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If a pagan asks you to show him your faith, take him into the church and show him the icons, and explain the series of religious paintings to him.

St John of Damascus



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LIVING STONES



**LIVING STONES** is an international communion of Christian youth communities which aims to announce Jesus Christ - that is, the Beauty of the Church - through the beauty of sacred and religious heritage.

The Living Stones communities have a distinctive style that gives priority to prayer, intense community life, theological and art-historical formation, simplicity, service, the attention to marginalised people and complete gratuity.

**Living Stones** was born in 2008 following an international camp held in Rome, but has since then grown to include over thirty communities from various countries, reaching as far as South America. Apart from the local community meetings and guided visits offered throughout the year, several international formation seminars, service camps, workshops and spiritual retreats are also organized annually by the Living Stones.

For the Living Stones, Christian art is a prayer delivered to the eye - a prayer made accessible. But it is also a narration, a story of holiness. To

contemplate the work of art is thus to enter into the prayer of the artist and in the history which it tells. It allows a moment of spiritual communion through the centuries, where the visitor of the church becomes a pilgrim and protagonist.

When the “dead stones” of the sacred building are given a living voice, the contemporary visitor may discover the sacred space as a mirror of his or her own experience, inner life, identity and, ultimately, vocation.

Living Stones is an expression of the youth apostolate of The Society of Jesus.