

# Coming Together Building Community



Youth Center for North America



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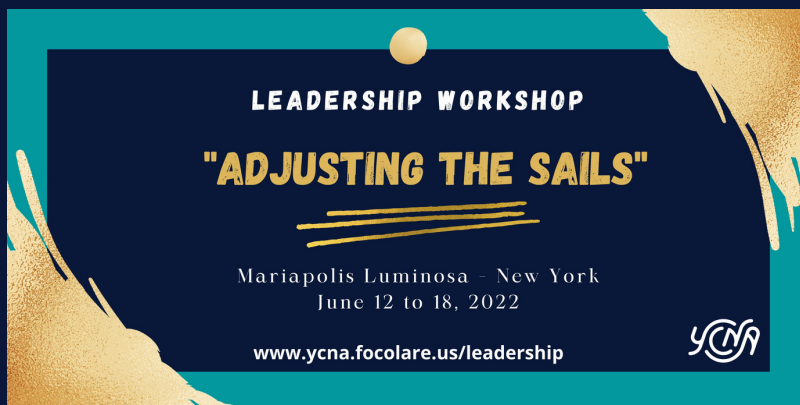
Bringing you the latest news and connecting you to upcoming opportunities!

## Leadership Workshop "Adjusting the Sails"

*"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." (John Maxwell)*

YCNA is offering its first Leadership Workshop with the title "Adjusting the Sails." The workshop will be an introduction to leadership inspired by the spirituality of unity and prepare participants to lead and journey towards building a more fraternal and united world. The program fosters developing a holistic approach where participants integrate their character and values into their leadership while bringing their whole selves to the role: body, mind and spirit.

All  
New!



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## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Leadership Workshop "Adjusting the Sails"

YCNA Team Meeting

Blessed Chiara Luce Badano

"The Hearth" Mission Trip

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Upcoming Events

## YCNA Team Meeting

The YCNA team (Clarisa, Gabby, Dulce, Ryan, Vittorio and Tim) had it's first in-person meeting at Mariapolis Luminosa in November. It was a great chance to get to know each other and simply share while understanding our zone better and focusing on how we can be present for the young people. We started planning our 2022 events and connected with the International Youth Center in Rome.



## The Hearth Mission Trip

By Dulce Bautista

In July of 2021, seven young adults began a journey called "The Hearth Experience." The objective was to experience service, community, & vocational discernment based on mutual love. Even though some of us did not know each other, we quickly were able to create a loving environment. We began to meet virtually 6 months prior to prepare for this journey of growing closer to God, ourselves, and each other. Then, on January 1st of 2022 we embarked on our journey to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. While there we went to the school *Cafe con Leche* for a few days to share our skills and talents with the students. The most beautiful part of this experience in my opinion was the great sense of community that was created: A place where the art of loving was truly lived out

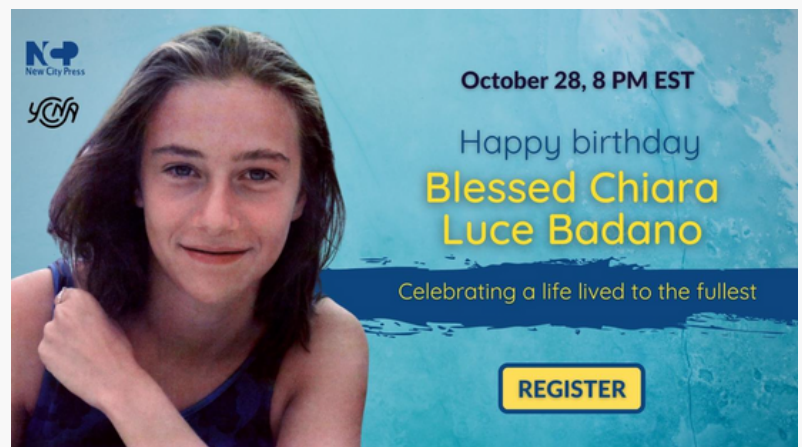
## Green Pathway

We are creating a toolkit with concrete steps to learn, act, share, and reflect about ecology and sustainability. There are many resources and links tailored for all age groups and environments, from schools, to work, to faith communities, and more. Our goal is to urge individuals to take action, change their lifestyle for the better, inspire others, and remain

**#DARE TO CARE** constantly committed to the green pathway.

## Blessed Chiara Luce Badano event

October 28, 2021



Blessed Chiara Luce Badano would have turned 50 last year 2021. To celebrate her life, many came together last October 28th to hear her story through testimonies, art, and interactive games.

She died when she was only 18 and yet today her life, lived to the fullest, continues to deeply touch people throughout the world – especially young people – who are transformed by her light. The celebration was a moment to come together to get to know Blessed Chiara Luce and celebrate her 50th birthday.

**For upcoming events, go to:**

<https://ycna.focolare.us/events>

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