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FLOODS...Is nature warning us?

Did you know? Age is not a limit!

Let us find some personalities who achieved it when they were young. They can inspire us.

- ▶ Alexander the Great conquered countries at 18. Alexander never lost a battle. In the end, he died of fever at the age of 32.
- ▶ Augustus Caesar (Octavian) became a Roman Senator at 20
- ▶ Joan of Arc turned a war at 17. She was only 19 when she was executed.
- ▶ Blaise Pascal developed a calculator at 19
- ▶ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote his first symphony at 8
- ▶ Phillis Wheatley published her first book of poems at age 20
- ▶ Alexander Hamilton became Washington's aide-de-camp at 22
- ▶ Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette turned the tide of the Revolutionary War at 19
- ▶ William Pitt the Younger became prime minister of England at 24
- ▶ Mary Shelley published 'Frankenstein' at 20
- ▶ Ida B. Wells fought segregation at 27
- ▶ Nellie Bly exposed a dysfunctional mental asylum at 23
- ▶ Lawrence Bragg won the Nobel Prize at 25
- ▶ Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein exposed the Watergate scandal at 29 and 28
- ▶ Nadia Comeneci achieved Olympic victory at 14
- ▶ Steve Jobs was 21 when he co-founded Apple.
- ▶ Mark Zuckerberg was just 19 when he created Facebook
- ▶ Mozart, by the time he was 25, he had written more than 35 symphonies and 14 operas.
- ▶ Usain Bolt was just 21 when he first broke the 100m world record and won Olympic gold.
- ▶ Tiger Woods won his first US Masters at 21 and by his 25th birthday he had racked up no fewer than 5 major titles
- ▶ Roger Federer bettered that with 8 grand slam singles titles before he turned 25.

As YCSers we too need to put in our efforts to achieve what we are commissioned to. We are YCSers for life and God helps us to succeed when we put forth our best efforts. Our mission is not just earthly, but bearing witness to Christ Jesus in all that we do makes the real difference in the society. The values we preach and live with, the service we render to the poor and downtrodden, the love we share, the sympathy we feel makes us witness Christ in all our actions.

Its not talking but by becoming someone who can bring about the real change, that makes the difference. If those listed above could do it at very young age, why not WE? We have all it takes to bring about real transformation in the world today, breeze up and Lets do it.

- Fr. Charles Menezes
International Chaplain



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ONE OF A KIND

Greetings to all my dear YCS YSM'ers.

JULY 30TH, 2018, the four of us Fr. Chetan- the National Chaplain, Mr. Jimmy Pdang- the Former National Convenor and Ms. Caroline Lalrosangi- Aizawl diocesan animator and myself left for Taiwan to attend the 13th IYCS Asian Session and Council, 2018. Together being excited about this new endeavour, we were mainly experiencing a lot of excitement as this Session and Council was organised as a result of the Extraordinary Session and Council which was held in Philippines.

With the theme “**Students moved by Faith towards education of the heart and environment,**” the study exposures were held to Touqian River Eco Park, Taichung Power Plant, Human Rights Memorial and Cultural Park and ‘Taipei 228’ Memorial Museum. We had the opportunity to choose our place and theme of interest either being under the environment or peace building. The Indian delegates chose the topic of environment. The Ecological Park which was spread across large area of wetland exhibited the natural process of purifying water and this process that government has adopted amazed all of us. However, what followed was our visit to the powerplant which is the second largest thermal power plant in the world. Man’s technological advancements were well portrayed. But what came as a compliment was the adverse effect it had on the Environment. Taiwan being a peaceful green island has been losing it’s essence of the Environment. The study sessions that followed in the coming days emphasised on how such similar man made activities have been creating climatic chaos in the world. Each National Movement was asked to gather in cells and discuss how we as YCS/YSM'ers can contribute to keep our nature and surroundings clean. YCS YSM India decided to follow the following measures in order to keep the environment clean and also to promote peace.



For our Conventions, Councils and other programmes:

- Reduction of the use of Kits, notebooks, files and plastic material accessories.
- Segregation of food, paper and plastic.
- Inviting scholars for inter religious/ regional panels and sessions as resource persons.

The next two days there were deliberations and discussions on the formation of a new Asian coordination and team. YCS/YSM India is blessed to

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have our very own Jimmy Pdang, the former National President in the Asian team. He has and always will be for most of us the greatest inspiration to look up to.

I noticed how each student is different and unique in their own different ways. The simplicity that they have, the creative mindset and the eagerness to know and learn more and more from the movement simply inspired me. A very prominent delegate who accompanied us was Mr. Richard Apeh, the IYCS Secretary himself, who in his thoughts and deeds enlightened us and I personally witnessed his love and dedication for the movement. When one was given the opportunity to speak out it was the students themselves who spoke, thus proving our movement to be 'A Student Movement.'

During our outings and sightseings, I realised the amount of learning expected of us. Speaking of an ideal world, Taiwan was a very peaceful country where it had equally divided itself into City side and the Green area. The facial differences resulted in a lot of attention seeking situations whilst walking on the roadside. The local people personally came and spoke to us and their curiosity and welcoming nature was proven in their questions imposed on us. It occurred to me that though we have our many cultural diversities, each of the Council Delegates wanted to click selfies with each other just to put it up on the status and to let their friends know about their meeting with the people from other nations. I did it too.

The bond awakened, the feelings expressed, the souvenirs and gifts exchanged, the memories made, the learnings experienced, the virtual connections made and last but most importantly the family created shall remain forever. Out of the many other opportunities given to me by YCS/YSM, this has by far been the best of them all. God has always been there with me in this journey and will continue to be. I am spellbound to express my gratitude to our dearest Fr. Chetan who has always been my greatest source of support, not forgetting my NEXCO'S. My gratitude to my very own family who constantly wished me well, to YCS/YSM India for having given me this golden opportunity and to all my well wishers and supporters.

Congratulations and wishing you all the success dear Jimmy from YCS/YSM India. We shall always be there for you in your new endeavour.

I call out to each of you dear friends, to take the opportunities headed your way, to embrace every little happiness you experience by acknowledging the little hurdles too, to be enthusiasts and curious seekers of knowledge and creativity. As YCS /YSM'ers let us be the nurturers to our Mother Nature and be the Agents of Peace in our society to have finally witnessing change.

I am ready to be a Nurturer of Nature and a Peace Builder, Are you?

Regards,

Jesvita Princy Quadras, National President



CHAPLAINS CORNER

HUMANITY



In August 2018 we witnessed one of the worst floods that hit Kerala and parts of Karnataka. More than 370 people were killed and several hundreds of thousands displaced. This unprecedented tragedy will haunt us for some time and then it will be forgotten. Some of the images and videos we watched during the floods were horrific. How people survived during those days is a miracle. As the floods recede and people get back to normal life, one needs to reflect and learn a few lessons from this tragedy.

The flood was a great leveler - In every relief camp there were rich and poor; high and low caste; people of various religious persuasions be they Christians, Hindus,

Muslims or any others. They ate the food served there and slept without asking for comforts. They spoke and, cared for each other, ate together, shared their stories, and prayed together. They were not bothered about their status or religion. C h u r c h e s ,

temples and mosques threw open their doors to everyone who sought refuge! People from all over the world came forward to help the affected people, who otherwise would never care for each other. Small shopkeepers as well as rich business people gave generously to feed people who otherwise don't share a meal with others. Is nature, helping us to become human?

There were many incidents of complete strangers being assisted and of mutual collaboration, which brought out the human qualities in individuals. These lessons learnt should be remembered forever and we shouldn't wait for another tragedy to display our humanity.

Some touching heroic stories we heard during the Kerala floods:

The fisher folk of Kerala rescued many during the floods. The most common refrain heard from the hundreds of fishermen who took part in the rescue operations is, "We didn't do it to earn money, we did it to save our fellow humans."

A group of sex workers in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar District donated Rs 21,000 to the Kerala flood victims on August 20; and, according to the Times of India, they are planning to raise another Rs 1 lakh by the end of August. They had done similar fund raising at the time of Chennai floods and Gujarat earthquake.



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To help the flood-hit state, the inmates of Thiruvananthapuram Central Prison have been working round the clock to provide clean food for the rescued people living in relief camps. The inmates made more than 40,000 chapatis for the flood victims.



A college student from Thrissur, who faced vicious online trolling when a newspaper reported that she travelled long distances to sell fish for a living, contributed Rs 1.5 lakh to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund.

And in neighbouring Tamil Nadu, an 8-year-old girl donated to the disaster relief effort the money she had been saving for four years to buy a bicycle.

In Malappuram, a central district that stretches from the coast to the Tamil Nadu border, a fisherman let three women step on his back to enable them to get on to a boat whose sides were too high for them to negotiate.

During the floods and subsequently, many young people and students volunteered to help people in the relief camps. They spent days helping people to clean, rebuild, entertain and to feed them. Someone commented "I thought young people in the modern world have lost conscience, but looking at them working to save people, I say young people have not lost conscience. They are human".

All these and many more incidents will only help us to reflect that humanity is not dead.

When we shout slogans, 'save the earth', 'save water', 'save natural heritage,' etc., nature must be laughing at us and saying, 'save yourself first'. We are killing nature and that is the reason for the frequent natural disasters every year. Nature gives us a lot and in return we destroy nature. If there is pollution, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, etc., it is because we have not cared for our mother earth. There is an urgent need to act. As young students, let's begin to care for our mother earth. Let's be human.

Fr. Chetan Machado
National Chaplain





The 13th Asian Session & Council Final Statement

We, the delegates, from 10 YCS National Movements in Asia: India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam gathered at the 13th IYCS Asian Session and Council (29 July-7 August, 2018) on the theme “Students moved by Faith Towards Education of Heart & Environment” in Providence University Taichung, Taiwan.

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Through prayers, reflections, situation reports by national movements, exposures, and inputs from external experts, we have identified and contextualized the current situation of the environmental degradation and the indignity of humankind.

1. We have observed the environmental situations around the world especially Asia, as seen through the means of various human activities being a major factor for air and water pollution, depletion of flora, improper disposal of wastes into water bodies, etc.
2. The means of wars and conflicts, existing between countries or within a country alone, innocent people being killed, human rights taken away, liberty restrained along with freedom being curtailed and injustice spread world over leading to human regression.

JUDGE

As agents of change based on the teachings of the Gospel and Church, we reflect:

1. To discern what is right and wrong in order to abide by the change which needs to be seen around us.
2. To make discretion about what actions are beneficial for me and others.
3. To decide the possible actions that can be carried forward in order to abstract an ideal society. This is based on the purpose of human beings which is to spread peace and be stewards of creation, and contribute to the sustainability of the environment.
4. To educate the heart in being more concerned towards a value based response on mankind.
5. To be the sowers of peace in the society and to be called the children of God just as Jesus had promised.
6. To rebuild hope of a better society in and around us in order to elevate the essence of mankind.
7. To listen to the calling of the Holy Father on *Laudato Si'* and to ruminate on the environment around us.

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We decide to take action which is based on what we have seen and reflected throughout the session, in order to respond to the environmental issues and the peace building hindrances in our regions and around the world:

1. To act with a properly formed conscience.
2. To assimilate the environmental issues that occur around us.
3. To incorporate actions in order to preserve Mother Nature.
4. To hold campaigns in different schools and institutions, to bring about awareness in the reduction of the use of disposable wastes in our daily lives.
5. To bring about awareness by posting online content on social media and other media platforms.
6. To be advocates of peace builders in each community.
7. To track the government commitment on reduction of CO2 emission.
8. To take into our lives the Pope's Encyclical of *Gaudete Et Exsultate* and be holy in our own vocation

The purpose of our life that God has bestowed upon us is to reclaim and renew the gift of creation. True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do is according to the mission conferred on us by God our Heavenly Father. Through this, we as YCS students commit to transform our lives and put our plans into action. We will continuously strive for a sustainable environment and to rebuild peace in the society.

Let YCS light shine, Let YSM light shine



As it is stated in the guidelines of YCS/YSM (15.1) “Any young student who accepts to live the aim and objectives of the Movement and is willing to work with others irrespective of religion, belief and caste in the same orientation may be permitted to join the Movement.” (15.2) ‘They shall be attached to an educational institution and their membership shall be limited till Junior college or its equivalent or higher

secondary school.” We made an effort of visiting 10 schools of Ajmer Diocese in Rajasthan. Students had a great joy to know something of their own life. The one hour spent with them was something very precious that touched their hearts. The common question that was asked in all the schools was; ‘how many reveal all your secrets and feelings to Dad, Mom, teachers and friends? To their surprise, with Dad it was only 30% of them, with Mom nearly 70% of them. With teacher 0.8% and when it was to friend that is the peer group it was 99%. And the students were convinced of the importance of YSM. It was a great joy to see all the Principals being present during the sessions. Fr. Cantius Ligoury, Director of Catholic Students Commission made well arrangements to visit 10 schools.

On 28th August, Schools of Jodhpur District.

1. St. Patrick's School, Jodhpur;
2. St. Paul's School, Jhalamond, Jodhpur
3. St. Paul's School, Shastri Circle Jodhpur

On 29th August Schools in Kota District.

4. St. Paul's School, Mala Road, Kota;
5. Sophia School, Kota Junction
6. Nirmala School Kota;
7. St. Paul's School Vallabh Nagar, Kota

On 30th August schools in Ajmer district

8. St. Paul's School, Bijainagar;
9. St. Paul's School, Ajmer
10. St. Anselm's School Ajmer

- Sr. Lidwin Fernandes
National Coordinator



HARD WORK

A ladder towards success!!



There once lived a rich businessman who had a lazy and fun loving son. The businessman wanted his son to be hard-working and responsible. He wanted him to realize the value of labour. One day he summoned his son and said: "Today, I want you to go out and earn something, failing which you won't have your meals tonight."

The boy was lazy and not used to any kind of work. This demand by his father scared him and he went crying straight to his mother. Her heart melted when she saw the tears in the eyes of her son. She grew restless. In a bid to help him she gave him a gold coin. In the evening when the father asked his son what he had earned, the son promptly presented him the gold coin. The father then asked him to throw it in the well.

The son did as he

was told.

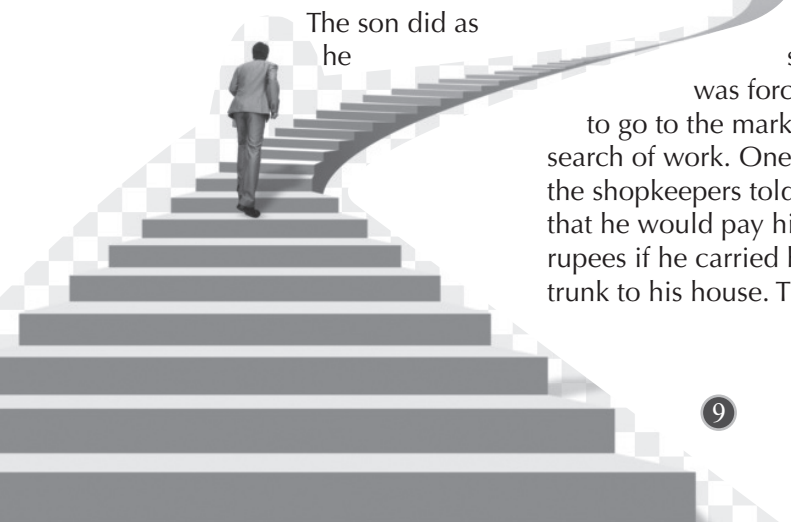
The father was a man of wisdom and experience and guessed that the source of the gold coin was the boy's mother. The next day he sent his wife to her parent's town and asked his son to go and earn something with the threat of being denied the night meals if he failed. This time he went crying to his sister who gave him a rupee coin. When his father enquired, the boy tossed the rupee coin at him. The father again asked him to throw it in the well. The son did it quite readily. Again the father's wisdom told him that the rupee coin was not earned by his son. He then sent his daughter to her in-laws' house. He again asked his son to go out and earn. This time since there was no

to him one help out; the

son was forced to go to the market in search of work. One of the shopkeepers told him that he would pay him two rupees if he carried his trunk to his house. The rich

man's son could not refuse and was drenched in sweat by the time he finished the job. His feet were trembling and his neck and back were aching. As he returned home and had put the two rupee note before his father and was asked to throw it into the well, the horrified son almost cried out. He could not imagine throwing his hard-earned money like this. He said crying: "Father! My entire body is aching. My back has rashes and you are asking me to throw the money into the well."

At this the businessman smiled. He told him that one feels the pain only when the fruits of hard work are wasted. On earlier two occasions he was helped by his mother and sister and therefore had no pain in throwing the coins into the well. The son had now realized the value of hard work. He vowed never to be lazy and safe keep the father's wealth. The father handed over the keys of his shop to the son and promised to guide him through the rest of the life.



This story is all about HARD WORK!

Nowadays we want everything to be easy. We want to become successful in every field of life. Be it education, business, sports without working hard. Is it possible? How can you be successful without doing anything? Just by sitting? Nothing can be achieved without working hard. Working hard is always important in every field. Hard work always pays off. It takes you to the key of success.

Although people do believe in luck and charms, but does it really help? Will it provide us with the

reward well? I don't think so. If you work hard, luck automatically follows. When u work hard you are sure and confident about the reward. Nothing comes easy in life. Each and everyone passes through the valley of problems, discouragements discernments, failures etc. But the one who works hard easily pass through it. All the successful people in this world have achieved success through hard work only. Malcolm Glad, Thomas Edison, Dr. A. P.J. Abdul kalam were genius because they have worked hard in the field of education. Even our former Prime Minister Dr.

Manmohan Singh who was born in a village without electricity studied in candlelight and stood first throughout his academics because he had worked hard.

There was, there is, there will never be any substitute for hard work. Hard work can turn into 'impossible' to "I M possible".

If you want to make your dreams come true then start working hard from today and now onwards. Your hard work will never go in vain. Although you may receive the fruit later but you'll surely receive it.♣

Vanshika Paul

NEXCO- Northern Region

National Chaplain's Activities

1. 6 July - Mass at Sophia School, Bangalore
2. 8-13 July - IV BILA on youth - Thailand
3. 14-16 July - YCS animators training programme, Hyderabad
4. 17-18 July - Office work in Bangalore
5. 19-20 July - Mangalore Home visit
5. 28 July-6 Aug - IYCS Asian Session and Council, Taiwan
6. 7-13 Aug - Taize Pilgrimage on reconciliation - Hong Kong
7. 18 Aug - Session at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary on Youth Synod
8. 23-27 Aug - Youth Directors - (YCS/ICYM) meeting in Ajmer
9. 27-29 Aug- Office work and The Search newsletter work
10. 30-31 Aug- Planning meeting of the National Conference in Delhi

Future Programmes:

1. 10-20 Spetember - IYCS Global Training Session in Rome
2. 19-26 October - National Youth Conference. (19-21 DID optional)
3. 6-9 November - National Student Leadership Training Programme
4. 6-9 November - National Animators Training Programme, Mangalore
5. 10-11 January 2019 - NT/EXCO meeting, Goa



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THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

Y DO WE JUDGE OTHERS



Fr Charles Menezes
IYCS Chaplain

Judging others is not easy because it demands of us being upright. The notion of judgement is like double edged sword. In spite of this people judge others, why?

See

Sometimes people are convicted without trial or made to suffer for a long time by trial at the court. When they are found not guilty and acquitted, they would have served a long time in prison.

In some cases law would have enough evidences of crimes committed, yet the judge would equit them saying the evidence is not sufficient. We can understand that here an

external pressure involved for the criminal to be acquitted.

We see judgements favouring rich and judging the poor wrongly. The rich have the power to buy justice if the jury is corrupt. In all these cases we find elements which play a dirty game in the process of judgement.

Judge

What does the Bible say about judging ?

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Mt 7:1-2)

What does it mean to judge someone wrongly :

- ❖ You criticize the other out of jealousy, bitterness, selfish ambition, or some other sin, rather than seeking to build that person.
- ❖ You assume that you know all of the pertinent facts and motives behind the person's words or actions.
- ❖ You set up human standards, rather than holding to God's word as the standard.
- ❖ You do not first judge your own sin before trying to help the other with his sin.
- ❖ You share confidential or personal information with the wrong intent.
- ❖ Out of a self-righteous spirit, you criticize or malign the other over a minor or indifferent matter.



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- ❖ You make an authoritative pronouncement about others eternal destiny.
“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” (Mt 7: 4)
When someone shares the information about the other and when you cannot stop that person from it, you need to ask these questions –
- ❖ What is your reason for telling me? - If the only reason I need to know is so that I can pray, I probably don’t need to know.
- ❖ Where did you get your information? - If the person will not reveal his sources, he is probably spreading rumors or unreliable information.
- ❖ Have you gone to those directly involved to seek to restore them?
- ❖ Have you personally checked out all the facts?- If he has not gone directly to those involved and has not checked out the facts, he isn’t interested in helping. You need to say, “After you’ve gone to him, let me know how it went.” This holds him accountable.
- ❖ Can I quote you if I check this out?- If someone is spreading judgmental falsehoods

or half-truths, he won’t want to be quoted!

Setting yourself up as judge leads to conflict and broken relationships. Humbly submitting to God and His Word and obediently seeking to love and build up others leads to harmony and restored relationships. Judging others stems from incredible arrogance!

But who are you to judge your neighbor? (James 4:12) James is implying “Do you think you are God? If not, why do you set yourself up in God’s role?”

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye (Mt 7:5)

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverb 31:9)

IYCS - Reflection

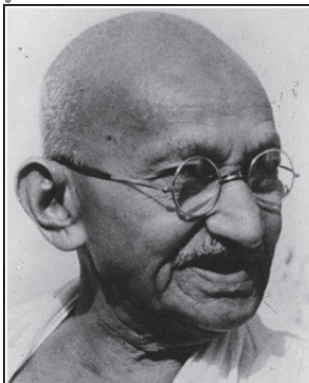
The second part of our methodology JUDGE does not mean passing judgement, rather it is to analyse the issue and find the truth in it, so that it can help one judge himself. It is to understand how one

can respond to it positively when affected by similar kind of situation and how to manage. It helps us to take right decisions because during this process we make use of our personal experiences in comparison with Scriptures, value systems and traditional truths as base.

In 2013, Italian journalist Andrea Tornielli asked Pope Francis how he might act as a confessor to a gay person in light of his famous remark:

“Who am I to judge?”

Pope said, « I am glad that we are talking about ‘homosexual people’ because before all else comes the individual person, in his wholeness and dignity. And people should not be defined only by their sexual tendencies: let us not forget that God loves all his creatures and we are destined to receive his infinite love. I prefer that homosexuals come to confession, that they stay close to the Lord, and that we pray all together. You can advise them to pray, show goodwill, show them the way, and accompany them along it»



Do not judge others. Be your own judge and you will be truly happy. If you will try to judge others, you are likely to burn your fingers.

— Mahatma Gandhi —

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When we're at a meeting, a meal, whatever, let's imagine it's two hours long. Of those two hours, how many minutes have we spent judging others? - Not judging others and recognising one's own faults is the first requirement of being a good Christian - Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful, because

• Mercy is true - (Pope Francis)

• In fact, judging others leads us to hypocrisy. And Jesus defines hypocrites as those who act as judges. Because, a person who judges gets it wrong, becomes confused and is defeated.

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• As Jesus said - If another

• person has wronged you, you do not need to judge that person, because God will! Instead, you should pray for his salvation, and remember that your judging the other person is a sin against God, who rightly could have sent you to hell! Submit to God by obeying His Word, which commands us not to judge others.♣

Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

Every child in the world has the right to education without fear of violence or attack. Every school should be a safe place for children to learn, play and fulfil their potential.

But every year millions of children and young people have their education disrupted - by conflicts, direct attacks on schools, military occupation of schools, sexual abuse, bullying and other forms of violence. Each of these is an attack on the future of children, an attack on hope itself.

A Plan International report estimates that 246 million girls and boys are harassed and abused in and around school every year.

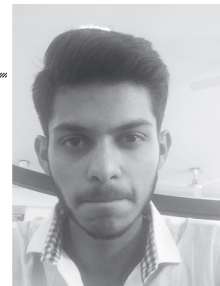
School-related gender-based violence (SRGBV) can take various forms, such as physical, mental and emotional abuse against girls and boys, which causes increased absenteeism, higher dropout rates, and undermines students' participation and achievements in school.

Measures have to be taken to stop such violence. For example :

- All countries should endorse the Safe Schools Declaration and implement its actions
- The United Nations and partners should establish a system of global surveillance to monitor attacks on education.
- Action must be taken against parties listed in the UN Secretary-General's annual report on Children and Armed Conflict to hold them accountable.

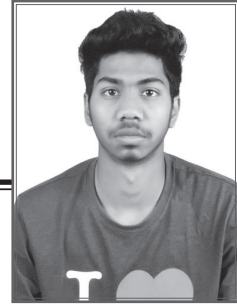
On every International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (June 4), let us acknowledge the importance of providing access to a safe education to all children, and continue to work together to protect their rights.

- Jeris Joseph, NEXCO, UP Region



5 QUALITIES LEARN FROM ANIMALS

- Sanjit Kullu, Odisha



A student is someone who desires knowledge in fact each one of us is a student in our own life and this is why we should possess and try to cultivate these five qualities.

Put effort like a crow-All of us in our childhood must have read the story of a crow who was extremely thirsty and was flying around looking for some water. The crow



found a pitcher of water, as the crow landed itself on the rim of the pitcher and looked inside at the contents, he found there was water but the water was at the very bottom of the pitcher and there was no way that the crow would drink water by putting its beak inside. The crow started thinking what should be done and it came across a brilliant idea. It started looking around and started picking up in its beak tiny pebbles and putting them inside the pitcher. The crow kept working hard until the level of the water rose way up to the brim and the crow quenched its thirst which symbolises patience, hardwork & effort of the crow.

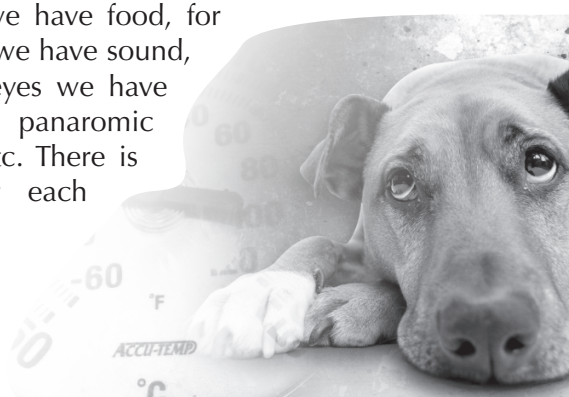
Focus on your goal like crane- Just like the crane standing on one leg completely focused into the water, the crane with one pointed attention looks at the water as the fishes are swimming inside the water. The crane will allow the tiny, small fish to swim around and not be satisfied with tiny, it will

allow the bigger fish to come closer. The crane will focus and wait for the big fish to come, if it settles with the small fish, it will loose the big fish. Similarly in life we need to focus what is important, we should allow the small things to pass by. We shouldn't be distracted by the little things, sometimes there will be interpersonal issues, conflicts and financial crisis, so many things happen in life, so let the small things pass by and focus on what's important.



Stay alert like dogs- All of us have seen actually, when a dog is sleeping although the eyes are closed, the dog is very alert. Dog can sense even if someone walks very very slowly, the dog will immediately open its eyes. There is a lot to learn in this world from people, objects, situations, surroundings etc. We will learn only when we are alert.

Always give right input to your senses- We have different varieties of food to satisfy our senses. For example, for our tongue we have food, for our ears we have sound, for our eyes we have beautiful panoramic scenes etc. There is food for each



of our senses, which means we should be careful of what inputs we give to our senses because whatever inputs we give to our senses actually go and make a deep indelible impression on our psyche, on our inner system.

Leave your comfort zone- If we live in our comfort zone there is no question of pursuing that which is of true value, therefore coming out of our comfort zone, which is what no pains no gains, we have to go through some painful sharpening, hardwork to become a successful person.♣



MESSAGE *of* Gratitude



Jimmy Pdang
IYCS Asia Coordinator

Greeting to all!!

First of all I thank the Almighty God for the graces and blessings we have received throughout our life and particularly for the success of the 13th IYCS Asian Session and Council which was held at Providence University, Taichung, Taiwan from 29th July to 07th August, 2018 on the theme **“Students moved by faith towards education of Heart and Environment”**.

Together, with this I thank each and everyone who in some way or the other have contributed to the success of the Council and supported us to stand firm again as IYCS Asia region.

John, once a member of Interim Coordination Team and also one of the pillars for the success of our council said to me, “You may think that you are still young or incapable enough of being the Asian Coordinator, but I tell you that if you work with ‘Passion’, God will help you achieve something brighter than what you can imagine now because we believe in his miracles”.

‘Work with Passion and Perseverance’ is thus the key, and with this I now begin my

humble journey as an Asian Coordinator with full faith and trust that God will be my everyday strength. I believed that this is a call for me from God himself, our heavenly Father to keep on transforming myself with the beautiful methodology of SEE-JUDGE-ACT, and to live with it in the right path. With this transformation, I believed that I am called to serve IYCS Asia and to build a new society, God’s Kingdom.

I honestly think that, it’s a tough decision for me keeping in mind my ambition towards my career, my siblings at home and other

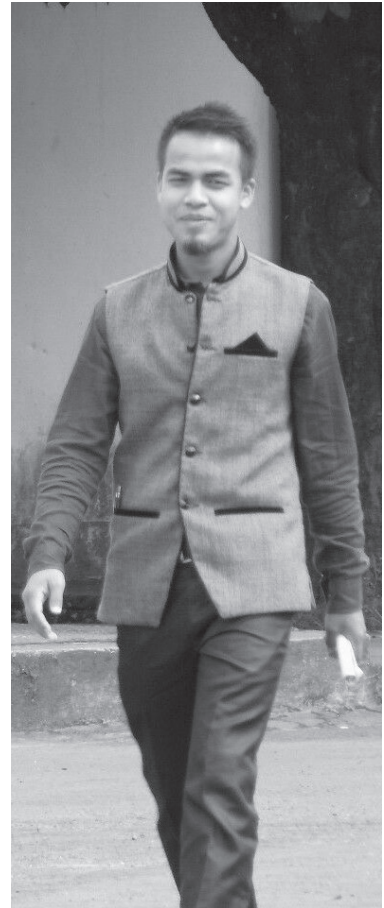


issues. But I am happy with my decision nevertheless of the struggles that I have to face in future. Someone rightly said, "Passion without challenges is not worth to pursue". I think, being a coordinator will help me to double my growth spiritually and psychologically with the happiness of serving others in my life. I always believed that sacrifice is a choice; it does not come by chance and the greater the sacrifices, the more we climb the ladder of success. The most successful person ever on earth, Jesus himself shows us how sacrifices can bring joy and hope to the world by dying on the cross for our sake and overcame death by his resurrection. Having full faith in Jesus, having IYCS Chaplains, Animators and Students by my side during my journey, I need not be afraid of anymore to face the struggles and challenges that I am going to face ahead in my journey. Together we can



achieve success, regain the bright future of IYCS Asia and moreover, to honour and bring glory to God, our creator.

I thank IYCS Asia, particularly the 13th Asian Council for placing their trust in me and giving me a chance to serve the movement along with Jessica Hsu as Asian Coordinators. My sincere gratitude to Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain and Sr. Bernadeth Kropi, YCS/YSM North East Coordinator for their continuous unrepayable support and for inspiring me through their wisdom and actions of encouragement. I extend my heartfelt gratitude in a special way to all the present and past NEXCOs and YCS/YSM India for presenting me to IYCS Asia. I thank my National Movement as a whole for the support, guidance throughout my life in YCS and for having full trust and confidence in me that I can do better and serve IYCS Asia better. As I am new at this level, I request all YCS/YSM members of India who have continuously contributed generously to the growth of the movement to be with us and support us through your prayers in our journey. I have a great hope that as a new Asian Coordinator I will be able to bring and transform



more young students like me in YCS through the Review of Life- See-Judge and Act, with the Strength and trust that I have in God.

‘Let us all together be the Change that we wish to see in the World’.

Let YCS/YSM India Light Shine!

Thank you

- Jimmy Pdang, Asian Coordinator.

*YCS/YSM India
congratulates Jimmy Pdang
on being elected as Asian
Coordinator and wishes him
All the best*



TELUGU REGION

ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

DTA/DTS Meeting

24th July, 2018, Pastoral Centre,
Gunfoundry, Hyderabad

The meeting began at 9:30am with an inter religious prayer by the students of Sacred Heart High School, trained by Animator- Mr. Joseph

There were 11 (units) Schools with cell leaders up to 117 students with 16 Animators and few Alumni of YCS/YSM. Fr. Richard asked the students to elaborate on what YCS/YSM stands for and what it meant to them to be a part of the movement, which saw several students actively coming forward to share their thoughts. Students from several other schools presented their reports. Mr. Joseph the Animator and Dexco member presented



the report of the winter camp which was attended by 3 schools, last year at CHAI Institute, Medchal.

Before the interactive session with the speaker for the day, group dynamics were conducted by Fr. Richard and students. Snacks were served to the students and Animators during the break.



Soon after, a group activity was conducted by Fr. Richard which divided all the students into 10 groups from different schools to interact and develop confidence with each other. This Activity saw many talented students expressing their names in the most creative way possible, which enthused a spirit of acceptance by all.

Mr. Amul was invited to speak to the students about their role in the society and family at large. The meeting for the Animators was conducted to finalize the dates and the schedule for upcoming events for the year. • Before the newly elected DEXCO members were elected the expectations and rules were clearly explained by Fr. Richard to avoid any inconvenience.

At 1:45 pm the elections were held, and a single nominee was asked to come forward from each school to speak as to why they would want to stand for leadership.

The voting was systematically conducted but a rule was applied that the students who stand for the election must be able to serve as leaders for 2 years.

The candidates elected were for different roles are as follows :

- **President-** Sian Irene, St. Ann's
- **V. President 1-** Joseph, Sacred Heart
- **V. President 2-** Roshini, St. Ann's
- **Secretary-** Shafakath, St. Francis

- **Jt. Secretary** - Gloria, St. Philomena's
- **Treasurer** - Erica Mary Anderson, Rosary
- **Spokesperson**-Raheem Unnisa, Holy Mary

Among the Animators:

- **President:** Mr. Joseph, from Sacred Heart High School.
- **Secretary:** Mrs. Louisa, from Fr. Rock Memorial High School.
- **Treasurer:** Mrs. Rachel, from St. Ann's ICSE.
- **Regional Representative:** Mrs. Cheryl Maria, from St. Francis High School.

All leaders were felicitated with badges and alongside titled sash. Soon after the elections, St. Ann's High school had performed a song and a dance. Auxilium High school, staged a role play bringing out the importance of forgiveness. St. Philomena's High school performed a dance and a song. The meeting concluded with the YCS/ YSM anthem and clap.

The meeting left us all with zeal to do more service to one and many in our own way, while the newly elected leaders were overjoyed and seemed excited to conduct their duties.

- *Fr. Richard, Hyderabad*

ODISHA REGION

REGIONAL ANIMATION PROGRAMME

The Odisha Regional YCS/YSM animation program was held from 13th-15th July 2018, where 575 students from 16 schools, 25 animators, 4 former NEXCOS (Odisha) and 2 former ICYM NEXCOS participated. The theme was "media and me"- one of the



thrusts of the National Council. On 13th July evening, program began with welcoming the animators and former NEXCOS. After the introduction, there was school wise school assembly song competition and action song competition.

On 14th July, Fr Stephen barla, Vicar General



of the Rourkela diocese celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Then there was input sessions on YCS/YSM by Fr. Valerian, Fr. Sudhir and Fr. Ranjit. Soon after that there was cell meeting on the topic "How to study well" using the methodology, See, Judge and Act. In the afternoon there was speech, marriage song and sry making competition. Dance competition and evaluation was held in the evening.

On 15th July, Most Rev Alphonse Bilung, Emeritus bishop of Rourkela, presided over the mass and encouraged the students to build their lives. Then Fr. Bijay Ekka gave input on "Media and me". Bishop Kishore Kumar Kujur invoked the students to realise that their life depends upon them and they need to work hard to build it positively. In the concluding session there was a short evaluation, prize distribution. Programme concluded with vote of thanks and YCS/YSM anthem.

This program gave the students insight for having cell meeting in units. It gave them awareness about mass media and passion for leadership.

- *Riya Kerketta, NEXCO, Odisha*

KARNATAKA

DIOCESE OF UDUPI

YSM Udupi Diocese Central Council Election & Training 2018-19

Young Students Movement (YSM) of Udupi diocese, Training and Central Council Election was held on 23 June, 2018 at Don Bosco Hall, Udupi.

The programme was scheduled from 9am to 2pm was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Edwin D'Souza Director-Youth Commission Centre, Udupi Diocese, by lightning the lamp followed by an interreligious prayer.

The training session for office bearers was conducted by Mr. Norbert Misquith. It was initiated by ice breakers and thereafter by the orientation about YSM to the students. The topic of the session was "Students Education in Modern Era". Meanwhile animators had a training by YSM director Fr. Edwin D'Souza

Fr Edwin D'Souza conducted the elections. The office bearers of YSM, Diocesan Council are as follows:

President- Nigel Mathias, St. Francis School Mudurangadi

Vice-President Boy - Vance Rion D'Souza, Christ School, Manipal

Vice-President Girl - Disha Bangera, St. Lawrence High School Moodubelle

Secretary - Karen Vinola Rodrigues, Carmel School, Kemman

Joint-Secretary - Pradeep Lambani, St. Marys PU College, Shirva

Treasurer - Sharvin Melron Noronha, St. Joseph Eng Midium School, Belman



Reporter - Mohammed Shameer, St. John's Academy, Shankerpura

Mr. John Castelino, St. Lawrence High School, Moodubelle and Mrs. Reshma Martis, Don Bosco School, Shirva were appointed as the diocesan animators of the movement.

It was followed by the oath taking and the valedictory ceremony. The dignitaries present were – Chief Guest – Fr. Edwin D'Souza Director YSM, Resource Person Mr. Norbert Misquith & diocesan animators. Animator Mr. Jhon Castelino welcomed the gathering while Reshma Martis read out the annual report. The newly elected president Mr. Nigel Mathais proposed the vote of thanks. During the occasion outgoing council members as well as newly elected council members were felicitated.

About 23 School YSM units took part in this event, gathering about 113 students and animators from Udupi Diocese

-Mohammed Shameer, Udupi

NORTH EAST

YCS/YSM Aizawl Diocese organized Level YCS Coordinator-Animator Training Programme at DPC Hall, Ramthar, Aizawl .7 Parish Coordinators and 23 Animators participated from 9 parishes participated. The unit also conducted a Faith formation & leadership training at St. Peter's HSS Hall, Chhingchhip



TAMILNADU

Ooty Diocese: Letter from the director

First of all, I am a Salesian, belong to the Salesian province of Chennai, Tamil nadu. I am lend to the Diocese of Ooty to be the Youth Commission Secretary. I am reviving and starting the youth groups in the parishes and YCS/YSM in the schools and the parishes. We have almost 64 parishes and more than 70 schools run by the diocese and the religious in the Ooty diocese. The diocese has six vicariates, namely, Ooty, Coonoor, Gudalur, Sathy, Talavadi and Anthiyur Vicariate. I have been going around to different Schools to start YCS/YSM. The Head Masters and the Principals and also the teachers and students are very happy about starting YCS/YSM in their schools. As direction by the Youth Commission Secretary of Tamil nadu, Rev. Fr. Martin, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the students themselves. The students are from 6th standard to 9th standard. I get positive response from the schools which helps me to move forward to start the YCS/YSM. I have reached out to three vicariates by now and hope to reach out to all the schools of Ooty Diocese in two



months time. We Fr. David, the Assistant Youth Director and I, the Youth Director are planing to create Handbooks for each student, both in Tamil and in English, which will have the students details, the history of YCS/YSM, the attendance sheet, the motto, the way to organize, the values that can be

taught, the exercises that can be given to students, etc. We are also planing to organize monthly gathering of the YCS/YSM students in their vicariates. The teachers in-charge will guide them. There will be teachers animation



program to guide them to organize the YCS/YSM in their schools. I am doing everything with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ and Mother Mary.

- Fr. Vincent Prabhu Lourdu

NORTH EAST

DIOCESE OF GUWAHATI

YCS/YSM Orientation Programme

1st June 2018: YCS/YSM Orientation Programme was organized for the students of St. Francis Sec. School, Abhaypur, North Guwahati. There were around 500 students. After the introductory sessions, the students were divided into two groups. The theme was 'Called to Believe Begin Become'. Sr. Bernadeth Kropi, Regional Coordinator and Mr. Becareme-o Nongtdu, President NERYC, animated the sessions simultaneously mainly on Human Dignity and Media & Me through the methodology of See-Judge-Act giving importance to the Review of Life the lifeline of YCS/YSM. Teachers and students expressed their gratitude and were appreciative of the self transformative spirituality of the movement.

UTTAR PRADESH

DIOCESE OF JHANSI - ACTIVITIES

- YSM Elections were held on 17th Feb, 2017.
- YSM unit presented a skit on the Republic day
- YSM class 10.B and 10.A, conducted morning devotional assembly
- Christmas Carols were presented by YSM unit
- YSM unit took care of the cleanliness during the Charity Fete
- YSM unit presented a skit on Gandhi Jayanti, Independence Day, Teachers' Day.
- YSM unit took active part in Easter Eucharistic celebration at college, Most Rev. Peter Parapullil was the chief celebrant.
- YSM unit participated in the awareness march for General Elections.
- Active participation in the National Convention held in Kolkata.
- YSM unit helps during the grand feast of St.Jude. (the Patron Saint of our Jhansi Diocese)
- The official website of our college has a new column for YCS/YSM news letter.
- Our very small YSM unit has few students from class 6 to 8.
- Cell meetings could not be conducted due to various academic and sports events and semester examinations also.
- We have YSM students(because many non Christian students are a member.)
- We need clear instructions to prepare well for the next council.
- We are the only college in UP Region and also our Jhansi Diocese where YSM unit is properly run.
- Our Bishop Most Rev.Peter Parapullil and our respected Principal Rev.Fr.Richard are always encouraging us to do more,work more and participate more.

Three Animators-

- 1.Sir Embrick Savio Francis
- 2.Sir Oscar Francis
- 3.Sir Samson Singh

NORTH EAST

GORESWAR YCS/YSM BIGINNERS AWAKENING PROGRAMME :

May 30 -31, 2018

Two days, Orientation Programme was organized at St. Ambrose Proceeding High School, Goreswar. Sr. Justina Kalwing,



DYD, Guwahati Archdiocese facilitated the students on YCS/YSM's Aim, Objectives, Methodology, Cell Life, its five paths. Other topics included Team work, Leadership, work hard and perseverance. Power point presentation, Eyes breakers, brain storming, drawings and writings kept the students enthusiastic.

YCS/YSM Follow up Programme:

2nd June 2018

The Archdiocese of Guwahati Youth Commission (AGYC) conducted YCS/YSM Follow up programme for the students of Montfort School, Guwahati. Sr. Justina K. DYD, Guwahati Archdiocese spoke on the Review of Life. The interactive sessions were spent in sharing, evaluation and planning.



NORTH EAST

YCS/YSM REXCO Election, Planning & Evaluation

YCS/YSM REXCO Election, Planning & Evaluation was held from 22-23, June 2018 at Capuchin house, Guwahati. There were 15 participants, animators, REXCOs and the delegates. The two days programme was animated by Mr. Jimmy Pdang, Former National President. Sr. Bernadeth Kropi, YCS/YSM, Regional Coordinator initiated the first session exhorting the YCS/YSMers to let live transformed life through the Review of Life. Jimmy spoke on the importance of YCS/YSM way of life in their day today life. He explained about cell life, spirit and spirituality, Role and duties of office bearers. The next election of the YCS/YSM REXCO was conducted by Mr. Jimmy along with the present office bearers. The new REXCOs are Johny, President, Archdiocese of Shillong, Anu, Gen. Secretary, Guwahati, Dengjir, Treasure, diocese of Diphu and Josephine DTS, Aizawl. After Planning and Evaluation session was concluded with the Pledge by the members, YCS/YSM Anthem and clap.

- Sr. Justina Kalwing, DYD Guwahati

YCS/YSM Orientation Programme at St. Francis RANGJULI 12 JUNE 2018

On 12 June 2018: YCS/YSM orientation program was conducted at St. Francis of Assisi High School Rongjuli. The session highlighted on Building new society God's Kingdom, through CHANGE SELF –CHANGE OTHERS: Emphasis was given on discipline, self image, teenage issues, social media. And how the application of the methodology of YCS/YSM" See Judge and Act" will transform them. Formation of cells and election of leaders and cell meeting helped the students feel a sense of oneness.



YCS/YSM Orientation Programme at St. Francis Xavier School, NARENGI 15TH JUNE ,2018

The Archdiocese of Guwahati Youth Commission (AGYC) had organized YCS/YSM orientation program for the students of St. Francis Xavier School, Narengi on 15 June 2018. Sr. Justina Kalwing, DYD, Guwahati Archdiocese introduced YCS/YSM movement narrating its History, aims, objectives Methodology of See, Judge and Act, its 5 rules. Cell consisting of 10-12 members were formed and demonstrated on the style and nature of cell meeting. Based



on the methodology of See, Judge, and Act students came up with beautiful reflections and took few action plan pertaining to their day today life.

- Sr. Justina Kalwing, DYD Guwahati

YCS/YSM INDIA

cordially invites you to

XVIII NATIONAL COUNCIL

NATIONAL THEME

Young Students for youthful life

Thrusts

Self Identity; Safe School; New Society

St. Joseph Vaz Retreat Centre

17 - 24 May 2019

RYD/DYDS PLEASE NOTE

Kindly go through the following points and act immediately.

1. DATA COLLECTION OF YCS/YSM INDIA: I once again request all the regions to send the data of YCS/YSM. Only 2 regions have sent it so far. May I request you to send it to the office by **30th November 2018**. We have extended this date. Regions who submit this will only be invited for the next council. We need this data to show the exact picture of YCS/YSM India. I have emailed the form along with this letter. Kindly get it filled by the students and collect a nominal Rs. 10 membership fee which is mandatory. (3.4.2)

2. Preparatory Document of National Council: Kindly go through the preparatory document of XVIII National Council and discuss it in detail before the Regional Council which shall be held be in November/December. Please send amendments to the Constitution (if any). Finalize new NEXCOs in the Regional Council itself to be presented at the National Council.

Please note: The National office needs complete data with membership fee (Rs.10) before 30th November 2018. Based on the data sent by you, number of NEXCOs will be decided. Kindly fill up the form.

Register
Now!

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5-10 NOVEMBER 2018

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YCS/YSM INDIA ACTIVITIES



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