



## **KRCBC – YOUTH COMMISSION**

### **KARNATAKA REGIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION**

Circular No. 15/2023

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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission, Bangalore!

#### **1. MIJARC-KARNATAKA:**

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission, in collaboration with

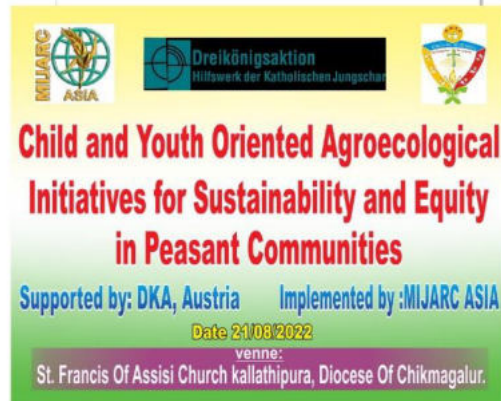


MIJARC Asia and supported by DKA Austria, implemented the project “Child and Youth Oriented Agro-Ecological Initiatives for Sustainability and Equity in Peasant

Communities” at St. Francis Assisi Church, Kallathipura in Chikmagalur diocese.

Ms Deepthi Sophia, the MIJARC coordinator from Karnataka Region,

initiated the project to be implemented in the diocese of Chikmagalur with the help of the Regional Director as well as the local parish priest. The MIJARC Asia group visited the parish along with the regional team in July 2022 and inaugurated the project



in St Francis Assisi Church. The local youth had the privilege to know, learn and study the fundamental rights and fundamental duties of the citizens prescribed in the constitution of India. The deep understanding of the studies enabled the youth to take a pledge to enlighten the minds of the community as well as the surrounding people. It was a five weeks programme to study the fundamental rights and duties of every citizen in the constitution.

## 2. DIVYOTSAVA:

The two-day spiritual animation of the Regional Lenten Youth Retreat “DIVYOTSAVA-2023”- A fest of Divine Experience on the topic “Listen to Him” was organized by KRCBC Youth Commission in partnership



with Logos Youth Movement from March 25-26, 2023, at the Logos Retreat Centre in Bangalore.

Pope Francis, in his message for Lent 2023, encouraged

Catholics to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them through the Scripture and others. Using the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration as a launching point, the Pope recalled ‘the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says; ‘Listen to Him.’ Based on the Pope’s message to the universal church, the region selected the theme “Listen to Him” for the youth retreat. 90 members across Karnataka participated in the retreat. It was a maiden attempt by the regional youth commission to gather the youth for spiritual animation. The Logos Youth Movement was generous enough to host the Spiritual programme.

## 3. 19<sup>th</sup> National YCS/YSM Council:

YCS/YSM India organized Formation Session & XIX National Council



at Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee in Chennai from 22-29 May 2023 on the theme Gen Z for a Self-Sustaining World, holding the

Thrust:

“Sustenance; Healthy Living; Voice of the Voiceless.” It was well planned and organized

programme hosted by Tamil Nadu Region. 110 participants across India had come from seven regions; among them, 20 were from Karnataka, including directors, animators and students.

Everyone desires to inhale clean air, consume pure water, and want to live a long and healthy life. On the other hand, it is we who are responsible for climate change, a world without seasons, heat waves, or unexpected rain. To strike a balance, each individual has to be aware and contribute a lot to nature. The resource persons made the participants think of the destruction that had been caused by humans. It was an action-oriented talk which provoked the hearer to put it into practice.

#### **4. YCS/YSM National President:**

The YCS/YSM Karnataka Region is glad to note that Mr Anson Clement



Nazareth from the Udupi diocese has been elected to lead YCS/YSM India as its National President. The election took place in the XIX National YCS/YSM council in Chennai. The students from seven regions contested the election. Among them, Anson was elected as president, and Amica became a member of the team. The Karnataka Region has undoubtedly been fortunate to provide the National Office with capable leaders for the last three consecutive terms. The Karnataka region is indebted to all the directors for their support.

#### **5. ICYM Regional Election:**

KRCBC-Youth Commission will hold ICYM Regional election in December 2023. The present REXCO will complete their term, and a new REXCO will be elected. Some of the dioceses have already conducted the DEXCO Election in the diocese, and others are in the process. The dioceses who have formed the DEXCO team send the details to the Regional Office, and others kindly conduct the diocesan election by November and send the list to the Regional Office. The regional election will be held in the last week of November or the first week of December 2023. Kindly prepare an able leader for the next

upcoming election who can work for the Regional office as well as Karnataka Youth at large.

### 6. III World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to acknowledge their care and contribution to the family. They are the greatest resources for young people. They are often forgotten in this



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023

present  
family  
set-up.  
Hence,  
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Francis

emphasizes the young generation the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another.

The theme for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is “His mercy is from age to age” (Lk. 1:50). ICYM India strongly recommends that the youth commission should celebrate meaningfully following the ideas and suggestions given in the booklet. The booklet is attached along with this circular kindly follow it.

### 7. New Directors:



The Karnataka Region is pleased to announce the appointment of four new diocesan directors in the region. Fr. Thomas Kallolikal, DYD Puttur Diocese; Fr. Joby Thomas Pullattu, DYD Belthangady Diocese; Fr. Sachin Christy, DYD Gulbarga Diocese and Fr. Vivian Richard, DYD Archdiocese of Bangalore. On behalf of the Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr Henry D’souza, the Bishop of Bellary, and the ICYM & KRYC Council, we gladly greet them.

At the same time, we sincerely acknowledge the support and cooperation of Fr. Anil D’sa SDB, Fr. Christuraj SDB, Fr. Rino John,

and Fr. Joseph Cheeran towards KRCBC-Youth Commission. We wish them lots of luck in their new endeavour.

### **8. 10<sup>th</sup> CCBI National Youth Directors Meet:**

The 10<sup>th</sup> National meeting of CCBI Youth Secretaries and Directors of other youth movements is scheduled on 22-24 August, 2023 at Prabodhana Pallottine Theologate, Mysore. The National Director requested to attend the meeting without fail. Kindly mark those dates in your calendar. The other details are attached along with this circular.

### **9. CCBI Strategic Planning Meeting:**

The KRCBC-Youth Commission is delighted that the Regional President and KRYC coordinator Mr. Nevin Antony was invite to attend the CCBI Strategic Planning Meeting on 7-8 May, 2023, at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. The two-day Strategic Planning Meeting was to employ a new methodology for finding the right way forward as the mission of CCBI, and to bring out a public document that is to be put into practice for the upliftment of the faithful, spiritually and domestically by 2030. Thanks to Nevin for representing the Karnataka Region in the CCBI level.



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