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JUBILEE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION: 16th Jan 2014 YCS/YSM India celebrated the Golden Jubilee with much zeal and enthusiasm. The celebrations started with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Most Rev. Anil Couto, Archbishop of Delhi and concelebrated by priests from Delhi and other parts of the country. YCS/YSM students from different schools and parishes were present at this occasion. During his homily, Archbishop congratulated every member of YCS/YSM and asked them to become the bearers of light to bring change in the society. He also gave the example of Samuel from the Old Testament and asked the students to come forward to work for the Lord.



INAUGURATION OF YCS/YSM JUBILEE



Before the Eucharist all the NEXCO's shared their experiences. After the Eucharist, stage programme was organized by the host diocese. YCS/YSM units organized a short cultural programme. Mr. Jimmy Pdang, President of the movement welcomed the guests. Ms. Sharon, (Secretary) read out the report. Messages' of some prominent persons were read out by Ankit & Angela on this occasion.

RELEASE OF 'TESTIMONIES' BOOK

Most Rev. Anil J.T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi released the 'testimonies' book on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of YCS/YSM India in Delhi. The first copy was handed over to Fr. Charles Menezes, International Chaplain of IYCS and copies were given to Jimmy Pdang, National President, Sharon Kalinse, Secretary and Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain. Archbishop appreciated the works of YCS/YSM India and said that the work done by YCS/YSM is visible. This book will help YCS/YSM to spread the good work to many other regions where it has no presence.



Fr. Charles, International Chaplain Felicitated

Fr. Charles Menezes, International Chaplain was felicitated. He wished the YCS/YSM Movement success and congratulated every member. All the Regional Directors, Diocesan Directors, former coordinators were also felicitated on this occasion. Local units of YCS put up a meaningful and colorful cultural show. Mr. Sam proposed vote of thanks and Fr. Chetan thanked everyone who helped to make this event successful. After the YCS Anthem, sumptuous meal was served to all. NEXCO's compeered the programme and Ms. Aparna and Mr. Gilbert coordinated the programme along with ICYM Okhla parish.



EDITORIAL

Has our communication been a proper channel through these years?

My Dear Friends of YCS/YSM India,

Greetings and wishes of Golden Jubilee year of YCS/YSM India. (1966-2016).

As we celebrate this memorable year of the movement, it also makes us analyze the footsteps of many young students, animators and directors who have served this movement for the last 50 years. Let's thank all these great people and ask the Lord to bless them abundantly.



This movement has grown in India because our seniors have worked for the movement very enthusiastically. Communication, a main source of action is very necessary at all walks of life and also for one's improvement and social development. I feel that this movement has grown because of communication among the students and the people who guided them.

One of the saddest thing is that our movement is fading away from where it started initially being a vibrant space for all the young minds. We aren't blaming anyone but have we taken steps to work on this? We always feel authority is important and we need to respect that at a greater level? Yes we need to, yet we too have a say of our own in a house that belongs to us.

When Sr. Jeanne Devos had come to our country, she didn't desire for authority or respect, but her main objective was service and charity. All these students loved her as she knew how to give love back and correct them in a right manner. The successors of Sr. Jeanne Devos too followed the same principle to create great leaders for the future. They all had a vision to create leaders with a heart of humanity, compassion and love towards the other.

As I made a statement earlier of our movement fading away, I would like to get back to you to ask is it really moving into right direction or are we killing it with our own selfish deeds and lack of time to give for this movement?

Every student needs a platform to understand himself/herself by initiating opportunities to exhibit his/her hidden talents. Are we fearing the authority and backing out of these situations or anything we would like to express? Are we not free to decide as it's our own movement which has to benefit us in all ways? Now to speak out all these issues we need to communicate. You need to ponder upon and ask yourself, do you communicate in a right manner to get what you want?

If you say yes, you may be on the right path but you still would need to work on developing these skills. If you say no, then it's a right indication on what you got to do.

To fulfill the objective of this Golden Jubilee year, let's all together build the new society and the Kingdom of God by understanding each other, by helping and co-ordinating for the growth of this movement in India. Let this movement spread wherever it is not existing and my humble request to you to make it a success through various forms of communication.

Long Live YCS YSM

- *Roshan Melwyn Lobo*

Called to believe...begin...become...a perfect creation!

Dear Young Students,

We are slowly getting ready for the XVII National Council which will be held in the Northern Region. The theme is 'Called to believe...begin...become'. Let us reflect on this theme and try to understand what it means. We have chosen following as thrusts for the council. For the next three years we are going to reflect on these thrusts: ***Back to the Roots, Media and Me, Restoring Human Dignity.***



Called to believe: Believing means to have confidence in the truth, existence, reliability, or value of something. It also means that I accept what some have said. We believe in what our scriptures say. We believe it because we know it is the 'Word of God'. We believe many more things like, believe in a friend, believe some information, and believe in news, stories or advertisements/commercials. Once we believe we act accordingly. We trust a person, a product, or a brand.

Called to begin: We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves. Once we believe we need to begin to change our lives. If I believe in a truth I need to make it part of my life. E.g. If I believe in true friendship, I need to value that friendship; if I believe that education make me a better person I need to study well. That is how I begin to change my life.

Called to become: What do I become? Do I become a better person? A perfect creation? I need to ask this question and answer it. All of us are created perfect. Julian Maddock in one of his poems explains this beautifully. He writes; 'You are called to become a perfect creation'. It does not matter how short or tall or thick-set or slow you may be. It does not matter whether you sparkle with life or are silent as a still pool, whether you sing your song aloud or weep alone in darkness. It does not matter whether you feel loved and admired or unloved and alone for you are called to become a perfect creation. No one's shadow should cloud your becoming; no one's light should dispel your spark. For the Lord delights in you and encourages with gentle joy every movement of the Spirit within you.

Our life is never without hope. For we are called to become a perfect creation. This becoming may be gentle or harsh, subtle or violent, but it never ceases, never pauses or hesitates. It is a -

Creative force – Calling you...Calling you to become...A perfect creation.

YCS/YSM India provides a perfect platform to do this. The upcoming council where we are going to reflect on this will definitely help us to become perfect creatures. Let us all pray for the success of this 17th National Council and Study Session.

Fr. Chetan Machado
National Chaplain

GOLDEN JUBILEE

YCS/YSM India - A JOURNEY THAT CONTINUES...

YCS roots were found in India in 1950. In 1961 our first contact with YCS was with the visit of an YCS leader from Germany and an extension worker from Sri Lanka. During 1960-1962 YCS units were formed in Chennai and Bangalore through the help of Miss Betty King, an YCW extension worker from Australia. Some student groups were attempting to build up their objectives and Sr. Jeanne Devos ICM, inspired the student groups of Madras(Chennai) and Bangalore to communicate with each other in 1966. Thus YCS became official India Movement. Since then, it has taken deep roots in different parts of India. Slowly YCS inspired the students of other faiths and paved the way for the formation of YSM in 1970.



At present, the Movement has over 1.5 lakh student members and more than 2000 dedicated Animators, youth workers spread out in 14 regions. The movement has formed active and dynamic church leaders, social workers and liberators who are involved in the process of socio-economic-political-spiritual welfare of the people all over the country.

From Sr. Jeanne Devos in 1969 to Fr. Chetan in 2016 we had nine National Chaplains and at present Fr. Chetan is the 10th National Chaplain. During this period nine national full time coordinators have served this movement among them Mr. Leo is the recent one. Many EXCOs have served the movement.

Eleven people have worked at the Asian level and Mr. Agnes Joseph, Mr. John Siddham, Mr. Manoj Mathew served as IYCS International team members from India.

Mr. Manoj Mathew and Loucille Alcala Dhahi also served as members of Advisory Body to the IYCS at the International level.

Today we are proud to have our own Fr. Charles as the International Chaplain. In the past fifty years we have conducted 25 study sessions and 16 National Councils. These have taken place once in three years. In 2014 we conducted the first national Convention in Bhopal and in 2010 14th IYCS International Council was organized by YCS/YSM India in Delhi.

Our vision is to evolve a new society, where people live in harmony, where there is total freedom for the complete growth of the individual, where each and every person is respected in dignity hence valuing peace, love, truth, justice and equality. Hence "A just Society – A New World" is its aim.

- Sharon Kalinse
Secretary

TESTIMONY

Dear friends, first of all I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to God for giving me the opportunity to be part of the YCS/YSM and my sincere gratitude to the Diocesan Youth Directors of my Diocese past and present and to the Diocesan Youth Lady Animator for their ever supportive and encouraging gestures toward me. I am so delighted and moved when I came to know that I am invited to share my experiences in the YCS/YSM movement.



For me as a student, being part of the YCS/YSM since the year 2010, has been a very educative and enriching experience. Through this movement I learnt that every child is a divine treasure placed in the hands of the animators by the Almighty with full trust in their human abilities. The YCS/YSM is a platform for me to grow. Putting into practice the YCS/YSM Methodology of See, Judge and Act has helped me to realise the depth and richness of it. I find it is very practical to apply this method in everyday life decision making.

May God bless all the YCS/YSM friends.

Ms. Peaceful Mary Wanniang, Nongstoin Diocese

REFLECTION

Are we needed ?

“Today is the future that you created yesterday” I was happy to be a part of this great movement in accomplishing it’s Golden Jubilee on 16th January 2016 .YCS/YSM is not merely a movement for me; it is a path finder and a guiding light. It made me a better leader, a better citizen and a better human being. I would definitely be incomplete without our Movement. On this special occasion, I would like to thank all the Former Chaplains, Animations, Full Time Volunteers, and Student Members for being there and guiding the movement forward to greater heights. I wish and pray that amidst the present era of struggle and the question of “Is YCS/YSM relevant today?” may we all stay together in unity and work to show the impact that this movement had made in our life’s to change and become agents of change and for all other students and to their parents that they may realize the value which YCS/YSM can bring to their children. We are at a epitome where our relevance is questioned and we need to raise ourselves to show that our existence matters and will in turn help many for a change.

Kamal Francis, Exco, YCSYSM India Alumni

Improving Yourself

After my semester results were out, my college department's Vice Principal came to my class room and asked us a few questions. The questions he asked us were:

- Is anyone happy with the results they got?
- Why are there some students who did very well and some students who failed in a lot of subjects?
- What should you aim at getting for your next semester?

After asking these questions and receiving answers, he told us the answer to the last question. He said that we should not aim at getting the marks that another student has got, but that we should aim at getting marks more than what we got last time. In other words, we should compete with ourselves in getting more marks than competing with others as we may get demotivated if the other person is far better than us.

After hearing this, I wanted to share this message which my Vice Principal has given us in the magazine.

Kevin Li, NEXCO

TESTIMONY



“Change cannot be given to you, you yourself should bring the change”. Whatsapp might say that these great words are said by the conductor. But, there is a young movement which is built somewhat on the same thought and where as a result the society changes. That movement is none other than Young Catholic Students Movement – YCS

In 2013, when I had just passed out my matriculation, I happened to meet the YCS animator of our parish and he asked me to join YCS. My facial expression completely changed. I was damn upset since I wanted to enjoy Sundays. But what to do? I had no option and the very next Sunday I joined YCS. To be very frank, that whole year I did not even enjoy. So I thought of discontinuing it from the following year. But my friends who had been younger to me for a year, insisted me to remain.

Yes, I did so continued.

In this second year, I was provided with lots of opportunities to come out of the four walls and explore my talents. Talents day, Leadership Programme, Programme on love and friendship and all these were just fabulous.

To crown all these, was ‘Village Exposure Camp’ held at Mattu of Udupi. I made friendship with all the fellow campers, shared my feelings and so on. It has been a wonderful experience in my life. I can assure that no other programmes or camps can beat this one – ‘Halli Jeevan Shibira’. Today, if I can write this much, if I can speak in the public then ninety percent it's because of YCS.

Long Live YCS

- Ancita Oshin D'Souza
Udupi Diocese

VII NTA/ EXCO MEETING

15th -17th January 2016, Navinta, New Delhi

The 7th NTA/EXCO meeting was held at Navinta, New Delhi from 15th to 17th January 2016. The following regions participated in this meeting: Bijhan, MP, Tamilnadu, Goa, Northern Region, Northeast Region, West Bengal and UP Region. The meeting began on 15th at 11.30 am with inaugural mass offered by Fr. Marianus, RYD of TN region. After lunch at 2.00 pm the NTA/EXCO meeting began with icebreakers animated by Rosalia, NEXCO, Karnataka Region. Followed by this a small prayer session by Roshan, NEXCO Karnataka region was conducted. Jimmy Pding, National President welcomed everyone for the meeting, followed by which the agenda of the 7th NTA/EXCO Meeting was read by Sharon Kalinse, National Secretary. After certain clarifications the agenda for the meeting was passed by Fr. Alexander, RYD, MP region and Mervyn, NEXCO, seconded it.

The report of the previous meeting was read by Sharon Kalinse. The report was accepted by all and Sr. Bernadette, RYD, North East passed it and Roshan and Ebin Navis seconded it. Fr. Chetan Machado, the National Chaplain informed about the shift of the venue for Golden Jubilee program from Chennai to Delhi because

of some unavoidable reasons and unwillingness of Tamilnadu region. Fr. Chetan clarified it because in the previous meeting it was decided that Tamil Nadu region would host the Golden Jubilee. He also informed that there would be no inter religious program since the participants were all from YCS and that no badges will be sold but would rather be given as a memento to the participants. The regional reports were read and submitted by the NEXCO's. Followed by this evaluation of the NSLTP at Bhopal and Kolkata was done. The delegates and RYD's shared their experience. Fr. Chetan asked the feedback of NSLTP. Since all the delegates accepted that it was useful, it was decided that NSLTP's would take place in Hindi and English every year. There were a few suggestions that there must be better co-ordination and considering that the delegates are from far away regions it would be better to have regional level students' leadership training programs for which the NT could be invited.

After proper clarifications everyone accepted that NSLTP will take place every year. Fr. Chetan informed that National Animators Training Program would be conducted this year and the dates and venue will be intimated soon. Regarding the selection of NEXCO's Fr. Chetan and the National Team informed clearly that according to the Constitution students having experience of at least two years and those who can travel on their own and could serve the movement for three years without resigning must be selected as NEXCO's by the regions



and presented in the National Council, May 2016. The NEXCO's who are presented in this NC will be the final and no more changes, inclusion or exclusion would take place in the future. The regions cannot make use of their quota of presenting their NEXCO members if they fail to present them in the NC. These clarifications were made in the meeting and everyone accepted to follow the same. Jimmy welcomed the new national part time coordinator Ms. Aparna, to the council. Then, Fr. Chetan welcomed the representatives of the Alumni Association Mr. Leo Joseph, Mr. Kamal Francis and Mr. Rajan. They shared their experience about the first alumni meet held at Mangalore and expressed their gratitude. Mr. Leo Joseph, vice president of YCS/YSM alumni association informed that they have also planned to sponsor the National Animators Training Programme. The alumni members asked all the regions to inform about the alumni association to all the Ex-YCS/YSM'ers and join the association. They also added that online registration of alumni members will be initiated soon and will be informed. After this, the letter from Fr. Marianus, RYD of Tamilnadu region regarding some misunderstandings was taken up for discussion. Fr. Chetan read the points on inclusion of TN RYD as one of the trustees and working of National office. He also explained clearly that appointment of trustee is not on the basis of registration and it is done as per the need of the movement keeping in mind the expansion and convenience. He made it clear that there are FCRA and other issues when we make changes. Fr. Marianus also required some clarifications about the national YCS/YSM home at Santhome, Chennai. Fr. Marianus said that proper

channel is not being followed while communicating with the Region and meetings were held at the national home and that information was not given to him about what is happening in the national home. There was a discussion about this issue. Then Fr. Chetan, National Chaplain and the NT made it clear that



even though the national home is situated in Chennai, it comes under national office and that it is located in Chennai for convenience purpose because the national working office is in Delhi which is in the Northern part of India. And that with the permission of the national office activities can take part in the national home at Chennai which comes under the national office authority. It was suggested that information may be given to the local director to avoid confusion. Fr. Marianus said everything must go through proper channel. The national chaplain requested all the RYD's to reply to the mails sent by the national office.

Later the first session of the National council preparatory document was read by the council members. Fr. Chetan and the NT explained to the clarifications. During the session the following decisions were taken and recorded that the 17th National council which was supposed to be held at Sattal, Himachal Pradesh,

hosted by Delhi Archdiocese which is already booked, would be difficult for far away regions to reach because it takes 2 days extra journey one way to travel from Delhi to Sattal. Hence change of venue would be NOIDA for the next council accepted the option to change the venue to NOIDA to have the 17th NC. Fr. Chetan said that information will be sent to all the regions about this.

Later Fr. Chetan asked the regions to propose a venue to have the next national convention in 2017. To this regions Tamil Nadu, orissa and Patna were suggested and after proper planning and acceptance of the RYD of the host region, the venue will be announced. Translation of the YCS/YSM Constitution to Hindi also, which is now in English was discussed, since there were almost equal number of Hindi speaking regions, it was decided that at national level, Constitution will be translated in Hindi also. The council decided to have the next NTA EXCO meeting in Delhi on 14th may 2016 prior to the national council. Expansion of the movement in regions was discussed in which the RYD and NEXCO members discussed about the problems in their regions and asked for suggestions to solve it. Suggestions and clarifications about YCS/YSM India website was also given at the council.

Later, Ms. Aparna distributed responsibilities to the NEXCO members for the golden jubilee celebrations which

was to be held on the following day. After supper, there was personal sharing of the NEXCO team. With this we called it a day.

16.01.2016- The day began with a beautiful prayer organized by the participants. After breakfast, the council began with ice breaking sessions animated by the council members. We then continued with the National council preparatory document. Clarifications about the delegates/participants for the NC were discussed. There was a correction in the number of dioceses in Tamil Nadu

in which the number was increased to 18 from 17 consulting with the RYD of TN region. Since there were no amendments sent to the national office from the regions, Fr. Chetan asked the regions to send amendments if any

to the National office before the end of January 2016 and also to send the testimonies before hand to the national office. He also informed about the fund raising for the NC. As mentioned in the preparatory document each region would collect funds and send to the national office. The NEXCO members also accepted to raise funds from their part. Fr. Chetan informed that it is mandatory for every member of YCS/YSM to become member and pay a membership fee of Rs.10, only then they will be officially recognized. The National President, Jimmy Pdang welcomed the IYCS international chaplain Fr. Charles to the council. Fr. Charles conveyed his



greetings from the Secretary general, IYCS office. He said the international office is well aware about the happenings in India and they have great regards to India. He wished all of us good luck and said that Indian YCS/YSM movement could be vibrant with its members and has a great impact in the international level. Father also informed about the plans to expand the movement to USA, Canada etc.

We then continued with the preparatory document. Themes for the liturgy were suggested by each region and the council was requested to decide it as soon as possible. It was also decided that each region will be given 20 minutes duration for the cultural program during the allotted days in the national council. The regions were asked to prepare for the cultural program and exhibition emphasizing on the regional culture. Jimmy read out the sponsorship proposal of NC and asked the council to get sponsors. Fr. Chetan then asked the regions to book their tickets well in advance as the booking is open from 16th January. He also informed that the delegates can arrive on 15th May to Delhi. Fr. Charles also added saying that it would be better if the regions book their return tickets late accordingly to arrange for their exposure visit. Followed by this we discussed about the previous national council and compared the same for the improvement of plans for the forthcoming national council. The participants of the previous council suggested implementing certain ideas. The following ideas were suggested by the council,

- 1) In the agenda, after supper the proceedings can be stopped and time can be given for discussion.
- 2) The talk to be delivered ought to be at

the student's level of understanding.

- 3) It is mandatory for all the delegates to be present for the sessions.
- 4) NEXCO's presented in the National council must be only Catholics and the delegates.
- 5) It is better to have sessions for 45 minutes and make sure it doesn't exceed this duration.
- 6) Regarding translation it would not be possible for the resource persons to translate, so English would be preferably used. By the end of 45 minutes time will be given for discussion in which people could clear their doubts in their own language with the help of RYD or Animators.
- 7) Animation sessions would be conducted during morning and evening only and not during the sessions lest it disturb the seriousness of the council



- 8) It could be better if the delegates are arranged in a way that they know each other.
- 9) Resource persons could be both male and female.

Fr. Charles suggested that it could be appreciated if the regions bring delegates from other faiths also. Study sessions on expansion of the movement could also be added. These were a few suggestions

of the comparative study of the previous National Council.

Followed by this the National Office report was presented by Ms. Aparna, part time National coordinator and Mr. Ebin Navis, part time staff, National Home, Santhome, Chennai. They reported all the activities happening in the National Office in brief. Ms. Aparna also said they are planning to implement online membership registration if it is possible. Jimmy thanked them for their report. About the National newsletter 'The Search', Roshan, editor of 'The Search' asked all the NEXCO members to collect subscriptions and send articles. The NEXCO members promised that they would collect a minimum of 50 subscriptions before the National Council and send it to the national office. Sr. Bernadette, RYD, Northeast suggested that details about renewing the subscriptions must be printed in the last issue of the year of the search magazine which would be helpful for the subscribers. Fr. Chetan then briefed about the agenda of the golden jubilee and thanked all for their active participation. Jimmy concluded the 7th NTA/EXCO meeting and expressed his gratitude to the council.

Since 16th January 2016 is the Golden Jubilee year of existence of YCS/YSM India (1966-2016) as informed in the meeting the celebrations were held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Health Church, Okhla, Delhi. Since there was a little delay in the schedule the NEXCO members and the Alumni members shared their experience in YCS/YSM movement to the gathering. The Jubilee Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Anil Couto, Archbishop of Delhi. Soon after the Eucharist, all headed towards the place where the celebrations were planned. The golden jubilee celebrations were a big success. Everyone was highly elated knowing that the movement is still doing strong. With sumptuous dinner for all, the program came to an end and it was a grand success.

According to the schedule, the meeting was planned from 15th to 17th January. Since we were ahead of the planned schedule, we ended the meeting with the golden jubilee celebrations on 16th. And that was a good end.

Let YCS/YSM Light hine.

- Sharon Kalinse, National Secretary.



YCS/YSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

YCS/YSM India organized its first ever Alumni meeting in the month of November 2015 from 6th to 8th at Bajjodi Pastoral Centre, Mangalore. The National Office took initiative to organize this meeting to initiate the process to start 'YCS/YSM Alumni Association.

For the first Alumni meeting there were representatives from Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Telugu Regions. During this meeting we also formed a team to work for Alumni and spread it to other regions. Following were elected as office bearers of the Alumni Association.

Mr. James Sylvester TL	President
Mr. Deepak Raj C. TN	Secretary
Mr. Stafford Stanope Mantel TN	Treasurer
Mr. Leo Joseph TN	Vice President
Ms. Louisa Parnell TL	Vice President
Ms. JovitaD'souza KA	Joint Secretary
Mr. Joseph Kamal Francis TN	Councillor
Mr. Joseph SharathBabu-Madanu TL	Councillor
Mr. Rohan Pereira KA	Councillor



As per our discussion we have decided that National Office will not manage the Alumni Association. Association will have its own Statutes and other things like seal, bank account etc. National Chaplain will be the Spiritual Director and signatory of the Association.

I request you to encourage the Alumni and also help other people to join the Alumni Association. This will help us to strengthen this Movement and also help the YCS/YSMers to live the methodology even after they leave the active ministry. Thank you.

Hearty welcome to YCS/YSM Family

Fr. Michael F. Singh from West Bengal-Sikkim Region and Fr. Asit Lakra from Patna diocese have been appointed as RYD & DYD in their respective region & diocese.

We wish you all a very fruitful ministry with the young of India

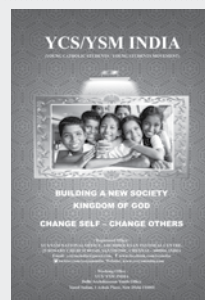


YCS/YSM resource book

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

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

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LET'S GIVE BACK

YCS/YSM India celebrated Golden Jubilee on 16th January 2016. A big congratulations to all the YCS/YSMers. It is a milestone for our movement to celebrate its 50 years which started in Tamilnadu long back in the year 1966. The celebration of the golden jubilee is a matter of pride as well as happiness for us.

YCS /YSM movement, over these years has not only grown and developed but also has moulded each and everyone who had been a part of it. This is a growth oriented movement; the reason for the existence of this movement is the all round development of the students to whom this movement belongs by following the teachings of Jesus. Slowly and steadily this movement has spread all over India in these 50 years and this was made possible by the dedicated leaders of this movement.

I joined this movement when I was in class 6 but when I attended the XVI National Council in Shillong, I got a clear picture of this wonderful movement. I was overwhelmed when I realised that I was a part of this great movement which is present in the entire world. The history and the background

of this movement shows the struggle, dedication, determination, coordination and positivity which this movement has shown to develop the student and to become what it is today. We cannot just judge this movement by looking at it. To understand and experience the joy which YCS gives we have to be part of it. Truly these 50 years are golden not only for YCS but also for its members. This is because in all these years YCS has motivated and inspired the students in their life which has made all the difference.

The golden jubilee celebration of this movement was not only to celebrate the happiness of the movement for completing 50 years but also to celebrate the gift of new life which YCS has given to its members. YCS has always blessed us with great ideologies, spirituality and humility. Over these years YCS has given all of us a new dimension in our life. But the question arises what are we doing in return. Our responsibilities do not end by just celebrating the golden jubilee but with the promise to carry forward the movement with greater zeal and enthusiasm. All these years YCS has been strong but now somewhere it is going weak. It should

be our priority to strengthen it once again with our support and care in the same way this movement has shown towards us. I can truly say that YCS has



Angela Anthony, NEXCO
Bijhan Region

brought a positive change in me as well as brought the best out of me. It has always inspired me to face my faults with courage and humility. The values it taught always been a strong driving force which has helped me to make right decisions and I believe all the YCSers will agree. So let's give back to YCS what it has given to us. Let's help our movement to shine all over the world and help it to make the world a better place. Let's promise to keep our movement alive and full of vigour for hundreds of years to come by keeping the methodology, aim and objectives in our mind. We should contribute our hundred percent to develop the world with the help of this movement into a better place to live. Let YCS/YSM light shine bright all over the world.❖



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REPORTS

YCS/YSM FOLLOW UP PROGRAMME - AIZWAL DIOCESE

Aizwal Diocese, Mizoram North East India organised a series of follow up programmes in the month of December 2015.

On 19th December 2015 at St. Joseph's Church, Ramhlun. There were sixteen boys and fifteen girls who attended this programme.

On 20th December 2015 at St. Xavier School, Lawngmual another follow up programme was conducted by YCS/YSM North East. There were sixteen students who attended this programme.



On 21st December 2015 at St. Francis of Assisi, Durtlang there was a follow up programme in which 35 students took part.

Sr. Bernadette, YCS/YSM Coordinator, NERYC

ANIMATORS TRAINING PROGRAMME, PATNA 23-01-2016



We had animators training programme on 23rd January at Chakaram Youth Centre Patna. Around 20 animators from 9 units took part in this training programme. We had resource person as Fr. Andrew James S.J. who briefed the history of YCS and YSM. Thereafter we had fruitful sharing of the activities done in units. Ms. Angela Anthony and Mr. Ankit Baba, the member of dexco and nexco, shared their experiences about YCS and YSM. We

also had some action plan for the coming months.

- Fr. Asit Lakra, Patna, Bihar

GOLDEN JUBILEE - Mangalore Diocese

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of YCS/YSM in India, YCS/YSM Diocese of Mangalore organized "YCS GOLDEN BLASH" at Vamanjoor Church Grounds on 10th January 2016. The program began with a prayer. Most Rev Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop of Mangalore presided over the program. IYCS Chaplain Fr. Charles Menezes was the Chief Guest. In his Presidential Speech Bishop Dr. Aloysius Paul stressed on the benefits of Joining YCS/YSM. Fr Charles Menezes said that YCS/YSM is strengthening the youth



to face the challenges in the society and also helps in developing leadership qualities. He urged more and more youth to join YCS/YSM.

Fr. Ronald D'Souza, Diocesan Director YCS/YSM thanked everyone. Smitha, Wilma, Roshan Lobo and Sharon Pinto compeered the Program.

- Melwyn Lobo

Motivational Programme :YCS - SHIMOGA



The YCS and ICYM members of St. Francis Xavier Church Kable had jointly organized a motivation program on 14 Feb. 2016. There were 9 YCS members and 11 ICYM members who benefited from this program. The diocesan Director Fr. Ronald Veigas took a session on "My Identity as Christian and Leadership role in the society".

- Vishma D'Mello

A new seed sown at Kurnool, Telugu Region

To sow a seed for the new beginning of YCS/YSM, travelling 60 kms to meet Most. Rev. Anthony Poola, the Bishop of Kurnool Diocese and Youth Director of the same diocese Fr. K. Prashanth who were present in Mangalore. Former and present members of this Movement had been there to visit him to give an insight towards starting YCS/YSM Movement.

After sharing the thoughts and memories in YCS/YSM with the Bishop, he agreed to sow this beautiful seed of YCS/YSM in his diocese and the neighbouring dioceses.

As a guide to this Movement the national newsletter SEARCH and the YCS/YSM Constitution book was handed over to the bishop by Mr. Roshan Melwyn Lobo, NEXCO of Karnataka Region, Fr Ronald Veigas, Youth Director of Shimoga Diocese, Fr Albert Veigas, St. Rita's Church, Cleveland, Ohio USA and Mr Josline Savio Vas, Former YCS/YSM President of Karnataka Region were Present on this occasion.

- Roshan Lobo, NEXCO



Days in YCS/YSM

As we are all looking forward to the National Council, what I would like to share is, what I got from YCS/YSM. The truth that I found out is self discovery. I started reflecting on 'who am I?' in the recent past. The YCS/YSM has increased my decision taking ability in the right way and is helping me in solving problems in my life as well as in the lives of my friends who approach me. And of course, my standard of living has increased. When I see people I first try to understand them and adapt accordingly. The most important among all is that I got many friends and a beautiful NEXCO family. I got all this because of YCS/YSM. I love you YCS/YSM. Let YCS/YSM fly high.

- A.shyam Niranjan

REPORT National Chaplain's Activities

1. December 2, 2015- Attended WYD Preparatory meeting in Krakow along with ICYM National Director. Visited IYCS International office at Paris.
2. December 13- Attended 'Cathedral Bells' programme organized by Delhi Archdiocesan Youth Commission.
3. December 17- Participated in CBCI Christmas Programme at CBCI Centre. Represented YCS/YSM. Shri Rajnath Singh, Home Minister was the Chief Guest.
4. 23-29 December- Christmas Programmes in the Archdiocese.
5. 29 December- Christmas Programme at Shri Arun Jaitley's residence.
6. 30 December - Session at RMI, Yuvati Seva Sadan for sisters.
7. 8 January, 2016- Took part in Bible Society of India meeting to organize a peace rally.
8. 15-17 January -NTA/EXCO meeting at Navinta, Delhi. 32 participants.
9. 16 January - YCS/YSM Golden Jubilee celebration in Delhi. 300 participants.
10. 23 January – Northern Regional Youth Council meeting. 25 participants.
11. 26 January – Meeting with French community in Delhi regarding Taize Prayer.
12. 31 January – Family Day Programme at Carmel Convent School, New Delhi.
13. 1st February – In Udupi.
14. 5-7 February -ICYM National Council in Goa.
15. 9-11 February - Chennai for office work.
16. 13 February Taize prayer at DCC Hall, New Delhi. 100 participants.
17. 16 February – Meeting with YCS animators at East of Kailash, New Delhi.
18. 22-25 February - Signis India meeting at Bajjodi, Mangalore.
19. 1-2 March - Office work in Chennai.

Future Programmes:

1. Animators training at Shillong, North East from 10 to 13 April 2016.
2. Golden Jubilee celebration in Bhopal on 3rd April 2016.
2. Golden Jubilee of YCS/YSM in Odisha from 4th to 6th May 2016.
3. Animators Training Programme at Kolkata 1st to 3rd May 2016.
4. 9th NTA/EXCO meeting on 14-15 May 2016 at YMCA, Greater Noida, Delhi region.
5. National Council at Greater Noida from 16th to 22nd May 2016.
6. Chaplains & Animators Programme in Bangalore from 1st to 10th June 2016.
7. WYD at Krakow from 16th July to 2nd August.

Training Programmes:

1. Christocentric Leadership Retreat for ICYM Nexcos, YCS/YSM Directors and Lay Animators at USM Indore 14 - 21 April 2016,
Contact Person: Fr. Deepak Thomas, MOB: 8951525300
Address: Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM, R – 847, Mahalaxminagar, Near Pioneer Institute, Indore – 452010, MOB: 09893031981

WHEN YOU SAY A “YES”

When faced with a request, how often do you find yourself mouthing “yes” when your brain is telling you to hold off, to think before jumping into an off mode? In fact I am guilty of this too and sometime after I have said it. I find myself thinking what have I got myself into now.



We are raised to be nice, compliant and agreeable. We are warned it's impolite to refuse when others ask something to you. We are told to accept rather than question in most situations, and generally saying no is considered a rude word of disgrace. However I am told that yes also implies responsibility and commitment. So while saying yes in the fond hope that the other person will forget all about it. I will admit not all yes's imply promises of action. We offer the same response of a yes in many of the situations, and I am only concerned with those where it indicates an agreement to do or having done something. I am always concerned with few types of particular answers we find common in people. When someone asks you if you could do something and you say 'yes' without really thinking about it or considering whether you really want to do it. The other when someone asks if a job has been completed and you say yes even when you have no intention of doing it.

A friend of mine whom I know holds the perfect way of dealing with requests. He never says an instant yes or no, but says 'let me get back to you' or 'I will think about it'. This normally angers me but I also realized that it gave me time to think over other alternatives rather than not sticking to him and pestering him to complete the task.

It also gave me time to understand the perplexity of the proposed task and see whether you have the resources such as time, knowledge, capability, materials to take it on. So do give your answer, after having taken into consideration all the factors and then the 'Yes' carries the weight of confidence and conviction in you. You will also be able to say No with a solid reason on thinking of all these alternatives in mind.

A third kind of 'Yes' that can cause problems is the feeling of shame to say 'no' when you don't understand and say 'Yes'. When asked by a teacher whether you understand or by your leader in an organization about the specifications and other things we normally tend to nod without any clue of what they said. The question is an opportunity to clarify doubts, but we let it slip and often this leads to delays and difficulties.

A common complaint in this world is that we are not upfront about our ability or capacity to do a job. We say 'yes' in cases where we can't do something or just don't have everything it takes to do it. And we hesitate to acknowledge this with sincere reflections within ourselves.

So my dear friends the next time you're forced or instances where you're tempted to give that spontaneous Yes, breathe deeply and hold off for a moment. Think before you answer. My choice, Better Still, say you will think about it.

Kamal Francis, Exco, YCSYSM India Alumni

MEMORIES

Search

In today's fast moving society there are very few moments where you can actually sit and have a throw back in your past life, all the achievements all the losses, all the happiness and all the sadness. Presently as I jot down this article I get this nostalgic feeling with a mixed blend of pride and happiness. My time spent with YCS/YSM has just been an experience like nothing else, whatever I am today and whatever I have achieved in my life there is and always will be some contribution of YCS/YSM in it.



Once one of my mentors Leo Joseph (aka Leo Anna) replied to me an answer which at first I thought was completely absurd but later on giving thought to it I really felt and knew that there would have been no better answer than the one given to me. The question that I had asked was somewhat like this, "Whom do you love/ admire the most in our YCS Family." The answer that I was expecting was Fr. Charlie's name but to my surprise his answer was, "I Love YCS/YSM India more than anyone else." Further he continued saying that if YCS/YSM would not have happened in my life, all the people that I have met and come close to, would never have.

These words irrespective of from whom they came from mean a whole lot more than just a collection of words. YCS is THE BEST that has ever happened to me and for which I will always love it for whatever it has given me.

Today I admit that I am not at all active in YCS but still deep within my heart there burns a fire of love for YCS and it shall burn forever. Will always love you YCS, after which comes my family whose head Fr. Charlie, elder brother Leo Anna and my lovely EXCO team.

- *Melwyn Titus*, Former Nexco

Information

IYCS International Office:

In the recently held 15th International Council at Philippines this plan of action was approved for 2016-2019. All the Regional Coordinations and National Movements shall follow this Plan of Action during this mandate of four years and implement the actions effectively.

1. Global Camapign - Protecting our Home

- a) Reduction of Global Warming; b) Holistic Quality Education
- c) Transform Conflicts to achive sustainable peace

2. Student Leadership Training -

- a) Student Leadership; b) Spirit of service for World without corruption
- c) UN's Sustainable Development Goals

3. Review of Life Methodology -

- a) Promote ROL as way of Life and Service; b) Spirit of Gospel in public ans religious institutions through ROL; c) Booklet of Testimonies on Review of Life Methodology

4. International Solidarity -

- a) Sharing between National Movements; b) Online bank on Exchange of Resources
- c) Implementation of IYCS World Day on 13 November

5. Organizational Sustainability -

- a) Financial sustainability of the movements; b) Constant communication between International Bodies of IYCS; c) Transmission of memories in IS and Regional Coordination as well as National movements.

- *Fr Charles Menezes, IYCS International Chaplain*

XVII NATIONAL COUNCIL *Search*

(16-22 May 2016, NOIDA, NORTHERN REGION)

THE PROGRAMME:

The council is the highest body of the movement. It guides the course of the movement. It sets the orientations, priorities and theme for the movement. There will be reports (National, Regional, and Evaluation reports), Exposures, study sessions and theological reflections. Also there will be a cultural exchange and evolving a theme, amendments, statutes, election of the New Exco's and the new NT, etc.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE COUNCIL:

Dates	: 16 -22 May 2016
Theme	: Called to Believe, Begin, Become
Thrusts	: Back to the roots, Media and Me, Restoring Human Dignity

- Day 1** Arrival and registration; Putting up of Regional exhibition, Introductions, Expectation sharing, Committee division and meeting, Rationale
- Day 2** Inaugural Mass, Inauguration of the Council and Exhibition – Key note address on theme, Orientation to the Council & Present day reality of the movement, Presentation of the new ExcOs, Study of the Constitution, Welcome performance by Northern region
- Day 3** SEE - Orientation to Exposure – Based on the new theme
Exposure - Experience Sharing, Reporting
- Day 4** JUDGE – Deepening of the theme & Thrusts, Inputs - Reflection on Study theme
Deliberation on Cell life, Cell meeting, Animation, Regional Reports based on former National theme & thrusts (Inter-culturality, Religious Pluralism, Universal culture of Love and Life)
- Day 5** YCS/YSM India Golden Jubilee Celebration – Back to the Roots
YCS spirituality, Theological Reflection & Review of Life
- Day 6** ACT - Plan of action for the forthcoming 3 years, YCS/YSM National Evaluation Report, National Report, Election of NT, Discussion on non-performing regions - UP, Bijhan (Bihar & Jharkhand), West Bengal, M.G, A.P., Kerala. Prepare basic Statement of the council, Amendments to YCS/YSM Constitution, LOC performance
- Day 7** Final statement of the Council, Evaluation, Concluding programme - Handing over of NT, Departure

STUDY SESSIONS : Theme – Called to Believe, Begin, Become

Believe - in Human rights, equality of men and women, ecology, life and teachings of Jesus, life at all stages, etc

Begin - to implement the findings, the values in life, understand the reality and respond

Become - a new person, reality, new society - kingdom of God

Thrusts –

Back to the roots – Family values, interaction between students and parents, exposure to know the roots, presentation of the movement to others, street play on YCS/YSM and its history, PPT on diocesan history, documentary, etc

Media and Me – Media education, ethics and media, documentary on media, debate on media awareness, trainings in centers, Essay competition, film appreciation, role of advertisement etc

Restoring Human dignity – visiting the poor and downtrodden, exposure visit to juvenile houses, awareness programme on children, women and student rights, workshop on relationships, etc

- Sessions – On YCS/YSM and Cell life
- Spirituality and Theological reflection

Come prepared...looking forward to see you soon.

JUBILEE MESSAGES

Dear Fr. Chetan.

Thanks for the information about the Golden Jubilee Celebration of YCS/YSM. Congratulations and God bless you. May this ministry flourish and celebrate hundred years. Good Luck to you and all your Team Members. Praying for the success of the same. God Bless You.

+ **Ivan Pereira, Bishop of Jammu-Srinagar**



Dear Fr. Chetan, Peace!

I thank you for the kind invitation. I am sorry that I am not able to join all of you to celebrate the day of the great movement of YCS/(YSM), India.

Kindly accept my hearty congrats and prayerful wishes for a very meaningful celebration on 16th. Kindly convey the same to all the concerned office-holders and full timers workers as well as the chaplains. Thanks a lot!

Love and regards,

+ **Jude Gerald Paul Raj, Bishop of Palayamkottai**



Dear Fr. Chetan,

Greetings from Australia. Thank you for your email. I will not be in India on January 16. Let me wish you all the best for this important moment in the life of the YCS/YSM. CONGRATULATIONS! May the Golden Jubilee usher in a period of even greater growth of the Movement. God bless you.

+ **Agnelo Gracias, Auxiliary bishop of Mumbai**



Dear Father,

Thanks for this information. I am happy to know YCS/YSM is celebrating its golden Jubilee. I was associated with this movement as the Youth director of then Ahmedabad Diocese (and coordinator of Gujarat dioceses) It was the time when Fr. Michael was the National Advisor.

We had started in Gujarat YCS/YSM in the name of Kishore Jagruti Sangh and was quite vibrant for several years. Fr. Orset Dias and later Fr. Harry Pinto were the Coordinators of this movement. We even tried to give it a local character and include students belonging to other religious groups of Dalits and Adivasi communities. Fr. Michael was very much interested in our groups and had



conducted several training programmes too. It is unfortunate it is not active in Gujarat today; I wish you do something to make it active here.

All the best and I wish every success for this great movement.

Sincerely and in solidarity,

- Xavier Manjooran SJ



Dear Fr. Chetan Machado, Greetings in the Name of Jesus.

I am happy to hear that YCS / YSM India is celebrating Golden Jubilee on 16th January 2016. Congratulations....I was very much part of this movement as Shimoga Diocesan Youth Director as well as Karnataka Regional Youth Director. What touched me is the inner growth of students through its methodology i. e., AWARENESS- REFLECTION-ACTION-EVALUATION. Even though it came to India in 1961 and in 1962 it started helping our teenagers and It was in 1969 CBCI recognized this movement. I am really proud of this movement which caters not only Catholics but also all students of other faiths in making them real human beings.

I thank God for all those who understood this movement and supported this movement. I my assure my prayers.

- Fr Franklin D'Souza, Former National Youth Director, ICYM



Dear Fr. Chetan,

Hearty Congratulations to you and to your wonderful team as YCS/YSM India is celebrating Golden Jubilee on 16th January 2016.

With Prayerful wishes.

- Sr. Teresa Joseph, Secretary CBCI Office for Dialogue and Desk for Ecumenism



Dear Fr. Chetan,

I am very happy to know YCS/YSM is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in Delhi. I would have been very happy to take part in the function. But being in this village parish as its parish priest it is difficult to find a priest to preplace me for a week. I can not forget my 19 years of contact with YCS/YSM, which was started with Sr. Jean Devos ICM in 1971 and Fr. Johny Monteiro of Nagpur. I worked for ten years as Ooty diocesan chaplain, three years as Tamilnadu Regional Chaplain and six years as National Chaplain. I visited the bishop of Mangalore to get Fr. Vincent as my sucessor. I went round Andhra (Eluru, Cadappa and Hyderabad) three rounds to get Fr. Prakash as the regional chaplain of AP who became national Chaplain later. Mr. James Sylvester and Mr. Akram and Fr. Varghese Alangadan are YCS/YSM products of my time.

So I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to work in YCS/YSM. I wish all success to the Jubilee programme.

Yours lovingly in Jesus

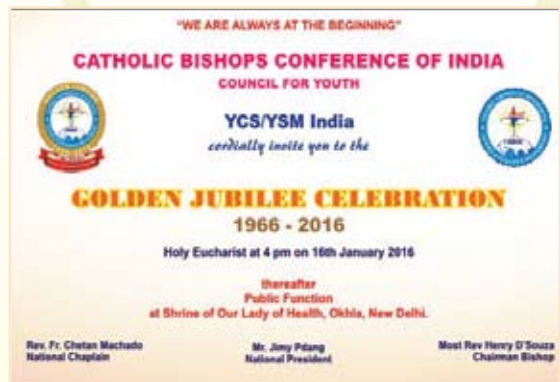
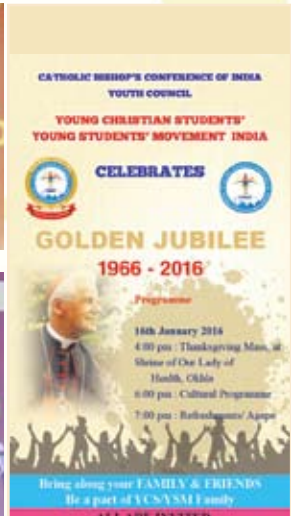
Fr. M.C. Michael, Former National Chaplain



We received video messages & mails from our Chairman, Most Rev. Henry D'Souza, Most Rev. Vincent Concessao, Archbishop Emeritus of Delhi, Fr. Charles Menezes, IYCS International Chaplain, Fr. Vincent Monteiro, Former National Chaplain.

We thank you for your prayers and continued support.

GLIMPSES OF GOLDEN JUBILEE





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