



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. Blessed LENT:

We have begun the Holy season of Lent on Feb 22. The lent invites all of us to have true introspection of oneself. It's a spiritual springtime in which one finds newness of heart. Pope Francis in his Lenten message



given on Feb. 17 recalled that the transfiguration experience in which the disciples were commanded to 'Listen to Jesus.' He continued saying that 'Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us.'

God speaks to us in various ways, through various people and experiences. The young generation rarely could find the experiences of God since he/she is busy with many other things. The worldly things allures them to be blindfolded to the graces of God. Hence, we need to allow in the season of lent, to be taken us with Him to a place apart, forgetting all our routine and repetitive commitments to ascend a high mountain in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual; discipline. Let's have a fruitful Lent to experience Divine blessings.

2. YCS/YSM Regional Council & Election:

On January 7, 2023, the Karnataka Regional Youth Commission, in



collaboration with the YCS/YSM Archdiocese of Bangalore, organized the YCS/YSM Regional Meeting and NEXCO representative election at NBCLC Bangalore. There were 35 members including five directors and two animators participated in the meeting. Fr Vivian Richard welcomed the

participants. With his keynote address, Fr Lourd Raj set the tone.



Fr Anil D'sa, the Asian Chaplain and resource person of the day, led the group in an analysis of the present situation of the YCS/YSM's current situation. YCS is cell-based and allows members to share their interests, problems, experiences, anxieties, etc, and find a solution through the YCS methodology of seeing, judging, and acting. He also enlightened the participants on dynamic leadership and the 15 Cs of a qualitative leader through group activity. After the session, the election of the Representatives for the National team was conducted. Amica and Anson were elected as

NEXCO representatives.

3. KRYC Council:

On 8th January, 2023 the Karnataka Regional Youth Commission



organized 27th KRYC Council and RYC Evaluation Meeting at Sagariga Hall, NBCLC Bangalore. The meeting began with Holy Eucharist by Bp Henry DSouza the chairperson of the Youth Commission concelebrated by the DYDs. There were 65 council members present for the meeting.

Bishop Henry DSouza in his Key note address, exhorted the youth animators and Youth Directors to touch the lives of youth who can be great in many diverse ways. He urged them to reach out to all the youth especially to those who are in difficulties.

The 12th *Yuvajanothsava* report was presented to the council. The newly elected YCS NEXCO representatives Amica Frank of Mangalore Diocese and Anson Nazareth of Udupi Diocese were felicitated, the new directors were introduced to the council. Thereafter, the evaluation of the 12th Youth Convention was taken up.

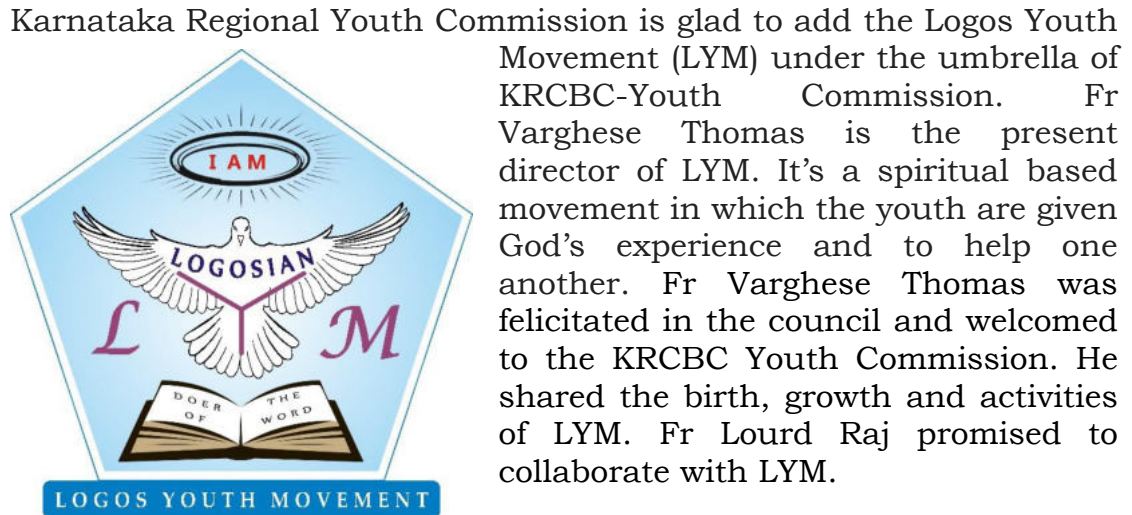
4. New Directors:

The Karnataka Region is happy to announce that Fr. Peter from Mandya Diocese has been appointed as the director of the diocese. We welcome them cordially on behalf of Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr Henry D'souza, Bishop of Bellary and ICYM & KRYC Council as well.



At the same time, we sincerely thank Fr Mathew Mechirackal CMF for accompanying the youth and also rendering the cooperation with the Region. We wish them lots of luck in their new endeavour.

5. Logos Youth Movement (LYM):



Karnataka Regional Youth Commission is glad to add the Logos Youth Movement (LYM) under the umbrella of KRCBC-Youth Commission. Fr Varghese Thomas is the present director of LYM. It's a spiritual based movement in which the youth are given God's experience and to help one another. Fr Varghese Thomas was felicitated in the council and welcomed to the KRCBC Youth Commission. He shared the birth, growth and activities of LYM. Fr Lourd Raj promised to collaborate with LYM.

6. KRCBC Meeting:



Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishops Council organized commissions' evaluation meeting on 16-17 February 2023 at KROSS, Bangalore. I am indebted to the directors who have sent report of diocese/movement on time, thus helped me to consolidate and present it to the council. The bishops' council appreciated and

acknowledged the directors for their hard work and accompaniment to the youth.

7. DIVYOTSAVA

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission in collaboration with the



Logos Youth movement is organizing the Regional Lenten retreat "DIVYOTSAVA-23" on the theme „Listen to Him“ on 25-26 March 2023 at Logos Retreat Centre, Bangalore. We are inviting 10 youths from each diocese/movement preferably 5 boys and

5 girls. The details have been sent to you through email much early. I request you kindly send your youth to enhance the divine experience.

8. ACT Programme:

The National Youth Commission is organizing ACT-6 the Animators and Chaplains Training programme from 2-14 June 2023 at NBCLC Bangalore. The purpose of this programme is to train the leaders, animators, and newly appointed secretaries to provide resources to accompany the youth. It's a good opportunity for the Karnataka Region that this programme will be conducted in Bangalore. Hence, I request you kindly facilitate the given opportunity. The details of the programme will be intimated to you soon.

Fr. Lourd Raj

Secretary, KRCBC Youth Commission

