



Upcoming Events:

Date: 29th & 30th April 2017

Executive Committee Meeting

At

Xavier Board - National Office Bangalore

Date:

25th – 27th May 2017

National Workshop for Young Faculty Members (less than 10yrs exp)

At

Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) Bangalore

National Youth Convention at Carmel College for Women, God 26th to 28th January 2017

The Faith and Mission Enlivening Cell of Carmel College for Women organized a National level Youth Convention in association with the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI) on the theme, 'Fostering Youth Leadership for Social Change'. The 3-day convention was held from 26th - 28th January, 2017 at Pedro Arrupe Institute, Raia, Goa with a participation of 81 students and 13 faculty



Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, Dignitaries and Youth Representatives lighting the lamp

members from different states including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Telangana.

The Convention was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp followed by a solemn prayer dance by the students of Carmel College. Dr. Sr. Aradhana AC, Principal, Carmel College, who is also the President of the Western Region of XBHEI, welcomed the guests and participants while focusing on the objectives of the Convention. In the Key note address, Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, President of XBHEI and Rector and Manager, St. Philomena's College, Mysore, urged the youth to feel the power of leadership and empowerment by taking a stand against injustice and the prevalent social evils and in building bridges of fraternity and communion and to be the catalyst of social change by positive thinking and self belief. He also dwelt on the role of the XBHEI in bringing together over 400 Catholic colleges under its aegis for pursuit of common mission and goals in the light of gospel values for a positive social change.



Rapt attention for instructions from Fr. Barret for the Practical session

Sub-themes such as Youth Leadership in Faith Enlivening, Youth Leadership for Social Change through Media, Youth as Green Ambassadors, Youth for Pro-Life, Family Values and Healthy Interpersonal Relationships and Dealing with Value Conflicts in Youth, were covered over the three days by eminent resource persons such as Dr. Rev. Nigel Barret, Fr. Savio D'Souza, Mr. Milagres Pereira, and Mr. Bonny and team from Faith Works India.



Session for Youth Mentors
(Parallel Session by Dr. Sr. Elizabeth Sebastian)

A special session for teachers, 'Teachers as facilitators of Youth Leadership' was conducted by Dr. Sr. Elizabeth Sebastian, Vice Principal, Auxilium College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

One of the highlights of the Convention was the competition of power point presentations on 'Green Culture and Environmental Initiatives in College Campuses'. The top honours in this competition went to St. Francis Degree College for Women, Hyderabad. A special presentation titled, 'Green Ethos and Action at Carmel College' was delivered by the students of Carmel College.

Together at the Basilica, Old Goa

An interesting highlight of the Convention was the arrangement of a guided tour of the monuments and heritage sites of Old Goa led by Fr. Alfred Vaz, Parish Priest of the Church of St. Catherine, Se Cathedral, Old Goa.



Participants from different states also got an opportunity to display the culture of their own states through dance, acts and songs at the cultural programme during recreation time.



A dance depicting Goan Culture

Kerala Students in a dance performance



Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, OCD, Superior, Carmelite Monastery, Margao, Goa, in the Valedictory address stressed that the Christian educational institutes have a responsibility in providing the much needed impetus for youth leadership for social transformation and exhorted the youth to be the dynamic agents of change. Ms. Sibyl Fernandes, the Student Secretary of the Faith and Mission Enlivening Cell, proposed the Vote of thanks drawing the commendable event to a close.

A token of gratitude being presented to Fr. Alfred Vaz



The Organizing Committee members with Fr. Leslie and the Chief Guest Fr. Archibald



National Workshop On
**Transformative Leadership to Meet the Challenges in
Higher Education Institutions**
Loyola College, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum
February 10 – 12, 2017

Xavier Board of Higher Education in India organized a National Workshop on the theme “**Transformative Leadership to Meet the Challenges in Higher Education Institutions**” at Loyola College of Social sciences, Trivandrum from February 10-12, 2017. The Workshop was attended by 66 members consisting of Principals/ Managers/ Senior Faculty in academic / administrative positions.

Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, delivering the presidential address at the Inaugural function



Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM, Secretary General welcomed the gathering and presented the dynamics of the Workshop. Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, in the Presidential Address, highlighted the mission of Xavier Board and the need for forming leaders who have a vision for their institution and the Nation.



*In the Inaugural address,
His Grace, Dr. M. Sosapakiam,
Archbishop of Trivandrum and
Chairman, KCBC, focussed on the
important role of Catholic
Colleges in the mission of the
Church*

Key Note address: Dr.G.Vijayaraghavan

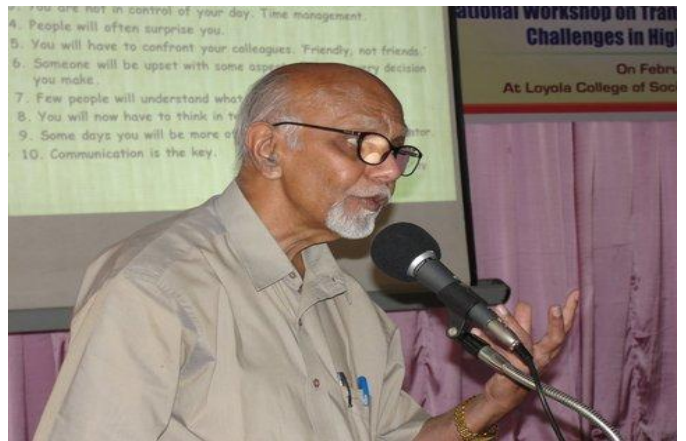
The Key Note Address by Dr. G. Vijayaraghavan, First CEO of Technopark & former member of Kerala State Planning Board, was a lively interactive session pausing the question “Are we able to pass on the passion for learning to our students?”



Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ, former President, XBHEI and former Principal, Loyola College(Autonomous), Chennai, made a thought provoking and informative Presentation on Transformative Leadership



Dr. Subramaniam Rangaswami, former Vice Chancellor, Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai gave a session on “Administrative Leadership, focusing on skills required for an administrator”. This was followed by a discussion on Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) process.



Dr. Subramaniam Rangaswami

Rev. Fr. Joseph Manipadam, SDB, Secretary, CBCI Commission for Education and Culture made a Presentation highlighting the draft New Education policy (already withdrawn) and other related matters to Education at School & College level,



Participants involved in Group discussion

The memorable finale of the first day was the con-celebration of the Eucharist by Most Rev. Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios, Bishop of Mavelikara and Chairman, CBCI Commission for Education and Culture along with Fr. Leslie Moras and Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB. His Excellency gave a special homily highlighting the ten traits of Jesus as Transformational Leader and Educator Gospel: (Luke 15: 1-7) - The parable of the Good Shepherd.



On the Second day Dr. Kennedy Andrew Thomas, Director, CEDBEC, Christ University, Bangalore and Dr. Sr. Annamma Philp FMM, Secretary General, XB presented the document related to the consultation meeting (XB Core Committee) on 'Accreditation Process and Quality Initiatives'.



Dr. Kennedy Andrew Thomas

Dr. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, Mewar University, Rajasthan and former Vice Chairman, UGC spoke on 'Academic Leadership with focus on Innovation and Quality Initiatives'.



Participants in rapt attention



presentation on
'E-Learning and Online Teaching – A Quality Initiative':
Dr. Ordetta Mendoza, former Head, Dept. of Bioinformatics, Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai led the participants on an explorative journey to study the feasibility of blended learning and online teaching.

Resource Persons & Participants at the National Workshop



***Rev. Fr. Joye James SJ, Rector and Manager,
Loyola College, Trivandrum***
shared his expertise and experiences on the activities undertaken by Loyola extension services



***Rev. Fr. Antony Arackal, Manager
St. Albert's College, Ernakulam*** made a presentation on the findings of the legal cell (XB Core Committee), pointing out the need to set up one at the state level and also to collaborate at the national level with the CBCI and other agencies when necessary.



An outing on the second day evening to the holy Shrines, provided a breath of fresh air.



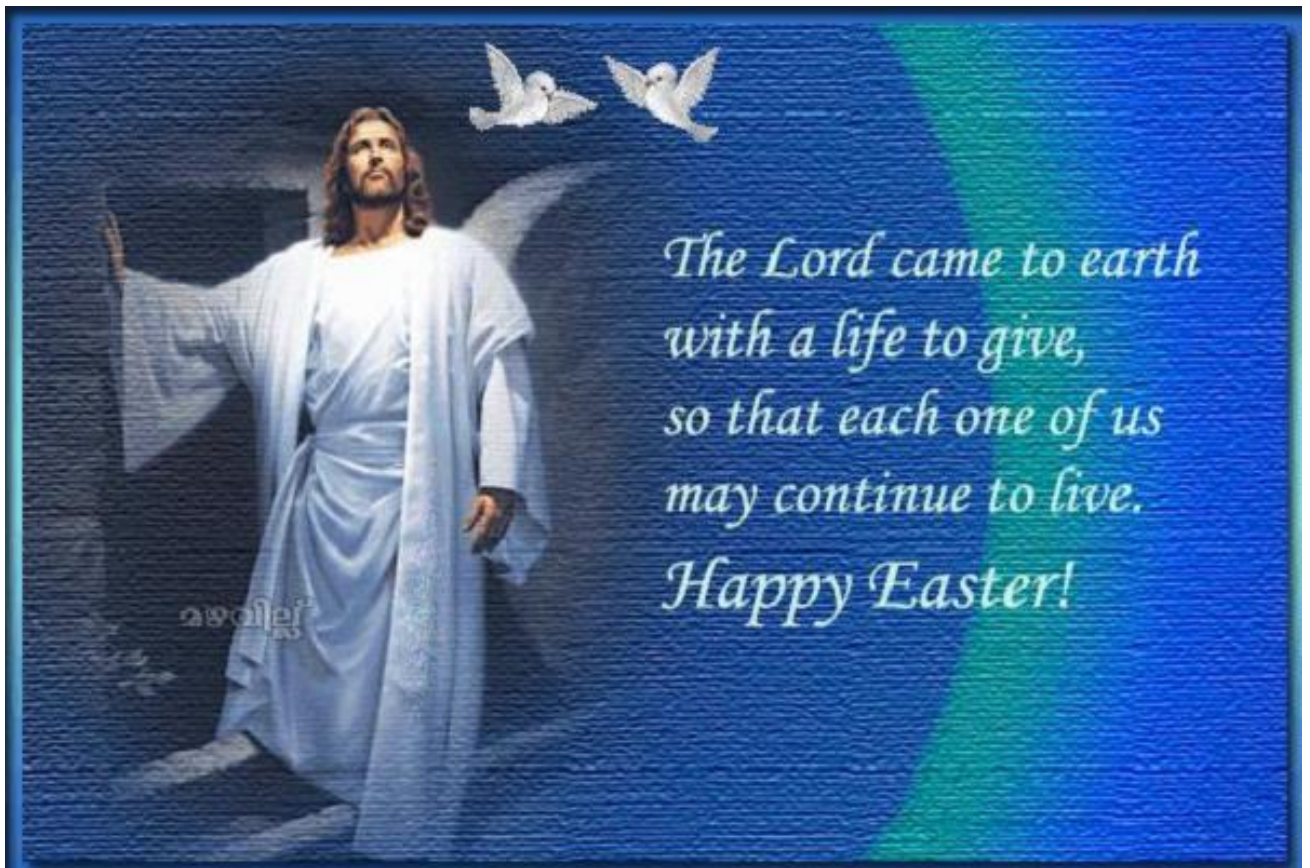
*Due to paucity of time the presentation on Servant Leadership by **Dr. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ** had to be condensed. However, he gave us the message in a capsular form*

JESUS at the Feet



Picture from Fr. Joseph Xavier's presentation

It is providential and most appropriate that we can meditate on this aspect , at this time of the Holy week.



*Best Wishes,
Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip FMM
Secretary General,
Xavier Board of Higher Education in India*



*The next issue of the journal will reach you shortly with other events of
February – March 2017*