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ACTS CONFERENCE 2024

It was a heartwarming experience to see young people from different institutions gather. Rabhuni Pastoral Centre in Klerksdorp Diocese hosted 38 of the Association of Catholic Tertiary Students from 1 – 5 July 2024.

The four-day gathering was opened with Mass led by Rev. Fr. Nhlanhla Mchunu with six other chaplains concelebrating. The gathering reflected on the following topics:

- **Synodality applies to Acts:** Members learn to listen to their fellow members in the spirit of prayer and reflection; to build communion, participation, and mission.
- **Ancestors – Sangoma:** aware of the spirits that seek to destroy one's life and those that yearn for the good.
- **Communication:** The modes of communication were discussed, and the effects of healthy communication were embraced.
- **ACTS Constitution:** The constitution was discussed, there are some loopholes in the constitution and there is a need to revise the constitution since it was given a trial run for three years and that has lapsed.
- **Financial Diligence and self-reliance:** Methods of self-sustainability.
- **Youth Go Clean project:** Clean Minds clean the environment.
- **National Executive Committee elected:** the new members have been elected.

Besides many other activities that took place at the conference, students seemed convinced of their membership and re-energised in their faith. Bishop H. Victor Phalana celebrated the concluding Mass on the 5th in the morning. It was a successful conference.

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