



KRCBC YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Greetings from the KRCBC Youth Commission, Bangalore!

1. DELTA Program:

The ICYM Karnataka Region, in collaboration with the diocese of Udupi, organized the first zonal program, "Diocesan Executive



Leaders Training Advancement"-

(DELTA) from 17-18 August, 2024 at

Anugraha, the diocesan Pastoral Centre, Udupi. The region invited five

dioceses, namely Mangalore, Udupi, Belthangady, Puttur and Karwar

which come under the coastal zone.

The two-day programme was inaugurated by the Most Rev. Gerald

Isaac Lobo, the bishop of Udupi. Fr. Lourd Raj, the regional youth director

of ICYM Karnataka, Sr Molly the regional youth lady animator, Fr. Steven Fernandes, Diocesan Youth Director (DYD) of ICYM Udupi Diocese, Mr. Sanjay Dsouza, President of ICYM Karnataka, and Ms. Ashley Dsouza, General Secretary of ICYM Karnataka. The renowned resource persons were invited to engage in a two-day program. There were 55 participants from five dioceses.

2. Director's Meet:

The 11th National Youth Directors and National Youth Movement Coordinators

Meeting was held at the

Social

Development

Centre, Ranchi,

from 21-24

August 2024. A

total of 132

youth directors,

youth



animators, and young leaders participated in this meeting organized

by the National Youth Commission. Ten directors from the Karnataka region participated in the National Youth Directors Meet. The regional directors and movement coordinators were given time to present their report, provide clarification and even share some good practices of each region, which enlightened other directors to learn and to practice in their own dioceses.

3. The new pastoral plan for Karnataka:

A new pastoral plan for the Karnataka region has been announced with pleasure by the Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishops' Council (KRCBC). The process began three months ago. All the secretaries of different commissions worked together with their own core team to prepare plans for their respective commissions. The final copy was presented to the Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishops' Council, and the same was approved in the council. We remain grateful to Fr. Joe Xavier SJ, who guided and corrected the draft on every level in the long process preparation.

4. MIJARC:

The MIJARC Asia organized training of trainees on child protection



on 6-9 September, 2024 at the Centre for Development Initiatives in Guwahati. Thirty-five people from the six regions took part in the national training programme. As a resource for the

training programme, Sr. Anna Mary Thumma gave a talk on risk factors, protective and preventive measures, and the impact of child sexual abuse on victims.

5. Jubilee 2025:

As we are aware, the entire church in the world is preparing for the



Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Jubilee 2025. In the recent directors meeting in Ranchi, it was advised by the national office to all the regions to organize pilgrimage tours to Rome

on the occasion of Jubilee 2025. The youth are given a special invitation to participate in the jubilee from 28th July to 3rd August

2025. The registration begins in November 2024 and ends in January 2025. The registration fee is Rs. 23,000/- Those who wish to participate in the Jubilee, should contact the regional office.

6. WYD 2027:

Pope Francis officially unveiled the theme of World Youth Day 2027 and the official logo on Tuesday, 24th September, 2024. The theme of next WYD 2027 is “Take courage. I have overcome the world” (Jh 16:33). Pope Francis said in the press conference that the topic “it is in Jesus ‘farewell tale’ that prepares his disciples to experience the mystery of Jesus’ suffering and death in the assurance of his resurrection,” focusing on the testimony and courage of Jesus’ resurrection victory.

WYD SEOUL 2027



7. The 6th National Youth Conference:

The Indian Catholic Youth Movement is pleased to announce the 6th National Youth Conference, which is scheduled from 21 to 25 October, 2024 at Trinity College, Jalandhar. Hope you have already prepared yourselves to participate in the 6th National Conference. Kindly go through the circular from the National office and guide your diocesan youth accordingly for the conference.



8. KAIROS 2024:

Youth United for Christ (YU4C India), the youth ministry of CHARIS India, is organizing “KAIROS 2024”, THE National Youth Convention, in collaboration with the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM India), scheduled from 31st October to 3rd November 2024, in Pondicherry-Cuddalore Archdiocese. We are glad to hear that many youth from the Karnataka Region have already registered for this Spiritual Convention, KAIROS 2024.



9. NSLTP:

The YCS/YSM India is organizing the National Student Leadership Training Programme (NSLTP) from 29th October to 4th November at Seva Kendra, Kolkata. The circular has been forwarded to your mail. NSLTP is an enriched programme focusing on building true leadership qualities in students from a very early age. Kindly encourage the students of your diocese to participate and benefit from it.



10. Arise & Shine Magazine:

The fourth issue of the regional e-magazine "Arise & Shine," which focuses on "Journey of Hope"—empowering and rebuilding the youth—will be released. Every six months, the regional youth magazine is released online, covering a range of topics pertaining to young people and their accomplishments. The magazine will focus on the aforementioned theme this time. By the end of October 2024, please prepare your articles, observations, and messages based on the theme and submit them to the regional office.

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