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## SACRIFICE: PART OF LIFE/ SUCCESS

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ YCSers!

*“You will come to know that what appears today to be a sacrifice will prove instead to be the greatest investment that you will ever make.”*

- Gordon B. Hinckley.



Sacrifice is an essential part of our lives. Whether it is love, success, freedom etc. If you want to achieve and grow in life you must be open to sacrifice.

At first glance it might seem unbearably perturbing, but eventually as time is the greatest teacher, it'll show you that what was once given up was the same thing that led to where you are in the present.

Though sacrifice can come in different sorts to my belief the hardest and most beautiful aspect of it is when you sacrifice for the good of others. The person I always look up to when it comes to this virtue is our own Lord Jesus Christ. Our saviour Jesus Christ became man and sacrificed his own life in the name of his people, us.

As ordinary beings it's problematic for us to think of sacrificing ourselves for others, but as Catholics it is what we live for. In the end our legacy will be every life we've touched. So I hope we as YCSers we can contribute to the wellbeing of the society as well as ourselves by understanding the true value of selfless efforts through Christ's way of life.

I thank you for the opportunity rendered to share my thoughts on behalf of YCS Sri Lanka for "The Search" newsletter. We congratulate the National Chaplain and his Team of YCS/YSM India for their dedication and selfless efforts rendered towards uplifting YCS to greater heights and wish you all a very fruitful future.

We are YCS, We are One!

In Christ,

**Andrea Weerakoon**  
Editor-YCS Sri Lanka.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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“THERE'S MORE *Foy*  
IN *giving*  
THAN IN RECEIVING.”



**SACRIFICE** means an act of giving up something that you love and possess for the sake of others' happiness or God's happiness. Sacrifice might be made for some human life or just as a belief or a ritual. There are people who are always ready to do whatever it will take to see other person grow and prosper.

In the present day world where humans tend to become selfish and mean, where our personal happiness and joy matters the most to us, the significance of the giving, helping and sacrifice has faded away.

As a catholic when I think about the word sacrifice one thing that comes to my mind is the lenten season before Easter. During this season some of us sacrifice nonveg food and some sacrifice something which is a luxury to them. But the true meaning of sacrifice during the lenten season is to sacrifice all our weaknesses and get back to Jesus. Many people sacrifice materialistic things during lent and when the season is over they consume it twice than the required amount. This sounds a little funny. But I have also seen people who sacrifice and save something out of it and help someone who is really in need.

When it comes to sacrifice there are many people like Gandhiji, our brave soldiers etc. who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of others in the society. But for me the greatest sacrifice will always be of our Jesus Christ, who without committing any sin sacrificed his life for the sake of human kind. And now it's our time to prove his sacrifice worth by living a fruitful ideal life.

As students we may not be in a position to help someone in need financially. But we can surely pray and share whatever extra we have with the one who needs it. Also as YCS/YSM'ers let us sacrifice all our bad habits and weaknesses and try to be the ideal humans in this society which is a desperate need of the hour. And remember that sacrifice is the greatest of virtue of life.

Let YCS/YSM light shine!

- Deril D'Sa, National Convenor





# त्याग sacrifice



*“Sacrifice is a part of life. It’s supposed to be. It’s not something to regret. It’s something to aspire to.” — Mitch Albom*

Greeting to all!! Wishing you all Happy Ramadan! Happy Easter! Happy Vishu! And Happy gudipadwa!.

The word sacrifice means to give something you love or care for the sake and betterment of others. We often find it difficult or hard to give up something, but in the future we might understand better and know that it was the right choice which you made then. There are plenty of examples of sacrifices made in this world.

We just celebrated Good Friday and Easter Sunday in the membranes of how Jesus Christ our Lord, sacrificed himself for us humans sins and to save us from our sufferings. I would like to quote a saying by Mahatma Gandhi : “A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.” In this quote, he mentions and tells the world about the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ for us.

As we speak about this, we must never forget about the sacrifices made by our Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and rest of the freedom fighters while fighting for our country’s freedom.

We live in a generation where everything matters for a selfish reason. We the present and future of our society must learn the basics of giving and sharing and should know that sacrifice is the biggest part of ones life. Our role model shouldn’t be someone like a selfish businessmen or politicians, but it should be someone like Ratan Tata, APJ Abdul Kalam who sacrificed or did things which were and are for the betterment of our country and society.

We YCS/YSMer can have the best example of sacrifice by our inspiration Joseph Cardinal Cardijn. He was from a rich Belgian family but he sacrificed those luxuries and became a priest for the betterment of those factory workers. He inspired our movement so that we could have a space to build ourselves. We as a YCS/YSMers should take this example of our Cardinal Joseph Cardijn about making a sacrifice and lead our life with as an example for others. We should ask ourselves that can we sacrifice something from our life, can we walk on these paths. As we have to change ourselves before changing others.

Thank you

- **Ashita Jimmy**, Editor.



## **GREATER LOVE** has no one than this: to lay down one's **LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.**



Dear YCS/YSMers

You may have read a lot of stories of sacrifice. I found a story in one of the books I read, One day an 11 year old girl asked her daddy, "what are you going to get me for my 15th birthday ?" Her father replied, "Please wait, there is much time left."

When the girl was 14 years old, she fainted and was rushed to the hospital. The doctor came out and told her dad that she had a bad heart and that she was probably going to die.

When she was lying in the hospital bed, she said softly, "daddy... have they told you that I am going to die?" The father replied; "no, you are going to live" as he left her room weeping.

She asked, "how can you be so sure daddy?" He turned around from the door and said "because...I know."

A short time later she turned 15. After she was released from the hospital and recovering she came home to find a letter on her bed which read..."My dearest daughter, if you are reading this letter it means that everything went well, just as I told you it would. A little while ago you asked me what I was going to give you for your 15th birthday. I didn't know then, but my present to you was MY HEART." Her Father had Donated His Heart!

When I read such stories, it brings tears in my eyes. Sacrifice and love are the two sides of the same coin. Unless you have genuine love for someone, you can not sacrifice anything. Even if you give something, that will be from the abundance that you have. Mother Teresa once said, "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves."

Swami Vivekananda once narrated this story of the greatest sacrifice. 'There was once a little village, and in it there dwelt a poor Brahmin with his wife, his son, and his son's wife. They were very poor and lived on small gifts made to them for preaching and teaching. There came in that land, a three years' famine, and the poor Brahmin suffered more than ever. At last, when the family had



starved for days, the father could manage to bring home a little barley flour. They cooked it, and just as they were about to eat, there was a knock at the door. The father opened it, and there stood a guest; and a guest is like a god.

So, the poor Brahmin invited the guest in and set before him his own portion of the food, which the guest quickly ate and said, "I have been starving for ten days, and this little bit has but increased my hunger."

The wife said to her husband, "Here is a poor man, and it is our duty as householders to see that he is fed, and it is my duty as a wife to give him my portion, seeing that you have no more to offer him."

After eating her share, the guest was still burning with hunger. The son said, "Take my portion also; it is the duty of a son to help his father to fulfil his obligations."

The guest ate that, but still remained unsatisfied; so, the son's wife gave him her portion too. The guest ate and departed, blessing them. That night those four people died of starvation.

This story tells us that the greatest sacrifice is not one where the giver can afford to give the biggest gift; it is the one where the giver can least afford to give whatever little they are giving. We have a similar story in the Bible where a widow of Zerepath and her son during a famine fed Elijah the prophet from the little she had. The widow was poor and had no means to feed her son and family. Her sacrifice did not go in vain. God blessed her.

In this issue of 'The Search', we have a few articles on the theme, 'sacrifice'. We talk about sacrifices made by our leaders, freedom fighters elders etc. Let us also remember the sacrifice our parents make for us especially our mothers. We as students need to learn to

be grateful to them. We need to appreciate the sacrifice our teachers make for us. Everything in life requires sacrifices either it is study or something else. Perhaps sacrifices are bitter and harsh truths of life. No one succeeds without giving something.

To do well in studies, you may have to sacrifice your TV and social media time, to become a responsible person, you may have to sacrifice bad company of friends and bad habits, to become a good citizen, you may have to sacrifice a lot of comforts. You won't get success in exam or can't be a topper in just one day study, if someone did so it's completely myth and false.

Finally, if you read this article, stories, reflect now about the sacrifices you have made in life. Reflect also about sacrifices made by others for you. It's not too late to begin today. Make small sacrifices to become a great person. Be a genuine YCS/YSMer.

Let YCS/YSM light shine  
- Fr. Chetan Machado  
National Chaplain

**True love is sacrifice. It is in giving, not in getting; in losing, not in gaining; in realizing, not in possessing, that we love.**

# SACRIFICE IS NECESSARY



**THE** word sacrifice may at first seem to have negative connotations, but in many senses that isn't true. Sacrifice is often about prioritization and discipline, since we don't always have the space or time in our life to accommodate all the things we would like. It seems to ring true that at times, you've got to lose some to gain some.

When your diary is chock full of activities, you may not even have the time to think about what is really important, never mind actually setting cogs in motion. Even when you do have aspirations, right action is required if you are to manifest the things you really want in life. The reality is that you may well need to give up or deprioritize certain things that are not so important in the grand scheme of things.

This makes sense in so many aspects of life, be it material possessions, relationships, career and business, social status, or simply that familiar 'comfort zone' we all have a tendency to languish in from time to time. In this article, we'll explore the common life situations in which it is often necessary to make a few sacrifices to get ahead. We hope this inspires you to evaluate your life honestly, with a view to creating the best possible future for yourself.

Here is a healthy way to look at sacrifice: sacrifice often determines your level of success in life. Through choice (and therefore intention, the most powerful force in nature) you are creating the space for something bigger or more fruitful. Even if it has not yet arrived, by dropping what is less useful long term, you are giving yourself the time and space to cultivate the most appropriate environment for its reception.

Sometimes it's very hard to say no. You may worry that saying 'no' will make you less likeable, or that you might lose friends or not receive future invites. However, anyone who genuinely respects and likes you will recognize that sometimes you have to make the effort to say no. Sometimes it's very hard to say no. You may worry that saying 'no' will make you less likeable, or that you might lose friends or not receive future invites. However, anyone who genuinely respects and likes you will recognize that sometimes you have to make the effort to stay on track with important goals or objectives.

As with all necessary sacrifices in life, the journey may not be easy, but when you keep in mind that you are making changes in order to create a better future for yourself, the journey gets a little easier. Whatever sacrifices you decide to make, congratulations on your strength and determination!

- **Bibiana**, North East Region Nexco



# There is no love without sacrifices.

*"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." (1 Cor 13:2)*

Can we Love without sacrifice? Many of the problems in this world are mainly because of our unwillingness to sacrifice. I attended a youth session in Delhi and we were to discuss what hinders our faith in God. I was really disturbed by the condition of the beggars that I saw in the metro cities in Bangalore, Kolkata and Delhi so I shared about it

and to which a girl replied that those sufferings are caused by us humans. The words of that girl made me ponder on it and YOUCAT 51 says very clearly about the misuse of freedom by humans that led to the condition of this world. The world teaches us to pile up gold, silver, degrees but can we carry those when we leave this world. During the pandemic we saw many rich people defeated by a tiny virus. Their crores of rupees did not save them from the jaw of death?

What is sacrifice? To me it is an act of offering up what is given to me and



**Hittary Rebecca**

Former ICYM National Treasurer, Imphal

what I desire to have for the good of others just as Christ teaches us. We have a beautiful song in Manipuri: "Neither do I have gold nor silver, all that I have is you Lord". When I wrote this article and prayed over Mama Mary and St. Joseph the Holy Spirit inspired me to look on the Sacred Heart, the fountain of Love who sacrifices himself to save us. I bowed down to my God who is a God of unconditional LOVE. When I was a student, I often worried about how to get the highest mark, get first and succeed in life but I lost my peace and joy in trying to win. During the Youth ministry I often ask this question, "For what am I sacrificing everything." I broke down in tears before God



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asked many questions in the initial stage of the ministry because when I saw the world I saw that everyone is running for their own life and career and everyone wants to win and rarely do we find people sacrificing their time for others. In spite of the many sacrifice I had to do for the ministry what I got back was accusations, humiliation, rejection etc. So, I often looked up in the sky and ask God, "Am I going in the right way Lord?" and God often sends comforting inspirations to keep me going. In my service as Finance Secretary in the youth ministry I saw the generosity of many people and the sacrifice they made of their little things for the welfare of the youth and we often say a prayer for them. One of the many incidents that happened was as we were going for fund raising it was heavily raining and as we were fully drenched in rain looking for a shelter, the rich owner talked at us from the small window and closed the gates. And near to it was a poor shop and she invited us to stay in her shop for a while and she even gave some amount for the youth Jubilee.

We see in the life of Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, mother Teresa how their sacrifice changes the whole world. In spite of the increasing Evil in this world it is because of the people who still continue to sacrifice that the world is still a beautiful place to live. I often remember a scene of a refugee camp where a mother was found to bend and cover something when the building felt upon her. When the rescue team came, they found the mother dead and there was her baby she was protecting so that all the weight would fall on her and the baby would be safe. In this present age where the womb which used to be the safest place for a baby is also being taken away through Abortion, where babies are cut into pieces, such scenes of

true mother's LOVE is so rare. Many children suffer because of the lack of LOVE from their family, because of divorce of parents which arises out of the unwillingness of the parents to sacrifice their ambition and time for their children. Many couples divorce because of their pride and unwillingness to humble themselves to sacrifice for each other. We have sacrificed what's most valuable to us for something which is in vain. When we learn to sacrifice for our family, we are spreading the fragrance of LOVE for everything starts at the family. God gave us free will so whatever we do is out of our choice in Life so we have to choose wisely what we are sacrificing.

How hard it is for us when we sacrifice our little hours for others. It can all



begin with our cute little sweet sacrifices like; sacrificing our time to giving up a seat in metro when we see an old grandma or a pregnant woman standing , giving up our most favorite costly KFC bucket to donate for the refugee camp in Ukraine, sacrificing our glamorous dress that cost thousand to cloth the orphan children who have no proper clothes to wear, sacrificing our time to serve for the ministry , sacrificing our energy to care for a depressed friend and the sick and suffering, sacrificing our grand birthday celebration to feed HIV positive children who are rejected by the society etc. Some Parents this day teach their children that sacrifice is a foolish act but I urge the students to not repeat the mistakes of their parents but instead to save them through your good act of Charity and little cute sacrifice.

Beautiful children of our Loving God  
Let's sacrifice our pride and put on the garment of humility  
Let's sacrifice our anger and put on the garment

of forgiveness  
: Let's sacrifice our negativity and put on the garment of positivity  
: Let's sacrifice our selfishness and put on the garment of kindness  
: Let's sacrifice our evil desires and put on the garment of goodness  
: Let's sacrifice our words of discouragement and put on the words of encouragement  
: Let's sacrifice our hate and put on the garments of Love  
: Let's sacrifice our hearts to LOVE others  
: Let's sacrifice our eyes to see the goodness in the creation of God  
: Let's sacrifice our ears to hear the truth  
: Let's sacrifice our hands to serve the poor and rejected  
: Let's sacrifice our feet to walk miles for others in need of our service  
: Let's sacrifice our Life like the pleasing fragrance of the Saints that rises up to the throne of heaven  
: For when the book of our life is open before God only the sweet fragrance of our sacrifice can save us on the last Day of Judgment.  
: May the peace and LOVE of our Risen Lord Jesus dwell in our hearts.  
: This is what true success is for me.❖

## National Chaplain's Activities

1. 16-20 Mar 2022 - NSLTP Hindi in Gwalior
2. 27 Mar 2022 - Ashokvihar, Delhi - Seminar
3. 10-17 Mar 2022 - Holy Week, Delhi
5. 28-29 Mar 2022 - Preparatory Meeting, NYC, Nadiad
4. 23- 30 Apr 2022 - Nadiad, Ahmedabad, National Convention
6. 24 April 2022 - Virtual AYD preparatory meetings

### Future Programmes:

1. 23-25 May 2022 - NTA EXCO meeting, Bangalore
2. 25-30 May 2022 - YCS Convention in Bangalore
3. 01-12 June 2022 - Animators & Chaplains Training (ACT), Bangalore
4. August 2022 - National Bible Quiz for YCS/YSM
5. July/Aug 2022 - World Camp, Botswana & Euro Camp, Belgium



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# PARENTS ANOTHER WORD FOR SACRIFICE



‘**Sacrifice**’ when I hear about this word than one thing that comes to my mind is the sacrifice that my parents made for the betterment of my life and for my good. Their sacrifice is the reason why I’m here today and without them nothing would have been possible. Every morning when I wake up my mother prepared me breakfast and my tiffin. Whereas my father dropped me to my college. Any other day when my mother failed to prepare breakfast due to any reason and that is the time I wondered how my life will be without my mother? I think I will always go to college empty stomach not even a drop of water. Whenever my father is unable to drop me off and that time I think that without my father I’m nothing.

They have sacrificed so many valuables and luxuries for me. Before buying anything they think twice. They have given me all that I needed in my life. In order to take care of me they failed to take care of themselves.

My mother does all the household works and she never allows me to help her though there is a lot of work and even though she is tired but she would never ask for a helping hand. She only asks for one thing that is she asked me to study my lesson. My father does not attend to his office just to be there with me.

They are not less than a superhero; not only in my life but also in the lives of my sisters. My mother is a very optimistic person and she is the reason why I have hope in whatever I do. Both my parents do not get themselves what they want but they ensure that I get what I want and what I need. It’s not just about money but they also sacrifice their valuable time and energy. They have sacrificed so many things for me and I don’t think that I will ever be able to repay them.

- **Anushka Teronpi**

NEXCO, Northeast Region.



## Experience



**E**very person on earth has a dream to build a strong and better society with love, hope, care and justice. This movement gives us a clear message to build a better tomorrow for our society. As a teenager, I am glad to explore this huge knowledge. These sessions were really helpful for me. We got to learn about different people and their different kinds of opinions. Error : I was completely taken up with this movement. It really build a strong bond between me and the society I live in.

I started sharing my feelings and my worries with others, which helped me a lot. Reviewing my experience, I see the change in others too. Before joining this movement I was busy with my own works but now I realize that this type of sessions, counselling and gathering are very important in every youth.

- **Khushi Bhabor**, Jabhua Diocese M.P. region

# SACRIFICE:

## BRICKS OF STAIRS TO THE SUCCESS

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**H**EY FOLKS! How are you all? Hope you all are doing well. Lent season is the best period of time to learn and practice sacrifice. I know you all must have experienced when you are asked to leave the thing you love or like the most. I have experienced a lot as being the part of typical Indian household :p. As a young child I was very irritated that why anyone have to sacrifice anything. Later I realised that sometimes it's the best you can do for yourself and for the people around you. Every time I cry over something I sacrificed or have to sacrifice. My mother makes sure that I see the positive side and how it'll benefit me. One way and only way mother does that is she tells me story. SACRIFICE, moment I hear this word I remember my parents. Today where I'm standing is because of my parent's sacrifice they make everyday. Sacrifice is act which is purely done from the depth of our heart.

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sacrifice is not that easy as many people presume it to be. So hats off to all the

lovely people out there who have done it. I think everyone have understood by seeing our parents that sacrifice is not made when we expect a thank you in return or it has been forced. A small- small sacrifice you make everyday is valuable like when you go shopping and you see something which you wanted from so long and you ask your mother to buy it but she refuses to buy. As you have them or she considers it's of no use. You agree to her and sacrifice it. While making small- small sacrifices you get ready to make something big difference. YCS/YSM has taught me that sacrifice is a way to get more valuable rewards by means of giving up something less valued for it. In today's time we see everything seems to be getting expensive and difficult for us (budding youngsters who wants to match their peers) that our basic needs are no longer filled because we spend most of our pocket money on some unimportant that has no benefit to us. A lot of self- sacrifice is required in order bring some changes in our lives, be it in our personal life or the professional life. As being part of this great movement which teaches the values of life like SACRIFICE, love, and many more. I'm ready to monitor myself. ARE YOU ?

- **Anjalina Ekka**

Cultural and liturgical secretary

*"Dreams do come true, if only we wish hard enough. You can have anything in life if you will sacrifice everything else for it."— J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan*

# SACRIFICE GIVING UP THINGS

**S**acrifice according to me is giving up things which are the most dearest to us. It is a part of every individual's life. Everyone has or will have to sacrifice something in their lives. The greatest example of sacrifice that I can relate to is my mother. She in her entire life has sacrificed a lot of things for me as well as for our family. She had a deep interest in singing but with time as I grew her first priority was me. She gave up her hobby to take care of me. From getting up early in the morning to preparing me for school to staying up late at night and helping me with my assignments she has given up a lot for me.



My mother is the person whom I admire the most. It takes a lot of courage to sacrifice one's dearest things for the sake of others and their well-being. I aspire to be like my mother. I would like to be a very bold and passionate individual in future. In my life too, I have made a small sacrifice and I believe that it is worth making. I had the habit of watching television till late night and spending long hours on the phone before going to sleep which hampered my sleep schedule but I gave up this habit and now I can say that I have a proper sleep schedule. Be it small or big, sacrifices are made by every individual in some point of their lives and we need to make sure that the sacrifices we make are worth it.

- **AparnaThakuria,**

YCS/YSM Archdiocese of Guwahati.



Experience

## CHANGE SELF AND CHANGE OTHERS

To build a new society, God's kingdom is my new aim for the future. As we all know, learning never ends and same goes with YCS/YSM journey. YCS/YSM always lets me learn new things on how to change myself into a better person for the society. Every one is unique in their own way with different personalities. YCS has taught me how to make my own image and to make my own identity. Team building is a must because it can lead us to produce good work and I must say that the cell I was in were cooperative and were nice to everyone. Even after the program ended we still are in touch with each other and conduct cell meetings. I remember Fr Alexander telling me about this little thing called curiosity. And this curiosity led me to an incredible path. Listening to Ashita Jimmy, Arpit Katara and Deril D'sa our president's stories made me think that one day perhaps I will be the one sharing my experience with the future YCSYSM students. And the very next day I got elected as MP Regional girl representative NEXCO. I want to thank everyone who encouraged me to contest in the regional elections. I would like to add just one more thing which is the quote I literally say every time in front of mirror which is 'We should change the water not the fish'

- **Liana Xess,** Bhopal diocese.





# MY IDOL IS...

If Anyone asks me about my role model I proudly say, my role model is Mahendra Singh Dhoni. A man who is truly an inspiration not only for athletes but for all the youngster's . He has set a belief that a middle class boy can achieve a lot and become a world class player. The only thing is you have to work hard, have to sacrifice something big and be ready to take risk. MS Dhoni left his job as ticket collector. It was not at all easy for him but still he took a big risk to sacrifice his job. He believed in himself, he struggled a lot and then finally he achieved what he was capable of.



He became the only captain to win all the ICC trophies. He is one of the best wicketkeepers in the world and the best finisher of the game ever in cricket history. He is also known as captain cool because he remains very cool in pressure situation too which is very important in life. He always inspires youngsters to work hard, believe in oneself and most importantly he says that winning is not necessary but trying till the last moment and giving your best is very important. Today we all know that MS Dhoni is the most popular cricketer in the world.

He is an emotion for all cricket fans .  
- Arpit Katara, NEXCO

## MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

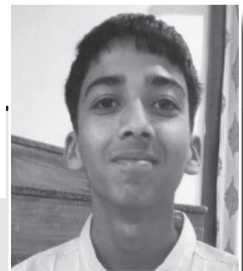
of regional leadership training program Gwalior was very nice. I got to know about many things there. This program gave me self confidence to speak in front of people, how to interact with them and how to lead a group as a good leader. Through exposure visit I saw the reality of society and people struggle to live. In cell meeting we shared our problems and tried to solve them. My favorite part of the program was the self appreciation, through this I came to know about what people think about me and what they like in me. Through this program I got to know how to be positive every time, how to change negative things into positive.

I thank our DYD Fr. Michael and Sister Stella for giving me this opportunity to attend this wonderful program.

- Anuj Ninama, Jhabua diocese



## Experience



## IYCS SYNODALITY WEBINAR

To empower and leverage the effective participation of IYCS Members at different levels in the sodality process, IYCS is creating space for students to express and share their realities and raise their voices on critical matters pertaining to their faith. 19th March 2022 IYCS hosted a webinar on the theme: “Seeing, Judging and Acting in a more synodal Church”. This webinar brought together 48 young people from around the world. This event gave them the opportunity to share the experience in the church and gather their feedback about their faith and the church they desire. Miss. Anushka Teronpi (YCS/YSM NEXCO North East Region) was one of the Panelists from India for the webinar. Given below are the question and answer discussed during the webinar which was replied by Miss. Anushka.



### 1. What brings you most often in the Church?

Ans: - What brings us most often in the Church is our faith toward the Lord, to thank and praise him for not only being with me and my family but also for being with humankind. The Sunday Mass is also one of the important moments because it's a good time to meet all the religious people such as Priest, nuns, laypeople etc. and their sharing and values are more important to me.

### 2. Is the church today listening to you in your locality?

Ans: - Up to a great extend the church is listening to us. We used to have meetings and the leaders are able to share their opinion, but the opinion is not fully taken. However, they're still trying to make themselves heard.

### 3. What is the Avenue that can be explored to improve the decision making in the church?

Ans: - The Avenue that can be explored to improve the decision making in the Church is by speaking and listening to each other. Everyone must have a chance to express them freely without being scared that they will be judged. The Church should listen to them, because when we listen to others we will be transformed. And in this way how we can be more attentive to others. We should open our hearts and not only talk about Synod but put Synodality in practice.

- *Anushka Teronpi*, NEXCO





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## **Regional Students Leadership Training Program**

16th - 20th March 2022  
Gwalior Pastoral Centre

### **Day 1 : 16/03/2022**

The program began at 4 pm with registration of all the delegates and animators. After the registration they were served tea and snacks. The inaugural ceremony started at 7 pm with the Holy Eucharist lead by Fr Chetan Machado (National Chaplain). After the mass dinner was served and the program continued after 8:45pm. The program was moderated by the Gwalior DEXCO team. During the program all the diocesan youth directors, animators and national and regional team of YCS YSM was welcomed. The program was filled with few cultural items and the day ended at 10pm with Fr Chetan and Fr Alex giving notes about the programme.



### **Day 2: 17/03/2022**

The day began with Holy Eucharistic by Rt. Rev. Joseph Thykkattil, bishop of Gwalior diocese. After the breakfast, Fr Lawrence D'Souza, Vicar General of Gwalior diocese gave the key note address to the participants and inaugurated the program. After the tea break, Fr Chetan Machado introduced students with YCS/YSM theme and thrusts, 'Young students for youthful life' and 'self identity; safe school; new society.' The day continued with ice breaking sessions and games where the participants could know each other and get familiar with all. Along with these games, 7 groups were made. Each group was taken for an exposure visit to different places in the evening. They were given task to see, observe what is happening around them. They were asked to give a presentation after the exposure visit with the help of charts and videos or pictures. After the supper, all groups were asked to present their videos and pictures of exposure visit and asked what they saw during the visit. With this the second day ended at 10 pm with evaluation.

### **Day 3 : 18/03/2022**

Third day began with mass celebrated by Fr Lawrence D'Souza. The first session of the day was about compassion, justice, promotion of life and human dignity which was taken by Fr Joseph MA. The second session was about YCS/YSM history and formation given by Fr Chetan Machado. And the third session was taken by Fr Gilbert Anthony on social analysis, social responsibilities and compassionate about nature. There was also a time where all the NEXCOs and REXCOs shared about their experiences and gave a glimpse of how their life has changed because of YCS/YSM. In the evening outdoor games were organised by the NEXCOs. After the outdoor games participants were also allowed to play holi and enjoy. After the dinner, each group presented cultural performance and the third day ended with that.



## Day 4: 19/03/2022

The morning mass was celebrated by Fr Alexander (RYD). After the breakfast there were group dynamics, animations and games. The first session of the day was on Adolescents Psychology- Awareness of self relationship by Fr Alex. The second session of the day was about YCS leadership and YCS movement spirituality. In the evening, special workshops like CAFÉ was organised by the NEXCOs and Gwalior dexco team. Seven topics were chosen and groupys were dent to each CAFE to spend about 15



minutes and gain some knowledge. After the CAFÉ, the regional election took place and the new regional team was elected in the presence of Youth Chairman Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. James Athikalam MST. After dinner, the cultural program was held by Gwalior DEXCO team.

## Day 5 : 20/03/2022

The morning Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. James Athikalam MST. During the Holy Eucharistic celebration, oath taking ceremony was held for the new regional team. The team took an oath to serve the movement without fail.

After the mass, session was held on cell life and the review of life. NEXCOs and Fr Chetan did an activity on self appreciation. This activity's main aim was to potrait a positive self image, self appreciation and self awareness. The day ended with concluding program by Gwalior DEXCO and MP REXCOs. After the lunch, delegates went for sightseeing and the regional leadership training program ended here with a great success and great response from everyone.

- *Ashita Jimmy.*



## Experience

My personal experience of Regional leadership training program held in Gwalior was very good. I got to know many new things like teamwork, how to react on any spot or any moment and many other things. Through all this we also went to Rock park as an exposure visit which is the see part of our movement. I saw different things and different struggling people around that park. In group we had to discuss about them, and their lifestyle. Hearing their stories and problems I got to learn how to be positive in every situation.

I would also like to thank my parish priest Fr Thomas who gave me this opportunity to attend this leadership training program.

- *Anukul Ekka, Gwalior diocese*

## 26th KRYC COUNCIL REPORT

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission had organized the 26th KRYC Council on Sunday 13th March 2022, at Don Bosco Provincialate Bangalore. There were 68 council members comprised of Directors, Animators and Youth Leaders across Karnataka who attended the council meeting. The Council meeting began with a Eucharistic celebration. After the Holy Eucharist, we all moved to the conference hall and inaugurated the KRYC council by watering the sapling. Nevin the regional president welcomed the gathering. In the key-note address Fr. Lourd Raj welcomed the council member on behalf of the chairman Rt. Rev Henry D'souza and appreciated them for their contribution to the dioceses in Karnataka.

The KRYC Council invited Ms Maria Isabella the National Director, YOUCAT Foundation India as a resource person of the day to speak on 'Implementation of YOUCAT in every Diocese of Karnataka.

After the tea break once again we gathered in the hall. The YCS/YSM REXCO team conducted animation. Later Mr Ajith the joint secretary read the 25th KRYC council report, Fr Remi Jose DYD Bellary approved it and was seconded by Mr Jaison the coordinator ABIDE.

Afterwards, we came to one of the main agendas of the day which was, the KRYC Council election. After having conducted the election we moved to the agendas to be discussed in the council. Mr Nevin took up the session to discuss the following agendas and Fr Lourd Raj moderated it.

1. Pastoral Plan Implementation in the diocese:
2. Membership Amount:
3. YCS/YSM Convention
4. The National Youth Conference:
5. The Regional Youth Convention (RYC):

After the discussion, Fr Anil made a short prayer and we all moved to the lunch.

In the noon we all gathered once again in the hall for the report presentation session. The REXCO team conducted animation followed by a report presentation. Each movement like Jesus Youth, Bosco Youth, AICUF, MIJARC, YCS/YSM Mangalore, Udupi and Shimoga dioceses presented their annual report.

The regional director appreciated the movement director, animators for their contribution to the region. Later he proposed the vote of thanks. Thus the council concluded at 4 pm.

**-Vance Dsouza**, REXCO Vice president





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## KARNATAKA

### Exposure visit for YCS Animators at Kelagur Tea Estate on 20/02/2022

The exposure visit to all the unit animators of udupi diocese was held on 20 February, 2022. 23 animators participated and gained lot of knowledge. The journey to the destination began at 8 AM from st Joseph's church belman and firstly we visited St Antony shrine, pakala. Followed by the breakfast at Hotel Renuka.



After reaching the venue holy mass was celebrated by Rev Fr Edwin Dsouza the diocesan chaplain. Later we visited Mr. Valerian Pereira house who is in charge of the entire plantation including the factory, workshop and all other operations at kelguru estate and had our lunch there.

Later few spot games were conducted by Ms Kavita, animator of miyar unit and winner were awarded with prizes. Later we visted the tea factory located at the tip of the hill. At 5pm we started back our journey to udupi.

It was indeed a valuable experience that can be realised only by participation. With this the exposure visit was concluded.

- **Mr Felix Pinto**

YCS Kundapur Deanery animator

## NORTHEAST

### YCS/YSM ANIMATORS AND STUDENT LEADERS' ANIMATION PROGRAM

On 13 March, 2022 the YCS/YSM Shillong coordinating team along with the college cell organized the animators and student leaders' animation program in Sacred Heart Theological College, Mawlai. The program was attended by 17 animators and 29 student leaders from nine different schools. The day's program commenced with the Holy Mass presided over by Fr. Lucas, former Coordinator of YCS/YSM Shillong Coordinating Team. A felicitation program was held for the resource persons of the day: Mr. Edward Tham (Former YCS/YSM National Executive), Mr. Abhishek Bhattacharjee (YCS/YSM National Coordinator Former Regional YSM Student Coordinator,). Following persons were also felicitated: Fr Lucas (Former Coordinator YCS/YSM Shillong), Miss Alva Khyriem (President YCS/YSM Northeast Region, Spokesperson of Northeast Regional Youth Commission NERYC & President of YCS College Cell Shillong) and Br. Daikho



Mathew (Newly inducted member in the YCS/YSM Shillong Coordinating Team). Soon after the felicitation program, Sir Edward Tham took a combined session for the animators and student leaders. He animated on the theme of 'Youth and Change' and the role the animators have in accompanying the youth as they undergo change. The session was enriched and enlivened by fun activities and Dance. After the session the animators along with the YCS/YSM Coordinating Team had a discussion on the annual important events. Following were the outcomes of the discussion: all the animators present for the discussion expressed their apprehension with regard to the Annual Retreat which used to be held during the Holy Week in Pastoral Centre. Consequently the annual retreat was cancelled for this year. Taking into consideration the suggestions, the assembly came to the conclusion that the Commitment Day and Fr. Sgni Memorial will be held together on the same day. And the tentative date fixed was on 01 May 2022. As the animators were engaged in planning out for the coming activities, the student leaders were animated by Mr. Abhishek Bhattacharjee. In the session he enlightened the student leaders on the structure and



functioning of the movement with much emphasis on workings of cell group. To make the session more engaging the student leaders were also divided into groups

and were asked to share and discuss on the topics allotted to the group. The college cell members actively participated and coordinated the group discussion which the student

leaders enjoyed much. After the session it was time for evaluation where all the participants expressed their appreciation for the manner in which the program was planned and organized.

After the animators and student leaders had gone back to their respective places the college cell had the evaluation and election of the new office bearers for the college cell. Prior to the election of the office bearers, Sir Abhishek Bhattacharjee lightened the members on the role of the college cell and the different portfolios. Following persons were elected to the respective portfolios

1. Nafi – President,
2. Neil – Vice President,
3. Fernando – Secretary,
4. Risa – Treasurer,
5. Savio – Media Secretary.

After the completion of the election, all the newly elected office bearers were given time to say a few words. All of them expressed their acceptance and assurance to give their best to take the movement forward. Br Albin, the Coordinator of the YCS/YSM Shillong thanked the former office bearers for their dedicated service towards the movement. Finally we concluded with a prayer.



A note of special gratitude to Northeast Regional Youth Commission (NERYC) for taking the initiative and sponsoring for this program and the resource persons for availing themselves to come and animate our animators and student leaders. We are also grateful to all the Principals, animators and student leaders of the schools who responded positively and came to participate in the program. I would like to place on record the hard work put in by the college cell for the success of the program. Thanks to their dedication and commitment, without which the program would not have been as successful.

**- Br Daikho Mathew sdb**  
Coordinator YCS/YSM, Shillong

## NATIONAL OFFICE

### MEETING AT DIPHU, Northeast

On 5 March 2022 Mr. Abhishek Bhattacharjee (YCS/YSM National Coordinator) visited Don Bosco School, Diphu to discuss and plan about the future program of the movement with the Headmistress of the school Sr. Betertina. He also met the Vicar General of the Diocese Fr. John Timung, discussed and suggested that he support the coordinators to spread the movement around the Diocese of Diphu.



### MEETING AT GUWAHATI, Northeast

On 6 March 2022 Mr. Abhishek Bhattacharjee visited Don Bosco School, Sonaighuli, Guwahati to plan about future activities, sessions, and events for the school with the Vice Principal Fr. Nicolas, Animator Miss. Sheila and the Headmistress. During the meeting the



animators raised a question regarding the students who would like to continue in the movement after their term completion. Mr. Abhishek suggested that these students can join or have a City cell where they can come together and continue being a part of the movement. Animators said that they will try to implement this idea and will work on it. Presently the school has 40 active student members, two Animators along with the support of the Vice principal and Headmistress. Later Mr. Abhishek also shared about the movement with the new Bishop's Secretary of the Archdiocese of Guwahati.

### SESSION AT SHILLONG, Northeast

On 13 March 2022 Mr. Abhishek Bhattacharjee was invited for the Animators and Students Leadership Training Program at Sacred Heart Theological College, Mawlai, to take a session and conduct a cell meeting for YCS/YSM Archdiocese of Shillong. Around 50 delegates were present including Diocese Coordinators, Animators,

Regional President of YCS/YSM North East Region, former NECXOs and student delegates.

## Faridabad, NCR, Delhi

On 2 April 2022 YCS/YSM INDIA took an



initiative to conduct an orientation program for Rahul colony neighborhood. Around 18 children attended the orientation program with full enthusiasm. The program started with a short inter-religious prayer followed by session and cell meeting.

## A VILLAGE WITH NO LOCKS AND DOORS, MAY BE THE SAFEST PLACE ON EARTH.



The village of Shani Shingnapur is famous for not having a door or lock on a single house. Beyond that, there has not been a recording of a criminal act for almost 400 years. Many people think that the shared vulnerability has created a neighborly trust between the residents, which has formed a protection stronger than a deadbolt or heavy gate.

## Walt Disney

There probably aren't many people out there who don't know "Disney." We know them for their blockbuster superhero films or the majestic theme parks and other worlds created to amuse and entertain adults and children alike. Yet, not many people know the story of the genius behind those worlds that we have grown to love so much. Walt Disney's journey was anything but easy. He was actually fired from his job in a newspaper as an animator because he "wasn't creative enough." He could've thrown in the towel then, but Disney didn't. This was the turning point in his life, and it was the start of something majestic.

Disney started creating characters, and one of those was Mickey Mouse, which landed him a fortune. Everybody knows this cartoon character, and kids around the world love him and his adventures. The rest, as they say, is history. He went on to establish one of the biggest companies in the world, and he won more Oscars for his contributions to the art world than anyone — 22. He became one of the most successful people to have ever lived, and his success story is still inspiring to this very day!

## Inspiration



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