

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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission!

1. World Youth Day

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

Once in three years, the World Youth Day (WYD) is organized by the Pontifical Council of Laity (PCL), Vatican, together with a local co-host country. **The next World Youth Day will be hosted by the Episcopal Conference of Portugal in Lisbon, from 1st to 6th August 2023 on the theme: “Mary arose and went with haste (Lk 1:39).** There will be DID (Days in the Diocese) programme prior to the main event from 26-31 July 2023.



The CBCI Council for Youth has participated in the past many world youth days with large number of the delegation representing the Catholic Church in India which has a multi-cultural unique country. This time we are planning to facilitate approximately 300 pilgrims from India, for the WYD 2023 (on the criteria attached separately). The registrations for the WYD23 will start from June 2022, so please promote WYD 2023, in parishes of your Dioceses and participate in big numbers in the Pilgrimage.

2. National Youth Conference

The Indian Catholic Youth Movement had organised the IVth National



Youth Conference on the theme:

“Youth for a Synodal Church:

Communion, Participation and Mission” at

the Pastoral Centre, Nadiad, Diocese of

Ahmedabad from 26 April to 01 May 2022. There

were 26

participants from the Karnataka region alone who part took in the conference attending all the sessions and workshops. It was an enriching programme and our youth benefitted from it.

3. YCS/YSM National Convention

Student participants from different parts of the country Pledged to be Youthful at the III National Convention of the YCS/YSM (Young Catholic Students / Young Students Movement) held in Bangalore from 26th – 30th May 2022. Most. Rev. Peter Machado the Archbishop of Bangalore



Archdiocese in

his presidential address exhorted the students to

be at the service of humanity with all their energy, talents and

dynamism.

Archbishop hoisted the

national flag and declared the

convention open. Among the other dignitaries, Rev. Fr. Stephen Alathara the deputy general secretary of CCBI (Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India), Fr. Chethan Machado the National Chaplain

of YCS/YSM, Fr. Anil D'Sa, IYCS Asian Chaplain & Executive Secretary of Bangalore Archdiocesan Youth Commission, Fr Lourd Raj the Karnataka Region youth director, Rev Fr Vivian Richards the YCS/YSM chaplain of Bangalore archdiocese were present.

The five-day convention witnessed a lot of sessions on the theme "Young Students for Youthful Life" and the thrust areas "Self Identity, Safe School and New Society" Interaction with former YCS members, visit of guests and celebrities added colour to the students gathered for five days.

4. International Women's Day

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission, in collaboration with Share the Love Foundation Hyderabad, organised "International Women's Day" on March 12th, 2022 at Louisa Girls' Home, St. Vincent's House, Bangalore. 65 inmates who took part in the events. The ICYM REXCO team initiated the events under the leadership of Fr. Lourd Raj, the Regional Director, as well as Mr. Prajwal, the Coordinator of MJARC.

The three-hour programme was comprised of games, animation, and input sessions. In his speech, Fr. Lourd Raj stated that women were



not weak, but rather strong motivators. He stressed that what we are today is the great sacrifice of our mother. Therefore, every woman should be respected.

To mark the day, we distributed the gifts to everyone and arranged for a high-tea for all. The inmates expressed their gratitude for making them realise their worth in society.

5. KRYC Council

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission organized the 26th KRYC Council on Sunday 13th March 2022, at Don Bosco Provincialate Bangalore. There were 68 council members comprised of Directors, Animators and Youth Leaders across Karnataka who attended the council meeting. The KRYC Council invited Ms Maria Isabella the National Director, YOUCAT Foundation India as a resource person of

the day to speak on 'Implementation of YOUCAT in every Diocese of Karnataka.'



In the council, we had elected new KRYC Council members for the year 2022-24. After the election, the agendas were discussed in the council. Thanks to Fr William SDB the Regional

Bosco youth Director and Bosco Youth for having hosted the council. Thus, the council concluded at 4 pm.

6. Transformational Leadership

A one-day national level workshop on "Transformational Leadership" was organised by the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Karnataka Region in association with St Joseph's College of Commerce Bengaluru and Karnataka Regional Youth Commission (ICYM) on the 8th April 2022 at St. Joseph's College of Commerce Auditorium. Most Rev Dr. Henry D'Souza, Bishop of Bellary and Chairman, KRCBC –



Youth Commission, Karnataka graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The workshop was also patronized by Dr Sr Arpana, Principal, Mount Carmel College Autonomous, Bangalore and the President, Xavier Board of

Higher Education in India - Karnataka Region, Dr Fr Charles Lasrado, Principal St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore and Fr Lourd Raj, Regional Youth Director, KRCBC -Youth Commission, Bangalore. Dr Sr Teresa, the Secretary-General, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, was the Guest of Honour.

There were 138 students from 21 colleges across South India. Mr Jose Jacob, Founder and CEO, Integro Infotech & Consulting, Fr Anil D'Sa, the Youth Director, Archdiocese of Bengaluru and Mr Sujeet Jha, Director, L& D and Corporate Relations Career Shaper were the resource persons. The workshop aimed at giving the participants the

opportunity to reflect upon transformational leadership and its challenges in today's context and find ways to build it through being servant leaders, themselves, just like Jesus did.

7. **“The Ark”-Youth Exchange Programme**

The first Inter-State Level Youth Exchange Programme “The Ark” was organized by the REXCO team, Karnataka Regional Youth Commission on 14-15 May 2022 at St. Joseph's Church hall, Vythiri, in Wayanad of the Calicut Diocese of Kerala. The



programme was titled **“The Ark,”** which meant **“God gathered the chosen one”**. The resource team was comprised of eight members from REXCO; Rev. Fr. Lourd Raj- Regional Youth Director, Sr. Magdalene-Regional Youth Lady Animator, Mr. Nevin Antony –President, Miss, Krithika Vaipana –Former secretary, Miss. Martina J –Secretary, Terrence Crasta –Treasurer, Miss Deepthi Sophia –MIJARC Coordinator and Mr Sam –YOUCAT representative of Karnataka.

Rev Fr. Gracious Tony, the parish priest of St. Joseph's Church, Vythiri organized the programme in collaboration with the Karnataka Regional Team (ICYM). The two days programme was comprised of sessions, activities, workshops and fun games. There were about 70 youth participants and 30 parents who took part in the programme.

8. **RYC-Preparatory Meeting**

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission organized the First Preparatory Meeting of the Regional Youth Convention 2022 on May 24, 2022, at KROSS, Bangalore. There were 43 council members comprised of Directors, Animators and Youth Leaders across Karnataka who attended the preparatory meeting. The Bishop in his key-note address urged the directors and youth leaders to participate in the big number in the forthcoming regional youth convention. In the first half, we had discussed on RYC theme, theme song, logo and registration fees and other agenda points. Thereafter, Mr Jose Jacob, Founder, Integro

InfoTech & Consulting spoke on the planning and execution of RYC and its success.



At the end, the committees for Regional Youth Convention were formed. The chairman Bishop blessed the RYC crosses and handed them over to the directors as well

as youth leaders.

9. The Regional Youth Convention (YUVAJANOTSAVA):

The Karnataka Region after having organized the 11th Regional convention successfully is ready to organize its 12th Regional Convention (YUVAJANOTSAVA) this year. The region will organize once in a two-year hosted by different dioceses in the Karnataka Region. This year the 12th YUVAJANOTSAVA will be in Bangalore, hosted by the Diocese of Mandya on the theme: **“SPRINGS”-Called to be free, to grow and to serve.**

YUVAJANOTSAVA is a Youth Fest, wherein thousands of youth across Karnataka gather under one roof. The three days programme includes activities, sessions, workshops, animation and fun. Because of preparation for the Regional Youth Convention 2022, the convention crosses have been sent to all the dioceses as well as movements to motivate and encourage the youth to participate in the convention.

10. Skill Training Programme

To empower the Rural, Urban Women and Youth, the Karnataka Regional Youth Commission is glad to introduce a skill training programme in collaboration with St. Joseph's Institute of Skills (SJIS) and ICICI Academy for skills Bangalore. Keeping in the mind the condition of the youth after COVID-19, the region is coming forward to provide a livelihood to the youth both rural and urban. The varieties of skill training will be offered according to one's taste and interest. This is free of cost. All trainees have 100% job placement. I request the directors to announce this in your youth gathering and encourage them to avail this opportunity. For the further information contact Fr Lourd Raj RYD, Ph: 9964818782

11. KRYC Invites New Directors

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission is happy to announce that Fr Uday Kumar SDB, the Regional Director Bosco Youth, Rev Fr. Avinash DYD Mysore Diocese and Rev Fr. Steevan Fernandes DYD Udupi

Diocese have been appointed as the director of their respective movement and dioceses. 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 Edwin D'souza, Fr Charles Menezes, Fr Thomas Baros and Fr William D'souza SDB for accompanying the youth and also rendering the cooperation with the Region. We wish them lots of luck in their new endeavour.



12. Websites

We are aware that all the dioceses and youth movements are organizing several programmes for and with the youth. It would be very good to give wide publicity to these programmes so they could receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve. I would request all the directors and animators to send news and reports with good photographs to the KRYC office so that they could be on the KRYC website and Mobile App.



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