



Youth TOP 2023

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Altogether 18 participants met once a week for over two months and explored many important topics within Divine Principles and the life of faith.

It appears that with this program and with its setting, we “hit the nail on the head”! These young people are at the exact age between graduating from HARP and going out there on their own, starting families, and working... they come to the stage when they are expected to be responsible adults and to be automatically activated in the community. This transition period is so important because once they really go out there, become fully independent, and build their own families... then it’s hard to change something. So the period around 20 is the last chance our movement can give them some real guidance, and at the same time, it’s an amazing chance because they are not kids anymore and can understand a lot. Our youth have amazing potential, they can build CIG, and they are in need of guidance and love, but also trust. We cannot change them. They already are the OWNERS of their lives, their studies, careers, and life decisions... but we can help them to become the TRUE OWNERS.

Therefore, Youth TOP - Youth True Ownership Program

Final video: <https://vimeo.com/830806260>

Below are parts of some of the final reflections:

“It inspired me every week. For example, I could share some knowledge with my classmates, friends, and younger brothers and sisters during Harp activities. Everyone could relate to the chosen topics. The highlights for me were Vigil prayer and trip to Marie Zivna’s grave.”

- brother, 22

“For me this second youth top was good. The discussion about our faith at the end were good for members to see how we all cope with our similar reality. It was interesting for me to see how people respond differently, so how we are all on different journeys. It made me really interested to seek more of our movements teaching than outside to discover the hidden truths.

Thank you for organising this program, I hope it can prosper more within our community and our youth ”

- sister, 22

“I need to say that I am very happy that we have this program for us (youth), in order to understand our church, speak up about questions that we have and share our experiences within our spiritual life.

For me highlights were for sure sharing groups and trip to Marie Zivna’s grave was a cherry on top, to be together and learn about our church history.

In conclusion, I am happy that I have joined once again Youth TOP.

I can only recommend it, if you invest fully into this program you will get the same amount back!”

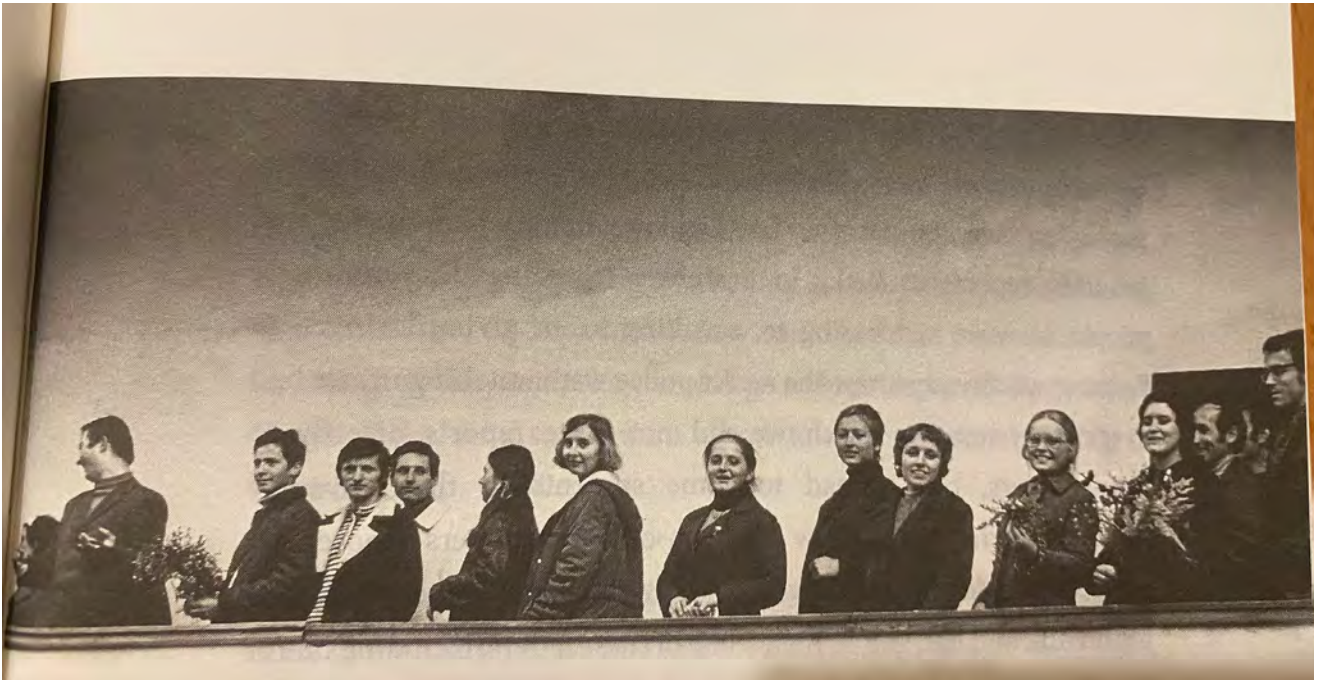
- brother, 24

“The lecturers were amazing and when I saw the topic for each week, I felt like it was always exactly what I needed to hear. I am glad that thanks to this program I had set aside time for important topics and internal talks every week. I am grateful that it was made accessible also to those outside of Czech borders!”

- sister, 20

“Thank you for inspiring me and guiding me and thank you for giving me more ideas what to look for and where!”

- brother, 23



Early Czechoslovak members just a few months before going to prison - first Czechoslovak national meeting.



Youth TOP participants standing at the exact same spot on 23rd April 2023.

- The difference between second and third photo is 50 years -