



KRCBC – YOUTH COMMISSION

KARNATAKA REGIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission, Bangalore!

1. Christmas Message:

The KRCBC- Youth Commission brings joy-filled greetings of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the directors, animators and youth leaders.



St. Paul says, “You know what hour it is; how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep” Rom 13:11. He continues to appeal to the people to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. That is exactly the message drawn from Christmas. Dear young people, it’s a time not to live in the darkness of anxiety, loneliness, worries about the future,

and fear of acceptance; rather we are invited to live in the light which has forever pierced the darkness of the world. It is comforting to discover that even in our painful situation and all our problems, God still makes himself present in our hearts of manger with all His closeness, compassion and tenderness. Let His light enlighten our ministry to bring surprises and smiles to the faces of our young people. Once again, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2024.

2. YCS/YSM council

The YCS/YSM Karnataka Region, in collaboration with the YCS/YSM Mangalore Diocese, organized a council meet on October 15, 2023, at Bajjodi, Mangalore, uniting directors, animators, REXCOs, and DEXCOs in a spirit of collaboration and support. The atmosphere was one of shared commitment as members addressed a myriad of issues, engaging actively



in discussions that spanned the current year and future endeavour. There were 34 participants across Karnataka who attended the council meeting. The Regional Director, Fr. Lourd Raj, emphasized the YCS's pivotal role in shaping the future of the

ICYM and lauded Karnataka's representation at both national and state levels. The meeting served as a platform for members to identify and address diverse issues, fostering active participation and marking significant strides in overall progress. Participants expressed happiness and gratitude, recognizing the potential to strengthen the Karnataka region through their collaboration.

3. The 4th National Youth Conference:

The Indian Catholic Youth Movement organized the 4th National Youth



Conference on the theme: **“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Eph. 6:1”** at SFS School, Satgaon, Guwahati, from 23 Oct to 27 Oct 2023. More than 400 participants attended a 5-day conference across India, including youth animators, directors and young leaders. Among them, 36 youth were from the Karnataka region. It was a faith-filled experience in which all the youth actively

participated.

4. 27th ICYM council & the Regional Election

The 27th ICYM Council and the Regional Youth election, organized by



the KRCBC-Youth Commission, took place on December 9-10, 2023, at the Regional Pastoral Centre in Bengaluru, Karnataka. This two-day event brought together leaders, directors, and animators from various dioceses. On the first day, a leadership

orientation program was conducted for DEXCO members and nominated candidates by Mr. Jose Jacob, founder and CEO of integro InfoTech & Consulting.

Rt. Rev Dr. Henry D'souza, the head of KRCBC-Youth Commission from



the diocese of Bellary, addressed the council on the second day. He urged participants to be dedicated and committed church leaders. Subsequently, Fr. Mari Joseph, former regional youth director of Karnataka, conducted the election

for the Regional Executive Committee (REXCO).

5. The Karnataka Region elects a new REXCO Team:

A new REXCO team for 2023-2025 was enthusiastically elected by the



KRCBC-Youth Commission during the 27th ICYM council. On

December 10, 2023, 28

candidates representing different dioceses filed the nomination for the regional youth election. The

candidates were introduced to the council, the members chose a fresh group of candidates for the Karnataka region. Rt. Rev Dr. Henry

D'souza, the head of KRCBC-Youth Commission congratulated the newly formed REXCO team and asked them to collaborate as a cohesive unit to develop a resilient youth in Karnataka. At the end, he prayed for God's assistance for their new endeavour as they took up the responsibility to lead the youth of Karnataka. We are indebted to Fr. Mari Joseph for his availability to conduct the whole election procedure systematically.

The former REXCO team, led by Mr. Nevin Antony, was kindly remembered and honoured in the council for their dedication and successful organization of numerous programmes during their term.

6. 15th YCS/YSM Asian Council:

The YCS/YSM Karnataka Region is proud of Mr. Anson Clement Nazareth, the National Convener, YCS/YSM India, and Mr. Vance Rion D'Souza, Vice-president, YCS/YSM Karnataka Region, who along with the National Chaplain Rev Fr. Chethan Machado, actively took part in the 15th Asian session and council held in Chiangmai, Thailand, from 2nd to 8th September 2023. This session brought together esteemed chaplains and student leaders from various Asian countries, fostering a valuable platform for collaboration and the exchange of ideas.

7. NSLTP:

The YCS/YSM India organized a national students' leadership training program (NSLTP) from November 9-14, 2023 in Delhi. It was a transformative experience, fostering growth, unity, and a shared commitment to leadership excellence. This onward journey empowered potential leaders to shape a promising future and carry the torch with leadership pride. The echoes of the shared experiences linger as they draw the curtains on this enriching journey. Its gratitude resonates for making them all a part of this inspiring journey, as they recall the lessons learned and bonds built for a lasting flame to light the paths forward. There were 15 students from the Karnataka region



who took part in this training.

8. New Director:



The Karnataka Region is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev Fr. Thomas Pullatt the new director of the diocese of Belthangady. On behalf of the Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr Henry D'souza, the Bishop of Bellary, and the ICYM & KRYC Council, we gladly welcome him to the KRCBC-Youth Commission.

At the same time, we sincerely acknowledge the support and cooperation of Fr. Joseph cheeran towards KRCBC-Youth Commission. We wish them lots of luck in their new endeavour.



Fr. Lourd Raj

Secretary, KRCBC Youth Commission



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