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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission!

The pandemic of COVID-19 has stolen our busy schedule and has made us inactive for almost more than three months. We are not still sure of reviving ourselves from an unprecedented situation. Day by day the situation is becoming worse and the number of affected people gradually increasing. All our activities and action plans remain stagnant.

However, being in the present situation, the youth commission had organized some of the activities. I am happy to highlight some of the following mentioned events and forthcoming activities.

#### **1. ONLINE COMPETITIONS**

The REXCO team under the banner of the Regional Youth Commission had organized various online competitions such as Tik-Tok videos challenge, OREMUS, Walk with Saint, Painting and Rosary Making competitions for youth. Many of the youth across Karnataka actively participated in the competitions and some of them shared their experiences too.

Many other dioceses also initiated online competitions in their dioceses to keep the youth active during the time of lockdown. It was a colourful to see the youth participation. Keeping the youth away from distraction and uniting them through various activities is the motto behind these online competitions. I appreciate the directors, animators, and the REXCO team for conducting various online activities for the youth.



#### 2. RED DROP MANGALORE APP

The ICYM Central Council, Mangalore Diocese has taken a drastic step to develop an app called Red Drop Mangalore that would be beneficial to the hospitals, donors, and recipients. The app is designed to meet the requirements of the recipients immediately through the list of good minded donors registered in the app. It's a new venture from the part of the youth to help the poor and needy. We appreciate the director and team for their social concern.

#### **3. APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTOR**

Karnataka Regional has got four new diocesan directors. They are Fr. Anil D'sa SDB, Director Archdiocese Bengaluru; Fr. Remi Jose, Director Diocese of Bellary; Fr. Ashwin Cordoza, Director Diocese of Mangaluru and Fr. Christuraj SDB, Director Diocese of Gulbarga. We welcome them cordially on behalf of Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr. Henry D'souza, Bishop of Bellary and ICYM & KRYC Council as well.

We thank Frs. Ronald D'souza, Prem D'souza, Clevan and Amarnath Dinesh for their support and cooperation to the Region and also their sincere efforts to motivate and to form the youth after the example of Jesus who is eternally young. We also wish them lots of luck in their new endeavor.

## 4. YOUTH SUNDAY

The National Youth Sunday will be celebrated this year on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020.



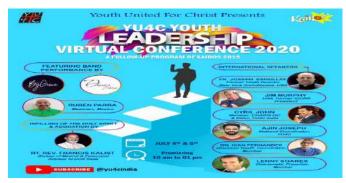
The theme will be "Young man, I say to you, ARISE!" (Lk.7). Every year on this day a special Eucharistic Celebration, as well as programmes will be arranged by the youth themselves. Since the present situation is not favorable to have a grand celebration, the directors of each diocese can choose to celebrate according to your conveniences.

# 5. FORMATION OF NEW PASTORAL PLAN

As I already mentioned in the previous circular and even in mail, the present **'Karnataka Region Pastoral Plan (KRPP) – V Edition**' comes to an end by the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. This necessitates us to plan for the youth-oriented activities for the VI Edition of the Karnataka Region Pastoral Plan to be implemented from January 2021 - December 2023. I urge the directors and animators to have evaluation as per your convenience and give your suggestion to plan for VI Edition as early as possible.

## 6. YOUTH UNITED FOR CHRIST

Youth United for Christ (YU4C), the youth ministry of the National Catholic



Charismatic Renewal Services (NCCRS) are organizing youthoriented Spiritual Renewal Programme to cope with them in the crisis of depression, anxiety and suicidal tendencies in the time of lockdown. It's good that our youth to participate in the spiritual renewal among the youth of our nation:



• National level tele-counseling cum spiritual direction for the youth titled **"We Are Here With You".** This is for all the youth coping with anxiety, loneliness, etc. The counselors or spiritual directors are trained spiritual counselors or counseling psychologists.

• 6-months YU4C Virtual School of Discipleship in the month of August. Other details have already sent to the directors.

"If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you"- Christus Vivit No. 109

Sincerely

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