

***His Holiness Pope Francis  
sends his Blessings and Greetings to all Xavier Board  
Member Insitutions through Fr. Leslie Moras, President,  
Fr. Leslie Moras***



**President’s Message**

Fear Fathers, Sisters and members of the Xavier Board,

***Greetings of the season and wishes for a bright and prosperous  
New Year 2017.***

We are glad to send this News Letter after the last Triennial Conference. Hope we will be able to publish this as quarterly in the coming months.

We had very fruitful Executive Committee and Board meetings and a number of good suggestions have been recorded. You must have already received the reports of these meetings. Some programs for the students as well as Principals

and Managers are coming up in January, February and March. Hope you will be able to send some students to the Youth Programs. We invite the Principals/ Managers/ Senior Faculty to participate in the National Workshop in Trivandrum.

I had the privilege of representing the Xavier Board of Higher Education at the IV World Congress on Pastoral Care of Immigrant students organized by the Vatican from November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Fr. Vincent Nedungatt from Kerala, two bishops and two International students represented India, which was one of the largest delegation. We had the privilege of meeting the Holy Father, Pope Francis individually.

I look forward to hear from you about the activities in your colleges and meet you in some of the programs

With regards,  
Fr. Leslie Moras

***Congratulations***  
*To*  
*Christ University, Bangalore*  
*And*  
*Saint Claret College, Ziro, Arnachal Pradesh*  
  
*For being Accredited with*  
***A Grade***  
*by*  
*National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore*

*The St. Xavier's University, Kolkata joins the band of  
Catholic Universities in India.*

**\*\*\* Congratulations and God's Blessings \*\*\***

***INDIA : The Saint Xavier's University Kolkata Bill Passed in  
the Assembly (CNUA)***

The St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Bill 2016 was passed unanimously on December 15 in the West Bengal Assembly, paving the way for a new university at New Town, Rajarhat, to meet the growing need for quality facilities and to encourage private investment in the state's Higher Education. The SXUK will be a private, minority and constituent university. The bill provides that the SXUK may have as many constituent colleges situated within Bengal that are established and administered by the Jesuits.

***Triennial Conference, May 2016***



## ***Signing of MOU***

A significant follow up of the Triennial Conference at Sahrdaya College of Engg. & Tech., was the signing of MOU by four Colleges with Newman University, Birmingham, UK.

1. Salesian College, Siliguri;
2. St Joseph's College, Jakhama
3. Santhigiri College, Thodupuzha
4. St Teresa's College, Ernakulam

***Congratulations!!!***

## ***Xavier Board Core Committee***

At the Executive Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July,2016 at the National Secretariat of Xavier Board in Bangalore "It was resolved to request all member institutions to constitute the XB Core committee and send the names as well as the proposed activities to XB National Office ([xavierboard@gmail.com](mailto:xavierboard@gmail.com)) with copy to the regional President/Secretary latest by August 31, 2016."

Congratulations to the 25 Colleges who have constituted the Core Committee and are organizing programs / participating in regional / National programs. Colleges which have not yet set up the Core Committee, kindly do so.

## ***Annual Contribution***

Thanks to the 57 Colleges who have paid the Annual contribution for 2016-17. It is a reminder to other Colleges to pay the Annual Contribution as early as possible.

# *Byelaws of Xavier Board*

As you are already aware, the Byelaws of Xavier Board of Higher Education(XBHEI) amended at the Special General Body Meeting(SGM) held at Sahrdaya College of Engg. & Tech., Thrissur, on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2016was approved on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 by the Registrar of Society, Karnataka. You will soon receive a printed copy of the same.

## **Announcing.....**

 JOHN PAUL II CENTER for INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE	<h3>Russell Berrie Fellowship in Interreligious Studies</h3> <p>March 3, 2017</p> <p><a href="http://www.iie.eu/berrie">www.iie.eu/berrie</a></p>
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 JOHN PAUL II CENTER for INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE	<b>Award</b> One year of financial support to pursue a Diploma in Interreligious Studies or a Licence Degree at the Angelicum.	<b>Eligibility</b> Demonstrated interest in Interreligious Studies. Applicants must be eligible to gain admission to the Angelicum.	<b>Application deadline:</b> <b>March 3, 2017</b>  <b>More information:</b> <b><a href="http://www.iie.eu/berrie">www.iie.eu/berrie</a></b>
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## **65<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Meeting, October 28-30,2016**

Apart from the programs planned at the National Level, the following are a few of the decisions at the Board Meeting.



Holy Eucharist celebrated by Most Rev. Msgr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore along with Dr. Fr. Thomas C Mathew and Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, October 29, 2016.

1. To form a **Legal cell** for the benefit of XB member Colleges, a core committee was set up with Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ as the Convener, and Fr. Antony Arackal, Fr. Joye James SJ and Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil as members.

The Core Committee had its initial meeting

2. **A Core group of XB on Accreditation Process and Quality initiatives** has been set up with members as- Fr. Leslie Moras, Dr. Fr. Thomas C Mathew, CMI, Vice Chancellor, Christ University, Bangalore, Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier, SJ, Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, FMM, Dr. Kennedy Andrew Thomas, Dr. Anil Pinto, Registrar, Christ University, Dr. Fr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, Principal, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. Dr. Fr. Casimir Raj SJ, Founder Director, LIBA, Chennai, Dr. Sr. Arpana, Principal, Mount Carmel College, Bangalore and Dr. Sr. Elizebeth, Principal, Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore.

The Core Group on Accreditation process had its meeting on Dec.10, 2016 and a consultation meeting is planned for Feb, 3 & 4, 2017 with a few more members and experts.

Both, the legal cell and the Accreditation process core groups will share the outcome of the meetings at the National Workshop, Feb.10-12, 2017 at Trivandrum.



3. To pursue **collaboration with**

**AIACHE** and see possibilities of organizing joint programs for Principals and Teachers.

4. **Essay Competition** to be replaced with a short video competition lasting for 3 to 4 minutes on environmental issues and Eco-spirituality.

5. The **Regional Educational Secretaries** of the Regional Bishops Conferences to be invited to become ex-officio members of the regional Executive Committees of XB in all the 8 regions.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

It was suggested to have the next Board meeting in the Western Region, (Mumbai/Goa/Pune) possibly from Sept 29-Oct.2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 days of General body meeting preceded by 1 day of Board meeting.



Photograph captured by Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ

## ***Regional Meetings***

***Eastern & Northeastern Region,***  
Nov.11&12, 2016  
at Loreto College, Kolkata



***Kerala South Region***  
October 25, 2016  
at Assumption College,  
Changanacherry .

***Kerala North Region***  
October 15, 2016  
At Nirmala College,  
Muvattupuzha



***Best College award of Kerala North***

Region presented to Sahridaya  
College of Engg. & Technology,  
Kodakara, Thrissur.

***Northern Region*** had its regional meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016 at St. Paul  
Institute of professional Studies, Indore, under the leadership of Dr. Sr. Lilly V.S.

***Western Region***  
December 17, 2016  
College of Social Work,  
Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai



## Mission Sending.....

Dr. Sr Lilly V.S Principal, St. Paul Institute of professional Studies, Indore, has received an important assignment from her major Superiors

Her Congregation has requested her to take the responsibility as the Principal of a new Secondary School in Kenya, Africa.

As the Academic Year in Kenya is from January to December and as she has to assume her duties from January 2017, Sr. Lilly is leaving India on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Dr. Sr. Lilly has been closely associated with Xavier Board for a few decades and after the



Elections in May 2016 took up the responsibility as 1. a member of the Executive Board, 2. a member of the Executive Committee and 3. Regional President of the Northern region

We will definitely miss the dynamism, commitment and vibrancy that Dr.Sr.L illy brought to the XB meetings and activities.

May God's bountiful blessings and powerful protection accompany her in her new mission in Kenya.

## ***Forth Coming Events: Programs organized by XB***

The following three programs are among the few that were planned at the Executive Committee Meeting in July 2016 and later finalized at the Board Meeting held in October 2016.

- I. A National Convention "Fostering Youth Leadership For Social Change" January 26 - 28 , 2017***  
***Venue: Pedro Arrupe Institute of Spirituality, Damon East, Raia, Goa.***  
***Five students and two teachers per College are invited to participate.***

**Program in-charge:**

1. Dr. Sr. Aradhana AC, Principal, Carmel College of Arts, Science & Commerce for Women, Nuvem, GOA.

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2. Dr. Lidwin Dias, Principal, College of Social work, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai.

Ph: 09969439319; Email: [veenadias76@gmail.com](mailto:veenadias76@gmail.com)

**Program fee: Rs.1000/- per participant**

**II. A National workshop for Principals , Managers and Senior faculty**

**"Transformative Leadership to meet the challenges in Higher Educational institutions"** will be held at Loyola College, Trivandrum. Feb. 10-12, 2017.

Participants will be limited to 100 on a first come first served basis (maximum of only 2 from each member college).

Local convener: Fr. Joye James SJ

(Ph: +919497576687; Email: [joyejames@yahoo.com](mailto:joyejames@yahoo.com)).

**Program incharge:**

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3) Fr. Antony Arackal (Email. [antonyarackal@gmail.com](mailto:antonyarackal@gmail.com))

4) Dr. Fr. Prasant CMI (Email. [principal@shcollege.ac.in](mailto:principal@shcollege.ac.in))

**Program fee: Rs.3000/- per participant**

**III. A National Youth Leadership Camp "Transformative Leadership Program for Christian Leadership in XB Member Institutions",**

March 16-20, 2017. (arrival on March 16<sup>th</sup> and Conclusion of the program on March 20<sup>th</sup> )

**Venue: Siloam in Barapani at Shillong.**

Five/Ten students and one/two teachers are invited to participate

**Program in-Charge:**

1. Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil  
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(Ph: +91-943512897; Email:[joythomassvd@gmail.com](mailto:joythomassvd@gmail.com))
3. Fr. Joseph Nellanatt SDB (Email:[nellanatt@gmail.com](mailto:nellanatt@gmail.com) )

**Program fee: Rs.500/- per participant**

## **Programs Organized by XB Member Colleges**

- IV. *Saint Claret College, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh  
Announces Workshops On Apa Style, Elements Of Writing, And  
Publication Ethics  
January 31, 2017 (For Guwahati Workshop) & February 28, 2017  
(Shillong Workshop).  
Guwahati Workshop (February 10-12, 2017)  
At SVD House, Garal Village, New Airport Road, Borjhar, Guwahati –  
781 017.  
OR  
Shillong Workshop (March 10-12, 2017)  
At Siloam, Umsawkwan, Umsaw P.O., Ri Bhoi Dt., Meghalaya – 793123;  
mail: [scczresearchcell@gmail.com](mailto:scczresearchcell@gmail.com)  
[www.sccz.edu.in](http://www.sccz.edu.in)*
- V. *Prof. K.V. Thomas Endowment International Symposium on New Trends in  
Applied Chemistry, 09-11 February , 2017  
Post Graduate & research department of Chemistry, Sacred Heart  
College(Autonomous), Thevara, Kochi.  
[www.ntac.shcollege.in](http://www.ntac.shcollege.in)*
- VI. *A National Seminar on REFUGE ISSUES IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH to  
be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017, organized by Center of Research, Department  
of Political Science, Saint Francis De Sales College, Aalo, Arnachal  
Pradesh.  
[www.sfscaloedu.in](http://www.sfscaloedu.in)*

# Invitation from International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) , Paris



## **IFCU - ACISE International Conference 2017 Education: Change and Continuity**

**Faculty of Education  
Université Catholique de l'Ouest – Angers - France  
April 19, 20 & 21 2017**

This international conference takes place during the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Institutes of Education; ACISE is a "sectorial group" of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU).

What are the perennial foundations on which Catholic universities are based? While we have many established practices, values, beliefs, methodologies and theories, we also need to take into account developments in the following areas:

- Digital literacy;
- the place of neurosciences in education;
- questions about the value of testing;
- the growing role and involvement of the family;
- responding to national, European or international bodies seeking to influence areas like social inclusion, skills-based approaches to education and the development of values;
- projects in the field of Catholic Education;
- the constant search for creative pedagogies in the university, school and initial teacher education institutions.

The Congregation for Catholic Education's "Educating Today and Tomorrow: a Renewing Passion," along with the IFCU's study on people with special needs—

and with the collaboration of students of the Catholic University of the West— could also show how change and continuity are expressed today. It is also possible to explore the constant financial challenges facing Catholic universities, unequalled in the world, and issues arising from their diverse legal status in the world.

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**Regards & Best wishes**

**Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM,  
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