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Dear Archbishop/Bishops, Youth Directors, Coordinators, and Youth Leaders,
Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission!

1. National Youth Sunday

The National Youth Sunday was celebrated in the Karnataka region by all the dioceses on 8th August 2021. The day is especially dedicated to the youth of our country. This year the theme was “Stand up, I appoint you as a witness of what you see” (Acts 26:16). However, keeping in the mind the norms of Govt. the directors had arranged an online Eucharistic celebration followed by activities and competitions. Some of the dioceses had celebrated on their convenient day.





The Karnataka region had organized an online Eucharistic celebration for the region. Some of the local youth participated in the celebration and others were viewed online. After the Eucharist, we had got together and did some activities with them.

2. World day of Grandparents

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission in collaboration with Holy Ghost Church Youth organized World Day of Grandparents and Elderly on 25th July 2021 at Cheshire Old Age home, Whitefield in Bangalore. Mr Arun Patrick from Holy Ghost Church who compered the programme explained, in a nutshell, the importance of the day as well as their presence in the family.



Sr. Anne DC the superior of Cheshire Old age home expressed her feelings of happiness to see young people among the elderly. She also advised them not to abandon their parents as they grow old. Sr.

Magdalene DC the joint secretary of KRYC spoke in Tamil language saying that, grandparents were our blessings. We need to listen to them and get advice to form our lives. Fr. Lourd Raj RYD of Karnataka in his address quoted the words of Pope Francis saying that grandparents were the resources and treasures of our lives. They had lived their life with rich experiences. We need those experiences to enrich our lives.

The enthusiastic youth had come with a lot of preparation to entertain elderly people. They had performed dances, puppet shows, sang songs for them, conducted games and cut the cake to celebrate their day. The inmates were emotional to see young people around them. Even they remembered their good old days with their grandchildren.

In the end, we had a photo together and presented a colourful handprint chart to them. It was one of the unforgettable days in their life, expressed all the youth.

3. New Regional Magazine

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission has brought out a new Regional Magazine on National Youth Sunday 8th August 2021. Rev Dr Henry D'souza the chairman of Youth Commission Karnataka launched the Magazine on National Youth Sunday and said that every youth were called to be shine. He gratefully remembered all the youth who risked themselves during the pandemic to serve the people in various ways. He continued saying that every youth should respond to the call of God to become leaders and achievers and to bring changes around.

I am indebted to Mr Martin the Abide Team member for working tirelessly to bring out this first edition beautifully. I request all the directors to share interesting news and stories from your dioceses/movements to publish in the magazine.

4. The Diocesan Election

The region is happy to announce that the following dioceses like Mangalore, Udupi and Gulbarga had already conducted elections and formed the new diocesan executive members (DEXCO).

YCS/YSM Mangalore diocese had organized a virtual election on 5th September and elected Josvita D'souza as president of YCS for the year 2021-22. We congratulate the directors and their new team.

Jaison Lawrence Crasta	- DYP, Mangalore
Vidya Sagar	- DYP Gulbarga
Inesh Miranda	- DYP Udupi
Josvita D'souza	- YCS President, Mangalore

5. The Regional Election

The present REXCO is going to complete their term in December 2021. I request the diocesan directors to conduct the diocesan election by November and send the list to the Regional office. The regional election will be held in the first week of December 2021. 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. New Appointments

Karnataka Regional is happy to announce that Fr Vivian Richards from the Bangalore diocese has been appointed as the director of YCS/YSM as well as assistant director of ICYM Bangalore. At present, he is the Parish priest of St Jude's Church, Nagayanapalya Bangalore. We welcome him cordially on behalf of Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr Henry D'souza, Bishop of Bellary and ICYM & KRYC Council as well.



We gratefully remember Fr Susainathan who headed YCS/YSM movement in Bangalore so far for giving his time and energy to shape the young mind.

Fr. Lourd Raj
Secretary, KRCBC Youth Commission

