

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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission!

1. Christmas Message

At the very outset, Karnataka Regional Youth Commission brings you a fruitful and spirit-filled Holy Season of Advent. Of course, we have



already begun the Holy season of Advent. It's a period of spiritual preparation to receive baby Jesus into our hearts. It's a time of great joy and hopes for all of us to feel His presence which involves prayer, meditation, fasting and repentance.

We are still living under uncertainties. People are still going through anxiety, stress and a gloomy atmosphere in their life. But our hope is not abated. With strong conviction, we are popping up, again and again, to begin a new journey amid the dark cloud.

Pope Francis in his recent message to the participants of the upcoming Christmas Contest on 22 November 2021 said, 'Light of Christmas shines all the brighter amid the darkness of pandemic.' He went on to stress that the beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love.

Remember, despite the great difficulties we are facing, the pain and despair are not the final words, we have still hope to revive our ministry and to reach out to many young people who require it. Let Baby Jesus inspire all of us to rediscover Christ among the young people who are lost. Let our youth ministry become a cradle of hope, a place of acceptance, forgiveness and a source of love to all the youth of Karnataka. Sending you all a very warm wish of Christmas love and a prosperous New Year 2022.

2. World Youth Day Message

Pope Francis in his message released on Sept. 27, invited the youth to join a "spiritual pilgrimage leading to the celebration of the World Youth

Day 2023” in Lisbon, Portugal. Reflecting on the dramatic conversion of



St. Paul the Apostle, the Pope declares, “In Jesus’ name, I ask you: Arise! Testify that you too were blind and encountered the light. You too have seen God’s goodness and beauty in yourself, in others, and in the communion of the

Church, where all loneliness is overcome.” The thrust of the whole message was “Arise! Testify joyfully that Christ is alive! The Pope urges every young people to spread his message of love and salvation among your contemporaries, at school and in the university, at work, in the digital world, everywhere.

Pope Francis particularly stated in the message that “WYD would be celebrated at the diocesan level on the Solemnity of Christ the King with the theme “Arise! I make you a witness of what you have seen,” inspired by Jesus’ words to St. Paul recorded in Acts 26:16.” Thanks to all the directors who celebrated the event in preparation for World Youth Day 2023.

3. Diocesan visit

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission organized a diocesan visit in October 2021. It’s a great joy experience to visit ten dioceses in the region. We are grateful to the Bishops, Vicar General, Coordinators and Directors for their hospitality and friendly gestures during the visit. The visit was fruitful wherein a lot of time was given to listen, to share, to suggest many things and to get reports. The interaction helped me to know new directors who had been appointed recently and to build an amicable relationship with them. Many bishops appreciated the visit and expressed that it was a great move from KRCBC after a long time.





4. YCS/YSM Regional Team (REXCO)

The Regional Youth Commission had organized YCS/YSM Regional council and election on 15-17th October 2021, at St Joseph Church Belmann in Udupi Diocese. Around 35 YCS/YSM leaders along with their Directors and animators from the dioceses of Bangalore, Belgaum, Bellari, Mangalore, Shimoga and Udupi participated. The two days



council was comprised of useful inputs, exposures, case studies, and spiritual nourishments and ample information regarding YCS/YSM to

newcomers. The participants enjoyed and bonded with each other. Thanks to Fr Edwin the parish priest of St. Joseph Church Belman and diocesan chaplain as well for hosting the YCS/YSM council and election.

5. Live-in Programme

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission had organized Live-in Programme for newly elected REXCOs of YCS/YSM at Belman in the Udupi Diocese on 13-14 November 2021. It was a part of the formation



of YSC/YSM students as they were newly appointed. The Live-in programme began on Saturday 13th November 2021 at St Joseph

Church, Belman as it was planned. Fr. Edwin the local Parish Priest and animator of the regional team was eager to welcome us to the place.

The two days of the programme was comprised of knowing each other especially their strengths and weaknesses, exposure to many places, spiritual nourishment, training the members to become resource persons. In the evaluation, all the members shared their happiness and excitement about the live-in programme, they learnt bonding with each other, planning together, team work and many more. Fr Lourd thanked Fr Edwin for the hospitality and all the arrangements done at Belman to have our live-in programme.

6. KRYC Council

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission had organized the 25th KRYC Council on Thursday 04th November 2021 at NBCLC, Bangalore. There were 42 council members comprised of Directors, Animators and Youth Leaders across Karnataka who attended the council meeting. The Dignitaries for the day were, Rev Fr. Chethan Machado, the National youth director, Rev Fr. Lourd Raj, Regional Youth Director ICYM, Karnataka, Rev Fr. Maxim Dias SJ, Sr. Magdalene RYLA, ICYM, Karnataka, Mr Jaison Pereira, Regional Youth President ICYM Karnataka, Miss Krithika, General Secretary, ICYM Karnataka and Mr Briston President YCS/YSM Karnataka.

Rev Fr. Chethan Machado the National Youth Director gave a keynote address. In his message, he highlighted that “The Young people are not



just for the church, but the Society.” Later Fr. Lourd Raj introduced the newly elected YCS/YSM REXCO team to the council members and gave an appointment letter. Fr. Maxim Dias SJ and Mr Jose Jacob were invited as the resource persons for the council. They

shared about ‘The Role of Youth Ministry in Post Covid -19’ and ‘Fundraising and entrepreneurship’ respectively. Later a few things were discussed. Thus the council came to an end with the lunch.

7. ICYM council & Election

Regional youth Office had organised ICYM Regional council and Election on 11-12th December 2021, at KROSS, Bangalore. Around 45 ICYM leaders along with their Directors and animators from the dioceses of Bangalore, Belgaum, Bellari, Belthangady, Chikmagalur, Gulbarga, Karwar, Mysore Mangalore, Mandya, Puttur, Shimoga and Udupi participated in the council. The Rexco team took over all the responsibilities for two days programme. On the first day, we had a Leadership enhancement Programme to motivate the participants as well as a contestant. We dealt with various topics like leadership, youth responsibilities in the church, teamwork and also some shared their experiences to inspire the contestants.

The second day of ICYM Council and election began with Holy Eucharist officiated by the Deputy Secretary-General of CCBI Rev. Fr Stephen



Alathara followed by an inaugural session at 9.30 am. Rev. Fr Marie Joseph the former youth RYD who gave the

keynote address empowering the youth to be achievers and be agents of change in society as well as in the church. Rev. Fr Stephen Alathara called upon the DYDs to be the Animators of the Youth of the Region/diocese and not of ICYM alone. He exhorted the youth to be formed spiritually and listen to the Holy Spirit and to keep in mind that they are chosen by the Lord to carry on the frontier mission. Fr Mari Joseph and Mr Jose Jacob moderated the regional election. Fr. Lourd Raj RYD thanked the out-going REXCO and welcomed the new team.

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1	Nevin Antony B	Bangalore	President
2	Terrence Levy Crasta	Mangalore	Vice Pres-1
3	Riwa Angel D'souza	Udupi	Vice Pres-2
4	Arul Vincent	Bellary	Male Rep
5	Milagrin L Saldhana	Belgaum	Female Rep
6	Martina J	Belthangady	Secretary
7	Ajith J	Chikmagalur	Joint Sec-1
8	Mangesh	Gulbarga	Joint Sec-2
9			Joint Sec-3
10	John M B	Puttur	Treasurer
11	Royston Dias	Karwar	Prgm Coordinator
12	Allan Wilfred	Mysore	Spokes Person
13	Melwin Furtado	Shimoga	Web Reporter
14			Liturgy
15	Prajwal Lopes	Karwar	MIJARC
16	Deepthi Sofhia	Chikmagalur	MIJARC
17	Fr. Anil Dsa	Bangalore	DYD Rep
18	Sr. Blessy Moras	Belgaum	DYLA Rep
19	Sr. Magdalene	Karnataka	RYLA
20	Fr. Lourd Raj	Karnataka	RYD



KARNATAKA REGIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021 - 23



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED REXCO !!!

8. Congrats to Divya

Ms Divya has been an active member of SYM-INK Bosco Youth Karnataka since 2012. She has been serving as the Secretary of the



State Executive Team (SET) of Bosco Youth Karnataka from 2015 onwards. Being in this capacity she has contributed a lot towards the organization of various programmes for young people across Karnataka and Kerala. She has participated in Taizé Pilgrimage in Hong Kong in 2018. She has been also part of the Provincial Chapter of INK held in May 2019. She was the proud winner of the

“YUVA RATNA” Award at the Karnataka Regional Youth Convention held at Bellary, Karnataka in 2019. Divya is a person who is keenly interested in the Salesian Youth Movement and is ever ready to learn new things and gain new experiences. Her organizational capacity, communication skills and capacity to handle different responsibilities have proven to be very resourceful for Bosco Youth Karnataka.

9. (SET) Don Bosco's New Team

Don Bosco Youth Services, Karnataka organized U th LEAD – 2021 (Youth Leadership Enhancement and Attitude Development)



programme at Don Bosco Education Complex, Hospet, Karnataka on 16 and 17 October 2021. There were 123 participants: 113 young people (mostly leaders from the Local units) and 10 Salesians. The theme of the programme was: “You are Light. Be a Light.” Several

inputs on leadership were given to the young people in different formats. During the programme, new members were also elected to the State Executive Team (SET) of Bosco Youth, Karnataka.

10. Karnataka Region welcomes new teams

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission is glad to welcome the new executive teams both diocesan as well as movements to the region. The region is indebted to all the directors for their support and cooperation

and also forming new vibrant executive members to support the dioceses and the region as well. We wish them all the success in their tenure.



SYRO MALABAR YOUTH MOVEMENT
Diocese of Belthangady

Diocesan Executive Committee
2021-23

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Bishop, Diocese of Belthangady

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KARNATAKA REGION
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“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving, If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it”

-Pope Francis

Fr. Lourdu Raj

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Secretary, KRCBC Youth Commission

