

**BCSM EVENTS-2010, CHITTAGONG DIOCESE
(NEWER EVENTS FIRST)**

Chittagong: Advent Youth Pilgrimage and Pre-Christmas Gathering

Members of BCSM Chittagong made a Pilgrimage to Popular Marian Shrine in Diang on 16th December 2010. The members passed the day there in Silence, Recollection, Meditation and Prayer. After the lunch members met in a Pre-Christmas Gathering what was full of fun and joy. Chaplain Fr. Terence Rodrigues and Youth Coordinator Mr. Manik Willver D'Costa accompanied with the Youth Team there.



Chittagong: Study Session

The 4th Study Session of the year was held in Chittagong Cathedral Parish Premise on 12th November 2010. The subject matter for the session was “Role of Students to build Local Church.” Members of St. Paul Unit took group and personal activities in the study session.

Chittagong: Students’ Workshop on “Role of Students to build Local Church”

The workshop was held on 14th October 2010 in Chittagong Cathedral Parish Hall. It was conducted by the Diocesan Youth Coordinator Mr. Manik Willver D'Costa. Chaplain of Chittagong BCSM Fr. Terence Rodrigues was also present in the event. 35 College and University level students attended the day event.



Chittagong: Coordination Meeting of BCSM Chittagong

A Coordination meeting of BCSM Chittagong was held on the 3rd September 2010 at 9.30 am in Chittagong Cathedral Parish hall room. It discussed on evaluation of recently held 1st AGM, Council and 1st Anniversary, upcoming students' workshop on Participation of Youth in local Church. In the meeting newly elected coordination team also distributed responsibilities among the members.



Chittagong: 1st AGM, Council and 1st Anniversary of BCSM Chittagong

BCSM Chittagong started its journey officially on 14th August 2009 by an orientation seminar and council. On 20th August 2010 BCSM Chittagong organized its 1st AGM, Council and 1st Anniversary in Cathedral Parish hall room, Chittagong.

At the first part of the day, Secretarial and Financial reports were read and approved and in the second part, members elected their new coordination team. New team members are: Tony Larry Quiah (Coordinator), Cynthia D'Costa (Assistant Coordinator), Altar Dias, Jude Flabian Bala and Christina Jenny D'Silva. Units' representatives are Nicodimas D'Costa and Scholastica Gomes.



After lunch students had 1st Anniversary celebration. Bishop of Chittagong Most Rev. Patrick D'Rozario, C.S.C., BCSM National Chaplain Fr. Leonard Shankar Rozario, C.S.C., Chaplain of Chittagong BCSM Fr. Terence Rodrigues, Director of Diocesan Office Fr. P. Benoit, C.S.C., Parish Priest of Cathedral Church Fr. Gordon Dias, Archivist of Chittagong Diocesan Office Fr. Julius Shelly Gomes, Principal of St. Placid's School Br. Pradip Placid Gomes, C.S.C., Convenor of Diocesan Children and Youth Commission Br. Nirmal Francis Gomes, C.S.C., RNDM Novice Mistress Sr. Supriti B. Costa, Community Animator of St. Scholastica's Convent Sr. Marcia Gomes, RNDM, Manager of World Vision Patenga ADP Mr. Andrew Richil, Manager of World Vision Choufoldondi ADP Mr. Anonto Chakma, Youth Coordinator of Chittagong Diocese Mr. Manik Willver D'Costa, Advisors Anselm Clifton Gomes, Leonard Pinto Dias, Corporate Secretary of Abul Khair Group Mr. Alexandar Sampson, Chairman of Chittagong YMCA Mr. Melvin Rozario, Secretary of Chittagong YMCA Mr. Eslyn Charles Dias, General Secretary of BCSM National

Council Mr. Stephen Don Sarkar and Chariman of Christian Students' Organization, Chittagong Mr. Lenny Gomes were present in the celebration.



There was personal sharing of members, activity sharing in powerpoint, evaluation of guests present, cutting of anniversary cake and unveiling of anniversary magazine in this session. At last students took part in a colorful cultural program.

Chittagong: Meeting of Coordination Team, Chittagong BCSM

Meeting of Coordination Team of Chittagong BCSM was held on the 06th August 2010 in Bishop's House, Chittagong. It was the last meeting of this team. On 20th August Chittagong BCSM will elect its new Coordination Team for next one year.



Barisal: Study Session of BCSM, Barisal

First ever Study Session of BCSM, Barisal was held on the 06th August 2010 in St. Peter's Church, Barisal. It was attended by 13 students. Theme for discussion was "Participation of Youth in Church". The meeting was very live and hot! Did not end yet, will be continued on the next week! Congratulations to BCSM, Barisal!

Barisal: Opening of BCSM, Barisal

31st July 2010, another remarkable day for Barisal region! Barisal Parish revived its Youth activities by starting Bangladesh Catholic Students' Movement after a long gap. The students already gathered two times after the regional level orientation seminar. Finally on the day, they formed one unit and elected their representatives. Mr. Manik W. D'Costa- Youth Coordinator of Chittagong Diocese was present on the meeting. It was attended by 14 students.



Gournadi: Opening of BCSM, Gournadi

31st July 2010, a remarkable day for Barisal region! Youth of Gournadi Parish organized its first session of Bangladesh Catholic Students' Movement. Mr. Manik W. D'Costa- Youth Coordinator of Chittagong Diocese was present there on the day. He gave them basic idea on BCSM until lunch. Actually it was a

refresher session. They already received the basic idea in regional level Orientation Seminar held on 1-2 July 2010.



After lunch, students formed two units, elected units' representatives and formed coordination committee. 44 youth participated in the event.

Chittagong: Study Session on Western Culture

Angels of St. Anthony and St. Paul's unit had its Study Session on "Challenge of western culture: Personal commitment" on 16th July 2010. The study sessions discussed the matter with great concern and every students participated took personal commitments in this regard.

Chittagong: Meeting of Chittagong BCSM with Chaplain and advisers

As preparation of AGM, Celebration of one year, a meeting with Chaplain and Advisors is held on the 7th July 2010 in Cathedral Parish Hall Room, Chittagong. The meeting finalized different committees for the event.

Barisal: Sharing in BCSM Orientation Seminar in Barisal

An Orientation Seminar on BCSM is held on 1-2 July 2010 in Pastoral Retreat Centre, Barisal. 65 youth participated from 4 parishes of the region. Co-convenor Tony Larry Quiah and Executive Member Cynthia D'Costa was invited by the Diocesan Youth Commission to share activities of Chittagong BCSM.



Chittagong: Implementation of Decision of Study Sessions

As per decision of Study Sessions held on 28th May 2010, St. Paul's Unit organized a film show on Climate Change on 25th May 2010 in St. Joseph's Oratory of St. Placid's Brothers' Residence. It was attended by 45 YCS of St. Scholastica's School and St. Placid's School Units. Angels of St. Anthony Unit took up a tree plantation program on 10th July 2010 in Patherghata Girls' High School, Chittagong.

Chittagong: Meeting of Coordination Team

A meeting of Chittagong Regional Team of BCSM, Chittagong Diocese was held on the 08th June 2010 at 6pm at Bishop's House in Chittagong. It discussed on Study Sessions of three units, visitation of IMCS-AP team, Celebration of one year's journey and other important points. Besides team members & units' delegates; Chaplain Fr. Terence Rodrigues, Youth Coordinator Manik W. D'Costa and one of the advisers Clifton Gomes was also present in the meeting.

Chittagong: Study Session on Climate Change: Challenge and obligation

On 28th May 2010 three units of Chittagong BCSM had their study session separately on the issue. The units have taken personal commitment as well as group acting plan in the study sessions. Before the study sessions, students had a common meeting all together.

Chittagong: Students' Workshop on Climate Change

A students' workshop was held on Climate change on the 7th May 2010 in Parish Hall, Chittagong. Youth Coordinator of Chittagong Diocese Mr. Manik Willver D'Costa presented paper on the theme. Then the students did unit based group workshop and presented workshop summary. A drafting committee is presently working to finalize their statement on the issue.



30 members were present in the event. Some advisors also present in the workshop to guide us.

Chittagong: Easter Get-together

Easter Get-together was held on the 9th April 2010 in Cathedral Parish hall room Chittagong. 34 members participated in the event. The day was very colorful composed with activity show on powerpoint, talent show and bingo.

Chittagong: Lenten pilgrimage walk to Diang Marian Shrine

Twenty one Catholic students had a Lenten pilgrimage walk to Diang Marian Shrine on the 20th March 2010. The event was organized by BCSM Chittagong. Half of the distance was taken as pilgrimage walk. Chaplain of BCSM Chittagong Fr. Terence Rodrigues, Chittagong Diocesan Youth Coordinator Manik Willver D'Costa and Advisor Eslyn Charles Dias walked with the youths too.



Theme of the program was “If anyone wants to follow my footsteps he must give up all right to himself, take up his cross and follow me”. Manik Willver D’Costa was the retreat preacher. Fathers Terence Rodrigues and Mukul Anthony Mondol were available for confession. Fr. Terence Rodrigues offered the mass. Then the members had a sharing session.

Members passed the day in Diang in meditation, prayer and reflection in ashramik environment.

Chittagong: Cleaning of Churches in Chittagong metropolitan city

As a result of study sessions “To grow civic sense: Let us convert ourselves first” BCSM Chittagong has taken up a cleaning program in three different Catholic churches in Chittagong metropolitan city. On the 12th March 2010 Jamalkhan Catholic Church, on the 19th March 2010 Pahartoli and Chittagong Cathedral Church is cleaned. BCSM Chittagong is hoping to continue this cleaning program.

Chittagong: Participation in National Leadership Training

National Leadership Training was held from 23rd-27th February 2010 in Caritas Development Institute. It was organized by BCSM National Executive Committee and moderated by Caritas Development Institute. From Chittagong BCSM Jenny D’Silva, Jackline Clara Penheiro, Nichodimas D’Costa, Altar Dias and Joseph Sarkar participated in the training.

Chittagong: Study Sessions

1st Study session of three units was held in different times. St. Paul's Unit and Angels of St. Anthony Unit had their study session on 19th February and St. Xavier's Unit had their study session on 20th February 2010. Theme of study sessions was "To grow civic sense: Let us convert ourselves first." We have committed some personal as well as group activities. We will upload our our combined commitments on web soon.

Chittagong: Meeting of Executive Committee

Second meeting of the Committee is held on the 18th February 2010. Chaplain Fr. Terence Rodrigues was also present. It was to monitor position of different Units' study session and select participants for National Leadership Training.

National: National Council and National Assembly of BSCM

National Council and National Assembly of BSCM was held in Dinajpur on 25-30th January 2010. Altar Dias, Jude Bala, Nicodimas D'Costa , Jacklin Penheiro and Alex Rolium participated from Chittagong Diocese.



Chittagong: Participation in Seminar on Credit Union

Seminar on “Involvement of Youths in Credit Union Movement” was held on 15th January 2010. BCSM members participated in this seminar.



Chittagong: Meeting of Executive Committee with Chaplain and Advisors

Meeting of BCSM Executive Committee with Chaplain and Advisors was held on 8th January 2010 at 9:30 am in Chittagong Cathedral parish hall. It was a successful meeting. Chaplain Fr. Terence, Advisors Fr. Gorden, Mr. James Gomes, Mr. Eslin Charles Dias, Mr. Andrew Richil were present in the meeting. We finalized our year planner for 2010 in the meeting.

