

Dear Archbishop/Bishops, Youth Directors, Coordinators, and Youth Leaders,

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission!

### **1. Christmas Greeting**

The pandemic of COVID-19 has put a full stop to our hectic schedule and stalled all our activities for almost ten months. It has put the busy world in a sleep mode, caused a long tie-up for our routine work, and shattered the dreams of many who planned for this year. The uncertain situation worries and fear caused many families to lose hope. Totally the pandemic of COVID-19 made the people look into the world from a different perspective than the usual.

But some people even in this pandemic situation have discovered surprising bright spots in their lives and in their activities. COVID-19 may have changed the way they respond to stress or their acceptance of situations they can't control. It has given us ample opportunities to stop, reflect and gain perspective. The ways we look into our life and its importance have altered. The paradigm shift has taken place in the family, society and in the places where we work.

This is also true in the pastoral care of the youth. It has opened a new arena in our youth ministry to think better and work smarter. We are able to reach out to many youth through a virtual platform. A lot of activities, competitions, and webinars that were conducted by the national, the regional and the diocesan youth commission have been opened the doors of opportunities to focus on their faith and values in the lockdown time.

I sincerely express my heartfelt thanks to all the directors, animators and youth leaders for lighting the spark of hope and creating the streams of life in the lives of youth in the hopeless situation.

I take the opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and prosperous new year 2021. Let the baby Jesus, who brought joy, hope, and peace to humanity may heal the suffering world, touch every youth to begin a new chapter of life and the directors and animators to associate them to realize His presence in their life.

## 2. Regional Pastoral Plan Meeting

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission had organized a one-day meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at KROSS Bangalore, in view of preparing the new pastoral plan for the youth commission 2021-2023. Around 58 members both directors and youth belong to different dioceses as well as movements participated in the meeting. Fr. Faustine facilitated us through the presentation to prepare a pastoral plan for the next three years. The groups were formed to study the situation and to come out with the new vision, mission goals and objectives. The participants enthusiastically took part in the meeting and gave valuable suggestions. In the end, the core committee was formed for further discussion.

## 3. NSLTP:

The National Student Leadership Training Programme will be held from 7 to 9 January 2021. This time it will be a virtual meeting. This Registration Fee is Rs. 50. The last date to register is 31 December 2020. This is an online (e-learning) course. Only a hundred registrations on FCFS basis. The poster and payment link are already sent through the mail.

“Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live **Christmas** every day.”

– Helen Steiner Rice. ...

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