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“Mercy has a youthful face” which can move us beyond our comfort zones and make us ready to embrace everyone.

- Pope Francis

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TRY TRY ... BUT DONT CRY



My dear friends in YCS/YSM India

Greetings from Natasha!

Many a times in life we feel that all the misfortune which was to happen was to happen with us. But the fact is that all that happens, for a good cause. If God closes one door he opens another but we are so busy crying, regretting over that closed door that we fail to see the other opened doors (opportunities).

When an athlete falls down, he never thinks that he has lost the race but gets up and runs with his full strength to match up to the pace of the other athletes. If they can why can't we.

Life will have lots of ups and downs, ample of trials and temptations but what makes us cross those hurdles in life is the belief that we have in us. The feeling that 'we can'. It is said, "God gives the hardest of battles to his strongest of soldiers" so if you think your life is full of difficulties and hardships just remember one thing that you are among those strongest of soldiers who are journeying through this battle of life.

You may come across people who reject you, people who may say that you are useless, people who may laugh at you but all that should matter to you is the belief that you have in yourself, your willpower which says 'you can'. That belief which tells you that you may be a failure today but one day you will show the world that you have learned from your failures and had won the battle of your life.

Then and only then you will be called as a successful person. To become a successful person does not mean that one should be well known or should have a lot of money in his bank account but success means working hard with full dedication and achieving your goal.

Just as the seven colours need each other to form a rainbow in the same way struggles and failures in our life are one of those colours which will lead us to success and without this seventh colour the rainbow of our life is incomplete .

Thus this is the right time to come together with a 'we' spirit of YCS/YSM and if you want yourself to reach to the zenith of success just follow the methodology of See, Judge and Act because this path may not be easy but will surely lead you towards your vision for YCS/YSM and yourself.

LET YCS/YSM LIGHT SHINE

Natasha Ann Louis

Long live YCS/YSM

THE SELF



Greetings to all my YCS/YSM'ers,

If someone asks 'who are you?' We don't hesitate in telling our name, class, college, etc... but individually have we asked ourselves 'who am I?' We have failed to look deep within ourselves and to try and figure out the answer. Right from childhood we have very easily accepted the identity and name given to us by our families or society. Let us look for the answers within ourselves, shall we?

To go practically deep, one of the main reasons for us to accept the negative identity given by others is our thinking on - 'What will she/he/they think of me if I take this step?' We tend to please others and forget our individual importance and our full and flexible views and opinions to the outer world. Sometimes, we are so filled with the concept 'self conscious' that we get lost in our self centered thoughts. It is very important for us - the youth, to come out of our shells. Problems like depression- which is spreading viral among the youngsters, insecurity- reflected on many of us, anxiety- due to our over thinking about others, which is often silly- all these keep the youngsters inside an egg from which we can't come out.

During this interesting age of ours, as teenagers we get to face a lot of judgements, criticisms, comments, expectations and much more from the social world. We- the youth are deprived of so many other needs and desires which we all want to acquire.

This is when YCS/YSM extends a lending hand to us. It's beautiful methodology 'See-Judge-Act' helps you and me at every single step in our lives... The methodology also helps us to self evaluate and introspect on how much of capability and potentials are instilled in us. Our objective to 'Change Self -Change Others' helps us know our worth and purpose, which contributes to build ourselves first and then the others. And finally, our aim 'building a new society'- 'God's Kingdom'. When one young mind is changed, a thousand others are sure to be inspired in a span of time, which sows a seed for a better society that we all wish to see and have.

YCS/YSM gives us the platform to opine our thoughts, views, experiences and problems and find solutions to the problems through the methodology. This makes us realize that this movement is ours and eventually the movement enters into us. It is very important for us to come out of our cocoons and break the ice which captures our thinking. Let us all together be one with the movement and know ourselves first.

'I am ready to discover myself. Are you?'

Regards,

-Jesvita Princy Quadras
National President

WHAT IS MY IDENTITY



One of the biggest crises that our student community is facing these days is 'identity'. If you watch them carefully you'll see a very funny hairstyle, language, tattoos, dressing sense etc. They do not know what they are doing and why they are imitating some 'stars' blindly. I once asked a student, why do you change your hairstyle every week? And the answer was 'people (girls) notice me only when I do something different.' Youngsters, these days, are imitating famous film stars, sport stars and models, forgetting their own identity.

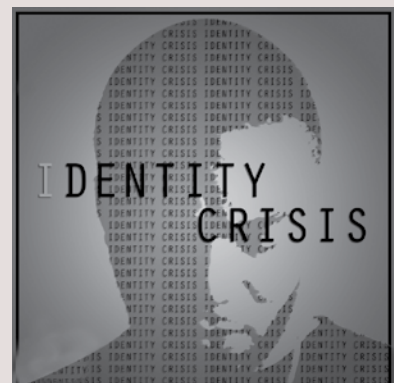
Holy Bible says, 'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Gen. 1:27). If God has given us a distinct identity, why do we imitate others and lose our identity?

Look at some of the 'role models' that our young people follow! Lionel Messi – one of the talented soccer players. I too am a great fan of Lionel Messi. I love the way he plays the game. What I feel bad is he has messed up his body with tattoos. What our young people do is, instead of becoming a player like him, they flaunt his tattoos and try to look like him. Great Players like, Beckham, Ronaldo and many others cast a strong influence on our young students to copy their looks and not their game. Similarly many Bollywood/Hollywood actors, actresses and models are influencing our young students to imitate their looks and not their talent of acting or modeling.

Michael Jackson, one of the famous heartthrobs of young people in the last century had a tragic end to his life. If you read his biography you will know shocking facts.

These are the facts: Michael Jackson died, aged 50, in his rented home in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles on June 25, 2009, as he was preparing for a series of comeback music concerts at London's O2 Arena. The cause of death was an overdose of the drugs Propofol and Benzodiazepine, following a cardiac arrest. The autopsy conducted after the singer's death confirmed what Jackson and his family had maintained from the very beginning — that he indeed suffered from the skin condition vitiligo, and had not, as many claimed, deliberately bleached his skin because he was unhappy being black. (Source: Ben Arogundade's book, 'Black Beauty')

There are many such examples where celebrities have endorsed things which are not ethical, harmful, where they have become brand ambassadors and tried to influence young minds. They get a lot of money for their appearance and sadly we lose a lot of money and our health imitating them.



All of us have our dreams and aspirations. We want to become someone in the society. The celebrities whom we imitate have become great by hard work and dedication. They have worked hard to get there. They have learned an art or a trade and they are successful. What are we doing? Have we become someone in life or become successful by having a 'hairstyle' of 'emo boys' and tattoos of Lionel Messi? Piercing body like models, wearing low-waist and revealing dress like some models and film stars? I feel we have missed the point. We are messing up our lives.

Let's discover our own self, our own identity. Once we do that we will love that identity and life become meaningful. God has given us a unique identity. Dear friend, discover now and live your life meaningfully. Don't look like someone else! Look like 'who you are.'

- Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain



YCS/YSM GOA REGION

The Goa Region had its gathering of YCS/YSM Members especially in order to get a feel of the exact number of members that were actively involved in the movement. There were more than thirty schools which made their presence felt with a total number of 331 participants. The day started with a meaningful prayer service invoking God's presence. The participant then got their act going with Animator's making them dance and sing to the tune and beats of action songs and organising different games.



The Chaplain of the Goa Region Fr. Savio D'souza then initiated the youngsters into the day's plan by briefly explaining to them about the Movement and the role that they needed to play in making the movement a vibrant life style than just keeping it to the boundaries of the classroom. The Session was followed by a lively interactive game which was also in a way a revision of what was discussed in the session where in the students had to give answers to a set of questions put down on a huge roll given to a group of ten students each. It was fun to see every group trying to outdo the other and simultaneously learn about the Movement.

It was time for lunch and as the students feasted on the sumptuous meal, the Animators who numbered around fifty then had a meeting with the Chaplain discussing about the Movement in terms of the progress that the schools had made, of how the movement could make a better impact and finally of how the students could build themselves and the society keeping in mind the



aim and objectives of the same. The day ended on a promising note to see the students disperse with a rejuvenated vigour and enthusiasm to carry on the task handed over to them and a hope to meet soon so that they could once again learn, play and have a nice time together as a YCS/YSM family.

THE JOURNEY OF THE SEARCH

Long long ago, so long ago, precisely 2-4 decades ago, decades before a lamp was lit and they named it “The Search” and that still inspires and illuminates through its flame, the life of hundreds of students. So this is how the journey began back in the time about 1975. The YCS/YSM National Coordination published its quarterly newsletter called “Anarag” and it used to be translated in Tamil and Hindi. In 1979 November for the first time our National Newsletter was released with the name ‘The Search’ & began to be published from the Bangalore sub-office. Later on after 1981 ‘The Search’ began to be published from the National Office at Chennai. The Search continued to reach students during 1983-86 posing questions and challenging students. Edited by vibrant student editors, July 1986 after the Kazipet Council this vibration got increased. In 1989, ‘The Search’ issue loudly proclaimed never before in the history has there been a time than now when more is demanded from us, as students to bear the burdens of the society. It stirred the national movement, from us, which at that time had 75000 students, which was further reflected in many more issues to come. The Search in 1992 though saw only 3 issues were tremendous. Until 1994 The Search continued to be edited by student leaders. In 1995 the 10th National Council saw the emerging of a new national exco, chaplain and coordinator. The National Office did the editing of The Search in this period for a majority of the issues, the distance at which the excos was put up, the various practicalities involved in students coming all the way to the national office to edit The Search. All these had sort of dampened the spirit of The Search being a true student newsletter on the forthcoming issues there were a lot of questions posed as to the authenticity of The Search being a students newsletter. Sensitized and challenged by these questions and the evaluation report at the XII National Council held at Hyderabad in May 2001 the new executive committee that was NTA/EXCO Meeting at Khandwa a new editorial board was formed and they continued to journey with The Search by editing it. Thus the journey continues... (...continued)



TESTIMONY

First of all I thank God for giving me the opportunity to be a part of YCS/YSM. I was so excited when I came to know about YCS/YSM, a student movement for young people and today I am very happy being part of it. YCS/YSM makes me realize how important it is for me to live a meaningful life. How I should work hard and become a responsible human being. I have become a leader in my parish and school unit. I have developed self confidence. Today I am able to guide others and lead them. My communication skills have improved and I interact with many students. I am convinced that to change others and have a better society, I need to change myself.

‘Change Self - Change others ‘
Let YCS light shine, Let YSM light shine

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GOOD SAMARITAN MISUNDERSTOOD



The Janata Express from Chennai to Delhi was just moving off the platform of a small station, when Paul Raj arrived. He was in a hungry and rushed towards the running train with his two suitcases. He tried to push himself into a compartment. But Paul lost his balance and fell between the track, the platform and the running train.

Onlookers screamed. Paul tried desperately to stick to the platform. When the train came to a halt, Paul Raj was found alive. His battle for life between the train and the platform had injured him as he lay in a pool of blood. For some time he was lonely and abandoned on the platform of that strange railway station. Suddenly, someone from the crowd came forward to help. His initiative inspired others also. The stranger took Paul Raj to the hospital and made all arrangements for immediate medical care. On enquiring, he came to know that the victim was related to the local convent

school. He informed the nuns about the accident, and when the nuns reached the hospital they saw that Paul was well taken care of by the good Samaritan.

Paul was not able to enquire about the *Samaritan* because of his condition. The nuns were more concerned about the patient and ignored the good Samaritan who went out of his way to perform a noble service. On the following day, also, he came to enquire about the patient's condition. He was seeking nothing but spiritual fulfillment. But the holy nuns were afraid of him playing a game to extract money out of his social service.

The Jews were expecting the coming of the Messiah for centuries; the prophets had foretold of his birth; signs had been given before and after the birth of Jesus. At last, Messiah himself came to them and made it clear; yet they were not able to believe. They still doubted, rather they refused to accept him because he did not suit

their mental frame.

He refused to be conditioned.

We are surrounded by many signs of God's power and goodness. He appears to us in many forms'. He

Fr. Varghese Alengaden
USM, Indore

speaks to us in various ways. Are we able to recognize him when he appears to us in our life situations? Are we any better than the Jews of Jesus' time? We, too, limit God and his presence. Do we still think that the world is full of evil and people are bad and selfish? Do we consider ourselves as the sole suppliers of goodness and service? The Christian spirit of love and brotherhood/ sisterhood are sometimes more visible and abundant in non-Christians. Good Samaritans can be found more easily in the streets than in our monasteries and convents! ❖

NEXCO LIVE-IN PROGRAM-2016

DATES: 13th - 15th of August 2016

VENUE: St. Antony's Church, Kuntalnagar, Udupi.

Day 1: 13th August 2016

The first day started with the arrival and the registration of NEXCO's. There were fourteen participants:

- National Chaplain: Fr. Chetan Machado
- National part time Coordinator: Mr. Midrash Mathew
- National President: Jesvita Quadras [Kar]
- National Secretary: Rachel Patricia [TN]
- National Treasurer: Jeris Joseph [UP]
- Search Editor: Natasha Louis [W. Bengal]
- Liturgy Secretary: Mary Roshini [MP]
- NEXCO: Xavier Dias [Goa]
- NEXCO: Clacious Rodrigues [Kar]
- NEXCO: Vanshika Paul [North]
- RYD: Fr. Alex [Madhya Pradesh]
- EX-DYD: Fr. Peppin [West Bengal]
- Animator: Mr. Ausfin Dias [Goa]
- Animator: Mr. Kamal Francis



NEXCO live in programme began with an exposure visit to following places:

We visited the newly constructed St. Francis Xavier Church, Udayavara, Udupi. Our former NEXCO member Ms Rosalia's parish. From there we went to Stella Maris Shrine, Kalmady. Fr. Alban prayed for all the NEXCO's. We also went to Malpe beach on our way to Fr. Denis D'sa's family. From here we went to Mount Rosary Church & Milagres Church, Cathedral of Udupi diocese and visited Most Rev. Leo Cornelio's (Former chairman bishop) family. After refreshing we came back to Udupi and visited youth commission office and went back to the venue.

After a sumptuous lunch we got ready for the inaugural mass. Fr. Chetan Machado celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Edwin, Fr. Alex and Fr. Peppin concelebrated. After the entrance hymn all the priests and Ms. Jesvita Quadras lit the lamp to inaugurate the National Live In programme 2016. During his homily, Fr. Chetan explained to the congregation about YCS/YSM and its significance.

After the Mass we paid a quick visit to Karnataka Regional YCS/YSM President Ms. Hazel's Home. After spending some time there we proceeded to Fr. Charles Menezes' residence (IYCS International Chaplain). At his place we had a cell meeting. All the NEXCO members were asked to share their experiences being National leaders of YCS/YSM. Everyone in the gathering expressed their part in YCS/YSM. They also explained how the movement has changed their lives by being an identity for them as students.

Fr. Peppin and Fr. Alex shared their experiences with the members - on how to change self and change others to live as a good community and to grow YCS/YSM in the church. Mr. Ausfin shared his experience based on the methodology of YCS/YSM. ..SEE JUDGE ACT. Fr. Alex shared his experience being a member of YCS/YSM – helps in knowing the reality; it guides every individual to live a meaningful life.

He also said that “Change Self - Change Others” based on the theme helping students in participating in their church movement. Fr. Peppin said that being the members of YCS/YSM we should have a sacrificial thought to each other. Accept the duties of each other and to be responsible towards it.



Fr. Chetan urged the members to take this movement seriously and do their part to bring some change in the society. He also explained the importance of their role in the movement and asked the NEXCOs to explain their vision in making God’s Kingdom come true in reality through YCS/YSM being a National leader.

He explained about YCS/YSM Vision of building God’s Kingdom. He also asked all the National team members and the NEXCO members to explain their vision in building God’s Kingdom. The evaluation of the day was discussed and reported with the guidance of Fr. Chetan. All the NEXCO members were asked to share their views to evaluate on the basis of YCS/YSM methodology SEE JUDGE ACT. Ms. Mary Roshini came forward to share her experience of participating in the exposure visit. She also said that she would try to start five new units of YCS/YSM in her region. Ms. Jesvita Quadras also expressed her desire to visit parishes to introduce YCS/YSM units. Cell meeting concluded with a prayer.

After the cell meeting we had a short prayer lead by Fr. Reginald. We spent some time with Fr. Charles’ mother and went back to the venue for dinner.

After dinner, a short meeting to prepare for the following days Eucharistic Celebration was held. All the NEXCO members with Fr. Chetan and Mr. Midrash gathered for the evaluation of the day and the day concluded with a short prayer by Mary Roshni at 10:30 PM.



Day 2: 14th August 2016

The day began with the Holy Eucharist in Konkani at St. Antony’s Shrine Kuntalnagar, Udupi. After the Holy Eucharist, all gathered for the first session at 9am. NEXCO’s shared their plan of action.

1. Ms. Jesvita Quadras: wants to visit parishes and the dioceses [schools] to expand the movement.

- She wants to be an “Awakener” of the movement and get more and more students involved in the activities of the movement.
2. Ms. Rachel Patricia: wants to create a change in the lives of young people through Faith and Belief. Being a young student, she wants to create a change [to be a “Change Maker”] in every youngsters’ life by making them believe -WHO THEY ARE and WHAT THEY CAN DO IN BUILDING GOD’S KINGDOM through faith.
 3. Mr. Jeris Joseph: wants to be genuine and to spread equality among people. He wants to be helpful to the people and to stand against “Discrimination”.
 4. Ms. Natasha Louis: Her aim is to accept the free gift of the Lord to change people. She wants to make people enjoy the gift of “Feeling of Belonging” she wants to make people know their value of life and to make them sure that they use it.
 5. Ms. Mary Roshni: Her aim is to work hard and to become a humble person in the work that she undertakes.
 6. Ms. Vanshika: Her aim is to be “United” even in the hardships of the movement and working together as a team.
 7. Mr. Xavier: His aim is to help today’s youngsters “Against Drug Addiction” and the challenges faced by them.
 8. Mr. Clacious: His aim is to lead the movement in discipline and against Corruption.

All the NEXCO members shared their aim, which followed a small tea break.

The meeting resumed at 11:15am. Fr. Chetan explained the spirituality of the movement. He also explained the present day reality region by region. The problems faced by each of the NEXCOs were also discussed during the meeting. At 2pm all departed for lunch.

In the afternoon we visited a few YCS units and interacted with them. We visited the following units:

1. Zonal ICYM Programme at Kanajar: All the ICYM members of the zone greeted the NEXCO members and welcomed them. The story of Good Samaritan was acted out. Fr. Edwin introduced the NEXCO. Fr. Chetan gave a short message on this occasion.
2. From Kanajar we went to one of the famous Jain temples and the statue of Gomateshwara.
3. Thereafter we spent some time at YCS unit of St. Lawrence Basilica, Attur. The YCS members of the church explained the history of the church and about the miracles of St. Lawrence.
Later all the NEXCOs and the YCS members of St. Lawrence church had an interactive session.
4. From Attur we visited YCS unit members of St. Joseph’s Church, Belman. All the NEXCO members and YCS unit members had a self-introductory interactive session.
5. Finally we also visited our National Chaplains home:

Fr. Peppin lead all the NEXCO members and the gathering to a small prayer.

In the evening there was an interactive session with the local YCS unit. All the YCS members and NEXCO members joined up for small gathering followed by some action songs. Mr. Roshan, former NEXCO lead all into some group dynamics and ice breaking sessions. Mr. Ausfin also conducted a few group dynamics. After this interactive session dinner was served to all and

students continued their interaction during the meal.

At 10 PM all the NEXCO members and Fr. Chetan gathered for the evaluation of the day. The day was overall evaluated under the Review of Life of YCS/YSM – SEE, JUDGE & ACT. The meeting continued in preparing for the next day's Eucharistic Celebration and Independence Day celebration. The meeting concluded with prayer by Miss Mary Roshni.



Day 3: 15th August 2016

The last day of our Live-in programme started with the mass celebrated by Fr. Edwin D'Souza – Diocesan Youth Director of Udupi diocese. Fr. Alex preached in Hindi and spoke about great sacrifice made by our leaders to give us freedom. He also spoke about how our Heavenly Mother is always there to protect us. He also explained about the movement which gives unique identity for students. All the NEXCOs renewed their promise and took oath with new team spirit and new responsibility. All the NEXCOs offered prayers of the faithful in their own language.

After the Holy Eucharist all the NEXCO's along with the parishioners gathered for the flag hoisting ceremony. Fr. Chetan along with Parish Council vice president and secretary hoisted the flag and gave a short message.

At 9:20am, all gathered for the meeting:

Meeting started with a prayer service conducted by Ms. Roshni. After a formal welcome by the President, secretary read out the agenda. Agenda was passed by NEXCO and following points were discussed.

The programs and events discussed:

1. Animators Training Program; Dates: September 1st-7th 2016

Venue: USM Indore; No. of Participants: 16 -18 members [2 from each region]

Registration Fee: ► 4200/- (After subsidy ► 2200/-)

2. National Student Leadership Training Program [NSLTP]

a) ENGLISH:

Dates: October 1st-7th 2016; Venue: Hyderabad or [Vijayawada/Goa]

No. of participants: 45 delegates [7 from each region]

Registration Fee: ► 200/-[per individual]

b) HINDI;

Dates: October 9th-16th 2016; Venue: Nagpur (Odisha/ Gwalior)

No. of Participants: 45 delegates [7 from each region]

Registration Fee: ► 200/-[per individual]



3.NT/NEXCO -Meeting

Dates:December 28th and 29th 2016;

Venue:Kolkata.

4. National Convention- Venue: Kolkata; Month : May 2017

After some clarifications the above dates were confirmed and it was decided that for the next meeting we need to have the entire team of NTA and EXCO. Rachel proposed vote of thanks.

The Participants once again gathered to discuss the Action Plan and see how to implement this. This plan was prepared during the council and now it is the time for the NEXCO to implement this plan. A copy of the plan was given to each member to suggest ways to implement the plan.

Fr. Chetan said that the NTA/NEXCOS should visit all the dioceses in their respective regions with prior information to their directors. This will help us to expand our movement and build a good rapport with the DYD's and RYD's.

During the closing ceremony, Jesvita thanked Fr. Edwin for all the wonderful arrangements and she thanked everyone who made this live in programme a success. Fr. Edwin addressed the NEXCO's and reminded them about five paths of YCS/YSM. Fr. Chetan also thanked Fr. Edwin and all the parishioners of St. Anthony's Church, Kuntalnagar. He also thanked all the animators, directors for their presence and guidance. Fr. Peppin and Fr. Alex also expressed their appreciation. After this Ms Rachel proposed the vote of thanks and the National Live-in programmed concluded by singing YCS/YSM anthem.

LONG LIVE YCS/YSM

- Rachel Patricia (National Secretary)



Young Catholic Students / Young Students Movement

'NEXCO LIVE IN PROGRAMME'

Date : 13th, 15th August, 2016 Place : St. Antony's Church, Kuntalnagar

Diocese of Udupi



Best
Wishes



Greetings to all my YCS/YSM friends and family.

Another World Youth Day has come and gone. I just felt one among millions when I got a special chance to go to Poland to attend WYD. Looking back at it, I can honestly say that I had an amazing experience with so many young Catholics from around the world which gave me hope and energy. I felt inspired by Pope Francis' words which made me feel like 'wow'.

I made many new friends, had some moving experiences, and created great memories.



Coming back to India, I had the initial excitement of getting to tell my family and friends about my pilgrimage, of reliving those great moments through the stories and photos that I've shared. But now, nearly a few months after the whirlwind that was World Youth Day, its back to work, back to routine, and back to "normal life".

I realized how many times others and I have used that expression: "Have you adjusted back to reality?" or "I guess it's time to get back to real land. There's no reason why the hope, energy, and inspiration I got out of World Youth Day can't be a part of my day-to-day reality here in India. And I realized that it's up to me to make sure that I bring World Youth Day into my work, my routine, and my "real life".

So I had a plan: when I came back to India, I started to reflect on one of the things that Pope Francis spoke about at the Saturday vigil that stood out to me and inspired me. He spoke about not letting others decide the future for us while we sit passively by. He said that God expects something of us, and when he calls us, he does not think of who we are or who we were, but at the whole possibility of whom we can be. I do have a vision, mission and the ways how can I achieve it in my future, and I want to become the best version of myself.

This is something I can only achieve within the context of my day-to-day life. So my goal is to keep Pope Francis' words in the back of my mind to remind me to look for those opportunities at work, at home, within my family, or within my parish to build this brighter future that was presented to pilgrims at the vigil.

Now I'm sure that this will be easier said than done; I'm sure I'll lose sight of this goal more than once under the layers of all the other dimensions of my life. But I will try to keep coming back to these stand-out moments of my time in Poland, so that, instead of the highs of World Youth Day being an every-three-year fix, they can become a part of my "real life".



Apart from that I had an awesome life there in Poland, I felt very lucky to be a part of WYD representing India. It's totally cool and only one thing to say guys, one day you will get a chance, when you get it, please don't miss it, use the chance and just rock it just like I did.

I would like to thank all the great human hearts who are the reason for my happiness. ❖



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THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF YSM (YOUNG STUDENTS MOVEMENT) MANGALORE - 2016

The Annual General Body Meeting of YSM Mangalore with aims at Building A New Society by Self Change with the Methodology of Awareness- Reflection and Action was held on 2nd of July 2016. The inauguration session was held at 9.30 am, which was presided over by Sr. Cecilia Mendonca, the Provincial Superior of Mangalore province



of Bethany Congregation. She, in her address appealed the students to be sincere and kind to everybody especially to the poor.

The Chief Guest Rev Fr Ronald D'Souza spoke and said that one should make the best use of the opportunities that one gets in life. The newly appointed Director Rev Fr Rupesh Madtha addressed the students and spoke about the vision of YSM in the coming years. Mr Norbert Misquith conducted a workshop on Leadership and Mr Roshan Lobo and Miss Joyline D'Silva conducted the ice breaking session. Miss Jeswita Quadras, the National YCS President and Former YSM Mangalore

President Miss Mercy addressed the students and inspired them to be achievers.



In the afternoon the election was held and the following students are elected for the year 2016-17 for the council. Suhag Alva, Cascia -President, Nevil Vivian D'Souza, Padua -Vice President, Samantha Saldanha, Kulshekar -Lady vice President, Parashuram, Mukthiprakash High School - Secretary, Shahnaz, Vamanjoor - Joint secretary, Pratheeksha, Kulur - Treasurer, Preethika M. Kulur and Shivaraj, Padua - Yuva Tare Magazine Editorial Board, Rupika, Cascia and Rakshith, Vamanjoor - DTS, Riyana Anthia Pinto, Padua - RTS.

Mr Leo D'Silva and Mrs. Felcy D'Silva Kulshekar sponsored the event. The program was concluded at 2 .00 PM with YSM Anthem. More than 200 students and 20 animators were present.



YCS/YSM - DELHI DIOCESE

YCS meetings and activities and various programme were organised in Delhi. The core team met to discuss the upcoming events like NSLTP and Jamboree. Sr. Mercian Baptista RMI was appointed as Coordinator of YCS/YSM Delhi.

YCS UDUPI DIOCESE TRAINING & CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016-17

YCS training program and election of new central council was held on 3th July 2016 at Don Bosco Hall, Udupi. Prior to the elections of the YCS office bearers for the year, training programs were held to YCS members as well



as animators at diocese level. Resource person for the Diocese Animators was Mr. Francis D'Cunha of Mulki and for YCS members Mr. Norbert Misquith of Surathkal.

After the training programme, elections of the new office bearers for the year 2016-17 were conducted.

The office bearers of YCS, Diocesan Central Council are as follows:

President: Leon Lewis, Kolalgiri
VP Gents : Mishaal D'Mello, Kalathur
VP Lady: Rencita Ancilla D'Souza, Thottam
Secretary: Rolwin John Lobo, Brahmavar
Joint-Secretary: Jessica Joyce D'Souza, Attur



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RTS : Eden D'Souza, Kunthalnagar
Animator - Gents: Mr. Joel Sequeira, Udupi
Animator-Lady: Mrs. Leena Mendonca, Pangala

Deanery Presidents :

Kallianpur: Joswin V Mascarenhas, Mt. Rosary
Karkal: Relin Jane Mascarenhas, Hirgan
Shirva: Manish Derryl D'Souza, Shirva
Udupi: Wenzil Agera, Moodubelle
Kundapur: Anish Nazareth, Byndoor

During the Valedictory ceremony in the afternoon Rev Fr. William Martis, Treasurer PWS presided the occasion. Rev Fr. Reginald



Pinto Director Sampada, Rev Fr. Edwin D'Souza YCS Director, Resource Person Mr. Norbert Misquith, Diocesan YCS Animator Mrs. Leena Mendonca, and officials of YCS were present.

Fr Edwin D' Souza administered oath to the new office bearers. Newly elected office bearers took the charge from the past office bearers during the occasion.

Former president Ms. Priyanka Noronha welcomed the gathering while the newly elected president Mr. Leon Lewis delivered the vote of thanks. Former Secretary Viyol Crasto placed the report & Treasurer Rayan Fernandes placed the account. The programme was compeered by Ms. Frenita D'Souza.



**YCS MANGALORE (YOUNG
CATHOLIC STUDENTS)
DIOCESAN ANNUAL GENERAL
BODY MEETING – 2016**

The Diocesan Annual General Body Meeting of YCS which aims at building a new society by Self Change with the Methodology of Awareness – Reflection – Action was held on 10 of July 2016 at Shanthikiran, Bajjodi. The day was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Henry Sequeira, the Chancellor of Mangalore Diocese and it was followed by ice breaking session conducted by the YCS Diocesan Executive Committee. Mr Norbert Misquith delivered a talk on role and responsibility of the office bearers and leadership. Mr Francis D'Cunha conducted training to the Animators. After the Holy Mass the election for the new committee was held. Ms Sharon Pinto, The secretary presented the Annual Report. The



newly appointed Director Fr Rupesh Madtha addressed the students about the vision of YCS in the diocese.

The concluding ceremony was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, the Bishop of Mangalore. Mr. Melroy D'Souza the President of YCS welcomed the gathering. The Bishop was felicitated on his triple jubilee event. The Bishop gave a call to the young students to be filled with values. Rev.Fr. Ronald Prakash D'Souza, the former YCS/YSM Director of Mangalore Diocese felicitated and thanked. The outgoing YCS National Executive Mr Roshan Melwyn

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Lobo and the present National YCS/YSM President Ms. Jesvita Princy Quadras were



honored which was followed by presenting the mementos and certificate of service for the outgoing central council members. Fr. Rupesh Madtha the Director announced the names of newly elected council members of the year 2016-17 and led oath taking and handing over ceremony.

The newly elected office bearers of YCS Mangalore diocese 2016-17 are:

- President : Lavita Rolita DSouza, Permannur.
- VP (m) : Jastin Roel Fernandes, Venur.
- VP (f) : Arolin DSouza , Belthangady.
- Secretary : Merita Albuquerque, Siddakatte.
- Jt. Secretary : Avit Premson Lobo, Mogarnad.
- Treasurer : Avil D'Souza, Shirthady
- Reporter : Viola D'Souza ,Bondel
- Yuvathare Representative :
 - Mervin Pais, Borimar
 - Reema Veigas, Badyar.
- DTS : Nelson Pais, Uppinangady.
- : Lavisha Andrade, Ferrar.



RTS :Ashwin D'Souza, Madanthyar
: Vidya Vinitha Veigas, Arva
National President : Jesvita Princy Quadras,
Angalore.

Miss Jesvita thanked the gathering. Glen Miranda and Joyline D'Silva compeered the program. the Diocesan Animators Mr. Francis D'Cunha, Mr. Arun Fernandes, Mr. Ronald D'Silva, Mr. Rohan Pereira were present on this occasion. 225 leaders from different parish YCS units and 20 animators participated.

Mr Pravin Patrao, owner of Prasad Printers and Prasad Digitals, Mangalore sponsored the event. The program was concluded with YCS Anthem and Clap.

BEGINNERS CAMP

The much awaited city varado Y.C.S beginners camp was held on 21st August 2016 at Kulshekar church. A total of 110 members took active and keen interest in the camp. Fr Roopesh Madtha, Diocesan Y.C.S director along with Mr Nobert Misquith were the resource persons of the day. The motivation



given to the students was cherished by most of the participants. Fr Rahul D'souza, varado director and Mr Prajwal Sequiera, varado Animator along with Gleran, Oshin, Melrin, Manish & Lashwina saw into the details of the event. Finally The blessings of the almighty had a big role to play for the success

SEMINAR ON DRUG & MEDIA

A seminar on Drugs and Media – Use and Abuse was held by YSM Mangalore for the member students on 13 – 08 – 2016 Saturday at Bajjodi, Mangalore. The program began at 9.00 am and ended at 1.00 pm. Rev Fr Herald Mascarenhas, the Parish Priest of



St Rita Church, Cascia, Mangalore was the Chief Guest. He inaugurated the seminar in a creative way and gave a call to the students to be strong and filled with inner immunity not to fall for the trap drugs and bad effect of media. Rev Richard D'Souza and Rev Arun Lobo were the resource persons who enlightened about the same. Master Suhag, the President of YSM Mangalore welcomed. Mrs Nathalia D'Souza, the Animator gave the vote of thanks. Rev Rupesh Madtha, the Director YCS/ YSM Mangalore gave an introductory speech and organized the day.

TRAINING JUNIOR CLERGY

A training on YCS for the Junior Clergy of Mangalore Diocese was held on 22 and 23 of August 2016 at Pastoral Centre, Bajjody, Mangalore. The Bishop Most Rev Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza wished well. Fr Rupesh Madtha

the Diocesan Director organised the training. Mr Norbert Misquith, Mr Francis D'Cunha, Mr Arun D'Souza, Mr Richard Alvares, Rev Vincent Monteiro, Rev Ronald D'Souza, Mr Roshan Lobo were the Resource Persons on different topics about 'YCS Today and Tomorrow in the Diocese of Mangalore.' There was also a panel discussion were a



parish priest, two parents for and not for YCS, the students, two animators from urban and rural set up etc shared their experiences and views on YCS. A SWOT analysis was conducted for the better Action Plan. The Diocesan President Ms. Lavita Rolita D'Souza and the members of the Dexco were present.

BEGINNERS CAMP-KINNIGOLI

The YCS Beginners Camp was held in Kiinigoli Deanery for the units of 7 parishes on 11 September 2016. The camp held in the Kinnigoli Church Hall. 100



students attended. The Dean and former YCS Asian Director Fr. Vincent Monteiro presided over the stage program. Fr. Edwin Monis the Deanery YCS Director and the Deanery Animators were present. Mr. Roshan Lobo gave talks on YCS and the Cell Life. Fr. Rupesh Madtha the Diocesan Director spoke on the issues related to youth like suicides, love affairs, drugs, lavish spending of money, lack of prayer and lack of respect to the elders and the way out. He also conducted a discussion with the deanery animators to know about YCS at the grass root level. The DEXCO gave their testimonies how YCS helps them to come up in life. This inspired the participants so much. There was fun, games, dance, action songs, breakfast, lunch, prayer and Holy Mass. The camp ended at 3.15 pm.

YCS CENTRAL COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL TRAINING

A two day training program to YCS Central Council of Udupi Diocese was held on 5th & 6th July 2016 at Kunthalnagar. Fr. Denis D'Sa, parish priest of Kunthalnagar explained the allure of nature around the church. National Director Fr. Chethan Machado, mentioned the benefits that students gain through YCS and shared his experience being a YCS director. This was followed by Sacramental Adoration.

Mr. Norbert Misquith conducted a session on Various Ice- Breaking activities. Later the council members shared their experiences & feelings.

Post dinner the training program of the first day was concluded & Fr. Edwin D'Souza appealed the council members to prepare a talk on the given topics.

The next day of the training began with mass



which was offered by Fr. Edwin D'Souza. Later some games were conducted then the council members were asked to give a presentation on the given topic. After the presentation Fr. Edwin D'Souza, Mr. Norbert Misquith & animators Mrs. Leena Mendonca & Mr. Joel Sequeira gave some tips to make the talk effective and rules to be followed. Everyone shared their experience & the training was concluded with prayer.

REPORT National Chaplain's Activities

1. 1-4 July 2016, visited Chennai, office work
2. 5 July 2016, visited Kuntalnagar, Udupi diocesan YCS/YSM programme
3. 8-10 July 2016, Leadership Training Programme at Narnaul for Delhi youth.
4. 11-12 July 2016, The Search - office work in Delhi
4. 16 July - 2 August, 2016 World Youth Day, Poland. Three YCS students participated in this programme.
5. 6 August, 2016 Session conducted for 7th & 10th class students at Sahoday School, Delhi
6. 11-16 August, 2016 NEXCO live in programme at Kuntalnagar, Udupi diocese.
7. 21 August, 2016 Paid a visit to YCS unit at Our Lady of Health Church, Shirva
8. 27 August, 2016 Session for YCS students at Sahoday School.
9. 1-7 Sept., 2016 NATP in Indore.
10. 13 Sept, 2016 participated in Onam celebration by SMYM Faridabad diocese.
12. 18 Sept, 2016 Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting at DCC Hall.
13. 24 Sept 2016, Northern regional Youth Council meeting at Navinta.
14. 25 Sept, 2016 YCS core team meeting at Yusuf Sadan, Delhi.
15. 29-30, 2016, Office work at Chennai.
16. 30 Sept, 2016 Hyderabad for NSLTP - English.

Future Programmes:

1. 28-29 December - NTA/EXCO meeting in Kolkata.
2. IRSLTP - Guwahati, Northern region in the month of February
3. National Convention - May 2017 in Kolkata
4. National Animator's Training Programme in July 2017
5. Animators & RYD/DYD meeting (propose)

Kindly mark your dates for the 2nd YCS/YSM National Convention which will be held in Kolkata in the month of May 2017. Details will be mailed to you soon. For registration fee and other details kindly contact: Fr. Chetan (09891792505), Mr. Midrash mathew (9560900149)

NATIONAL ANIMATORS TRAINING

Young Catholic Students/Young Students Movement(YCS/YSM) National Animators Training Programme (NATP) was held from 1-7 September 2016 at Universal Solidarity Movement(USM) Indore-MP. There were eight participants for the programme. The training was organized by Fr. Chetan Machado, (YCS/YSM) National Director in collaboration with Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM founder, Fr. Jacob and Ms. Neetu Joshi USM staff.



The training programme was well planned with appropriate topics for youth ministry. Session on Pilgrimage with Jesus of Nazareth made the participants understand in depth the spirituality of Jesus and Jesus a role model in animating the people specially the young. Other subjects like 'Spirituality Vs Religiosity'; 'Call Vision and Mission' and 'Social Analysis' has greatly widened our knowledge on the impacts of religion with its religiosity on individuals and the society. It has helped us reflect how being spiritual enable one to have a clear goal in our mission of guiding the young. It is the spirituality that leads to self transformation while religiosity gives way to stagnation. The class on 'Religious Pluralism' has opened our eyes to see the core truth of every religion and appreciating and accepting rather than just tolerating. The reflection on 'Possibility thinking' has challenged us to think beyond the ordinary, use our innate talents and creativity for our good, that of the society and the world. Fr. Chetan Machado enlightened the participants about YCS/YSM movement and youth movement in India. We have come to understand the greater effort the youth animators need to make in order to strengthen youth movement in India. Other learning and insights such as Cell Meetings and Evaluation, critical analysis of movies based on YCS/YSM methodology of see, judge and act and long and short term planning for effectiveness in youth ministry has greatly helped us to be focused in life and ministry.

The training period has enabled the animators to observe everything minutely and take a message out of every event. Besides the Five Paths toward self transformation: Pray Daily, Skip a meal a week, Do a good deed, Honour parents, teachers and all human beings and Respect mother earth, the participants have been encouraged to inculcate the habit of daily reading of news papers and magazines, reading a book, browsing useful net, keeping daily journal, and making discipline and punctuality part of their life. On the last day Fr. I. Peter, former national Chaplain was the chief guest. He addressed the animators and gave away the certificates.

This training as a whole has enriched all the animators much. It has enthused each one in loving and helping the young. The animators expressed their satisfaction at having attended the training. Let YCS/YSM Light Shine through dedicated animators.

Sr. Bernadeth Kropi, MSMHC
YCS/YSM Regional Chaplain, NE



OUR FATHER:

collected by: Natasha Louis

There was a rose growing in a garden. It was happy as it got everything, like, air, water, minerals and most importantly sunlight which helped it to convert these to its food. The rose always wanted to touch the sun because it enjoyed the light the Sun emitted. It would call out to the Sun to come near so that it could feel it. But nothing as such happened and the rose would get upset. One day while the sun was shining a cloud appeared and blocked the sun light from falling. The rose slowly started to realise that the rays of the sun which it felt was the way in which the Sun was touching it all the time. That's what rose didn't realise before. It enjoyed the rays which was falling on it because it realised that the sun had made contact with it from the very beginning

Moral: Just like the rose we all want to see God our Father (sun) but we must realise that Our father has given us Jesus (Sun's rays) and it is through Jesus we see our God the Father.

In the John 14:8-11, Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Who is Jesus?

He is the symbol of Love. Love that died on the cross to set us free so that we can see our God the Father. So let us follow the path that our Father has set for us that is Jesus Christ. The question lies now is what is the path of Jesus Christ? The path of Jesus is Love which is refraining from sin. He is the Love that heals the world and shows the people the light in their life. When we hug a friend, take care of a friend, comfort someone, be obedient to our parents, guide our siblings, spread the Word of God, helping the less fortunate etc. all these are the paths of Love set forth by Jesus Christ and when we follow them we are following Our Fathers ways and He Blesses us. So let pure Love win and heal the world and show us the light.

JUST A Minute to think and Act

I would like to ask all the YCS/YSM ers, around the country a question. **Do you have a toffee or an ice cream everyday or atleast once in 2 days?** How much do you spend? Rs.10, Rs.15 or more. If you dont have that toffee or ice cream would it make any difference? I don't think so.

I request you to cut your expense and give just Rs. 10 for the MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

This is to inform all the YSMers and YCSers, all over the country that we are going to have a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, (i.e.) you have to give just Rs.10 for your Movement. JUST a small value will not create any trouble. So help your movement to grow by giving just Rs.10 for one whole year.

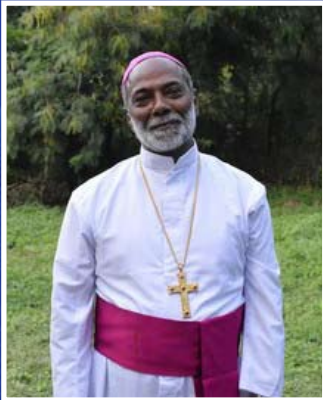
It's just one and I expect that one from each one of you. And I believe that you will help it to reach the right place, the National Office.

-Kamal Francis, Exco, YCS/YSM Alumni



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YCS/YSM FAMILY WELCOMES



Most Rev. Thomas Thennatt
Bishop of Gwalior Diocese



Most Rev. Bhagyayya Chinnabathini
Bishop of Guntur Diocese



Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh
Bishop of Jowai Diocese

YCS/YSM India rejoices with you in your appointment as Bishop! May the Triune God give you all the strength and joy you need for this very important ministry in the Church of Norway

World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland



YCS/YSM INDIA ACTIVITIES



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