



13th International Youth Conference Highlights



Society of the Sacred Heart at the UN

The 13th International Youth Conference (IYC13) took place from May 21–24, 2026, in Los Angeles, USA. It was held as a hybrid conference, allowing youth from around the world to participate and engage both in person and virtually.

🌍 Day 1 – Innovation & Technology



The conference opened with “Innovative Diplomacy: Youth at the Forefront,” showing how young people are leading change through technology. Speakers highlighted youth-led solutions in education, healthcare, and social development while stressing that technology alone does not create change—people do.

Workshop Highlight: Revitalizing Indigenous Languages with AI explored how ethical AI can preserve languages and cultural identity.
Key message: AI should preserve cultures, not replace them.

🕒 Day 2 – Peace, AI & Advocacy

Discussions focused on peacebuilding, ethical AI, and youth leadership. A standout moment was an 11-year-old participant from Mexico presenting ideas on responsible AI education.
Key message: Young people should help shape the future—not wait for it.

✍️ Day 3 – Future Diplomats

Sessions focused on leadership, negotiation, communication, and adaptability as essential skills for future diplomats.

Key message: Knowledge is important, but leadership grows through action and experience.

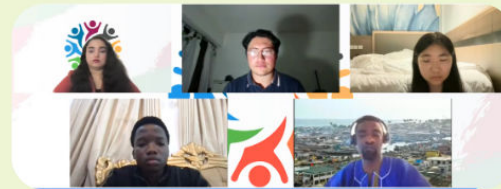
💔 Day 4 – Grief & Healing

YOUTH VOICES LEAD CHANGE



Through psychology and storytelling, speakers explored grief as part of the hero’s journey, explaining that growth comes from confronting pain rather than avoiding it.

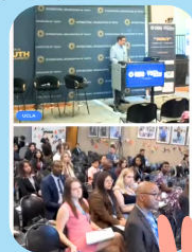
Key message: Our struggles do not define us—how we face them does.



🌟 Conclusion

Throughout the conference, one idea stood out: young people are already creating change

Through innovation, leadership, advocacy, and empathy, youth continue proving they are shaping a better future today.



Young people are not waiting for the future—they are creating it.

