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Simple Act of Kindness

As Youngsters, we really think a lot about reforming our society. But thinking clearly doesn't mean we can change it. What we think must have to be put in our thoughts and ideas that lead to action. As YCS/YSMers we have been taught a way to reform the society by gaining confidence through our methodology SEE JUDGE ACT.



For Instance, most of us are aware of the recent disaster occurred in Nepal. We see the situation and the struggle of the victims and feel panic but we don't realize what we, the students can contribute to that situation. This major shock has taken away many people's lives and the whole country is suffering in all ways. At this juncture, many countries have rushed to the needs of the people of Nepal in all way possible like supplying food and water, offering clothing, tents and other necessary for survival. Indian Railways extended to help by providing 1 lakh water bottles everyday and some of the major mobile networks decided to free the calls to Nepal.

In their level if they have the heart to contribute, as students what shall be our contribution? What can be our response? As Mother Teresa says, "Not all can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." It's possible to change if we start from us. It's possible to help when it begins with us. It's time to look at our neighbours. We should realize that even our faithful prayers for them can do great miracles. So, let us pray for the people of our same kind. Great Things are achieved from small beginning and let it begin with me

- **Sharon Kalinse**, National Secretary
YCS YSM India

Welcome to YCS YSM Family

Hi friends, this is Shyam Niranjana the newly elected NEXCO from the region of Tamilnadu to the YCS/YSM family. I feel very happy because now I am one of the family members in the YCS/YSM. I am writing this to share my first experience I got in the 5th NTA EXCO meeting in Goa. The day I started from my home I was missing my family so much because this is the first time I was going out without my family. We started from Chennai to Mangalore on 20th April and we stayed two days in Fr. Charles home where we had lot of fun. After two days we started our journey to Goa. At first in my heart I felt nervous to speak to all. I felt shy too, but in the first day itself they all spoke with me very well. We all became one family and I felt very happy. In the three days of our meeting, we discussed about many important things of how to expand our movement in our regions and other forthcoming programs. I enjoyed and learned a lot. On the day while returning back to Tamilnadu I had the same feeling of missing my new family I had while leaving from my home. I am waiting to see you all again. I know I have more responsibility and I will make YCS YSM flag fly high.



- **Shyam Niranjana**, National EXCO Tamilnadu

POSITIVE THINKING leads to better decisions



Hello my dear friends in YCS/YSM India

Greetings and hope you all are doing well. I am sure many of you are busy with

YCS/YSM programmes and enjoying summer vacations and a little bit tension of your results.

In this editorial I would like to tell you about our perspectives towards studies and the confidence for myself. I would like to give you two examples, with two situations which happened last year.

There was a student, waiting for his board result, he got above 90 in all subjects except for one which he failed with a score of 19. With this score he wasn't discouraged as he had confidence in him and he gave his paper for re-correction. After the correction the second time his marks had turned to 91, which was his true marks instead of 19. The second incident is about another student who was also waiting for her final result, and when her results were announced, one of her relative told her that she had failed in one subject though she had cleared all. She committed suicide simply listening to this information which gave sadness to her family.

These two incidents reflect on our confidence we have within us. First incident the boy had but the latter girl didn't. In this beautiful world we have a lot of opportunities to decide the things we like. If we think and decide we will be happy and satisfied with our decision. In this society we have both positive and negative but it is our decision to think what is good and bad for us.

As a YCS/YSM students we got more opportunities to decide. It may be in our society, in our family, in our school, and also in our studies. As a YCS/YSM members we should follow our methodology (Awareness, Reflection and Action) when we are taking decisions and we should have confidence in what we do.

In our student life this is the right time to decide what we want and the decision is about our future which we will be shaping it in our own hands where nobody else will come to mould it especially the students of 10th and 12th. Its our future let us make it. Many people will give you suggestions and try to influence you but stay strong and firm in what you have decided as it is you who is going to study and not others. Think positively as mostly we tend to get influenced and try new exciting things which would be bad and harmful for us.

As most of them are waiting for the final exam results. I hope you all come out with flying colors and me too. Wishing everyone a good season of summer and all the best friends for your results.

In the month of May we have NSLTP (National Students Leaders Training Program) in English at Ennore, Chennai from 17 to 21. We shall meet there. Do stay safe when you try anything while enjoying your holidays. Do have the same YCS/YSM spirit in your next academic year.

Long live YCS/YSM
Roshan Melwyn Lobo

Think
Positive!



LEARN TO BE HUMAN



Changes do not occur in a day or two. It takes months and years, be it personal or social. Changing oneself is a big task for all of us, without which nothing can change around us. The new world vision is a big dream, each one of us should dream about and strive to achieve it.

I am fascinated with a few individuals who have made a big difference in the society. When there are big business houses and NGOs boasting about doing a lot in changing the society, these little humans have brought in that change in the lives of people who are less known. Normally we spoke about Malala, Mandela, Mahatma - They are too big to be imitated. Here are a few more.

Jimmy who lost his mobile, had to work for 15 days in the forest to cut wood and collect money for his new mobile, that too was bought and given by his mother with his hard earned money. He did not mind giving his hard earned money to his mother because she knew which mobile would be good for him.

Jovita who would not throw any plastic and waste on the road because she believes in safeguarding the earth against all thrash we throw about and participate in so called Swatch Bharat in her own way.

Lavina would donate a portion of her salary to educate a girl child every year in exchange of helping another girl child by the helped, when she starts earning.

Sharmila came out of her husband's house on the day of her marriage, knowing that there is no toilet, until he built one for her and all the household, lest they go to open area for their needs.

Ashok fought with the miscreants who were troubling a lone girl walking on the street and saved her.

Santhu, a 6th std boy who picks up the paper cups thrown on the street in front of the coffee shop near his school, unmindful of people looking at him and puts them in the dustbin, thus influencing the other children to follow him in action.

Sangeeta, did not take a chance to copy the answer of the other girl sitting next to her in the exam hall, while in Bihar people are passing chits to the students and some of them sitting with the students in the exam hall to dictate notes to them.

Johnson, a naughty boy would not give back answer to his mother when she scolds him for his mischief rather gives a broad smile and makes her happy too.

Vijaya helps her mother in the kitchen every day after the school hours in cooking, before she starts her home work.

Nirmala never forgets to give a flying kiss to her bedridden grandmother and make her happy before going to school.

Chetan looks for a chance to do a good deed every morning, so that his day begins with a positive activity.

Sneha shares her Tiffin during lunch every day with her less fortunate classmate because she being orphan, has no one to pack lunch for her.



George waters the tree every morning planted by him on his birthday and takes care of it.

Amrita walks with her poor classmate to home every evening after school, who has no friends because she is not beautiful.

Richard Sir walks with his students together while going home and makes them feel he is a friend than a teacher.

Sr. Nancy sits with her students under the tree during lunch time to share her and their childhood stories to infill in them the love of their traditions and culture and to understand them well.

Francis Sir has a YSM cell with him to look for the students who are really less fortunate and help them in need.

Changes take place from the heart and not from preaching from the pulpit. Changes take place in the vicinities and not from the month long discussions in the Parliament. Changes take place in the young and children like you and not in the elderly who face the threat of death any moment.

Unfortunately some people cannot see the real change and accept it. Today Mahatma is termed as dividing force of India, Mother Teresa is seen as instrument of religious Conversion and killers have been celebrated as heroes and patriots. Celebrities are termed as models and social workers are termed as terrorists and put behind the bars. Petty thefts are explored more and big tycoons are safeguarded.

People kill humans for the sake of animals. People have no mercy for the elderly at home rather shed crocodile tears for the animals on the street. Dogs attack children on the street and kill them on some occasions, and some are fighting for the right of the dogs. Differently able people are made fun of and we act like insane. In India, we find things are not person oriented rather profit oriented. Do we think rationally or emotionally and economically. Everything is required but there needs to be a balance.

Dear friends, learn to be human, change your hearts, work for the humanity, shun the evil, understand what is right and wrong and make a right choice. Make a difference, get away from indifference. Love yourself and love all so that we build God's kingdom where all live in joy, peace, harmony and equality.

Fr. Charles Menezes

National Chaplain

INVITATION - House warming
THE NEWLY BOUGHT YCS/YSM HOME IN CHENNAI WILL BE
BLESSED AND INAUGURATED ON 21ST OF MAY 2015.
ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Congratulations!



Wishing it becomes a place of many
LOVELY AND HAPPY
memories!

Peace
Love
Happiness
Harmony
Joy



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In earlier times education was the work of wise men. They were men of integrity and spirituality. Because of these qualities teachers were held in high esteem. Kabir Das give greater respect to the teachers (guru) than to God. In the ancient Indian tradition the teacher is considered “Guru Brahma, guru Vishnu, Guru Deo Maheshwara” Kings and rulers respected and accepted the advice of teachers in critical moments of decision making.

The respect for teachers has diminished considerably in modern years. Often the blame is placed on the students. If we analyze the problems we will see many more reasons than this. Today education is not managed by educationists. Teachers are no more wise men and women with integrity. Education institutions are run by business people. Education has become an industry and teachers are only employees who try to make the maximum money they can. Consumerism has increased the greed of people. Teachers also have become victims of false status symbol and avarice.

The shift of education from the hands of educators to businessmen corrupt politicians and bureaucrats has caused deterioration of values in our society. Students are deprived of noble values which they are expected to learn from the example set by their teachers. Today we do not have gurus in our schools and colleges but employees whose only concern is to carry out the orders of those who give them their salary.

The days are not far when a mafia will run education. It has already taken over many areas of important public life. The government is run by the mafia. The innumerable scandals and court cases are ample proof of this truth. The transport system in the country is run by mafia. Hospitals are run by the mafia. Today people have to think several times before going to the hospital. No one knows what kind of atrocities are being committed without the knowledge of patients or relatives. This has become a common thing. A mafia rules our society.

As soon as the mafia takes over the education this land will turn out to be a land of criminals. Already the media- TV, films , magazines and newspapers have done enough damage to our society, especially to the young generation. But a few dedicated educationists are still left in our schools and universities who have not been influenced by the materialism. Once the mafia takes over the education system, this dedicated lot will be the first to be axed.

If we want to save this nation we should save our education both from businessmen and mafia. Schools have to b e come once again temples of Saraswati, not clubs with swimming pools and karate classes. Corrupt politicians and bureaucrats and businessmen should quit the campus. Wise men with integrity should return to educational institutions. Teachers should be given a decent salary and not allowed to run the private tuition centers.

Making education value based is the solution to improve the quality of life. Value education is meant not only for students, but also for parents and teachers. Instead of weeping over the

present crises, it would be wiser to start working to redeem the future generation. The children and youth of today will determine the destiny of our nation.

What we need is a realistic and concrete program for reforming the present system and a long-term realistic program which will safeguard the nation from disaster. Beware of the education mafia.

Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM, Indore



GUESS THE RIDDLE

1. Which bird flies 1,000 k.m. per hour? -----
2. Why Sunday is a strong day? -----
3. Which is the coldest place in your city? -----
4. What remains hot even inside the fridge? -----
5. How many letters are there in English? -----
6. How to make the road broad without any work? -----
7. When do children like the school best? -----
8. Why do they tie the bell to the neck of the cows? -----
9. Where do peacock's lay eggs? -----
10. Which is the gate we open in the morning? -----
11. Why the tailor is greater than God? -----
12. In which month children speak less? -----
13. Where do devils go to take bath? -----
14. Why Europe is very slippery? -----
15. When Eve asked Adam do you love me, what did Adam say?-----

- Fr. A. D'Lima, Kundapur

- Answers:**
1. The chicken in the pilot's tiffin.
 2. Because others are weekdays.
 3. The place inside the fridge.
 4. Chilly
 5. 7
 6. By adding B before the road.
 7. When the school is closed.
 8. Because their horns don't function.
 9. Peacock's don't lay eggs, only Peahens.
 10. Colgate.
 11. God made man and the tailor made the gentleman.
 12. February.
 13. In the Dead sea.
 14. Because there is Greece in it.
 15. I have no other choice.

5th NTA/ EXCO MEETING

24th to 26th April 2015, Madgaon, Goa

The 5th NTA/EXCO Meeting was held at Diocesan Youth Centre, Madgaon, Goa with 27 members from 9 regions. The members participated are as follows:

Mr. Roshan and Rosalia from Karnataka, Bala and Maria from AP, Dian, Sobi and Fr. Savio from Goa region, Angela, Ankit Baba and Fr. Sabu Davis from Bihar region, Anita Bara, Pragathi and Fr. Chetan from the Northern region, Fr. Peter Antony from UP, Mervyn, Richa, Mary and Fr. Alex from MP, Kevin and Sr. Gauri from West Bengal, Sharon, Shyam, Fr. Marianus Issac RYD, Fr. Chinnapan, Fr. Packiyathan, Fr. Chinnapan from Tamilnadu region, Mr. Leo Joseph, the part time National Coordinator and Fr. Charles Menezes, the National Chaplain from the National Office. The absentees were from North East, Orissa and M G Region.



24.04.2015: The meeting began at 10:00 am with a prayer song by Miss. Mary and a reading from the Acts of the Apostles on the theme 'Community Life' followed by a short reflection and prayer by Fr. Alexander. Mr. Roshan, EXCO of Karnataka conducted the meeting as requested by the National Convener Mr. Jimmy Pdang who was absent due to exams. He welcomed all to

the meeting as Fr. Savio, the RYD of Goa, the hosting region welcomed all the members to Goa and thanked for the opportunity given to host this meeting in Goa. New NEXCOS and student representatives from the regions were introduced. Miss. Sharon, the National Secretary welcomed them all with a flower. Mr. Shyam from Tamilnadu region was the only EXCO presented in this NTA EXCO meeting. Anita Bara and Pragathi from Northern region, Mary Roshni from MP and Ankit Baba from Bihar, Dian & Sobi from Goa represented their regions in view of becoming future EXCOs.

The agenda was read by Mr. Mervyn and was passed. Miss. Sharon, National Secretary read the detailed report of the previous NTA/ EXCO meeting held at KROSS Bangalore November 2014 was passed by Mervyn to which Kevin Li from WB seconded it. After this the evaluation of the NSLTP held at Mangalore from 5-9 Nov for English speaking regions and 19-23 in Patna for Hindi speaking regions were evaluated and participants shared their feelings and opinions about the program. Regional reports were presented by the regions based on the new regional report format sent by the National Office.

Soon after the lunch the next point in the agenda was taken up: The Preparation for the National Council 2016: As decided in the previous meeting, the Northern region was given the first preference to host the NC 2016 and Fr. Chetan, RYD of Northern region readily accepted. The date was tentatively decided from May 16 – 22, 2016. Fr. Chetan promised that he would confirm the dates and the venue within a month.

Then preparatory document was read and clarifications were made in view of the National Council. The budget was proposed as Rs 10, 00,000. To raise the funds, each region will contribute Rs 5000 and every diocese from the regions would contribute Rs 5000 each and try to get sponsorships for the souvenir worth Rs 5000. Rs 10 each will be collected from every student member for the National Council. As per the constitution the diocesan (DEXCO) and the regional (REXCO) have to be elected; membership fee has to be paid by every student to officially become the member of this movement.

The preparatory document was dealt in detail and the following decisions were made: Various committees were formed and responsibilities were shared among the EXCOS and RYDS. The steering committee consists of Fr. Chetan, REXCO and DEXCO of Northern, National Office along with Fr. Alex, Fr. Sabu and Fr. Peter as RYD representatives. Tentative time table and the schedule of the NC, Participation Criteria for the delegates, Selection of new National EXCOS and the program flow were discussed in detail. 2016 being the Golden Jubilee Year, of YCS existence in India, “Back to the roots” was chosen to be one of the thrust areas for the council and it was accepted by all. With that, we called it a day. A self assessment questionnaire was given to the National EXCOS and to the RYDs to evaluate the movement for the past two years.

25.04.2015: Day two of the NTA EXCO meeting began at 9.00 am and the Committees were finalized for the National Council. Mr. Mathew D’ Souza, the long standing animator of Goa region visited us and gave his message. Evaluation questionnaire will be sent to all the regions by the end of this year. The National Chairman, Most. Rev Henry D’ Souza arrived and we welcomed him cordially. The



discussion presumed on the National Theme and “CALLED TO BELIEVE, BEGIN, BECOME was accepted along with the thrusts, Back to the roots, Media and Me and Restoring human dignity were accepted. It will be sent to the regions and dioceses to be studied in detail and suggest any new theme and thrusts during the regional council which should be held by the end of Nov 2015 and send the report to the National Office by the end of December 2015.

Information on IYCS Chaplaincy, World Council 2016 in Philippines, Asian Session and Council and World Youth Day – Poland 2016 was briefed by Fr. Charles. Adding to that he reminded all to organize the movement properly in the regions and the dioceses as per the information sent in the previous Search magazines and to be followed strictly. As regards to the future programs, NSLTP in English will be held in Chennai from 17th to 21st May 2015. Kolkata accepted to host NSLTP in Hindi in October. CBCI level all DYD National level consultation will be held in KROSS Bangalore on 09 – 10 June 2015. The next NTA EXCO meeting was decided to be held in Chennai on 15, 16 and 17th of January 2016 during which Golden Jubilee programs will be held.

National Chaplain informed that the newly bought YCS/YSM Home in Chennai will be blessed and inaugurated on 21st of May 2015 and invited all to attend this function.

Then the important issue of sending proposal to the Chairmen Bishops and RYDs was taken up for discussion in the presence of the Chairman Bishop.

1. Since some of the regions have not presented their NEXCOS despite repeated reminders, the committee requested the Chairman Bishop to intimate to the RYDs and the Regional Chairmen as regard this issue in writing.

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2. Some of the Bishops/ RYDs/ DYDs have no knowledge about the YCS/YSM who seem not supporting the movement in their respective regions and dioceses, the committee requested the Bishop to give information regarding this to the CBCI Episcopal body and in the forthcoming CBCI all DYDs National Consultation to make them aware of their role and duty.
3. With regard to the expansion and the organisation of the movement, the committee suggested those RYDs and DYDs who find it difficult to manage this work, to appoint separate coordinators for YCS/YSM in consultation with the respective regional and diocesan bodies and urged the Bishop to intimate it to the respective persons.
4. The NEXCOS suggest to take YCS/YSM as a mission and to work for the growth of the movement.
5. As regards holding a National Alumni program and forming a National Alumni Body will be taken up later.

In response, the Chairman Bishop went through the existence of YCS YSM in the National Scenario and having found the pathetic condition of the movement, suggested to appoint 6 full time coordinators for six regions and modalities were also scripted out. Fr. Charles responded saying that it could be done if a project could be granted to us along with the amount available in the National office. But we still feel that the Bishop is yet to take action with regard to put things in action in intimating the proposals to the RYDs, Regional Youth Chairmen and Episcopal body.

Then Bishop took up the constitution for study and the role and functions of the NTA EXCO in the movement. He insisted on keeping the budget and annual accounts in the NTA EXCO meeting. Though the budget was presented and passed in the National Council for three years, Chairman Bishop wanted to present it in the present year. Fr. Charles responded saying, It's not the money that matters which is audited by a chartered accountant and presented to income tax and home ministry but the response of the Episcopal body for youth animation and organisation which is more important. He also expressed the painful times he went through due to the lack of response, care and concern from the hierarchy to this ministry and requested the Bishop to make known these facts to the Episcopal body and respond positively. At that juncture all the RYDs and many of the NEXCOS expressed their feelings in support of Fr. Charles and urged the Chairman Bishop to do the needful. Then he presented the budget of this year which was unanimously passed.

Then Bishop presented the modalities of the CAP program and asked the regions to support this cause and offered the thanksgiving mass.

On the third day, 26th April 2015, Bishop offered the mass and clarified issues regarding CBCI and CCBI. Fr. Savio arranged for the Goa Darshan, with which the 5th NTA EXCO meeting came to an end.

- Miss Sharon Kalinse



WHY NOT A FULL TIME TEACHER FOR VALUE EDUCATION?

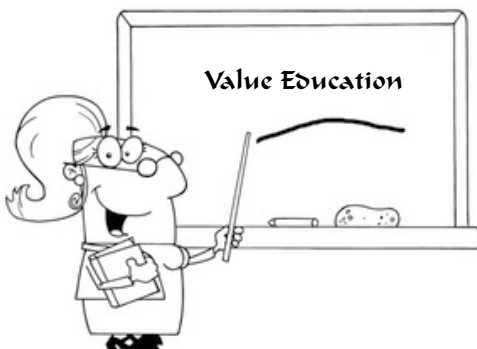


Teachers and parents are worried about the disturbing trend among students which lead to violent acts, various kinds of addictions and suicide. Today children from a very early stage take to violence not only to their peers but also against their teachers and parents. Children from their early years have access to uncontrolled and unlimited access to internet. They visit sites which provide information about perverted sex and violence polluting innocent minds. The tragedy is that many parents and teachers who give expensive mobile phones and internet facilities to their children are not familiar with the contacts which affect children negatively. If they are familiar and aware of the negative influence of internet they would be able to guide and monitor their children for its positive and educative use.

The development of IT and social networking have broken the walls which divided and controlled people of different countries, caste and creed. The large world has become a global village which connects people from one end of the world to the other. However this breaking of external walls has not succeeded in breaking the mental walls which divide people who live in the same apartment. Walls between the people of different caste and ethnic groups not only remain the same but rising beyond imagination. Younger generation is extracting more information through internet and social networking than the abundance of positive and educative information it provides.

External discipline and control will not help. The new generation is not willing to be controlled. Even children in primary classes rebel and blackmail their parents. The threat of suicide and other acts of violence by children make parents and teachers helpless. Many parents constantly live in fear and anxiety. Teachers adopt a policy of doing the minimum without interfering in the lives of students. Sociologists and educationists take part in routine discussions and seminars only to come up with unrealistic proposals.

Bureaucrats who run the education department propose shortcut policies which do not provide any lasting solution to problems.



During discussions and seminars everyone agrees to give importance to value education. In the past there used to be a separate subject of Moral Science. Now the education department and experts suggest not to have a separate subject on value education. It should be part of all subjects and teachers of all subjects will teach

values through their different classes. Theoretically it sounds ideal. Not only all teachers teach values through their subjects but values should be taught through all activities in the school. The whole atmosphere in the school should enable the children to catch values. How could this ideal proposal be realized in practice?

Values are caught not taught. Children will catch values from their parents, teachers and from the atmosphere of the school and home. Neither text books on value education nor a separate class or subject would help. However to realize the new practical method of value education a separate full time teacher rather coordinator is needed. If schools could have full time staff for sports, games, dance, music, painting and other co-curricular activities, why don't they have a full time staff to coordinate the practical value education in the school? Such a coordinator has become a necessity because of the new proposal of practical value education without text books and separate class.

This full time coordinator for value education shall organize various sessions for students, teachers and parents through different methods. Organizing exposure trips to slums, villages, blind schools and orphanages will be an important responsibility of the coordinator. He/ she will also identify suitable speakers to motivate students, teachers and parents. All programs related to value education shall be coordinated by him/her. We have been talking about his idea of having full time value education staff in all our meetings with our principals since 1993. It may not be possible to recruit one fresh person for this sacred mission. It is better to select one from the existing teachers and entrust him/ her this important mission. If necessary these selected teachers should be sent for short exposure and training to equip them for this special mission. We in USM train such full time teachers. So far no school has taken the initiative to experiment with this proposal so urgent to meet the challenges.

Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM, Indore



Forthcoming programs

1. Commitment Day at Kolkata on 1st May 2015
2. NSLTP in English at Chennai from 16-20 May 2015
3. NATP at USM Indore, M.P. from 23-30 May 2015
4. CAT at KROSS, Bangalore from 31st May to 8th June, 2015
5. CBCI all India DYD meeting at KROSS, Bangalore on 9-10 June 2015
6. IYCS World Council at Philippines from 25 July to 8th August 2015
7. NSLTP in Hindi in October 2015
8. YCS/YSM Alumni get together in October 2015



REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS



Shillong - Retreat

The YCS/YSM coordinating Shillong organized a retreat for the students from 2nd April 2015 the Maundy Thursday to the 4th the Holy Saturday. There were 76 participants from various schools. Rev. Fr. Chendrappinny



Jenson LS preached the retreat and the Bros. Joseph, Ranga, Masi and Viraj together with Hospitaler Sisters Jensi and Usha helped the students to make a good retreat. The preacher was able to lead the students to God experience which was shown clearly from all the students approaching the confessional. It was an enriching and very rich preparation of the students to understand and embrace the true meaning of Easter. All the liturgical events were organized for the students within the retreat with the help of Rev. Frs. Jenson, Festus and Felix. The intention of the endeavour was to provide the students an opportunity to experience closely with due understanding and attention the paschal mystery of Christ which we felt we could achieve. The three days retreat consisted of sessions, liturgical events of Holy Thursday Good Friday and other prayer sessions like adoration morning and evening prayer and Rosary, group activities and confessions.

Imphal - Training

The training on youth animation was held at Imphal Archdiocese on 10th Apr 2015 at Retreat Centre for the Priests of the diocese. 15 Priests and 6 sisters attended this programme. Archbishop Dominic Lumon was present throughout the programme. Fr. Athew Maheo had organized this programme to set the youth ministry in order. Archbishop during his welcome address briefed about the reality of Imphal diocese and the ethnic reality over there.

Fr. Franklin gave the introductory talk as to how to make our ministry as a mission, citing a lot of examples from the Bible and society.

Then Fr. Charles gave a detailed talk on, Why YCS/YSM for the teenagers, what is



YCS/YSM and Cell meeting. He clarified the difference between traditional catechesis lessons with the methodology of YCS/YSM. If adopted it would be effective to understand the faith formation in the right manner. Many questions were raised as how to organize this movement in the diocese and were clarified.



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In his concluding remarks Archbishop said that this movement is recognized by CBCI and the methodology is very apt for the teenagers and asked the Priests and sisters to put it into action as soon as possible to target and cater to the spiritual needs of all the teenagers of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Mathew thanked all the participants and Fr. Franklin thanked all for giving this opportunity to address the clergy of the archdiocese as to put the youth ministry into proper order. Fr. Charles asked the Archdiocese to introduce YCS/YSM movement in schools and parishes for the age group of 13 to 18 immediately and promote them to MCYO.

Introducing YCS/YSM - Imphal

YCS/YSM was introduced in the Archdiocese of Imphal on 10-12 April 2015. 77 catechists, youth animators and student leaders along with a few sisters and aspirants took part in it. On 10th they were introduced into the programme through a few group dynamics and biblical action songs by Mr Charles and Bertilla. Fr. Charles introduced the movement to them giving details about the history, aim, objectives and methodology of the movement. The day ended with evaluation and a cultural programme.

On 11th Fr. Franklin spoke on youth reality through ppt to the participants and made them realize how the media and things in the market rule our life. It needs to be challenged and made use of than we being used by the media.

Fr. Charles spoke on the movement and Cell meeting (ROL) and Cell life which helped the

participants understand the methodology of the movement. He conducted a cell meeting and a few workshops for the participants to grasp the meaning of cell meeting. In the evening the participants shared their joy with each other through various cultural items.

On 12th Fr. Charles introduced them the topic of Animation and clarified the role of animators in the movement. He also instructed



them the spirituality of the movement. Fr. Franklin clarified the process of animation through the passage of Emmaus story. Then Fr. Charles led them to the workshop to prepare lesson plans on the biblical passages to be used for Sunday school. Each group prepared two lesson plans with objectives and questions pertaining to the review of life which will be circulated to all the YCS units once the movement starts in the archdiocese.

Archbishop visited the participants and in his concluding address appreciated the effort put in by Fr. Athew and all the participants. He asked them to start this movement immediately in all the schools and parishes so that they may cater to the faith formation of the teenagers and student community. Fr. Mathew put forth the plan of action as how and when this movement will be introduced all over the archdiocese and resource persons were identified for the 6 zones to do it. With evaluation and cultural programme the training came to an end. Thanks to Mr. Charles, Mr. Bosco, Mr. James Bond and all the local hosts for making it a success.

Alwyn, Miss.
Joswin Lasrado
(DEXCO member
of Mangalore) and
Fr. Ronald Veigas
Diocesan Youth

Director were the resource persons. It made the students to reflect the present situations and problems faced at their young age. The DEXCO team had done group dynamics like action songs, games etc.

Most Rev. Francis Serrao SJ, the Bishop of Shimoga arrived for the concluding program and gave an inspiring message and distributed the certificates to all the participants. This program made the students to learn about YCS/YSM and facilitated to go through the process of YCS/YSM methodology of Awareness – Reflection and Action. After each work Schedule there was intensive evaluation. There was a cultural fest program on the last day of the camp and concluded with the Camp Fire.

Live in Programme - Shimoga

The Yuvamithra Diocesan Youth Commission had arranged live-in-program for YCS Diocesan Executive Committee on 21 - 22 February 2015 at St. Jude's Church, Anadapura. There were 5 office bearers present for this unique program. The program began on Saturday 21st February 2015 with an activity of knowing each other which continued the next day too and there were various other activities like review of life and planning for village exposure. The program was conducted by Fr. Ronald Veigas the Diocesan Youth Director.



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Village Exposure - Shimoga

YCS/YSM Diocese of Shimoga had organized Diocesan level village exposure camp from 9 - 12 April at Padanbail, Jog Falls. 80 student delegates from 10 parishes and 2 schools participated in it. The entire program was organized with the methodology of YCS/YSM (Awareness, Reflection and Action). The delegates were given different opportunities to work like cleaning cowsheds, manuring areca nut farms, collecting dry leaves from forest and collect firewood and filing them. They learnt by doing and they came to know the difficulties faced by the villagers. They learnt the culture, lifestyle and hard work of the villagers. They had fun by playing at the river side. They were accommodated in various houses of villagers.



The DEXCO (Diocesan Executive Committee) team had arranged inspiring and useful sessions in the afternoon from various resource persons. Mr. Roshan Lobo (NEXCO), Miss. Jovita D'Souza (Former NEXCO), Fr. Clarence Dias (Diocesan Communication Director), Mr. Vincent D'Mello (Social Activist), Sr. Maria UFS (Lawyer), Mr. Rajesh(Animator), Mr.

Review of Life - Shimoga

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The YCS unit of Anadapura parish had organized a day's orientation cum Review of Life Program for the YCS unit of the Parish on 21st and 22nd February 2015 at St. Jude's Church, Anadapura. The diocesan



director Fr. Ronald Veigas along with YCS DEXCO took sessions about history of the movement and led to the methodology of the movement and finally conducted a practical cell meeting. The parish priest Fr. Santhosh D'Cunha motivated the students with his address.

Samskratotsava - Udupi

KARNATAKA

YSM Udupi Diocese organized "SAMSKRATOTSAVA" – A cultural Fest on 14 January 2015 at Kunjarugiri Temple Premises. Program started with Inter-religious prayer. Students belonging to Hindu, Muslim and Christian Community read their Holy Scriptures and at last Universal Prayer was recited.

Rev. Fr. Denis D'Sa, PRO of Udupi Diocese presided over the inaugural function. Mr.



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Rajendra Rao was the chief guest. Jaison Dsouza presented the report of YSM for the year 2014. In his presidential address Fr. Denis D'Sa spoke about 'Being cultured'. He sang a song in Kannada about culture which was liked by all the students, teachers and audience. He appreciated the inter-religious prayer and said such prayers will enhance respect towards each other's religion and will build brotherhood among the students. Mr. Richard D'Souza, known as Recharge-Richi, a famous comedian was the resource person of the day. He spoke about different cultures around us in a special way, which all the people enjoyed. Then all the students performed their programs. Mr. Stany and Ms. Mishel were the judges.



Concluding ceremony was presided over by Rev. Fr. Henry Mascarenhas, Estate Manager of Udupi Diocese. He said "Students should have these 4 Ds in their life. Dream, Discipline, Determination and Divine intervention".

Ms. Mishel who is working as a professional trainer in Dubai said that all these skills she built in her during her YCS/YSM days and is proud to be a member of YCS/YSM family. Around 300 students from 13 schools participated in the event.

Cabinet Training- Shimoga

KARNATAKA

'Yuvamithra' the Youth Commission of the Diocese of Shimoga conducted unique 'School Cabinet Training Program' to bring out the real leader in each individual and teaching them the value of being a leader at



the service of the nation and society. Leadership is a quality to be inculcated, possessed and lived. Leaders are not born but they are made. School is a place where these leaders are made and evolved. Integral education will enable a person to be a leader to one self and to others. What we do in our life does not matter but what we become is all that matters and is of utmost importance.

1. St. Charles English Medium School students went through this unique training program on 07.06.2014. There were around 800 students who went through the first phase of the program. The second phase followed the first stage, 109 student leaders for the academic year 2014-15 were initiated in to a deeper concepts of leadership which involved practical activities with analysis and evaluation.
2. St. Sebastian's High School and Pre University College on 27.06.2014. There were around 400 students who went through the first phase of the program. The second phase followed the first and 40 student leaders were initiated for the academic year.
3. St. Charles Kannada Medium High-School on 28.06.2014. There were around 300 students who went through the first phase of the program. The second phase followed the first and 35 student leaders were initiated for

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the academic year.

The students at this stage were motivated and explained the qualities of a good leader through a session and power point presentation. Leaders from each class were trained to be value based leaders. Rev. Fr. Ronald Veigas, The diocesan Youth Director, Sr. Nimpha, Lady Coordinator and Ms Jovita the former YCS/YSM leader were the trainers.

Exposure visit- Shimoga

ANDHRA PRADESH

On 6th March we the students from Nirmala English Medium School and Nirmala girls high school, Vinukonda paid a visit to Ushodaya school for children with special needs, run by St. Anns Sisters. This visit to those children has created a new thinking in us. It was such a beautiful experience to be with them. We have put into action what we have learnt in YSM, that is to be compassionate and to express our solidarity with the children of special needs. When we were told about the program we were nervous and were afraid that we may not be able to convey what we wanted to tell them, but their pure smiles have made us forget our fears and made them feel happy



by our presence.

We extend our sincere thanks to the sisters who render their service to the under privileged ones. We do thank our Nirmala sisters of Vinukonda, who had given us this opportunity to share our joy and talents with the children of Ushodaya.



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Yuva Fest - Udupi

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YCS/YSM Udupi Diocese organized diocesan level “Konkani Culture – Yuva Fest” at St. John’s School, Pangla on November 8. Most Rev. Dr. Gerald Isaac Lobo Bishop of Udupi Diocese was warmly welcomed by Dr. Leslie D’souza Parish Priest of Pangla Church, Fr. Edwin D’Souza,



director of Youth Commission, Fr. Mari Joseph, secretary of YCS/YSM of Karnataka Region, Parish pastoral office bearers and officials of YCS Pangla unit.

Bishop along with guests marched towards the stage with brass band of the St John’s School, Pangala. The stage was decorated traditionally by the local unit with farm products and other materials. Fr Leslie D’Souza, spiritual director of host Pangla unit inaugurated the fest. He said that we should maintain our Konkani culture with the spirit of Jesus’s love. He also added that the first step of the YCS is to maintain our Konkani culture and tradition.

In his address Bishop said that we have to take advantage of the scope we are getting in order to grow in our life and we should shine in our family, society and nation. He praised Fr Edwin for his marvelous effort to bring up youths in systematic way. He said “This occasion will be

the platform to exhibit the talents.”

Fr Mari Joseph inaugurated the Konkani Bazar. Fr Vincent Coelho conducted the invocation prayer. Clive John Quadras, president of YCS of the diocese welcomed the gathering. Elson D’Souza, Horgan and Sasha Rodrigues compered the program.

Famous singer and resource person Irene Rebello gave talk on career guidance to the YCS students. There were Konkani cultural dances which were judged by Noel, Santhosh and Snehith. Quiz was organized by Nelson Monis.

Konkani singing competition was held on this occasion. Deanery level group cultural skits on the events of Ward and Ward Gurkar by Kundapur Deanery, Offerings “Ojem” by Karkala Deanery, Roce by Shirva Deanery, Christian weddings by Kallianpur Deanery and Cradling ceremony by Udupi Deanery was held beautifully.

Rev Dr Baptist Menezes VG of Udupi Diocese presided over the concluding program. Fr Charles Menezes, National Director of YCS/YSM, Fr Lesly, Fr Edwin, Francis D’Cunha, Clive John Quadros, Sohan, president of Pangla Unit, central committee animators and others were present on the dais.

Fr Charles Menezes said that religion is humanity. The hard work in favour of our Christian youths will influence our youths during their career.



Prizes were distributed to various cultural competitions winners. Most of the personalities were felicitated for their contribution to the YCS. Fr Mari Joseph,



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New units - Delhi

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Orientations for Christian students were conducted in Loreto Convent School, St. Michael's Church, Prasad Nagar & Good Shepherd Church, Hauz Khas to orient students about YCS/YSM (Young Catholic Students / Young Students Movement), which is being



revived by the Youth Commission.

Orientation at Prasad Nagar & Hauz Khas were conducted on 12th April 2015 from 10:30am onwards, by Fr. Chetan Machado (Diocesan Chaplain for YCS/YSM) and Mr. Manoj Mathew, respectively, for about 30 children each of the age group 13 to 17. They were introduced to the movement and then guided as to how it could be established in the parish.

An orientation was also held at Loreto Convent School, on 16th April 2015 from 10:30am to 12:30pm, for about 150 students, where Sijit Thomas conducted some games and action songs to get the students involved. Then, Fr. Chetan took a session in which he introduced YCS/YSM & its vision, mission to the students, after which Percival Holt took a session on the methodology of the movement and what / how can the students do, towards building a new society.

Fr Baptist Menezes also praised the central committee of Youth commission, which was under the tremendous leadership of Fr Edwin D'Souza. Fr Edwin D'Souza was felicitated by the Vicar General for his outstanding hard work for the betterment of our youths as a whole.

Under the leadership of Dr Leslie D'Souza and team of Pangla church unit, the Konkani Culture and the fest celebration was huge success in order to unite the youths of the diocese as well as to give a clear platform to exhibit their talents.

Orientation - Shimoga

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YCS Orientation Program at Thirthahalli
YCS unit of Thirthahalli had an orientation program on 1 March 2015. The Diocesan Youth Director Fr. Ronald Veigas addressed the YCS



members of the unit. There were 44 members and two animators present for this program.

Annual Day, Pondichery

TAMILNADU

On 17th March 2015, YCSYSM Annual Day was celebrated and was held at St. Joseph of Cluny, Neyveli, in which there was a special session for the students on "Self-Confidence" based on which there were various programs such as Mime, Dance, Action Song, Ads- Zap and Drama, in which the students participated. Special Guests were Sr. Maria SJC, the Headmistress and Sr. Amali SJC and Sr. Bhackiya SJC along with the Diocesan Chaplain Fr. Albert.

Cell visits, Madurai



March 06	St.Amala Hr.SEC.School
March 13	St.Lourde's Girls Hr.Sec.School
	RC Middle School
	Arul Malar Matha Sec.School
March 19	Nirmala Girls Hr.Sec.School
March 29	RC Middle School

March 11- 14 - Introduction of YCSYSM to the Parishes of Virudhunagar Vicariate
 March 16-21 - Introduction of YCSYSM to the Parishes of Thiruvilliputhur Vicariate
 March 24 -27 - Introduction of YCSYSM to the Parishes of Theni Vicariate

Talk Show, Salem



Date: January 30th 2015
 Theme: Talk Show for Students and Teachers on "Today's Student Requires Care or Strictness. Participate: 60

CELL Visits Topics Dealt: Women Awareness, Self respect, Rain Awareness, My Role to Save Earth.

Training, Trichy



Date: 27TH February 2015
 Theme: Animators Training Program
 Participants: 50 Animators
 Sessions Spoken and Dealt:

1. How to Make Cells More Involving
2. Evaluation of Activities done in Unit and Diocesan Level
3. Planning of Forthcoming Annual Plan for the Next Academic Year.

Cell –meeting Topics Dealt:

AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENT

MEDIA – GOOD BAD

Forthcoming Programs:

17TH July YCSYSM Animators Training Program
 July 29th Leadership training Program Kiranur Vicariate & Elections
 July 30th - Leadership training Program Kiranur Vicariate & Elections Manaparai
 July 31st - Leadership training Program Kiranur Vicariate & Elections Trichy vicariate

Village Expo, Mangalore



Village Exposure Camp
 YCS diocese of Mangaluru organized a village exposure camp from 19 to 23 April 2015 at Sacred Heart Church, Madanthyar. The inauguration started by seeking God's blessings through a prayer song at 5.30pm. Chief guest for the programme was Rev. Fr.Lawrence Mascharenhas, parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Madanthyar. He



addressed the youth and welcomed all the delegates .The president of the programme was Mr. Roshan Lobo, NEXCO.In his presidential address he said that we should make use of all the opportunities given to us. The other guests were Ms Frivita D'Souza, Regional president of YCS, Ms Cynthia Dias Regional treasurer of YCS, Ms Joyline Dsouza ,YCS President Mangaluru Diocese, Mr Glavin Lobo President, Belthangady Denary, Mr Claven Rodrigues, President of Madanthyar YCS unit, Fr Edwin Correa,

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YCS/YSM director of Mangaluru diocese, Fr. Ronald Veigas YCS/YSM director of Shimoga diocese Fr. Clifford Pinto, Assistant parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Madanthyar, Mr Norbert Misquith, Resource person of YCS, Mr. Gregory Serrao, Vice president of Sacred Heart Church, Madanthyar. Fr. Edwin Correa welcomed all the guest and delegates with a shawl.



There were value based and interactive sessions by various resource persons. Mr. Norbert Misquith took a session on knowing each other on the first day. Fr. Ronald Veigas explained about the responsibilities one should have by the methodology of YCS\YSM See Judge Act. Mr. Vivek Pais gave a session on youth problems. Fr. Charles Menezes gave a session on importance of work. Fr. Sunil Kumar D'Souza gave a session on love and friendship. Mr. Kiran gave us the talk on awareness of nature and environment. These were the different sessions taken during the camp.

The importance was given on work like cutting grass, cleaning local channels, and we also had the day's work like cleaning cow shed, picking cowdung, bathing cows, carrying logs of wood, cleaning the surroundings, sifting the coconut leaves from the church to the hostel. ICYM team of Madanthyar had organized a program called *swach Madanthyar* in which our delegates were also the part of it and cleaned Madanthyar city. At the end of the day we had evaluations in which the students came to know what they have learnt how it has to be implemented in their life.

Concluding programme was held on 22 April 2015. The chief guest of the programme was Fr. Lawrence Mascarenes Parish Priest, Madanthyar church and he was accompanied by Mr. Roshan Lobo, Mrs. Cynthia Dias, Mr. Flويد Noronha, Mrs. Joyline D'Souza, Mr. Glavin Lobo, Mr. Claven Rodrigues, Fr. Ronald Veigas, Fr. Edwin Correa, Fr. Clifford Menezes and Fr. Sunil Kumar D'Souza. Fr. Lawrence Mascarenhas gave a message for all participants saying we should change ourselves and then change others and he also said that it may be a last day of your camp but it is not an end. Fr. Edwin Correa felicitated the people who had helped in making this camp a successful one. 5 Students shared their experiences. After the formal programme cultural programme was held by the students and the parishioners.

Later supper was served and we had camp fire which was started by seeking God's blessings. Camp fire was led by Fr Edwin and by everyone exchanging of the candles with the words peace be with you was done and concluded by a baila dance.



On the final day, the program began with the prayer followed by self-appreciation session in which all the delegates had to write good values of the co-delegates. And we had the photo session with all the participants DEXCO and the priests. At 10.30 am the village exposure camp widened up with YCS/YSM anthem.



Activities of National Director

1. Office work at Chennai from March 3-11, 2015 where on 6th March purchased a one bedroom house for the National Registered office at Santhome, Chennai.
2. Office work at Delhi from 13-15 to set up working office at Delhi with the help of Leo, Fr. Chetan and Fr. Ronald Veigas
3. Took part in KCA retreat and gave a recollection on 15th March. 80 participants
4. Visit to Agra and St. Peters High school on 16th March
5. Visit to Jammu Diocese on 17-19 March. Visited St. Peters High School on 17th and met Ms Stella, animator of YSM. Met Bishop Ivan Pereira and held talk as regards organizing YCS/YSM in Jammu diocese and visited Carmel Convent High School on 19th and initiated YCS/YSM to the students. Visited Dalhousie on 18th.
6. Took part in Youth retreat at Delhi on 22nd March. 115 participants
7. Office work at Chennai from 25-31 March to set up new office at new house.
8. Easter ministry at Mangalore from 1-5 April, 2015
9. Took part in Village Exposure Camp at Katapadi, Udipi Diocese on 7th April. 85 participants
10. Training program at Imphal, Manipur from 9-12 April for Priests, Youth animators and Youth leaders. 78 participants.
11. Visited Village Exposure Camp at Madanthyar, Mangalore Diocese on 21st April along with National Secretary and Coordinator. 70 participants.
12. NTA/EXCO meeting at Goa from 24-26 April in preparation for the next National Council to be held in Delhi in May 2016. 26 participants
13. Visit to Kolkata from 29-30 April and held talk with the Archbishop Thomas D'Souza about YCS/YSM

Hello to my dear readers. To have NTA/NEXCO meet in Goa was a big bonus for us I think you all can guess why? It was from 24th to 26th April 2015. Almost all the nexcos were present . We planned out how to conduct our 17th National Council which will be held in Delhi. In this meeting we nexcos

realised more deeply the importance and seriousness of our roles. Our stay in Goa was very very comfortable and Goa Darshan was a cherry on the top. A big big thank you to Fr.Savyo for being the best host and your tireless efforts to make our stay a comfortable one. Thank you Fr. Charles our national chaplain, Rev. Bishop Henry Dsouza, all the RYD's, DYD's, Mr. Leo Joseph and my dear nexcos for making this meeting a success. Since only one year is left we Nexcos have a lot more to do and we need to try our level best to give our hundred percent. All the best to everyone and thank you once again. **LET YCS/YSM LIGHT SHINE!!!!**

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**Student
 Experience**



- Angela Anthony, Nexco Bijhan region

Visit to Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Kolkata, Annette Ling, Kevin Li,
Sr. Gouri & Fr. Devraj Fernandes (YCS -Kolkata team)



Fr. Archibald D'Silva
RYD, UP

We are grateful to you for your
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