

## BCSM EVENTS-2009, CHITTAGONG DIOCESE

### (NEWER EVENTS FIRST)

#### Christmas Get Together

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, we had a Christmas get-together in Cathedral Parish hall room, Chittagong. Our Advisors Fr. Gordon Dias, Mr. Eslyn Charles Dias and Youth Coordinator Manik Willver D'Costa were with us.



All members present in Chittagong participated on it. In total there were 45. The day was colorful and full of fun.



### Participation in Regional Youth Day Celebration 2009



Many members of us participated in Regional Youth Day 2009 what was held on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in Diang, Chittagong.



05 members of us were in volunteers' team and we were especially responsible for Opening Program, Recitation of Pope's Message as poem for 24<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day.

### Executive Committee Meetings

For implementation, monitoring and execution of study session we had two meetings on dated 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

### Participation in Asian Youth Day 2009

Our Co-convenor Mr. Tony Larry Quiah participated in 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Youth Day 2009 in Philippines. It was held from the 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Theme of the celebration was “Young Asians: Come together, Share the word, Live the Eucharist.” He attend the AYD by selection of Diocesan Children and Youth Commission.



### Participation in 24<sup>th</sup> National Youth Day 2009

On the theme “We have set our hope on Living God” (1Timothy 4:10) 24<sup>th</sup> National Youth Day is celebrated in Mymensingh. It took place on 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009. 09 members of us participated in the celebration.





### **Youth Pilgrimage in Diang, Chittagong**

We 09 members went to Diang, Chittgaong on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 for a Youth Retreat with Spiritual Director Fr. Terence Rodrigues. We passed the day with Prayer, Meditation, Silence and Reflection.



### **Participation in 'Writers' Workshop'**

07 members of BCSM Chittagong participated as well as helped in management in 'Writers' Workshop'. The program was organized by Chittagong Diocesan 'Dialogue and Social Commission' and held on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.



### **Study Sessions of three Units**

St. Xavier Unit had their Study Session on 09<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Angels of St. Anthony & St. Paul Units had on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Theme for these three sessions was same “Students’ Poverty”. All three units hold many meetings till December to implement the decision of study sessions. We are raising fund to help poor students, distributed education materials to a free school, collecting books from different areas for poor students. We are planning to run a free coaching from the Year 2010.

### **Distribution of three Units’ Area**

Chittagong Metropolitan City is divided into three areas- (a) Jamalkhan, Chandgaon, Pahartoli, (b) Chittagong South, (c) Chittagong North. Area (a) is named as ‘Angels of St. Anthony’ unit, Mr. Victor Penheiro is elected Representative, area (b) is named as ‘St. Xavier Unit’, Ms. Amenda Rebeiro is elected Representative, area (c) is named as ‘St. Paul Unit’, Mr. Nichodimas D’Costa is elected representative.

### **Chaplains and Advisory Committee**

An advisory Committee consisting 07 members is formed. Members are Fr. Gordon Dias (Parish Priest of Chittagong Cathedral), Mr. James Gomes (RD of Caritas Chittagong), Mr. Andrew Richil (Manager of World Vision Patenga ADP), Mr. Eslin Charles Dias (GS of Chittagong YMCA), Mr. Leonard Pintu Dias (Representative of Chittagong Parish Council), Mr. Clifton Gomes (Representative of Diocesan Youth Commission). Most Rev. Lawrence Subrato Howlader, csc appointed Fr. Terence Rodrigues Chaplain of BCSM Chittagong and he will chair the advisory committee.

### **Helping in management of YCS Animators’ Training**

YCS Animators’ Training was held from the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in Caritas Regional Training Centre, Chittagong. We three members Tony Larry Quiah, Cynthea D’Costa and Altar Dias helped the Diocesan Youth Commission in management. It was a nice training for us, what gave us much opportunities to explore ourselves.



### **Study Session**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 we had our first Study Session. We have learnt about the BCSM Methodology from the Youth Coordinator and had practical sessions on the theme: “Movement Management- Our Participation”. We have decided to form three units. As there is obligation to keep the unit membership limited fewer than 15 for better participation in the study session. We will hold our study session in group wise (may be in different dates and different places) and in the following month first in group wise (in same place and same date) and then as unit we will sit for sharing.

### **Helping in management of Seminar on Effective Communication**

After being requested by the Secretary of Commissions we were happy to help in management of Seminar on Effective Communication on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009. We will render our service towards this way for same needs.



### **Executive Committee Meeting**

We had our first Executive Committee Meeting on the 04<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in the Parish Hall. Besides all the decisions we have decided to keep digital contact with the persons concerned. As an outcome we have opened a mail account and facebook fan page. We are also encouraged to open e-mail account and facebook account individually. We are now searching for opportunities for IT training if any organization gives us this supports.

### **Orientation Seminar and Council**



On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009 we officially opened the activities of BCSM Chittagong. It was a colorful celebration. To give us Orientation; National Youth Coordinator Fr. Patrick Simon Gomes, Khulna Diocesan Youth Commission Executive Hubert Sony Ratna, BCSM National President Prince Anthony Costa, Executive Member Sandy Peris were present. For the Inauguration Fr. Gordon Dias (Parish Priest), Fr. Terence Rodrigues (Rector of Intermediate Seminary), Fr. David Ghorami (Asst. Priest of Cathedral), Mr. James Gomes (Caritas Regional Director), Sr. Gabriella, RNDM, Sr. Mary Palma, RNDM (Headmistress of St. Scholastica's), Sr. Rupali, RNDM, Mr. Eslyn Charles Dias (General Secretary of Chittagong YMCA), Ms. Bibiana D'Silva (Parish Council Chairman). Then we have elected our Executive Committee with seven members for the term of next one year.





### **Planning Meeting for Orientation Seminar & Council**

For preparation of Council and Orientation Seminar, the Organizing Committee had two meetings on the 24<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.



### **Discussion Meeting with Diocesan Youth Commission**

We as the Students of College/Universities residing in Chittagong Metropolitan City had a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 with the Diocesan Youth Commission organized by them. There we discussed about the present situation of Youth Activities in Chittagong City. There we are introduced by the Youth



Coordinator about Bangladesh Catholic Students' Movement. We decided to hold an Orientation Seminar and Council soon to launch BCSM in Chittagong. We formed an Organizing Committee with seven members to hold the Orientation Seminar and Council.



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