



# CBCI EDUCATION NEWS LETTER

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& Archbishop of Calcutta



**His Grace Archbishop George Antonysamy**  
Member -CBCI Office for Education and Culture  
& Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore



Message from National Education Secretary

*Your Eminences, Graces, Excellencies, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers,*

*First of all wish you a grace filled Christmas and a Happy New Year ahead!*

*Even as lots of concerns are there in the Education scenario with Fee Regulation Act in the offing in different states with Gujarat and Jharkhand passing it and Chhattisgarh HC confirming that Minority Institutions are exempt from the mandatory 25% EWS admissions etc.. We had a chance to make a presentation regarding the proposals and concerns from the Catholic Church (CBCI) regarding education to the new 10 member NEP drafting Committee on 4th December at 2.30 P.M. Dr. K. Kasturirangan and other members of the Drafting Committee were extremely kind and welcoming as they allowed about an hour of interaction with them. In the presentation submitted this time, we have made some path-breaking suggestions:*

- \* To safeguard the Constitutional Rights of the Minority Communities to establishing and administer their own educational institutions and in this regard to simplify the process of issuing the Minority Certificates.*
- \* To move towards having multiple Accreditation Bodies other than only NAAC, in the area of Higher Education in order to make it corruption free and enable accreditation of many more if not all colleges. So we have asked to allow the private Institutions and Associations like "Xavier Board of Higher Education" to establish an Accreditation Body to accredit colleges.*
- \* Considering the fact that 50 lakhs of children are still out of school, all those who are compassionately inclined to participate in the mission of education be roped in and as the Christian Missionaries have been pioneers rendering dedicated service in education for centuries, to be invited to start a "National Catholic Education Board" to further enhance School Education as there are already thousands of schools run by the Catholic Community.*
- \* As acute shortage of Higher education institutions in the country is no secret and as there is need for many more Universities, to establish a Central CATHOLIC University and in a particular state, cluster of colleges could be declared as CLUSTER UNIVERSITY with adequate financial support in addition to the existing universities.*

*The meeting which lasted about an hour took place at the Conference hall of the UGC New Delhi, and Dr. K.Kasturirangan and the other Drafting Committee members were extremely cordial and welcoming and mentioned that the omission regarding the contribution of the Christian Missionaries towards education in India, in the last NEP draft would be definitely looked into and the suggestions given and the concerns raised by us currently would also be studied and considered. The meeting ended with pleasantries shared over a cup of tea by Dr. Kasturirangan regarding his very happy acquaintance with the Vatican.*

*Let us hope and pray for the best results.*

*With good wishes and kind regards*

**Fr. Joseph Manipadam, sdb**

National Secretary,

CBCI Office for Education and Culture, New Delhi



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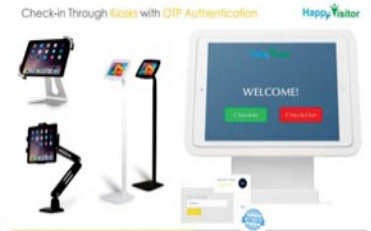
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## OGFC - Education presents Learning as Transformation

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**Venue:** Anjali - Centre run by the Apostolic Carmel Sisters at Barrackpore, Kolkata, West Bengal. The Centre is close to Morning Star Theological College.

**Dates:**

**Faculty:**

**Chief Trainer: Father Joseph Thannickal, sdb, PhD**

Joe Thannickal, holds MA in Transformative Learning, PhD in Psychology and Post-Doctoral Diploma in Meaning centred Counselling, from the USA. Recently he completed a Visiting Scholarship at Fordham University, focusing on Adult Learning and Methodologies of Formation. While teaching at Salesian College, Sonada, he is also Director of OGFC, the Institute for Ongoing Formation. Joe has taught this course for over 6 years in different settings.

**Other Trainers**

**Fr. Joseph Manippadam, sdb**

Father Joseph Manippadam sdb is the current National Secretary for Education and Culture and Core Team Member, Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, Delhi. He holds MA in education and brings with him years of experience as Principal and Rector as well as a trainer in Education Ministry and Education Programme anagement.

**Fr. Varghese Kalluvachel sdb PhD**

Father Varghese Kalluvachel, Asst Director of OGFC holds double PhD in Philosophy and Religious life, and has recently returned to India after his tenure as Professor at the Salesian Pontifical University Rome.

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**OGFC - Ongoing Formation Institute**

OGFC is our Institute serving the Ongoing Formation needs of Religious Personnel engaged in different ministries. It was inaugurated and run from Nitika Don Bosco in Kolkata for the Past 2 years. Now it has been moved to Salesian College Sonada, in the Darjeeling Hills of West Bengal. This institute offers Training of Formation Personnel, Formation Research, Psychological Services for Formees, Counselling and Spiritual Direction, as well as Retreats.

OGFC - Education, is our second department that brings the benefits of our Formation Research into areas spanning Education. It seeks to enhance the skills for Teacher Performance, Transformative Practices in Instruction and Classroom facilitation and, for developing Transformative skills in Educational Leadership.

The current political situation in Darjeeling necessitates that we run this program in Kolkata.

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

**10-12th August 2017: 3 days' Training for the Carmelite Sister Principals of the Central Province at Pune:**

75 Sister Principals and managers of schools of the Central province of the Carmelite sisters had three days of training programme at the Jesuit Provincialate, Sanjeevan in Pune. The in house training was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture on the topic of the Catholic Education Policy and its implementation and evaluation of the same. The sessions also covered about the importance and method of teaching value education and faith formation of students. Other current issues in education was also covered. It was three days of interactive sessions of intense learning



**16- 17th August Executive meeting of the AINACS at Montfort School, Chennai:**

All the executive members of the AINACS ( All India Association of Catholic Schools) had the meeting at Montfort school, in Chennai to plan for the forthcoming Annual General Convention which is the 50th of its kind. The meeting was planned in such a way that the AGM will emphasize the importance of making Catholic Education relevant and imparted according to the policy of the Catholic Church and ensuring that teaching is done to form values and convictions in all students and catholic Children given opportunity to nourish their faith.



**25-26th August: Salesian Educators of Delhi Province meet at Don Bosco Aleknanda, New Delhi:**



All the Salesian Fathers involved in Education ministry from the Province of Delhi for two days, 25th and 26th of August 2017 at Don Bosco Aleknanda, for intense training on the basic skills in running the school and on the necessity of educating in accordance with the Policy of the Catholic Church and in the foot steps of Don Bosco. The two days of training was animated by a team of personnel including Fr. J. Manipadam of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The importance of teaching values to all and taking care of catechism teaching for Catholic Students were much stressed.

**3rd Sept. 2017: Forum for Minority Schools of Delhi met at the CBCI Centre:**

Some 50 heads of Minority schools met at the CBCI Centre to be guided and animated by the Secretary General of the CBCI and the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. They were mainly vexed by the government's interference into the running of Minority Schools and Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas and Fr. J. Manipadam facilitated their discussion along with a team of lawyers as to how to meet the challenges of the times and educate children guarding our Minority rights and educating them with value systems and forming their character and convictions. It was just a day's programme.



**9-10th September 2017: General Body Meeting of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in Hyderabad:**



Some 200 participants, all heads of colleges attended the Annual General Body meeting of Xavier Board of Higher Education. Here again apart from studying the impact of the new education policies of the present Government, Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy of 2007 in order to be effective in reaching out to the poor and needy and giving relevant education on behalf of the Catholic Church. He encouraged all institutions to participate in the evaluation of the same that is in progress across the country.



**13th-14th September 2017: Heads of catholic Schools of UP and Utterkhand, meet at Benaras**

210 participants, all heads of schools and colleges attended the Annual General Body meeting of the meeting of UP and Utterkhand educational institutions meet at Varanasi on 13th and 14th September 2017. Here again apart from studying the impact of the new education policies of the present Government, Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy of 2007 in order to be effective in reaching out to the poor and needy and giving relevant education on behalf of the Catholic Church. He encouraged all institutions to participate in the evaluation of the same that is in progress across the country. He also stressed on the importance of teaching values to all children and ensuring faith formation for catholic students.



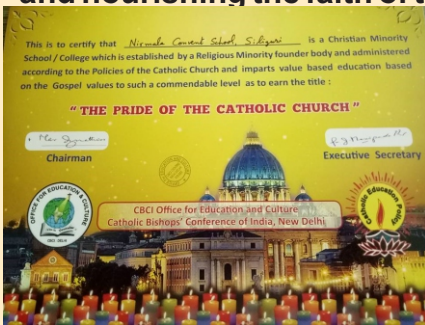
**1,2,3 October 2017: All India Catholic School Association's AGM at Chennai**

650 participants, all heads of schools of the All India Association of catholic Schools attended the Annual General Body meeting at Montfort School in Chennai from 30th September to the 3rd of October 2017. The Conference had several resource persons discussing on Modern Trends in Education. At the conference again apart from studying the impact also of the new education policies of the present Government, Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy of 2007 in order to be effective in reaching out to the poor and needy and giving relevant education on behalf of the Catholic Church. He encouraged all institutions to participate in the evaluation of the same that is in progress across the country. He also stressed on the importance of teaching values to all children and ensuring faith formation for catholic students. The meeting was presided over by Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Chairman of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. Other Bishops who attended the programme were Archbishop George Anthony of Chennai and Archbishop Abraham of Nagpur



**9th – 11th October 2017: Visiting and giving away the Certificates to the North Bengal School:**

The schools that participated in the evaluation of implementation of the All India catholic Education policy and received the “The Pride of the Catholic Church” award were visited by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture to give away the certificates. He took the occasion also to insist to the staff and students of the institutions about the importance of educating children according to the Policy of the catholic Church ensuring value education for all and nourishing the faith of the catholic students.



**20th, 21st Oct 2017: Heads of Educational Institutions meet at the Bishop's House, Nagpur:**

60+ Principals and Managers of schools of the Nagpur Archdiocese had two days of training programme at the Archbishops' House in Nagpur. The in house training was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture on the topic of the Catholic Education Policy and its implementation and evaluation of the same. The sessions also covered about the other important matters regarding the NEP of the Government and method of teaching value education and faith formation of students. Other current issues in education was also covered. It was two days of interactive sessions of intense learning. Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara was present right through.



**24th and 25th Oct. 2017: National Education Consultation of Regional Secretaries and Education Coordinators of Religious Orders in Delhi:**

Some 120 Regional Education Coordinators and National Education Coordinators of Religious Orders met for a national Education Consultation at Navjivan Renewal Centre, 4 Raj Nivas Marg, Delhi on 24th and 25th Oct 2017. Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Chair person of the CBCI office for Education and Culture, Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, Member – CBCI Office for Education and Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General of the CBCI were present and gave their inputs as well. Among the many things considered was also the National challenges faced in the field of Education due to the changes in Government Policies. Fr. Joseph Manipadam made an appraisal of the implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy by each of the regions and Dioceses of the Country and discussed a road map to complete the task. The importance of Value Education and faith formation also was stressed. There was an interactive session with the Minister Me. Alphos Kannamthanam who is also Technically one of the Drafting Committee member of the NEP draft that is being drafted. The certificates for those who completed the evaluation of the All India Catholic Education Policy were also given out. Some 2000 certificates were handed over to the Regional Education Coordinators for the institutions from their respective regions.



### 3rd and 4th Nov. 2017: Heads of Educational Institutions meet at the Pastoral Centre, Ajmer:

55 Principals and Managers of schools of the Diocese of Ajmer had two days of training programme at the Pastoral Centre in Ajmer. The in house training was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture on the topic of the Catholic Education Policy and its implementation and evaluation. The sessions also covered other important matters regarding the NEP of the Government and method of teaching value education and faith formation of students. Other current issues in education was also covered. It was two days of interactive sessions of intense learning.



### 6 - 7th Nov. 2017: Deputy Regional Secretaries, CBCI Office Secretaries and CBCI Office Bearers' Meet:

The CBCI Office Bearers, the CBCI Office Secretaries and the Regional Deputy Secretaries had a joint meeting for two days to take stock of things on a national perspective and report on the activities and functioning of each of the CBCI Offices. In this meeting too Fr. J. Manipadam emphasized during the report regarding the CBCI Office for Education and Culture regarding its work of animating all the regions of the CBCI about the study, implementation and evaluation of implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy and the importance of giving faith formation and value education to all children with tangible indicators from all our institutions of all the Dioceses and Regions and how to face the various challenges of the present day situation in the country.





**23st November 2016: Evaluation of the Implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy at Raigarh:**

35 heads of Catholic schools of Raigarh diocese came together to do the evaluation of the implementation of the AICEP 2007, animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The meeting also dealt with the implementation of POCSO 2012 to take steps to make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. The meeting was also used to study the implications of the draft National Education Policy 2016. It was a day long programme. Fr. Abraham Kannampala, the Regional Education Secretary and Fr. Herman, the Diocesan coordinator for Education organized the logistics for the meeting.



**24st November 2016: Evaluation of the Implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy at Kunkuri:**

95 heads of Catholic schools of Jashpur diocese came together at Bishop's house Kunkuri to do the evaluation of the implementation of the AICEP 2007, animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The meeting also dealt with the implementation of POCSO 2012 to take steps to make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. The meeting was also used to study the implications of the draft National Education Policy 2016. It was a day long programme. Fr. Abraham Kannampala, the Regional Education Secretary and Fr. Sunil, the Diocesan Coordinator for Education organized the logistics for the meeting.



**25st November 2016: Evaluation of the Implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy at Ambikapur:**

85 heads of Catholic schools of Ambikapur diocese came together at Bishop's house at Ambikapur to do the evaluation of the implementation of the AICEP 2007, animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The meeting also dealt with the implementation of POCSO 2012 to take steps to make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. The meeting was also used to study the implications of the draft National Education Policy 2016. It was a day long programme. Fr. Abraham Kannampala, the Regional Education Secretary and Fr. Lusel, the Diocesan Coordinator for Education organized the logistics for the meeting.

