

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

### **1. Easter Greeting**

When we recall the Easter Celebration during the pandemic of Covid-19 it was full of gloom, suffering and filled with fear. People were not in the mood



for celebration though. Almost a year passed; once again the ray of hope emerged in the lives of faithful to celebrate the joyous victory over death by our Lord Jesus Christ. Last year Pope Francis expressed this sentiment at the Solemn Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica "The Lord is alive! He is living and he wants to rise again in all those faces that have buried hope, buried dreams, and buried dignity." This is true! The Lord wants us to live again, every moment and every minute because He is the Lord of life, not death. Though our dreams and plans were buried, the youth had lost their motivation due to the pandemic but there was a spark of hope still alive in Him. That hope made us draw strength from Him and rise again with

new plans and strategies to work more for the young.

Easter not only is the foundation of our faith, but Easter also invigorates our hope. Let this hope dispel the darkness of pain, suffering and agonies and enlighten all of us to trust in Him. Let's remember the word "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, shall not die forever" (Jh 11:25-26).

May the Risen Christ fill us with an abundance of hope, prosperity and all the joys of this glorious season be yours. Wishing you a great Easter!

## **2. One day Programme to Mysore diocesan Youth**

The Regional team organized one day Youth enhancement Programme for



the youth of Mysore dioceses on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 at Catholic centre Bannimantap in Mysore. Around 150 youth gathered in Auditorium at 9.45 am for the programme. In the Keynote Address, Most Rev Dr K. A. William Bishop of Mysore Diocese called

on the youth as 'power' and urged them to make use of the technology for the betterment not for destroying themselves.

Fr. Lourd Raj addressed the youth to become an inspiration to one another to draw them closer towards the church. Ms Jesvita gave them four keywords: opportunity, Inspiration, accompaniment, grateful which every young people should remember in their lives. Quoting the 'seven habits of highly effective teens, Rev. Fr Richard Menezes OCD called on the youth for a change in attitudes and character. Local resource persons Fr Jinto and Fr Manoj Manuel D'Souza the diocesan priests spoke on physical health and psychological health issues with the youth and called on the youth to attend to timely counselling if in need.

In the noon Rexco team took up the session with the youth and emphasized to them that building a team among the youth strengthens one another to achieve more goals. The youth of Mysore were exuberant in their participation in the day's get-together.

## **3. ICYM Council at Mysore**

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission in collaboration with the diocese of Mysore had organized ICYM Council at Catholic Centre, Bannimantap Mysore on 21 February 2021. Bp. Henry D'Souza, the chairman of the Commission for Youth in his Keynote address exhorted the 52 youth leaders to be problem solvers. Recalling the recent Encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti" of Pope Francis Bp Henry called on the youth to love all as brothers and Sisters, with a dream in the mind, compassion in the eyes, joy on the face, truth in the mouth, love in the heart and service in the limbs and relationships in life. Rev

Fr John Sequiera OCD, Director of Pushpashram Mysore, was the resource person of the day. He emphasized the youth to have a 'Christian vision of life'.



He gave them various skills of life, smart thinking and building great attitudes and adorable relationships to develop the Christian vision of life and to become someone who can be trusted.

The agendas were discussed in the forum. The Regional

Youth convention was one of the agendas that could be hosted by the Mandya Diocese with probable dates during Deepavali holidays 2021 with the theme Universal human solidarity and fraternity based on Fratelli Tutti.

After the lunch break, all the diocesan youth presidents reported the activities of the youth from January 2020 to February 2021 in their respective dioceses.

#### 4. KRYC Council

The Karnataka Regional Youth Commission had organized KRYC Council on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at CROSS, Bangalore. The Council meeting began with a short inaugural Ceremony at 10:00 am by watering the sapling and a short



prayer service led by the youth of the Mysore Diocese. Fr. Lourd Raj welcomed everyone in the name of chairman Bishop and also expressed gratitude for all the support and cooperation from all movement to Karnataka Regional Youth Commission.

Thereafter he asked the movement directors to present their activity reports.

After having presented the reports the regional president Mr Jaison took up the agendas to discuss in the Council. The next Regional youth convention was



one among those agendas. The directors and youth leaders took part in actively contributing their suggestions to various agendas discussed. Thus the meeting was concluded with lunch.

### **5. Zonal Programme**

In the council, it was proposed that to conduct zonal youth programmes to facilitate the youth and their participation. The reason behind this option is many of the programmes (apart from councils) are organized in some places to which others are finding either difficult to participate or number is less. Zonal programmes will encourage the youth to benefit more by participating in their places. These are the following Zones;

**North:** - Belgaum, Bellary, Gulbarga

**Costal:** - Karwar, Udupi, Mangalore, Belthangady, Puttur

**South:** - Bangalore, Mysore, Mandya, Bhadravathi, Chikmagalur, Shimoga (if need be south can be divided into two).

### **6. Pastoral Plan Approval**

The Pastoral Plan for the Karnataka Region for the next three years (2021-2023) is prepared and presented to Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishops' Council (KRCBC) for approval on 23-25 Feb 2021. I express my deep sentiments of gratitude to all those directors and youth leaders who participated in the meeting to draft the plan and also I acknowledge the core committee for finalizing the same. Hence I request the directors to prepare your diocesan plan based on the regional plan. A copy of the regional plan will be attached along with this circular kindly find it.



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