a Catholic way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us through the four steps: read, meditate, pray and contemplate.



However, it was not all structured sessions as a number of activities geared towards fostering togetherness of the youth were held. Some pilgrims had the opportunity to recapture childhood memories of tug-of-war, lime and spoon and even three legged race to name a few.

The Corporal Works of Mercy was also a memorable experience for all. The young people were divided into four groups and dispatched to various areas in the parish to assist less fortunate in their homes.

Another note worthy experience was the cultural events. The showcase of the different cultures was surely an educational and unforgettable experience for the pilgrims. The tour of the famous Soufriere Mountains and the southern part of St. Lucia was just as exciting.



For the last five days the pilgrims moved to Castries for the Assembly days. Again there were Sessions for younger and older youth. There where conversations with the Bishops and youth, sessions on the Theology of the Body and the Prayer Fest which left the young people wanting more. There was a Live Way of the Cross where the pilgrims journeyed through the community of Gros Islet witnessing to their faith with the Apostolic Nuncio and Bishops sharing in the experience.

The highlight and culmination of this wonderful ten days experience was the closing ceremony, Mass and the ordination of a young St. Lucian - Cleophus Joseph. All this was held at the Beausejour Cricket Stadium.

The pilgrims left with lasting memories and a gentle reminder to “Give the Word A Chance to shape their lives” and the announcement that the next AECYA will be hosted by Diocese of St. John's Basseterre .





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THIS MONTHS FEATURE

SHENELLA GOVIA



Born on the 9th day of February in the beautiful island of Antigua is Shenella Govia. A devout believer in God and a proud Catholic, she worships with the faith community of the Willikies Catholic Church.

Shenella hails from the Village of Willikies and on occasions resides in the St. Johnsons Village Com-

munity. She attended the St. John's Catholic Primary School and then went on to the Clare Hall Secondary School and later attending the Antigua State College.

Shenella has been involved in many groups both in and out of school. Girl Guides, Junior Achievers, Willikies Catholic Youth Group, Mahico Steel Band are a few organizations she has been involved with working in leadership positions. Shenella describes some of her greatest accomplishments as a young lady where she, represented the Antigua State College as a Debater at the Annual Leeward Island Debating Competition, held the position of Secretary of the Antigua team at Caribbean Youth Summit Association; and was the Deputy Head Girl at the Clarehall Secondary School. Recently, she was selected to represent Antigua at the World Youth Summit which will be held in October 2012 in Pittsburg Pennsylvania.

In the near future Shenella hopes to pursue a degree in Law and Political Science with a minor in International Studies. Upon completion of these studies, she hope to become the first Antiguan Female Prime Minister positively contributing to her twin Island State. She also continues to be a vigorous advocate for her Church and

Community and firmly believes that with God all things are possible. For where there is a will there is a way.





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Ordination Mass 2012



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- Career Talk
- Vocations Drive
- WYD Brazil 2013



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