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Dear Bishops, Youth Directors, Coordinators and Youth Office Bearers,

Shalom... Peace be with you.

Greetings from Fr Anil Dsa SDB, Secretary, Karnataka Regional Youth Commission.

As you all know, I have assumed the responsibility of being the secretary to KRYC on 13 May 2017. I consider it my privilege to render my humble yet sincere services to the commission whatever way it is possible for me. With your prayers and guidance, I would like to do my best in order to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to me. I also seek your whole-hearted cooperation and support to KRYC in all its endeavours. May I express my sincere gratitude to Most Rev. Dr. Henry D'Souza (Chairman, Youth Commission, KRCBC) and His Grace Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore (Chairman, KRCBC) for appointing me as the commission secretary.

I take this opportunity to thank Rev Fr Mari Joseph, the former secretary who served the office for the past six years. He has put into motion a very good system at KRYC and has organized various programmes on behalf the youth of Karnataka. We wish him all the best in his new ministry as the manager of Infant Jesus Group of Institutions at Raichur in Bellary diocese.

YCS/ YSM - II National Convention:

Karnataka region actively took part in the YCS/YSM - II National Convention, held at Don Bosco, Park Circus, Kolkata from 21st to 26th, May 2017. About 500 participants from all over India took part in the convention. The convention revolved around the theme 'Believe, Begin and Become'

Sixty participants from four dioceses (Gulbarga, Shimoga, Udupi and Mangalore) of Karnataka Region took part in the convention. I am sure that our young people have gained much rich experience by participating in it. The programme was well planned and executed by the students themselves. The motto of YCS/YSM '*See, Judge & Act*' came alive at this convention, and the students and animators were facilitated to follow the motto and practice it.





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Chaplains and Animators Training (CAT) Programme:

CAT (Chaplains & Animators Training) Programme was organized at KROSS, Bangalore by the CBCI Youth Council from 1st to 10th June, 2017. The programme was attended by 40 participants - youth directors, animators and youth leaders from different dioceses of India.

Three youth directors (Fr Cleavan, DYD, Gulbarga, Fr Prem OFM, DYD, Ballary, Fr Anil, RYD, Karnataka) and two Lady animators (Sr. Stephena and Sr. Virginia, DYLA, Bangalore) took part in the CAT programme. It was an intensive youth ministry course which was aimed at catering to the needs of the youth animators and help dealing with youth and carrying out effective youth ministry in the Church. The programme was steer headed by Fr Deepak Thomas, Secretary, CBCI Youth Council and ICYM NEXCO Members.

New Android Mobile App for KRYC

KRCBC Youth Commission launched a new Mobile App (KRYC) to help our youth to “stand up and be counted” by being informed about career opportunities. On 11th June 2017, the App was launched by Shri Mathai KAS, Department of Sakaala, Govt. of Karnataka in the presence of Bishop Henry D'Souza, Chairman, CBCI Youth Commission. The event took place at KROSS, Bangalore during the National Council meeting of ICYM (Indian Catholic Youth Movement).

The new Mobile App is meant to reach out to the needy Catholic Youth and to empower them to be tomorrow's leaders in the society through academics, skill training and value education. The App has provision in it to register all the Catholic Youth who are in the age group of 15 and 30 years and to avail the job oriented courses and job opportunities. It is also a platform to be in touch with the youth through sharing of information regarding the youth commissions of the dioceses and the youth movements. I request all the youth directors and animators to exhort all our youth to download the **KRYC** App from Google play store and register themselves to KRYC. Using this App, the Dioceses and Movements can share all the data they would like.

Synod on “Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment”

15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, is to be held in October 2018 on the theme





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“Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment”. In preparation for this great event, the national youth office had passed on a questionnaire to all the Bishops and youth directors. It was supposed to be submitted back in May 2017. Only one diocese has sent the results of the questionnaire so far. May I remind you all to distribute copies of this questionnaire among maximum number of youth and get them filled up and send the results either to the regional office or to the national office, at the earliest.

Regional and Diocesan Elections of ICYM, YCS and Abide

ICYM Regional Elections will be held in the month of December this year. I request all the dioceses to complete the diocesan level elections before November and send the names of the office bearers to the regional office. The diocesan male representative and female representative should have at least one year of experience at diocesan level to contest at the regional election. They should be able to commit themselves for two full years as REXCOs. In the past number REXCOs cease to be the office bearers due to unavailability to the regional level meetings and other reasons. Abide-ICYM Alumni regional office bearers' election also will be held on the same day along with ICYM regional election.

YCS/YSM Regional Elections will be held on 3rd of September at Don Bosco, Chitradurga, Shimoga diocese. Please complete the diocese level elections before 15th August and send the list of the office bearers to the regional office.

KRYC Pastoral Plan

For every three years, a Regional Pastoral Plan for the youth is planned in consultation with Parishes, Deaneries and Dioceses. In order to facilitate consultation, a questionnaire will be prepared and sent to you all. Please ensure having wide consultation and send your valuable suggestions to prepare the KRYC regional pastoral plan for the coming three years. In the next council meeting it will be discussed in detail and the pastoral plan will be prepared.

Regional KRYC Council

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission Council is scheduled for Saturday, 26th August, 2017 at KROSS, Bangalore. The main agenda of the council is Preparation of the Regional Pastoral Plan. **(The**





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Council Members from each diocese are: Director, Lady Animator, Diocesan ICYM President, Male Representative and Female representative). I would like to request all the regional youth movements to send two representatives each along with respective directors, for the KRYC Council meeting. Please bring with you the diocesan or movement's annual or triennial plans for youth for the council meeting.

Animators and Chaplains Training (ACT)

As it was informed in the previous circular, Animators and Chaplains Training (ACT) programme for all the newly appointed DYDs, animators and others organized by CCBI Youth commission will take place from 10th to 15th July, 2017 at Navintha Retreat Centre, New Delhi. Along with ACT, there will be a meeting of all the Regional Secretaries and Diocesan Secretaries to discuss and prepare an action plan for CCBI Youth Commission.

Asian Youth Day (AYD)

The 7th AYD will be held at Semarang Diocese, in Yogyakarta city of Indonesia from 30th July to 6th August, 2017. The theme of the AYD is "Joyful Asian Youth! Living the Gospel in Multicultural Asia". About 100 youth and animators from India led by Fr Deepak Thomas, Secretary, CBCI Youth Commission will be taking part in this youth meet. We wish all the participants a fruitful experience at AYD.

Report of the Youth Programmes

We are aware that all the dioceses and youth movements are organizing a number of 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. It would be wonderful if all the coordinators make efforts to send news and reports with good photographs to KRYC office so that they could be published on the KRYC website and Mobile App.





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Career Advancement Programme (CAP) India.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) has launched the Career Advancement Programme (CAP India). It is an initiative of Youth Activ8 foundation to identify and promote young talents for leadership in the society, especially through Civil Services and Political Life. It is a web-based graded programme with nine grades, starting from Std VII to Degree, aimed at providing effective career guidance and motivation to Christian youth, helping them to appear for Central and State Competitive Examinations.

CAP India conducts two online Semester Examinations on 30th September 2017 and 27th January, 2018, in order to inspire and motivate youngsters so that they could enter into leadership positions in society. I would earnestly request you to exhort all our Christian students (from 7th class to degree level) to register at capindia.co for CAP India and appear for two online exams conducted for them.

Thank you

Yours in the Lord

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