

Circular No. 07/2021

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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission!

**1. Promotion of candidates for Career Advancement programmes (IAS, IPS etc.)**

In the last KRCBC meeting in Feb 2021, the Benedictines of Ashirvanam Monastery, Bangalore wish to have a tie-up with Vedhik IAS Academy who runs IAS Academies in Delhi & Kerala to provide affordable specialized residential coaching to interested youth, who are graduates in any field.

It has different modules like online materials for coaching in IAS, IPS etc., PUC to graduate-level training along with regular classes for 3 years, the one that will suit us best is **one-year intensive residential coaching for graduates** mentored by about 30 IAS / IPS retired officers on the teaching faculty, help attempt solving about 200 question papers as also exposure to discussions, interviews etc. It is understood that though IAS/IPS is at the pinnacle of the training, the students will also be given a chance to try other Board Exams of the Railways, Banks and other National Cadre and State Cadres.

**The one-year intensive course with accommodation on campus accommodation and board is estimated to cost Rs. 3 lakhs per candidate. But the Ben Vedhik IAS Academy Bangalore has availed 50% concession (Rs. 1,50,000) in all fees and expenses for poor and deserving Catholic students of any of the Dioceses in Karnataka. It is understood the rest will have to be borne by the student or the sponsoring dioceses/benefactors. The students will be admitted only after successfully undergoing the aptitude test.**

I request the directors and animators to give wide publicity to the young and upcoming graduates in your Diocese and encourage the suitable candidates to avail themselves of the opportunity. For more detail contact the following contact address:

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## 2. WYD Guidelines

World Youth Day guidelines emphasize the importance of annual diocesan celebrations. It's is an important event that emphasizes the role young people play in the Catholic Church, the Vatican said. In a document published by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life May 18, the Vatican issued a set of pastoral guidelines for local WYD celebrations "to ensure that younger generations feel that they are at the center of the church's attention and pastoral concern." "The celebration of these youth days at a local level is therefore extremely useful in keeping the church mindful of the importance of walking with young people and of welcoming them and listening to them with patience while proclaiming the word of God to them with affection and power," it stated.

The document was signed by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, dicastery prefect, and Schonstatt Father Alexandre Awi Mello, dicastery secretary. Divided into six chapters, it said local celebrations offer young people "a personal experience of a 'festival of faith,'" which is especially important for those who cannot attend the international event "because of studies, work or financial difficulties."

World Youth Day is celebrated annually on a local level and every two or three years with an international gathering with the pope. In November, Pope Francis moved the local celebrations of World Youth Day from Palm Sunday to the feast of Christ the King. Speaking with journalists at a Vatican press Father Awi said the annual diocesan celebration "can more easily generate a commitment in young people that will change the face of the society in which they live and increase their sense of belonging." Through these "pastoral guidelines, we would like to make all young people participants in this rich heritage. (The copy of WYD Guidelines is attached along with this circular)

## 3. Youth response in Pandemic

The youth in Karnataka made a significant impression during the second wave of COVID-19 as it continued to evolve rapidly in the country. When the number of cases of COVID-19 surged, the youth along with their directors and animators sensed the need of responding positively to the situation with

proper preparation. Many youths in Karnataka took a risky decision to serve and care for the people in need by taking care of the COVID patients in the hospitals, feeding the poor and needy, providing ration and medicine kits, giving honourable burial to the COVID deaths. Thus they could bring smiles to the face of many and a lot of changes across Karnataka. We appreciate and laud all the directors and animators for making the youth as frontline workers to cope with the situation and as witnesses among people.



#### **4. Encourage the youth to get Vaccinated**

As the world grapples with unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, young people are demonstrating their continued leadership in their communities and the society at large. In the midst of this we also aware that the second wave of COVID-19 badly affected young people and we lost many of them in our families and communities. To battle against this zoonotic disease we need to get vaccinated first. Create a flat form in the diocese wherein all the youth get vaccinated at the earliest.

## 5. World Environment Day

World Environment Day has been celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June to address the environmental issues and to make an effort to restore our ecosystem which is being exploited day by day. Pope Francis in his encyclical puts it thus, “Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations” (Laudato Si). Let us attempt to spread awareness about the importance of restoring our ecosystem. I request the directors and animators to organize awareness programmes on the environment in the dioceses during this month.



## 6. National Youth Sunday

The National Youth Sunday will be celebrated this year on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The theme is taken as “Stand up, I appoint you as a witness of what you see” (Acts 26:16). I have attached the liturgy of NYS (English). If the present situation permits will have a grand celebration or else keeping in the mind the Govt guidelines the directors of each diocese can choose to celebrate according to your conveniences.



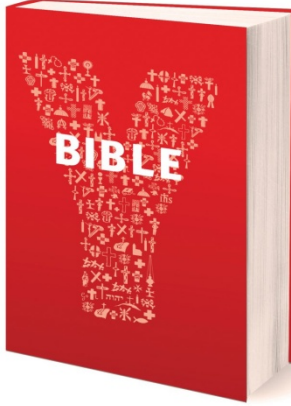
## 7. DEXCO Meet

The Regional team would like to meet DEXCOs of each diocese in the coming days virtually since we are neither able to meet nor go to dioceses to conduct any meeting because of the present situation. The regional president will contact the diocesan youth president and fix a suitable day and time. Kindly cooperate with us.



## 8. You-Cat Bible

We are happy to announce that the English version of YOU-CAT BIBLE is being translated into the vernacular language (Kannada) soon and the limited copies will be printed. A copy of the same will be made available within the next 2-3 months. Each copy will be sold at a subsidiary rate. I appeal to all the directors and animators to place an order in advance at **KRCBC Youth Commission at Bangalore** (Fr. Lourd Raj-9964818782, Mr Jaison-9901936789).



## 9. New Appointments

Karnataka Regional is happy to announce that Sr Magdalene Pakianathan DC has been appointed as Regional Youth Lady Animator. She belongs to the Congregation of Daughters of Charity of St Vincent De Paul. At Present she is pursuing her Masters in Music and Art. The Region also got two new diocesan directors. They are Fr. Rino John Erupathachil, Diocese of Puttur and Fr. Joseph Cheeran, Diocese of Belthangady. We welcome them cordially on behalf of Chairman, Rt. Rev Dr Henry D'souza, Bishop of Bellary and ICYM & KRYC Council as well.

We gratefully remember Sr Jessy Rita BS who headed the commission in times of difficulties and offered her selfless service to the Region. We do acknowledge Frs. Shibi Thomas and Thomas Simon Kanjirathumkal for their support and cooperation to the Region and also their sincere efforts to motivate and to form the youth in their dioceses. We also wish them lots of luck in their new endeavour.

**10. ICYM Council called off**

The scheduled ICYM Council which has to happen on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, is called off due to many of the dioceses are involved in the COVID Relief activities. I shall inform the next date much in advance.

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