



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. MIJARC-KARNATAKA:

The second project, “Agro-Ecology, Young Change Maker,” was carried out by the Karnataka Regional Youth Commission at St. Francis Assisi Church in Kallathipura, in the Diocese of Chikmagaluru, with the



assistance of MIJARC Asia on 16th July, 2023. Ms Deepthi Sophia, the MIJARC coordinator from the Karnataka Region, was asked to carry out the second phase of the project in the diocese of

Chikmagalur with the assistance from the Regional Director and the local parish priest after successfully initiating and completing the first project. 45 parishioners attended the one day course with the theme “Agro-ecology, Young Change Maker” that was organized.

2. Orientation Programme for Animators and Students:

On July 15, 2023, in the Mysore diocese, the YCS/YSM hosted a one-day orientation workshop for the YCS/YSM students and animators. The regional team was tasked with animating the course, which involved 300 students from several schools, including animators.

The Regional Team members who conducted the program described, defined, termed and emphasized in detail the exact purpose, goal,



history, and spirituality. The cell meeting was conducted and initiated it to the heart of it to germinate the seed of faith and transformation and yield the fruits of faith in successive generations. Thus, they streamlined the

students into the spirit and the purpose of this faith-associated activity for the YCS/YSM.

3. III World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

“Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. We may never allow the elderly to be cast aside.”



To this earnest invitation of Pope Francis, to make it a joyful event between the young and the elderly, the director Fr. Lourd Raj, the animators, Sr. Magdalene, and

Sr. Molly A few youth from the regional and DEXCO team of the Arch Diocese of Bangalore visited Chesire Home, White Field, Bangalore on 23rd July 2023, and expended the whole day creating heartfelt feelings in the elderly in Chesire Home. The director spoke about the importance of the day. The youth performed a few programs. They loved the meal we shared with them. Sr. Magdalene spoke to the elderly on the significance of the day, ending it with a meaningful song, and the youth conducted a few activities for the elderly who participated and enjoyed every moment in the company of the young.

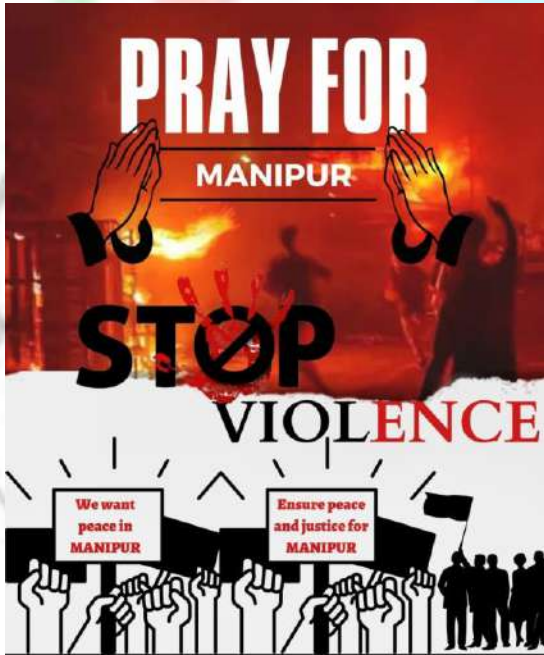
4. National Youth Sunday:



On August 13, 2023, all of the dioceses in the Karnataka region observed National Youth Sunday. The youth of our nation are the focus of the day. This year the theme was “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Eph. 6:1). I applaud and appreciate the directors for planning special Eucharistic celebrations and holding several activities and competitions throughout your diocese to make day memorable for the young people. Some of the dioceses had their celebrations on days that worked for them.

5. One with Manipur:

We are all extremely grieved and worried about the situation that has been going on in Manipur. The people of Manipur have endured excruciating hardship as a result of the rising violence and ongoing instability. The Karnataka Region has united as a nation in a show of support for the uplift of our fellow citizens in Manipur. All of the dioceses in the Karnataka region have witnessed the solidarity with Manipur through protests, silent marches, creating awareness, providing resources, offering fervent prayers, and calling for justice in the matter. I am grateful to all the directors and the diocesan team for inspiring young people to support suffering-related justice.



6. National Meeting:

The National youth commission organized the 10th National Meeting of CCBI Youth Secretaries and Directors of other Youth Movements' from 22nd August to 24th August, 2023 at Prabodhana Pallottine Theologate, Mysore.



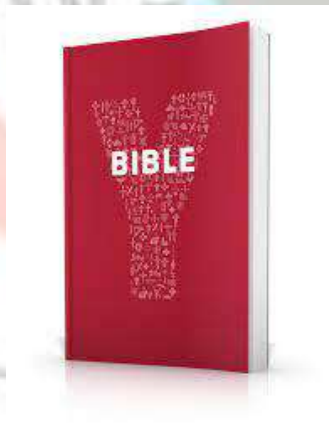
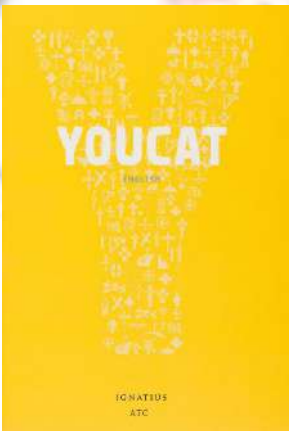
The Karnataka region is indebted to Fr. Avinash DYD Diocese of Mysore for hosting the National Meeting in the diocese of Mysore and the DEXCO team for all meticulous arrangements done for the success of the Meeting.

7. Mission Experience:

The National Youth Commission in collaboration with Communio India has come up with the idea of giving mission experience to the youth leaders. The directors who would like to send your DEXCO or group of youth leaders to other region for the missionary experience kindly contact the National office. It's a good opportunity for the youth to know as well as learn the culture, understanding the mission and working with the poor.

8. YOUCAT Book :

The Regional Office has a copies of **YOUCAT Books** in Kannada, English, and Konkani as well as the **Y-Bible** (YOUCAT Bible in Kannada. It's a great resource book for youth that you can present on special days. A few copies are left in the office. Kindly order if you need it. Outside, It costs more than Rs.



400/- but we only give them just 100/- each.



The Karnataka Region was privilege to welcome Dr. Theresia Theuke, YOUCAT Foundation Germany, to the KRCBC-Youth Commission office on 30th August 2023, during her visit to India. The Regional Director welcomed her cordially and then engaged a long discussion regarding the implementation of the YOUCAT training programme in the Karnataka Region. He also thanked her for providing 7,000 copies of the YOUCAT book (English, Kannada, Konkani) for YUVAJANOTSAVA-22, the Regional Youth Convention, to distribute freely to the youth.

9. New Director:

The Karnataka Region is pleased to announce the appointment of new diocese/movement directors in the region. Fr. George Fernandes, DYD



Diocese of Chikmagaluru and Fr Joel Fernandes S.J., AICUF Adviser, Karnataka. On behalf of the Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr Henry D'souza, the Bishop of

Bellary, and the ICYM & KRYC Council, we gladly welcome them to the KRCBC-Youth Commission.

At the same time, we sincerely acknowledge the support and cooperation of Fr. Vinay Kumar and Fr. Maxim Dias S.J., towards KRCBC-Youth Commission. We wish them lots of luck in their new endeavour.

10. National Youth Conference:

The Indian Catholic Youth Movement is organising the 4th National Youth Conference on the theme: **“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Eph. 6:1”** The 5-day conference will therefore gather leaders of the youth ministry along with bishops, youth directors and animators **at SFS School, Satgaon, Guwahati from 23 Oct to 27 Oct 2023.** There is also have the DID programme (Days in the Diocese) from 20 October to 22 October in the diocese of Tura for those who wish to go the experience. The Registration Fee is **1200/-** per participants.



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