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do spring May flowers.**  
Thomas Tusser

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**EDITORIAL****New Theme +New Team+ New Beginning  
NATIONAL COUNCIL '16**

My dear friends in YCS/YSM India .

Greetings. Hope you all are doing good and enjoying summer vacations even when there is water scarcity.

Our environment goes through a routine cycle of different seasons while we got to adjust to all these things and accept everything as it is to lead a normal life.

Our student life is also compared to a cycle where we have to live in the different situations with different people, it may be at home with our parents and siblings, in school with our classmates and teachers or in our society with different set of people . Every day is new because it is different and its gives us various experiences to learn something or the other. When we meet people with different mindsets we get an opportunity to learn good qualities and also to indulge in negative activities through them.

Now pondering upon our education system which has merely been bookish knowledge over the years, and not aiming to bring about a change and teach students ample number of values. These values and ideas shared can be used anytime in life and not only to graduate. As students we need values than great marks to achieve our goal in life and know things better relating to the functioning of our society .Our education system should be a guiding force to distinguish between good and bad, but unfortunately it isn't giving students what is required .Our teachers too should be well trained ones and not simply jump into any school because it is in your neighbourhood and you're unemployed. Let us become good teachers for others ,it may not be necessary that you teach in an institution but it can be in our own little ways.

As my caption says New theme, it just refers to the cyclical movement in our YCS/YSM Movement, which over the past three years it has gone through working with the Theme "Student Education in Modern Era" with the sub titles being thrusts, interculturality, religious pluralism and universal culture of love and life by organizing many study session for all YCS/YSMers.

"Called To Believe, Begin and Become" is the theme of the 17th National Council which we will be adapting for the coming three years.

YCS/YSM is compared to the flowing water because it is not static but its dynamic. The new national team is formed for the next three years in the 17th National

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Council to execute the further programs of the National Office.

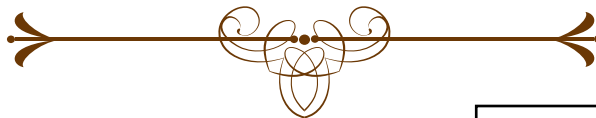
New beginning is not to start a new thing but it is to work with New students, leaders, a platform for New Ideas with New faces , new steps to understand the student mentality and a New goal for the betterment of our YCS/YSM movement .

To conclude ,this is going to be my last editorial for The Search, thank you all YCS/YSM students from India for your support to all the NEXCOs. I am grateful to our National Chaplain Fr. Charles Menezes and Fr. Chetan Machado, all the RYD's,DYD's Animators, Coordinators, DEXCO's, REXCO's for your encouragement towards the National Team. Hope you will support the future leaders too .Let this movement shine forever with the Aim: Building a New society Gods Kingdom.

And let our Methodology always be See (awareness), Judge (reflection), Act (action), Evaluation

Long live YCS/YSM

*Roshan Melwyn Lobo*



## TESTIMONY



I am Maria Ngurthansangi Sailo from Aizawl. I am student of Class XI (Arts) at Home Mission HSS I have been a member of this YCS movement since standard VI both in Parish as well as in the institution where I did my schooling. I have gained a lot of experience in various fields. Those experiences enrich me to develop my personality physically, mentally and spiritually.

First of all through this movement I learned the importance of team work. Involving in various activities organized by our animators and leaders helps us to develop in ourselves the virtue of honesty, being generous and many more. Attending many programmes and seminars increases our knowledge all round. Be it knowledge about God or knowledge in other aspects of life. It also inspires us to excel in our education. Apart from all of these, joining the YCS movement makes me alive and active which in turn help me in giving the light and life of Jesus Christ to others.

*-Maria Ngurthansangi Sailo, DTS (Liturgical Secretary)*

### **‘Make It A Better Place, For You & For Me**

Climate change impacts, directly and indirectly, every creature on this earth. There is a growing need to understand this and do something immediately. All of us definitely have an obligation to take care of our environment. According to some of news reports more than 150 people have lost their lives during this summer already in Odisha and Telangana. These two states suffer the most and more casualties are reported from these states. Temperatures are rising dangerously. Averaged over all land and ocean surfaces, temperatures warmed roughly 1.53 degrees Fahrenheit (0.85 degrees Celsius) from 1880 to 2012, according to National Center for Atmospheric Research.



I once saw these wordings in a poster, “Save the earth”. This is what we human beings say. But the Mother Earth must be looking at us sympathetically and saying ‘Human Being ! Don’t worry about me, first Save yourself’. This is true because every creature is affected and we are the only cause who are destroying this beautiful mother earth. Our selfishness is causing the damage.

In India 266 districts in 11 states are already declared drought affected. Because of drought there is no agricultural activity. Farmers whose lives depend on agriculture suffer the most and we read in the newspapers that many farmers are committing suicide.

We expect our government to do something. When government does its part should we just close our eyes and do nothing? Don’t we have a responsibility to do something?

The changes we are witnessing and those that are predicted are largely due to human behaviour. We are burning fossil fuels, and heating up the planet at the same time. We blow ever increasing amounts of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere every year – 29 billion tonnes of it (2004) and rising – and this warms the globe. Pollution is increasing day by day. Our water, air, environment everything is polluted. What is our responsibility? If each one of us does our part to protect our mother earth, soon there will be a change.

As students we learn a lot on this subject. We prepare our school boards, wall magazines, posters etc. In reality do we care for the earth?. Can we try these simple things like celebrating events without bursting crackers, not wasting paper, water and natural resources, burn minimum gas, diesel and petrol, not littering, planting trees etc. If we start doing these simple things we will have a better planet to live in. Michael Jackson’s famous album ‘**heal the world**’ invites us to:

*‘Make It A Better Place, For You And For Me  
And The Entire Human Race, There Are People Dying  
If You Care Enough, For The Living  
Make A Better Place, For You And For Me”*

**- Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain**

# WHAT YCS HAS DONE TO ME

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“YCS/YSM has taught me to be a good human being and also helped me to bring about a change in other people’s lives.”

*Miss Petulla Narissa Fernandes,  
Lourdes Convent High School, Saligao, Goa*



The YCS/YSM movement has helped me to build a spirit to strive, to seek, and not blindly yield to circumstances and misconceptions. All credits go to this great movement.

*Miss Succora Estella Pires,  
St. Joseph convt. H/S, Nagoa-Verna, Goa*



“As an YSM leader in our school I was thoroughly motivated to take up the initiative in organising cultural activities in school involving different students without any discrimination.”

*Miss Lizanne fernandes,  
Holy Cross High School, Siolim, Goa*



YCS has made me a responsible citizen. It has awakened in me a positive attitude towards myself and the other.

*Miss Elisha da Costa,  
Bethany convent High School, San Jose de Areal, Goa*



This movement has helped me to live a good life in my school, family, neighbourhood and also in my community.

*Master Gibson Fernandes  
St. Anthony’s High School, Majorda, Goa*



I owe the growth of my personality to the Cell activities, outreach programmes and the teachings that have helped me to love myself as I am. I am able to choose between the right and wrong even when faced with pressure from my friends to support any wrong.

*Master Dyson Fernandes  
Holy Cross High School Bastora, Goa*



## Ten ways to become a good citizen

1. Volunteer to be active in your community/group
2. Be honest & Trustworthy
3. Follow rules and laws
4. Respect the right of others
5. Be informed about the world around you
6. Respect the property of others
7. Be compassionate
8. Take responsibility for your actions
9. Be a good neighbour
10. Protect the environment



- Anita Kerketta

### TESTIMONY



**M**y name is Justine Lalrinnungi. I'm studying in Class-XII (Science) at St. Paul's HSS, Aizawl. I'm from Aizawl, Mizoram and the present secretary of YCS, Aizawl Diocese. When I came to know that I am selected to attend in the YCS/YSM XVII National Council I feel privileged and got excited to meet my fellow YCSers in other parts of the country. I am happy and glad for the opportunity I am given and ready to learn new things and many things.

Being an YCS member and being a part of this movement is such a wonderful thing I've gone through in my life. Being a member for 7 years I have developed my personality, behavior, attitude and mental abilities. I got lots of confidence and also have the ability to do things on my own without fear. I experienced how hard and difficult it is to deliver a speech in front of the crowd but as we use to participate in YCS I learn to adapt to that situation and have a great confidence in myself. I realize that no matter how shy we are, I must not miss the opportunity that is given to me. Instead we should be courageous to take the risk. I try my best to improve my daily life by practicing the YCS methodology – see, judge and act. I am glad to say that all the YCSers in our area gain lots of confidence and we are very happy to be a part of this community.

If YCS were not here today, I would not be who I am today as it is makes me a better person. So my life before YCS and after involving in YCS is very different as I gain and learn many things through this movement. I hope that the YCS movement stays forever and let its light shine to all the youth in this world.

Long Live YCS

- *Justine Lalrinnungi, DTS (Secretary)  
Nongstoin Diocese*

## PREVENT TERRORISM THROUGH PEACE EDUCATION

Every religion in its original form was a way of life with a noble mission of making its followers spiritual by practicing universal values. However, over the years these values got replaced by unproductive rituals and superstitious beliefs. Gradually the followers of these religions drifted away from the basic teachings of their



founders. The priestly class with vested interests started misinterpreting the original teachings by inventing dogmas to condition the thinking and actions of common people.

People with political ambition started making use of religions by appointing themselves as defenders and patrons of religion. The spiritual way of life was replaced by innumerable rituals.

They started brainwashing the common people by organising various religious events on one side, and propagating hate campaign against others on the other side. Gradually the common people, especially the youth, were recruited to inflict violence against others who were called different names such as “infidels” and “pagans”. Violence, murder of innocents, rape of women and destruction of place of worship were justified and sanctified.

Fundamentalism is spreading today like plague in all parts of the world. Islamic State (ISIS) is seen as the most dreaded of all groups. This terror group is fighting war against the civil society and states. Brutal murder of innocents, raping girls and women and selling them in open market in the most diabolic and unimaginable ways, uprooting communities they dislike and destroying everything of their culture, training little boys as executioners and suicide bombers etc. Are their strategies to dominate the whole world. The most

shocking thing is how



teenagers and youth, including girls, from distant countries are attracted to their violent ways, and wanted to join them to fight for this cruelest terror group..!

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**Fr. Varghese Alengaden**  
USM, Indore

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The story of a 17-year old class 12 girl student from Pune, who wanted to flee India to join Islamic State as a nurse or a suicide bomber, was startling (Ref: The Week, 20 March 2016). Luckily, intelligence agencies thwarted her plan and placed her in a rehabilitation centre. It was reported that her favourite TV channel was Al Jazeera. She also watched other channels which aired religious content. Her indoctrination was further fuelled by pro-ISIS videos on YouTube. Indian Intelligence agencies reported about 23 Indians who travelled to the



conflict zones in the middle East to join ISIS, and that six of them died fighting in Syria and Iraq! The recruitment of young people to the Islamic State is not an isolated case, ISIS gets worldwide media attention because of the brutality with which they kill people.

Growing fundamentalism in all parts of the world, in different measure and form by all religions, should be a concern for all who want peace and prosperity in the world. Fundamentalism groups get boosting when they are patronized and protected by political parties and other powerful patrons. The terror and violence committed by the fringe groups of Hindutva on minorities and dalits are in no way less than the ISIS terror. The negative and false stories appearing in social media against Muslims, Christians and dalits are no less than the Islamic State propaganda. Similarly, the atrocities and murder committed by Christian fundamentalists in the past to silence the “heretics” and pagans are historical facts.

Emperors in the past, and politicians in the modern times, have misused religion and traded with religious beliefs for their vested interest.

Fundamentalism was nurtured and patronized by these forces to enslave and exploit the common people. Youth power was misused by the destructive forces at all times. The infamous “crusades” of the past attracted the youth from the elite Christian families of



Europe to fight against Muslims. Parents were proud of sending their sons to fight the “holy war”, which Muslims call today “Jihad”. The information technology and social media have intensified and expanded poisoning the minds of youth and children. The innocent children and the youth are enslaved by these destructive forces.

### **Urgency of Youth Animation and Peace Education:**

Educationists and genuine spiritual (not religious) persons and organizations should make urgent strategies and action plans not only to prevent the teenagers and youth

from the trap of these destructive forces, but also explore ways and means to utilize their unlimited and unused energy and resources for peaceful and productive ventures. The first and the most important task is to help these young people to formulate a vision of life which is broad, inclusive and lasting. Along with a vision of life, we need to install a passion in them to realize their vision and leave a lasting legacy. Once the youth realize this, they will never look for the temporary gains and destructive adventures. Though the routine value education and youth animation today provide information about values and develop skills, they fail to help the youth to formulate their vision of life.

Universal Solidarity Movement of Value Education for Peace, Indore (USM) was launched in 1993 as proactive response to the violence, fundamentalism and communal riots which shook the country after the destruction of the disputed structure in Ayodhya on 6 Decmeber 1992 and serial bomb blasts in Bombay in January 1993. USM is promoting pluralistic spirituality as the national heritage. Together

with the practice of pluralistic spirituality, we insist on transforming oneself before going out to transform the society. Over the last 24 years, thousands of students, teachers and parents follow the new way of life promoted by USM. They adopt a lasting and inclusive vision and way of life, transcending the narrow religious caste identities. Young students refuse to accept any discriminatory and exclusive ways in their personal and social life. They pray together using scriptures of other religions eat together with people of other caste and oppose statements and actions which create communal and caste barriers.

Educational institutions have to play a proactive role of promoting pluralistic spirituality. These institutions shall create an atmosphere and strategy to prevent and protect children and youth from the influence of fundamentalist and terrorist forces. They need to organize various events related to peace and

## PREVENTING TERRORISM



Prevention is better than cure

human solidarity. Peace education and pluralistic spirituality should be made integral part of the curriculum. The more the challenges, the greater should be our determination and will power. It is high time for us to rise from our slumber and complacency. ❖

### TESTIMONY



**I** am Fidelia Lalrindiki, student of Class XI (Commerce) at St. Paul's HSS, Aizawl. I participated in YCS from the year 2013. From the very first year of my participation I held the secretary post. This helped me attain the role of a leader in every way. Whenever there is a need to participate in any functions or programmes, my participation in YCS gives me self confidence and draws out the potency within me. It takes me closer to the church and it further teaches me to put more effort in prayer.

To make more use of my brain and efforts, cell meetings are often held which is very fruitful for me. The tendency to lend a hand for the needy is developed in me through this participation in YCS. It also helps me to work hard and read the Bible regularly.

My participation in YCS develops a leadership quality and helps me to be more confident in whatever I do and in whatever I possess. It is a good teacher for me to stand in my own feet rather than rely on others. It guides me in a positive way to every step I take. After being an YCS member I have improved and developed in many ways. I will never forget the golden opportunities I have received through the YCS. I will always use my loyal effort for the glory of God and the Church.

*- Fidelia Lalrindiki, DTS (Regional Representative)  
Nongstoin Diocese*

# MEDIA & ME



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## Media reality and our role in understanding and handling the media effectively

### Key Concepts:

What is media? Different kinds of Media, particularly the new media or social media, Influence of Media on children, use and misuse of media in daily lives and how to use media positively for growth, gaining knowledge and widening social reach and building relationships.

### What is Media :

Communication channels through which news, entertainment, education, data, or promotional messages are disseminated. Media includes every broadcasting and narrowcasting medium such as newspapers,

magazines, TV, radio, billboards, direct mail, telephone, fax, and internet. Media is the plural of medium and can take a plural or singular verb, depending on the sense intended.

Mass media means technology that is intended to reach a mass audience. It is the primary means of communication used to reach the vast majority of the general public. The most common platforms for mass media are newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and the Internet. The general public typically relies on the mass media to provide information regarding political issues, social issues, entertainment, and news in pop culture.

**Types:** The mass media has evolved significantly

over time. Well, before there was the Internet, television, or the radio, there was the newspaper. The newspaper was the original platform for mass



**Fr. Savari Muthu Sankar**  
Delhi

media. For a long period of time, the public relied on writers and journalists for the local newspapers to provide them with the latest news in current events.

Centuries later, in the 1890s, came the invention of the radio. The radio would soon supersede the newspaper as the most pertinent source for mass media. Families would gather around the radio and listen to their favorite radio station programs to hear the latest news regarding politics, social issues, and entertainment.

Later on down the line came the invention



of the television. The television would soon replace the radio for the most effective platform to reach the general public. Today, the Internet is the most relevant form of mass media and has become a major tool for news outlets. Since the evolution of the Internet, the general public is now able to access those same news outlets in an instant with just a click of a mouse, instead of having to wait for scheduled programs.

**Influence:** Media plays an extensive role in an individual's daily life. Right from the second you wake up till you go to bed after saying good night to your parents, siblings or friends, you are surrounded in a world built just for you by the media. With the advent of advanced technology, there has been a drastic shift from the telegraph, and then the radio, newspapers, magazines and now to the most widely used- the internet.



Our daily activities depend heavily on the information that is provided to each one, and the way that is communicated to them, be it entertainment, hard



or soft news, personal relationships, travelling, or even healthcare.

**The influence of the mass media** operates with the mission of providing one with more information than they might have expected.

The mass media works is like a pull factor- it just drags you into its world, and makes you believe that whatever you do, you see and you hear is true, and the most trustable. They come to you, not just to provide information, but also to lead you into their world, which ultimately makes you realize that most of

the decisions, values and beliefs are based on what we know for a fact, our assumptions and our own experience.

**Finally**, while social networking undoubtedly plays a vital role in broadening social connections and learning technical skills, its risks cannot be overlooked. The lack or difficulty in self-regulation and susceptibility to peer pressure makes adolescents vulnerable to such evils as Facebook depression, sexting, and cyberbullying, which are realistic threats. Other problems such as social network-induced obesity, Internet addiction and sleep deprivation are issues that continue to be under intense scrutiny for the contradictory results that have been obtained in various studies. ❖

*During the XVII National Council students from all over India will be debating on issues like 'How media plays a role in their life', 'human dignity' etc. We invite students to write articles on these issues which will be published in 'The Search'*

**- Editor**

## IF HE CAN WHY CAN'T I?

He is an Indian professional field hockey player and an ex-captain of the Indian National Team. He made his international debut in January 2004 in Sultan Azlan Shah Cup In Kuala Lumpur. He took over as the captain of the Indian national team in January 2009. At a time when he was at



his peak, he was said to have the best speed in the world in drag flick (speed 145 km/h). On 22 August 2006, Singh was seriously injured after being hit by an accidental gunshot in Shatabadi train, while on his way to join the national team due to leave for the World Cup in Germany two days later. He was almost paralyzed and on a wheelchair for two years of his life.

**Sandeep Singh Bhinder** not only recovered from that serious injury, but also established himself again in the team.

Under his captaincy, the Indian team managed to clinch the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in 2009 after defeating Malaysia in the finals at Ipoh. India won the title after a long wait of 13 years. Singh was also the top goal scorer of the tournament.

The India men's national Hockey team had qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London after a gap of 8 years. The team had a resounding victory over France in the finals of the Olympic qualifiers by beating France 8–1. Ace drag-flicker Singh starred in the final against France by scoring five goals – including a hat-trick – all from penalty corners (19th, 26th, 38th, 49th and 51st minutes). Singh was the highest scorer of the Olympic qualifiers tournament by scoring 16 goals.

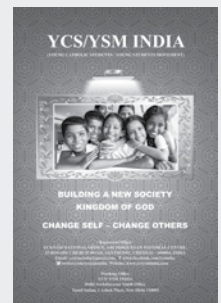
He is regarded as one of the best drag flickers of the game. This is called POSSIBILITY thinking. Lets do something better...new...and inspire others.

### YCS/YSM resource book

It contains all the basic information about the movement like history, goal and objectives, methodology, Cell meetings, cell life and other details. It also contains the newly drafted CONSTITUTION of YCS/YSM.

This constitution has to be followed in letter and spirit by all the cells/units all over India. You may also draft a Diocesan constitution based on this National constitution and send it to us for approval. Every member (DYD, Animators and members – former and present) shall have this book, so that you follow the movement methodology as your WAY OF LIFE. Kindly place an order for this book with the working office at Delhi. Price: Rs 50/-

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# AGENTS OF GOD’S PLAN

*“We have been called as agents of God’s plan for his kingdom”*

It is a great pleasure and honour as YCS/YSM India has reached its golden 50 years of service to teenagers and to all of us personally and most importantly we are approaching towards our XVII National Council. By now I have immense faith as participants you would have gone through many readings, trainings and you have come to this highest forum or supreme body of our movement well prepared and aware of what it is all about. Personally I believe that God himself inspires each one of us to come to this wonderful place because within us, we have the potential to grow and change ourselves to serve others and the society through YCS/YSM. We are the thinking element of the future society and Remember... We have been

called here not to success but to obedience as a witness to others and as active agent of God’s plan for his kingdom. We are called to believe, begin and become. Therefore, when we do anything during these 7 days of our Council let us do it with our might and put our whole soul into it. Change can be brought within us and I hope at the end of the Council you will be the change!



Enjoy the stay...!

Warm welcome to you all...

*- Jimmy Pdang  
National President*

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## “Called to Believe, called to Begin, called to Become”

We are the seeds sown in the garden of divine creation  
Called to become the visible image of little heaven on earth  
Be a blessing to the broken hearts and hope to the hopeless  
God loves young people, called to be a messenger of peace  
We have come together far and near to raise our voices in song

We are called to believe the truth that God is  
We are called to begin to share this love and grow day after day  
We are called to become the source of healing to give peace to all nations  
Brothers, sisters the world needs you and me to create a better place  
We are called to become the children of God and build one big family

You and I are called to be shining stars to guide the blind  
Listen to the voice calling you and me to the light of truth  
Give a little smile, a little bit of love to show you care someone  
As we learn to feed the hungry, give a shelter to the homeless  
We become a sign of mercy and grace to the whole world



*composed by :  
- Mr. Isaac Bukhli*





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REPORTS

## **YCS/YSM ORIENTATION - PATNA ARCHDIOCESE**

YCS/YSM, Patna Archdiocese organised a series of orientation programmes in the month of April 2016.

On 19th April 2016 we organised the first orientation programme at Prakash Vidhyalaya, Maneyer. This programme was organised for the students of classes VIII to X. Both YCS and YSM students participated in this programme. Programme began with a prayer song followed by a session on basics of YCS/YSM, aim, vision, mission and objectives of YCS/YSM and its methodology. There was a session on leadership followed by a skit prepared by the students.

Our 2nd orientation programme was held at Don Bosco School, Patna. Programme began with an interactive session where participants introduced to one another. After some ice breaking and action songs Ms. Angela, National EXCO and Roshan spoke to the students and motivated them. They explained to them the benefits of this ministry.

Students were divided in two groups. YCS and YSM. They were guided to conduct cell meetings. Topics were given to them and after the meeting they shared the outcome. Programme ended with YCS/YSM clap. Overall it was a very enriching programme.

In this series, third programme was held at St. Xavier's High School on 27th April 2016. After a short prayer song participants

introduced to each other. The first session was taken by Ankit Baba. He taught them methodology of the movement and also aim and vision of YCS/YSM. Sister took a session on leadership. Some inspirational videos were shown to the participants to motivate them.

On 29th April 2016, we conducted an orientation programme at St. Joseph's Convent School at Jethuli. Programme started with a prayer song. Some games and activities were conducted at the beginning. The entire group was then divided into two, seniors were the new comers. Fr. Asit took a session to the new comers and taught them how to conduct a cell meeting. Topic given was 'how to conserve water' Everyone participated in this actively.

**Ankit Baba**

## **YCS/YSM - ARCHDIOCESE OF DELHI**

YCS/YSM Delhi conducted orientation programme to start new units in the Archdiocese. At St. John the Baptist Church, Ayanagar, on 7th May 2015 YCSers gathered in big number. Some some ice breaking games and activities Fr. Chetan spoke to them about the objectives of starting new units. He explained to them about cell and how to conduct a cell meeting.

After this orientation, elections were held and five cells were formed. Youth members of the parish helped to organise this meeting and orientation. Programme concluded with a sumptuous lunch.

## **MADHYA PRADESH REGION celebrated GOLDEN JUBILEE**

To mark the Golden Jubilee Year of YCS/YSM, India (1966-2016) one day orientation program was organised on April 3, 2016 on Mercy Sunday by MP Region YCS/YSM office bearers. The participants were young students from class 9 to 12 from the following dioceses namely, Sagar, Gwalior, Khandwa and Bhopal. The total number of participants were 112 including the sisters Animators. Fr. Chetan Macchado the National Director for YCS/YSM, India was the chief Guest for the whole day program.

The day began with the Prayer service lead by JY Members of Bhopal diocese followed by welcome and lighting of the lamp. To add



colour to the celebration of Golden Jubilee a special dance was prepared and performed wonderfully by the Youth of St. Joseph the Worker Church, Barkhera. Inaugural session was given by Sr. Gloria on Students and their talents. In her talk She expressed to the students that in every student there is a hidden talents, one need to reveal through many activities in the school as well as in the house. After that Fr. Chetan took a session on Education and its impacts on students life followed by Holy Mass by Fr. Johny PJ who preached on Education Spirituality.

After Lunch Fr. Alexander interacted with the students with the theme Self confidence. At the end of his interaction the students were



seated in cells and Fr. Alexander asked the students to reflect- what you want to become today onwards as Catholic student? Vote of thanks was delivered by Mary Roshni and whole program was coordinated by the YCS/YSM Rexco of Madhya Pradesh - Afrema (Animator), Mary Roshni (NEXCO), Mervyn John (NEXCO) and Ravi Xess (Regional President)

Report by  
*Afrema*  
(Animator for YCS/YSM, MP Region)



## **NORTH EAST REGION celebrated GOLDEN JUBILEE**

North East Regional Youth Commission (NERYC) organized a student leadership training programme and animators training programme from 10th April to 14th April 2016 at Bethel, Barapani, Shillong. Over fifty students from different dioceses of the North East participated in this programme along with fifteen animators.

Most Rev. John Thomas, Bishop of Itanagar diocese and the chairman of NERYC



was present during the entire programme. He celebrated the inaugural mass on 13th at 11am and invited students to become better citizens.

During the day various sessions were conducted by resource persons. Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain conducted a few sessions for the animators as well as students. In the evening there was cultural programme performed by different dioceses. On 12th we also celebrated the Golden Jubilee of YCS/ YSM India. Bishop John Thomas celebrated the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Chetan Machado preached the Word of God. He invited students to give a good example. He urged them to follow the methodology of YCS/ YSM and bring a change in the society.

After the mass, all the guests were felicitated.



There was a well prepared cultural programme. Mr. Jimmy Pdang, National President and Mr. Gilbert compeered the programme.

During these days of training, students were taught about the methodology of YCS/ YSM. Everyday there were cell meetings and different topics were discussed. In the evening there was evaluation and every student participated in this.

Sr. Regina Mareem, RYD of ICYM and

Sr. Christina, DYD of Guwahati were present for the programme. Sr. Bernadette,



Regional Director of YCS was instrumental in organizing this training programme and golden Jubilee celebration.

- Jimmy Pdang



## WEST BENGAL REGION celebrated GOLDEN JUBILEE and COMMITMENT DAY

YCS- West Bengal celebrated commitment Day on 1st May 2016. Fr. Chetan Machado, national Chaplain was the chief guest on this occasion.

On Sunday, programme began with a stage programme at 9:00 am. After lighting the lamp by the dignitaries, Fr. Devraj Fernandes, Archdiocesan Director gave the message. Fr. Chetan spoke on bringing transformation. Sr. Gouri Sardar, Archdiocesan coordinator and other dignitaries were present.



Immediately after the inaugural ceremony Fr. John took a session. He started with icebreakers. He then guided the students to take up their responsibilities seriously.

Meantime Fr. Chetan, National Chaplain met the animators. There were more than thirty animators present. Fr. Chetan explained to



them about basics of YCS/YSM. He told them about how YCS/YSM is different from other organisations and associations. He also pointed out some difficulties that the animators face and requested them to follow the methodology of YCS/YSM strictly. Fr. Gnana Peppin also spoke to the animators. After this there was interaction. Some animators clarified some of their doubts and shared their experience with YCS/YSM members.

YCSers from all over West Bengal participated in this programme. Commitment Day is an annual programme conducted by YCS - West Bengal on 1st May every year. All the animators and students who performed were felicitated.

Fr. Chetan celebrated the Jubilee Mass concelebrated by Fr. Peppin and Fr. Devraj Fernandes. Fr. Gnana Peppin, Archdiocesan youth director preached on this occasion.

After the mass there was a short cultural programme followed by lunch. Sr. Gouri Sardar, Co ordinator of YCS-West Bengal

along with DEXCO members organised this programme.

*- Dania, Treasurer, YCS West Bengal*



## VISITING UNITS OF YCS

On 2nd and 3rd May 2016, Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain along with some members of West Bengal DEXCO visited nine units (schools) of YCS in Bengal. On 2nd May we visited five schools.

We met the students, animators and the principal. We spoke about YCS movement and its methodology. We told them why is it important to be a member of YCS.

Fr. Chetan thanked them for the good work that is being done and urged them to continue.

On 3rd May also we visited four schools. In every school we received a very warm welcome. Students were very enthusiastic



and delighted to see their leaders visiting them.

From the DEXCO, Ms. Dania and Ms. Simran accompanied Fr. Chetan on both days. Mr. Angus, Ms. Melanie joined them for sometime. Fr. Peppin also accompanied us on the second day.

It was a great experience for both the DEXCO and the students.

*- Simran Das, Public Relations, DEXCO*

# REPORT

## National Chaplain's Activities

1. 1-2 March - Office work in Chennai.
2. 11-13 March, Diocesan Youth Convention in Delhi. 120 youth participated. Conducted three sessions.
3. 15 March 2016, visited Bal Bhavan and interacted with children. Also attended Vatican Day at the Nunciature.
4. 16 March, attended Recollection for priests.
5. 18 March, went to Jesus & Mary College for mass.
6. 19 March, Pontifical Anniversary mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Delhi
7. 20-27 Holy Week – In the Archdiocese
8. 24 March, Taize Prayer on Maundy Thursday at St. Francis De Sales
9. 29-31 March, Office work in Delhi, Mr. Kamal from Chennai visited.
10. 2 April 2016, LOC Meeting at Delhi Office
12. 2 April 2016, Golden Jubilee of YCS/YSM at Barkhera, Madhya Pradesh.
13. 9 April, Outreach Programme for ICYM Delhi. 70 youth participated
14. 10-13 April – in the North East. Animators Training and Students Training Programme. Golden Jubilee celebration. 60 students and 15 animators.
- 15 April Taize Prayer at Yusuf Sadan
16. 17 April, visited St. John the Baptist Church, Ayanagar. Started YCS unit there.
17. 5-7 February -ICYM National Council in Goa.
18. 20 April, Priests recollection in Delhi.
19. 21 April, visited National Council venue to see the arrangements.
20. 24 April, Second LOC Meeting
21. 25-26 April – Office work at Chennai.
22. 30-3 April – Golden Jubilee of YCS/YSM in Kolkata. visited nine schools and met animators and students
- 24 May Taize Prayer at Yusuf Sadan

### Future Programmes:

- 1 9th NTA/EXCO meeting on 14-15 May 2016 at YMCA, Greater Noida, Delhi region.
2. National Council at Greater Noida from 16th to 22nd May 2016.
3. Chaplains & Animators Programme in Bangalore from 1st to 10th June 2016.
4. July 3-10 for NEXCO students live in programme
5. WYD at Krakow from 16th July to 2nd August.
6. Animators Training Programme September 1-8 at USM, Indore.

*Newly elected NEXCO during the National Council will attend the live in programme which will be conducted exclusively for them at USM Indore from 3-10 July 2016.*

*For Animators Training Programme, Kindly contact the National Office to book your seat. There will be limited seats. For registration fee and other details kindly contact: Fr. Chetan (09891792505)*

## World Youth Day - Prayer

“God, merciful father, in your son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the comforter, we entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.”

We entrust to you in a special way young people of every language, people and nation: guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father, grant that we may bear witness to your mercy. Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt, hope to those who are discouraged, love to those who feel indifferent, forgiveness to those who have done wrong and joy to those who are unhappy.

Allow the spark of merciful love that you have en-kindled within us become a fire that can transform hearts and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.

St. John Paul II, pray for us.”



## INSPIRATION



**Dr. Glenn Cunningham** : Once, a young school boy was caught in a fire accident in his school and was assumed that he would not live. His mother was told that he was sure to die, for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body. Even if he were to survive, he would be a cripple throughout his life.

But the brave boy did not want to die nor did he want to be a cripple. Much to the amazement of the doctor, he did survive. But unfortunately from his waist down, he had no motor ability. His thin legs just dangled there, lifeless. Ultimately he was discharged from the hospital. But his determination to walk was indomitable. At home, when he was not in bed, he was confined to a wheelchair. One day, he threw himself from the chair and pulled himself across the grass,

dragging his legs behind him. He reached the picket fence, raised himself up and then stake by stake, he began dragging himself along the fence, his resolve to walk undeterred. He did this every day, with faith in himself that he would be able to walk unaided. With his iron persistence and his resolute determination, he did develop the ability to stand up, then to walk haltingly, then to walk by himself and then to run.

He began to walk to school, then run to school, to run for the sheer joy of running. Later in college he made the track team.

In February 1934, in New York City’s famed Madison Square Garden, this young man who was not expected to survive, who would surely never walk, who could never hope to run – this determined young man, **Dr. Glenn Cunningham**, ran the world’s fastest mile.

An epitome of the power of positive thinking and faith in one’s self, Glenn Cunningham continues to be an inspiration for many, and his story, a brilliant testimony to how one can bounce back even when all odds are stacked against one, to the extent that death seemed the preferable option.

# VILLAGE EXPOSURE

## Village Exposure Camp – 2015-16 - Udupi Diocese

The village exposure camp by Young Christian Students Movement, Udupi Diocese for four days had been organized at Hanehalli belonging to Barkur parish from 29th March to 1st April 2016. It started with a procession march from St. Peter's Church, Barkur to the house of Mr. George D'Souza where the camp was held. Mr. Patrick D'Silva, *Gurkar* of Hanehalli Ward & Mr. Patrick Andrade, President YCS



Barkur Unit Hoisted the flag. The inaugural ceremony was presided by Bishop of Udupi, Most Rev. Dr Gerald Isaac Lobo. The Camp was inaugurated by V. Fr. Valerian Mendonca, Parish Priest of Barkur Church by breaking the coconut. Fr. Edwin D'souza, DYD of Udupi Diocese briefed about the camp.

Students were shuffled into 6 groups which consisted of students from different parishes. Each group had specific task to perform and common competitions were also held. Various activities were conducted based on the methodology of the movement - See (Awareness), Judge (Analysis) and Act (Action & Evaluation). The group activities helped the students to mingle with each other, make new friends, learn to live in a community, adjustment, etc. All of them spent the three days without using mobile phones which made them participate in full spirit.



The main purpose of this exposure was to understand the life of villagers and the way they viewed life. Participants visited the villagers and interviewed them which enabled them to understand the motto in a better way. For the students it was an special experience. The youngsters experienced the struggle of common man and the life style of village. For many of them it was first experience to work. They learned to cook, cleaned the surroundings, worked in fields etc.

Every day began with Holy Mass and then the work. Many talks were also held regarding career, aim in life, life skills, Media, Family and various other topics. Mr. Norbert Misquith conducted the Taize prayer which was most liked by the youngsters. Vicar General Msgr. Baptist Menezes taught the Divine Mercy chaplet to the participants.

Around 78 students from various parishes & 11 student representatives from Chikmagalur Diocese actively participated in the camp.

- Derick, Udupi

## Village Exposure Program at Kable - Shimoga Diocese

The Yuvamitra, Youth Commission of the Diocese of Shimoga had organized a Village Exposure program for the YCS/YSM members from 17th to 20th April 2016 at Kable. There were 90 participants from various parishes and schools of the diocese. The students were enriched with variety of work experience viz manuring the areca trees, piling the wood, collecting and heaping up the dry leaves, smearing the cow dung, milking cows and clearing the drainage line for rain water etc. brought aware to the students about the realities of life around them. The evaluation after every work assignment led them to reflection and the input session on the varied topics like students the critical consumers of Media and Communication, the dignity of labour, saving the snakes the love of nature were hallmarks of the program. The awareness program on *Grama Panchayats* was informative. Taize prayer session, special Mass for students and inter religious prayer service kept the spirits up. The cultural evening and camp fire was fabulous.



Reporter: Chandana

## TESTIMONY

I am Flory Lalmalsawmi from Aizawl Diocese. I am student of Class XII (Arts) at Govt. Chaltlang HSS, Aizawl. As I will be representing Aizawl Diocese YCS at the National Council to be held in Delhi, I feel privileged and got excited to have the opportunity to experience and learn many things. Being a member of YCS I know that it is my duty to know the YCS methodology clearly. The moment I got involved in this movement there are lots of improvement in my day to day life. I become more confident and able to stand on my own in certain things.

The YCS methodology - See, Judge and Act is the best thing to follow in our life. According to this act I begin to see the situations first and came to know that in whatever we do we should see the situation first and then judge whether it is right to act upon it or not. I have been involving in this movement for about 7 years. I used to be very shy with no courage and confidence in life. But as I got involved the teachings came into my heart and have never forgotten it. YCS is not only a movement of teaching but it is also a time to enjoy, make new friends, share our thoughts which we never confide to our family and friends. It is a time to reveal our mind.

The best part of being involved in YCS is the time when we have group sharing. It is wonderful to have a moment of reflection. We know that these days everyone is busy with their own work, so they have no time to reflect on their past. As a result they sometimes fall into stress and feel uncomfortable. But YCS members are very lucky to have this opportunity which helps us to relieve from stress. I wish YCS movement to stand strong and hope that it will do more good things to the society and be the one to bring peace in the country and to the world at large.

- Flory Lalmalsawmi, DTS (Treasurer) Nongstoin Diocese



# APPEAL - NATIONAL COUNCIL 2016

## FORMATION SESSION AND YCS/YSM XVII NATIONAL COUNCIL

AT GREATER NOIDA, UP, NORTHERN REGION, FROM 16 TO 22 MAY 2016

ORGANIZED BY: YCS/YSM INDIA

HOSTED BY: YCS/YSM - ARCHDIOCESE OF DELHI

Theme: "Called to Believe, Begin, Become"

PARTICIPANTS: 200 FROM 65 DIOCESES FROM ALL OVER INDIA

### Details of deliberation of the program:

1. Six day study session on the theme "Called to Believe, Begin, Become" and evolve an action plan facing the realities facing the society. This involves the exposure to various places and realities by personally experiencing the plight of the student community.
2. National council deliberation to evaluate the performance of YCS/YSM for the past three years, adopt and deepen the new theme, give new orientation and direction to the movement and elect new national team of students for the forthcoming three years.
3. Eminent resource persons will interact with the participants and help them get a clear vision about the theme and help them plan actions towards taking active part in the society.

### Target Group: All over India

Student members from Higher Secondary, Junior College and Parishes, Teenagers between the ages of 13-20 years and Youth Animators/Facilitators/Observers/Invitees

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## VILLAGE EXPOSURE & OTHER YCS/YSM ACTIVITIES



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