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

1. National Youth Convention Mangalore, Karnataka

The National Youth Convention was held at St Joseph's Engineering College, Mangalore, Karnataka, South India from January 18 – 22, 2017. On the 18th of January, the NYC Cross was received by the ICYM Diocesan Team and was handed over to Regional and National Council team. National Flag, Papal Flag and ICYM flag were hoisted, which was followed by the National Youth Convention Inaugural. Holy Eucharist presided over by Archbishop Most Rev Bernard Moras. The inauguration of the NYC was held after the inaugural mass. Most Rev. Bernard Moras presided over the function. In his presidential address urged the youth to wake up, to be creative, and to serve for a purpose. He also gave a call to the youth to part take in the spiritual activities as they take part in the secular activities.

Mrs. Grace Pinto, Managing Director Ryan International Group of Institutions in her keynote address advised the youth not to say parents are boring, instead be a blessing to them. "Start dreaming, think big, achieve big, think positive. We need vision, passion and compassion which will lead us to uplift the downtrodden". She credited her success to Jesus and gave a call to all the youth to read Bible and get inspired by it.

Most Rev. Dr Bernard Moras Archbishop Diocese of Bangalore Most Rev. Henry D'Souza Chairman CBCI Youth Council, Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza Bishop of Mangalore, Most Rev Lawrence Mukkuzhy Bishop of Belthangady, Most Rev Jerald Issac Lobo Bishop of Udupi , Most Rev Alwyn Baretto Diocese of Sindhurg, Most Rev Robert Miranda Bishop of Gulberga, Msgr Denis Prabhu, Mr John Philip Ambassador of UK, Mr John Ray DOCAT, Mr Roy Castelino, Rev Fr Joseph Lobo Director SJEC and others were present. There were 2500 youth from all over India took part in National Youth convention.

There were input sessions during the convention. Bishop Varghese Chakkalal spoke on environment based on Laudato Si. His Eminence Mar George Cardinal Alencherry - Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church celebrated the Holy Mass. In his homily, he gave a message on vocation and about the decision that one has to make. Mar Raphael Thattil Auxiliary Bishop of Trissur, Mar Joseph Arumachadath- Bishop of Bhadravathy, Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhi-Bishop of Bethangady, Most Rev. Henry Dsouza and others concelebrated.

Mr. John Rhee from Germany while addressing the delegates of NYC 2017 shared his experience of Catechesis all around the world and also about evangelization. Presentation on DOCAT was given by Jan-Philipp Goertz , the director for International and Government Affairs for Lufthansa Germany Airlines. Mr Anto Akara, shared his experience of working for the Kandhamal victims.

His Eminence Mar George Cardinal Alencherry - Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church celebrated the Holy Mass. In his homily, he gave a message on vocation and about the decision that one has to make. Quoting the words of St Teresa- he said, in midst of suffering, Jesus is always with us so never be discouraged. Giving a call to the youngsters he asked to console all those who are suffering because of various reasons. He encouraged the youth saying we are unique in the eyes of our Lord and nobody can replace us. We are wanted by the Lord to proclaim his word and continue his ministry.



Mar Raphael Thattil Auxiliary Bishop of Trissur, Mar Joseph Arumachadath- Bishop of Bhadravathy, Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhi-Bishop of Bethangady, Most Rev. Henry Dsouza – Chairman of CBCI Youth Commission, Mar Vincent Paulose- Bishop of Marthandam and Youth commission member, Mar Joseph Pandarasseril – Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam and Youth commission member, Msgr George Ellokunnel – Vicar General of Thalassery Archdiocese concelebrated.

The fourth day Holy Eucharist was presided over by Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza Bishop of Mangalore. He gave a call to the youngsters saying each one has to commit themselves to follow Jesus and take up his cross.

On the final day of the convention National Catholic Youth Peace rally was held in heart of the city. J.R Lobo, MLA Ivan D'Souza, MLC declared the peace rally open. Most Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bengaluru Flagged off the Rally which started from Rosario Cathedral and concluded at St Aloysius college grounds. Justice Kurian Joseph hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India Chief Guest of the Concluding ceremony of X National youth convention in his valedictory note he enlightened the youths on the constitutional rights that we as citizens of India must be united to do good. In Presidential address Archbishop Bernard Moras gave a call to the youths to be united and fight for Justice by upholding Christian Values. Mr Oscar Fernandes Member of Rajya Sabha welcomed the delegates to Mangaluru which is popularly known as Rome of the east. Serving God and Serving the nation goes in hand in hand he said. Youths should make use of all the opportunities they get in their life to serve the humanity" he said.

During the concluding Holy Eucharist H. E. Oswald Cardinal Gracious in his homily called upon the youths to follow Jesus. "Each one of us can have personal relationship with Jesus. Each one of us can meet Jesus. Following the teachings of Christ will help us to walk his way. Transform the society and bring a change by following Jesus" he said. For photos, videos and information of the convention please visit www.kryc.org

2. Thank you

National Youth 10th Convention was a great success; all the delegates carried the sweet memories of the convention. First of all we, thank God for His providence care throughout the convention. We humbly remember and thank Cardinals of all three rites, Bishops of Karnataka, Donors for their financial and materiel help. Special thanks to Diocese of Belthangady and Udupi for facilitating days in families for the delegates. We thank Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza Bishop of Mangalore the Host diocese for their wonderful cooperation. We thank the service of Diocesan Council members, REXCO and Abide Members and NEXCO Members working day and night with all the limitations for the successes of the convention. We remain grateful to Youth Commission chairman Most Rev. Henry D`Souza who motivated us and has lion`s share of credit for its success. May God bless all.

3. Rev Fr. K. Anthony William appointed as a new Bishop of Mysore:

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Rev Fr. Kannikadass Anthony William (52), of the priest of Mysore as the new Bishop of Mysore. The Episcopal Ordination & Installation will take place on Monday, 27th Feb, 2017 at 4.30 pm, at St. Joseph`s Cathedral (St. Philomena`s Church). It is my privilege to wish him behalf of the youth of Karnataka, God`s providence may dwell in his Episcopal ministry.

4. ICYM Regional Executive Committee meeting:

Karnataka ICYM REXCO meeting will be held on 12th March, 2017 at Regional Youth Office Bangalore. Here by I request all the Diocesan youth directors to send their REXCO members. The main agenda of the meeting is Evaluation of NYC, preparation for the next Regional ICYM Council and picnic for REXCO members.

5. YCS/YSM National 2nd Convention.

The main intention of organizing YCS/YSM convention is to give a wider publicity and visibility to YCS/YSM and the good that this movement does for exposure to the members of the movement and to have a serious session on the direction and strategies to be followed in the coming years. It will be a programme of serious deliberations through the 3 days and a celebration of fellowship of humanity. We intend to invite 10 student members from each diocese along with animators and the DYD's or coordinators who will help the student members to deliberate on the given agenda and themes.

Convention will be in Don Bosco School, park Circus, Kolkatta. We request all the members to reach the venue on 21st May, 2017 evening as we begin the programme on 22nd morning. Eucharistic celebration and closing ceremony will take place on 25th evening. Departure is 26th May, 2017.

6. **ICYM android and ios application is at your service:** In order to reach many youth and to adapt ourselves to the modern technology, ICYM came with an Application. Now youth of INDIA can get information about ICYM activities of National unit, Regional units and Diocesan units from any part the world. The application can be downloaded from **play store** for android phones and tabs and **Apple store** for iphone and ipads. Please use this opportunity.

NYC- 2017- Cross Journey and Collections

S. L	From	Dates to receive NYC Cross	NYC Cross collection
1	Bengaluru-Starts	03-Apr-2016	₹ 20,000.00
2	Mandya	01-May-2016	₹ 1,800.00
3	Mysore	08-May-2016	₹ -
4	Chikmangallur	19-Jun-2016	₹ 3,550.00
5	Ballari	26-Jun-2016	₹ 35,150.00
6	Gulbharga	10-Jul-2016	₹ 19,150.00
7	Belguam	07-Aug-2016	₹ 70,385.00
8	Karwar	28-Aug-2016	₹ 66,815.00
9	Shimoga	18-Sep-2016	₹ -
10	Bhadravathi	02-Oct-2016	₹ 7,270.00
11	Puttur	23-Oct-2016	₹ 10,000.00
12	Belthangady	13-Nov-2016	₹ 15,000.00
13	Udupi	27-Nov-2016	₹ 1,05,135.00
14	Mangalore-ends	11-Dec-2016	Host Diocese

Thanks to all the directors, youth and people for your generous contribution.

With kind regards and prayers,



Sincerely Yours,

Fr. Mari Joseph