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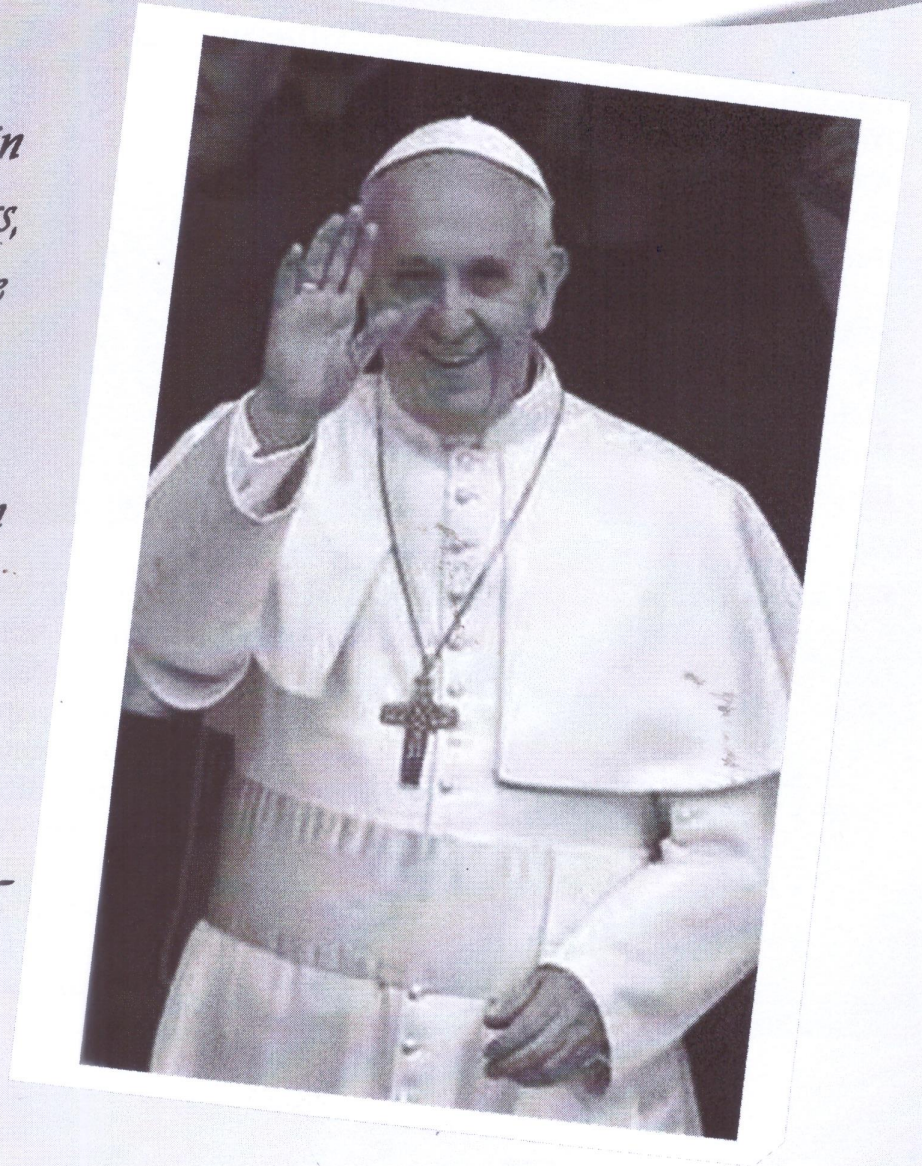
NEWS LETTER
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*We are Living in
a time of many wars,
The call for peace
be shouted.*

*Peace sometimes
gives the impression
of being quiet.*

*Peace is always
proactive &
dynamic.*

- Pope Francis -



CSM & Jesus Youth, Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous), Kerala
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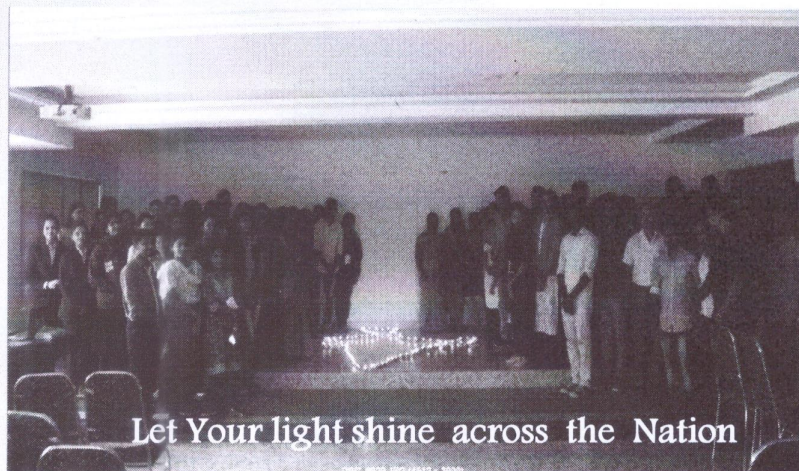
Organized a
National Youth Conference 2017 – A Report

National Youth Conference 2017
'Youth for Societal Transformation'
was held from December 7-10, 2017
at Marian College Kuttikkanam
(Autonomous), Kerala.

103 students from 18 Institutions of
six States (Tamilnadu, Karnataka,
Maharashtra, Bihar, Telengana and
Kerala) participated in the
Conference.



A team of vibrant and generous Coordinators under the leadership of General Coordinator Dr. Chackochan J Njavallil, Associate Professor and Head, M. Com. programme, Marian College Kuttikkanam, Mr. Joby Joseph Thoomkuzhy, Asst. Prof., Mr. Arun George Joseph, Asst. Prof., Ms. Assanu Augustine, Asst. Prof., general student coordinator Mr. Vivek S Kulangara and a team of enthusiastic student volunteers coordinated the entire programme.



Let Your light shine across the Nation

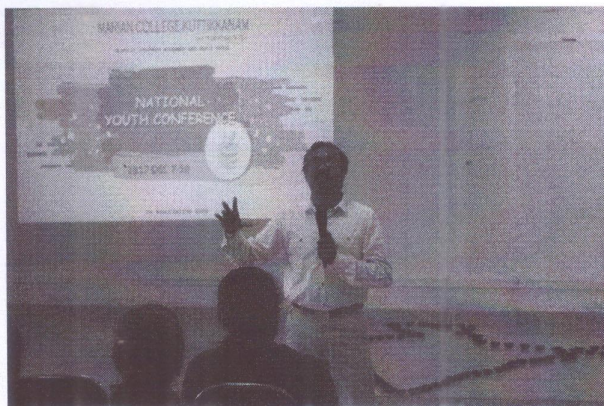
Major Resource Persons were Bishop Mar Mathew Arackal, Bishop of the Diocese of Kanjirappally, Fr. Leslie Moras, President, Xavier Board, Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, FMM, Secretary General, Xavier Board, Mr. Krishnaraj, (HR Trainer), Dr. Ruble Raj (Senior Principal, Good Shepherd School, Thengana Changanacherry), Dr. Roy Abraham P, (Principal, Marian College Kuttikknam), Sr. Dr. Flower, FCC and Mr. Siju Alencherry (HR Trainer).



Dr. Roy Abraham P, Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, FMM, Bishop Mar Mathew Arackal, Fr. Leslie Moras & Dr. Chackochan J Njavallil.

Major topics of Discussion:

1. Social Media For Social Change - Mr. Krishna Raj, HR Trainer
2. Equipping Ourselves to Transform the Society – Sr. Flower Kommattam, FCC
3. Youth for Societal Transformation – Dr. Ruble Raj
4. Faith in today’s world - Relevance of being a Catholic - Dr. Roy Abraham P
5. Me and the Society – Mr. Siju Alenceherry, HR Trainer



Major Highlights

1. Interaction with Bishop Mar Mathew Arackal, Bishop of the Diocese of Kanjirappally who shared about how he was instrumental in transforming Kuttikkanam and his initial experiences.
2. Presence of the National President and Secretary General of XBHEI.
3. Visit to the tea factory and plantations and Campus Tour

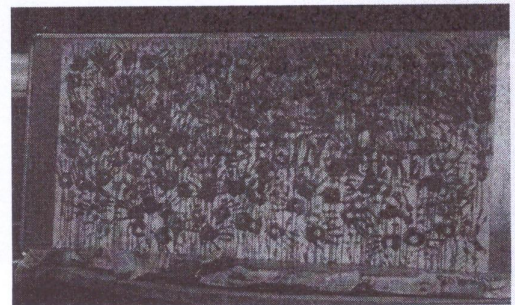
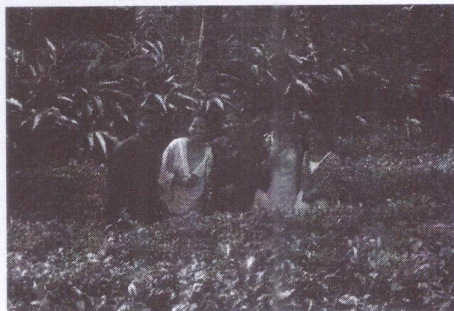


4. Expedition to the Parunthumpara tourist destination, Morning walk to the hillocks
5. Camp fire, Christmas Celebration, Pattumala Pilgrimage and the visit to Amal Jyothi College of Engineering
6. Musical adoration and Liturgical celebrations in Various language
7. Cultural programs and Case Study Presentations
8. Additional sessions for the faculty Participants



Glimpses of Camp Life

A Camp fire on a chilly Night



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International seminar on 'Knowledge Partnerships to Advance UN Sustainable Development Goals' November 18 and 19, 2017- A Report

The International Interdisciplinary Conference on 'Knowledge Partnerships to Advance UN Sustainable Development Goals' organized by St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, in collaboration with Asia Co-operation Dialogue University Network, SIAM University, Thailand, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and Xavier Board of Higher Education in India. The sustainability platform started with the curtain raiser on November 16 at 6 pm in the Indoor stadium. The inauguration function was held the next morning.



Dr. Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, Chair, ACD University Network, President SIAM University, Thailand & Vice-President, International Association of Universities, delivering the inaugural address said "Sufficiency in economy of Philosophy is close to my heart. Our king strove very hard to bring Thailand from 67 million poor people country to second largest economy among the ASEAN Countries. Thailand received the 2006 UN Achievement Award from the then United Nations General Kofi Annan for the initiative". He continued saying "sufficiency in economy of Philosophy (SEP) is on three pillars – Moderate, Reasonableness and Prudence. These three pillars work on two conditions i.e. knowledge condition and virtues condition". Mr. Pornchai said we should have cooperation over competition, togetherness over division, knowledge over ignorance and common goal to save planet earth.



He asked all other countries to come with living museums and living laboratories and to turn every educational university into a university which delivers the kind of education which encompasses the wellbeing of society, world and planet. Mr. John Arul Philip, Dean of Education & Cognitive Science, Director of Asia Centre for E- Learning & AE University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia talking about 'Technology and Change' spoke about blended learning. Malaysian E-University uses YouTube for teaching and learning, concentrating on the concept Learn, Relearn & Unlearn for youth, speaking about MOOC & Nano degrees, he added that hope universities will not hinder the progress of technology.

This was followed by Dr. Wooday P. Krishna's lecture. He is the chairman of Gandhi Peace Foundation & General Secretary of Sheshadripuram Educational Trust. His topic was 'Sustainability & Mahatma Gandhi & Rabindranath Tagore'. He eulogised Gandhiji for having thought of sustainability & restraint. Though Gandhiji was not against industrialization, he had said "Industries are violence against people and environment". He didn't want mass production but wanted production by mass. Speaking on the views of Rabindranath Tagore on sustainability, Dr. Krishna said "True happiness will not make us rich and happy but fullness of life will make us happy and rich."

Bishop Emeritus of Mysore Rt. Rev. Fr. Thomas Vazhapillay said our Vedas and Upanishads have dealt with environment. Modernization has changed climate, Mother Earth is forgotten only hope is that there is anxiety in everybody, which may help to revert this global change.



During the Conference, the Royal Thai Consul General, Chennai Mrs. Krongkanit Rackcharoen was felicitated. She also released a book on Thailand 'Chronicle of Thailand'.

The audience numbering nearly thousand consisted of Research scholars, international and Indian delegates, faculty members and students. After the inaugural function, the speaker of the first session was Ms. Jahanzeb Akhtar.



She spoke about three categories of world. The business world is controlled by MNCs. They are smart, make millions but do not pay tax. India is a narrow tax paying country. Every year for sustainable development \$2.5 trillion is required whereas \$3 trillion of tax is evaded. We talk about capacity building. G20 countries talk about fair share of taxes, but at the end of the day developing countries will not have voice.

Dr. Ravikant Joshi opened his remarks on the future of the city towards sustainable and inclusive cities. "One of the best sustainable development strategies is every rupee saved is every rupee generated". He gave a number of statistics on sustainable cities. He also discussed about monitoring systems like sustainable cities. He also discussed about monitoring systems like 'Sustainable cities index, resilient cities report, cities of opportunity report, and city liveability index'.



The session was opened for interaction. The first session post lunch of Nov 17 was handled by Prof. Balakrishna Pisupathi. He started from 1992 – earth summit went on to explain various summits concerning climate change. He spoke about five key challenges– Funding, Policy, coherence, Insufficient focus on different sectors, tech transfer and capacity development.

Dr. Manju Reddy speaking about good health & wellbeing, introduced the audience to ARODHUM International changing the course of Karma – She said CARE enough to touch you, CARE enough you rise up to act, CARE enough to be the change. The third angle which she gave for half-filled glass was interesting, i.e It is not half empty, not half full, but it is fillable. Workshop on clean Water and sanitation was held on 17/11/2017 at Room No.39 at PG block at 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

There were 3 speakers in the session– Dr. Lawrence Surendra who also chaired the session, Sri Suresh Ballal from Aqua Pure, and Geeta Mitra from ODP, Mysuru. Dr Lawrence Surendra in his speech stressed that none of us check the quality of water that we use daily. He asked students to check its quality for the purpose of drinking. The second speaker Sri Sunil Ballal explained how filters have been used to purify water in reality how it destroys waters TDS (Total Dissolve Substance) value. The third speaker focussed on sanitation and water. She explained her work on bringing awareness and education programmes to rural people. She successfully reconstructed around 8003 sanitation toilets. She had also put forth certain questions to reflect our own life. ‘Skilling, leading to some economic growth’ was the topic was dealt by Ms. Sanjoita Mishra. The SDIs have been designed by the government in particular fashion the person who is getting skill is output to the process which should be based on cultural context, interest, aptitude and aspiration then the process is experimental learning.

Fr. Francis John, from Don Bosco spoke on Sustainable development goals by reaching to the people through education, skill training and job placement. He said that this was how at Don Bosco they were updating themselves. They looked at education for many years then looked into skill training and job placements. Don Bosco has a wide range of activities and development programmes enabling the youth for a brighter future and a respectable place in society.

Monisha Banerjee said out of 1.2 billion Indians only 474 million are employed, out of which 83% of people work for the unorganised sectors. Skills like time management, teamwork were said important. Hard skills can be learnt inside the job itself, so generic or transferring skills are more important and all jobs must be given importance and respect.

Fr. Stany, from Organization for Development of People said that Myuru was the first district to have a Self-Help Group in India. Loans to farmers with the support of the bank and helping them in their growth was the main agenda.

The Conference came to an end with Valedictory programme.

THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON ETHNO-MEDICINE AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA, TRIPURA

A three-day workshop on the topic, 'Impact of Climate Change to Preserve the Ethno-medicine and Indigenous Technical Knowledge in Tripura', was organized by the Department of Zoology, HCC from November 08-10, 2017, in collaboration with Medicinal Plant Board of Tripura, and Tripura Tribal Research and Cultural Institute. The workshop was inaugurated by Sri Badal Choudhury, Hon'ble minister of Health & Family Welfare and PWD who graced the function as Chief Guest. Sri Choudhury, was in high praise of the performance of Holy Cross College and congratulated the management staff and students for becoming the first



college in Tripura to be accredited with 'A' grade from NAAC. He requested the authorities to open more such colleges in other parts of Tripura. The guest of honor was Dr. A.K Gupta, IFS, PCCF, Govt. of Tripura who encouraged and inspired the participants with his valuable message.

There were 98 participants in the workshop, who also had hands-on-experience in the field. The purpose of this workshop was to create awareness among the participants about ethno-medicine, its usage and preservation. It aimed at helping students, scientists, researchers, academicians and policy makers to protect, safeguard and raise the values of medicinal plants of this region. The three days' workshop was very inter-active and educative. HCC is grateful to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for actively sharing their knowledge and valuable



The guidance and support given by the key resource persons, Prof. Manavendra Datta Choudhury, Dr. Achintya Deb and Dr. Utpal Giri is beyond words of appreciation. The Chief Guest at the valedictory function was Sri Sunil Debbarma, Director, Tribal Research and Cultural Institute of Tripura and the Guest of Honour was Sri Prasad Rao, IFS, CEO, Medicinal Plant Board of Tripura.

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE



A two-day International Seminar on the theme – ‘Representing the Self: Addressing the Issues of Ethnicity and Identity across Domains’ was organized by the Department of English, Holy Cross College, which was recently accredited by NAAC with ‘A’ Grade. The seminar was inaugurated on 9th November, 2017 by Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik, Regional Director, IGNOU Agartala Centre. Ms. Moumita Dey, HoD, Department of English, HCC, was the convener and Dr. Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC, the Chairperson. There were a total of 47 paper presenters and 7 invited speakers, along with another 55 participants

from across India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and USA. There were 9 technical sessions spread over the two days of the seminar in addition to the two panel discussions.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Prantik Banerjee, Vice-Principal and Associate Professor of English, Hislop College, Nagpur. The resource persons present were, Prof. Louis Joseph Chandra, HoD of English, Loyola College, Chennai, Dr. Baburaj Harisree, Associate Professor, Royal University of Bhutan; Prof. Harunur Rashid Khan, Chair, Department of English, Southeast University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Asis De, Associate Professor, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, and Dr. Partha Sarathi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Tripura University, Dr. Nancy H’ Vaz, Associate Professor, St. Agnes College, Mangalore and Ms. Lima Sunny, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, Kerala. The papers presented were scholarly and well researched and the participants, which also included the students of Holy Cross College, were interactive, making the sessions lively and interesting. There was also a paper presentation by Dr. Mimouna Zitouni, Associate Professor of Sociolinguistics, University Of Oran, Algeria & Fulbright ‘SIR’ Visiting Scholar, Costal Carolina University, USA via Skype.

The Chief Guest for the Valedictory function on 10th November 2017 was Prof. Biplab Haldar, Pro-Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University, Tripura. He appreciated the organizers as well as the participants for the number of participants from all over the country and from the neighboring countries of Bangladesh and Bhutan. Participation and Presentation Certificates were distributed during the Valedictory Session. This was the Fourth International Seminar organized by Holy Cross College during its 8 years of existence.



Annual Contribution.

Thanks to the 74 Colleges who have paid the Annual Contribution for 2017-18. It is a reminder to other Colleges to pay the Annual Contribution as early as possible and not later than February 15, 2018.

Scholarships.

Two scholarships for deserving students per region are available for the academic year 2017-18. The scholarship amount is Rs. 5000/- per student. Principals are requested to select a deserving student and consult the regional president / forward the application to the regional president, who in turn, will select two students from the region and forward their applications to the Xavier Board office.

Regards and Best Wishes,

Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, FMM,
Secretary General,

Xavier Board of Higher Education in India

Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras
President,