

## Position Vacant

### Project Officer, Australian Young Christian Students, Melbourne

The Young Christian Students movement (YCS) is an international students' movement affiliated with the Catholic Church. The Australian YCS (AYCS) comprises school and parish-based groups run by high school students. The Review of Life method of faith formation through action used by the YCS enables students to *See*, through analysing and understanding what is happening in the world around them, to *Judge* this reality in light of their beliefs and the Gospels, and to take appropriate and relevant *Action*.

The prime objectives of the position are to prepare the groundwork for the re-establishment of the YCS as a substantial youth movement in the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and to support the AYCS.

This is a challenging position. We are seeking a person who has: a thorough understanding of, and a commitment to, the theology and practice of lay formation in the Catholic Church; substantial experience working in faith-based formation, ideally in senior secondary schools; and an ability to initiate contact and engage people across a diverse range of circumstances.

The responsibilities of the position include:

- Development and implementation of a Student Engagement Strategy focussing on senior secondary students in schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the opportunities for growing the YCS in the Archdiocese.
- Identifying and developing within the Student Engagement Strategy appropriate and contemporary means of developing the spiritual lives and social engagements of senior secondary students.
- Providing some administrative support for the AYCS and YCS groups throughout Australia.
- Development of written materials for the support of YCS groups and similar Catholic youth ministries.

The position is a full-time position, but some reduction in ordinary hours might be agreed to. The position is for 12 months, with an extension of a further 12 months being dependent upon progress in the project and further funding for the position. The start date will be in late January 2021. The salary and other terms and conditions of employment will be set by reference to those applicable to Senior Pastoral Associates in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Further details of the position are available in the Jobs List on *CathNews*

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Applications close on Monday 23 November 2020