

Title: Lay Movements and Politics in Peru

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Abstract: This project aims to describe and analyze the relation between some Catholic associations and movements and their political orientation, with particular emphasis on the relation between their doctrinal teachings and political conduct.

Research Project Description

This project aims to examine the relation between lay movements and politics in Peru:

From *Christifidelis Laici*, which invites the laity to have a mature presence in public life, to

politics, a key theme is the importance of understanding this call for the social and

commitments and ethical demands in the temporal. Concretely, there is no articulation

between faith and political commitment.

There are some movements within the church which aim to legitimize an apolitical

worldview. The Anarocida meeting rejected this attempt to privatize faith which comes

down to an attempt to reduce the dynamics of faith to the intimacy of the individual

conscience. Anarocida spoke very clearly about the presence of the laity in the world and

its mission to transform reality from the perspective of the Gospel. It spoke of the laity as

being about the Kingdom and who are called upon to

being about the Kingdom (Anarocida Document, 385).

This project will examine the different forces which lay movements are

Recommender: papers are Bagau-Ortiz (which involves a Christian social movement)

active Anarocida groups, and election year politics). We will examine the cases of the

Sodalitium Christianae Vitae (Sodality of Christian Life), founded in Peru, the Christian

Life Community (associated with the Jesuits, also in Peru) and Equinox Decentes (a

movement of educators) born in France at the end of the Second World War and in Peru for some time.

Methodology

A review will be made of the current literature and interviews with knowledgeable observers will be conducted.

Anticipated Results

An article for an academic journal

Academic Contribution

To analyze the impact of a Christian formation in this movement, as regards their (un)explored theme.

Publication Outlets:

Academic Journals

Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture.

Publications geared for a broader non-academic audience:

Testimonios (Peru)

Criterio (Argentina)