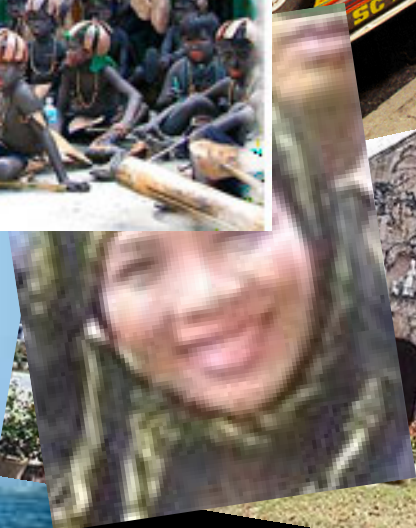
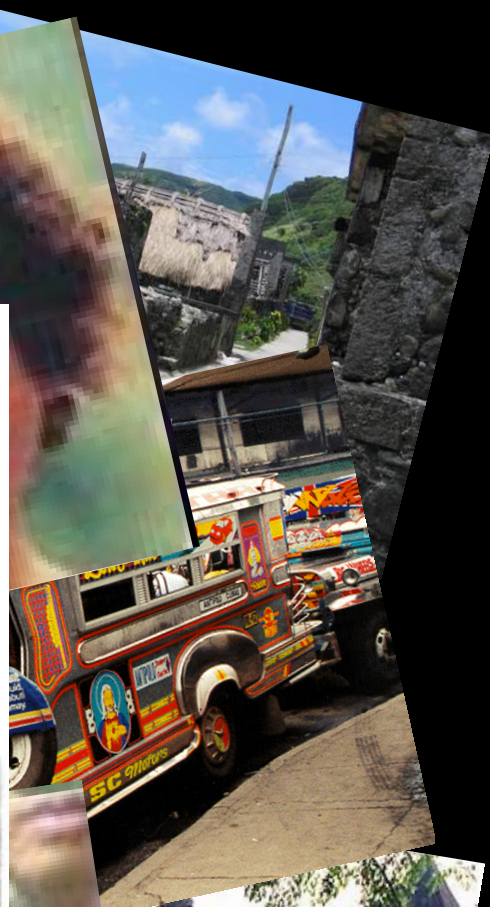
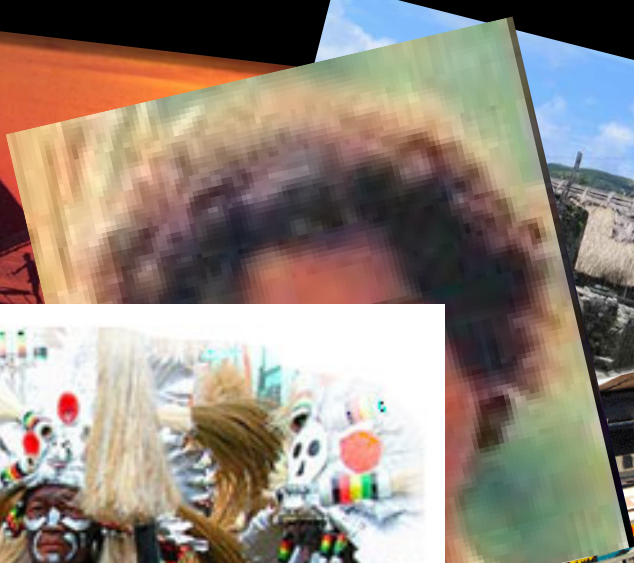
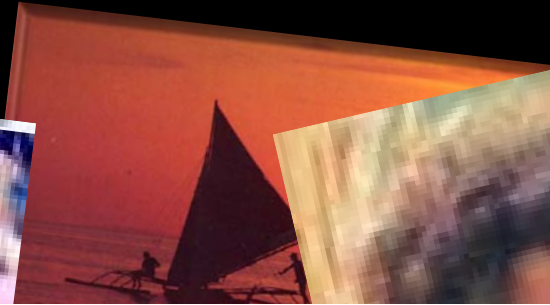
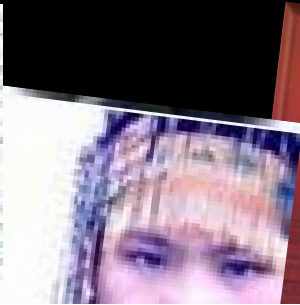


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THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC YOUTH...



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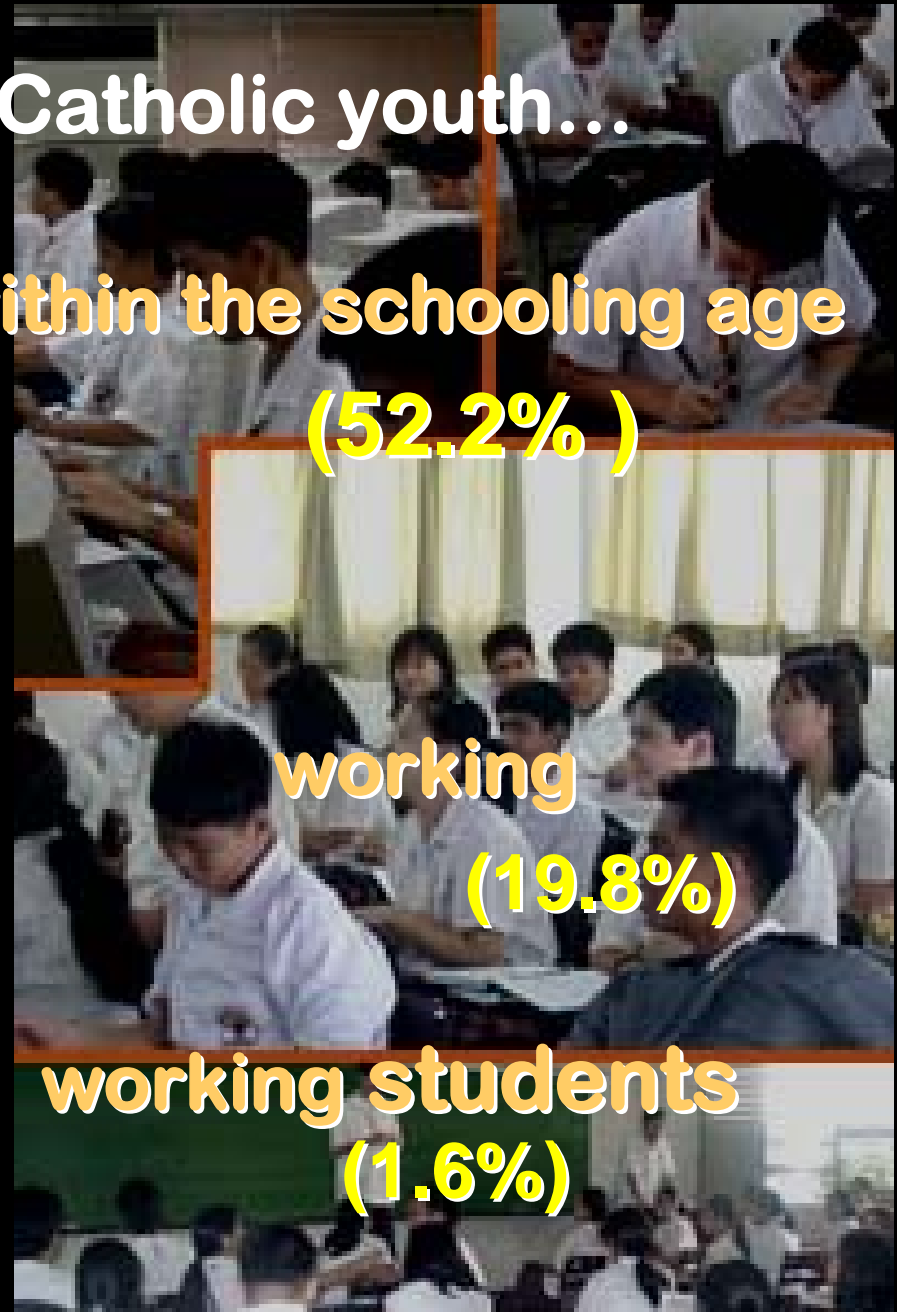
In the overall Filipino population of **76,504,077**,
half are below 21 years old



Majority of the Filipino Catholic youth...

**are within the schooling age
(52.2%)**

**have attained a good
level of education;
are highly literate**



**working
(19.8%)**

**working students
(1.6%)**



“Church of the Poor”

a Church which gives special love, preferential attention and time, solidarity, defense, confidence, understanding, and compassion to those who are in the margins of society.

(PCP II, Decrees, arts. 125-136)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG

Top leisure activities:

TRADITIONAL (62.7%)

Arts (music, dance, writing, reading, others),

Tambayan/hanging-out

(e.g. kuwentuhan, umpukan, others), Outdoor games, indoor/table games, Outdoor/nature activities



MODERN (37.3%)

Shopping/Malling, Watching movies,

Computers/Internet/Text(SMS) messaging,

Video games/play station/videoke,

“Night life” (e.g. bar-hopping, parties, pasayaw, others)

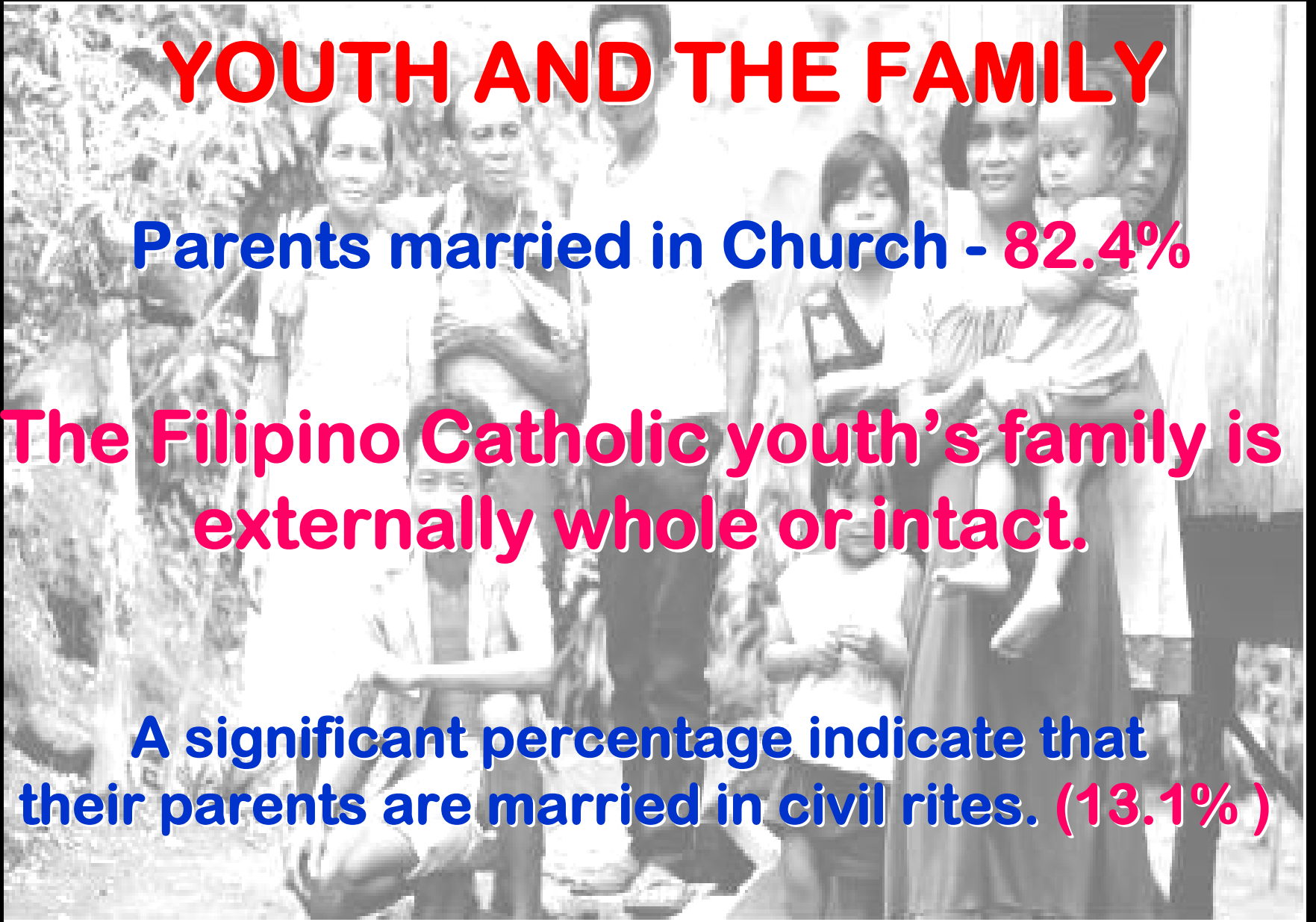


YOUTH AND THE FAMILY

Parents married in Church - 82.4%

The Filipino Catholic youth's family is externally whole or intact.

A significant percentage indicate that their parents are married in civil rites. (13.1%)





**Majority of Filipino Catholic youth are
living with the family.**

76.3%

**Majority of Filipino Catholic youth
are closest to their mothers.**

(53.7%)



**The mother is also
the first person consulted
for important
decision-making.**

(48.5%)

**More than one-third of the Filipino
Catholic youth look up to/admire
their parents (father/mother).**

(38.3%)

Most common personal problem area for them is relationships

Friendship – 43.8%

Family – 40.7%

Boyfriend/girlfriend – 19.9%

There is a certain difficulty among our Filipino Catholic youth when it comes to basic human relationships.

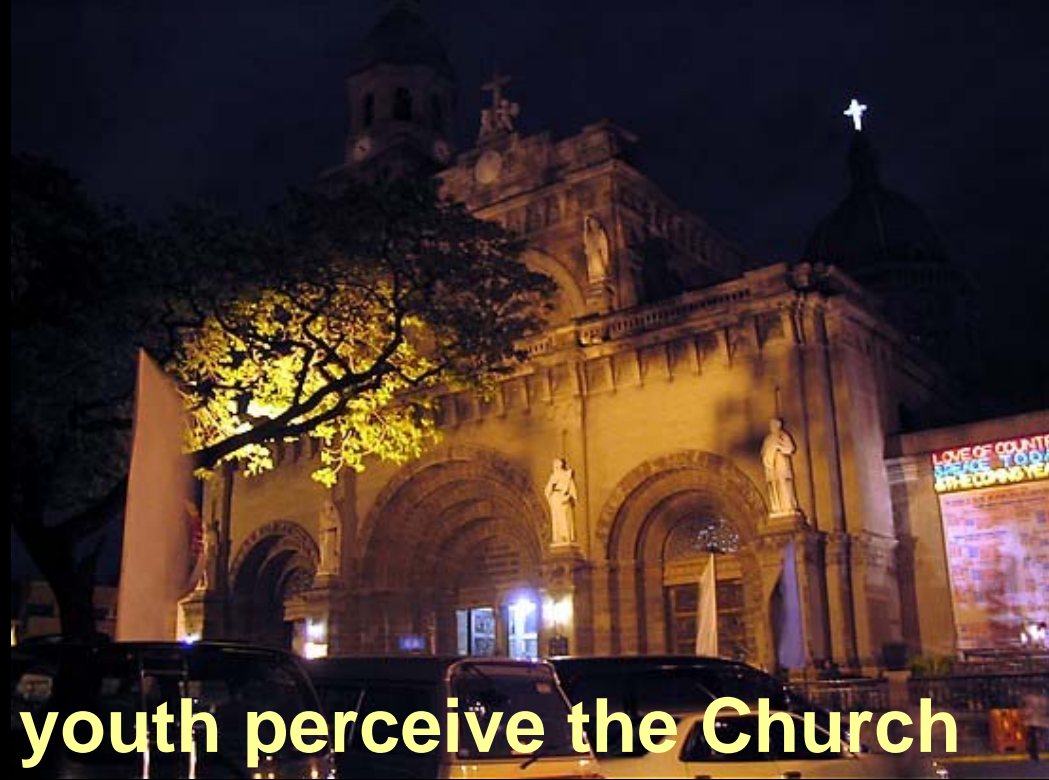


57.8% of the
youth live in the
poverty level...





To pray over a problem is the first thing usually done by more than half of the Filipino Catholic youth (53.1%)



The Filipino Catholic youth perceive the Church primarily as a *building* (**81.8%**) – which is quite far from what she proclaims about herself as a community (**31.3% as community** and **13.7% as pilgrim people**) and as being “for and of the poor” (**12.9% as servant of the poor and the oppressed**).

Also, a big majority (**88.3%**) of the Filipino Catholic youth feel that they belong to the Church. However, their reasons are more functional (*involvement in the activities and organization – 32.7%; going to Church to attend the mass – 15.2%*).



More than half of the Filipino Catholic youth go to Sunday Mass – 60.4%

More than half of the young are not members of any religious group – 60.4%

... The same percentage as those who go only to Sunday Mass. Only 39.6% of them are involved in the Church as members of a religious organization.

****This comparison shows that youth involvement in the church is still in the personal or individualistic level.***

Three out of four of Filipino Catholic youth agree or strongly agree that the Catholic Church must take stand on social issues.

(76.4%)



But with these 76.4% Catholic youth who expressed agreement or strong agreement with the Catholic Church's obligation to take a stand on social issues, only 41.6% manifest social involvement.

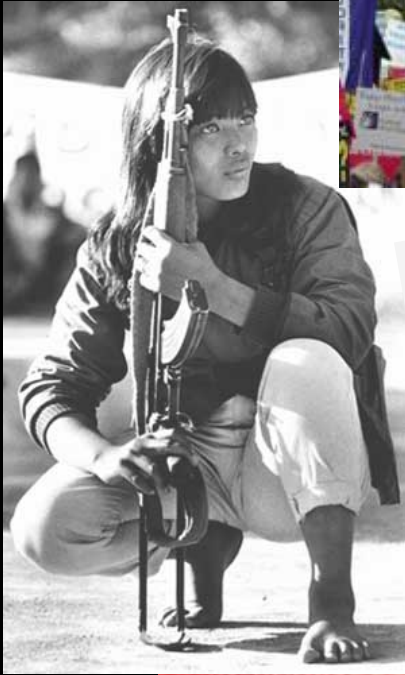


Social awareness and/or agreement do not necessarily guarantee social involvement from Filipino Catholic youth.



58.4% of the Filipino Catholic youth don't get themselves involved in social issues because of disinterest or fear. They feel that whatever involvement they will get into will not make a difference or will simply be a waste of time.





The teachings of the Church on several issues (homosexuality, premarital sex, marriage and divorce, gambling, sex and violence in media, death penalty, abortion and contraception and social justice) have little effect on the lives of the young. They are not even so much aware of them.

**The data from this presentation
were taken from the
NATIONAL FILIPINO CATHOLIC
YOUTH SURVEY
2002...**

**You got a dream and
you make your move**

**You got the feeling,
you got the groove**

**You got the will
and gotta make it
through**



**You got the power
to make a stand**

**You got the mind
to understand**

**You got the time
You got the chance
in your hands**



**So, you hold on
to your dream
'cause you can
make it happen**

**And though far
it may seem
You know it's
surely comin'**



**You don't give up the fight
You brave it through the night**

**For a new day will dawn
To show you the light**

**You see the rainbow
through the rain
You see the prize beyond the pain
You know the test
is but a part of the game**

**You got the faith
to run the race**

**You know the path
you set the pace**

**You got his light
above
to guide your way**



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**You don't give up the fight
You brave it through the night**

**For a new day will dawn
To show you the light**

**You may stumble and grow weary
You may fall along the way
get up and dont give up
it's ok**

**So, you hold on
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