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**Rain is grace; rain is the sky
descending to the earth; without
rain, there would be no life.**

- John Updike



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CELEBRATES

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Years

Loving God,
You have brought us, rejoicing
to our Golden Jubilee.

We remember with gratitude,
the countless many students and animators
those living and those now in glory,
who established and served
our YCS/YSM family.

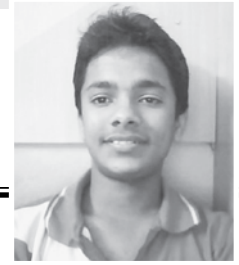
We praise You for the 50 significant years
that You have bestowed on us.
We thank You for radiating in us the unity
despite the multiplicity of cultures and races.

We believe that your Spirit of Love
will deepen in us as we go forward.

Faithful God, on this Golden Jubilee,
we, your beloved students and animators
in India entrust ourselves to You,
renewing ourselves in faith, hope and love
for Your greater honour and glory. Amen



STUDIES + EXAMS + ENTERTAINMENT = SCHOOL



Greetings to my dear YCS/YSMers. Hope you all are doing well in your studies.

In our present day to day life all of us expect a package of everything as ONE. It may be in purchasing a dress material, cosmetics, books or stationeries. As students we fulfill our expectations in school by studying and making good use of the knowledge and it gives us that enthusiasm which we can put forth through various activities held in the school/college.

We get a lot of knowledge from both our lecturers and our own fellow students. Knowledge would refer to many things that maybe from our books, our society and in many more ways. When our school/college begins, we start worrying about our exams which would come 2 months after our syllabus has begun. Exams are conducted to know our capability and we are forced to study as today's education system demands us for marks than making a person with values and integrity.

We always dream about our future and whatever odds we go through will have the best learning. Stop worrying about unnecessary things. God has given us a beautiful life to enjoy and to take his mission forward. Taking this mission of God will be a unique experience for us as YCS/YSMers, as we get a lot of opportunities to serve our neighbor. It also applies to our college life as it is a golden time in the life of every student member. It gives us opportunity to make mistakes, to correct them, to enjoy, to satisfy our needs and finally learn from whatever we have done. Having said and known many things how can we implement studies + exams + entertainment in our movement??????

The movement works for our benefit and we need to know more about the movement, Exams refer to the evaluation we do and can be taken for the movement and for our development too. Entertainment comes at the end. Having known the movement itself is an entertainment for us and seeing the change in us over a period will be an entertainment for others.

Wishing you all success in all your endeavors and hope you all do well in academics. Be strong in whatever you do and let it be a slogan for every YCS/YSMer. Good luck and be aware of things happening around you. Long live YCS/YSM.

Long live YCS/YSM
Roshan Melwyn Lobo



UPS AND DOWNS IN LIFE

Do you learn from it.....?



Well begun is half done, you need to end it well. Unfortunately there are a few who could not end well. Normally we share many things about those people who were nothing, rise to a great heights. The persons like, Abraham Lincoln, Einstein, Mandela, Mother Teresa, Gandhi, Ambani, PM Modi are a few examples.

People like Hitler, Estrada, Saddam Husain, etc did not end their life well. Dear friends, these are a few examples of those who had a life with lots of ups and downs. It can happen to anyone. YCS/YSM teaches us to balance these things in our life. The methodology, SEE, JUDGE and ACT will enable us to lead our life meaningfully. We sing, "faith in God can move the mountains", thus faith in our self will help us manage our life well.

Here is good news. To achieve change in our self, we have prepared a value education manual in YCS/YSM methodology for the college students called MY JOURNEY. It contains various topics related to youth reality which shall be dealt with during the cell meetings. This will be a help to probe our lives and find meaning for ourselves. Thus introspect within us to make a decision for self transformation. Use it well and improve upon it so that you may gather more life examples and share it with others and learn for yourself to lead a value based life which will take you to greater heights. This book can be availed from Mangalajyothi Centre, Mangalore.

I am told that I am elected for the International Chaplaincy. I feel it is an honour for Indian movement being one of the largest movement in the world. Thank you for nominating my name for this post. My sincere gratitude for your whole hearted participation in YCS/YSM activities for the past 5 years which I believe has shaped your lives well. I thank all those who were a part of this movement, the Chairman Bishops, RYDs, DYDs, Coordinators, all the heads of institutions who helped me conduct various programmes at your places, Leo Joseph, NEXCOs and friends, funding agencies and well wishers. New National chaplain shall be selected soon. Continue to accompany him and I pray that you will achieve success in all that you do. Please pray for me that I may hold high the mantle of YCS movement in the world level.



The DYD consultation was a great help for those Directors who wanted to start this movement in their respective dioceses. Basic knowledge of this movement and animation is given to them. Students need to get in touch with them and revive this movement in your schools and dioceses for the good of all

the teenagers towards faith formation and integral development of your personality.

We are at the thresh hold of the Golden Jubilee of YCS/YSM . We shall celebrate it on 16th Jan 2016 at Chennai and in all the dioceses and units on the same day. Plans have been chalked out and I request you to carry out some meaningful activities on that day which will enable the people to become aware of this great movement who in turn will help us in our formative actions.

We remember all those who have served for this movement to this height and pray God bless them for enlightening the lives of thousands of students in India and elsewhere. Let this be an occasion for all of us to look back and go to the roots to rekindle the same spirit in animating the young.

IYCS World Council which will be held in Philippines in July-August 2015 will give us more guidelines as regards our future

plan of action. Joining with the members of this movement all over the world will help us get a world view of student milieu and enable us to shape our lives well.

Our National Council is scheduled for May 2016. Preparations are on and arrangements are done. Hope you all get a chance to participate in this special event and help our national student body to understand the movement spirituality well and act accordingly. Just before that an Alumni Programme will be organised in Mangalore. Try to contact all former members for this event.

As the academic year has begun, let all the units choose good leaders for cells and units who will hold practical cell meetings. It will help all of you to have right priorities to serve the humanity in the right spirit and shape each one's life. May God bless you all.

Fr. Charles Menezes
National Chaplain



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Evaluation of Village Exposure and YCS Orientation at Jog Falls for the newly joined members of YCS was held on 6th and 7th of June 2015. 30 students were present and Fr. Stephen Albuquerque the Parish Priest welcomed us. Evaluation was conducted by Fr. Ronald Veigas DYD of Shimoga. The students Cynthia Dias, Niveditha Fernandes and Sonal Lopez who attended the IRSLTP shared their experience. New cell groups were formed and election for the new office bearers for the year 2015-16 was conducted. President: Sweeten Leema, Vice President: Arpitha Rodrigues, Secretary: Clacious Rodrigues, Joint Secretary: Riya Fernandes, Treasurer: Josphine Pinto, Cultural Secretary: Elwin Dias, Liturgy: Chetan Rodrigues. DTS (Boy): Sonal Lopis and DTS (Girl): Niveditha Fernandes.



THE PARADOX OF BILLIONAIRES AND BEGGARS IN INDIA



“In India we have many billionaires who are buying European companies these days. Why don't these rich people help the poor in India?” was the reaction of many in Europe to the number of appeals for funds made by India NGOs. There was a time when several individuals and agencies in Europe generously supported the various socio-educational projects in India. Today due to the economic crisis in these countries and the change of attitude of people, funding agencies find it difficult to raise funds. India is no more priority for many agencies. They find that India's economy is growing. Many have shifted their priorities to countries in Africa and other poor countries. Many of them felt angry about India going nuclear while millions are starving.

When Bill Gates decided to give away 50 percent of his wealth to establish a foundation to help the poor nations to eradicate poverty and sickness, I realized the

meaning of critical remark made by Europeans about Indian Billionaires. Another rich man in America, Warren Buffet gave away 85 percent of his \$44 billion fortune in charity to Bill Gates foundation and some other organizations. Recently both Bill Gates and Warren Buffet asked the rich people of America to contribute 50 percent of their wealth to charities.

Indian s boasting of their religious heritage are very slow to part with wealth for a humanitarian cause. People who are religious may contribute a small share to build their own places of worship such as temples, churches and mosques. During natural disasters people contribute a small amount more out of social compulsion than due to sensitivity.

Big companies are obliged to spend part of their income for social work as part of their corporate responsibility. Indians' probably because of their obsession with the religion and worship of many gods, neglect their

responsibility to the nation and its neighbours. Since they are devotees of gods and god-men they try to cheat the government by evading taxes in small and big ways. As they avoid their



**Fr. Varghese Alengaden,
USM, Indore**

responsibility to the country they also avoid their social responsibility. They find ways and means to avoid the corporate responsibility. Their charity figures are negligible. India lags significantly behind the developed nations in charity contributions recording 0.6 percent of GDP. US has 2.2 percent, UK has 1.3 percent. It is reported that only 10 percent of India's charity funds comes from individuals and

corporate while the figures are 75 percent in US and 34 percent in UK. In our country the government accounts for 65 percent and the rest from foreign funding agencies. Indeed, it is a shame for a nation with many billionaires and millionaires doing business in its land. The little charity done by the rich is around their companies and religious institutions.

Donation to charity

Bill Gates : \$76 bn
Warren Buffet : \$58.2 bn
Michael Bloomberg : \$ 33 bn
Alwaleed bin Talal ; \$32 bn
Mark Zuckerberg : \$28.5 bn
George Lucas : \$4.9 bn
Ted Turner : \$2.2 bn

They shower offering to their favourite gods and god men. They show very little concern for the poor who are struggling in remote villages and organizations genuinely

struggling to change conditions in society. Indians are more eager to please their gods than building the nation. Loyalty to one's religion and attachment to one's own family blocks the rich of India from giving, giving for the welfare of society. Tatas who created wealth for the nation are the only exception to this. The people in Europe and US, even today feel obliged to share their fortune with marginalized people in the under developed countries. Expressing solidarity with the less privileged should not be the obligation to billionaires and millionaires. Developing concern for the nation and sensitivity to the marginalized should be part of our education and spiritual duty of all citizens. Giving donations on request to build one's own temples and churches is not a sign of spirituality. Let each person learn to keep a certain percentage of his income for charities and social

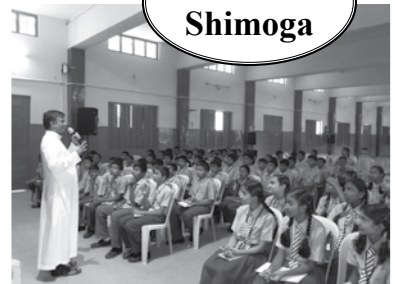
action. When families and religious communities start their practice, philanthropy will become a way of life



and the face of our country will change. It is heartening to see students, after an intensive awareness program, resolving to contribute one percent of their pocket money for this purpose. They not only say but do it. If philanthropy can be developed as our national character there is no need for Indian NGOs to beg from foreign funding agencies. One hundred billion Indians can raise billions of rupees to make India great. It is a matter of self respect.



Formation and Orientation of YSM at St. Charles PU College, NT Bhadravati: The orientation program was organized for the PU students of St. Charles PU College at New Town Bhadravati. Out of 220 students 58 students became members of YSM. They will be shortly initiated in to the movement with due preparation.



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Shimoga**

Student Leadership Training Programme

Inter regional student leadership training programme was held at Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore Chennai from 17 to 21 May 2015.

17.05.2015: The programme began at 11 am with 40 participants from the regions of Karnataka, Goa and Tamilnadu. The NEXCO members conducted the self introduction session and Fr. Charles explained the importance of IRSLTP. After lunch groups



were divided. Then the methodology of YCS/YSM was taught insisting the need for us to make a change within.

After tea the groups were given instruction for the exposure visit and the purpose of it as SEE part of the programme. The groups moved to a nearby slum area to know about the different classes of living and meeting them, getting to know about them and how the livelihood of the slum area. After dinner we had our evaluation about the exposure visit. After their return the groups shared their experiences and prepared their charts for presentation. The day ended with the night prayer.

18.05.2015: The second day of the IRSLTP began with mass offered by Fr Arulraj, VG of Chennai. At 9.00 am the reports and charts were presented by each group. The first point in the methodology of YCS/YSM

was dealt by Mr. Deepak Raj former YCSer. He said the only element which will bring change and the happiness is “LOVE TO LIVE”. He explained the 3 truths in life, Truth of reality, Truth of faith and Truth of method. At 11.20 am Miss Sofia Juliet former NEXCO of Tamilnadu region shared her experience and encouraged us to grow up in YCS/YSM.

After tea Fr Charles gave an introduction to YCS/YSM and in-depth knowledge about the methodology, aim and motto of YCS/YSM. His session gave a clear picture about our movement as he encouraged us to develop YCS/YSM in their cells life.

After lunch Leo Joseph dealt with “JUDGE” part showing many educational videos. Education of love was the topic based on the culture of love and life. At 4 pm the participants were led to many group games and exercises which helped them to bond with each other and mingle with easily.

At 7.00 there inter-religious prayer. We were shown a few inspirational videos which made us to understand the love and sacrifice of our parents for us. After dinner we had cultural events based on the theme universal culture of love and life. Personal evaluation followed and all of them shared it in public which made them understand what they experienced out from the whole day. After night prayer we went to rest.



19.05.2015: The day began with a Eucharistic celebration organized by Goa region celebrated by Fr. Savio, RYD of Goa region. Then Fr. Savio took a session on the



third part of the methodology and he made it clear about the life crisis in adolescence and lack of self confidence. He insisted to make many friends and try to have a healthy relationship.

Then Ms. Sheela an ex-ycser since 1978 shared her experience in YCS/YSM and the way it helped her to develop herself as a leader and change others life. At 11am the session was dealt by Mr. Stafford mantel on the values which is required for us to emerge as a model leader.

After lunch a national award winning movie “DHARAM” was screened and Fr Charles explained the difference between spirituality and religiosity. It was followed by CAFÉ in which 4 topics namely 1) RICH AND POOR – inequality, 2) SUICIDE VS SERVICE, 3) FAMILY VALUES – Role of youth and 4) EDUCATION –WAY TO KNOWLEDGE were given which were explained by 2 animators and we discussed them in detail. Then we all gathered in front of a light with prayerful mind for evening prayers.

After dinner Leo Joseph showed some video clips based on love. Then we had group wise personal sharing and evaluation about what we learnt during the day and the need to change in us. The day ended with prayer.

20.05.2015: The day began with nature meditation by Fr. Rosario and Mass offered at the back waters by Fr Ronald, DYD of Shimoga. Fr Charles showed a movie called *Do KALAKAR* on Ambition and Mission. Then Leo Joseph dealt with review of life – cell meeting in which he explained the need for YCS/YSMers to conduct regular cell meetings and to have evaluation in cell.

In the afternoon Fr. Charles explained the Constitution of YCS/YSM and asked to organize the movement based on the constitution. Then he conducted a session on Self appreciation where all of them wrote a quality each to appreciate each other, followed by a chocolate game to depict the plight of rich and poor. Then we had the final evaluation of the programme followed by dinner and camp fire and cultural programme.



21.05.2015: Most Rev Henry D’Souza, Chairman of CBCI Youth council offered the concluding Mass. During the concluding programme he inspired us to continue the good work and become leaders in the society. He distributed certificates and mementos to the participants. Fr. Charles thanked all those who were a part of this programme and worked for the success of the inter-regional student leadership training programme.



- Sumitha Madiath, Chennai

*Never
Forget.*

Search to Give God His Due & Your Blessings

One day, a very wealthy man was walking on the road. Along the way, he saw a beggar on the sidewalk. The rich man looks kindly on the beggar and asked, "How did you become a beggar? The beggar said, "Sir, I've been applying for a job for a year now but haven't found any. You look like a rich man. Sir, if you'll give me a job, I'll stop begging."

The rich man smiled and said, "I want to help you. But I won't give you a job. I'll do something better. I want you to be my business partner. Let's start a business together. He didn't understand what the older man was saying. "What do you mean, Sir? "I own a rice plantation. You could sell my rice in the market. I'll provide you the sacks of rice. I'll pay the rent for the market stall.. All you'll have to do is sell my rice. And at the end of the month, as Business Partners, we'll share in the profits.

"Oh Sir," he said, "You're the answer to my prayers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!" He then paused and said, "Sir, how will we divide the profits? Do I keep 10% and you get the 90%? Do I keep 5% and you get the 95%? I'll be happy with any arrangement.

The rich man shook his head and chuckled. "No, I want you to give me the 10%. And you keep the 90%. For a moment, the beggar couldn't speak. The rich man laughed more loudly. He explained, "I don't need the money, my friend. I'm already wealthy beyond what you can ever imagine. I want you to give me 10% of your profits so you grow in gratitude. The beggar knelt down before his benefactor and said, "Yes Sir, I will do as you say."

Each day, the beggar now dressed a little bit better, operated a store selling rice in the market. He worked very hard. He woke up early in the morning and slept late at night. And sales were brisk, also because the rice was of good quality. And after 30 days, the profits were astounding.


At the end of the month, as the ex-beggar was counting the money, an idea grew in his mind. He told himself, "Gee, why should I give 10% to my Business Partner? I didn't see him the whole month! I was the one who was working day and night for this business. I did all this work! I deserve the 100% profits!"

A few minutes later, the rich man was knocking on the door to collect his 10% of the profits.

The ex-beggar opened the door and said, "You don't deserve the 10%. I worked hard for this. I deserve all of it!" And he slammed the door.

If you were his Business Partner, how would you feel?

This is exactly what happens to us, God is Our Business Partner. God gave us life-every single moment, every single breath, every single second. God gave us talents-ability to talk, to create, to earn money. God gave us a body-eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet, heart. God gave us mind- imagination, emotions, reasoning, language.

Sharing 10% with him to build his Kingdom is an expression of gratitude and love. So never forget to do your bit and do it with immense gratitude, joy & love and you will be blessed a hundred fold that's the Lord's promise. 





THREE IDIOTS CANNOT

CONVERT IDIOTS



Amir Khan has proved that he is an artist with a difference. He believes in quality and produces films dealing with various social issues and inspires all sections of society without neglecting the aspects of entertainment. His films like Rang de Basanti and Mangal Pandey were based on historical personalities and inculcated patriotism. Through his other films, Tare Zameen Par and 3 Idiots Amir and his team challenged the whole education system and taught important lessons to parents and teachers.

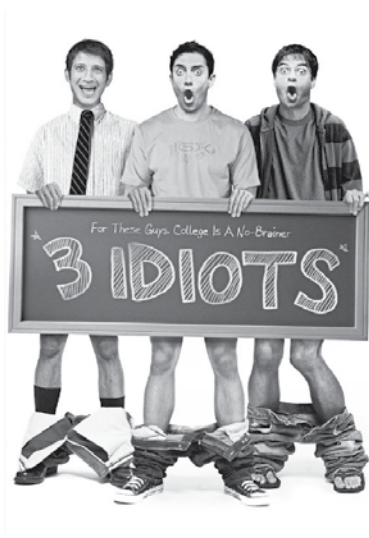
All the films were very popular and they were the subjects of discussion everywhere. After watching Tare Zameen Par and 3 Idiots parents leaving movie theatres were wiping tears from their eyes, tears of joy and guilt. For a moment they became aware of their mistakes and realized their responsibilities to their children. How long did this awareness last? What attitudinal change took place in thousands of parents toward their children?

The impact of these great films on the audience has been momentary. Fundamental attitude and behavior of parents and teachers did not change. They continue with their traditional mindset and students continue suffering tension and pressure. Parents continue to impose their unfulfilled dreams on their children. Teachers and parents do not make an effort to understand students and their aptitudes.

While conducting orientation programs for young students of high schools we come across many who share the burden and tension imposed on them by their parents. While enquiring about their personal vision many students share their future plans of becoming doctors, engineers, IAS of-

ficers and scientists. They also share that they made all these plans according to the wishes of their parents. Some of them later meet us personally and share their unhappiness about the pressure their parents put on them. "I like painting and I do not want to be a Doctor. I had to agree because my father wants me to be a doctor" said class X girl. "I am fed up with the pressure and demands which my parents make on me to get the highest marks in the examinations. There is no time for anything except studying my lessons. My whole life is spent in the class room and coaching centre. My parents do not want me to go for games, music class and films. I am fed up with my life" said another girl with tears flowing from her eyes.

There are hundreds and thousands of young students who are deprived of their natural life and growth due to parental pressure to earn marks in class. Even after seeing several suicides and mental disorders by children, parents do not change their

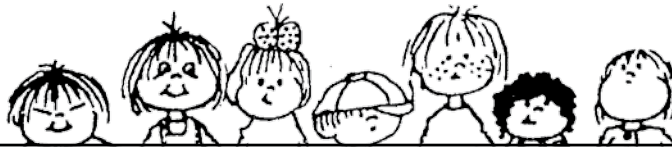


attitudes and priorities. They do not try to find the natural aptitudes and talents of their children and guide them to do what they like the most. They do not understand that there are many other alternatives to build the future of their children. Name, fame and wealth can be achieved by taking up the profession in life. The most important factor is doing one's best. Everyone should ask oneself, "Do I do my best? Is this the maximum that I do? Can't I do better than what I do now?" But one will do his best only when he does what he likes the most. This will challenge persons to overcome all obstacles and perform their best in whatever profession they choose.

The Government and the education department both at the Centre and States are trying to reduce the burden of text books and examinations to free children from stress. Throwing away examinations and all promotion rules are not going to develop children. Motivating students and healing them to have big dreams which go beyond their lives are the best way to draw out the best in each student. Every child should be guided to discover their predominant aptitude and nurture it, instead of following the crowd and entering the rat race of competition and blind imitation which will lead children to tension and pressure.

Unfortunately, teachers, parents and politicians who run the country's education shops pretend they are extremely intelligent and have solutions for every problem. Films, books and sermons of their god-men do not affect them. Another hundred films like 3 Idiots and Tare Zameen Par cannot convert these Intelligent Idiots because they follow the crowd rather than those great men and women who left behind a legacy. They also consider the teachings of the sacred scriptures not practical to live in the modern world. Therefore, even a million suicides by children will not move their hearts because they will argue, "such things will not happen in my family"

- Fr. Varghese Alengaden, USM, Indore



Forthcoming programs

1. July 16 - Participating in USM, Indore General body meeting
2. July 17-18 – Khandwa Diocesan animators training
3. July 24- Aug 4 – IYCS World Council, Tagaytay City, Manila, Philippines.
4. Aug 7-8 – Youth animation course to Deacons at St. Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore
5. Aug 11-12 – Student training programme at Shimoga
6. 6th NTA/EXCO meeting in August/Sept
7. Oct 16-20 - NSLTP in Hindi at Bhopal and Oct 26-30 - NSLTP in English at Kolkata
8. YCS/YSM Alumni meeting in Mangalore from 6-8 November 2015
9. 7th NTA/EXCO meeting on 15-17 Jan 2016
10. YCS/YSM Golden Jubilee celebration on 16 Jan 2016
11. YCS/YSM National Convention in Sattal from 16-22 May 2016



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CBCI - DYD consultation

The consultation was held at KROSS Bangalore on 9 and 10 June 2015. 8 RYDs, 40 DYDs, ICYM Nexco members and 3 member Bishops of CBCI Youth Council were present.



On 9th day began with inaugural Holy Mass offered by Bishop Henry D'Souza, Chairman CBCI Youth Council. Bishop Vincent Mar Paulose preached word of God. Bishop Henry gave the key note address, in which he urged the youth directors to work with full justice to the youth groups given to their care. Bishop Pandarassery and Bishop Vincent also shared their thoughts on the consultation. It was followed by CBCI Youth Council meeting. During the meeting we put forth our activity reports, Annual accounts and budgets, and concerns of YCS/YSM, ICYM, YAF which were taken note of by the Chairman.

Afternoon Fr. Charles dealt with the session on Animation – Call, vision and mission of animators and through Samaritan woman's episode enlightened the youth directors as regards our role as full time animation to the youth. The Bishop Henry dealt with the topic of CAP India and clarified the process

of preparing young for higher studies which would lead them to civil services. After supper Raymond D'Souza took a session on how to utilize the government funds for youth affairs and sponsorships.

On 10th Bishop Vincent Mar Paulose offered the Mass. The Fr. Charles gave a session on YCS/YSM and Cell meeting and clarified the queries posed by the youth directors. It was followed by group discussion on how to promote youth activities in India and movements like ICYM and YCS/YSM, Volunteerism, etc.

In the afternoon the answers were codified and open house discussion was held. Bishop Henry clarified the questions raised by them as regards CBCI and CCBI youth organization. It was insisted that CBCI would keep up the identity of ICYM and CCBI shall take care of Latin parochial movement. With the Consultation statement the meeting ended.

Chaplains & Animators Training

CAT: The chaplains and animators training programme was held at KROSS from May 31st to June 8th 2015. 25 youth and directors participated in it. Resource persons were up



to the mark in guiding the animators and all of them shared their joy and satisfaction as regards this training. Fr. Charles took up sessions on Animators role as Prophet, Call vision and Mission of Animators and Process of animation. Leo Joseph animated the group on Cell meeting and reflection



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which was appreciated by all. Fr. Franklin and various resource persons helped the participants equip with modern knowledge of youth animation.

Meeting with Archbishop of Kolkata

Fr. Charles and Diocesan team of Kolkata met Archbishop Thomas D'Souza on 30th April at his residence and appraised him about the activities of the movement along with the challenges faced



by the students and animators. He gave us a patient listening and offered to do everything for the growth of this movement so that we may reach out to the young generation for the good of the faith formation. He was happy about the service of the Chaplain Fr. Devraj, DYD Fr. Peppin and coordinator Sr. Gouri. He was well aware that we need to do more for this cause and asked Fr. Charles to address the West Bengal Episcopal meeting on 29th June at his residence. Fr. Charles agreed to do it and present the DEXCO team and others for a clarification session with them so that they may also support this cause of teenagers and expand the movement for

faith formation. He also called for all the DYDs of the region to participate in this programme.

Then Fr. Charles visited a few schools and requested them to start YCS/YSM units. He also visited Kevin Li's home and Annette Ling's home along with the Diocesan Chaplain Fr. Devraj, Fr. Peppin and Sr. Gouri. He met Sr. Lidwin, youth coordinator and visited Sr. Gouri's home.

On 2nd May Fr. Charles visited two more schools and former president Joyce John's house before leaving for Bangalore.

Imphal Archdiocese- Training

As a follow up of animators training held in April the student training program on YCS/YSM was held in three places in Imphal archdiocese. They intend to spread this movement to all the schools and Parishes of the Archdiocese this year.

Vishnupur: 82 Students from Loyola High School, Sacred Heart High School and St. Xavier's High School participated in



this programme on 22-23 June at Loyola High School hall. They were led through the process of cell meeting and all the necessary topics dealt with the movement. Sr. Bernadette, NE regional YCS/YSM coordinator accompanied Fr. Charles Menezes in organizing the programme. Fr. Athieu Mathew introduced the topic and Fr. Cyprian Lobo organized it well.



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Senapathi: 32 students and animators took part in this training programme held at Senapati High School on 24-25 June. Fr. John organized it well and Fr. Charles and Sr. Bernadette were the trainers.

Introducing YCS/YSM - West Bengal

This programme was held at Archbishop's House, Kolkata on 29th June. Archbishop Thomas D'Souza and all the Bishops of West Bengal, Fr. Devraj, Fr. Gregory, Fr. Peppin, Sr Gouri, Vicar General of Kolkata, Kevin Li and Annette – NEXCO of West Bengal, DEXCO of Kolkata along with animators and Ms Joyce John, former YCS/YSM National President were present. Fr. Devraj welcomed the gathering and introduced the topic. Fr. Charles gave a brief presentation on the movement. Joyce John shared her experience



Punanamei: 52 youth and students took part in it at Punanamei church hall on 26-



27 June. Fr. Theo organized the programme and Fr. Charles and Sr. Bernadette were the resource persons. Bosco, the coordinator for YCS Imphal rendered a helping hand at two programmes.



in YCS/YSM and how it has moulded her life and requested all the Bishops to organize this movement in all the dioceses of West Bengal. Bishops asked a few questions as regards organizing it and promised to do their best for the good of the teenagers. Melanie, DEXCO President of Kolkata proposed the vote of thanks. Archbishop Thomas organized this programme and expressed his happiness over this movement and offered all assistance to organize it well in the region. It was followed by DEXCO meeting at the Archbishops house. Fr. Charles, Fr. Devraj and Paul Jacob shared their opinion about the movement in Kolkata



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and the way to organize it properly in the diocesan structure. More than the activities the personal growth and transformation is important, said by Fr. Charles. Accordingly they decided to meet regularly and put up a plan of action for the forthcoming two years and spread the movement all over Kolkata and other dioceses of the region.

YCS Orientation- Shimoga

Information and Orientation of YSM at Loyola High School, Shimoga: YSM has been initiated at Loyola High School, Shimoga. The Head Master Rev. Fr. Joseph Toppil took keen interest in organizing this orientation program. Fr. Ronald Veigas introduced the YSM to the entire student community. 159 students joined the movement and 14 new cells are formed.

YCS- Rourkela, Odisha

YCS/YSM Unit Meeting held on 12th April, 2015 at St. Paul's School, Rourkela, Odisha for new members and new executive members conducted by our senior batch.

Well it was an amazing and an exciting experience for all the new comers there were 45 delegates. At first a prayer was conducted by Pravin Minz then followed by the explanation of "what is YCS/YSM?" by Arpan Soreng. It took time for the students to understand but when they knew the value of YCS/YSM they paid attention to what their elders were speaking. Then the students were very energetic when they learnt the YCS/YSM clap, love clap, action song "duniya gol banaya" and "seminar kaise jayenge". Everyone had a great time when the cell meeting was conducted in groups of 6

members each on SEE, JUDGE and ACT followed by report reading. Then there was a short brunch followed by action song "ging gang guli guli". There was a short evaluation time where seniors took report of each and



every member on what they learnt and what will they do to bring a self transformation in their lives. Our new animator Fr. Sebastian too liked and appreciated it.

The program ended with a small prayer by Pravin Minz and YCS/YSM Anthem.

- Sourav Kujur

Commitment Day - Kolkata

YCS Kolkata Commitment day was held on 1st May 2015 at Loretto High School Baubazar. 350 new student members from various schools gathered for the event. After registration the programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the National Director Fr. Charles Menezes, Kavita Datt the Principal, President of



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YCS, Fr. Devraj Fernandes, YCS director of Kolkata, Fr. Peppin, DYD of Kolkata and Ancy, Animator representative. Christelle led the prayer. Then all the dignitaries and Animators were called on stage and welcomed and felicitated with a flower.

Then Fr. Charles spoke on how we can make changes happen in us. He gave various true examples of the students changing themselves and bringing about a change among the others. He gave a call to all of



them to adhere to the methodology and spirituality of the movement and face the reality in the true sense of the movement.

Then Fr. Charles held a session for the animators and interacted with them as to how they could organize the movement and what are the challenges faced by them. Many of them exchanged their views and clarified the challenges and resolved to take forward this movement for the benefit of the student community. Fr. Charles appreciated their voluntary service and asked them to focus on the students.

Animators also requested the Diocesan chaplain and coordinator Sr. Gouri to organize a few programmes so that they could come

together often. Accordingly DEXCO training will be held on 9th May, Animators training on 29th June, Summer camp during Pooja holidays, Talent exposure during Christmas time and Evaluation in February 2016.

Fr. Charles appraised them about the forthcoming Golden Jubilee of YCS/YSM in Jan 2016 and asked them to hold some programme on that day.

It was followed by the Eucharist and during the Eucharist Fr. Charles instructed the student members about the importance of hard work and asked them to respect and respond to all the workers especially their own parents, elders, teachers and all those who work for the good of society.

After lunch handing over ceremony was held. Former office bearers handed over all the documents to the new office bearers and the present President handed over the YCS flag to the new President. Then the new President took an oath for the commitment day along with all the members. With YCS anthem and vote of thanks the programme came to an end at 2.30pm.

Fr. Charles interacted with the new DEXCO team and asked them to work for the movement. Some of the DEXCO members expressed their challenges faced at their unit level which would be addressed by the Diocesan chaplain in the forthcoming meeting.

Then Fr. Charles met former members of YCS and appreciated their service to the movement and asked them to join ICYM and put into practice what they have gained in YCS and not to run away from the reality and Christian faith in general. Frank Russel Felix, Amit Runda, Sunit Kujur and Angelus along with former DEXCO members clarified a few things and resolved to help YCS and Church in general.

The day was spent meaningfully and the DEXCO organized the programme.



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REPORT**

**YCS/YSM NATIONAL ANIMATORS
TRAINING PROGRAMME (NATP)**

-by Allan Clinton Salis

Running to my past days in April, there was a call asking me, “Do you want to go for training in Indore?”, and added saying “Its good and you can make a most of it in your life”. I accepted and then began my journey to Indore. I was always motivated during the stay by the words that said, “You can be the change”.

It was an enormous, happy felt day when we were welcomed by Fr. Varghese Alengaden. Fr. Charles stretched the point on devotion to time, and so as Fr. Varghese during his welcome speech. The movement was decorated by punctuality, love for the students and dedication.

The talk delivered by Fr. Jacob P made me realise about how different levels of society functions on the present day. On the contrary, the session by Fr. Jacob Kani gave me the realisation of importance of newspaper, as a tool for the change in society. It also added on to writing a letter to the Editor. Fr. Varghese gave us motivational thoughts on vision, opened my minds, and realised that it wasn't a job, but its mission of god, where I am chosen, and privileged to give a lasting fruit. As a beginner to YCS/YSM, intro sessions by Fr. Charles gave me the glimpse of the movement. Building the self-confidence and knowledge of YCS/YSM obtained by mutual sharing were the highlights of the sessions.

It's very useful when visuals are shown as a media to convey the message by self-analysis through questionnaires, rather than delivering the talks. It was a clear explanation according to a quote, “On people with authentic spirituality, gained form personal God experience, can change the world” stated by Varghese Alengaden.

The Act of SEE was well constructed within me, just not physically seeing but to visualise and evaluate. The slum visit made me aware of the socio-economic situations of the

country after 67 years of Independence. The suffering of the poor, prevailing illiteracy, rich dominating people, the hunger for the dreams were the highlights in my radar of SEE.

The vision formulation towards my life journey was framed by me for the first time. It was a determined mind obtained rather than having a confused appearance. I would like to share my vision which says, “Be spiritual and inspire others, through my deeds”.

It was my privilege to get a chance to have a Pilgrimage with Jesus through the movie “Jesus of Nazareth”. “All are called, but some are chosen”, was the thought reflecting in my mind, where the journey with New Jesus was arranged by Fr. Varghese in our souls.

The cell meetings and the methodology of YCS/YSM reflected on many aspects and happenings in the society. From all, I could draw simple conclusions that always SEE beyond the boundaries, JUDGE accordingly with the help of scriptures and values, finally the ACTION to take on.

Those were the words, thoughts and pictures around me, forced me to rationalise about their commitment to success, hard work and dedication to their dreams. Among all, one of my favourite was,

“Compete with yourself, Not with others.

Don't aim to be the first, Aim to do your best”.

It was the experience in USM Indore made me complete my identity aiming to do my best. There was no topic which was not completed. The meaning of Eucharist was revealed in detail which summarises to transform ourselves. It was a call of Jesus with his opened hands to transform ourselves, as



the bread and wine is manufactured by many processes from wheat and grape, which then transforms into body and blood of Christ.

At last, I would like to thank the Staff of USM, the kitchen staff, where they too had influenced me by their team work which keeps this movement alive since 23 years. After the

journey to USM Indore, I would try to light a Candle, instead of cursing the Darkness! I thank all my fellow mates for their support and Fr. Varghese Alengaden for motivating me to transform myself, in turn to work for the betterment of the society.



PERSONAL REPORT

Stand, jump, fall and never give up, say sorry, smile and always forgive. Let me start sharing the changes I had felt within me. Day before here I had no vision, no goals and no policies made. Life continued as a normal day. The awareness of the aim crushed my laziness. The very beginning of the training programme brought up the assignments to make us occupied. Often I had the unanswered questions regarding religiosity and spirituality. As I deepened my knowledge over the sessions, the differences visible and I felt the importance of both in my life.

Slum visit was heart touching and the reflection awakened the need for helpful hand to change the critical Indian situation. The sorrows drawn from this visit, centered the methodology of SEE - JUDGE – ACT. The session on awareness taught me to see the reality positively.

“DEFEAT THE DEFEAT BEFORE THE DEFEAT DEFEATS YOU”

The goal movie showed the platform of chances and ignited my mind to never give up. As an animator, it is my duty to bring the youth together, light the talents and unite them to bring the possible hope. This training programme encouraged me to read newspaper regularly. As an animator, if I make students to put heart in Y.C.S, the magical change can be felt automatically. To influence the life of students, I felt it is my first responsibility is to experience the formation, structure, rules and methodology of Y.C.S. By watching the movie DHARM, I felt obvious that we are caged by unrealistic religious practices which do not make sense. To respect humanity, irrespective of religion, status, work, gender, region etc. helps us to be free from the cage of superstitious beliefs.

Unite the precious stones, chain the thoughts and form a necklace of cell with a beautiful pendent as an animator. This itself defines Y.C.S. I admired to know the real discussions in a real cell meeting. “Now I am ready to talk anything on Y.C.S” says my inner voice.

My unexpected journey towards this training programme filled me with the enthusiastic spirit and firm determination. The art of writing and presenting the reports for a regular basis charged my leadership qualities. My journey, the journey with “JESUS OF NAZARETH”, showed the clear picture of Jesus’ historical personality.’ The eternal life will be experienced only if I get detached from worldly pleasures ‘the message I received.

The humbleness of John the Baptist awakened me to fulfill the mission assigned by God to work as an animator. The impartial approach of Jesus towards his disciples, forgiving the sinners, taking the initiative, accepting or giving chances for unfit youth, ‘blessed are those who are pure in heart...’, the heart of Lord,’ tree is known by its fruit, come and stay with us’, captivity is over, are some applications made as an animator.

-by Viola Mendonca



VIIth CBCI Youth Council and DYD Consultation Statement

June 9-10, 2015, KROSS, Bangalore

We, the 60 delegates of CBCI Youth Council from all over India gathered for the 6th National ICYM and YCS YSM Directors Consultation held on 9th and 10th June at KROSS, Bangalore having reflected on the current situation of youth in India and committed to ourselves to serve the youth with a renewed vigour.

As Jesus, our supreme leader who took the initiative to animate the disciples on the way to Emmaus, so do we as bishops, directors, animators and youth leaders take the initiative to encounter and witness Jesus in the life of our teenagers and youth.

As the three member bishops of CBCI Council for Youth, Bishop Henry D'Souza, Bishop Vincent Mar Paulose and Bishop Pandaraserry stated we are called to make youth Christ's disciple. We understand the confused and inconsistent situation of youth will strive to accompany them to rise above the divisive tendencies based on caste and language and help them to develop a culture of tolerance and cooperation. We will endeavor to achieve holistic and integral growth of youth and inspire them to be achievers, by reaching out, to empower, correct, appreciate and spare more time for them. We attend to their problems individually through dialogue. Being compassionate to them, we shall suffer with them by changing ourselves and set an example for them to follow.

CHALLENGES:

1. Youth in India are at the cross-roads and therefore directors and animators need to be their role models to show them 'disciple leadership' in animation
2. We are yet to reach out to many hence full time directors/ animators are the need of the hour.
3. Church's role to promote young towards value based leadership who will be one day in decision making positions.
4. Youth need to be sensitized to family values, relationship issues, social issues, morality and church teachings on various moral issues with better clarity

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. We have a young church which is a blessing of God to India.
2. A number of excellent educational and other institutions to cater to the needs of the young.
3. Many full time young youth directors and animators to animate them.
4. A strong base in CBCI Youth Council to serve the young and teenagers.
5. We have a structured movement having good leadership supported by the church leadership and good coordination in various levels which organizes programmes on faith formation and socio cultural integration.

Having pondered over our role as youth animators, we have collectively resolved to implement the following strategic plan and vision for 2015- 2017:

1. The call to the animators is to bear abundant fruits which can be produced only through clear vision and concerted effort.
2. CBCI Youth Council in collaboration with CRI and Educoms, with the intention to prepare today, tomorrow's leaders to introduce Career Advancement Program (CAP- INDIA). The goal is to empower Indian Catholic Youth with clear vision and mission; To foster political

leaders, people in the judiciary, civil servants, professionals, entrepreneurs, scientific farmers and allied services and mould the strength of character so that they become confident solidly founded on Gospel values. It shall be started as pilot plan from Karnataka this year and shall be spread to all regions of India.

3. We shall promote YCS/YSM for the teenagers from the age group of 13 to 18 and promote ICYM for their integral holistic growth.
4. We shall plan YUVAGRAM with skill based training programs and promote youth action along with VOLUNTEERISM.

With the combined efforts of all, we resolve to serve the teenagers and youth of India to promote them in all spheres of life and offer them to God as a sweet expiation of our hard labour, thus sending value based disciples to witness Christ in the service of humanity to build a new society, i.e, God's Kingdom

ACTION PLAN PROPOSED AT THE DYD CONSULTATION, BANGALORE

i. PROMOTING YCS YSM

- Awareness to Parish Priests, Head of the Institutions and Students
- Training Animators and Students with proper resource materials and with financial assistance
- Consultations with National and International exposure
- Mandatory to start YCS in all parishes and YSM in all schools in all the dioceses
- Awareness to Bishops and Youth Directors about the movement so that they own it and promote it
- Full time directors and animators/ full timers
- Revive and Strengthen the movement in all the regions

ii. GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR OF YCS YSM INDIA (1966- 2016) – Suggestions:

- National Students Meet
- A documentary on Adolescent issues
- Honouring best 50 student members – past and present
- National level common celebration on 16th January 2016 represented by all regions
- Regional and diocesan convention to commemorate the Golden Jubilee
- Inviting all the previous National Directors and Coordinators
- Seminar on Youth Animation inviting all the likeminded youth movements at the National level
- Organize National Alumni Gathering and utilize their services
- Separate logo and Prayer card
- To compile a book on the experience and testimonials of YCS ers.
- Prepare a 15-20 minute documentary on the YCS/YSM, its history, growth and development.
- Prepare a programme/agenda for a programme that all the dioceses could conduct on the day of the jubilee.
- Honouring past animators, directors and student leaders who has rendered service to the movement in your respective dioceses and regions
- Organizing a Rally on Student issues and rights
- Planting 50 plants, YCS-YSM flags/ scarf/ badge



Activities of National Director

1. May 1 – Commitment day at Kolkata. 350 participants.
Met and held talk with DEXCO Kolkata, Ex YCS/YSMers.
Met Archbishop Thomas D’Souza and appraised him about the YCS movement in Kolkata
2. May 2 – Visited Joyce’s House (former President); Fr. Peppin, Fr. Devraj and Sr. Gauri’s offices.
 - Visited schools - St. Antony’s High School; Holy Child High School; Our Lady of Providence High School; St. Mary’s High School, Entally; Loretto House and Loretto High School, Entally; St. Mary’s Orphanage and Day School, Dum Dum; Loretto High School Elliot road.
 - Visited NEXCO Kevin Li’s House and Annette Ling’s House.
3. May 4-5 – Office work at Chennai to prepare for IRSLTP
4. May 9-10 - Visited Mumbai and Nagpur
5. May 11-14 – Office work at Delhi
6. May 15-16 – Preparation for IRSLTP at Chennai
7. May 17-21 – Inter Regional Student Leaders Training Programme at Ennore, TN. 45 participants
8. May 21 - YCS/YSM New House Blessing at Santhome, Chennai by Bishop Henry D’Souza, Chairman - CBCI Youth Council in the presence of 60 YCS/YSM ers and friends.
9. May 23-30 – National Animators Training Programme at USM, Indore. 17 participants.
10. June 1- 8 – Chaplains and Animators Training Programme at KROSS Bangalore. 25 participants
11. June 9-10 – All India DYD Consultation at KROSS Bangalore. 65 participants.
12. June 11 - CBCI Youth Council Meeting; ICYM and YAF Governing body meeting; CCBI Governing body meeting at KROSS, Bangalore
13. June 12 – Mass at Madanthyar and visit to Pangala
14. June 14 – Mass at Udupi for ICYM office bearers meeting and visit to YCS Udupi unit.
15. June 15-18 – Preparation for IYCS World Council at Mangalore
16. June 19 – Office work at Chennai - House repair work.
17. June 20 – Talk to YCS Delhi summer camp – Student training programme. 120 participants.
18. June 21-27 – YCS Training Programme at Imphal – Vishnupur – 82 participants; Senapati – 30 participants and Punanameii – 52 participants
19. June 29 – YCS Presentation to Bishops of West Bengal at Kolkata Archbishop’s house along with DEXCO, DYD, RYDs and animators of Kolkata.
Held talk with DEXCO of Kolkata regarding organizing the movement well in Kolkata and expand to the whole region.

INFORMATION

IYCS World Council

IYCS World Council will be held in Tagaytay City, Phillipines from 24 July to 3 August 2015. Kindly pray for the success of this council.

YCS/YSM Alumni Meet

The first Alumni Meet of YCS/YSM will be held from November 6-8, 2015 at Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi, Mangalore. We request all the former YCS/YSMers to come for this meeting and strengthen the movement. Further details will be published in the next issue.

National Council

YCS/YSM National Council will be held at Sattal (Himachal Pradesh) from 16 - 22 May 2016. Delhi Region will host this council. Kindly prepare your teams for the council

CONGRATULATIONS



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YCS/YSM INDIA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES



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