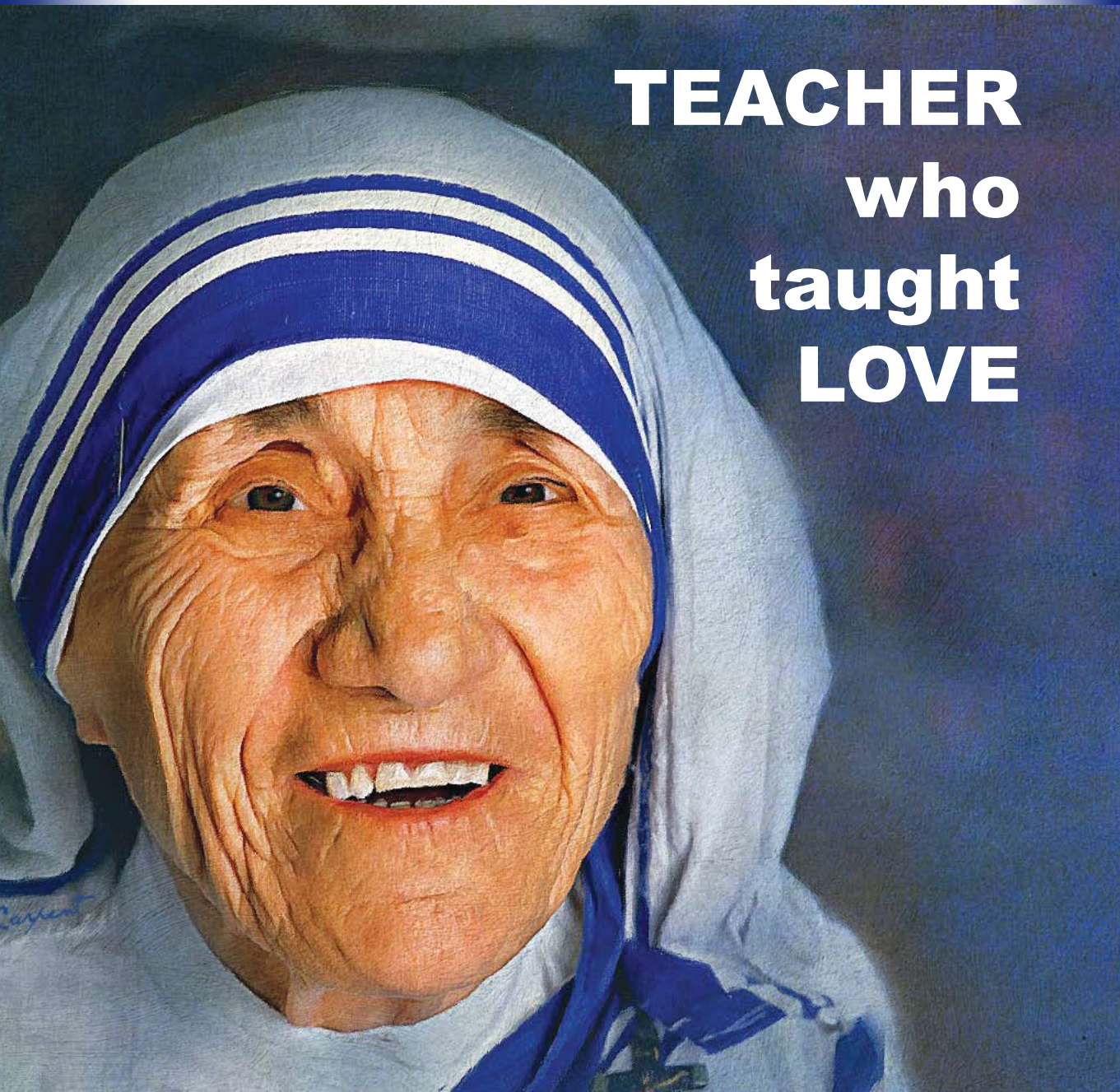


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Peace begins with a smile.

This is the need of the hour

“Asian youth! Wake up! The glory of the martyrs shines on you”. Living this theme at the Asian youth day in South Korea was a wonderful experience for all of us who attended this event. The faith in God and the commitment to that faith was truly lived up by the Korean youth. Each one of us felt that it was just by God's grace that they could conduct this event so successfully because they meant what they did for the glory of God. A detail report of this event is in the following pages and learning is also mentioned. We need to learn a lot from them, the patriotism, civic sense, commitment and dedication to their faith is worth mentioning.



You all are at the verge of many festal events in the coming days. While celebrating the feasts try to imbibe the spirit of it so that the celebrations are made meaningful, because every feast is celebrated for some purpose, especially for the growth and betterment of each person and of the society.

Today we see and experience a lot of arson and bloodshed in many parts of India and the world in the name of religion. We have forgotten that we are all creation of God. The animal instinct is dominating us in this materialistic world. We simply cannot understand how one can cut other humans into pieces, rape minors and women, loot everything without conscience. Animals are better than humans in many cases. The very core of religion is being lost. Religion should help to live a meaningful and peaceful life, where all accept each other as brothers and sisters in the likeness and image of God. I pray God that our movement way of life may lead you to live like real human beings.

I have been visiting many regions and units and I find many of you are following the methodology of the movement well, yet many of the dioceses are not doing so. Remember “Cell and Cell life” will only help us to change yourself and change others. It is not the activities that matter but sharing of your faith, attitudes and life experiences in the light your faith will make you new persons. Animators, please give importance to this aspect. You need to be a real members of the movement first and guide the young ones through your life experience.

In many dioceses and schools we see that this movement is not organized. Student members and teenagers may not know about it but organizing them is our duty and by that each person will grow in the movement. Teaching academics only will not make a person fully fit to live in the society. The society is so complex that they need to be catered to through a way of life where they can face the reality better by changing their attitudes positively. I see many of the local ordinaries and institution heads are not bothered about the organizing of teenagers and student community.

In some places the movement has been started in the junior colleges and city cells have been formed. According to the constitution you have a provision to start units in the colleges as well. Those former members can start new units in colleges for your growth and service to the society. It has to be done everywhere then only a consolidated plan of action for the integral growth of students can be chalked out. This is the need of the hour. It is not only the youth director but you need to take charge now. Till you take charge, we elders will accompany you.

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The Pope's 10 tips for HAPPINESS



1. Live and let live. It's an echo of the Pope's earlier remark on gays: "Who am I to judge?" Moreover, it's what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Judge not, unless you want to be judged yourself." (Matthew 7:1)
2. Give yourself to others. That is, give your money and your time to those in need. Don't just sit around like stagnant water. Give all you have and then some.
3. Move quietly in the world. The Pope quotes from a favorite novel by an early 20th-century Argentine writer, Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the novelist writes that in one's youth, a person is "a rocky stream that runs over everything," but as one gets older, one becomes "a running river, quietly peaceful." It's very like the Native American suggestion that one should walk "in balance and beauty" on the ground, making the least disturbance.
4. Enjoy leisure. The Pope says that consumerism has brought with it unbearable anxieties. So play with your children. Take time off. And don't spend all your time thinking about your next acquisition. Spend your time well, not your money.
5. Sunday is for families. This is actually one of the Ten Commandments. Honour the Sabbath. (Exodus 20:8) Once a week, give a whole day to meditation, worship, family life, tending the needs of the spirit. This is healthy living.
6. Find jobs for young people. Who would have guessed that job-creation would be on list for happiness? But the Pope is right. Honest, simple work for young people is essential to their well-being. Somewhat surprisingly, in this moment in the interview, the Pope connected job creation to the degradation of our environment: "the tyrannical use of nature." He links the lack of good jobs to the lack of respect for ourselves and the Earth itself. So creating jobs doesn't mean ruining the environment. It doesn't mean, as the politicians chant, "jobs, jobs, jobs." Good and productive labour is valuable, and it doesn't mean you have to have a fancy job description. You don't have to become rich. You can be ordinary. Happiness lies there. Do good work, create good work for others.
7. Respect nature. This follows from No. 6. "Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?" the Pope wonders. Not surprisingly, this is what Henry David Thoreau, a founding father of the environmental movement, said. "Most people live lives of quiet desperation," he said. He went into the woods, to Walden Pond, because he wanted "to live deliberately" and to "front only the essential facts of life."

A proper respect for nature means that you can't pollute the air, poison the rivers and chop down the forests indiscriminately without suffering greatly. I suspect that a huge amount of the anxiety and suffering that we see around can be closely traced to our wanton misuse of our resources. Just look at any garbage dump and see what is wasted. In a sense, we've wasted our souls.

8. Let go of negative things quickly. The Pope tells us not to complain about people who annoy or frustrate us, to let go of things as rapidly as we can. I have an old friend who used to say, "Put the bad things in your back pocket and leave them there." This may sound like escapism or putting your head in the sand, but it's more interesting than that. Life throws rotten things our way each day. People say nasty things to us, often about others. This stuff makes them miserable, of course. It makes us miserable, too. Flush it.

9. Don't preach your religion too forcefully. Proselytism brings on paralysis, the Pope tells us. Wow. I'm a Christian myself, and I don't mind saying so. But each person sees the world before them in his or her own way. The Pope says this. As a teaching, it seems to run counter to the so-called Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Jesus said to get out there and spread the word. But the Pope takes a relaxed view of this activity, preferring that we should teach by example. Perhaps that really is what Jesus would do?

10. Work for peace. The Pope has preached this message from the beginning of his time as pontiff. He has gone to Jerusalem and worked to bring together Jews and Palestinians. He has prayed for peace and worked for peace. He has listened closely to Jesus, who said, "blessed are the peacemakers."

The Pope asks us to take in refugees, to think innovatively about how to create peace in the world. Jesus, of course, invites us to turn the other cheek when struck. This is a complex teaching. But it's essential to Christian faith. The Pope, once again, calls on us to take the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount seriously. This is very hard but crucial work.

Pope Francis has, in this unlikely venue, given us his own Sermon on the Mount, his Ten Commandments for happiness and inner peace. One can only be grateful for his wisdom, which is rooted in a sincere faith, in hard-earned wisdom, and a very practical knowledge of human needs and potentials.

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My dear Diocesan Youth Directors, you will have full time work if you involve yourselves in this movement. It is not according to your interest, take it as a prime duty. Please do not neglect this fact and help them grow spiritually and socially. They will be grateful to you for life.

Look into the social realities of life and make the members feel for these issues by giving them an exposure to these realities and deal with it until they understand that they have their role to play in the society at large so that they may really blend themselves with the social fabrics of life and that will make them good citizens to build an India which will be really shining. Let the glory of God shine on you so that you leave your footprints on the society and keep shining in the society always. God bless.

- Fr. Charles Menezes

EDUCATION DEVELOPES CONSCIENCE

Developing competence without developing conscience and character gives birth to brilliant terrorists and wily politicians who can cause unending sufferings to innocent human beings and the destruction of humanity.

Every day the media both electronic and print, bring out sensational stories of violence, corruption, rape and other crimes. One feels overwhelmed when terrorists blow up trains in serial bomb blasts. Ordinary people usually go numb when they come to know that a single young person is willing to become a human bomb to kill hundreds of innocent people in a busy market. People's faith in the elected members of Parliament is lost when they hear the stories of others misusing their status for human



trafficking. Cases of rape, kidnapping and murder are common crimes attributed today to lawmakers and rulers. At times, they seem to be the qualifications required to obtain tickets from political parties. The common people who are more conditioned by caste and religion than by critical analysis cote for them. One among the sensational stories was the arrest of Dr. Amit Kumar the kingpin of multimillion dollar kidney racket with more than 500 cases of kidney transplants.

There was news in media, in the past too, about illegal organ sales. But the arrest of Dr. Amit Kumar has revealed the gigantic proportion of this racket. This is the first time that we hear this large scale business of human organs. It was reported that many of these kidneys were stolen from migrant workers. Even those who voluntarily donated their kidneys were given a paltry amount, while Dr. Amit and his team sold them for three to five lakh rupees each, both in India and abroad.

When such crimes are reported, people often ask, "Don't they have a conscience? Are they not educated people?" In this context it is important to review the definition and process of education. Generally, more serious crimes with larger damage to society are committed by the "educated elite!" The crimes committed by the ministers, parliamentarians, legislators, doctors, industrialists, are far more serious than the crimes committed by the petty thieves.

The clever methods which these elite criminals use to commit the most horrible crimes remind me of a definition of education by John Solan Dickey: "The end of education

is to see man made whole, both in competence and conscience. For to create the power of competence without creating corresponding direction to guide the use of that power, is bad education. Furthermore, competence will finally disintegrate apart from conscience.”

The words of Dickey are so poignantly right in today’s context. Today teachers and parents give their full attention to developing the competence of students. Educational institutions are competing to give the best facilities to develop the skills and competence of their students, Information technology, facilities for sports and developing all kinds of skills are given top priority. Very little importance is given to developing the character and conscience of students. Some institutions are satisfied to provide academic lessons through ‘Moral science’. The institutions run by religious societies are satisfied to organize some sessions on religious practices. Do the teachers and parents ever find out how conscience is formed? Are there ways to find out how they develop qualities of sensitivity to the poor and the marginalized? Do the teachers help their wards create their own opinion about socio political realities? Is there any mechanism to discover their growth in spiritual values common to all religions and provide the foundation for human existence?

In this world of competition people have understood the latter’s importance. Parents and teachers, therefore miss no opportunity to develop the competence of their students. In their obsession with competence, they neglect developing conscience and character. The result is disastrous!. We now have engineers and scientists who can devise modern instruments of mass destruction; we have politicians who indulge in large scale corruption and yet escape without being caught; we have doctors who can steal kidneys and vital organs from their patients without their knowledge.

Dr. Amit Kumar and his clique developed competence without developing conscience. Hence they could operate such a large racket. Since politicians and criminals have developed competence without conscience, they don’t hesitate to make decisions which take the life of hundreds of innocent people. Teachers, parents and educational institutions should set their priorities in the academic life of their students. Developing competence without developing conscience and character gives birth to brilliant terrorists and wily politicians who can cause unending sufferings to innocent human beings and the destruction of humanity. Prevention is better than cure. Will those engaged in the education of the young generation take note of this warning?

- Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM, Indore.

If I am walking with two other men, each of them will serve as my teacher. I will pick out the good points of the one and imitate them, and the bad points of the other and correct them in myself.

-Confucius

REPORTS

DELHI

Delhi Archdiocesan YCS/YSM Summer Camp 2014

A Summer Camp was organized by ICYM South Zone-I for children of class 6 to 9 standard at Fr. Agnel Bal Bhavan, Greater Noida from 23rd to 29th May 2014. On 23rd May evening after registration and group activities were held with a purpose to make children mix up and know each other. The following day began with Morning Prayer & mass followed by activities & sessions. In the evening the children spent their time indulging in outdoor games.

The days went by with sessions being taken by Fr. Chetan Machado, Regional Youth Director of Northern Region, Fr. Charles Menezes, National Director for YCS/YSM Movement and Mr. Manoj on the following topics: 'Self Change – Change Others', 'Personality Development', 'Leadership through talent exposure', 'Faith Formation, Build up a better future', 'Fighting for social justice and peace', 'See Judge and Act', 'A Just Society – God's Kingdom' and 'Relationship with Self Others and God'. Fr. Chetan Machado, Fr. Charles Menezes and Mr. Manoj Mathew have been deeply associated with YCS/YSM Movement. During the camp Archdiocesan priests visited children and shared their inputs. Fr. Peter Emmanuel, Fr. Savarimuthu, Fr. Balraj Augustine and Sr. Elizabeth RMI were also present for some days during the camp and helped out in the way they could despite their limitations. This Summer Camp was a good beginning for 110 kids from 7 parishes of the Archdiocese of Delhi. We are extremely grateful to the full hearted support extended to the ZEXCO by all the parish priests of South Zone-I. A special thanks to Fr. Charles Menezes and Fr. Chetan Machado.

-Midrash Mathew



UDUPI

YCS and parents meet at Shirva

The meeting of the YCS members and their parents took place at Shirva on 20th July. Around 60 students and their parents were present. Fr. Charles asked all the student members to sit along with their parents and asked how does it feel? Everyone was happy and especially the parents were very happy. Each one had a nice story to share about accompanying each other.

Then the group was divided into students and parents and asked to share their aspirations and expectations from each other. The group met together for a clarification session and they decide to accompany each other in their journey of life in spiritual formation as well as academic formation. The Parish Priest Fr. Stany and assistant priests were present along with animators.

The parents were also happy with the performance of their children. They expect them to be a little more responsible towards their prayer life, studies, relationships, time table, orderliness in their life etc. the program ended with the decision to meet at the end of the year to assess the outcome of this meeting.

GULBARGA**DEXCO election at YCS/YSM Gulbarga Diocese**

The YCS/YSM animators and the office bearers training programme was held at Sugyana pastoral center on 11 and 22 July 2014 at Gulbarga. 16 animators and 44 students participated in the programme.

Rev. Fr. Ronald Veigas the ICYM, YCS/YSM director of Shimoga was the resource person for the training programme who conducted the prayer service.



The inaugural function was held in the morning. Bishop Most. Rev. Robert Michael Miranda was the chief guest. Fr. Ronald Veigas and Fr. Victor Anil Vas the DYD of Gulbarga Diocese, Pawan Chauhan and Sony the student representatives were on the dais. Most Rev. Robert Michael Miranda inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural speech he asked the student to become good leaders in the society.

Fr. Ronald Veigas spoke to the animators saying Animators are the back bone of the movement and they need to guide the student all the time. Fr. Victor Anil Vas taught the students to use the methodology of YSM during their cell meeting. After the session Miss Jovita the former YCS/YSM national secretary shared her experience and asked the student to use the opportunity fruitfully when they get it. After the session the animators and the office bearers had a cell meeting and they were given a topic to discuss on an issue.

Then the election for DEXCO was held for 2014-15:

President - Pawan Chauhan ; Secretary - Sonia

Representatives: Sri Laxmi, Paul , Santhosh Pawan, Farida, Anand Prasad and Shilpa,

Animators: Mr. Chinnappa and Miss Sandra

- Sony, Secretary

BELLARY**YCS/YSM at Bellary Diocese:**

The training for the student groups of Bellary diocese took place on 9-10 June 2014. It was introduced to 6 schools and from each school 600 students each were present. Altogether 3500 students were introduced to YCS/YSM methodology and about 800 became members of this movement.



Most Rev Henry D'Souza, Bishop of Bellary introduced them to the topic of the day and invited them to be a part of this movement so that they can learn more and get a lot of exposure.

Fr. Charles dealt with the movement proceedings and gave them a lot of examples

as to how we can make a difference in the life of the other. Building the Kingdom of God being the aim and changing oneself to change others being the objective he led them to the methodology of the movement see, judge and act by which they were taught to reflect on the given topic and apply it to the scriptures.

On 10th afternoon all the Animators who are guiding this movement were given the guidelines as to how to go about and made a plan of action. Fr. Lourduraj and Fr. Amal were made in charge of this movement along with Syed Akram who would guide them time to time.

UDUPI

Election of leaders and training of animators at Udupi diocese

Leadership training and training of the YCS animators took place at Udupi Bishop's House hall on 6th July 2014. The training program was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Gerald Isaac



Lobo Bishop of Udupi Diocese. Who presided over the programme. Francis D'Cunha, Resource person, Rev Fr. Charles Menezes, National Director of YCS, New Delhi, Rev Fr. Edwin D'Souza, Director of ICYM/YCS/YSM, Diocese of Udupi, Norbert Misquith, Resource Person and office Bearers of YCS were present on the dais.

The Bishop spoke about how one needs to be leading the group than following it. He urged the student members to give importance

to this factor so that inspired by Jesus our master we can lead people on the right path. Secondly he urged them to study well. Now a day we see a lot of other students gaining first name in our schools. We are sacrificing so much and lot of effort to educate our children and we need to grab those opportunities. Thirdly he also urged them to give more importance to government jobs and strive towards civil service examinations so that as leaders in the society we can do justice to the poor people who came to us for help. He promised to help anyone who works in this regard.

Fr. Charles spoke to the animators as regards the process of animation and how to accompany the students in this movement. He made them to understand the deeper meaning of how an animator becomes a prophet with his call and mission and urged them to take this job seriously so that they can train the young adolescents given to their care.

Francis sir spoke about the book he has prepared for the faith formation of the students in YCS. He explained it to the animators as to how to use it and its contents. It would be the right methodology for the students who are no more children rather adolescents who have their own experiences to be shared and queries to be clarified.

Fr. Charles Menezes and Fr. Chetan Machado, Northern regional director gave fitting messages during the concluding program. Prior to the valedictory function, elections for the year 2014/15 were conducted and following were elected as office bearers of Udupi Diocese:

Director - Rev. Fr. Edwin D'Souza; President - Clive Johns Quadros of Moodubelle; Vice President - Renson Alva of Pangala, Shankerpura (Male) and Vanisha Pasanha of Tallur (Female); Secretary - Jeenal Saldanha of Pamboor; Treasurer - Viola Mendonca of Kuntalnagar; Spokes person - Velan Meckson Salis of Attur; Johan Lewis of Mount Rosary, Kallianpur as RTS; Leena Mendonca of Pangala as Lady Animator; John Castalino of Moodubelle as Gents Animator; Vinard D'Costa of Kundapur – President of Kundapur Deanery; Clinton Cardoza of Miyar – President of Karkala Deanery; Joyson Charles D'Sa of Pangala – President of Shirva Deanery; Calvin D'Silva of Milagres Cathedral – President of Kallianpur Deanery and Darryl Quadros of Udupi – President of Udupi Deanery.

DELHI

YCS and Catechetical training at Delhi

YCS Training: The YCS training took place at Defence Colony church on 13 the July 2014 morning. After the mass student members got together for a follow up program of the YCS summer camp organized by ICYM for them in May. Around 72 student delegates participated in this program.



Fr. Charles invited the students to participate well and directly jumped into as to what they remember from the summer camp. He briefly dealt with the YCS movement and reminded them to have regular cell meetings in their wards so that the spirit of the movement may continue to help them. Then Fr. Prasad dealt with the five path programme and explained how to do a good deed per day, why to pray for peace every day, how to respect and take care of earth's resources, how to respect each individual as image and likeness of God and

why to sacrifice a meal per weak and to sponsor a poor person in need so that we may understand the plight of the poor people at our vicinity. Then ICYM members led them to some activities and through those activities elicited lessons for themselves.

Catechetical teachers training: In the afternoon Fr. Charles took up the session to the Catechism teachers at DCC hall, Delhi. Around 250 catechism teachers were present there. He explained to them the process of building up a group through various examples, taught them some biblical action songs and then explained the methodology of YCS which could be very well adapted in the catechism classes. He also asked them to promote YCS movement where children get a chance to mingle with each other and learn by doing and participate in social activities in which they are taught to find God in the cruel reality. Teachers were very happy about the information given and agreed to adapt this methodology of catechism in their classes to yield maximum results to change the children as good citizens of Christ and our nation. Fr. Manikya organized this program and the program ended with mass offered by Fr. Charles and explained to them the parable of the sower and how to become a seed personally and make a difference in the lives of the children through effective catechism.



YCS/ YSM ANIMATORS TRAINING PROGRAMME

26.07.2014: YCS/YSM animators training programme began at 10:00 am with a short prayer and lamp lighting by Fr. Charles Kandula, Director of Pastoral Centre, Fr. Vijay, Fr. Vinay kumar, Youth Director and YCS/YSM Director for the Diocese of Hyderabad and one of the animator. There were mostly new animators who wanted to know its objectives and spirit of this movement.

Fr. Charles Kandula gave us the inaugural talk explaining the role of the animators in this movement. He asked us to get the clarity of this movement and be convinced of its objectives personally. He said that our life style too should change and we need to learn along with the students. We need to be one with the students and balance authority and relationship. He also made it clear that all the students including those belonging to different religious can become part of YCS/YSM.



Mr. James Sylvester carried on the programme with his session which was interactive & enthusiastic. There was lot of openness and freedom to share each one's thoughts and feelings. He conducted a cell meeting for us making us understand its nature. The sharing of his personal experience in this movement for the past years was most enriching.

Then we broke for lunch during which we shared our ideas and conducting meetings along with other animators. Fr. Charles Menezes the National director for YCS/YSM began his session after the lunch. He explained in detail What, Why & How is YCS/YSM. He said it is the movement which works for the growth of the individuals giving us the brief history, structure, nature, objectives and methodology of YCS/YSM. We commenced the first day by 4:00 pm.

27.07.2014: We gathered again at 10:00 am and Fr. Charles Menezes continued his topic on why and how is YCS/YSM. He reminded us of our responsibility as animators. He conducted



few games and action songs telling us that activities and group dynamics help the students to come out of themselves. He encouraged us to accompany the students in their growth process. We continued his session after the lunch break. He conducted few cell meetings and asked us to take up actions to bring change in and around us.

Fr. Vinay came forward to discuss on DTS/DTA meetings and YCS/YSM inaugural programmes in the schools. DTS/DTA meeting was fixed for 25th

July, 2014. Mr. Joseph from Sacred Heart high school and Ms. Cicilia opted to be the representatives for diocesan team of YCS/YSM. Later Ms. Cicilia proposed vote of thanks to Rev. Fr. Charles and Fr. Vinay for conducting such wonderful, inspiring and encouraging programme. We concluded the training programme by 3:30 pm.

All the animators were happy for the clarity received about this movement and stepped out of the portals of pastoral center with the desire to guide and encourage the students to become better personalities.

YCS Annual General Body meeting, Central Council Election & Unit Office Bearers Training Programme

MANGALORE

The Annual General Body Meeting, Central council election and Unit office bearers training programme of Young Catholic Students Movement (YCS) for the year 2014-15 was held on 13th July at Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi.



The day began with ice-breaking conducted by the YCS Central Council members. Then a session on Leadership and Role of Office bearers was conducted by Mr Norbert Misquith followed by a session on 'Why students hesitate to come forward and write competitive exams' by Fr Ajith Menezes, the Asst director of St Joseph's Engineering College. Concluding the morning sessions Fr Anil Lobo, Assistant director of pastoral institute, celebrated the holy Eucharist in which he stressed the methodology of YCS-See, Judge and Act.

After lunch, election for the Central Council was held and the newly elected office bearers of YCS Central Council 2014-15 are:

President : Joyline D'Souza, Shakthinagar; Secretary : Jackson Rego, Taccode; Vice-president : Jovita D'Souza, Permannur; Joint secretary : Joswin Lasrado, Bajal; Treasurer: Rhea Alisha Sequeira, Cordel; DTS : Roel Veigas, Badyar and Merwin Vas, Ferrar; Yuvatare rep : Stephy Andrade, Madanthyar; Reporter : Elroy Pereira, Alangar; RTS: Frivita D'Souza, Gurpur (Regional President); RTS: Floid Noronha, Kelarai; RTS: Roshan Lobo, Vamanjoor (Nexco)

Concluding programme was held at 3 pm. Fr Victor Machado, Director of Pastoral Institute presided over the programme. President Clyde D'Souza, Ferrar welcomed the gathering, Secretary Lindon Nazareth put forth the report of the year 2013-14. Vice-president Ashish D'Souza shared his experience on how he was part of YCS and how he would take the methodology of the movement in his life. Fr Edwin Correa thanked his outgoing council for their wonderful job in the past one year and as a token of love offered a memento, certificate and a bouquet. The oath taking ceremony was held with handing over lighted candle by the outgoing council to the newly elected office bearers.

The President of the programme gave his message saying, "to be a complete human being 3D'S are important- discipline, dedication and devotion". The newly elected President Joyline D'souza thanked everyone for supporting her.

As per the National Constitution the first YCS City Cell was inaugurated for the diocese of Mangalore. All Ex-council and outgoing council members will be a part of the first City Cell.

Secretary Veera Vinitha Sequeira, Sidakatte proposed vote of thanks and Froyd Ashlan, Madanthyar compeered the programme.

FAILED TEACHERS; PARENTS; EDUCATION!

When parents create an atmosphere where their children are deprived of the primary lessons of life, they fail in their duty as parents; when educational institutions concentrate only on ranks, medals and name, they fail in their mission of giving birth to responsible citizens.

Suicide by students has become a daily media feature; unsatisfactory percentage of exams or failure in entrance tests are often reasons for these tragedies.

An important feature is that many of youngsters belong to affluent families and study in prestigious schools. Their parents, highly educated themselves, make a great effort to get their children into the best educational institutions. Psychologists and other experts advocate stress-free-education where there are no exams, modification of text books and activity based performance. They also suggest counseling sessions in the school. Such problem solving approaches are often fragmented and superficial; a more holistic approach, including spiritual, emotional and social aspects must be considered.

In this context the remark of a teacher on hearing of the suicide of his students, who was also the son of his friend, is pertinent. His shocked response was “I have failed as a teacher”. He was honest. The schools and colleges and highly qualified teachers fail to give students the intellectual stamina needed to face a setback. Personality development programs in such situations do not teach students the broader meaning of life. There are youngsters who sport guns and knives and spread terror, or who are slaves of vested political mafia or are drug addicts and pedlars.

The general tendency is to blame youth. We need to realize that no child is born criminal. Parents, teachers and educational institutions together are responsible for making children victims of a market culture where greed and cutthroat competition thrive. In such a milieu, children cultivate ambition and become self centered. Had they been helped to develop a vision for life instead, they could have been directed to develop their emotional, mental and spiritual faculties.

The value education for peace promoted by USM is a proactive response in this direction. The movement has practical modules of value education which enable students and teachers to develop a universal vision and utilize their efforts to realize this vision.

They develop a lasting vision going beyond their personal ambition of enjoyment of prosperity. Commitment to human solidarity and responsibility to society, recharge them during setbacks. When teachers fail to infuse lasting vision in their students, they fail in their mission.

When parents create an atmosphere where their children are deprived of the primary lessons of life, they fail in their duty as parents; when educational institutions concentrate only on ranks, medals and name, they fail in their mission of giving birth to responsible citizens.

- Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM Indore

REPORT

National Chaplain's activities

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1. Training at Udupi, YCS Dexco election and Animators training on 6th July 2014. 350 delegates.
2. Training at YCS Defence colony, Delhi on 13th July 2014. 82 participants.
3. Talk to catechism teachers at Delhi archdiocese on 13th July 2014. 240 Cat teachers.
4. Talk to YCS members and their Parents get together at YCS Shirva, Mangalore on 20th July 2014. 160 participants
5. Youth seminar to Deacons at St. Joseph's Seminary Mangalore from 21-25 July 2014. 45 Deacons.
6. Animators training at Hyderabad Diocese on 26-27b July 2014. 35 participants.
7. Get together of KCA, Delhi on 3rd August 2014 on the occasion of Melwyn Peris nite
8. Preparation for AYD at Don Bosco, Delhi and Orientation on 8th Aug 2014. 47 participants
9. Participation in Asian Youth Day and Asian Youth Ministers Meeting at Daejon Diocese, South Korea from 9-22 August 2014. During which a talk in a workshop to a group of 60 on Environment.
10. Training to the youth group and YCS at Mayur vihar, Delhi on 24th Aug.

Forthcoming programs:

1. ICYM Council meeting at Varanasi from 15-17 Sept. 2014
2. Gorakhpur youth training from 26-28 Sept. 2014
3. Udupi and Mangalore YCS/YSM Program in Oct. 2014
4. Animators Training at Patna on 11th Oct.
5. Winter camp at Hyderabad from 17-19 Oct. 2014
6. M.P. Regional Youth Convention at Ujjain from 22-25 October
7. Christocentric Leadership Training for DYDs and youth animators from 27 Oct to 3 Nov 2014 at USM Indore
8. NSLTP in English at Mangalore from 5-9 Nov. 2014
9. CCBI Convention at Bangalore 14-15 Nov 2014
10. NSLTP in Hindi at Patna from 19-23 Nov 2014
11. NTA/Exco meeting on 15-16 Nov in Bangalore
12. Christocentric Leadership Training for youth and youth animators from 23 Nov to 30 Nov 2014 at USM Indore

Training Programs:

1. Christocentric Leadership Training for YCS/YSM youth animators
Date: From 27 Oct to 3 Nov
Place: USM, R-847, Mahalaxminagar, Near Pioneer Institute, Indore - 452010,
Ph: 9893031981; Reg Fees: Rs 4200
Contact Person: Fr. Charles Menezes, - Ph: 09448331894
2. NSLTP for English speaking regions
Place: Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi, Mangalore
Date: From 5-9 Nov 2014; Reg fees: Rs 200
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5. 4th NTA/Exco meeting
Place: KROSS, Bangalore
Date: 15-16 Nov
4. NSLTP for Hindi speaking regions
Place: Patna Youth Centre, Ph: Fr. Sabu, - Ph: 8292712802
Date: From 19-23 Nov 2014; Reg fees: Rs 200
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3. Christocentric Leadership Training for youth and youth animators
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YCS and parents meet at Pangala

The meeting of the YCS members and their parents took place at Pangala on 11th June at the parish hall. Around 60 students and their parents were present. Fr. Vincent the parish animator introduced the topic to them. Fr. Edwin and Rosalia, Nexco gave the introductory remarks.

Fr. Charles asked all the student members to sit along with their parents and asked how does it feel? Everyone was happy and especially the parents were very happy. He asked them, when you sit together. They answered that when the power cut takes place, evening dinner time and whenever there are celebrations. Each one had a nice story to share about accompanying each other.



Then the group was divided and Fr. Edwin took up the session to the students as to what are their aspirations and expectations from their parents and Fr. Charles took up the session to the parents about their expectations from their children.

The students had a lot of expectations from their parents as to respect them like elders and no more like little children, to give more freedom, to relate with them like friends, to allow participating in all the activities in the colleges and parishes, to get more responsibilities at home and to decide a few things by themselves.

The parents were also happy with the performance of majority of their children. They expect them to be a little more responsible towards their prayer life, studies, relationships, time table, orderliness in their life etc. When asked how much marks they expect from their children, they said whatever possible from them, but only thing required is to grow in values, good character and personality.

Then both the groups were brought together and a dialogue took place between them. Both the expectations were put forward to them and they agreed to respect each other. Parents would take their children as their friends and deal with them respectfully and the children would respect their parents in word and spirit and help them in all the aspects of their family, getting good rank, grow in character and take up family responsibility as well. The program ended with thanksgiving prayer thanking God for the gift of good parents and children.



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1. Give God what's right - not what's left
2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless
3. A Lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before any one.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma - but never let him be the period
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a full stop.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the Church for a face-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions – just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to Church.
10. We don't change God's message – His message changes us.
11. The Church is prayer-conditioned.
12. When God ordains, He sustains.
13. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
14. Plan ahead – It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
15. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
16. Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
17. Exercise daily – walk with the Lord.
18. Never give the Devil a ride – he will always want to drive.
19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
21. He who angers you controls you.
22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
23. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
24. Be ye fishers of men – you catch them & He'll clean them.
25. God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.
26. Read the Bible – It will scare the hell out of you.

- I found it in a magazine. Authors name was not there - Fr. A. D'Lima, Gangolly

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

- Carl Jung

Avoid These Common Mistakes by Job Seekers

I often work with college graduates and other young job seekers. Many are eager but repeat common mistakes and then wonder why it is difficult to find a job. Here are some mistakes and suggestions to overcome them.



1. Law school is the best option for everyone. For some reason, most undergraduates and new professionals think law school is the ticket to success even when they have a slight understanding of the content, price, and fierce competition upon graduation. I've met too many unemployed law school graduates and others who will say themselves that it was a mistake to attend law school without seriously considering the goal in doing so. Some people are the right fit and will do well as attorneys, but most will not and should consider other options.

2. Aim your job search toward "anything." It is difficult to be unemployed and tempting to apply everywhere for everything. In addition, when asked how people can help, you might say "I am looking for a job in any field" or "I'm interested in anything, really." Your uncertainty makes it difficult for people to help you because you are not specific. Instead, you should focus on a certain type of jobs and have a backup. Be specific when people ask and say something like "I am interested in public policy research jobs, and also in communications." That specificity will allow someone to better introduce you to others in their network who work in those fields so you can try an informational interview and ask advice from experts.

3. A college degree is a qualification in itself. I've talked to job candidates who have a BA or BS without much other experience, and then wonder why it is difficult for them to be chosen for interviews. Maybe they worked as a student employee or had a side job but there is little that distinguishes their resume compared to other candidates. Hiring managers are probably going to choose the candidate who used his or her free time to create value and learn skills outside the classroom. For example, someone who started and grew a campus club, completed a competitive internship, or made a tangible impact in the local community through activism or nonprofit work, is a more attractive candidate than someone who did not have outside experience. There may be exceptions in highly technical fields, or if the person worked through college necessarily to pay tuition. In those cases, applicants should highlight their unique case and give reasoning in the cover letter.

4. Outside learning is not as valuable as classroom learning. You should treat your outside learning as a high priority on your resume and in your interview. College career officers probably won't admit this, but employers want skills that translate to the workplace, not necessarily book knowledge and classroom success (although those are helpful). Writing academic papers and rote memorization are not as valuable as leading people and creating value where there was a gap. Unfortunately there is an incentive disconnect between

academia and the workplace. No one gives you a grade in your job or the kind of regular feedback you receive during school. Instead, you need to independently create value without much direction so you become invaluable to your employer.

These do not apply in every field or situation but should apply to most. Every employer is different and you need to cater your resume and cover letter to each situation. The most important takeaway is that an entrepreneurial attitude is a valuable skill. You can start right now by joining outside organizations and learning new skills that you don't practice in your full-time job or in your college major. Look for organisations who are hiring part-time and volunteer positions that would be excellent skill-builders to supplement your resume.

Courtesy: Roger Custer is executive director of America's Future Foundation.



6th Asian Youth Day, Seoul – Daejeon, South Korea, 10-17 August 2014

On August 10, 2014, 46 Indian delegates arrived at Incheon airport, South Korea for VI AYD. Fr. Kim Nuri welcomed CBCI Council for Youth Chairman Bishop Henry D'Souza and Secretary Fr. Franklin D'Souza along with other delegates. From the airport delegates were led to Seoul Archdiocese for days in the diocese experience. Welcome ceremony was organised by the Youth of Seoul Archdiocese at the Seminary. Bishop Henry addressed the gathering and thanked God for the Church of South Korea which witnessed courageously for their faith in Jesus. Delegates were sent to the various houses to experience the faith of Koreans.



It was wonderful to note that each delegate was assigned a partner who would take care of us in every need and the hospitality, respect, care and concern was wonderful. They were so friendly that we felt at home with them. They accompanied us from the morning till we went to rest taking care of all our needs as regards travel and food. It was an emotional bonding between our delegates and the youth of Seoul.

On 11th we had a lecture and faith sharing at the Seminary hall. It was wonderful to note that the youth of South Korea are so spiritual in their dealings and many of them are baptized at their young age when they understood what Christianity was and they live by conviction. Then Mass was offered by Bishop Chung and we left to our residence.

On 12th Seoul diocese organized the pilgrimage walk. We started the pilgrimage from Myeong Dong Cathedral which is the birthplace of Korean Catholic Church, walked down to the site of house of Yi Byeok near Supyogyo bridge, who performed first baptism in 1784 where Christian community was founded. We wrote our Christian name on each other's T-shirt in remembrance of our catholic identity.



All the Koreans have their official name and have Christian name separately which was given at their baptism. Then we went to site of Podo Cheong which was built to capture thieves, however after the arrest of Fr. Joo Mun-mo the first missionary of Joseon the place became prison for Catholics. We were led to an activity to site a catholic person who would be brought to the site and recognized for their faith which was a

meaningful activity. Then we walked down to site of Uigeumbu where Bishops and Priests along with many faithful were interrogated during the persecution period under Joseon Dynasty followed by site of Jeonokseo where prisoners were interrogated and charged with punishment mainly the lower classes and sometimes noblemen as well. Some of us went through the act of persecution as someone would opt to be a martyr and others punish them with cater canons.

Then we reached site of Right Podo Cheong which was the prison for Christians where the last martyr was killed in 1879. From here the person gave himself to be martyr was tied hands and led to next site where he would be executed. We visited site of Hynungjo where Catholics gathered at the house of Kim Bum-woo's house were captured and sent to this place for interrogation in 1785. In all these places a monument is erected to remember the persecution offered to the Catholics and I was surprised to see the faith and respect of the youth for their martyrs. From here we went silently praying Rosary remembering the thousands of unnamed martyrs to the site of Seosomun. This was the official execution ground of Joseon dynasty since Sinyu persecution in 1801 which lasted up to 1866. Among the thousands killed at this site 44 martyrs were canonized making it highest number of martyred saints. We could not visit Saenamteo where 11 priests among them 10 were French missionaries and first local priest Fr. Kim Tae-gon were killed here as martyrs.

We then visited Dangogae where 10 were martyred among them 9 are canonized. The mother of martyr Fr. Choi is in the process of beatification who gave herself to be martyred along with her children and relatives. We could not visit Jeoldusan where an unknown number of Catholics were martyred at this site with all kinds of persecutions. They say it could be 20,000 and more during Byeongin persecution till 1866. From here we went back to the cathedral for mass offered by Cardinal Yeom and then to rest.

On 13th the theme was "Come and See". We moved to Daejeon Diocese where opening mass of AYD took place. It was a wonderful site to watch the volunteers work with so much dedication in spite of the rain and bad weather. After dinner there was welcoming ceremony engulfed with Korean culture and attire. It was so well organized that no one moved an inch and it ended with Korean Jam in which all took part in the dance and fun for full one hour followed by travel to Youth Centre of Daejeon where we were settled. We reached there at 1am.

On 14th the theme of the day was “Let’s discover the roots of our faith”. The day began with breakfast and then Day in the Diocese faith sharing with the groups formed by the organizers. In every group people of different country were found and it was a good occasion to make friends. It was followed by sharing of finding the roots of our faith in which all shared their faith experiences from the childhood and then theatricals and Rotation program, where different groups took part in group dynamics, exhibition and interaction. After noon sharing was on faith graph followed by Mass, dinner and evening prayer organized by Generation next – The Focolare group in which they depicted the faith sharing in theatrical form and praying the Rosary.

On 15th the theme was “Youth Knock - Knock the doors of closed hearts”. After morning mass and animation all participated in the various workshops. I took a workshop on environment for 60 participants from different countries. Around 12 noon we proceeded to Solmoe Shrine to meet Pope Francis. Pope arrived at 5.30 pm and interacted with the youth. He spoke in English in the beginning and asked the youth to Wake up and live the faith to the full in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Then he spoke in Italian language his heart and met all those who performed on the stage. Three participants shared problems in their countries regarding living faith and asked Pope to intervene to the country heads to give religious freedom to live the faith. Pope promised to do his best in this regard. It was a grace filled time for all of us to have the site of Pope with simplicity and humility. The smiling face of Pope will not be forgotten easily. It was followed by Knocking festival, a cultural extravaganza by the Koreans and other Asian countries.

On 16th the theme was “Let’s walk along with Jesus and Martyrs”. After morning animation, Mass and lecture by Archbishop Savio Tai Fai Hon, some of the youth shared their testimonies regarding faith living followed by group sharing. After lunch we left for Hanseo University for pilgrimage walk to Haemi Castle. It was a 5 km long walk praying and sharing our experiences followed by dinner and final festival, again the cultural exchange of various countries along with India too.

On 17th the theme was “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel”. Today animation and morning prayers were prepared by India. The AYD statement was presented to the delegates, which was discussed and amendments were done. The every country shared their experiences and then we left for Haemi castle for closing ceremony. The closing Mass was offered by Pope Francis who glittered the atmosphere by his gracious presence. Mass was offered in Latin and the message was in English. He was pleased to see the big crowd of people and blessed us all. The preparation of the Altar and prayers from various languages was the speciality. Bishop of Daejeon and FABC President Cardinal Oswald Gracias thanked the Pope for his presence. At the end secretary of FABC Fr. Patrick announced that the next AYD will be held at Indonesia in 2017. It was a wonderful day where we met lot of friends, said good bye to many especially to our partners from Seoul and felt our dream fulfilled of participating in such a beautiful event called AYD.

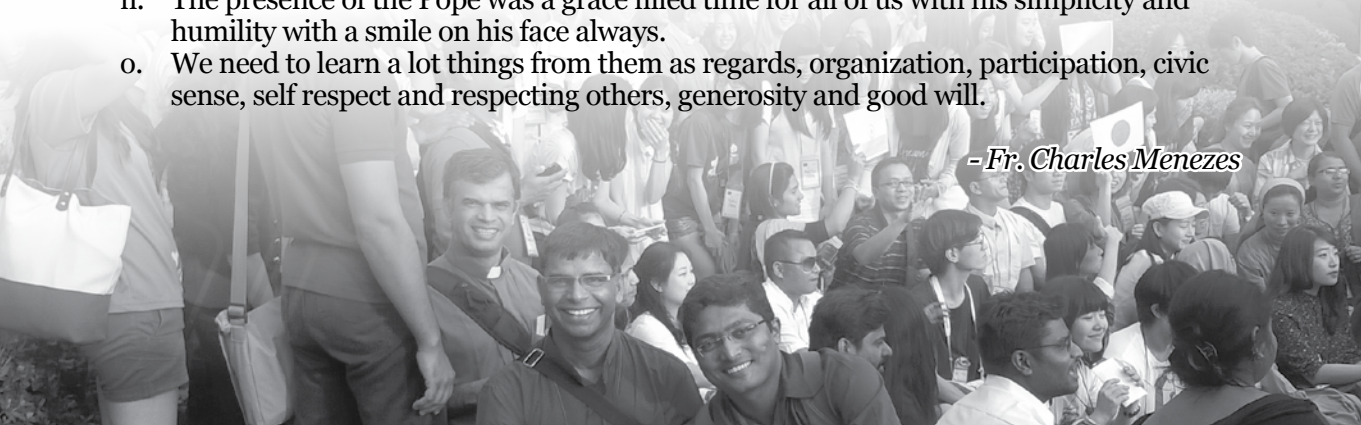


On 18th morning after the Mass and breakfast all left for their country and few of us stayed back for AYMM to be held at seminary.

There are a few lessons learnt during this event:

- a. The faith of the youth of South Korea was so strong and I felt most of them are very much influenced by the sacrifice of the martyrs
- b. The AYD song was a hit – Wake up. Asian youth, the glory of the martyrs shines on you
- c. The partners at DID were like our own family members, who were committed to their service. They would not leave us a moment alone, taking care of us about our stay, travel, food and hospitality and warm company
- d. The whole event was managed by youth themselves. There was not a single priest or bishop found on the stage except when the Pope arrived. Even then the Cardinal would sit down with Bishops. We see a sharp contrast in India regarding this. They trusted the youth and they did everything successfully with full commitment and dedication.
- e. The Volunteers were so committed and among 450 volunteers no one was found with a frown face or raising voice, rather they would cry if something went wrong on our part and help us. Some of them have resigned their job to be a part of this event which is a great sacrifice and they mean it.
- f. The food was clean, tasty and plenty. They would not waste anything. The accommodation was excellent. The transportation was beyond our imagination and very good.
- g. We appreciate their civic sense, they would not litter anything on the ground and everyone would clean up the venue in 5 minutes time. The waste was divided immediately for recycling.
- h. The Martyrs places are kept clean and managed well. Everyone revered those with reverence.
- i. The pilgrimage walk was arranged so very well and every one of us was made to walk the way making it a spiritual journey.
- j. The youth and all Christians are so hearty and emotional, that they would not hurt anyone and give due respect to all.
- k. They have spent a lot of money on this event, but it was worth sharing their faith which is just 250 years old and the martyrs life has been a wonderful experience for all of them to make their life meaningful.
- l. There was very good interaction with the youth of Asia and we felt like one family with whomever we met.
- m. They managed two events simultaneously, AYD and KYD. AYD had 2000 delegates and KYD had 4000 delegates.
- n. The presence of the Pope was a grace filled time for all of us with his simplicity and humility with a smile on his face always.
- o. We need to learn a lot things from them as regards, organization, participation, civic sense, self respect and respecting others, generosity and good will.

- Fr. Charles Menezes



‘Asian Youth Wake Up’

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It was an excellent reminiscent Journey of my life with the Asian youth. My journey started on 10th August 2014 to South Korea with 46 delegates from India and 2,700 participants who came from different parts of Asia. It was an opportunity to express my inner most feelings like Love, Joy, Hope and glorious experience with Indian as well as Asian Youth.

AYD Experience

The 6th Asian Youth Day in South Korea kicked off on 10th August 2014. In South Korea we were cordially welcomed by Seoul Diocese youth members for DID (Days in Diocese). I was fascinated to encounter a Korean family which helped me understand culture and heritage of that nation. I was fascinated by their hospitality, warmth and care. It was indeed a rich experience with that Korean Family.

The Mega event of AYD (Asian Youth Day)-2014 in Daejeon Diocese of South Korea was a cultural exchange. All the youth were invited to the main venue where we were surprised to see people of different Nations and cultures. We were attracted by the attire and their way of life and we could exchange our knowledge and experience with them. It was a great experience to share rich heritage of Our Nation and I felt proud to be an Indian. I could accumulate tremendous amount of information about youth and different cultures of Asia. Asian Youth Day was very special for all Youth of Asia because the Holy Father Pope Francis' presence made it joyful and meaningful. In the history of AYD for the first time Pope attended the event. Pope Francis addressed the youth by his inspiring message and he gave a call to all the youth of Asia to "Wake up! And to take up responsibility of the society and become channel of Transformation"

My first Asian Youth Day (AYD -2014) was truly blessed moment of my life because of encounter with Holy Father Francis as I shook my hand with Holy Father I could experience a tremendous anointing experience .

AYD -2014 was a scintillating journey of my life which, helped me to learn, teach, share, express love and experience my youthful charisma with Asian Youth. I would like to thank almighty God for providing me with life changing experience. Especially I would like to thank my parents, siblings, friends, Bishop of Mangalore Diocese, Permannur parish priest and all the priests and nuns who supported me, I would like to express my gratitude to Youth Directors, ICYM, YCS/YSM, Principal of St Aloysius PU College, Mangalore, Colleagues and donors. I would like to sincerely thank all my dear friends who always lent their helping hand at the times of impediments and encouraged me to reach my destination- AYD 2014.



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6th Asian Youth Ministers Meeting, Daejeon, 18-21 August 2014

This meeting was held at St. J Hasang Education Centre, Daejeon from 18-21 August 2014 for the National youth ministers and a few youth leaders by FABC-OLF-Youth desk. There were about 100 delegates in this meeting. The theme was “Asian Youth Ministers! Wake up!

The objective was to developing the spirituality of new evangelization among the Asian youth ministers by rediscovering the faith and personal vocation, a renewed energy for the mission, strengthening of communion and networking among them and capacity building in proclaiming Christ to the youth, especially in new and emerging situation.

The meeting began on 18th and after the welcome address the first recollection talk was given by Archbishop Patrick D’Rosario of Dhaka on the topic “The joy of the Gospel” followed by the talk by Bishop Joel Z. Baylon of Legazpi, Philippines on “The heart of the matter of matter of the heart”, describing the need of youth ministers to get into the shoes of youth reality.

On 19th we had a faith sharing in groups followed by region wise evaluation of the AYD. In the afternoon Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle gave a talk on New Evangelization based on the story of woman at the well dealt by the synod of Bishops. He explained it so well with humour and seriousness getting into the core of evangelization. In the evening we had regional encounter where we shared our faith stories to each other and planned to share the networking with regard to training of trainers.

On 20th after regional mass in the morning, the reporting session was held based on the regional encounter and the discussion followed on BILA (Bishops Institute for Laity Apostolate) on youth 2015. Fr. Pius Cho gave the introduction of BILA and the place would be finalized soon while the topics and objectives were identified. Afternoon we all took part in the 4 workshops, namely, Care for creation by Fr. Stephen Woon – Cheol Baek of Korea, preparing youth for family life by Mr Pervez Rodrick of Pakistan, Social media and networking by Bishop Cornelius Sim of Brunei and pastoral care of youth ministers by Mr. Charles Bertille of Malaysia followed by fellowship night where we interacted with all having a lot of fun and frolic. KOYA conducted this meeting very successfully.

Many Bishops from Asian countries with their delegates took active part in this meeting. We departed the venue on 21st after closing mass bidding good bye to all till we meet again.



GLIMPSES OF YCS/YSM ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

