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His Grace Archbishop George Antonysamy
Member -CBCI Office for Education and Culture
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Message from the Secretary



Greetings from the Office for Education and Culture, CBCI!

It is my joy to convey to you the greetings of our Chairman Bishop, His Excellency Rt. Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios, Bishop of Mavelikkara and Bishop in charge of the CBCI office for Education and Culture and the two other Member Bishops, His Grace Rt. Rev. Thomas D'souza, Archbishop of Calcutta and His Grace Rt. Rev. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore.

This third e-news letter is once again coming to you to keep you updated on matters concerning the Education and Culture Office of the CBCI as well as to acquaint you with anything new that may be happening regarding education that would affect our Catholic institutions in the country. Currently as you may already know, the buzz is about the forthcoming new National Education Policy that is being proposed to be introduced by the Government of India. The obvious questions in the minds of all are : What is the intention ? What are they up to ? What do they mean by education based on Indian culture ? How is it going to affect our numerous educational institutions ?

The concern is really genuine ! And the next question is: Are we doing anything about it ? If yes, what ? Well efforts are on by this office as well as by others to get our policies and proposals reach the concerned people in time. We have already made a draft based on the Catholic Education policy and other suggestions and proposals from dioceses and Regional Education offices and Provincial Superiors and individuals, and submitted it. A Parliamentary Committee that will study various drafts and proposals has been formed already and they are expected to meet and study various proposals and plans

shortly. In the meantime various Regions and Organisations of Religious Orders are also meeting and drawing up proposals. If we still receive some valuable suggestions or proposals, we are in a position to incorporate them further into our draft before the Parliamentary Committee takes up the issues for their study before presenting it for final study and discussion and approval from the Parliament.

In the meantime we are planning a final thrust and attempt at implementing our own Catholic Education Policy in all our Education Institutions for one last time giving every institution a last opportunity to not only implement the Catholic Education Policy showing positive signs and indicators of implementation, but also to be accredited and certified. I am sure you will find it sufficiently easy to do and derive the benefit of enhancing the quality of all our Educational Institutions in order to make them function meaningfully according to the Gospel values. I solicit your whole hearted co-operation in this regard and wish you all the best for the new academic session you have just begun.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Joseph Manipadam, sdb
Secretary,
CBCI, Office for Education and Culture



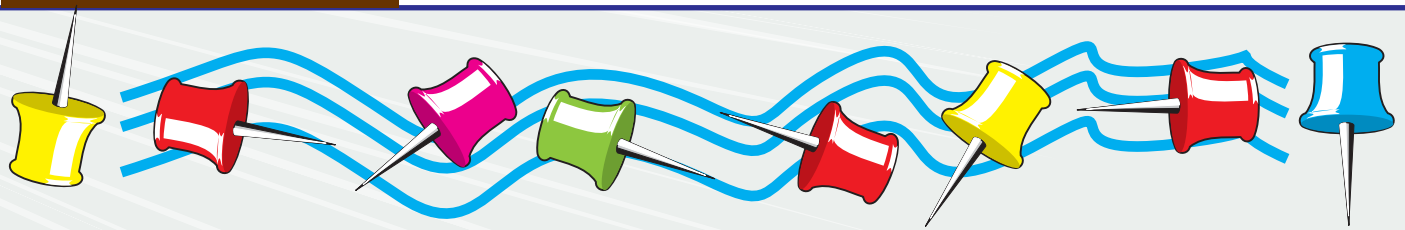
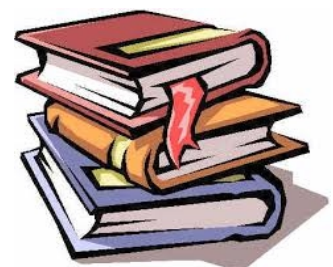
"Education is a thing of the Heart"

A young man in his thirties used to stand on the footpath opposite the famous Tata Cancer Hospital at Mumbai and stare at the crowd in front- fear plainly written upon the faces of the patients standing at death's door; their relatives with equally grim faces running around. These sights disturbed him greatly. Most of the patients were poor people from distant towns. They had no idea whom to meet, or what to do. They had no money for medicines, not even food. The young man, heavily depressed, would return home. 'Something should be done for these people', he would think. He was haunted by the thought day and night. At last he found a way- He rented out his own hotel that was doing good business and raised some money. From these funds he started a charitable activity right opposite Tata Cancer Hospital, on the pavement next to Kondaji Building. He himself had no idea that the activity would continue to flourish even after the passage of 27 years. The activity consisted of providing free meals for cancer patients and their relatives. Many people in the vicinity approved of this activity. Beginning with fifty, the number of beneficiaries soon rose to hundred, two hundred, three hundred. As the numbers of patients increased, so did the number of helping hands. As years rolled by, the activity continued; undeterred by the change of seasons, come winter, summer or even the dreaded monsoon of Mumbai. The number of beneficiaries soon reached 700. Mr Harakhchand Sawla, for that was the name of

the pioneer, did not stop here. He started supplying free medicines for the needy. In fact, he started a medicine bank, enlisting voluntary services of three doctors and three pharmacists. A toy banks was opened for kids suffering from cancer. The 'Jeevan Jyot' trust founded by Mr Sawla now runs more than 60 humanitarian projects. Sawla, now 57 years old, works with the same vigour. A thousand salutes to his boundless energy and his monumental contribution! There are people in this country who look upon Sachin Tendulkar as 'God'- for playing 200 test matches in 20 years, few hundred one day matches, and scoring 100 centuries and 30,000 runs. But hardly anyone knows Harakhchand Sawla, leave alone call him 'God' for feeding free lunches to 10 to 12 lac cancer patients and their relatives. We owe this discrepancy to our mass media! (A relentless hunt on Google failed to procure a photograph of Mr. Sawla.) Crores of devotees hunting for 'God' in Vithoba temple at Pandharpur, Sai temple at Shirdi, Balaji temple at Tirupati will never find 'God'. God resides in our vicinity. But we, like mad men run after 'god-men', styled variously as Babu, Maharaj or Baba. All Babas, Maharajs and Bapus become multi-millionaires, but our difficulties, agonies and disasters persist unabated till death. For last 27 years, millions of cancer patients and their relatives have found 'God', in the form of Harakhchand Sawla. Mr Sawla deserves his fair share of fame.

Educational Books available from CBCI Education Office:

1. All India Catholic Education Policy 2007 (Hindi & English)
2. Policy to Action- Strategies,
3. Indicators for Effective Implementation
4. The Teacher God's Special Helper
5. The Catholic School- Labour of love
6. Cultural Challenges in Christian Mission in the 21st Century
7. RTE ACT 2009 Challenges and Opportunities
8. Understanding Tribal Culture
9. Proceedings of the National Consultation on Education



Report of Programmes and Regional Training seminars conducted by the CBCI office of Education and Culture in February, March, April & May 2015.

5th to 11th February 2015 : Week long Retreat for Deacons on Priestly Ministry and Education and Evangelization in the Church

15 deacons of the Regional Theologate in Shillong, Oriens Theological College, were given a week long retreat on the topic of “Priestly Ministry and Education and Evangelization in the Church”. The retreat was animated by Fr. J. Manipadam highlighting the Evangelization mission of the Church and especially making education not just teaching mission but real evangelization and how to get ready for such a mission as they prepare themselves to become priests of the various dioceses of the North Eastern India.



15th to 16th February 2015 : Training and Orientation for Heads of catholic Schools in Mangalore:

175 Heads of schools came together on the above mentioned days for Orientation and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme was convened and organized by Fr. Eugene Lobo, the Regional Education Secretary for Karnataka and Fr. Gerry, the Diocesan Education Secretary. Rt. Rev. Aloysius Paul D'souza, Bishop of Mangalore presided over the event that was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Education Secretary of CBCI.



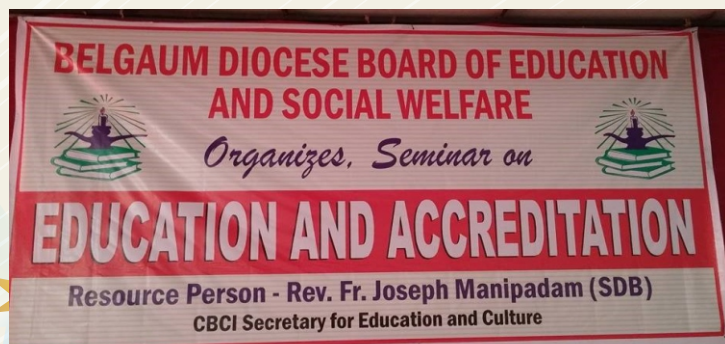
17th February 2015 Animation and Orientation for Heads of catholic Schools of Karwar Diocese:

115 Heads of schools came together on the 17th February 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme was convened and organized by Fr. Eugene Lobo, the Regional Education Secretary for Karnataka and Fr. Valerian, the Diocesan Education Secretary. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI.



18th and 19th February 2015 Training programme for Heads of catholic Schools of Belgaum Diocese:

75 Heads of schools came together on the 18th and 19th February 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme in Darward Pastoral Centre was convened and organized by Fr. Eugene Lobo, the Regional Education Secretary for Karnataka and Fr. Alwin, the Diocesan Education Secretary. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. Rt. Rev. Peter Machado, Bishop of Belgaum presided over the programme.

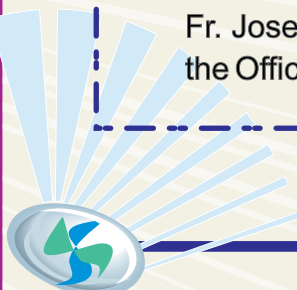


20th -21st February 2015 Orientation programme for Heads of catholic Schools of Shimoga Diocese:

60 Heads of schools came together on the 20th February 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme in Darward Pastoral Centre was convened and organized by Fr. Eugene Lobo, the Regional Education Secretary for Karnataka and Fr. Felix, the Vicar General. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. Rt. Rev. Francis, Bishop of Shimoga presided over the programme.

26th February 2015 Orientation programme for Heads of catholic Schools of Kohima Diocese:

40 Heads of schools came together on the 26th February 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI.



27th- 28th February 2015 :Training and Animation programme for Heads of Schools of the SDB Dimapur Province

25 Heads of Salesian schools of Dimapur province came together on the 27th and 28th February 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. Rev. Fr. Bosco, the Vice Provincial presided over the meeting.



1st March 2015 Visits to some of the Catholic Schools in Nagaland and Manipur :

On 28th February in the evening and on 1st March 2015, Fr. J. Manipadam, Secretary – Office of Education and Culture visited some of the Catholic schools of Nagaland and Manipur to take stock of the situation and functioning of the Catholic Schools in places like Mao, Shojowa, Maram, Dimapur and Imphal. Among them was a chain of 9 slum schools run by an elderly salesian priest Fr. T.O Sebastian in Dimapur, supported by the Salesian Provincial House Community..



2nd March 2015 Training and animation programme for Heads of catholic Schools of Imphal Diocese:

40 Heads of schools came together on the 2nd March 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. His Grace Rt. Rev. Dominic Lumon, Archbishop of Imphal was present for the programme right through the day and presided over the meeting





5th March 2015 Training and animation programme for Heads of catholic Schools of Rajasthan:

150 Heads of schools from the 3 dioceses of Rajasthan viz Jaipur, Amjer and Udaipur came together on the 5th March 2015 for training and animation programme on Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy, drawing up the Child Protection Policy in our schools and on how to meet the challenges of the present day situation in India. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. All the 3 Bishops of Rajasthan viz. Rt. Rev. Oswald Lewis of Jaipur, Rt.Rev. Pius Thomas of Ajmer and Rt. Rev. Dev Prasad Ganawa of Udaipur were presiding over the programme for the whole day.



8th to 9th March 2015 : Youth Camp for the Children in Need

Two days' camp to empower the children in need in the disorganized sector empowering them with self help techniques and giving them value based attitudes and leadership skills held at Greater Kailash, Delhi. The resource persons were Sr. S. Sebastian and Fr. J. Manipadam. A total of 600 children participated.



21st March 2015 : Animation for Teachers of St. Francis Schools of Agra and Shikandra:

Some 125 teachers and Sisters from two schools run by the Franciscan Sisters participated in the day long training programme conducted at St, Francis School Agra on the 21st of March 2015. The training was given by Fr. J. Manipadam, Secretary, Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. The topics covered at the training were : Effective teaching Techniques, being a proactive teacher, Engaging the students effectively in class, Teaching today's digital generation etc.



25th March 2015 : M.P. Regional Training Programme:

About 40 fathers and sisters, representations from the various dioceses of M.P came for a full day's training programme at Seva sadan Bhopal. The programme was conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipdam from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The training touched upon the implications of POCSO 2012 and the need to draw up the Child Protection Policy and a methodology to implement the All India Education Policy. The programme was attended by 40 persons.



14th-15th April 2015 : Western Region – Training programme :



Some 38 heads of Catholic schools and Diocesan Education Directors from the various dioceses and Religious Provinces of the Western Region consisting of Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat had their training programme about the All India Catholic Education Policy, a simple method of Implementation etc. on the 14th-15th April 2015. 14th April was basically a day of arrivals and preparation while on 15th April from 9.00 a.m to 4,30 p.m. the training through general multimedia aided sessions and group works took place. His Excellency, Bishop Elias Gonsalves, the Bishop in Charge of Education of the Region and Rev. Fr. Fr. George Athaide, the Education Director of the Region presided over the programme while Rev Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the CBCI Secretary for Education and Culture animated the day's sessions.

17th and 18th April 2015 : Executive Committee meeting of the AINACS at Hyderabad :

On 17th and 18th April 2015, there was the Executive meeting of the AINACS (All India Association of Catholic Schools) which is an Association affiliated to the CBCI and the Secretary, Office of Education and Culture, CBCI is an ex officio member. The main purpose of the meeting was to finalize the agenda for the forthcoming National Convention of the AINACS that is due to take place from the 22nd to 25th October 2015 at Hyderabad. The meeting was held at the Montfort Provincialate.





21st to 24th May 2015 : National Training Programme for Heads of Schools at Siloam, Shillong :

Fr. Joseph Manipadam gave a three full days' training programme for some 70 Heads of catholic schools from the various parts of the Country at Siloam in Shillong. On 21st the participants arrived and registered for the programme and the next three days were full days of training. The training was on topics like school administration, the proposals for the new National Education Policy, how to be a quality Teacher, Dealing with the generation next hyperactive and tech savy kids of today. The programme was well accepted and the participants enjoyed the training and their stay in Shillong. This programme was organized by AINACS.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Meeting of the Regional Education Secretaries and one more delegate from each Region will be held on the 10th and 11th of September, 2015 at CBCI Centre. A most cordial invitation is extended.



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Empower yourselves, your staff, your students !

CBCI Office for Education and Culture has developed a number of training programmes for Staff,



Students and Persons engaged in managing the educational institutions. They are all multimedia based programmes done through interactive sessions that will ensure learning and empowering with great ease. Some of the programmes will help you a lot in building up skills in managing your educational institutions effectively while other programmes are meant to build teacher effectiveness. We have also a number of

training programmes to empower your students in various ways. Please see below the programmes available and do let us know if we can reach out to you with these Management skill development programmes, Teacher effectiveness programmes and training programmes for students. Each of these programmes mentioned below can be tailor made to suit your requirement and can be done through modules lasting one day or two days. Go through the topics mentioned below and get in touch with CBCI Office for Education and Culture, catholic Bishops' Conference of India, CBCI Centre, 1, Ashok Place, New Delhi 110001, Ph. 09868141139,

Training programmes for Managers & Community Leaders & Staff

1. Emotional Intelligence and Leadership :
2. Skillful Interpersonal Communication at work place
3. 7 habits of Highly Effective People
4. Participatory Management and Interpersonal effectiveness
5. Child Protection Policy based on the POCSO 2012 Bill
6. Method of Implementing the Catholic Education Policy 2007
7. Reasserting and re-establishing the relevance of Catholic schools today
8. Gearing up our Educational Institutions for a challenging today and tomorrow
9. Counseling skills in the digital world for the Generation Next
10. Educational Trends and Teaching Skills
11. How to Make the Service Rules & other basic skills in running a school effectively
12. Games for Growth A unique way to teach values to students
13. Don Bosco's Method of Education The preventive System



1. Education to Integrity
2. How to study and How to prepare for Examinations
3. Education to Emotional Maturity
4. How to face Interviews, Group discussions and master other soft skills
5. Public Speaking Course and debating skills
6. Is stress real and how to beat the stress
7. Motivational programmes for Youth
8. Youth Retreats

Training Programmes for Students / Youth



Go through the topics mentioned above and get in touch with Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB, Core Team member CBCI & Secretary, Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. (09868141139)