

By-laws of the ARY

(Augustinian Recollect Youth: in Spanish, JAR)

{Note: The approval of the Spanish text of these Statues ARY for entire Order took place in the session of the General Council the 11th day of March, 2008}

ORIGIN

1. The Association of Augustinian Recollect Youth (ARY; in Sp. JAR) is a Catholic international organization of youth movements.
2. Independent of its legal status in the countries where it is established, the association ARY is within the structure of the Order of Augustinian Recollects as an organization under the Prior General and his Councilors, and through the General Secretariat of education and Youth Apostolate.
3. The spiritual development of the Association is the responsibility of the Prior General and his Councilors. In each of the countries where the Association is established, it is under the Major Superior and the Provincial Secretariat at the house where it is established.
4. The Association ARY operates within the limits of the civil laws of a particular country, guided by these present by-laws and, in cases not considered here, by the guidance of the Prior General with the consent of his Council and of the immediate superiors.

NAME AND RESIDENCE (THE SEAT)

5. The official name is Association of Augustinian Recollect Youth (ARY)
6. The Association ARY has its official residence in the house of the prior General and his Council: Viale dell'Astronomia, 27, Casella Postale 10760.00144 ROMA (Italy).

NATURE AND OBJECTIVES

7. The characteristics of ARY are:

a) **Contemplative** The members of ARY develop a process of continuous conversion by which, leaving the materialism and distraction of the world, with the aid of prayer enter once more within themselves, where they rediscover Christ, and recognize their brothers. This is the transcending Augustinian interiority which is the source of all piety and the way which leads directly to contemplation, community and apostolate.

b) **Communal** The ARY try to revive the experience of the early Christian community of Jerusalem, by the life giving study of the Word, fidelity to the breaking of the Bread, solidarity with the needy, in the intimacy of the fraternal communion of its members, according to the charismatic experience of St. Augustine and the Recollection, all in absolute accord and collaboration with the shepherds of the Church, according to the canon 311 of CIC.

c) **Missionary** This characteristic entails a total availability to the service of the Church collaborating actively in the missions and other ministries of the whole Augustinian Recollect family, following the apostolic spirit of St. Ezekiel, the heroism of St. Magdalene of Nagasaki and other saints of the Order.

d) **Marian.** The Association ARY is born under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Consolation, and to her our youth commend their activities and their very life.

e) **Augustinian** Following the examples of the saints and religious models of the whole Augustinian Recollect Family, they enrich it with their youth and enthusiasm and remain in accord with all of their members.

8. Objectives of ARY Association are:

- a) The formation of their members that they may live the Christian life and spirituality according to their distinctive vocations
- b) The apostolate through the witness of their life and work for evangelization
- c) The practice and spread of the thought and Christian values of St. Augustine and the Augustinian Recollect tradition
- d) The transformation of society and cultures, according to Christian values with all means appropriate to their conditions and age
- e) Assistance to social groups in need
- f) Collaboration in the activities of the Augustinian Recollect Family

9. To obtain these proposed objectives, ARY uses different means and activities, such as courses, spiritual exercises, workshops, sports, etc.

10. In National and Regional encounters, the activities will be periodically studied to evaluate their results.

11. The Association ARY has no monetary Character.

MEMBERS

12. Members can be formed according to the following stages:

- a) Stage of friendship (8 to 12 years)
- b) Stage of adventure (12 to 16 years)
- c) Stage of freedom (16 to 18 years)
- d) Stage of fraternity (18 to 25 years)
- e) Secular pre-fraternity (25 years and up, committed to the formation, spirit and activities of ARY. (Those who have not taken part in the previous stages but desire to take part in the spirit and activities of ARY and promise to keep the statutes may also be admitted.)

13. To become an ARY member it is required, to fulfill the age requirements and to have spent at least 6 months meeting together, knowing and practicing the ends and life of the Association.

14. Entrance into the Association, at any of its stages, will take place within a specific liturgical celebration.

15. The rights of the members of the members are:

- a) To participate in the activities of the Association;
- b) To take part in the assemblies with voice and vote
- c) To be elected to the existing posts in the Association.

16. The obligations are:

- a) To strive that the Association reaches its objectives and is successful in its projects
- b) To attend meetings, workshops, assemblies
- c) To live the ideal of the Association and observe its by-laws
- d) To carry out with dignity the position assigned to him/her
- e) To be a good citizen, and observe a Christian conduct
- f) To pay the established dues

THE CENTER OF ARY AND THEIR CONSTITUTION

17. The foundation of a local center in a community of Augustinian Recollect family reports to the Major Superior (Cfr. CIC #312,2). Once the Association ARY is established, it acquires all the rights and assumes all the duties, according to the universal laws and its own statutes. It also obtains the capacity to possess and administer the goods of the Association.

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

18. The Prior General of the Order of Augustinian Recollects is the official responsible for the

Association ARY.

19. In each of the Centers where the Association is established, there is an organization of government called the council. This is formed by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and many Councilors as required by the group.

20. In addition to the members of the Council, there will be an Augustinian Recollect man or women, as Spiritual Director, named by the Major Superior or local.

21. The Director will form part of the Council as one member of the pre-fraternity.

22. The posts of president, secretary, treasurer, and committee members are carried out by young laity, chosen by the representatives or members of ARY.

23. In the Centers not connected to the Augustinian Recollect Family a religious (male of female) or a lay person of the ARY can carry out the post of Spiritual Advisor.

24. All members of the Councils enjoy voice and vote.

25. The National Council, in addition to being formed by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Councils, is completed by one or more Religious Directors and one representative of the pre-fraternity chosen by themselves. The National Council will fix the number of members that will make up each of the groups.

26. The National Council will name a permanent commission among its members to resolve urgent problems or those that the National Council determines.

27. It also belongs to this commission to communicate with the government of the Order, who, through the Counselor in charge of the ARY, will know of the activities, functions and statutes of the National Councils and the regional and local Councils.

28. It is the responsibility of the National Council to approve the statutes of the regional and local Councils and the coordination of all common activities.

PATRIMONY AND LIQUIDATION

29. The patrimony of the Association is constituted by the income coming from State Assistance, donations, dues of the members and from other legitimate sources.

30. The Association can be dissolved by the decision of the Religious Superiors and by the National Council, according to the laws of the Church.

31. In the event that the Association is dissolved:

a) The National Council designates the liquidators of the existing goods according to the norms given by the same National Council

b) The remaining goods, once the debts are paid, revert to the Augustinian Recollect Family, in accordance with the disposition of the legitimate representatives

APPROVAL AND MODIFICATION OF THE STATUES

32. It is the responsibility of the Prior General with the consent of his Council to revise, modify and approve these statutes.

33. The National Councils can present the government of the Order with suggestions for the improvement of the statutes.

34. The functioning of these statutes is for private use: only the statutes approved by competent authority and according to the laws regulating youth associations in each country are obligatory in the legal sphere.