

A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS
1983

SHORT-TERM GOALS:

1. To conduct one-day Leadership Training Seminars for Juniors in:
 - New Jersey/New York
 - Mid-west
 - New England
2. To conduct a program for Juniors at the Annual Diocesan Assembly this May in Palos Heights, Illinois.
3. To organize a Juniors Regional Committee in the New York/New Jersey area with youth representatives from each parish. (To be modeled after the Northeast and Mid-west Committees.)
4. To coordinate an Inter-regional Sports Weekend Competition between the Northeast and Mid-west regions. (There is interest on both sides for this summer, but the logistics have to be worked out.)
5. To maintain close ties with the Northeast and Mid-west Junior Committees and their Coordinators by receiving the agenda and minutes of each meeting and by attending at least one meeting a year.
6. To attend as many Junior regional events as possible: Sports Week-ends, retreats, etc.
7. To publish a Juniors Directory.
8. To publish the "Junior Connection" quarterly, this year with a new logo.
9. To draw up a tentative set of By-laws for the Juniors.
10. To participate in the St. Nersess Summer Conferences for High School students in order to maintain ties with Junior-aged youth.
11. To make regular parish visitations, giving priority to those parishes with no Junior group.
12. To arrange for more publicity for the Juniors.
13. To improve my level of professionalism by keeping current on new developments in the field of youth ministry through periodicals and other materials and, if possible, attending seminars and workshops.
14. To keep my Diocesan Council liaison well-informed of my progress, problems and needs.

LONG-TERM GOALS:

1. To have a Juniors group in every parish of the Diocese along with an adult advisor and involved pastor.
2. To have strong regional committees for Juniors in every area of the Diocese made up of youth representatives, advisors and a clergy Coordinator.
3. To conduct an annual program for Juniors at every Diocesan Assembly.
4. To conduct an annual weekend Leadership Training Institute for Juniors in every region of the Diocese.
5. To expand the "Junior Connection" to 20 pages or more, add color, more educational articles, etc.
6. To organize regular Diocesan-wide youth gatherings at appropriate camp sites.
7. To organize an educational trip to Armenia for Juniors or arrange for them to participate in the 'AEYOA Seniors' trip.
8. To publish a handbook for pastors and adult advisors on "Youth Ministry in the Armenian Church."
9. To issue official By-laws for the Juniors (and approved by them) by which the organization can function uniformly throughout the Diocese.
10. To publish a Juniors Directory on a regular basis.

OTHER GOALS:

1. To conduct regular teacher-training workshops for the D.R.E.
2. To submit monthly articles to the D.R.E. Bulletin.
3. To act as Consultant for the five primary-grade textbook writers as part of the D.R.E. Curriculum Project.
4. To complete an 11th grade student textbook and teacher's guide as part of the D.R.E. Curriculum Project.
5. To serve on the St. Vartan Camp Committee.

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Long Range

1. The development of an original curriculum for grades pre-school through twelve for use in all our Sunday Schools.
2. The continuation of the DRE Bulletin as a regular 8-16 page publication of the Department designed specifically for religious educators or those interested in religious education.
3. The development of other regular publications of the Department, i.e. specifically for adults and specifically for children (perhaps by subscription as in other churches...)
4. An on-going program for the adults of our community, which will include adult group-study courses to encourage coming together to learn in the church environment, as well as books, manuals, etc.
5. The continuation of a regular series of teacher training workshops which takes the DRE to parish schools for teaching and learning.
6. The development of a required training program for all prospective teachers and superintendents (something for the distant future).
7. The continuing development of curriculum supplements, i.e. flash cards, puzzles, games, teacher aids for use in a specifically Armenian Christian environment.
8. A vigorous program to introduce the idea of religious education to parishes where it does not exist or to offer aid and support to ailing schools.
9. Continued attention to quality publications of a lasting value, i.e. translations of works currently available only in Armenian; new books on saints, prayers, sacraments, etc.
10. The development of original filmstrips on Armenian subjects.

Short Range (1983)

1. Concerning the curriculum project: manuscript versions of the curriculum will be completed by summer 1983; half of them will be piloted in selected schools of the Diocese in fall 1983, the rest in spring 1984. Art director will simultaneously begin work on the textbook design.
2. Although this was a short range goal of last year which was not achieved, the DRE still needs more regular help from the Diocesan office in its routine work.
3. The completion of the filmstrip overhaul and the release of a new catalogue in 1983. (These filmstrips are borrowed free by the parish schools and organizations.)
4. Visits to small parishes and predominantly Armenian-speaking parishes to promote and encourage religious education planned this year: Canada, Houston, and all small parish communities will be personally visited. (This is in addition to workshops.)
5. The release of new items planned for 1983: Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith; Saints for

Children (its Armenian version as well); God, I Know You're There All the Time; a new cross pin and pendant made of the Armenian letters for faith, hope, and love.

6. Preliminary work on a catechism of the Armenian faith for adults and on a general teacher manual will begin.

7. A translation from the Krapar into English (for the first time) of the Lives of Shooshanig and Vahan Koghtantzi will be produced.

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