



CBCI EDUCATION NEWS LETTER

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His Grace Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath
Member CBCI Office for Edu. & Culture
& Archbishop of Thrissur



His Grace Archbishop John Moolachira
Member CBCI Office for Edu. & Culture
& Archbishop of Guwahati



Dear Friends,

Greetings from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture!

As we move along with our mission of education, we are all beginning to feel the stress and strain in carrying out our mission due to the many hurdles that are being placed to hinder our work by the political and administrative dispensations. CBSE board asking us to adhere to certain directives to renew the affiliation on an annual basis; disaffiliation of schools; fee regulation bill in some schools; minority certificates not being issued; right wing groups trying to disrupt the campuses; etc. Disturbing times indeed and it calls for more caution, more discussion with the regional and diocesan education coordinators, well thought out and coordinated functioning; befriending the local leaders and local administration, prudent and transparent way of functioning from our side and more interaction and participation to be solicited from the parents, well wishers and friends.

As we bring out this new issue of our news letter I want to thank in a special way our Chairman Bishop of this CBCI Office for Education and Culture for his almost eight years of service as the Chairman of this Office. He was an inspiration always and encouraged and appreciated all the good works done from this office. We all thank him in a very special way. Let us all run our institutions as per the directives and promptings of the All India Catholic Education Policy and give the quality that the Gospel values radiate.

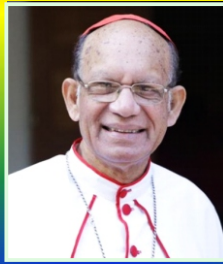
With all good wishes,

Fr. Joseph Manipadam, sdb

National Secretary,

CBCI Office for Education and Culture, New Delhi

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Congratulations!

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Congratulations!



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REPORT OF PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE CBCI OFFICE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE

2nd, 3rd December Programme for sisters working in the Schools the CMC Sisters of Jalandhar Province:

40 sisters, all of them working in Educational Institutions of the province of the Jalandhar had a two days' training cum animation programme conducted by Fr. J. Manipadam and on 2nd and 3rd of December 2017, at Jalandhar in Punjab. The matters dealt with during the sessions were: Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy and the evaluation of the indicators of implementation, care of the poor and the marginalized, value education for all students, Faith formation of the Catholic students, current concerns regarding education in the country etc.



4th Dec. 2017: Meeting with the new Drafting Committee for the National Education Policy at UGC:

At 2.30 p.m. on the 4th December 2017, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General of the CBCI and Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary – CBCI Office for Education and Culture and Fr. David met the new 10 member Drafting Committee that was drafting the new National Education Policy at the UGC in Delhi and presented the suggestions and proposals from the Catholic Church. During the hour long interaction with Dr. K. Kasturirangan, the Chairman of the Committee and the others attentively listened to the proposals and promised to implement some of the. Among the many proposals presented by the team from CBCI were suggestions like simplifying the Minority certification process, allowing a Catholic Education Board, allowing an Accreditation Body for colleges by Xavier Board of Higher Education and establishing a Central Catholic University etc.



9th Dec. 2017: Silver Jubilee Meeting of Past Students at Don Bosco Liluah, at Howrah – W. Bengal:

Some 80 students of 1992 batch of students who gathered together along with their families, to recall the valuable Catholic Education they had received 25 years ago were reminded once again by Fr. Joseph Manipadam who had been their Principal earlier that now as successful adults living their family and professional lives, be ready to promote value based education that they themselves had received for others. That they should promote and work to educate the less fortunate children as they continued to live the values



10th Dec. 2017: Visit and Certification of effective implementation of the catholic Education Policy:

On 10th December Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB, National Secretary of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, visited some of the schools of Howrah and Kolkata in West Bengal personally to see the function of the institutions and awarded the “Pride of the Catholic” Church certificates to some of the schools that were personally associated with in the past. While other schools of Howrah and Kolkata and other Dioceses of Bengal like Krishnagar, Asansol, Raiganj, Darjeeling etc. would be given their certificates by the Archbishop of Kolkata or by the Regional Education Secretary for Bengal on the 12th of January 2017. The Schools in the Diocese of Calcutta had done an excellent job in participating in this evaluation task



5th,6th January 2018: National Seminar and Inter College Event at Holy Cross College, Trichy:

500 participants and college faculties had their programme for Faculties and Students at the Holy Cross College, Trichy where Fr. Manipadam animated the group about the Catholic Education Policy and the importance of implementing the same, reaching out our educational services to build up the character and convictions of the young and reaching out to the poor and needy students with academic excellence. Other resource person was Sr. Nirmala who spoke about the goodness of God and Nature.



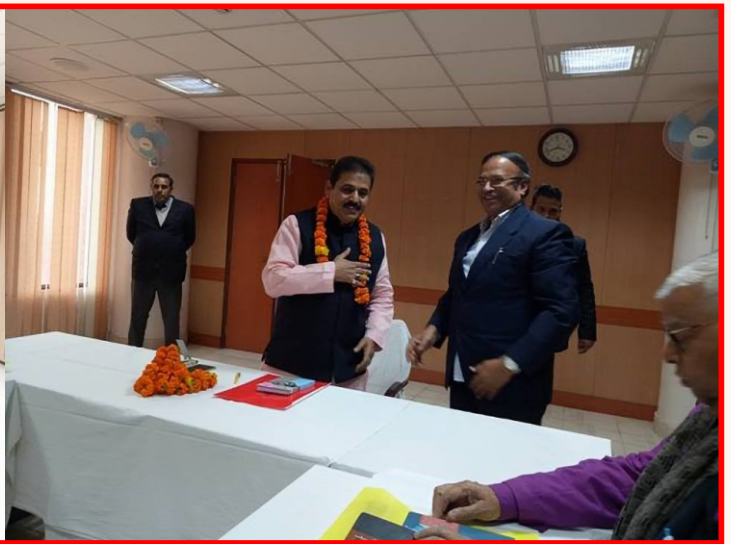
11th, 12th January 2018: Training Programme for Education Coordinators at Divya Darshan, Barrackpore:

A week long intense training in making education relevant and scientific was attended by about 15 senior education coordinators of various religious orders at Divya Darshan Renewal Centre at Barrackpore, in W. Bengal. Fr. Joseph Thannickal was the main trainer while Fr. J. Manipadam animated the group for two days regarding the Catholic Education Policy, Current day Challenges and CBCI advisory on meeting the present day challenges.



23rd January 2018: Heads of Minority meet the Chairperson, National Commission for Minority:

Leaders of various Christian Minority Communities and others met at YWCA centre in New Delhi to interact with the Chairperson of the National Minority Commission, Government of India to place their concerns to him regarding issues related with education in the country vis a vis Minority rights etc. Some of the suggestions placed before him were: 1. To allow a Government funded Christian Minority Central University and Cluster Universities in States; 2. To consider establishing a Christian Education and Examination Board; 3. To allow an accreditation Body for Colleges by Xavier Board of Higher Education; 4. To simplify granting of Minority Certificates by delegating it to the National Governing Bodies of Minority Communities.



24th, 25rd January 2018: Meeting for Heads of Educational Institutions of Kerala:

75 Heads and Managers of schools and colleges met together at Pastoral Orientation Centre, at Ernakulam, to discuss matters regarding the implementation of the catholic Education Policy and its implementation as well as other current problems that were bothering the education ministry in the country. The programme was organized and animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam and Fr. Jose Karivelickal. It was attended by priests, sisters and lay people.



26th January 2018: Visit to Certify Mary Immaculate High School, Poomkavu, Aleppy:

Sisters of Mary Immaculate School, at Poomkavu, in Aleppy a very remote rural area in Kerala was visited and awarded the “Pride of the catholic Church Certificate for the education imparted to the boys and girls of this sea shore area with such dedication fulfilling the salient features of the Catholic Education Policy and catering to value education and care of the very poor children who study there with latest technology and care of the environment and extension ministry to the neighbourhood. The award was personally handed over by the CBCI Secretary for Education



27th January 2018: Farewell to His Excellency Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios, Chairman for the CBCI Office for Education and Culture:

Bishop Joshua has been the Chairman for the CBCI Office for Education and Culture for almost 8 years that is two consecutive terms and would be finishing by the end of January 2018 as another Chairperson for the CBCI Office for Education would be elected at the Plenary Assembly of Bishops at Bangalore in the first week of February 2018. So various Regional Coordinators and the Education managers and headmasters met at POC in Ernakulam to have a day's programme and thereafter to felicitate and thank His excellency Bishop Joshua for all these years of service as the Chairman for the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. He was visited and presented with a shawl and Mementoes as a token of gratitude.

