

YCS/YSM INDIA

XVIII YCS/YSM NATIONAL COUNCIL



“Young People for youthful life”

St. Joseph Vaz Renewal Centre, Goa, India

OUR INSPIRATION



Joseph Cardinal Cardijn

“We are still at the beginning, we are always at the beginning, we are just beginning.”

OUR VISION

To evolve a new society, where people live in harmony, where there is total freedom for the complete growth of the individual, where each and every person is respected in dignity, hence valuing peace, love, truth, justice and equality.

AIM

“A Just Society” - God’s Kingdom”

OBJECTIVES

Self change – Change others

Personality development

Leadership through talent exposure

Faith formation

Building up a better future

Fighting for social justice and peace

METHODOLOGY

Review of life - See, Judge and Act
(Awareness, Reflection, Action and Evaluation)

Chaplains Corner

“Youthful life”

Goa - the land of faith, was our host for the XVIII National Council. Goa is known for beaches, music and beautiful churches and chapels. When you visit Goa, you'll see grottos, chapels at every nook and corner. Goa is known for youthfulness and it is part of their culture. St. Francis Xavier came to Goa and his body is kept at the Basilica of Bom Jesus.



The theme chosen for the next three years is 'Young students for youthful life'. We have chosen the following as the thrusts for the council: Self Identity, Safe school, New Society.

Theme: Youth is the time of life when one is young, and often means the time between childhood and adulthood (maturity). It is also defined as “the appearance, freshness, vigor, spirit, etc., characteristic of one who is young”. When we are young we want to grow up fast and when we are grown up we feel bad because we get busy with the life and career and forget to live our ‘youthfulness’. The burden that we carry at times, be it our studies, tuition, coaching, social media etc has become a big block in experiencing the real youthfulness. Student life is the best life. There is a lot to experience at this age. We meet new friends, we learn new things, we play, fight, cry, bully. All this we do without any guile. We are full of life, full of vigour and enthusiasm. As we grow, we forget this beautiful past. Today with modern gadgets and media we find ourselves secluded and slowly get into depression. When we should be bubbling with new spirit, joy and happiness, we are worried about many things.

During the study sessions various resource people explained to us how things are changing rapidly. Young people are living in a culture of death, loneliness and are not youthful anymore. They are stressed, there is cutthroat competition and they struggle to face these challenges. When they give up, they forget to live their youthfulness. This trend is catching up in schools and we find many students giving up at a very early age and losing focus.

We have chosen this theme to help our students and animators reflect further and make plans accordingly. We need to create opportunities and organise events/ programmes accordingly to train our students to live their youthfulness. Today there is an urgent need to help our students. During the council our student leaders along with some animators prepared an action plan and we hope that all the regions will help their students in implementing this.

YCS/YSM India provides a perfect platform to do this. This council where we reflected on this will definitely help us to become youthful.

God bless you.

Fr. Chetan Machado
National Chaplain (2016-)

Editorial



Ms Ashita Jimmy
*Editor, The Search
NEXCO, MP Region*

'Young students for a youthful life'

YCS/YSM India is glad to present this National Council Souvenir on the theme : 'Young people for youthful life'.

During the XVIII National Council in Goa, we deliberated and discussed on this theme and also thrusts : self identity; safe school; new society. As students we have a major responsibility to contribute towards building a new society. First and foremost we need to create a positive identity for ourselves. In the modern world when we are so dependent on the technology, it is becoming difficult to create this identity. We face a serious challenge and this in turn is taking away our happiness and joy. The National Council was an eye opener for me and all the participants. I understood the necessity of being happy as a student and spread this happiness.

YCS/YSM India provides a platform to the students to change their lives. They become change makers and bring a lot of positive energy. This movement teaches us to change our lives and change others to build a just society. I am grateful to this movement for changing my life.

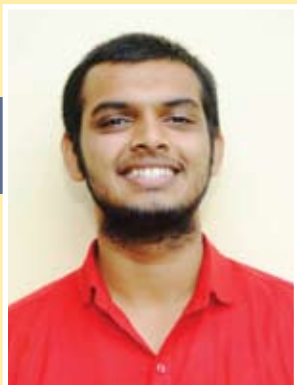
We present this souvenir before you which contains messages from prominent people, all the deliberations of the Council, reports, final statement and the action plan. This also contains all the beautiful memories of the Council through photographs. May I request all the students to read this carefully and start working on the action plan that we prepared. I also request all the animators and Chaplains to help us implement this action plan during the next three years.

We are grateful to the Archdiocese of Goa for hosting this National Council under the leadership of Fr. Savio D'Souza. We thank all the benefactors and sponsors who helped us to organise the Council. We are ever grateful to the Chaplains and animators of the movement who always accompany the students and help them.

Thank you

Let YCS/YSM light shine.

MESSAGE



Deril D'Sa
National Convenor
(2019-)

‘Living a youthful student life’

Young students for youthful life

Greetings to my dear YCS and YSM members.

Youth are the present of our country. When a person is young he/she has the ability and strength to overcome all the obstacles in their lives through their physical and mental capabilities. Young age is a golden age and 'being youthful' should be our motto. We all might have noticed many people around us who are not young enough but they still have that youthfulness in them. It is because of their youthful young age.

A young student with full of energy, determination and enthusiasm is an asset to the society. In a country like India, more than half of the population is of young students. But in this rapidly changing world we see very few students who are youthful. The energy which we used to see in young students back then, is now missing. Realising this our national YCS/YSM theme was decided- "young students for youthful life." As our movements objective is to change self and change others, I strongly believe that only the young people who are youthful can bring change in this world. It is said the you are never too old to become young, but to live fruitful youth life the foundation should be laid in our young age itself. Otherwise we'll have the youthfulness within us but not the physical and mental strength which will make an impact.

Talking about our thrusts; Self identity means having knowledge about ourselves and improving daily. It is not inherited but developed as we grow. Along with being young and youthful the students must identify the purpose for which the almighty has given us a privilege to be born as human beings. Identifying the ultimate goal and knowing the purpose of our life, where we must reach and where our happiness hails should be known to us in our young age itself so that we can strive hard to achieve it.

Living a youthful student life, keeping our lives purpose in mind we need schools which are safe for students. By safe schools I mean a school where there is proper infrastructure, sanitation, unbiased facilities and where we are free from all the evil activities which affect our growth in our school campus.

So to help the students to be youthful and find their true identity and be safe in their schools, our movement's national theme is decided. Various programmes and other activities will be organised throughout the country for the next three years regarding the theme and it will help the young students to take a small leap towards building a new society.

Let YCS/YSM light shine!

MESSAGE



Jesvita Princy Quadras
National Convenor
(2016-2019)

‘Be Youthful! Be You!’

Greetings to my dear YCS/YSMers!

It was truly a privilege for YCS YSM India as we had a fruitful council with the unconditional support and help from many good hearted contributors. Moreover, the participants who attended this council have very well shown and depicted the spirit of change makers who drew out an action plan for the next three years. However, it is important for us to understand the importance of the Theme chosen for the council, “Young Students for a Youthful Life.”

The theme depicts on how it is asking us, the young people to be youthful! It seems contradictory as there is the word “Young” and “Youthful” in the same statement. When someone calls us young it is understood that we have the characteristics of being youthful and energetic. Or else, we wouldn’t have been called young in the first place. But as YCS YSM’ers we need to reflect on why this theme has been chosen. We need to reflect upon why this theme is relevant for us. The very recent Synod also deliberated on the young people. It shows how the elders too are concerned about our role in the society at large. It brought out many aspects which highlighted that the young people are either withdrawing themselves from the forefront or are being forced to withdraw due to the many reasons.

Even during the Council, the participants through different modes of presentation showed the realities of teenagers and the problems they face. Cell meetings were also a means for them to share on the many reasons that block them from being youthful. Problems like peer pressure, pressure from parents and school, abuses of different forms, being suppressed, mental pressures, health and poverty and many such aspects gave rise to the loss of being youthful. Problems are vital and nobody actually has the power to stop them. They make us feel vulnerable and weak and contribute to the loss of youthfulness in us.

However, we as YCS YSM’ers have received an upper hand as we have been given an opportunity to reflect on our lives and youthfulness present in us through this theme and methodology. The platform created by our movement helps us bring out our youthfulness and helps us to be the ambassadors of the youthful beings expected of us. We need to instil in us the positive values and be the promoters of those values first in ourselves and then the others. We need to take lead on creating an atmosphere of the budding energy and vigour among the young people. Our presence should exert freshness and a spirit of positivity. In short, we need to Be Young in order to bring out the youthfulness among others.

I am ready to be Me by being Youthful! Are you?

Let YCS/YSM light shine forever more!

MESSAGE



Most Rev. Soosai Nazarene
Bishop of Kottar
Chairman
National Youth Commission

All the best !

Greetings and good wishes from Bishop Nazarene Soosai

I am very happy that the 18th National Council of YCS/YSM was a big success. First of all I thank God for this grace in the year of youth. As the Regional Chairman of Tamilnadu region I am closely associated with this movement. I wish and pray that every christian student in our country joins this movement to bring a change in the society. I am also happy to learn that YSM India is celebrating Golden Jubilee of its existence in India.

The theme chosen for the Council is very apt i.e., “Young Students for youthful life” with thrusts; self identity, safe school and new society. Our young people need to live their youth joyfully. They need to experience Jesus who is young and dynamic. We profess our faith in JESUS. Without Jesus our mission is empty. Without Jesus our youth are empty. Every Parish Priest and Diocesan Youth Director should contribute to the integral development of the youth. Unless and until our youth are not transformed by faith no change will occur.

I wish you and the new team all the best and also for the Golden Jubilee programme of YSM which will be held in the month of May 2020, all God’s blessings and great success.

Trust in the Lord, be at your best and may His Kingdom come.

Yours in Christ Jesus and Mary

MESSAGE



Most Rev. Ignatius D'Souza
Bishop of Bareilly
Member Bishop
National Youth Commission

Believe in yourself

Greetings to YCS/YSM India!

My dear friends, you have chosen a significant theme for reflection and action: **Young students for a Youthful life, their Self-identity, Safe school and New society.**

God has a very good and glorious destiny for you as young persons. His plan is that you may prosper and have a future. The realization of that destiny however is determined by two things: **what you have identified as a thing you must flee from** and **what you are passionate to pursue in life.** The choice is always yours.

Your **pursuit** in life is very important. Your pursuit determines the amount of time and energy you will dispense at every point in time. Your pursuit definitely saps your energy either negatively or positively. Youthful time is a time to make good and Godly choices because they have direct consequences on how the future would look like.

Globalisation impacts you in complex ways and forces you to constantly re-think and revise your sense of identity and place within society. Your lives are constantly being influenced by new trends, **be they religious, political, psychological, cultural, technological or social.** Exploring and understanding your own and others' identities is fundamental to your learning. It's essential for you to construct your own interpretations of the world around you and your place within that world.

I endorse your view on Safe Schools for children. Safe School is not a subject taught in the classroom and it is not a part of the curriculum. It is a program for principals, teachers and school communities. **All schools should foster a safe environment that is supportive and inclusive of all type of students.** All students should be safe from bullying, harassment, violence, sexual abuse and preventing suicide and self-harm.

Youth activism and engagement can bring about important social changes that are sometimes left behind. You don't have to wait to be an adult to be an active member of your community. Your opinion matters and it should be heard. **Believe in kindness, creativity and intelligence** and wish to promote the same in other. Have a mission to achieve SELF worth, SELF confidence and purpose in life by making a positive mind shift in your perceptions of life. Success is measured on wellbeing not grades, status or salaries. **Be an inspiration.** Believe in yourself, and follow your passion. Passionate youth will change the world. We all care about something, why not stand up for it?

May God bless you all!

MESSAGE



Fr Charles Menezes
*IYCS International
Chaplain, Paris*

Young students for a youthful life

I am happy to note that you had a successful National Council with an apt theme “Young students for a youthful life”. I went through the deliberations and found that all those who had participated in it have possibly understood well the theme and thrusts, to put into action the call given by the National Council.

I am a lover of youth and half of my priestly ministry is spent among the youth. Being a part of YCSYSM, I was lucky to carry forward the mission until now and hope it will help me continue in the future too.

To have a youthful life, we need to fall back to Gospel and Jesus our friend who is ever young. Jesus is “Young among the young in order to be an example for the young and to consecrate them to the Lord” He started his public ministry young, when he was 30. He teaches us to give our best to God because the young age is the fruitful one to deliver our actions. We belong to the Church and the Church is open to renewal.

In Christus Vivit, Pope Francis says, “We are the “now” of God” - There is nothing like tomorrow for the young. The young generation is capable of perceiving the reality and put it in touch with the world where there are worries, hurts, wounds and longings, while using its strengths in the form of digital world in which youth are comfortable with, to act upon it.

The youth synod reminds the young people that God is love and he loves us, be cheerful and enjoy life. Christ saves us, because the death which he endured for us, cannot be bought by anything but love and forgiveness. Jesus is alive and by living our life of faith he will enable us to experience him in word and action. We have nothing to lose but to gain by knowing and experiencing God's love in our life.

Youth is a time of dreaming and making decisions. We need to keep following our hopes and dreams. God's word asks us to enjoy the present. “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own; today's trouble is enough for today” (Mt 6:34). We need to have a thirst for life and experience of God. Friendship with Christ is very important and that's why he calls us not servants but friends. We need to grow with maturity using our physical body given as a gift by God. God loves the joy of the young. We need to be transformed to the mission of the Church and become courageous missionaries.

Young people need rootedness in their life. That's why we need to respect our elders and get their experiences of life. We need to withstand cultural colonization, the effect of globalization and the tendency to

homogenize which kills our creativity and rootedness. From the roots come the strength that is going to make us grow, flourish and bear fruit. If the young had knowledge and the old strength, there would be nothing that we would not accomplish. The elderly have dreams and images of success. We need to listen to them and build upon it our future with proper actions.

We are the agents of youth ministry. With new styles and strategies utilizing the conservative, liberal, traditional and progressive ways we need to journey together in making the youth ministry more visible and spirit oriented with co-responsibility and for this we need to work together with the Church personnel, religious and people of all strata. In this outreach, we need to use the language of closeness and the language of generous, relational and existential love that touches the heart, impacts life, and awakens hope and desires. Any programme of youth ministry should clearly incorporate various means and resources that can help young people grow in fraternity, to live as brothers and sisters, to help one another, to build community, to be of service to others and to be close to the poor.

We need to create suitable environments with the family, youth groups and participation in the social encounters. Catholic schools should play an important role in sheltering the youth groups of various kinds, (like YCS/YSM) and encourage them to participate in the social milieu of life by being conscious of their role in the social concerns.

Young people appreciate silence and spiritual exercises. We need to find God in silence because at times we may miss to listen to him in the noisy culture of the world. We have no right and reason to deprive the young from participating in the Eucharist and spiritual actions which would lead them to the realization of their potentiality to adhere to God and Spirit. Be missionaries always, accompanied by the elders and that will pave way for our success in life.

Our vocation is to serve God and for which we need to discern his call and respond positively. God speaks to us in various ways. Listening to his call will enable us to discern our vocation to life. This call is from Jesus our friend and being sensitive to our needs, be sure that he will accompany us in our life. As young, we participate in very many things in the society and church and prepare ourselves for the future. During this search we might get a call for a special consecrated life to serve God. If so, we need to say YES as Mary did in all her bewilderment, yet believing in the benevolence of God.

Being called by God for a special mission as youth committed for the evangelization of the world, let us ask the Lord for renewed vigor, knowledge and courage to heed his call and bear witness to Him.

I wish you success in all your endeavors in building a new society, Kingdom of God and pray that you encounter God in each person and event which would keep you ever young in spirit and life. God bless you.

Long live YCS/YSM INDIA.



MESSAGE



Fr. Savio D'Souza

*Regional Youth Secretary, West
Chaplain, YCS Goa Region*

'Believe in yourself'

'There is so much to be done and so little a time', sang the famous Louis Armstrong and today it seriously needs to become a clarion call to every youngster igniting in them the passion to make a difference. The world is evolving and sadly, along with it is the value system. Parents and teachers as educators are conveniently being replaced by machines which surely provide knowledge but minus the affection, care and concern.

YCS/YSM comes as a breather at a time when we really need to fall back to our core values in order to save humanity from being torn apart by a gigantic digital monster over which we might soon be losing control. The basic principle of 'See, Judge and Act' makes every YCS/YSMer to take control of oneself, the situation around and prepare an action plan that will help enhance the growth of the society at large.

I felt proud to have contributed a little to the same cause when the Archdiocese of Goa-Daman took up the challenge of hosting the 18th YCS/YSM National Council. It was a breath-taking moment for all of us to experience young minds discussing, planning and pledging to make a difference in the little ways that they can. The meticulous presentations along with the vibrancy that existed in every participant only spoke of the bright present and a hope-filled future that we have in store.

The journey continues and there is a long way to go. The challenges are only getting tougher by the day. God has been gracious and will always be present to listen to the voice of the young. Let's do it and do it well, only then will the YCS/YSM light shine bright for the whole word to see.

Congrats to every YCS/YSMer, May God be with us always!

MESSAGE



**Mr. Jimmy Pdang
(India)**
Asian Team



**Ms. Jessica Hsu
(Taiwan)**
Asian Team

Young students for a youthful life

Dear YCS /YSM India,

We are extremely happy to congratulate you for successfully organising the VIII National Council on the theme “Young Students for youthful life” at St Joseph Vaz Renewal Centre, Goa. We believe that this achievement will remain as a testimonial example of how our YCS movement, with a simple and lively Methodology: SEE-JUDGE-ACT has been able to transform and inspire many lives in India. We express our joy for giving us the opportunity to participate throughout and share a strong bond with students, chaplains and animators of the movement.

We are indeed honoured and privileged to send this message of Happiness and Love from IYCS Asian Secretariat and congratulate all the members, leaders and Chaplains of YCS YSM India. Witnessing our unity in diversity during the National Council and experiencing solidarity through the spirituality of the movement that bind us together, we truly believe that the movement in the country has shaped and transformed the lives of many young students and will continue to live with the vision to evolve a new society, guiding our young people to live with dignity and in harmony valuing love truth, peace, justice and equality.

The success of this VIII National Council makes us reflect and understand deeper that the Lord has blessed YCS/YSM India abundantly over the past years and it is a part of our IYCS Asia Family that always gives us support and strength in coordinating IYCS Asia as a whole. In light of this, we are also thankful to you all and immensely grateful for your constant support to the IYCS Asian Secretariat.

On this memorable event, we take this opportunity to thank YCS/YSM India and send our good wishes to all the members who continue to serve in the National Movement. You all continue to be an inspiration of dedicated service to all our young students in Asia. We wish you an abundance of blessings and graces from God and pray that you may be guided always by the Holy Spirit as you continue your services to young students.

Much love and prayers,
IYCS Asian Coordinators

An Ode To The Movement!

“I will show you wonderful and marvelous things.” (Jer 33:3)

5 years in the movement and 3 years being a part of the NEXCO team was truly a journey filled with many experiences; experiences of learning, growing, meeting and making many new companions, travelling in and across borders, gaining an identity and so on. The amount of such experiences that I have received cannot be measured or compiled in this note of mine. Regardless, I would wish to express my joy and gratitude towards this movement and to all those who have accompanied me in this journey.



To start off with, the Lord himself. He has showered his blessings on me throughout my endeavour in the form of this beautiful movement. I always felt his presence when I needed him the most- which is always. My love and gratitude to my parents and my little brother without who's trust I wouldn't have reached so far. Their “yes” to every request of mine and their unconditional support has been a great source of love towards me.

During my journey, I was lucky to have had two diocesan Chaplains- Rev. Fr. Ronald Dsouza and Rev. Fr. Rupesh Madtha and two Regional Chaplains- Rev. Fr. Mari Joseph and Rev. Fr. Anil Dsa. My journey began with the former and ended with the latter. I remember vividly how each of them supported me and delegated responsibility on me only on the basis of trust. They kept telling me at every step that I was capable of becoming someone, someday. I feel the need to mention two names. Rev Fr. Ronald Dsouza, the former Diocesan Chaplain of Mangalore, the person with who's blessings I started my journey in the National team. Every time he spoke to me, it brought about positivity within me and his words were a source of encouragement. The second is Rev. Fr. Edwin Dsouza, a man who's ways of working is always very over whelming for one to understand. When my journey as the convenor ended, his words of appreciation brought tears into my eyes. Therefore I believe that God has truly showered his blessings on me through all of them. Many -many priests and young students and animators who's names if I mention may take another page, have bestowed their trust on me and I will be ever grateful towards them. My special love and gratitude to Fr. Anil and Sr. Lidwin who joined us down the line. They immediately bonded with all of us and we accepted each other as one family. Their presence itself made a lot of difference to us and to the movement.

In all of these names, I simply cannot- not mention one person, Rev. Fr. Chetan Machado. A person who with very little words, expresses too much for us to learn and love. Every time I was away from home I never really felt home sick or lonely because I had myself a YCS Father/ Brother! I have created special love and respect for him in my life and his entire life is a great inspiration to me. My dear NEXCO members, each of us had a role to play in these three years. This was/is a family that cannot be compared to any other. All of us learned and loved each other. We simply held each other and crossed all hurdles and storms. This team of mine is simply special. It is filled with so much love and so much understanding. Our three years have ended in such a beautiful note only because each of us contributed in whatever way we could!

Whatever I am and have become today, I owe all of it to YCS/YSM India! When I go to different places people identify me as “Jesvita- a YCS'er.” And this for some reason gives me immense happiness

as I have gained an identity today. 5 years ago I was just another girl who was amidst a big crowd of those whom she thought were much better than her. I had very little curiosity towards life and much lesser when it came to the plan God had for me. I always thought and maybe had also assured myself that I would be just another random person who moves along as life takes her. But today, as I look back I see a journey that was filled with positives and hardships. I chose to move away from the common life. I chose to listen to more than I had just heard. I chose to be more than what was expected of me. I chose to be different. I chose to be a change maker, a hope for the others, a smile to the others. And I feel glad I have done my bit. Regardless of all of these, I still choose to learn more and understand even better God's plan towards me. So goes our Cardijn's saying "We are still at the beginning, we are always at the beginning, we are just beginning!"

And therefore, I feel it is my turn to give back in whatever measure possible.

I also wish the new team all the very best as they have a new journey at hand. May the theme and thrusts chosen for the next three years be an eye opener to many young students to uphold youthfulness in thoughts, deeds and most importantly our actions!

As I conclude the only thing I wish to say is this:

I have with me today a big beautiful Portrait. And these past 5 years have beautifully been painted on it. However, there still lies a lot of empty space. The space that I wish to fill in with a lot more memories of the coming times.

Thank you YCS YSM! Let your light shine to every nook and corner!

Regards

Jesvita Princy Quadras
National Convenor (2016-19)
National Coordinator



THANK YOU

“I will give thanks to the Lord for he is good.”



Greeting everyone,

I Rachel Patricia L, would like to convey thanks to all of my dearest souls of this movement who helped me, guided me and watched me grow to become a responsible YCS/YSMer. As the Bible says, Yes YCS/YSM is a wonderful thing happened in my life that I will never forget.

Being the former national secretary from the year 2016-2019, I would like extend my THANKS to all of my beloved ones and to my dearest YCS/YSMers. First of all, I thank the Father Almighty, Lord Jesus Christ for blessing me with this wonderful opportunity, for guiding me with his light and blessing me in abundance throughout my journey in YCS/YSM. A big thanks to my parents for supporting me in all my terms in YCS/YSM. Thank you *appa* and *amma* for being there with me, encouraging me and helping me throughout. They started loving this movement more than me, and saw me improving as high as I can. I extend my sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Charles (International Chaplain of YCS), the person who introduced me to greater heights. Thank you father, for helping me and encouraging me to bring out my potentials.

A big thanks to Rev. Fr. Chetan Machado, our dearest national chaplain, with whom we started our journey, Thank you so much father. He has always been the best father who guided and taught his children. He, not only helped us learn from our mistakes but has moulded us to become the best that we can be. I thank him personally for always being there for us whenever we needed him the most.

I also extend my gratitude to Rev. Fr. Anil, national coordinator, who was more like a friend to us, rendering his support throughout our walk in YCS/YSM. Thank you father. Dear Sr. Lidwin, thank you so much for being a loving, friendly and caring mom to us, the times which we spent with you was less, but still the bond we had built is stronger. Thank you sister.



I'm happy in thanking all my RYDs and DYDs for helping me and supporting me in my journey in YCS/YSM. A special thanks to my animators and coordinators, Kamal anna, Midrash bhaiya, Aparna di, Alice Di, Grace di, Jovita di, Laura akka, Melywn, Vinoth anna who helped me to be a great YCS'er. Thank you for your support and guidance. You have always been our source of energy by sharing your positive vibes with us. I'm very happy in thanking all my former Nexcos, especially Jimmy, Sharon, Ebin, Angela, Amiya, Arman, Roshan, Mervin who always cared for us and supported us and also helped us to have a brighter and a great time in YCS/YSM.

A big thanks to my DEAREST NEXCOS, without whom I feel

incomplete. They have been really very supportive and friendly. They have always been there with me in all my hardships and my success. Thank you guys for your friendship and your support to me. Thank you my dear president Ms. Jesvita for your help and support, we both are not only friends but are sisters. I'm once again happy in thanking all my dear REXCOs, DEXCOs and young leaders for your spontaneous nature in helping me throughout this journey, Thank you St. Aloysius, my school, for leading me and trusting me that I will be able to be responsible in this journey. That was my first platform that encouraged me to continue my path in YCS/YSM.

How can I forget this person, my dear Leo anna. Thank you so much for being with us. I am in YCS/YSM all because of this person who pulled me into this wonderful journey. Thank you anna, you have not only taught what YCS/YSM is, but have taught us HOW to be a YCS/YSM'er. Thank you anna for being there, and supporting and helping us throughout.

I also thank all my friends in YCS/YSM, thank you guys for your support, smiling faces, your teachings, your ways of inspiration and your appreciation to me, which has moulded me to become a good YCS'er. Thanks to all the YCS/YSM'ers who believed and trusted me in all my responsibilities. Thank you so much everyone.

With a grateful heart and a big smile, I thank my movement YCS/YSM.

YCS/YSM, is not just my movement, it is my identity. The movement helped me not only to grow but has given me an identity, believing that I can be a change maker. I started my journey, learning the values and the morals of YCS/YSM; I began sharing YCS/YSM to the persons I met. It has become a habit of being a change maker, it has become my lifestyle not just to become a good person but a responsible YCS/YSMer. I started my journey in YCS/YSM as a child who fears long travels, unknown persons, but becoming a part of YCS/YSM, travelling became my hobby, meeting new people, exploring new places and cultures became my interest. YCS/YSM has not only made me a better citizen but has also molded me to be a responsible and a great human. Thank you everyone once again. Not just by a quote but throughout life time, "Once a YCS/YSMer, Always a YCS/YSMer." Yes everyone, I'm ready to be a change maker, are you?

Let YCS/YSM light shine...

With love and regards,

-Ms. Rachel Patricia. L

National Secretary (2016-19)



Safe School: Not a Distant Reality

“I will show you wonderful and marvelous things.” (Jer 33:3)



Student life is said to be a golden period of your life. Unfortunately, this realization comes only after the student life is passed. The fun and frolic that a person has during the years of being a student can often not experience in the years that follow.

An untroubled lifestyle, with no heavy responsibilities, and yet filled with activities, time for learning new things, and allowance to make mistakes etc. can never come back.

But most students want their student years to pass as quickly as possible in order to enjoy more as adults knowing very little that once they pass their student life there is very little scope for the studently enjoyments. With that mindset, the students view their teachers often as tyrants, the subjects and syllabi become burdensome, the classes boring, the classrooms animal farms and the school campus almost a concentration camp.

Many a times, a school which is supposed to be the temple of learning becomes a nightmare with myriads of other problems such as lack of basic facilities including toilets and drinking water. The dilapidating buildings, noisy surroundings, stinking environment, abusive teachers, hate monger students and many other factors contribute to a hell on earth situation.

India ranks second in the world population index with a total of 1,350,438,098 (2019). The student population in India is about 300 million (2016) which is the largest in the world. The student population of India is almost touching the total population of USA (329 million - 2019) which is the 3rd highest total population in the world. With such a huge student population, the concern for all of us Indian citizens should be to give the best to our young minds. But unfortunately, many students lack basic facilities in their schools just as they are deprived of conducive ambience at home as well for learning to take place.

According to MHRD report of 2015-16, India can be proud of having 15, 22,346 schools (1- 12th std) hosting 29,42,38,000 students. The breakdown is as follows: 11,02,783 Government schools, 83,787 Government Aided schools, and 3,35,776 Private Unaided schools. We are aware of the conditions of most of the government schools we have come across. With the 73% of the schools being government managed we are driven to assume that school infrastructure in India is not good enough. This is not to conclude that all the government schools are bad and all the private schools are good. The fact of the matter is that the majority of the schools in India are not safe for the students for imparting value-based education as they run the risk of jeopardizing the physical and psychological safety of students.

One of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) proposed by the United Nations to be achieved by 2030 is ‘Quality Education’. India is committed to the SDGs. Quality Education does not limit only to the content of education but also the safety of the students while imparting quality education.

When we speak of safety, most of the time we think of only physical safety. In the national council of YCS it was a moment of eye opener for many, when the students spoke of the lack of safety they experienced as students. We could broadly classify the school safety into three: Physical, Psychological and Environmental.

Physical Safety – Physical punishments, heavy load of books, bullying, drug abuse, sexual abuse, lack of drinking water, lack of toilets, lack of proper light causing health issues etc.

Psychological Safety – Abusive language, insulting the students, comparing the students, peer pressure, study pressure, relationship problems, social media, addictions, social stigma etc.

Environmental Safety: Uneven grounds, dilapidated building, bad access roads, dangerous traffic, unsafe water bodies, lack of drainage system, dangerous transport system etc.

To provide the best of education in a safe environment, the education institutions need adequate funds. But the allocation of funds is insufficient. The Kothari Education Commission (1964-1966) recommended 6% of GDP to be used for education. But at present only 3% of it is used. The corruption in the education departments makes it very hard in utilizing even the meager funds allocated. The laws to curb corruption are so weak and they lack good will from the concerned authorities for implementation. The laws to provide safety to the students many a times are flouted by paying money and favours to the concerned people.

The Young Students Movement and the Young Catholic Students need to assert themselves and make sure that the safety of the students is ensured in every school they attend. The safe school is not a favour that the adults are giving to the students. It is their right. The right to safety spreads across the basic four rights of children namely, 1) Right to Survival which includes right to life, safety, health, nutrition, name and nationality 2) Right to Development which includes right to education, care, leisure, recreation and cultural activities 3) Right to Protection which comprises of protection from exploitation, abuse and neglect and 4) Right to Participation which includes right to expression, information, thought and religion.

The animators should be able to empower the students for demanding their rights which they are entitled to. The best way to empower that we know of, is the practice of YCS methodology – See, Judge and Act (Awareness, Reflection and Action). Every YCS/YSM unit should be able to become aware of the safety issues in their schools and surroundings. The awareness that they might arrive at, through an exposure visit and the observation of their own school environments should help them to make a reflection on the issues they face. The reflection must lead to action in solving the safety problems in their schools and surroundings.

The participation of the students in study session on safe school will remain only in documents if the methodology of the YCS/YSM is not put to test in addressing the issues on safe school. May the careful reading of this souvenir and the recollection of the national council study sessions help each and every YCS/YSM unit to realize the aspiration of all the students of having a safe school which in turn will help them obtain the best education that they deserve and thus shape their future lives.

Fr. J. Anil D'Sa SDB
IYCS Asian Chaplain



Self Identity & Safe School



My dear friends of YCS YSM India,

I would like to congratulate the National Chaplain Fr. Chethan Machado and the National Team for the success of 18th National Council of YCS/YSM India, with a theme 'Young Student for Youthful Life' and the thrusts 'Self Identity, Safe school and New Society.'

Young age is the Golden Age in an individual's life. Youth can't live like old people. This age will become youthful only when the young people live their lives to the fullest with moral values and positive thoughts. Young age is also said to be a foundation to the future by making use of every opportunity at the right time. This age is the time to live, Learn and enjoy by making the right choice.

Self-Identity:

Self-Identity is a complex term but in simple terms Self-Identity is identifying one's self. At times we need to identify ourselves rather than getting influenced by others. Self Identity is a way to make an analysis of our SWOT (Strength- Weaknesses Opportunity and Talent) to correct our mistakes and also to try and understand ourselves. Self Identity should be a tool to understand the importance of individual existence. Every individual must try to understand the importance of life thus imbibing universal culture of love and life which should be prioritized to achieve one's purpose in life.

Safe school:

From childhood to adulthood an individual spends most of his/her time in Kindergarten, School, College and University. Education has got its own prominence in this generation but let us reflect upon it. Is our school safe? Does our education system provide Physical, Psychological and Spiritual necessities? During the national council students raised their difficulties with respect to safety Health and concerns towards the environmental issues, burden of books, teachers approach and teaching methodology etc. We need to stress upon whether our schools are safe for the girl child? Have our schools made any attempt to reach the children of the rural areas? Are they getting quality education? Is child labour still in practice? And many such questions.

A simple problem related to the school experiences may have a great impact in one's career.

Finally, the question is as a student can we build a new society? Building new society is an idea but in reality we live in a society with plenty of social perils. As YCS YSMers, New Society can be built by fulfilling the objective of our movement Change Self and Change Others .

Self Change must be an attempt made by each YCS YSMer, where we can inspire others to change their lives. The process of building a new society can be made by making an attempt to change self and living our methodology of awareness, reflection, action and evaluation.

Hearty congratulations to the members of the Souvenir Committee for their efforts and hard work in bringing our this souvenir of National Council.

Long live YCS YSM.

Let YCS YSM Light Shine.

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REPORT

17th May 2019- Day 1

The 121 delegates from various parts of the country gathered together in their own respective regions for the official inaugural ceremony of the XXVIIth Study session and the XVIIIth National Council. Rev. Fr. Jose Remedios, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman was the president of the ceremony along with Capt. Viriato Fernandez who was the chief Guest. Ms. Rachel and Ms. Vanshika compeered the flag hoisting ceremony. The National Flag and the YCS/YSM India flag were hoisted by the Chief Guest. The delegates then took the oath of the 27th Study Session and 18th National Council which was led by Ms. Jesvita Quadras, the National Convenor. Capt. Viriato declared the 27th Study Session and 18th National Council open. The delegates assembled at the venue hall for the inaugural Eucharistic celebration. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Jose Remedioz who was accompanied by the Regional and Diocesan Chaplains. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Savio D'Souza the Regional Chaplain of Goa, urged the student delegates to break open the path and to be the first to lead just as Jesus lead the path and began something new. Soon after this, the guests of the day inaugurated the Regional exhibition stalls put up by the 8 regions present from all over the country. All the delegates marvelled and expressed their joy in sharing culture, lifestyle and food with the others.



A stage programme followed soon after which Ms. Jesvita Quadras, the Convenor welcomed the gathering. Capt. Viriato Fernandez shared his experience as a naval officer and also the struggles that he came across which inspired him to work for the society. A few of the delegates shared how his life and ideologies have become an inspiration to them as YCS/YSM'ers. Both the Guests were also felicitated during the occasion. The LOC (Local Organising Committee) members organised a cultural evening which included the traditional dances and songs performed by the locals belonging to different age groups of Goa. Rev. Fr. Chetan Machado, the YCS/YSM National Chaplain briefed the participants regarding the code of conduct and certain other instructions to be followed by the delegates. He also introduced the NEXCO members, Sr. Lidwin Fernandes, the National Coordinator, the Asian Team members-Mr. Jimmy P dang and Ms. Jessica, the Moderator of the study session Rev. Fr. Edwin Dsouza- Diocesan Chaplain of Udupi Diocese and Mr. Percival Holt, the ICYM National President who were present for the council. Ms. Rachel Patricia, the Secretary proposed the Vote of thanks. The day ended with a short prayer.

18th May 2019- Day 2

The second day began with the Eucharistic celebration. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Savio Dsouza, Regional Chaplain, Goa and the homily was preached by Rev. Fr. Richard, the Diocesan Chaplain of Hyderabad Archdiocese. After the holy mass the students proceeded to have breakfast and assembled back in the auditorium.

The theme song of the Council which was composed by Fr. Savio and team was then played and the participants learnt it with the guidance of Ms. Mary Roshni, the Cultural and Liturgical secretary. Ms. Jesvita conducted the ice breaking session for all the delegates to help them know each other better. Mr. Clacious Rodrigues (NEXCO Karnataka) welcomed Mr. Roshan, the former NEXCO to the council. Ms. Rachel welcomed Mr. Leo Joseph, the former National Coordinator who gave the orientation to the council. Fr. Chetan then explained about the present day reality of the movement in the country. He spoke of the history of the movement and also stated that though there are over one lakh students who are a part of the movement only 10,000 have registered. He also added that in India, proper formation of the students is the need of the hour and that is where each one must contribute into spreading the movement in many more dioceses. The delegates were then asked to get into their respective regional groups and to discuss on the doubts they had regarding the Sessions and the working of the council. Soon after this, Fr. Chetan welcomed Fr. Anil, the National Coordinator of YCS/YSM. He then invited regions to present their next National representatives who would be part of the new Council to the participants. They are as follows:

Agra	Oscar Martin
Goa	Cyphan Mascarenhas and Caleb D'mello
Karnataka	Deril D'sa and Jenna Philips
Madhya Pradesh	Ashitha Jimmy and Arpit Katara
Northern	Anjalina Ekka
North East	Abolon Taro
Tamil Nadu	Tony and A.S Anusha
Telugu	Mac Melvin and Joseph Reddy

After the Regional Chaplains presented their representatives, the new NEXCO members introduced themselves. Fr. Chetan told the regions that if they had any other representatives to be sent, they should be sent to the Live-in Programme which would be held in the month of June. He added that the National office would not be taking any representatives after that. The participants then left for lunch.



Once all returned, the NEXCO's conducted a short animation after which Fr. Savio explained to the delegates regarding the exposure visit. He told the participants that they will have to observe how people live, behave, interact etc and also to try and understand as to why they behaved in a particular way. Each group was assigned with LOC members to guide the delegates. The delegates visited the Bom Jesus Basilica, the Se Cathedral and St. Cajetan's Church. After the exposure the delegates were asked to sit in their exposure groups at the cathedral premises to discuss on the first part of the methodology i.e. "SEE". They all shared about all the aspects they saw around the religious places of worship. After the delegates returned to the venue they were asked to assemble in the auditorium for the inter-religious prayer. Goa and Karnataka region conducted the Inter religious prayer. The participants then gathered for the cultural evening which was performed by Agra and MP region. They performed a meaningful play and showcased a variety of dance performances. This was followed by an evaluation conducted based on the day's learnings. The day ended with a short prayer.

19th May 2019- Day 3

The day began with the Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Martin, Regional Chaplain of Tamil Nadu and the homily was preached by Rev. Fr. Anil Dsa the Asian Chaplain. After breakfast, Ms. Justine, NEXCO (North East) invited and welcomed the first speaker of the day who was Mr. Manoj Mathew, the former IYCS Secretary General. He spoke on the topic: "What is Youthful Life?" In his talk he emphasized on the challenges being faced by young people and their causes. This was the first part of our methodology-SEE (Awareness), that speaks of what we are looking for in a youthful life. The moderator of the Council Rev. Fr. Edwin Dsouza, divided the delegates in groups with one or two animators each and asked them to share their personal stories on how they have been uplifting a life of youthfulness and to even share personal experiences of the time they were not able to live a youthful life. He asked them to discuss on the SEE part and answer the questions pertaining to it. After their discussion, they were asked to perform a News Story as a means of presentation - comprising of the incident, an anchor, reporters, etc. Each group presented stories and incidents which included their personal lives or those they heard on social media. The performances of the groups depicted the stories of how young people were swayed away from youthfulness either by peer pressure, pressure from schools, addictions etc. This was



followed by regional group discussions. After a short prayer the participants left for lunch. The post lunch animation was conducted by Mr. Roshan. Mr. Wajri, NEXCO (North East) introduced and welcomed Mr. Ausfin Dias, the next speaker for the day. Ms. Vanshika welcomed him by presenting him with the council scarf. He spoke on the first thrust that is “Self Identity.” He spoke on how young people are bound to feel insecure when they concentrate on the aspects that they may be lacking at and therefore to concentrate on the simple experiences that life teaches. He urged the students not to listen to others when they try to take control of their identity or imitate people blindly. He was then felicitated by Mr.



Ravi, NEXCO (MP). After a short tea break, the moderator, Fr. Edwin again asked the delegates to get into their groups and asked them to share their views and learning and also experiences on Self Identity. The groups were asked to perform a song or a medley of songs which may be related to their own self or personality. A few groups presented it group wise and a few individually. The participants then moved into their regional groups to discuss and share on their learning and also express certain doubts and clarifications. The North East region organised Inter- religious prayer. This was followed by supper and cultural programme by the Karnataka region. They showcased their diversity of culture by presenting different folk dances and music of the various parts in their region. They sang their regional anthem too. After the evaluation conducted by Fr. Chetan on the day’s learning and a short prayer, the participants departed to rest.

20th May 2019- Day 4

The day began with the Eucharistic celebration celebrated by Fr. Dominic, the Regional Chaplain of Agra region and Fr. Vijay Baretto, the Diocesan Chaplain of Delhi Archdiocese who preached the homily.

Soon after breakfast Fr. Chetan welcomed Fr. Amit Dominic, the Regional Chaplain of Agra Region. Ms. Vanshika Paul, NEXCO (Northern) introduced the first speaker of the day to the gathering. Rev. Fr. Ramiro Luiz spoke on the Values that needs to be inculcated in the present reality. He also explained as to how can we live by the values whilst living in a very challenging society. He was felicitated by Ms. Mary Roshni. The groups then discussed on the same and also shared their personal experiences of living a value based life. The mode of presentation was supposed to be a flash mob performed region wise on student life and values according to the allotted time



by the moderator. A short tea break was followed by regional group discussion. After lunch all the delegates gathered in the hall. Mr. Leo Joseph conducted animation for the delegates. Mr. Clacious Rodrigues introduced the next speaker. Ms. Rachel welcomed him. Mr. James Kurian spoke on how young students could bring about positive change around them in the society through their career. Ms. Justine felicitated him. The participants got into their groups. The moderator instructed them to present their discussion through Mime. After a short tea break Fr.

Chetan Machado addressed the participants regarding Volunteerism which is required at the national level. He also expressed how it is important for the students to give back to the movement in little or big ways possible and that the national office is in need of volunteers to help out in the working. The groups then presented their mime performance. This was followed by regional group discussion. After the break, the participants gathered at the venue for the inter-religious prayer conducted by the Northern and the Telugu region. After dinner, the North East region performed cultural programme by showcasing their tribal dances. Fr. Prakash Sagili, the former National Chaplain was welcomed by Fr. Chetan Machado. He then conducted the evaluation based on what the students had learnt throughout the day not just regarding the sessions but also by observing others actions. He then concluded the day with a short prayer.

21st May 2019 Day – 5

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Stephen Alathara, the Deputy Secretary General of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India. He addressed the gathering and explained to the delegates about how each of them as YCS YSM'ers have a responsibility to abide by the movement's objectives. He also spoke about the identity and status of our movement in the commission. A few participants clarified their doubts regarding



the same with him. This was followed by the introduction and welcoming of the next speaker, Mr. James Sylvester, a YCS YSM'er from Telugu region. He elucidated on the various issues the young students face in their schools and also highlighted on the International Plan of Action on Safe school. He emphasised on the second part of the methodology i.e Judge. Students also shared openly about the different burdens regarding various forms of physical, sexual or mental abuse and pressures. After a short tea break, Fr. Anil D'sa conducted a small activity. He also spoke on the formulation of the National Plan of Action for the next three years that was supposed to be formulated by the delegates of the council. The groups met according to their

regions and discussed and suggested a few activities to be conducted at the diocesan, regional and national level that could depict and help implement the theme and the three thrusts. After the tea break, Ms. Jesvita thanked and felicitated Mr. Roshan, former NEXCO for his presence and involvement during the council. Mr. Percival Holt conducted an animation song. The regions then presented their suggestions for the National Plan of Action. Inter-religious prayer was then conducted by the Tamil Nadu region. The regions also performed flash mob according to the time allotted to them throughout the day on the topic given to them on the previous day of the council with the theme of students filled with values. Post dinner, the cultural programme was performed by the Northern region. After an evaluation conducted by Fr. Chetan a short prayer followed and the day concluded.

22nd May – Day 6

The day began with the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Prakash Sagili was the main celebrant and Fr. Praveen Sagili preached homily. The delegates were asked to return to the venue at 9am to begin with the 18th National Council.



The National Council commenced with YCS/YSM prayer lead by Ms. Mary Roshni. Ms. Rachel Patricia, the Secretary called out the Roll call. Ms. Jesvita, the Convenor of the meeting welcomed the delegates and also gave a brief introduction to the council and declared the 18th National Council open. She explained the voting procedure and the establishment of the quorum. As there were 8 out of 14 regions present excluding the vote of the national office and the NEXCO, majority was attained and therefore the quorum was established. The Presidium called for a short break. After the break when the meeting resumed, an election to the presidium was held. Ms. Vincent from Tamil Nadu region was nominated and was elected. Ms. Rachel read out the agenda. She asked the council for suggestions and clarifications. With no queries from the regions, the agenda was approved. After the tea break, the council resumed. The Presidium asked the regions to present their reports. Goa region presented their report first. Karnataka



region presented their report. To a question on how they manage YCS/YSM in their region, Fr. Edwin responded saying that the region has YCS in the parishes and YSM in the schools. Fr. Chetan again asked the region regarding their action towards the regional condition as there is a lack of interest of the Regional Chairman and the Regional Chaplain. Karnataka region responded stating that they would raise these concerns during their regional meeting. Fr. Chetan suggested that that this issue should be discussed during the other matters. Fr. Alex from MP region stated that this was a regional matter that needs to be discussed at the regional level and asked the region to solve it there. MP region presented their report. Fr. Chetan asked the region regarding the expansion of the movement where there is no YCS/YSM. Fr. Alex responded saying that they would expand the movement by 2020 to all seven dioceses. After MP, Northern, North East, Tamil Nadu and Telugu regions presented their reports. Mr. Joash from the Agra region suggested to Telugu region that they could have more of exposures rather than just meetings as the exposures could help the students face better realities. The region accepted the suggestion.



Soon after this Ms. Rachel read out the National Movement Report. Agra region asked regarding the total number of units as of now in their region as there are increased number of new units in Bareilly and Ajmer along with Jhansi. To this Sr. Lidwin responded saying that she visited these dioceses and it is the responsibility of the Diocesan chaplain to begin the units/cells. Telugu region stated that AP region is mentioned in

many places in the report and that it has to be changed to Telugu region. Tamil Nadu region suggested that the report should have been presented in the form of power point for the delegates to follow. MP region clarified that the NSLTP which was organised in the MP region was participated only by the MP region and the Nagpur diocesan students only and not by the Northern region as mentioned in the report. Mr. Leo suggested that the names of the participants who attended the international programmes should be mentioned as well. Fr. Anil pointed out the discrepancy in the total number of students mentioned in Delhi diocese and at the national level in the report and also in another report presented in the handbook of the council. All these suggestions and clarifications were noted and the presidium stated that the changes will be made. The report was passed and seconded. Ms. Jesvita invited Fr. Chetan to present the National Office report. After the presentation, Fr. Vijay

enquired about three properties under the YCS YSM National office. Fr. Chetan explained about how these properties were aquired. Fr. Richard from the Telugu region asked if it was possible to include office staff to help in the working of the National office. To this Fr. Chetan replied that there is no provision to keep any office staff but the National Coordinator along with volunteers help in the functioning. MP region passed the report and the Telugu region seconded it. Ms. Jesvita requested Fr. Chetan to present the evaluation report of the National office. After the evaluation report, Ms. Jesvita presented the National Team report. With no clarifications the report was passed and seconded. Ms. Jesvita invited Mr.



Jeris, the National Treasurer to read the Triennial financial statement of YCS/YSM India of the past three years. The statement was passed and seconded. Fr. Chetan was then requested to present the Budget of the following three years. Afetr a few queries, budget was passed by the MP region and seconded by the Karnataka region.

Fr. Chetan then requested the students to raise the Roll Call Card and urged that the students speak. The council was adjourned and it resumed after tea break. At this point the presidium asked the Council for any amendments suggested by the regions. As there were no amendments suggested by the regions, a few suggestions by the National Office were taken up for discussion.

Fr. Chetan suggested that all the dioceses and the regions must follow the system given according to the constitution where registration forms and annual membership fee of each student must be collected and sent to the national office. He suggested that this be added to the existing article 3. The amendment was passed and seconded and it was passed by the council.

After the amendments were discussed, Fr. Chetan welcomed Most Rev. Ignatius D'Souza, member bishop of the CCBI Youth Commission. Ms. Jesvita requested the Council to speak on any other matter concerning the movement. Mr. Manoj Mathew suggested the presidium that we need to invite some bishops and pastors to such important and prominent meetings where their contribution could help the movement in much greater forms. Fr. Edwin clarified on the matter that was asked to the Karnataka region regarding their action towards the re-livening the regional level. Fr. Edwin said that the region is doing really well at the diocesan level but the issue is the response of the Regional Chairman and the Regional Chaplain. Ms. Sonia also stated that the regional



team has tried to send the reports and letters to the chairman bishop but the response was supportive only in terms of words. Sr. Lidwin requested Fr. Martin, Regional Chaplain of the Tamil Nadu region to convey the difficulties faced by the movement to the Chairman Bishop as he hails from the same region. To this Fr. Martin replied saying that he would try and convey the same.

Fr. Chetan also placed a query regarding those NEXCO members who were part of the team initially but have left the team along the way. He requested the RegionalChaplains to take this matter seriously and send only those students who complete their term as NEXCOs.

The Presidium adjourned the council for the day and stated that the meeting would commence the next day morning.

The delegates were asked to proceed for a break. After the break they all gathered for the inter-religious prayer organised by the Agra region. This was followed by supper and a cultural programme organised by the Telugu region. During the programme the parents and family members of the three NT members Ms. Jesvita, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Roshni were welcomed and introduced to the delegates by Fr. Chetan Machado. Fr. Prakash Sagili and Mr. Manoj



Mathew were thanked and felicitated for their presence and involvement during the council. Fr. Prakash thanked the Chaplain for inviting and during his message remembered the days when he was the Chaplain of the movement. He said the movement has grown and is very active. He also said that we can not compare the old days and the present time because needs and concerns are different. Mr Manoj also thanked the Council for having him as a resource person and urged the students to keep the YCS/YSM spirit alive. Fr. Chetan thanked both of them as they have been pioneers to the movement and have been rendering their constant support as well. After the cultural programme, Fr. Chetan conducted the evaluation and concluded the day with a short prayer.

22nd May – Day 7

The day began with prayer lead by the MP region. After breakfast the presidium resumed the Council. Ms. Rachel Patricia called the Roll Call and established the Quorum. She read the agenda of the second day. Ms. Jesvita welcomed the gathering and invited Mr. Percival Holt, to read the Council statement. The presidium asked the regions to discuss on the final statement and to make their suggestions. There were many suggestions made and the presidium asked the Documentation Committee to incorporate these suggestions and present the statement later. Mr. Percival requested the presidium to allow Mr. Samson from the Agra region and Mr. Leo considering their experience to help the documentation committee in finalising and polishing the council statement. With the permission of the presidium they were asked to help the committee. Thereafter, the presidium



invited Fr. Anil Dsa to present the National Plan of Action. The regions were allotted some time for discussion and were asked to suggest corrections towards the Plan of Action. The points were taken into consideration by the documentation committee. They asked for some time to add on the corrections.

After the tea break, Fr. Chetan was invited by the presidium to present the new National Team. They are as follows:

Convenor (President)	Deril D'sa from Karnataka region
General Secretary	Mac Melvin from Telugu region
Treasurer	Caleb D'Mello from Goa region
Editor for Search I	Tony Joseph from Tamilnadu region
Editor for Search II	Ashitha Jimmy from MP region
Cultural and Liturgical Secretary	Anjelina Ekka from Northern region

The Presidium congratulated the newly elected office bearers and the council meeting continued to discuss the plan of Action and the final statement.

After lunch, the presidium commenced the Council meeting and invited Fr. Anil to present the final National Plan of Action. The plan of Action was passed and seconded.

Mr. Percival Holt was asked to present the Final Statement of the Council. It was also passed and seconded. Ms. Rachel welcomed Mr. Kamal to carry out the Evaluation of the council.

The presidium then invited the Asian team members to address the students. Ms Jessica Hsu from Taiwan shared about the activities conducted at the Asian level and also her plan to revive the movement at the Asian level. She thanked the Council for inviting the Asian Team and giving them an opportunity to address the Council. Jimmy Pdang also expressed his gratitude and requested the Council to continue to support the Asian Team. Soon after this, Most Rev. Ignatius Dsouza, the member Bishop of the youth commission was invited by the Presidium to address the delegates of the council. He addressed the Council and appreciated the quality of debate and proceedings. He also asked the students to take up responsibilities at various levels and remain faithful to the Church.



Ms. Jesvita thanked the Asian team members for their presence and thanked bishop Ignatius Dsouza for his support and guidance. She invited Fr. Chetan for his final remarks as the National chaplain. Fr. Chetan expressed his gratitude and requested the participants to continue to support the movement. He thanked all the Regional and Diocesan Chaplains for their continued support. He thanked the NT/EXCO for taking the movement forward. Ms. Rachel proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Jesvita thanked the regions for their cooperation and patience during the council. The Regions congratulated the presidium for the way they conducted the meeting. Ms. Jesvita declared the 18th National Council close.

The delegates dispersed for a short tea break and gathered for a group photograph outside in the premises. Soon after this, bishop Ignatius handed over the YCS/YSM National flag to Ms. Jesvita. She handed it over to Mr. Deril D'Sa the newly elected National Convenor of the movement. They were also presented with a copy of *Christus Vivit*, Exhortation by Pope Francis on the Youth Synod. Mr. Ravi Xess, NEXCO conducted the

closing ceremony. The closing Eucharistic celebration followed and the main celebrant was Most Rev. Ignatius D'Souza. In his homily he urged the students to accept the invitation of the Lord to be holy as the Heavenly Father is holy. He asked the students to remain open to receive the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Eucharist the NEXCO members took oath with lit candles to work for the movement. This was lead by Fr. Chetan Machado, the National Chaplain. Soon after this, concluding ceremony followed and Mr. Xavier Dias NEXCO (Goa) compeered the programme. Ms. Jesvita welcomed the gathering. A mix of Goan culture was presented by the LOC. The parents of the NT members were felicitated. A farewell was given by the new office bearers to the outgoing members. The outgoing NEXCO members shared their experience being a part of the movement for the past three years. They also performed a short dance performance. After this, they thanked and felicitated Sr. Lidwin and Fr. Anil who served the movement as Coordinators for a year. Bishop Ignatius, Fr. Savio, Fr. Edwin, the Asian Team members, Mr. Percival Holt and the LOC members were also felicitated during the occasion. Fr. Chetan was also thanked and felicitated by the team for his love and care that he had showed as the Chaplain and also mentioned that he was an inspiration to them. All the delegates were presented with certificates and a momento by Ms Rachel and Ms. Jesvita.

Ms. Rachel proposed the Vote of Thanks. With a short prayer the participants dispersed for dinner. Once returned animation was conducted by Fr. Anil and Fr. Chetan. Fr. Chetan invited Fr. Edwin to felicitate the NEXCO members for their service. The day concluded with a self-evaluation and a short prayer conducted by Fr. Chetan.

23rd May – Day 8

The day began with the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Chetan Machado. During breakfast the kitchen staff and other staff of the venue were thanked. The delegates then bade farewell to each other and a few went on for sight-seeing.



YCS/YSM INDIA BUDGET FOR 2019-2022

INCOME			
Sl.	Particulars	1YR	3YRS
1.	Membership Fee	50000	150000
2.	Contribution from the regions	25000	75000
3.	Contribution from dioceses	50000	150000
4.	Donations	300000	900000
5.	Search Subscriptions	10000	30000
6.	Registration Fee	15000	45000
7.	Projects	-	-
8.	Interest on FD's	1382460	4147380
	Total	18,32,460	54,97,380
EXPENDITURE			
1.	Salaries & Wages	260000	780000
2.	Travel	120000	360000
3.	Search Newsletter (6 issues)	170000	510000
4.	Extension work & visitation	80000	240000
5.	Repair & Maintenance	50000	150000
6.	Miscellaneous	25000	75000
7.	National Student LT Programme(2)	250000	750000
8.	Interregional SLTP		1,00,000
9.	Animators Training Programme(1)	270000	810000
10.	NT meetings(2)	12000	36000
11.	NTA meetings(2)	50000	150000
12.	National Team Exco Meeting(2)	160000	480000
13.	National Council (2019)		1200000
14.	Animation & visits/consultations	50000	150000
15.	NTA/EXCO live in programme(2)	-	80000
16.	National Convention (2020)	-	1500000
17.	National Coordination	350000	10,50,000
	Total	18,47,000	69,21,000

Expenditure over income

14,23,620

National Office report - 2016-19

Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain

Dear Friends Greetings!

After taking charge of the movement in 2015, I feel it has been a nice journey accompanying young students all these years. I thank my predecessors for their guidance and the hardwork work they have put in to bring YCS/YSM where it is today. Our movement has already celebrated the Golden Jubilee and marching forward. We have touched the lives of many young people who are grateful to the movement. I feel proud to be the chaplain of this movement and thank all the NEXCOs who worked for the movement during these years, part time and full time coordinators, alumnis and other associates who have been contributing to the growth of this movement

For YCS/YSM India, journey has been bumpy, especially the last few years. With many difficulties we are still holding the fort. The national office has been organising NATP's for the animators and NSLTP's for students every year without fail. We even introduced training in Hindi for the Hindi speaking regions but response has been very poor.

We have been collaborating with other movements and organisations to give exposure to our students at the international level. During 2016-2019 some students availed these opportunities but many deserving and capable did not make it because of non availability of animators to accompany them and poor communication system at the diocesan/regional level. Most of our students were not even aware of these events.

We organised Taize pilgrimage to Hong Kong, we sent students to Taize, France, World Youth Day, Asian Youth Day, Global Training session in Rome etc.

YCS/YSM has a documentation house in Santhome, Chennai which remains our registered office and in Delhi we have the National working office. Till recently, Archdiocese of Delhi had given us a place at Delhi Archdiocesan Youth office. We had to vacate the office for major renovation and once again we are left without any office. We are looking for a place in Delhi until we get ready with our own office in Najafgarh, Delhi which may take some time. We now have a place to keep our files safe and a place of our own to stay in Chennai for any YCS/YSM work.

During the last three years I have visited many regions and some units/cells. I was happy to see the work done in some dioceses and regions where YCS/YSM light is still shining. It is very unfortunate that many dioceses have closed down the YCS/YSM and this movement is reduced to a few schools or just one or two dioceses in the region. (*Rf. Statistics of the movement on Pg. 68*)

I am happy and get encouraged when I see our student community, so vibrant, enthusiastic and committed. They want to learn and go ahead in life. I feel disappointed because at times these young people are like sheep without a shepherd. There are no animators to accompany them, no teachers to guide them, no pastors to organise and help them. At times young priests and religious showing no interest makes me feel sorry for this movement.

At the national office we have a lot of work. Other than maintaining files/documents and reports, we have an FCRA account to maintain. We need funds to maintain that account and at the moment there is just one project for NSLTP. Every two months we need to get ready with The Search. We don't have any staff to design, get it printed, get it ready for posting etc. Every year we have three major national programmes other than the Council and Convention which is once in three years. All the planning, logistics and most importantly funds have to be arranged for these programmes. To arrange a place and send communication to our regions and dioceses we need volunteers to help us. At the moment the whole burden is on the National chaplain.

We were looking for a National Coordinator. God finally heard our prayers and gave us two coordinators in 2018. Sr. Lidwin Fernandes UMI and Fr. Anil D'Sa SDB joined us to help the National office. It was very nice to work with them as a team and their help to get ready with The Search on time and sending information to the regions and coordinating national programmes reduced a lot of burden.

They need to move on. Sr. Lidwin is appointed the Executive secretary of the Women's commission of CCBI and Fr. Anil is also moving out to take up a higher responsibility. They will still help us as and when they find time. We are now looking for a coordinator who can journey with us.

I thank Sr. Lidwin and Fr. Anil for their tireless and committed service to the movement and wish them all the best in their ministry.

When I was appointed, YCS was functioning under CBCI Youth Council. It was discussed during the 77th EC meeting of CCBI that 'some youth movements are international or Pontifical in character and they are governed and guided by international statutes. In India however, they will come under the CCBI if they are of the Latin Rite. IYCS is pontifical in character and worked under the conference.

During the 79th EC meeting it was made clear that the YCS YSM is presently working in Latin dioceses, the present national director and former directors made various efforts to start YCS/YSM in the oriental Churches, but the two Oriental Churches were not interested to start a Latin organisation in their dioceses because they have their own associations in their educational institutions. YCS/YSM now operates under the canonical Conference and hence it works under the CCBI, which is the canonical national Episcopal Conference of India.

Finally, as I said earlier it was a mixed bag of experiences for me. I am still hopeful that YCS/YSM will flourish in the coming years. Many Chaplains will come forward to start this movement in their dioceses to save our students from bad influence. We need a strong movement in our country. We need to guide and direct them.

Long live YCS/YSM India.

God bless you.



National Team Report - 2016-19

Jesvita Quadras, National Convener

Greetings!

The National Team comprises of Ms. Jesvita Quadras, Ms. Rachel Patricia, Mr. Jeris, Ms. Natasha Louis and Ms. Mary Roshni who were elected as the National Convener, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Newsletter- Editor and National Cultural and liturgical Secretary respectively. We were together 18 NEXCO members who were the chosen representatives from our regions. Our term together began in the month of May 2016 during the 17th National Council in Greater Noida. Due to certain circumstances, some including our NT member Ms. Natasha, couldn't remain committed to their role and left our family along the way. Presently a total of 12 representatives are working for our movement.

We met twice a year for the NT EXCO meetings and sometimes for other regional or national programmes and discussed and worked on how we could do justice in carrying out our role in the movement. As the NT EXCO, we have visited many programmes and meetings and have been committed to our responsibility. We can definitely not deny that there were many times where we lacked in our coordination and commitment. We were given 'N' number of opportunities to learn and grow which came along with challenges such as to contact each other who belonged to every corner of this country, to get them to respond and so on. However, we as a team worked our bit and put together what we could do to run the movement.

We, as the National Team have tried our best to decide and implement what is good and necessary to uphold the values and morals that our movement believes in strongly.

The most important aspect of us continuing our bit has been none other Fr. Chetan, a person, who, with very little words speaks volumes for us to learn from. We are and always will be grateful for having a Chaplain who believed in us despite our little shortcomings and guided us regardless of our mistakes that we have corrected and learned today. We have been privileged to have with us two personalities who joined us down the road in the year 2018 to help in the working of the movement. Fr Anil Dsa and Sr. Lydwin Fernandes, our two National coordinators who have always helped us in every little or big way possible to expand the horizons of our movement. Mr. Ebin Navis from Tamil Nadu also worked as a full-time National Volunteer for the year 2018 and has rendered his dedication for which we are grateful. We were initially supported by Mr. Midrash Mathew, a part-time coordinator. We thank him for his service to our movement.

The unconditional support rendered to us by all our Regional and Diocesan Chaplains has truly been a mark of appreciation. Speaking of which, our movement has been blessed with many such animators and supporters who have been a backbone to the students.

Last but not the least, our dear NEXCO members, the love and support you have given us has been remarkable. Though less in number, we as one team have tried all we could, in putting together our efforts in making these three years a successful one. We thank you wholeheartedly for your unconditional service and assistance that has helped us run the movement.

Lastly, a word of appreciation to all our parents, the former members, supporters and well-wishers of our movement who have been there to help us light the brightness of YCS YSM everywhere.

Let the light of YCS YSM shine forever more!

National Report - 2016-19

Rachel Patricia, National Secretary

YCS/YSM NATIONAL MOVEMENT REPORT

May 2016 to May 2019

1. Introduction: Young Catholic Students/ Young Students Movement has achieved a few milestones during the last three years. In Noida, UP we prepared an action plan and the National Movement worked hard to implement some of the suggestions made during the last Council. There were many ups and downs. Many dioceses where YCS was active some years back is not functioning anymore and a few dioceses have taken initiative to revive the movement.

In Delhi (Noida) we chose the theme, 'Called to believe, begin. become'. Thrusts were 'back to the roots, human dignity, media and me'. For the past three years we have deliberated on these topics and spread awareness on various issues. Most of our programmes at the diocesan, regional and national level were based on this theme.

With the guidance, collaboration and co-operation of the National Chaplain, National Coordinators, Regional Chaplains, the National Team Members (NT) and EXCO's, we have worked with the student leaders and Animators to achieve our goals. Through various national and inter-regional programs and through the publication of 'The Search', our bi-monthly newsletter, the students are formed to be leaders and agents of change.

This National Report contains various undertakings of our Movement of the past three years with our National Theme as its back-bone and guiding principle. This report will give us ample evidence that the movement has believed in the dignity of every individual and worked to strengthen their Rights.

Though this is an elaborated report, we are still unable to express the hard work, selfless dedication and sacrifice of our students, animators, chaplains, coordinators, parents, well wishers and for the growth of the Movement. Heartfelt gratitude to all of them.

1.1. Student Reality: What is the student reality?

Student reality is changing day by day. With the advancement of technology, young people are becoming individualistic and withdrawn. Everything is virtual including relationships. Today we are made to believe wrong is right and right has no place. Our gadgets are full of fake news! Social media is causing more division than uniting people as it falsely claims. In a fast moving world everything happens instantly, our education, projects, research, relationship, spirituality, everything is affected by this. Today gadgets control us and program our lives. In a world like this students are confused. They are confused because there is a conflict in what they believe and what they are taught, what their parents/elders/teachers say and what media says, what Holy Scriptures says and what social media says. They do not know where to go for guidance. They are in search to find out their existence and this is the reality of today.

1.2. Vision:

To evolve a new society, where people live in harmony, where there is total freedom for the complete growth of the individual, where each and every person is respected in dignity hence valuing peace, love, truth, justice and equality.

1.3. Aim:

“Building a new society”- “A Just Society”- God’s Kingdom.

1.4. Objectives: Change Self- Change Others

To have:

- Self discovery, personality development through review of life
- Creative leadership through talent exposure
- Social awareness to fight for justice and peace
- Group reflection and community building
- Respond to current issues and realize it
- God experience or faith formation
- Better future through studies, discipline in life and partaking in social activities
- National integration and communal harmony
- Collaborate with the likeminded movements and organizations.

1.5. Present Scenario:

In the year 2018 YCS/YSM started a membership drive. According to our constitution every member of YCS/YSM pays a nominal registration fee. It was a tough decision to implement but we had to begin somewhere. Some regions responded and some have asked for more time. The list given below is not the exact and real picture of the movement in the country but as of now this is the present scenario. At present, the Movement has more than thirty three thousand students and 764 dedicated Animators, youth workers spread out in 10 regions. The Movement has formed active and dynamic church leaders, social workers and liberators who are involved in the process of socio-economic- political-religious welfare of the people all over the country.

2. Statistics of the Movement* (Dioceses having the movement)

Name of the regions	No. of Dioceses	No. of Units	No. of Students	No. of Girls	No. of Boys	No. of Animators
A.P. (Telugu)*	1	-	140	60	80	5
Bihar*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chattisgarh*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jharkhand*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goa*	1	26	431	-	-	41
Karnataka	5	318	10,600	8,048	2,552	372
MG (Nagpur)*	1	5	50	20	30	2
Madhya Pradesh*	2	30	2,800	1,240	1,560	52
North East	15	155	9,800	4,282	5,518	155
Northern Region*	1	15	92	52	40	4
Odisha*	3	25	1,600	638	962	25
Tamilnadu*	8	148	1988	1330	658	60
U.P. (Agra)*	1	2	126	46	80	4
West Bengal	2	12	830	340	490	17
Total	40	770	32826	18899	13927	717

** updated in 2019.*

3. NTA/EXCO:

The National Team of Animators consists of the National Chaplain, National Coordinator and all the regional chaplains. The National Executive body comprises of two (one boy & one girl) student leaders who represent their region. The NTA/EXCO meets once in six months to evaluate study and plan for the growth of the Movement. It also shares and takes the opportunity to participate in the Inter-Regional, National, Asian, International and partner movement programs.

The responsibility of the NTA/EXCO is to convey the orientation of the National Council at the grass root level i.e. both the regions and the diocese. The Movement is fortunate to have dedicated and inspiring Chaplains/ EXCOS with clear objectives, guidance and direction at all level. We appreciate the involvement and participation of a few EXCOS at their regional and diocesan level. In the mean time, the Movement has suffered too due to the absence/ non cooperation of some of the Regional Chaplains and discontinuation/ negligence of some EXCOS and negligence in selecting the EXCOS by some regions.

3.1. NTA/EXCO Meetings:

During the last three years NTA/EXCO meetings were held in different regions:

1st NT/EXCO Meeting

The first NT/EXCO meeting was held during the national live-in programme in Udupi. This meeting was held from 13-15 August 2016. Fourteen NEXCOs along with some animators participated in this meeting.

2nd NT/EXCO Meeting

The second NT/EXCO meeting was held at St. Anthony's Shrine, Kolkata from 28th - 29th Decemeber, 2016. Thirty six students along with some animators participated in this meeting. This meeting was held to discuss and plan for the second National Convention in Kolkata.

3rd NT/EXCO Meeting

The third NT/EXCO meeting was held at St. Anthony's Shrine, Kolkata from 20th – 21st May, 2017. Twenty one students and animators participated in this meeting. This meeting was held just before the 2nd national Convention to plan the whole programme of the National Convention. Fr. Devraj, Sr. Gouri and some local organising committee members were also part of this meeting.

4th NTA/EXCO Meeting

The National Team of Animators and Executive Council was held at USM, Indore from 27th December to 29th December 2017. Twenty members participated in this council meeting. During this 4th NT/EXCO meeting regions presented their activity reports and the national secretary presented the report of the last meeting. There was an evaluation of the activities held during the last six months. Members also discussed the expansion of the movement. It was decided to have one NSLTP from next year and organize more training programmes in the regions with the cooperation of the regional office.

5th NT/EXCO Meeting

The 5th YCS/YSM NT/EXCO meeting was held at The Citadel, Kilpauk, Chennai from 17 to 18 June 2018. Sixteen students along with their animators attended this meeting to discuss about the forthcoming National Council in Goa, 2019. During this meeting, participants finalised the theme and the thrusts for the Council. Students chose the theme: "Students for youthful life" and 'safe school', 'vocation' and 'new society' as thrusts for the next three years. The National Council will be held in Goa in the month of May, 2019.

6th NT/EXCO Meeting

The sixth NT/EXCO meeting was held at St. Joseph Vaz Retreat Centre, Old Goa from 11-12 January 2019. Twelve members participated in the meeting. During this meeting the plans for the National Council were finalised.

EXCOS Responses: EXCO's from most of the regions actively participated in most of the National programmes during this period. Unfortunately response from some regions was very poor.

3.2. NTA/ EXCOS Live – In Program:

NEXCO live-in programme-2016

The first live-in programme for the newly elected NEXCO's was held from 13th - 15th of August 2016 at St. Antony's Church, Kuntalnagar, Udupi diocese. There were fourteen participants. During the programme the team sat together to plan for the next three years. They visited a few cells in the diocese and shared their plan for the movement.

NEXCO live-in programme-2018

Young Catholic Students and Young Students Movement, National Executive Committee members met in Bangalore for the 2nd live-in programme from 14-16 June 2018 at NBCLC. Students from seven regions participated in this programme to strengthen their bond and plan for the future. There were twelve participants.

The Present National Team

National Chaplain - Fr. Chetan Machado
National Convener - Ms. Jesvita Quadras from Karnataka
National Secretary - Ms. Rachel Patricia from Tamil nadu
National Treasurer - Mr. Jeris from Agra
Liturgy Secretary - Ms Roshni Mary from MP

3.3. Administrative, Organizational Meetings:

Regular meetings and planning of National Team were held during NTA/EXCO meeting itself. Since all were students and having different time table and considering distance and travel hazards we could not come together often. But at various occasions we met and through emails, cell phones, social media and the use of other networks we could decide things much faster.

3.5. Changes in the National EXCO and NTA:

During this term some NTA/EXCO members were unable to continue due to other assignments, studies and personal reasons. We appreciate their service and contribution to the Movement and wish them all the best. The following members belong to the NTA/EXCO

Region	National Exco	NTA
Tamilnadu	Abihinisha, Raichel Pradeep Raj	Fr. Martin Joseph
Karnataka	Jesvita, Clacious	Fr. Anil D'Sa/Fr. Lourd Raj
M & G Region	-	Fr. Philip Topno
Goa	Xavier and Roslin	Fr. Savio D'Souza
Bihar-Patna	Nisha, Alex	Fr. Antony
West Bengal	Akansha, Natasha	Fr. Micahel /Fr. Devraj
Northeast	Justine, Wajiri, Rikham	Sr. Bernadeth
Uttar Pradesh	Jeris	Fr. Richard Arul
Odisha	Riya & Sanjith	-
Northern	Vanshika Paul	Fr. Vijay Baretto
Madhya Pradesh	Ravi & Roshni	Fr. Alexander
Telugu	-	Fr. Praveen
Jharkhand	-	-
Chattisgarh	-	-

4. National Council:

The National Council is the highest decision making body of YCS/YSM. It is held once in three years where student representatives from different regions meet. The National Team, NTA/EXCO members are responsible in organizing the Council.

4.1. XVII National Council:

The 17th National Council was held in May 2016 at YMCA, Noida (Delhi). Around 120 student members from all over India participated in it and evaluated the movement for the past three years and chose the theme for next three years.

The theme: 'Called to believe, begin. become'.

The National thrusts are:

1. Back to the roots
2. Human dignity
3. Media and me

5. National Plan of Action:

National action plan suggested by the XVII council:

Back to the Root

- The NTA/EXCO could organise programmes where former YCSers gather to share experiences in national programmes.
- The former YCSers be called as resource persons in panel discussions, seminars, workshops, etc., to animate participants in programmes.
- The NTA and EXCO shall visit all the dioceses in their respective regions, with prior information to their directors where ever applicable.
- The National Office shall bring out the revised edition of the testimonies.
- Initiate/revive the regions where YCS/YSM Movement is inactive.

Media and Me

- The NTA/EXCO could organise sessions on themes like: ‘Internet Privacy’; ‘Cyber Security and Crime’; ‘Plagiarism’; etc. at the National Level
- The NTA/EXCO could write to local newspapers, YCS/YSM website, social networking sites and other magazines in regard to media.
- The National Office could organise workshop for office bearers on media.

Human Dignity

- The NT could organise training programmes, seminars, workshops and symposiums for RYDs, DYDs, animators and student leaders on ‘Restoring Human Right and Dignity’.
- The NT and National Office could prepare a resource book on ‘Restoring Human Rights’ and ‘Media’ to be used during the academic calendar and other sessions for students/animators.

General POA

- Dedicating a special column in the Search newsletter that cater to the thrust of the year and encourage more members to write in that particular column.

6. Finance:

Raising funds is a concern all the time. For all our programmes we pay one way TA and subsidize Board and lodging fees. We find it difficult to raise funds locally. In the past some dioceses have helped us partially to organize the NSLTP programmes. We are grateful to them. If there are funds we can organize more animators training programmes. We totally depend on funding agencies for our programmes. But nowadays it is not easy to receive projects for formation programs. As we claim it as a student’s movement, we also have to realize our duties and responsibilities towards it. Lack of motivation, attitude and efforts, make us fail in raising funds locally towards our movement. There are a lot of opportunities and awareness to raise funds locally. The need of financial support and the means to raise funds must be made aware to all and each of us should try our level best in giving a helping hand to the movement. At this juncture, we are extremely grateful to the funding agencies that are supporting us, without whom certain programs are not possible. We are also grateful to our sponsors, benefactors and well wishers. With their support we were able to organize many training programmes successfully.

7. National Newsletter – The Search:

Our National Newsletter “The Search”, is published six times a year. It publishes our views, articles, experiences, reports and the current happenings of the world. It gives an opportunity to the students to be budding writers. We appreciate the Editorial Board and all those who assist in bringing out the issues. Though we spend a lot of money, time and energy, it’s not possible to achieve it’s aim. The subscription and the articles from the student members are not satisfactory. But with the help of present NEXCO’s we have been able to get some subscriptions and expecting more in the coming days. Keeping in mind our national theme, we bring out articles pertaining to the theme in every issue. As it’s our magazine, it’s our duty to make it meaningful and reachable to many students.

8. Participation & collaboration with IYCS & IYCS Asia

As our Movement is an International Movement we are proud of being a member movement, where every cell member belongs to it at every level. We also have a good relationship with the International Movement through correspondence and regular membership fees. Hosting the World Council for the First time has made us closer with the International movement and also to all the other countries having YCS. YCS/YSM - India has never missed the opportunity to participate in any Asian level programs and have used the full quotas for students. We are proud to have our own Fr. Charles as the International Chaplain. Our members have participated in the Global Session, Rome and Jordan, Asian Council in Taiwan, Asian Meeting in Phillipines, and WYD, Panama and AYD Indonesia.

9. Programs- IYCS - International

9.1 IYCS Global training Programme, Jordan

The IYCS Global Training and International Committee meeting was held in Amman, Jordan from 5th October to 13th October 2017. Animators from different continents attended this meeting and also training programme. National Chaplain Fr. Chetan Machado and Fr. Anil D'Sa Regional Youth Director of Karnataka attended this meeting.

9.2 IYCS Global Conference, Rome, Italy September, 2018

The IYCS Global Conference was held in Rome from 10-20 September 2018. Ms Raichel, General Secretary of the movement participated in this programme along with three animators from India. The theme was: "Educating Today and Tomorrow; Students Building a Safe Learning Environment" Quality Education: A Safe Environment for the Students' Holistic Growth

9.3 World Youth Day, Panama : Ms. Jesvita, the National Convenor participated in the pilgrimage of World Youth Day 2019.

9.4 Taize Pilgrimage: Mr. Ebin Navis, former NEXCO and national volunteer in 2018 went to Taize as a volunteer for three months.

9.5 World Youth Parliament : Ms. Jesvita(NP) & Ms. Rachel (NS) participated in the World Youth Parliament which in Beijing, China from August 4th – 13th , 2017.

10. Programs- IYCS- ASIA

10.1 The Special Asian Session

The Special Asian Session on the theme: "Protecting Our Common Home; Students Taking Action to Protect Creation and Build Sustainable Peace" was held from 13-19 March 2017 at the Bukal ng Tipan, Mary Hill, Taytay, Rizal, Philippines. The training session was part of the IYCS Global Campaign project which is providing significant funds to bring participants together. This was a special session called to discuss about the next Asian Council. Mr. Jimmy Pdang and Fr. Chetan attended this special session.

10.2 I CAFE - Chaplains & Animators Formation & Exchange:

The Chaplains and Animators Formation and Exchange programme was held at Nonthaburi, Thailand from 7th March to 15th March 2018. Delegates from nine Asian and African countries participated in this Exchange Programme. From India Fr. Anil D'Sa, Sr. Lidwin, Fr. Ronald Veigas and Mr. Jimmy Pdang along with the national Chaplain participated in the iCAFE.

10.3 The XIII IYCS Asian Session & Council

The 13th IYCS Asian Session and Council was organised in Taiwan. The National Chaplain along with two youth represented India at this Session. There were delegates, from 10 YCS National Movements in Asia discussed on the theme "Students moved by Faith towards Education of Heart & Environment" and prepared an action plan. Mr Jimmy Pdang, former National Convenor from Jowai diocese was elected as Asian team member during the session.

11. Animations, Visits & Consultation:

One of our main and effective methods of orientation and animation is visitation. Visiting the cells and units in schools and parishes, dioceses and regions; meeting the students, leaders, animators, parents, chaplains/directors and the diocesan and regional teams; conducting sessions, training, seminars and participating in the general Body Meetings, consultations and planning, do strengthen and revitalize the Movement at every level. Hence, the National Chaplain, Coordinator, National Students team, Team of Animators regularly undertake this program.

The visit brings a new life to the cells and the students. It is the golden chance for the members to meet, share, reflect, interact, plan and evaluate with the national representatives and the national chaplain. A good linkage between the national body and the members at grass root level. We also appreciate the EXCOS who visit their diocesan units along with their Regional Chaplains.

The National Director regularly visits various regions and dioceses whenever there is any program. Sometimes he may be called for the program and some other time he may visit on his own. The importance of the visit is to strengthen, revive & encourage the good work that is being done in the movement.

The National Chaplain has visited, the North East Region six times for various training programmes. During these visits he conducted training programmes and attended conventions, sessions held in the region. He has also visited Shimoga, Mangalore, Udupi in Karnataka region, Bhopal, Khandwa in MP region, Chennai in TN region, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand region, Nagpur in MG region, Goa region, Kolkata in WB region, Hyderabad and Eluru in AP region, Delhi in Northern region. Fr. Chetan Machado, after taking over, visited MP region, Karnataka, Northeast and West Bengal and Telugu regions other than his regular visits to Chennai office.

Sr. Lidwin and Fr. Anil have visited many dioceses and trained students during this period. Both of them joined in 2018 and since then they have been contributing a lot towards training the young students. During these visits, they have met a number of students, animators, Directors and Local Ordinaries, appreciated and encouraged them for what they are doing and pleaded them to revitalize where our movement is in a dormant stage. The effect is seen in many of the dioceses and hope it will flourish in the years to come.

12. Formation Programmes: Regular training programmes are very essential at different levels. Those who come for the National or Inter Regional Programmes should have already attended some diocesan/regional level training programs which will help us to give them deeper inputs.

12.1. National Student Leaders Training Program (NSLTP)

Twice a year, the National Student Leaders Training Program was organized for the English and the Hindi speaking regions separately. During the last Council it was suggested to have one NSLTP as the numbers have been dwindling.

2016

National Students Leadership Training Programme –English

The National Students Leadership Training Programme for the English speaking regions was organised 1st October 2016 to 7th October 2016. Delegates from Karnataka, Andhra, Tamilnadu and North East regions participated in this training programme which was held at Jyotirmai Centre, Secunderabad, Regional Pastoral Centre of Telugu Region. Thirty five students participated in this training

National Students Leadership Training Programme –Hindi

YCS/YSM India National Student Leaders Training Programme in Hindi was organized at Sahoday Sr. Sec. School, New Delhi from 9th October 2016 to 13th October 2016. Forty five students and eight animators from three Hindi speaking regions participated in this training programme. Fifty three students participated in this training.

2017

National Students Leadership Training Programme –Hindi

National Students leadership training Program (Hindi) for the year 2017 was organised from 17-21 November

2017 at the Pastoral Centre, Nagpur. During the programme students were trained in YCS/YSM methodology, review of life, spirituality. Sessions were based on the theme, 'agents of connectivity'. Students were sent for exposure visit on the first day. They were given ample opportunities to showcase their leadership skills. There were workshops, group discussions and presentations. Students from MG and Delhi regions participated in this programme. Twenty five students participated in this training

National Students Leadership Training Programme –English

National Students Leadership Training Programme (English) for the year 2017 was conducted at Inspiration, Joypur, Guwahati from 17th December to 21st December 2017.

During the programme, students were trained in YCS/YSM methodology, review of life and spirituality. Sessions were based on the theme, 'agents of connectivity'. Students were sent for exposure visit on the second day. They were given ample opportunities to showcase their leadership skills. There were workshops, group discussions, and presentations. There were over hundred students who benefited from this programme.

2018

National Students Leadership Training Programme –English

The YCS /YSM India organized a National Students' Leadership Training Programme and National Animators' Training from November 5 to 10. Seventy five students and twenty animators participated in this programme.

Responses from Students:

Every year when students attend this training programme, they go back with new enthusiasm and vigour. They are happy to learn more about this movement and want to become part of it. Students feel belonged and pledge to do more and spread the movement in their schools. They learn about cell meeting which is very important for the movement.

12.2. Trainings for Animators on Thrusts of the National Theme:

National Animators Training Programme (NATP) 2016

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

National Animators Training Programme – Mangalore 2018

The National Animators Training programme was held in Mangalore from 5th November to 10th November 2018. In the year 2018 NATP was held along with NSLTP. Sessions were held separately to train the animators. Fourteen animators participated in this training. Twenty animators participated in this training.

Responses from the Animators: Animators wanted to have a longer training programme. They felt that having training for small groups is more effective. Most of the animators expressed that they were unaware of the methodology and cell meeting of YCS. After attending the training they also expressed their desire to have such trainings in the regions and frequently.

12.3. Regional / Diocesan Programs: A number of Diocesan and Regional programs have been organized. Every bit of the effort has gone through in building up a new society. We salute the Directors who have gone out of the way to collect resources and organize these programs. The National Chaplain and coordinators along with NEXCOs have visited most of the regions and conducted sessions for students and animators.

13. YCS/YSM & CCBI – Youth Commission

YCS/YSM as a NCO (National Catholic Organization) is under CCBI Commission for Youth. Whenever we get an opportunity to participate in WYD, AYD, Taize Pilgrimage, National Youth Convention etc. we do so. The Bishop in charge of the Commission for Youth, Most Rev Soosai Nazarene plays a vital role in the life and work of the Movement. He also guides us in our project proposals.

We are regular in introducing YCS to the new DYDs, Religious and Animators during ACT program organized at Bangalore every year by the Youth Commission.

14. Participation & Collaboration with partner movements:

In our aim to achieve our goals we need to work collectively, independently, and orderly. We believe in collaboration for effective results. YCS/YSM India works more closely with the like-minded movements. We exchange our newsletter and resource materials. For the past few years the connection has been found missing and YCS India has taken the initiative of inviting two delegates from the student movements: ICYM, Mijarc and AICUF for this National Council.

13.1 World Youth Parliament, Beijing 2017

The World Youth Parliament (WYP) is a permanent international forum of dialogue for youth. The WYP proposes a fascinating/ clear challenge: promoting dialogue to make decisions and to discover concrete ways to restore our wounded humanity. Year 2017 edition of the WYP reflected on one of the decisive chapters in human relations: forgiveness. This world-wide meeting took place in Beijing (China), from August 6 to 11, 2017.

Given the importance of the theme, so strongly argued by the Church during the recent Year of Mercy, YCS/YSM India decided to send some catholic students who may feel interested on the topic and may decide to form new local chapters of the WYP. Fr. Chetan, National Secretary lead a delegation of students from India representing YCS/YSM India. Eleven students from different regions along with four animators attended this programme.

14. Our Social concern: Many movements at unit level partake in the local social events. National office guides them, sends intimation to them and supports them in this process.

15. Alumni, Former animators & Chaplains:

Our movement has been a guiding light throughout its existence and still continues to do so. Many of the members who have been a part of the Movement in the past have truly realized its essence. They continue to be associated with the Movement by their assistance as animators, resource persons, correspondence etc. The Movement has helped them to be an inspiration and a model to the society. We are glad to say that the former YCS/YSMers have been a part of the Movement in its struggle and achievements.

During the National Consultation of Diocesan Youth Secretaries, all the regional and diocesan chaplains were invited. Ms. Jesvita Quadras also attended the consultation Programme. During this meeting many concerns faced by the movement were addressed. This meeting was held in Ajmer in 2018.

16. National Office

The National Office is situated in 25, Rosary Church Road, Santhome, Chennai. In 2015 we moved to Delhi and presently our working office is in Delhi at Yusuf Sadan, 1 - Ashok Place, New Delhi from where, the National Coordination is carried out. The persons in the National Office are:

Fr. Chetan Machado – National Chaplain
Sr. Lidwin Fernandes – National Coordinator
Fr. Anil D'Sa – National Coordinator

17. Observations; Recommendations & Suggestions:

1. It is the duty and responsibility of all the YCS members to keep up the identity of the Movement in today's world.
2. Able, responsible and dedicated students should be elected as EXCOS who would extend their service for the whole term.
3. The Chaplains need to take the responsibility of selecting and guiding the EXCOS.
4. Need to work with like minded Movements and NGO's in raising special issues at all levels.
5. There is an urgent need for full-timers and National Coordinator.
6. DTA/DTS (DEXCO) and RTA/RTS (REXCO) should be formed in all the Regions and have regular meetings.

7. The New theme should reach down to the grass root level soon after the Council.
8. Constitution has to be followed in letter and spirit.
9. It needs to be translated in vernacular and made available to all the members when they join the movement with membership fees.
10. Resource material on National theme and thrusts, and other resources for cell meetings have to be provided by the Regions and Diocesan offices at the beginning of the academic year.
11. A lot of exposure needs to be arranged for the members.
12. Subscription to the Search should be promoted.

18. New Coordinators and EXCOs:

Sr. Lidwin Fernandes UFS joined the National Office as National Coordinator in 2018. Fr. Anil D'Sa who is helping the national Youth Commission also is part of the team. Both of them along with NEXCOs visit regions and conduct training programmes.

19. In gratitude:

1. We are grateful to Most rev. Franco Mulakkal, former Chairman and Most Rev. Nazarene Soosai the Chairman of CCBI Commission for Youth, for their support, guidance and encouragement.
2. To all the other Regional Chairmen Bishops, Bishops, Religious superiors for supporting and encouraging more Chaplains and Animators to commit themselves for this cause.
3. The funding agencies, for their support to the ministry, programs for the development and formation of the students. They are Caritas India, Missio and Missio Munchen and other funding agencies.
4. The committed Animators, Regional chaplains, Diocesan directors, Coordinators, Parish Priests and Heads of the institutions and others involved in the movement for their interest, care and concern for the welfare of the students.
5. The parents of YCS/YSM students who have allowed to involve their children and trusted them in the movement.
6. To the Asian and International Team members, collaborator movements, well wishers for their role of solidarity and encouragement in our reflections and actions.

Finally, to Our Lord who has been guiding and walking along with us in this long journey. These three years have been a time of opportunities to learn more, mature, grow and experience Team life and life's reality and face challenges that come our way. These years have been the wonderful years in our lives and the experiences are long lasting.

We are grateful to our National Chaplain - Fr. Chetan Machado without whom we would have never become somebody, all the NTA/ExcOs and others who have supported, been with us and guided us through these three years.

Thank you all for helping us to help ourselves and to help others to build the New and Just Society – God's Kingdom.

Let YCS light Shine. Long live YCS/YSM India!

Raichel Patricia, Secretary & Fr. Chetan Machado, National Chaplain



YCS/YSM FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2016-2019

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT				
Sl.	Particulars	2018-19	2017-18	2016-2017
Income		audited	audited	audited
1	Grant in Aid	-	4,77,613.00	8,42,114.00
2	Contributions	2,40,070.00	8,02,100.00	8,74,706.00
3	Interest	10,72,398.00	10,41,683.00	11,39,771.00
		13,12,468.00	23,21,396.00	28,56,591.00
Expenditure				
1	National Student LT Programme	2,59,102.00	1,04,457.00	2,73,114.00
2	National Conference	1,29,409.00	-	-
3	Animators Training Programme	-	-	-
4	Alumni Expenses	-	-	-
5	National Team Exco Meeting	1,79,489.00	42,562.00	54,023.00
6	Search Newsletter	88,940.00	1,43,699.00	66,234.00
7	Students Training Programme	2,35,275.00	1,10,840.00	2,38,689.00
8	Regional Training	-	-	44,591.00
9	National Council	-	-	13,97,357.00
10	National Coordination	2,95,442.00	3,55,964.30	4,20,261.00
11	Loss on sale of assets	-	-	
12	Depreciation	11,100.00	2,646.00	5584.00
13	National Convention	-	9,75,108.00	12,450
		11,98,757.00	17,46,377.30	25,24,914.00

REGIONAL REPORTS

KARNATAKA REGIONAL REPORT

Region: KARNATAKA YEAR: JUNE 2016 – MAY 2019
 No of Dioceses: 14 (Latin-10, Syro Malabar-3, Syro Malankara-1)
 No of Dioceses YCS/YSM Present: 5 No of Units: 275
 Total No of Members: 6186
 Total No of Animators: 386
 No of New Cells/ Units: 64

PROGRAMS CONDUCTED IN THE REGIONAL LEVEL:

1. Regional General Body Meeting:

Held in Chitradurga in the month of September, 2017

2. Regional Consultants

- i. Diocesan Chaplains
 - Rev. Fr. Ronald Veigas, DYD Diocese of Shimoga
 - Rev. Fr. Roshan, DYD Diocese of Belgaum
- ii. Full Timers/ Coordinators
 - Sr. Irene Tauro, Mangalore: 2015-2017
 - Sr. Jessy Rita, Mangalore:

3. Other Programs:

- REXCO Livin programme held in Bangalore in the month of Sept. 2016
- Participated in the NSLTP in Hyderabad in 2016
- Regional Council held in Chitradurga in the month of September 2017.
- Regional Livin programme in Bangalore in the month of October 2017
- Region participated in the II National Convention held in Kolkata in 2017.
- REXCO meet in Mangalore in July, 2018
- NSLTP and NATP 2018: Organized in the diocese of Mangalore in the month of November 2018, with 72 participants from 4 regions.
- Regional Council held in Bangalore in the month of December 2018.

Regional Visits to Dioceses:

	Role	Year	Cells/ units	Dioceses
1.	RYD Fr Anil Dsa	2017		5
2.	NEXCO Clacious	2016-19	5	4
3.	NEXCO Jesvita	2016-17	8	3
		2017-18	9	4
		2018-19	4	3

DIOCESAN LEVEL REGULAR PROGRAMS: (both YCS and YSM)

Program	Diocese	When
Animators Training/ Meet	Mangalore, Shimoga, Udupi, Bangalore, Gulbaraga	June, July
Unit Office Bearers Training, DEXCO Election	Mangalore, Shimoga, Udupi, Bangalore, Gulbarga	January, June, July
Beginners Training Camp	Mangalore, Shimoga, Udupi, Bangalore	July – September, November

Spiritual Camp/ Retreat/ Seminars/ Inter religious gathering	Shimoga, Udupi, Mangalore	August/September/ October/ February
Talent Exposure	Mangalore, Shimoga, Udupi	November – January
Village Exposure Camps	Mangalore, Shimoga, Udupi	April
Leadership Training	Shimoga, Bangalore	August
DEXCO Live in Program	Mangalore, Shimoga, Udupi	July/August
Life Skill Camps	Mangalore, Udupi, Shimoga, Gulbaraga	July, October
Taize Prayer Service	Shimoga	February
Christmas celebration, competition	Shimoga	December
Sports meet	Shimoga	
Addressing seminarians and 10th students about YCS YSM	Mangalore	October
Visited Bishop	Mangalore	July
Youth way to cross	Udupi	
Animators Out reach programme	Udupi	September
Regular visits to schools, units to expand the movement	Mangalore, Gulbarga, Bangalore	Throughout the year

DIOCESAN LEVEL SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Programme	Diocese	When
Mercy day celebration	Mangalore	September 2016
DEXCO Alumni Meet	Udupi	January 2017 & 18
YSM residential workshop	Mangalore	October 2016
YCS Devotional CD released	Mangalore	November 2016
Live discussion on local channel regarding YCS YSM	Mangalore	July 2017
Diocesan Convention	Shimoga, Mangalore, Gulbarga	January, October, November
Christmas celebration	Shimoga, Bangalore	December
Gathering of Migrant youth	Shimoga	February
Health awareness programme in prison	Shimoga	April
Blind walk on world vision day	Shimoga	October
Inauguration of youth help desk	Shimoga, Mangalore	April
Share care September	Mangalore	September
Regular school visits by DTS	Bangalore	September-October
Youth way to the cross	Udupi	April

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Name	Diocese	Event	Where	When
Roshan Lobo	Mangalore	World Youth Day World Youth Parliament	Poland Beijing, China	July 16 Aug 17
Jesvita Quadras	Mangalore	World Youth Parliament IYCS Asia Council World Youth Day	Beijing, China Taiwan Panama	Aug 17 July 18 Jan 19

Sonia Nazareth	Shimoga	Taize Pilgrimage	Hong Kong	Aug. 18
Nishal B.	Shimoga	Taize Pilgrimage	Hong Kong	Aug. 18
Stephen Lobo	Shimoga	Taize Pilgrimage	Hong Kong	Aug. 18
Balraj Jayashilan	Shimoga	-Taize Pilgrimage	Hong Kong	Aug.18
Fr. Ronald Veigas	Shimoga	-Taize Pilgrimage	Hong Kong	Aug.18
Fr. Anil Dsa	Reg. Chap.	Global Training Session Asian Café Taize pilgrimage	Jordan	2017
			Thailand	2017
			Hong Kong	2018
Sr. Sagaya Rani	Bangalore	Global Training Session	Rome	2018

Strengths of the Regional Movement:

1. Annual plan of the Region and Diocese
2. Regular programs in the dioceses
3. Increase in units and cells every year

Challenges Faced in the Region:

1. Regional Meetings/Trainings etc, too expensive to attend.
2. Response to the Region is very poor.
3. No projects and no financial support from anywhere.
4. No Regional Chaplain.
5. Lack of interest from the Regional Chairman towards the movement.
6. Lack of ownership of the movement by the leaders.
7. Absence of cell meetings and proper understanding of the methodology.

Future Regional Programs:

1. Regular regional meetings.
2. Planned diocesan visits and diocese programs.
3. To start new units in other dioceses where YCS YSM does not exist

Jesvita Princy Quadras
National EXCO

Date: 28th April, 2019
Place: Mangalore



MADHYA PRADESH REGIONAL REPORT

YCS MP REGIONAL REPORT(2016-2019)

Region: Madhya Pradesh Regional Youth Commission

No of Units: Bhopal 22, Indore 12, Khandwa 16, Jhabua 12, and Gwalior 9 and Total: 71

Total No of Members: Bhopal: Boys: 250 Girls: 300 Total: 550

Indore : Boys: 155 Girls: 95 Total: 250

Khandwa: Boys: 235 Girls: 165 Total: 400

Jhabua: Boys: 70 Girls: 80 Total: 150

Gwalior: Boys 75 Girls: 125 Total : 200

Total No of Animators: 71

No of New Cells: 71

Total Number of Diocese: 10 (7 Latin Rite and 3 Syrian Rite)

PROGRAMS CONDUCTED IN THE REGIONAL LEVEL:

1. Regional Executive Committee Meet:

- December 6, 2016, Prerana Sadan, Indore Diocese
- January 30-31, 2017, Pastoral Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese
- December 15-16, 2018 in Divine Retreat Centre, Kolar – Archdiocese of Bhopal

2. Regional General Body Meeting:

- Feb., 15-16, 2016, AICUF, Ashram, Bhopal Archdiocese
- March 17-18, 2017 Pastoral Centre, Khandwa Diocese
- Feb., 15-16, 2019, Divine Retreat Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese

3. Regional Animators Training Program:

- October 3-4, 2016 AICUF Ashram, Bhopal Archdiocese
- November 21, 2017, St. Joseph Coed- School, Asha Niketan, Bhopal
- April 27-29, 2018, Divine Retreat Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese
- December 15-16, 2018, Divine Retreat Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese

4. Regional Consultations:

i. Diocesan Chaplains:

- Fr. Sumit Tahir, Indore Diocese
- Fr. Laijo Poonoly, Khandwa Diocese
- Fr. Sonu, Jhabua Diocese
- Fr. Pratap Toppo, Gwalior Diocese
- Fr. Alexander Jesudasan, Bhopal Archdiocese

ii. Full timers / Coordinators: Mary Roshini (Bhopal Archdiocese) Ravi Xess (Gwalior Archdiocese)

5. Regional Students Leaders Training Program:

- November 14-15, 2016, AICUF Ashram, Bhopal Archdiocese (Five Dioceses Students including Nagpur Diocese participated)
- July 17-18, 2017, Pastoral Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese
- July 7-8, 2018, Divine Retreat Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese
- December 15-16, 2018, Divine Retreat Centre, Bhopal Archdiocese

6. National/ Regional Theme Based Program:

MP Regional YCS Delegates, Mary Roshni, Ravi Xess and Fr. Alexander participated in all National Meetings and Programs from 2015 to 2019.

7. Other Programs if any:

Visiting of five Dioceses of MP by Fr. Alexander, Mary and Ravi namely, Khandwa, Indore, Jhabua, Gwalior



and Bhopal and conducting orientation programs in promotion of YCS Movement. Preaching Retreat and taking motivational classes for the school students and Parish teenagers in all five dioceses. Newly election conducted for YCS Jhabua nd Bhopal Dioceses. So much interest is there for YCS and hope to organize many more camps and seminars with workshop and leadership trainings.

	Role	Date/ Month	No of Cells/ Units Visited	Dioceses Visited
1	Regional Chaplain	7-8 July 2018 19 August 2018 2-3 Sept. 2018 29-30 October	22 12 + 12 12 9	Bhopal Indore Jhabua Gwalior
2	NEXCO	2-3 Sept. 2018 30 Sept. 2018	12 9	Jhabua Gwalior
3	Regional Coordinator/ Reg. Full timer	July to December	22	Bhopal

DIOCESAN LEVEL PROGRAMS:

1. **In Bhopal Archdiocese**, every month gathering of YCS Dexcos and visiting the parishes for the promotion. Orientation on YCS fresher to know the movement better. Summer Camp every year also annual Teenagers Retreat every year to foster the spirituality of teenagers. Charity days are being organized.
2. **In Indore Diocese**, regular motivational classes being organized for zonals YCSers ,Sports evnts, talents hunts, and Dance and other competitions are organized. Annual Retreat to foster the spirituality is beimng organized. USM organizes animators training program.
3. **In Khandwa Diocese**, visiting the parish units are undertaken also appointing the animators is done.
4. **Gwalior Diocese**: Once in three months all the units' students come together for motivational classes and participate in the annual Retreat for teenagers.
5. **Jhabua Diocese**: 12 parishes YCS students are trained for the promotion oo YCS unites. YCS Fistr election is done. Training program is organized.

Strengths of the Regional Movement:

1. Number of students in Parishes as well as in the schools is available for YCS Programs.
2. This is Misson Region, things are updated
3. Diocesan Youth Directors are active and they have more interest in promoting YCS.

Challenges Faced in the Region:

1. Busy Schedules of Chaplin deletes the growth of YCS
2. Students are not able to be participate in their own, we are compelling
3. Financial Resources are insufficient

Future Regional Programs:

1. Promotion of YCS Movement in Jabalpur and Udaipur Dioceses
2. Activating Diocesan Dexcos through Leadership training
3. Regional level YCS Convention
4. Visit to the units of active dioceses
5. Regional YCS Team with an Animator and Coordinator will commit to promote YCS in our Region

Transfers/ Appointment:

1. Fr. Laijo is appointed as YCS Chaplin in Khandwa Diocese

Date: April 21

Place: YCS Office, MP Region, Bhopal Archdiocese.

Regional Chaplain
Fr. Alexander Jesudasan

National EXCOS :
Mary Roshini and Ravi Xess

AGRA/UP REGIONAL REPORT

Greetings and salutations to you all in the sweet and precious name of Christ, our Redeemer and Immaculate Mother Mary!

We are brimming with pleasure and joy to present before you our Triennial Progress Report which gives a kaleidoscopic and panoramic view of the gamut of activities conducted ever since the XVII National Council held in Greater Noida.

Situated in the historic town of Jhansi, Christ the King College is an Anglo Indian School founded in 1940 by the Maltese Fathers, presently run by the Catholic Diocese of Jhansi Education Society and is sustained by His Lordship Most Rev. Peter Parapullil, the Bishop of Jhansi.

It is heartening to say that ours is the only college in the Diocese/UP region where the YCS/YSM movement is run with all vigour and vitality.

Our esteemed Principal Rev. Fr. Richard A. (Diocesan Youth Director) introduced this movement and he has been the beacon of light for all of us. He ensures that our students are given a good exposure and a learning experience that leads to the formation of a responsible citizen of this country.

Name of the College & Unit: Christ the King College Jhansi UP 284001

Logo- Corona Non Sine Labore (Latin) meaning No Crown without Labour

Theme song- Christ the King College Lord we ask You to guide.....(College Anthem)

Number of Units- 01

Number of cells- 10 (six students in a cell)

Number of members- Approximately 60 students

Orientation at the Regional Level- Conducted by Sister Lidwin and Sister Darshana

Activities- There are many activities conducted at our college for all the students to churn out the best in them. YCS/YSM members participate actively and are always appreciated.

Sr.	Activities/ Events
01.	YCS/YSM Democratic Elections
02.	YCS/YSM Day Celebrations
03.	YCS/YSM Monthly Devotional Assembly
04.	YCS/YSM Paper Bags Making
05.	YCS/YSM Cleanliness Drive
06.	YCS/YSM Plantation Drive
07.	YCS/YSM Inter Cell Debate
08.	YCS/YSM Inter Cell Elocution
09.	YCS/YSM Group Dance
10.	YCS/YSM National Festivals
11.	YCS/YSM St. Jude's Shrine Performance
12.	YCS/YSM Exposure Visit
13.	YCS/YSM Collage Making
14.	YCS/YSM Christmas Programme
15.	YCS/YSM Friendly Match
16.	YCS/YSM Essay Writing
17.	YCS/YSM solo Dance
18.	YCS/YSM Art Competition
19.	YCS/YSM SUPW
20.	YCS/YSM Eucharistic Mass Celebration

Achievements-

1. Master Jeris Joseph from New Delhi was selected as the National Treasurer is definitely our achievement.
2. We are able to run this movement successfully at our college; both parents and teachers have begun to acknowledge us, is something good.
3. An effort was made by the National Coordinator Sr. Lidwin Fernandes to visit 14 Schools in the Diocese of Ajmer along with their in charge. She met 4000 students and inspired them to choose always right than wrong

4. Bareilly is the Third Diocese that we succeeded to spread the YCS/YSM. Because of the interest of Most Rev. Ignatius D'Souza we could visit 23 schools and 7 schools attended the 2nd phase of training programme. Today the Movement is just one year old in the dioceses of Bareilly.

Our Limitation- We have yet not taken the movement to other schools/colleges of Jhansi Diocese because not everyone is willing to initiate such a Student Movement. Request Letters were written but no response was received.

Our Challenges-

- ▶ We have more students from other religious background and faith, YSM is more prominent than YCS especially at our college.
- ▶ Sometimes our Christian children shy away from such activities, sometimes academic activities overshadow such vital and progressive movement.
- ▶ Owing to other college responsibilities, sometimes we do not get sufficient time to conduct various meaningful events. The time tables and schedules are really very busy.
- ▶ Sometimes, it's a real challenge to convince the concerned parents for religious activities like Prayer services or Exposure visits etc.
- ▶ At times, it is very difficult to conduct the cell meetings due to examinations or regular classes. (We do not want the students to miss out any lectures.)

In the news- YCS/YSM unit activities of our college (Jhansi) are always published in the leading newspaper which is something remarkable and praiseworthy. (A part of our thrust MEDIA & ME.)

Active Participation-

- ▶ XVII National Council Greater Noida
- ▶ National Convention Calcutta
- ▶ National Students Leadership Training Programme New Delhi

Our humble contribution to the YCS/YSM Souvenirs-

Booked the last Back Cover (outside) for the XVII Council published.

Booked the last Back Cover (outside) for this year's XVIII Council. (Yet to be published.)

Animators-

- For the smooth running of this life changing movement in Jhansi we have three animators working in collaboration and conduct regular session on every Wednesday and Saturday. They are
 - Primary Wing- Mr. Oscar Francis
 - Middle Wing- Mr. Embirick Savio Francis
 - Senior Wing- Mr. Samson Singh
- We have one each animator in all the schools of Bareilly Diocese. Fr. Francis Pinto the Diocesan Chaplain gives equal importance to nurture the Movement

Long Live YCS/YSM, our sweet Movement



NORTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

REGION: NORTHERN YEAR: JUNE 2016 – MAY 2019

No of Dioceses: 4

No of Dioceses YCS/YSM Present: 1

No of Units:- 15

Total No of Members: Boys: -840 Girls: -680 Total: -1520

Total No of Animators: - 16

No of New Cells/ Units: - 4

(YCS) Programmes and Activities:

National Programmes:

Date	Programme	Venue	Participants
16-22 May, 16	Formation session & YCS/YSM national council	YMCA, G. Noida	9
13-15 June, 16	Nta/Excocs live in programme	Udupi, Karnataka	3
9-14 Oct, 2016	National students leadership training programme	Delhi	53
27-28 Dec, 16	Nta/Excocs meeting	Kolkata	3
20-21 May, 17	Nta/Excocs meeting	Kolkata	2
22-26 May, 17	2nd national council	Kolkata	18
17- 22 Dec, 17	National students leadership training programme	Guwahati	5
27- 28 Dec, 17	Nta/Excocs meeting	Indore	2
27- 31 Dec, 17	Silver jubilee, knit programme	USM Indore	2
14-16 June 18	Nta/Excocs live in programme	NBCLC, Bangalore	3
17-18 Jun, 18	Nta/Excocs meeting	Chennai	3
5-10 Nov, 18	National students leadership training programme	Mangalore	10

Diocesan Programme

Date	Programme	Venue	Participants
15-19 Jun, 16	YCS/YSM summer camp	Sahoday	52
11 Nov, 16	Jamboree- an introduction to YCS/YSM	St. Michael's School	300
17 Jun, 17	Evaluation day	Yusuf Sadan	14
2 July, 17	Diocesan get together with IYCS secretary	Yusuf Sadan	42
20 Aug, 17	Jamboree	Sahodaya, Hauz Khas	400
12 Nov, 17	Cardijn day	Yusuf sadan	54
21 Jan, 18	Animator's training programme- certificate course in mentoring	Yusuf sadan	38
8 Apr, 18	Introductory Session	Faridabad	18
6 May, 18	Introductory Session	Rohini	24
8-10 Jun 18	Residential workshop	Gurgaon	26
20-24 Jun 18	YCS/YSM summer camp	Rosary School, Camp	110
19 Aug, 18	Diocesan formation Session, Oath taking	Sacred Heart Cathedral	25
6 Dec, 18	Introductory session	Kapashera	15
16 Dec, 18	Christmas gathering	Yusuf Sadan	43
5th Jan, 19	Diocesan Council	Yusuf Sadan	8
17 Feb, 19	Introductory session	Ayanagar	52

Diocesan level programme and activities

1. Conducting orientations
2. Conducting workshops
3. Animators training programme
4. YCS/YSM follow up

5. Visiting parishes and schools
7. Regular YCS/YSM get togethers
9. Diocesan YCS/YSM meets and planning

6. YCS/YSM animation
8. Evaluation & planning
10. Diocesan councils

YCS/YSMers activities

1. Conducting mass, school assemblies, choir
2. Visiting orphanages, homes, slums
3. Maintain discipline
4. Introducing diocesan campaign
5. Cleanliness drive

Strength of the movement

1. Cooperation and support from authorities: Bishop chairman for youth commission, director & team, diocesan youth directors, principals, parish priests.
2. Responsible and creative student leaders

Challenges of the movement

1. Lack of knowledge about the movement
2. Lack of dedicated animator's.
3. Lack of full time coordinators
4. Lack of funds

Future regional program

1. Expansion of the movement in other diocese
2. Animators training programme
3. YCS/YSM Orientations
4. YCS/YSM Workshops
5. Diocesan level programmes
6. Students leadership training programme

Achievements

Northern region has made giant efforts to make Ycs/Ysm movement grow. In spite of various challenges and problems Ycs/Ysm has been able to reach out to many new units.

There are many students who take keen interest in knowing about the movement and getting involved actively.

The movement has made great impact in the lives of students. It has helped the students to boost their confidence and built their personality. They have become more self confidence, responsible, self discipline leaders. Different programmes has enabled them to be open minded, mingle freely with different tribes, culture, castes, and languages. Cell meeting have developed their leadership qualities. The movement is able to bring positive changes in the lives of the students.



DIOCESE OF ELURU

YCS/ YSM DREAM EVALUATION PROGRAMME, 2018-19

We the youth commission R. C. Diocese, Eluru sown the seeds of spirit and soul of YCS and YSM movement in the hearts of all the teenagers incidentally or co-incidentally since past 5 years. Now the season has arrived to taste the fruits from the trees that evolved from the seeds in the past. The word of God to the evolution of kingdom of God in the hearts of all the youngsters come into practical being, through the lives of the teenagers that were transformed.

The seeds SEE, JUDGE and ACT, it eventually changing self, bringing change in others, were brought through seminars, campaigns and personal intervention by our most revered Sisters, Fathers and the animators. This has brought our YCS/YSM esteemed vision into life. The example stories case studies, that were imparted to the students came out as a real story from the lives of respective children. This follow-up was an idea but it has given us new life stories of yester children present youngsters for a new generation to come.

This follow up program has turned to a full furnished source for the YCS/YSM team, for a new beginning in the season to come, to saw the seeds of new life “A just society, the kingdom of God”. To evolve a new society, where people live in harmony, where there is total freedom for the complete growth of the individual, where each and every person is respected in dignity hence valuing peace, love, truth, justice and equality.

The support extended by the respected fathers, sisters and our Most Rev. Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera was heart warning. Our bishop’s vision for the children through YCS/YSM program to the highest edge in their lines has come into practice with our work in obedience through his vision unhindered support and guidance.

Youth commission of Eluru Diocese



GOA REGIONAL REPORT

- ❖ NUMBER OF SCHOOLS: 26
- ❖ NUMBER OF ANIMATORS: 41
- ❖ NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 431

DATE	PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS	OBJECTIVE	VENUE
26/6/18	Inaugural Meet	431 Students 26 Schools 33 Animators	Initiating the young into the YCS/YSM family	Goa
14-16 June	NEXCO Live-in	1 Animator 1 NEXCO	Growth of YSM	Bangalore
6th Sept 7th Sept	Cluster Meet North Cluster Meet South	North Schools South Schools	Cell growth	
23 –25 Nov	YCS/YSM Camp	61 Students 20 Schools 16 Animators	Formation Fellowship Spirituality Service	Goa
5th -10th Nov	NSLTP	10 students 4 Animators		Mangalore
	Cell Meetings	School Level	Grow in Love	Goa

TAMILNADU REGIONAL REPORT

Sl.	Date	Programs (YCS/YSM Events)	Venue	Participation
NATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS				
1	16.05.2016	17th National Council	Delhi	20
2	14.08.2016	NEXCO/Live-in	Udupi	2
3	15.08.2016	1st NTA/EXCO	Udupi	2
4	01.10.2016 06.10.2016	1st NSLTP	Hyderabad	3
5	28.12.2016	2nd NTA/EXCO	Kolkata	2
2017				
6	18.05.2017 20.05.2017	3rd NTA/EXCO	Kolkata	4
7	26.05.2017	National convention	Kuzhithurai	20
8	27.10.2017 29.10.2017	National youth conference CCBI	Kerala	2
9	28.12.2017 29.12.2017	4th NTA/EXCO	Indore	2
2018				
10	14.06.2018 16.06.2018	2nd Live-in	Bangalore	2
11	17.06.2018 18.06.2018	5th NTA/EXCO	Chennai	7
13	05.11.2018 10.11.2018	5th NSLTP	Mangalore	13
2019				
16	11.01.2019 12.01.2019	6th NTA/EXCO	Goa	2
Regional Report				
1	28.07.2018	General body meeting	Poondi	75
2	24.09.2018 25.09.2018	Leadership training	Trichy	38
3	05.11.2018 10.11.2018	NSLTP Meeting	Mangalore	13
4	29.07.2016 30.06.2016	General body meeting	Coimbatore	56
5	28.01.2017 29.01.2017	General body meeting	Madurai	12
6	08.10.2016	Golden Jubilee ycs/ysm- Celebration	Tanjore	650
Dioceses report:				
Chennai				
1	30.07.2018 31.07.2018	Leadership training	Chennai	124
2	23.11.2018	Solidarity Day	Chennai	750
3	27.09.2018 30.09.2018	village exposure camp	Arappakkam	40
4	23.02.2019	cultural events	Chennai	115

Thoothukudi				
1	20.07.2018	Vic-level one day orientation	Thoothukudi	266
2	06.07.2018	Vic-level one day orientation	Thiruchandur	111
3	03.08.2018	Vic-level one day orientation	Sathaankulam	163
4	10.03.2018	Vic-level one day orientation	Valliur	116
5	08.03.2019	cultural program	Alanthalai	263
6	10.10.2018	Diocese level competition	Thoothukudi	294
7	26.02.2019	politics Awareness program	Alanthalai	180
Salem				
1	25.06.2018	One day orientation program	Salem	560
		Trichy		
1	07.10.2016	Diocese level jubilee	Trichy	156
2	07.09.2018	oneday orientation for Guide teachers	Trichy	43
3	05.02.2019	Generalbody meeting	Trichy	71
		Pondy-Cuddalore		
1	06.10.2018	Generalbody meeting	Thendivanam	98
2	12.09.2018	Vic-level oneday Orientation	Vikravandi	64
Chengalpattu				
1	18.11.2018	Skill development program	Chengalpattu	1200
Kuzhithurai				
1	25.03.2019	Carrer guidance & Political awarness	Kuzhthurai	68
Kottar- Diocese				
1	02.09.2018	Vic level Meeting	Culachal	55
2	07.10.2018	Home visit for cancer patient	Muttam	49
3	21.10.2018	Cultutal events	Culachal	74
Madurai-Diocese				
1	22.06.2018	General body Meeting	Madurai	42
2	01.11.2018	Cardijn Birthday Events	Kodaikanal	36
3	08.11.2018	Cardijn Birthday Events	Batlegundu	44
4	09.11.2018	Cardijn Birthday Events	Royappanpatti	41
5	09.11.2018	Cardijn Birthday Events	Srivillipudur	60
Sivagangai- Diocese				
1	27.02.2019	General body meeting & competition	Sivagangai	240

General Activities of YCS/YSM:-

1. Animating the Teachers and students to make sure the knowledge and follow up on YCS/YSM.
2. Regional REXCO Training programs for Animators and Students.
3. Students orientation programs in Diocesan Levels .
4. Visiting the Schools and strengthening the movements in Units/Cells.
5. Cultural Events and Competition in Diocesan Level to bring students together for an exposure and exchange of culture.

Strength of the Movement:-

1. Enthusiasm and involvement of the Diocesan Directors and YCS/YSM Students.
2. Animators volunteer participation in the activities of YCS/YSM.
3. Students and animators are active in the Schools and Dioceses.

Challenges of the Movement:-

1. Students and Parents feeling insecure to come out of their homes and school (environment)
2. Education- Due to the Board Examinations and Revision Test- Students are given less allowance to participate both by their homes and their school levels.

3. Lack of interest to come for National and Regional levels programs.
4. Inability to support financially Diocesan level programs and Diocesan Coordinators.

Upcoming Programs;

1. Regional level YCS/YSM Conventional Celebration
2. Regional Level Training programs and YSM Golden Jubilee Celebration
3. Deepening of the Movements in the Diocesan and Unit Levels
4. Renewing and Introducing YCS in Parishes and YSM in schools
5. Animators Orientation in Regional Level.

Special Events:

01. "THUDIPPU"- HEART BEAT, a monthly magazine is revived after 24 months of being stopped. This magazine comes in the local vernacular language which contains their articles of students which includes their creative arts and experience by them from various schools and parishes.

Participation In International Level:-

1. Ms. Rachel Patricia. L – National Secretary of YCS/YSM India, belonging to our Region participated in "The WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT", which was held from August(2017) at Beijing, China
2. She also Participated in the "INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS-GLOBAL TRAINIG PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE" which was held in September(2018) at Rome, Italy .

-Tamil Nadu Region.





XVIII NATIONAL COUNCIL THEME SONG

“Young students for youthful life”

Celebrate youthfulness

Come, together sing a song
Celebrate youthfulness
Spread around happiness
Come, carry love along
Live a life filled with grace
May our mouth sing God's praise...
sing God's praise.

Chorus;

We are ...
the voice of love
the voice of Hope
the voice of joy
the voice of peace
Come, together build a dream...let's
build our dream.

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1. Capt. Viriato Fernandez – Keynote Address
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5. Fr. Ramiro Luis – Input on Values
6. Mr. James Kurian – Input on positive career
7. Ms. Ausfin Diaz – Input on Identity
8. Ms. Jesvita Quadras – The Chairperson of NC
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1. Photo and Video - LOC/Goa Region
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15. Fund Raising - National Office, Local Mov.
16. Stage and Sound - Xavier & Ravi



EVALUATION REPORT

1. List out a few things that made you happy today

- Songs during mass and prayers
- Sessions on values and values involve in career
- Friendly behavior of other participants
- Interaction with others
- Cultural program
- Interreligious prayer
- Group sharing
- Holy mass
- Action songs
- Game from Mr. Leo
- Interaction with Rachel
- Making new friends
- Street play
- Interview
- Evening prayer
- Knowledge about ethical intelligence
- North east dance with Abishek
- Cells meetings type
- Mime
- We conducted well in the mass
- Group activities

2. List few things that you have learned from your group

- Their ambitions
- Always be happy
- Value of team work
- Unity is strength
- Responsible of animators and chaplains
- NEXCOs help us to be courageous
- How workload can be decreased when divided
- New languages
- Dream of our friends
- Team spirit
- Kindness
- Optimism
- Understanding each other
- Find out a proper solution to any problems
- They help me to understand the methodology
- Believe others

- Fast adaptation
- How to present things in a certain limit of time
- Friendship
- Love each other
- Time management
- Active participation
- Being open to each other
- Enthusiasm and leadership from NEXCOs

3. What are the challenges you have faced today in your group

- Nervous to share my ideas
- Language
- Understanding each other
- Sharing my experiences to others
- Communication
- Very little time for sharing
- Mobile phones
- Shyness
- Confusion
- Animators and Chaplains speak more and I am afraid to share my opinion
- Cannot manage time
- Less members in our group
- Taking late discussion
- No animator in our group
- Unnecessary talk by others
- Cooperation with each other

4. What are the values you learnt from your friends?

- Compassion
- Should not run from reality
- Boldness
- Accept myself
- Simplicity from Fr. Chetan
- Be happy always
- Helping hand
- Perseverance
- Value of team work
- Always smile
- To be responsible
- Not to lose hope
- Courage

- Discipline
- Honesty
- Be humble
- Caring from RYD
- Patience (always follow your dreams)
- Self control
- Unity (being together)
- Courage of Tamil Nadu Participants to speak even though they cannot speak english properly
- I learned to behave properly
- Respecting each other
- I learned to take care of each other

5. Why do you love YCS/YSM movement?

- It gives a chance to everybody to open our ideas
- Help me to be good as what I am now
- Helping us to learn new things which are helpful for youth
- Give us a chance to speak
- Help us to make decisions
- Help me to achieve confidence
- Help in improving my leadership skills
- Made me a better person
- I can overcome my stage fear in YCS
- Help me to be courageous
- Help to build personality
- Makes me strong
- Platform to show my talents
- Help me to be better person
- I have good friends because of YCS?YSM
- I discovered who I am
- I am a YSM member, YCS does not force me to follow catholic cultures.
- Because it help me as a leader because I am a Great leader in YCS/YSM
- I make more friends in YCS
- YCS transform me from good to better
- I get a platform to change and teach others the values.

- I get to serve the students
- Ycs taught me how to see the reality of life
- We get to know more friends from other regions and their cultures
- YCS valued me more
- YCS realized my rights as a student
- YCS helped me to stand strong in my own faith
- It helps me to be confident to travel alone
- It helps us to go deeper in our reflection
- My speaking skills is improving
- Help me to inculcate good values
- See judge and Act helped me in my growth
- Help me to overcome my shyness
- Provide opportunity to express myself
- It makes me aware of my responsibility as a student

6. Write any one value that you will take up and follow

- Self conscious
- Compassion
- Discipline
- Hard work
- Not to waste food
- Compassion (feeding beggars)
- Appreciation and encourage others
- To be responsible
- Listening before speaking
- Motivate more friends
- To be faithful in whatever I am doing
- To be patience
- To be humble
- To be obedience
- To inspire others more
- Be confident and handle things properly
- Self discipline
- Give a helping hand
- Avoid using plastics and love mother nature
- To be kind



STATEMENT OF THE XVIII YCS/YSM NATIONAL COUNCIL 2019

The 121 Student Delegates of YCS/YSM accompanied by their 27 Chaplains and Animators representing various Dioceses from 8 Regions across India gathered at St. Joseph Vaz Renewal Centre, Old Goa from May 17-24, 2019 to deliberate on the theme “Young students for a Youthful Life”. They reflected on the three thrusts: “Self-Identity; Safe School; New Society”

The methodology of Joseph Cardinal Cardijn “See, Judge and Act” made way for young minds to revive their youthfulness individually and socially. The YCS/YSM delegates shared that students are facing many challenges.

The confusion faced in personality formation, education and career diverts them from values and a joyful lifestyle. The influence of social media, smartphones and dependency on artificial intelligence emerged boldly from the discussions. Undoubtedly, social media and the web with all its advancements is indeed a blessing to humankind, especially for students who draw benefit of it.

However, the tendency to get quick information and ready-made ideas on the web is minimizing creativity, exploration, innovation and self-discovery in students. Self-obsession is a common feature to the extreme of which many students end up in addictions and even suicide. Students voiced how their schools are unsafe, from poor infrastructure to the terrifying incidents they witness such as discriminations based on gender, caste, colour, faith and performance or poor sanitation in and around the school premises or psycho-physical assaults on students.

Often the attitude of teachers, family and peer pressure distort their understanding of true education and overall development. The chaos in educational institutions is cutting the students off their innocence and youthfulness.

The delegates made detailed analysis and expressed their understanding of the existing reality. There is a growing feature among the students of either being workaholics or work shirkers that dilutes the phenomena of ethical development.

Some student leaders expressed their struggle balancing selflessness and selfishness; the lack of dedicated animators, concerned parents and sensitive teachers to guide them; while many struggle to discover their true-identity. A few shared about the lack of tolerance and patience, wrong priorities, sense of loneliness and disinterest in life. Values have become difficult to imbibe and practice. They are learnt through compassion, not fear. Therefore, students are free to choose wisely and ethically. However, ethics are gradually declining in daily life and curriculum so it is worth re-emphasizing them.

To resolve these concerns, the delegates were inspired to break open their paths to be the change and bring the change to build a just society – God’s Kingdom.

Thus, we the delegates of the XVIII National Council of YCS/YSM India resolve:

- a) To uphold the methodology of the movement and apply it to our daily lives. We shall strive to revive and sustain youthfulness within ourselves and others.
- b) To be compassionate to one another and nature.
- c) To study and reflect upon Self-Identity; Safe School; New Society in our cells, units and make ‘SMART’ action plans.

- d) To be witnesses of the YCS/YSM Spirituality in our thoughts, words and deeds.

We understand the value of changing the water rather than changing the fish and thereby open our hearts to be receptive to Divine Guidance in order to make a difference for a better and peaceful world.

*May 23, 2019
SJV Centre, Old Goa*

Glossary

- ♣ Artificial intelligence - intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence of humans and animals.
- ♣ Self-obsession - the state of a person who just cannot help thinking and talking about themselves only.
- ♣ Psychophysical assault – to attack a person physically or emotionally or mentally.
- ♣ Work shirkers – one who avoids something, especially work
- ♣ SMART – Specific; Measurable; Attainable; Result oriented; Time bound



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युवा कैथोलिक संचलन/युवा छात्र संघ के 121 छात्र प्रतिनिधि उनके 27 पुरोहितों और एनिमेटर शिक्षकों के साथ समस्त भारत के 8 राज्यों की डायोसिस का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हुए सेंट जोसेफ वाज़ नवीनीकरण केंद्र, पुराने गोवा में 17 से 24 मई, 2019 को "युवा जीवन के लिए युवा छात्र" विषय पर विचार-विमर्श करने के लिए एकत्रित हुए। छात्र प्रतिनिधियों ने प्रमुख तीन विषयों पर गहन मंथन किया : "स्व-पहचान; सुरक्षित विद्यालय; नया समाज"

जोसेफ कार्डिनल कार्डिज़न की कार्यप्रणाली "देखें, परखें और कार्य करें" ने युवा मस्तिष्कों को अपनी युवावस्था को व्यक्तिगत और सामाजिक रूप से पुनर्जीवित करने का रास्ता बताया। खीस्तिये युवा संचलन प्रतिनिधियों ने साझा किया कि छात्रों को कई चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है।

व्यक्तित्व विकास, शिक्षा और भविष्य निर्माण में भ्रम व अनिश्चिता ने छात्रों को नैतिक मूल्यों और आनंदमय जीवन शैली से वंचित किया है। सोशल मीडिया, स्मार्टफोन का प्रभाव और कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता पर पूर्ण निर्भरता के प्रभाव पर विचार विमर्श किया गया। निस्संदेह, सोशल मीडिया और वेब अपनी सभी तकनीकी विशेषताओं के साथ वास्तव में मानव जाति के लिए एक आशीर्वाद है, खासकर उन छात्रों के लिए जो इसका सही लाभ उठाते हैं।

हालांकि, वेब पर त्वरित जानकारी और तैयार विचारों को प्राप्त करने की प्रवृत्ति छात्रों में रचनात्मकता, अन्वेषण, नवाचार और स्वयं की खोज को कम कर रही है। आत्म जुनून एक सामान्य विशेषता है जिसके चरम पर कई छात्र व्यसनों, बुरी आदतों में फंस जाते हैं और यहां तक कि आत्महत्या भी कर लेते हैं। प्रतिनिधियों ने बताया कि कैसे उनके विद्यालय असुरक्षित हैं, खराब बुनियादी ढांचे से लेकर घटती अप्रिय घटनाओं के वे गवाह हैं जैसे कि वे लिंग, जाति, रंग, विश्वास के आधार पर भेदभाव या छात्रों के साथ विद्यालय परिसर में ही मनोचिकित्सक दुर्यवहार का सामना करते हैं।

अक्सर शिक्षकों, परिवार और साथियों के रवैये से सच्ची शिक्षा और समग्र विकास की उनकी समझ खराब हो जाती है। शिक्षण संस्थानों में अराजकता छात्रों को उनकी मासूमियत और युवावस्था से वंचित रही है।

प्रतिनिधियों ने मौजूदा वास्तविकता का विस्तृत विश्लेषण किया और अपने विचार स्पष्ट रूप से व्यक्त किए। छात्रों के बीच एक बढ़ती विशेषता है की या तो मेहनत से काम करने वाले छात्र वृत्तीवसपब है या फिर काम से बचने वाले वृत्तीपतामते है और यह उनके नैतिक विकास में बाधा बनता है।

कुछ छात्र प्रतिनिधियों ने निस्वार्थता और स्वार्थ को संतुलित करने में किये गए अपने संघर्ष को व्यक्त किया; समर्पित एनिमेटरों, जागरूक माता-पिता और सही मार्गदर्शन करने वाले संवेदनशील शिक्षकों की कमी छात्रों की सच्ची पहचान बनाने में बाधा उत्पन्न करती है। सहिष्णुता और धैर्य की कमी, गलत प्राथमिकताओं, अकेलेपन की भावना और जीवन में उदासीनता के बारे में भी कुछ प्रतिनिधियों ने अपने मन के विचार साझा किये। नैतिक मूल्यों को आत्मसात करना और उन पर चलना मुश्किल हो गया है। नैतिक मूल्य या अच्छे संस्कार करुणा के माध्यम से सीखे जाते हैं, भय से नहीं। इसलिए, छात्र बुद्धिमानी और नैतिक रूप से चुनने के लिए स्वंत्र हैं। हालांकि, नैतिकता धीरे-धीरे दैनिक जीवन और पाठ्यक्रम से कम हो रही है इसलिए नैतिक मूल्यों एवं संस्कारों पर विशेष ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है।

इन मुद्दों को हल करने के लिए, छात्र प्रतिनिधियों को बदलाव के लिए अपने रास्ते खोलने के लिए प्रेरित किया गया और एक न्यायपूर्ण समाज बनाने के लिए परिवर्तन लाने हेतु प्रोत्साहित किया गया जिस से सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर के राज्य की स्थापना हो सके।

इस प्रकार, हम खीस्तिये युवा संचलन भारत के 9^{वें} राष्ट्रीय परिषद के छात्र प्रतिनिधि प्रण करते हैं की :

क) आंदोलन की कार्यप्रणाली को बनाए रखने और हमारे दैनिक जीवन में इसे लागू करने के लिए हम प्रयास करेंगे। हम अपने अन्दर और दूसरों में युवावस्था को पुनर्जीवित करने और बनाए रखने का प्रयास करेंगे।

खा) एक दूसरे और प्रकृति पर दया करेंगे।

ग) अपनी पहचान; सुरक्षित विद्यालय; नया समाज विषय पर अपनी यूनिट एवं सेल में अध्ययन करेंगे और स्मार्ट योजना बनायेंगे।

घ) हमारे विचारों, शब्दों और कर्मों में खीस्तिये युवा संचलन अध्यात्म के साक्षी बनेंगे।

हम मछली को बदलने के बजाय पानी को बदलने के मूल्य को समझते हैं और इस तरह हमारे हृदयों को एक बेहतर और शांतिपूर्ण संसार बनाने के लिए सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर की दिव्य सहायता ग्रहण करने के लिए खोलते हैं।

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कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता – मनुष्य और जानवरों की प्राकृतिक बुद्धि के विपरीत मशीनों द्वारा प्रदर्शित बुद्धिमत्ता

Self Obsession आत्म-जुनून – एक व्यक्ति की अवस्था जो केवल अपने बारे में सोचता और बात करता है

साइकोफिजिकल / मनोचिकित्सक दुर्यवहार – किसी व्यक्ति पर शारीरिक या भावनात्मक या मानसिक दुर्यवहार करना

Workaholic– अधिक काम करने वाले व्यक्ति

Work shirkers –काम न करने वाले व्यक्ति, जो किसी काम से बचते हैं,

MOVEMENT AND COUNCIL EVALUATION REPORT

Based on the proposal from the NTA/ EXCO members, a questionnaire was formed and sent to evaluate the National movement in Unit/ Diocese/ Region and National level for the past three years. The questionnaire was meticulously prepared in a simple and easily understandable manner so that the students and the animators could answer without any difficulties. Animators and Students were given separate questions to assess better.

Even though sufficient time has been allotted for the regions and dioceses, the response was not satisfactory. With the responses received, and the feedback given during the Council, we carried out the evaluation process and able to draw to a conclusion which is listed below

Cell Life

1. Majority of them function in cell. Most of the schools having YSM functioning as Units and few are unable to differentiate between Cell & Unit.
2. Above 60% deal with the topics both personal and social in their cell meetings and execute them mostly through the input sessions. Few cells have taken up the initiative to go out for an exposure visit to the reality situation to SEE- JUDGE- ACT.
4. Lack of involvement of the YCS YSM in the schools is due to the management of the school and from the parents who give more importance to the student's academic results than their personal and social growth.
5. Though all agreed that the movement has helped them in all the aspects of life, 90% feels that the movement has helped them to be a better leader.
6. 70% of the units have not been visited by the DYD/ RYD, and it's a worrying sign.

METHODOLOGY:

1. Only a few are aware of our methodology the Review of Life (ROL) and indeed if they follow and apply it in their schools, friends circle and families; Many are not aware of the methodology of the movement and it's a worrying sign for the upcoming Nexcos to deal with
2. 60% of the students are confident to say that the methodology has made a huge impact in their life, particularly in Knowing Oneself.

SPIRITUALITY

1. Comparatively more students expressed that they have felt the presence of God in their cell meetings.
2. YSM movement has brought a whole lot of change and it's been positively for the good of the movement, since the spirituality has helped them to grow personally and has paved way for the personal sharing experience.
3. Inter-religious Prayers have worked a change in today's context of fast moving world and students hold a value for it.

UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL THEME

1. Only 50% are familiar with the National Theme, though a few confuse it with the methodology of the movement.
2. The National theme is clear and relevant to only a few of the students and the thrusts and the regional/ diocesan level programs based on, that helped them to understand a little better, the suggestion was to raise a few more inter- regional & cross-border programs, that can help them understand the significant value of it.

IMPACT OF THE MOVEMENT:

1. Compared to the other clubs and organizations, YCS YSM has helped the students to sit as a small group which helps them to interact and share easily. It also helps them to take quick decisions as it is a small group.
2. YCS YSM is unique as it deals with student reality and helps to build values for life.
3. It gives every student the right to express his/ her opinion with others, discuss deeper into the problems and come out with the proper solutions.
4. YCS YSM is a student movement which only few regions have accepted and many feel that they are deprived and not Directors/ Animators/ Principals or Chaplain's movement. Each and every action was taken by the students in their respective cells with the guidance of the animator.
5. The strength of the movement lies in undertaking simple actions which are achievable and collectively make a large difference. By campaigning and advocating for social needs, the movement can expand a little better.
6. Overall, the students have experienced the change in themselves only to some extent after being a part in this deep rooted movement and it's still a lot of work to be done for the growth of the students by the chaplains and animators.

SEARCH MAGAZINE

1. We are happy to know that many students are conscious about our national Newsletter 'The Search' and reading them regularly.
2. It's sad to know from few students that the Search Magazine never comes to their hands as it lies in the Principal's office or in their Parish.
3. As it is a student's magazine, they feel that they come forward to write articles, share their faith experiences in the movement which is read all over the world.

ANIMATORS

1. The outcome of the evaluation questionnaire from the animators made us to realize that they are the back bone of the movement
2. Their strength lies in their presence among the students.
3. As animators they have learned: Patience, Perseverance, Willingness to listen to their point of view, motivating them to take on leadership, and above all, they learn from the students themselves.
4. Nearly 90% of the animators have admitted that their weakness is their inability to give time for the students.
5. Expecting too much from the students also serves as weakness to a few
6. The importance given to the academic results by the Head of the institution and Parents were not given to the students' formation.
7. As animators they feel it is their role to bring students together and expand the movement.
8. The support from the DYDs and regular visits to the schools will help them animate better.
9. The call needs to be addressed as a serious matter of importance and only when there is an opportunity for the them to take care for more than a year can help them do better.

Feedback of the XVIII National Council

General Feedback

1. Was fortunate to have the whole India under one roof named YCS/YSM
2. Was happy that we chose the best theme apt for this generation; - "Young students for Youthful life"
3. The Handing Over and the Concluding Ceremony was a cherished experience
4. The unconditional love of the committed NEXCO members and the LOC especially Fr Savio D'Souza

5. All the three thrusts and specially the “Safe schools” which is a matter of great importance
6. Sharing and listening to real life issues from the people
7. Several cell meetings to discuss, share and understand the theme and the thrusts in depth
8. Resource Persons were well prepared, friendly, experienced, readily shared their experience, informative and thought provoking.
9. Happy to have Resource Persons from the movement background
10. Some of the inputs were too high to understand for the students
11. National Council Proceedings (The Process) was Very new to us which is of IYCS international standard Loved process and it looked like an assembly in the parliament or a Senate
12. Time have to be followed with more sincerity
13. Was happy to have had the participation of the Member Bishop of CCBI Most Rev Ignatius D’Souza right throughout the presidium, which is a blessing in disguise.

Food, Lodging, Hospitality at the Venue

1. Cordial welcomes and took good care of us like our own family
2. Never felt aloof and always felt at home ,Food is healthy and given on time
3. Leant to adjust and share with our friends

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

1. Friendly, helpful, interactive and ready with a smile
2. Inspiring and generous. There should be more LOCs for a Council and they have to be there always

Opinion on the Council Statement

1. Helped us to recall the whole Council through the statement
2. It’s a mixture of our movement’s aim, objective, methodology, spirituality, the theme and the thrusts.
3. Thanks to Mr. Percival Holt and documentation team for their effort , Line by line deliberation and voting made us more serious about the importance of the Theme Statement

Time Table/ Leisure/ Prayer time

1. Time table was perfect; Prayer time was very meaningful.
2. Able to feel God’s presence throughout the Council.
3. Many regions were well prepared and creative for the mass, but could have been better

Participation of the Delegates

1. The delegates participated with their full vibes.
2. Lot of opportunities was given, but not all utilized Extra support from the superiors would have made them participate better
3. The interest shown during the outings, action songs and cultural items was not seen during the sessions, council proceedings and Eucharistic celebration

Animators

1. Friendly, supportive and were with the delegates
2. Happy to see them come down to the students’ level to make them understand
3. Their presence and availability made the students to participate with more vigor

Your Learning

1. Clear understanding about the methodology
2. NC helped us to correct our prejudices about the movement
3. Learnt to Love one’s culture and to respect others
4. Students in modern era are smarter than the elders

5. Starting respecting my culture by observing others respecting theirs
6. Students have great potential; if guided they will do miracles
7. Happy to witness few testimonies, which helped us realize our commitment for the movement.

National EXCOS

1. Always available; very friendly and cheerful; active, hardworking, committed, responsible, sincere and approachable.
2. Their presence inspired us a lot.
3. We are proud to call them as our leaders and role models
4. They gave their cent percent involvement and achieved it
5. Should have guided the delegates more in discipline and time management

Has YCSYSM Made you a better leader? Yes

1. A Leader who can listen more than speak
2. By Practicing the God given values such as Love, Peace, Justice, Truth, Honesty, Equality and Brotherhood to Change Self and in turn Change Others by our way of living.

Suggestion for Improvement

1. Delegates should be given more time and opportunity to speak and share
2. Ample time shall be given for the delegates to ask doubts
3. Using translating devices for better understanding
4. Need a little more time for the group discussions and evaluation
5. Liturgy have to be taken more seriously by the regions
6. Animators/ DYD/ RYDs should give way for the delegates to participate
7. Time needs to be altered in a better way.
8. Inculcating a little more of sharing of testimonies, can help the students to impact and to feel the value of being part of our movement.
9. Altogether answering to the questions asked whether they are happy, 75% of the participants ended with the very word Yes; 15% added Of course, Yes! And 10 % walked an extra mile to say, “LET YCSYSM LIGHT SHINE “



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Youth is the time of life when one is young and it often means the time between childhood and adulthood. Young people spend much of their lives in educational settings, and their experiences in schools, colleges and universities shape much of their subsequent lives. The young generation is full of life. They are curious to learn new things and are ready to explore the world. They are high on energy and do not want to conform to the customs and traditions set by the earlier generations. They try to apply logic to everything and question the radical thinking of the elders. Although, they usually end up annoying them later. There are several factors that push the younger generation to sway away.



Abolon Taro
NEXCO (North East)

These might be a few reasons for the same:

- 1.Lack of Education
- 2.Unemployment
- 3.Power Play
- 4.General dissatisfaction towards life
- 5.Growing Competition

The conclusion is that, it is the duty of the parents, teachers and we as YCS/YSMers, to nurture our companions and help them become good human beings and also to play a major role in building the youth of the nation. They must take their responsibilities seriously. By nurturing honest and committed individuals they are building a strong nation. A new society!

Thank you.

YOUTHFUL LIFE to spread happiness

Youth is the prime time in the life of a person when one is energetic and full of life. Youth is an experience that shapes an individual's future. This age gives us a lot of opportunities to explore and learn.



Arpit Katara
NEXCO (MP)

As young students we need to live this life happily and make others happy. God has given this life as a gift and he wants us to live happily. How and where can we experience this happiness. I feel that happiness is experienced in our family first and then our school where we spend most of our time. It is also experience when we are with our friends and other close relatives. When we share our joy and even sadness with one another we experience a lot of joy. A person can be happy if he lives a disciplined life, obeying his parents, teachers and elders.

Sadly, today we students are burdened with many issues. We have a few friends and gadgets have replaced our friends. We spend less time with family, friends and others. This has taken away happiness from our life. We need to get over this and change. YCS helps us to change and become better.

We are the present and the future of our country. We have the ability to face any problem in life. We know how to respond to any situation and make our life meaningful and joyful.

I hope each and every young student does great things and enjoy his/her youthfulness or youthful life. With this I conclude and I wish all young students to live their youthful life to the fullest.

"Young man I say to you, Arise."

NEXCOspeak

Youth is more than simply a period of time. It is a state of mind. The glory of youth is in the heart more than in physical strength or the impression given to others. Youthfulness truly means to be young from your heart, to dream big, to accept challenges and to offer the best of yourself into building something better.

Being youthful is a very important task for each and every student. The life of a student is full of setbacks, disappointments, past failures, the frustrated desires, feelings of being unloved and unaccepted. But if a student really can face all the difficulties, we can say that the biggest barriers have been transformed into success. But youthfulness of a student will never let him/her be demotivated by these barriers, rather the youthfulness of a person will help an individual to be a great inspiration for other students.



Oscar Martin
NEXCO (Agra)

No matter how much of a youthful life one lives, we can never understand the full meaning of it unless we share each day of our life with our best friend Jesus Christ. Our personal prayers play a major role to be youthful. We should spend our energies & talents on good things like helping each other. 'Personal prayers also help us to review our life and to build a new society' God's kingdom.

If we have lost our youthfulness, our dreams, our enthusiasm and our interest towards our youth ministry, we need to believe & trust the Lord Jesus Christ who stood before the dead son of the widow and with all his power of resurrection and said- Luke 7:14 "Young man I say to you, Arise."

So never let your soul grow old. Be enthusiastic, be loving towards each and every thing God has created. Let YCS/YSM light shine.

Our Youthfulness

MAny of us youngsters have lost our identity because we don't know what we really want to do. Our life is like a package where we happen to do things eventually. We all have to discover our talents and make use of it brilliantly and as said by biochemist Roger Williams "Each of us is unique and special and is endowed with talents that no one else possess." Therefore, each of us are different and we all have different motive and different goals to achieve in life.



Caleb D'Mello
NEXCO - Goa

According to me, to achieve success in life you have to work on your Self-identity and it is developed once you acknowledge your talents and put them to use on the right path. So basically your own self-identity is the key to your bright future. We have to have courage and patience to put hours of effort to develop our talents and build our self-confidence. We always have to look at the good in ourselves and keep discovering our talents. We should never get discouraged with the failures in life. There would be many to discourage us but we have to find our way out of the problem and seek success. We have to have the self-confidence and belief in ourself to achieve our goals. We should always have a positive thought that we can achieve. Don't dream of excelling in everything. Don't simply chase after success, rather let the success run after you. Be generous in placing your talents at the service of others. You will be able to develop your own talents and we have to remember to trade well with our talents. It's only then, that we will find our self-identity and will have a vision and a goal to be achieved in our future and brighten our Youthfulness.

Long live YCS /YSM.

Young students for Youthful life

NEXCOspeak

Today's Children are tomorrow's future. This saying might be old but sounds good as we hear because it's the universal truth.

"Youth"- as we hear this word, so many thoughts come in our mind like for example enthusiastic, vibrant, joyful, curious, most importantly Passion and many others. We the young students of the whole world should not simply follow all the past things but we need to try to find out why there are such rituals and many other things happening in this World and so on. For a good tomorrow we need to make our today better. That happens only when we are surrounded with a good environment, having healthy good relationships between each other. If we see our present day, we the young students are getting addicted to alcohol, smoking and drugs. If we don't stop this, we won't find Youthful life in our future and it will all be meaningless to the youngsters. As the responsible young students or citizens of India, first we should try hard to get a good name for our parents and we should always make our country stand first in every field. We the young students should know everything what's going to happen today or tomorrow. We should stand first for everything which is going to happen from now. Most of all we need to respect our parents, family, elders, friends and the people of other countries just as we love and respect our country. We need to talk good about our country but it doesn't mean that we need to criticize other people. We the young students are very useful to our country or state in some point of view or in some point of way. Therefore, we need to be the Hope for a Better future of our Nation and let us make our Nation a proud one, because of us!
Let YCS Light Shine!



J. Pranay Reddy
NEXCO (Telugu)

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Unity in Diversity

It has been an amazing experience being a part of this wonderful movement called YCS/YSM. I have fallen in love with its methodology "See, Judge, Act". The methodology has helped me take important decisions in my life. The YCS/YSM National Council was another wonderful experience. This was the first time I attended a national council. I felt as though I was in a parliament session. It was so serious and methodical. I wondered if students could conduct themselves so well. I guess, YCS/YSM can mould one to be very efficient.



In the council and the study sessions I learnt to convey my ideas to the participants from different parts of India,. Even though we spoke different languages, it was a great opportunity to learn some phrases of many Indian languages and also many actions songs. I was able to mix with all the participants. We were able to exhibit the unity in diversity. YCS/YSM unites us all under one banner. Though we speak different languages, follow different culture, we are one as YCS/YSMers. Long live YCS/YSM.

Nancy Kujur
YCS Animator – Northern Region.

As a young student, I am yet to experience more plans of God in my life. We young students are expected to accomplish a lot by our parents, which is very good. Young people think that because of these expectations there is a lot of pressure on them. But I feel, it helps us to reach our capabilities to the top. We may probably understand it later.

We never know what God has planned for us in the future. But he is showing us the path by giving us opportunities. It depends on us if we take it in a positive or negative manner.

There are times we fall, feel stressed-out, cry and make silly mistakes which most of the time pushes us back. We learn from our mistakes. Life offers a lot of challenges. We may fall sometimes when we face these challenges but this will make us strong. Therefore we need to utilise these opportunities to become strong in life.

When our elders expect a lot from us, they definitely don't expect that we succeed in everything that we do or we get hundred percent success. They always want us to work hard and learn new things.

You may have come across people who seek your advice. You may feel you are not in a position to advise them. We learn many things from each other. We grow wise when we keep learning from people.

My brother kept on asking me a lot of questions when he was chosen to participate in the DEXCO. I laughed at him many times because I too had asked similar questions to my animators and teachers. His silly questions reminded me about my past. Even when I was selected to represent my region in the NEXCO, I had a lot of such questions. I am sure most of us have come across situations like this. By answering these silly questions we not only learn but teach others. We see us in them and they see them in others. This cycle will go on since we are growing every second.

In YCS/YSM we get to hear about stories of students who have changed their lives. They share their experiences or life changing events. When we do this, we strengthen our bond. We come closer and at times help each other. There is a lot of happiness in doing this. We create a relationship with everyone and hold it as our treasure.

I'm privileged to be a member of the NEXCO of YCS/YSM- India. I thank all of you who are helping me to grow as a good daughter, girl, a friend.

"Life is not test, it is a journey. So, put your head up high, open up your eyes and speak out loud.

Thangni Joan RD
NEXCO (North East)



*Thangni Joan RD
NEXCO (North East)*

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"No matter who you are, no matter what you did, no matter where you've come from, you can always change, become a better version of yourself."

I started my beautiful YCS journey in 2016 when I was presented as a NEXCO. I didn't know my role and responsibility as a NEXCO. I was quite hesitant to take up this responsibility because I was in doubt of whether I would be able to do justice to the post or not. I remember when I was asked to introduce myself in front of everyone I could not introduce myself properly, I was shivering from head to toe. I was the type of person who was very shy, who was completely dependent on others, who had stage fear, who used to stick to a few people. After becoming a YCS'er, I have learnt a lot. I have learnt to adjust, I have learnt to be independent, I have learnt to go forward and meet people. YCS has given me many opportunities to come out of my shell and live myself. This movement has made me confident and responsible because of which I was given



*Vanshika Paul
NEXCO -North
(2016-19)*

many opportunities in my school and parish. It has brought a drastic change in me from a 'backbencher' to the 'school cabinet,' from 'having stage fear' to 'emceeing the grand event,' from 'I cannot' to 'I want to', from an 'unknown person' to the 'most known person.' I have no more stage fear as I used to have before. With Every YCS program, meeting and exposure I have learnt and experienced something new. YCS has taught me to learn from my mistakes and give my best the next time.

I cannot forget the people who have helped me in many ways. First of all, I thank Fr. Chetan for believing in me and giving me a chance to serve this beautiful movement. You are a true role model, a guide, a mentor and a great friend to me. Thank you Appa!! You are an amazing soul.

Thank you for trusting us, supporting us, and motivating us every time.

Midrash bhaiyya- thank you bhaiyya for being a great helping hand. Thank you for making me understand my role as a NEXCO.

Fr. Anil D'souza and Sr.Lidwin- the two great personalities. Thank you for being so good and so supportive and motivating all the time.

A big thanks to the NEXCO family. Thank you for such an amazing journey. Thank you for supporting and understanding me. Thank you for inspiring me in a special way. You are great leaders.

Thank you YCS/YSM India for giving me an identity, for making me better version of myself and for what I am today. I will always cherish each and every moment I had in these three years. Indeed I was blessed to be a part of this movement.

Thank you!!

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Answer to my search

As a small kid, I used to ask a lot of questions. Even today I ask questions. Many a times I get vague answers from my friends and elders. Very often they fool me. I wanted a platform, where so many of my questions could be answered.

One day my principal called me and asked if I was interested in YCS/YSM. I did not know much about it. I thought it is a club to do some service. So I replied her saying 'I am ready to serve God any time.' Thus, I was chosen along with the others to attend a regional YCS/YSM orientation programme in Bhopal. Even there I kept asking questions. When we had the cell meeting I realized that this is the right platform for me to get my questions answered.

In the cell meeting we shared a lot. We asked questions, we discussed, we expressed our opinions. No one judged us. We tried to solve our own problems. It was a wonderful experience. I actively took part in everything. I was elected as the Regional president (MP) of YCS/YSM. It was a great honor for me.

The National Council was another great experience of searching and getting answers to my questions. The study sessions were on Youthful life. I had so many questions on this theme. The lively sessions and active discussions answered most of my questions. YCS/YSM is a platform to search answers to one's questions. I keep searching and keep getting answers.



Ashely Mathias
President - MP

YOUTH FOR YOUTHFUL LIFE

After seeing or listening to the theme one thing that strikes our mind is how does young students not be youthful or why do students need guidance to live a youthful life? Same thing happened to me but having a look of a life of a student from every dimension it's very hard to believe or even imagine that lots of students are stuck in the internet web, media and drag themselves into depression, unhealthy stress etc. Earlier it was totally different. Children were so active, alive, alert and were filled with enthusiasm. They used to meet new people, played, fought, cried, did mistakes but then gradually grew and experienced the true meaning of youthfulness. People of our generation are living in a society which follows the trend of carrying the burden of many things be it studies, unhealthy relationship; not to forget social media and many more. This is the period when children / students learn many things apart from studies and are sensitive and focused towards EQ more than IQ.

As a part of the society and YCS it's our responsibility to change the situation for many others who are struggling with this challenge. There is fire in each one of us. It's just that it should keep burning all the time to bring positive changes in us and in our society.

I'm ready to use the platform provided by YCS / YSM and bring change in me and in society by doing little things in my everyday life. Are you ??



Angelina Ekka
NEXCO -Northern

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I have grown

Every experience makes you grow. I take immense pleasure in sharing my experience in the movement of YCS/YSM. When I was studying in class 9, it was my choice to attend YCS camps. My first camp changed the idea I had of myself. Until then I never knew anything about the Movement. When I spoke in front of people for the first time I was very nervous. But it was in the camp I gained myself-confidence to speak with people. This movement brought many changes in my life. First and foremost I was selected as a Diocesan Secretary of YCS. I never missed any meetings in my Zone and Unit. I met many motivating people who encouraged me to do something and move forward. I thank God for giving such kind hearted people in my life. I want to mention here about my DYD Fr. Maria Susai. Because of his continuous motivation and confidence that he had in me, it was possible for me to become the Regional and National Representative. He always told me "You lose something in order to earn better". It was really true. I had to lose some classes and holidays to attend YCS meetings. I have learnt better by being part of the movement than my regular classes and it gave me infinite happiness than holidays. I remember my first National Convention as a member in Bhopal, where I was really impressed by the NEXCOs. That is the first time I travelled out of my home town. I am from a village in which girls are well protected and cared without letting them out of the village. I am really blessed to have understanding parents. They always supported, motivated and guided me. It's always said "dreams do come true" and it really did happen in my life. I thank my parents for trusting me and walking with me to live my dreams. The most memorable time of my life is the 17th National Council held in Delhi. I was elected as a NEXCO. I never expected but it happened by the grace of God. I got a good team and Chaplain. They were so active, supportive of course inspiring people. Working together with them taught me many things. After my DYD it was Fr. Chetan-the best and cool person, our National Chaplain, who continued to be my mentor.



Abhinisha N.
NEXCO
Tamil Nadu(2016-19)

The 2nd live in programme in Bangalore was very unique. It exposed me to a lot of new things that were hidden in me. I understood more about my team and it was the first time that I met Sr. Lidwin Fernandes Ufs as our National Coordinator and it is because of her encouragement, timely guidance and support I always kept myself as part of Search Magazine. She always looked at me from a far distance waiting to break my silence into words. The memorable experience that second live in brought me removed my regret for not attending the first one. I became a social person, relationships increased and lots of love and friends changed the whole situation of my life.

Finally, it was time for me to bid goodbye to the team which I was attached, but not to the spirit I lived in. After a long journey of three years it was 18th National Council in Goa, the whole team of NEXCOs turned as former NEXCOs. The tears rolled down my eyes when I had to bid Adieu to my companions. It seemed to me that the journey was too short, the tears said, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." I thank YCS for giving me an identity and self-confidence. Though I am pursuing to be an engineer, it is the syllabus that matters. But YCS is the education in its fullness. I learned from every mistake, my every change was the student of my mistake. I would like to proudly say that 'those were the best days of my life and I will cherish them till the end by serving YCS in my own zone and unit.' Let us vow to the society that we are young and we will remain young to do good in the society.

Let YCS YSM light shine!



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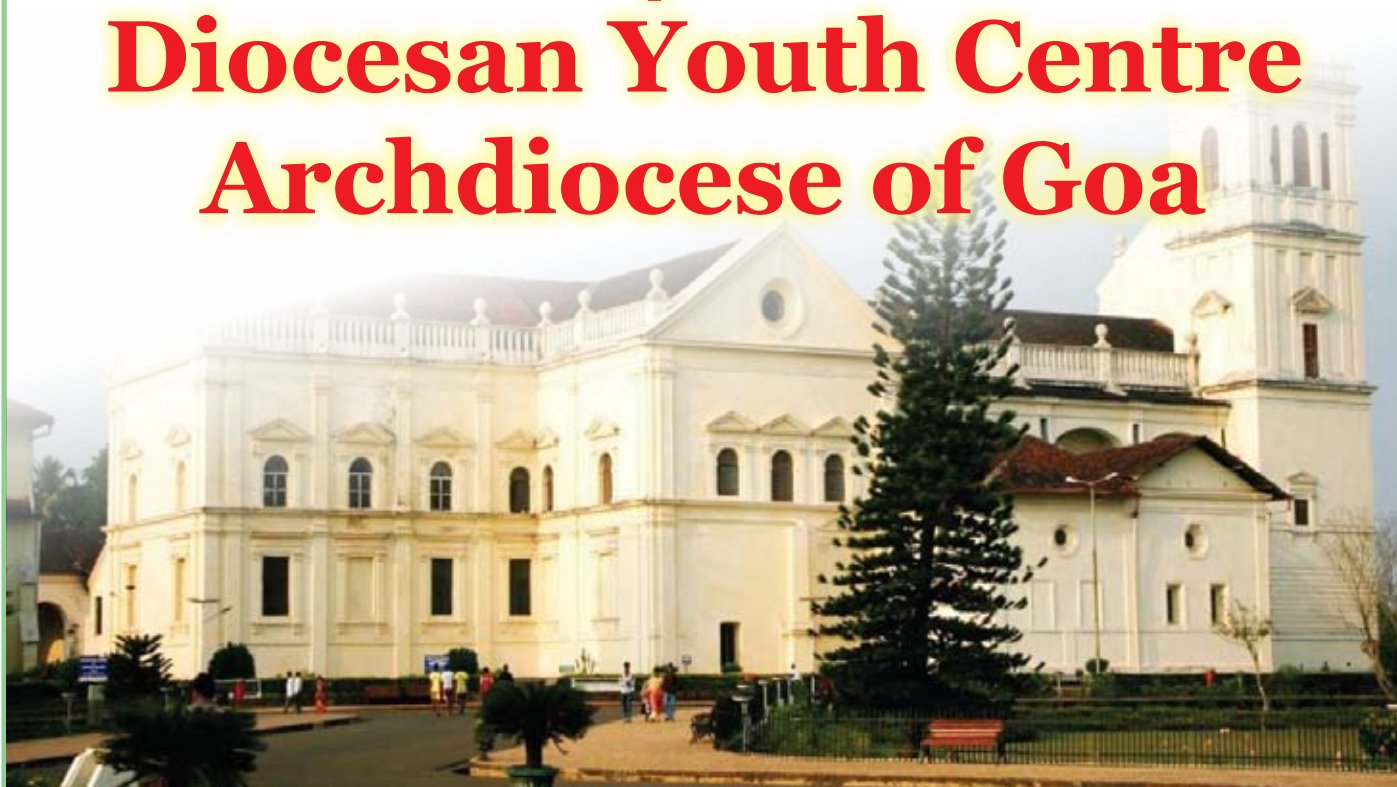
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