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C.B.C.I. OFFICE FOR YOUTH

Dear brother Archbishops / Bishops,

Greetings from the CBCI Office for Youth!

On September 14, 1999 the CBGI Standing Committee had approved the Memorandum and Statutes of the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM). It provided a platform and an opportunity for implementing the common minimum uniformity in the youth ministry as proposed by the National Youth Pastoral Plan called "A Plan for Youth Ministry in India" (published on 24th June, 1996, by CBCI Youth Commission).

The journey of ICYM from its inception from the year 2000 till now has moved at a galloping speed in forming and reaching out to the youth of India, in building bridges and breaking barriers of hatred, division and discrimination. It has created an enormous opportunity for our young people across the country in developing their potentials and capabilities.

The ICYM Extra-ordinary General Body at its evaluation and review meeting (November 27-1 December, 2005, at Vailankanni), approved and amended a few statutes (articles 2.1; 6.3.1.2; 6.3.2.1:9.2.1; 10.1.2; 11.1.3.1* 18.4) proposed by the statutes amendment committee formed by the ICYM General Body in October, 2004 at Bhopal.

As per the ICYM Rules and Regulations (article 18.1), the amended statutes were approved at the CBCI Standing Committee Meeting on 28, April 2006 at Bangalore, which are printed in this fourth addition of the ICYM Memorandum and Statutes for the effective functioning of ICYM.

(Archbishop Leo Cornelio SVD) Chairman, CBCI Office for Youth

We are immensely grateful to the CBCI Standing Committee, and seek the support and guidance of all Bishops' to implement the common minimum uniformity in the Youth Ministry by strengthening National ICYM by effectively implementing the ICYM Statutes through Diocesan as well as Regional ICYM. Let us pray for the strength of the Holy Spirit so that our youth may be constructive agents of change in the Society and the Church.

(Archbishop Leo Cornelio SVD)
Chairman, CBCI Office for youth



To

**All the Regional & Diocesan Youth Directors;
Lady Animators, Office Bearers & Members of ICYM Units,
Friends and Well-wishers,**

“Transformed by the Word - Transforming the World”

Eradicate Poverty - Rejuvenating the Environment - Building a Culture, of Peace

Greetings from the National Youth Office, New Delhi!

I am placing before you the 5* edition of the ICYM Memorandum and Internal Rules and Regulations for an effective functioning of the Movement. ICYM is 10 years old and growing sturdily. The spirit, in which it was approved in die year 1999 by the CBCI Standing Committee, had a thought of common minimum uniformity (CMU) in its execution and I feel we have achieved it satisfactorily by having being able to convince many of you to add ICYM to the names of your regional and diocese level setups but still we have to work hard to implement the rules and regulations. Let us not forget ICYM being the official youth wing of CBCI not only connects the grass root with die National but International i.e up to the pontifical council of Laity, Vatican.

Now we need to strengthen our ICYM at the grass root level. That’s where ICYM exists! We have registered ICYM with the Government of India as a legal entity under the Youth Activ8 Foundation®. We need to main stream our young people through our activities more in the society and communities. During the CBCI General Body meeting which was held in Guwahati from 24th Feb-3rd March, 2010, on the theme was “Youth for Peace and Harmony”, the Bishops from all over India felt the same and have recommended to have more participation of Young people in the decision making level in the administration, business and political sector.

Let’s make ICYM more effective and alive, and use the name of Youth Activ8 Foundation® in all our programs and activities to popularize our grass root units and promote young people in the society and Nation.

I congratulate all the Diocesan Youth Commissions, die directors, their office staffs and youth office bearers for striving to implement the theme and thrust of die conventions in their respective dioceses and parishes. This book will be released during the National Youth Convention-VIII, Shillong, Meghalaya, and at the same time the Pastoral plan of the CBCI commission for youth will be on the stalls. And now I request you all to work together to implement the pastoral plan as well as the upcoming theme and thrust.

At last let me thank you all for die support you lend in the last eight year in grooming the movement and in setting up Youth Activ8 foundation®. I pray the movement grows with more members like the stars in the sky and show way to many other movement and organizations in the country and world.

“Far better Is It to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure...than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat” Theodore Roosevelt

Fr. Alwyn M.J. D’ Souza

National Director, ICYM &
Executive Secretary, CBCI Office for Youth.

MEMORANDUM
OF
THE MOVEMENT
OF
INDIAN
CATHOLIC
YOUTH
MOVEMENT
(ICYM)

1. NAME

The name of the National Catholic Youth Organization shall be **INDIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT**

(Herein after referred to as the 'Movement' or in an abbreviated form as 'ICYM')

2. OFFICE

The Office of ICYM shall remain in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and is at present situated at CBCI Centre, 1, Ashok Place, New Delhi - 110001 and/or at any other place as the General Body of ICYM may determine.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTS

The Aims and Objects for which the ICYM is established are as under:

- 3.1 To orient the youth movement in India, based on the Gospel of Christ and rooted in the commitment to Jesus, towards the development of the human person through empowerment of the youth.
- 3.2 To make youth effective agents of integrated transformation in the Indian multi- socio-religio-cultural contexts, regardless of caste, creed or color.
- 3.3 To involve the youth and to ensure their co-operation for purposes of promoting National Integration and Communal Harmony.
- 3.4 To facilitate the understanding of Catholic faith, life and vocation and to ensure commitment among the youth to continue the Mission of the Church.
- 3.5 To promote, form and encourage youth movements and organizations at the ecclesial level, either diocesan or regional, and national levels as a means of achieving the objectives of ICYM.
- 3.6 To create awareness among the public at large about the need, importance and relevance of the youth ministry.
- 3.7 To organize and conduct formation programs, symposia, seminars conventions etc. at the ecclesial level - diocesan or regional, national and inter-national levels for all round development of youth irrespective of caste, creed, religion and color.
- 3.8 To organize youth on common platforms, so as to realize their aspirations and to establish a just and peaceful society based on the values of Christ
- 3.9 To co-ordinate the youth activities in India and to function as a link between the youth movements at various levels and other like-minded bodies.
- 3.10 To evaluate at regular intervals the youth ministry, to suggest and chalk out plan of action for their improvement, and to implement decisions at various levels.

- 3.11 To collaborate with other like-minded organizations and movements at the national, inter-national and ecclesial levels, either at the diocesan or regional levels, to achieve the objects of ICYM.
- 3.12 To promote and propagate the ideals, principles and the thoughts of various great National Leaders.
- 3.13 To conduct charitable services for rural youth, tribal youth, migrated and poor needy people.
- 3.14 To establish, provide, endow, equip, furnish, maintain, develop, facilitate, manage and organize Youth Movements at ecclesial level, either regional or diocesan, and centers for Youth Ministry Training, irrespective of race, community, caste or creed, and such other institutions, works, departments, activities, amenities and facilities as the IC Y M may deem necessary or convenient for any of its purposes.
- 3.15 To investigate, collect, collate and share any knowledge or information on any subject deemed desirable for the purposes of the Movement, and to publish educational material related to the aims and objects of ICYM.
- 3.16 To carry on any activities which may seem beneficial or conducive to any of the objects of foe Movement, and either alone, or in conjunction with others as factors, trustees or agents, and upon such terms as the Governing Body may deem fit
- 3.17 Generally, to do all such other acts, deeds and things as are necessary or deemed incidental or conducive to foe attainment of all or any of foe above aims and objects of the Movement.

All income, earnings, moveable, immoveable properties of the Movement shall be solely utilized and applied towards foe promotion of its Aims and Objects only as set forth in foe Memorandum of ICYM and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or past members of foe Movement, or to any person claiming through any one or more of foe present or past members. No members of foe Movement shall have any personal claim on any moveable or immoveable properties of foe Movement or make any profit, whatsoever by virtue of his / her membership.

INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
INDIAN
CATHOLIC
YOUTH
MOVEMENT (ICYM)

INTERPRETATIONS:

In these Rules and Regulations, unless anything in the subject or contest inconsistent therewith:-

- (i) **“Indian”** means of Indian nationality. The jurisdiction of ICYM shall extend to the whole of the Indian Union, which shall be divided into regions and dioceses as determined by the Governing Body.
- (ii) **Catholic** means the baptized person of the Catholic Church and also means “universal”, in the sense of “according to the totality” or “in keeping with the Whole” meaning “broad - minded”, “all embracing” (Cfr.'Catechism of Catholic Church Nos.830-831.
- (iii) **“Youth”** means a person (male and female) between 15 and 30 years and the beneficiaries shall be primarily the Catholic Youth and also the youth of all classes, castes, creeds, religions, colors, region etc.
- (vi) **“Movement”** means a group of people, united around the figure of a great person (the founder or leader) and around die key ideas of the spirit and the spirituality of the person. For ICYM that great person is Jesus Christ himself.

The ICYM shall adopt the characteristics of an Association as outlined and made applicable to all Catholic Organizations in the Canon Law.

[Cfr. Canons 298-329]

1. NAME

The name of the National Catholic Youth Organization shall be **INDIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Movement* 'or in an abbreviated form as 'ICYM')

2. MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

2.1 The membership of ICYM is open to the Catholic youth of Indian Nationality in the age group of 15 and 30 years unmarried, who subscribes to the Catholic values and principles.

(Amended - cfr-Annexure IV)

2.2 Each Diocesan ICYM shall pay an "Annual Membership Contribution" to the National ICYM as per the guidelines of the Governing Body of ICYM.

3. CESSATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership shall cease upon resignation, completion of the age of 30, expulsion by the Diocesan /Regional ICYM or death of the member.

3.2 No member shall be expelled without opportunity of being heard and until the expulsion is ratified by die respective ICYM Unit.

3.3 A person who has publicly rejected the Catholic Faith or has defected from ecclesiastical communion, or upon whom an excommunication has been imposed or declared cannot validly be received into ICYM. (Canon 316:1 and also Canon 316:2).

4. APPEAL & RE - ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

4.1 An Appeal regarding the issue of membership shall be made to the President of the concerned ICYM Unit and will be considered by the Executive Committee of the concerned ICYM, in keeping with the Guidelines of the Governing Body. Its decision will be final.

4.2 The Re- admission application shall be made to the Secretary of the concerned ICYM Unit and will be considered by the Executive Committee of the concerned ICYM Unit, i.e. Diocesan ICYM, Regional ICYM, National ICYM, IN keeping with the Guidelines of the Governing Body (Cfr.3:3).Its decision will be final.

5. RIGHTS AND PREVILEES OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Each member of Diocesan ICYM and of Regional ICYM shall be defacto, member of ICYM.

5.2 The members will be entitled to participate in all the programs organized by the ICYM.

5.3 For any election / selection / nomination, for national / inter-national programs, the members of ICYM shall be given priority.

6. GENERAL BODY

The General Body of ICYM shall consist of the representatives of the Diocesan ICYM, Regional ICYM, National Council of ICYM and 5 Office bearers of CBCI including the Deputy Secretary General of CBCI- (Amendments-Cfr-Annexure III).

6.1 Diocesan ICYM

6.1.1 The Diocesan ICYM coordinates all the Youth Ministry at the diocesan level. It promotes youth Movements / movements at the ecclesial or diocesan levels. It offers its services for the youth animation programs in the diocese. It Programs activities for the youth and animators of the diocese, as per the Guidelines of the National ICYM. The Diocesan ICYM shall be under the Patronage of the Bishop.

6.1.2 The Diocesan ICYM's two DYRs, President of Diocesan ICYM, DYD and DYLA shall represent the Diocesan ICYM at Regional ICYM.

6.1.3 The Diocesan ICYM's two DYRs, DYD, DYLA and President of Diocesan ICYM shall represent the Diocesan ICYM at the General Body Meeting of ICYM.

6.2 Regional ICYM

6.2.1 Regional ICYM co-ordinates the Youth Ministry of the regional with ICYM in keeping with Guidelines of the National ICYM. It programs activities or the youth animators for the dioceses of the Region. The Regional Bishops' Council shall appoint the Regional Youth Chairman and the President of the Regional Bishops' Council shall be the Patron of the Regional ICYM.

6.2.2 The Regional ICYM's two RYRs, President of Regional ICYM, RYD and RYLA shall represent the Regional ICYM at the National Council of ICYM.

6.3 National Council of ICYM

6.3.1 The National Council

6.3.1.1 The National Council of ICYM shall coordinate all the Youth Apostolate at die National level and shall act as a link between the Regional ICYM and the biter-national Youth Organizations. It shall evaluate, at regular intervals, the Youth Apostolate in die different regions, make appropriate suggestions and chalk out a Plan of Action at the national level. It will study the youth concerns, especially national ones, give orientation to help the Youth Apostolate in order to foster the National Integration.

6.3.1.2 The National Council of ICYM shall comprise of all the Regional Youth Representatives (RYRs), Regional Youth President (RYPs), Regional Youth Directors (RYDs), Regional Youth Lady Animators (RYL As), National Youth Director (NYD), National Youth Lady Animator (NYLA), the Chairman Bishop and the Members of die CBCI Office for Youth.

IN SHORT = TOTAL = 71

The National Council of ICYM shall consist of the following:

Elected Youth Members	=	39
Elected RYDs	=	13
Elected RYLAs	=	13
Elected International FIMCAP Representative	=	01
Ex-officio (Bishop) Members	=	03
Ex-officio (NYD & NYLA) Members	=	02

6.3.2 The National Executive Committee (NEXCO)

The NEXCO is the Executive Body of ICYM, largely elected by the National Council of ICYM. Its main tasks will be to do an in - depth study of any issue, forward insights to and insure implementation of the decisions of the ICYM at all levels. The NEXCO could take any emergency decision, taking into account the urgency of the issue. (Ammended-Cfr. Annexure-VI)

6.3.2.1 The Elected Member of the National Executive Committee (NEXCO)-

All the members' of National Council shall elect the following National Executive Committee (NEXCO) Members -13 Youth Office - bearers (i.e. President, 2 Vice- Presidents, 1 General Secretary, 5 Secretaries, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, and Spokesperson, Asst. Spokesperson) and 2 Regional Youth Directors and 2 Regional Youth Lady Animators. (Amended-Cfr. Annexure-HI)

Regional Youth President shall participate in voting but, since he / she holds a post in his / her region, he / she shall not contest elections.

6.3.2.2 The Ex-officio Members of the National Executive Committee (NEXCO)

The Chairman of CBCI Office for Youth, the National Youth Director and National Youth Lady Animator will be the Ex-officio members of NEXCO.

IN SHORT

The National Executive Committee (NEXCO) shall consist of 13 Office-bearers, 2 Regional Youth Directors and 2 Regional Youth Lady Animators, along with the Chairman of CBCI Office for Youth, National

Youth Director and National Youth Lady Animator. (TOTAL= 20)

6.4 General Body of ICYM

6.4.1 The General Body of ICYM shall be the Representative Body of the Youth Leaders, Youth Animators and Promoters of the Youth Apostolate in India which shall meet, at least, once in two years.

6.4.2 The General Body of ICYM shall consist of two Youth (a male and a female) elected from each Diocesan ICYM, Diocesan Youth President, Diocesan Youth Director, Diocesan Youth Lady Animator, the members of the National Council of ICYM and the remaining members of the Governing Body of ICYM i.e. The Office bearers of CBCI, the Archbishop of Delhi / His Nominee, National Youth Director and the Representative of the National Youth Magazine (Apna Yuva Spandan), Elected International FIMCAP Representative.

(Amended-Cfr. Annexure-HI, read along with Amended-Cfr. Annexure-VI)

7. THE GOVERNING BODY

The ICYM shall have a Governing Body and such Governing Body shall facilitate the business and affairs of ICYM and shall be entitled to exercise all such powers of the ICYM, as are not, by the Act, or by any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force, or by these rules, required to be exercised by ICYM General Body Meeting. The Governing Body of ICYM (which sees to the protection of the Aims and Objects of the Movement as well as ensures the protection of properties) will be the part of the General Body.

7.1 Minimum and Maximum Strength of the Governing Body

7.1.1 The Governing Body shall consist of minimum of **28 members**.

7.1.2: The maximum strength of the Governing Body shall be 35,

7.2 Composition:

7.2.1 The Governing Body shall consist of minimum of 28 member's i.e.

Patron (1) -President of CBCI

Chairman (1) CBCI Office for Youth

Member Bishop (2), CBCI Office for Youth

Rational Youth Director (1) = Appointed by CBCI

Member (1) = National Youth Lady Animator

National Youth President (1) = Elected by the National Council of ICYM

National Youth Vice- President (2) =Elected by the National Council of

ICYM

National Youth General Secretary (1) =Elected by the National Council of ICYM

National Youth Secretaries (5) =Elected by the National Council of ICYM

National Youth Treasurer (1) = Elected by the National Council of ICYM

National Youth Asst. Treasurer (1) = Elected by the National Council of ICYM

National Youth Spokespersons (2) =Elected by the National Council of ICYM

Regional Youth Directors (2) =Elected by the National Council of ICYM

Regional Youth Lady Animators (2) =Elected by National Council of ICYM

Members (2) =Vice- Presidents (I & II) of CBCI

Member (1) = Secretary General of CBCI

Member (1) = Archbishop of Delhi /His Nominee

Member (1) = Deputy Secretary of CBCI

Member (1) = Youth Representative, Apna Yuva Spandan (National Youth Magazine)

Member (1) =Elected International FIMCAP Representative

(Amended-Cfr. Annexure-VI)

- 7.2.2 The maximum strength of the Governing Body may be 35. Besides the aforesaid 28 members, the persons co-opted by NEXCO (4) and the persons co-opted by the Governing Body (3)

8. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

8.1 The duties and functions of the General Body of ICYM

- 8.1.1 The General Body Meeting of ICYM shall be held, once in two years at a time and place fixed by the Governing Body.
- 8.1.2 It shall adopt the annual reports and audited statements of accounts for the preceding year, consider budget proposals and appoint auditor for the ensuing year.
- 8.1.3 It shall consider resolutions or amendments to the constitution or any business placed before it by the Governing Body.
- 8.1.4 All resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority vote but resolutions amending the constitution shall require 2/3- majority of votes of the members present and, at least, ½ of the total membership of the General Body.

8.2 The duties and functions of the National Council of ICYM

- 8.2.1 The National Council is the representative body of ICYM and it shall meet as often as considered necessary, but not less than twice in a year, preferably one of the meetings between 1st April and 30th Sept.
- 8.2.2 The quorum at the meetings shall be two third of members and decisions shall be taken by simple majority. In case of a tie of vote, the National Youth President shall have a casting vote.
- 8.2.3 It shall collectively be responsible for the management of funds, assets, properties and business of ICYM, including the presentation of the annual budget, audited statement of account, etc.
- 8.2.4 The National Council shall exercise such powers and take all necessary steps as are required for achieving the aims and objectives of ICYM, including the appointment of subcommittees not necessarily from among its members.
- 8.2.5 It shall have the power to raise funds for ICYM and to sanction and spend the funds as deemed necessary, to carry out the executive functions of ICYM and generally to act in the name of ICYM.
- 8.2.6 The National Council shall have the power to convene General Body Meetings and to exercise control and supervision over the Regional and Diocesan level ICYM in such manner as it may deem fit and proper.
- 8.2.7 To frame by-laws related to the internal administration of the ICYM.
- 8.2.8 To pass annual budget for the ICYM which shall be ratified by the General Body as and when the General Body is convened.

8.3 The duties and functions of the National Executive Committee (NEXCO)

- 8.3.1 The NEXCO is the Executive Body of the ICYM and it shall meet as often as considered necessary, but not less than twice in a year preferably, before / after National Council Meetings of ICYM.
- 8.3.2 The NEXCO prepares the Agenda for National Council and General Body as well as for Governing Body Meeting.
- 8.3.3 Any matter that needs an in-depth study during or outside any of the ICYM Meetings could be like into and taken care-off by NEXCO.
- 8.3.4 The NEXCO may Co-opt four persons for the governing body and shall appoint the Editor/Executive Editor for the National Youth Magazine
- 8.3.5 Decisions which cannot await a regular meeting shall be taken by the Chairman along with the NYD and the President which later on shall be presented to the National Council for ratification.
- 8.3.6 In case, representation of ICYM in any National / International Forum is require, in the event of an emergency, preference could be given to the

NEXCO Members.

- 8.3.7 For International representation, the NEXCO Members get an opportunity once only, unless it is an official visit
- 8.3.8 If the NEXCO Members are not available, the NEXCO shall elect the representatives as per the need from among the National Council.
- 8.3.9 While choosing a representative, NEXCO shall keep in mind his/her contribution and experience hi the Youth Ministry.
- 8.3.10 The NEXCO shall consider it necessary that the chosen representatives have a working knowledge of English Or any other language that is needed for communication.
- 8.3.11 For all selection / nominations, National Youth Director and National President, in consultation with the Patron will facilitate the procedures.
- 8.3.12 All the selection/nominations are to be presented for ratification by the National Council of ICYM.

8.4 The duties and functions of the Governing Body of ICYM

- 8.4.1 The Governing Body may, from time to time, make, amend, add to, vary or repeal bye-laws, provided that the bye-laws in force, at any particular time, are not inconsistent with these Rules or any other directives of the Society in force at that time.
- 8.4.2 The Governing Body shall have power to appoint, as it may deem necessary for the proper fulfillment of the objects of the Society, ad- hoc committees, subcommittees, administrative and other officers and employees; to prescribe for them, from time to time, their functions, duties, privileges, remuneration and rules of conduct; and to take cognizance of any infraction by them of the provision of the Act or of these Rules, or of the resolutions, policies or directives of the Governing Body.
- 8.4.3 The Governing Body shall have power to delegate any of its powers to ad-hoc committees, sub-committees, administrative or other officers or persons.
- 8.4.4 To acquire, hold and manage, and also to sell and dispose of all assets and properties that ICYM may own or possess at any time, by all legal means whatsoever.
- 8.4.5 To borrow money, receive gifts, grants, legacies, etc. in respect of any immovable or movable properties, in furtherance of the objectives of ICYM.
- 8.4.6 To establish, maintain, control, conduct and close down branches/units or, representations of the Society in such places as in India and abroad, and on such terms as the Governing Body may from time to time deem expedient or necessary.
- 8.4.7 To invest money of the ICYM, and to vary or transpose any investments

in such manner, as deem fit, from time to time; to open and operate on current, overdraft, or fixed deposit accounts with any Scheduled Bank or Banks as approved by the Government.

8.4.8 It may Co-opt three persons as the Members of the Governing Body of ICYM.

8.4.9 The Governing Body shall invite persons of eminence or distinction who may render meritorious service to the ICYM. However, Invitees shall have no voting rights and they shall aid and advice the functioning of the Society as and when required.

8.4.10 In case dissolution of ICYM, the Governing Body shall decide to hand over the assets and the properties to CBCI.

9. PERIODICITY, NOTICE & QUORUM OF MEETINGS

9.1 The Periodicity of meetings

9.1.1 The Periodicity of the ICYM General Body Meeting shall be every two years and / or as decided by the Governing Body.

9.1.2 The Periodicity of the ICYM National Council Meeting shall be as often as considered necessary, but not less than twice in a year.

9.1.3 The periodicity of the NEXCO Meeting shall be, at least, twice in a year.

9.1.4 The periodicity of the Governing Body Meeting shall be, at least, once in a year.

9.2 The Notice for meetings

9.2.1 **Ninety days**, notice shall be required for all the General Body Meetings of ICYM. **(Amended - cfr. Annexure IV)**

9.2.2 Thirty days' notice shall be required for all meetings of the National Council and for the Extraordinary National Council Meeting; twenty days' notice shall be required.

9.2.3 Thirty days' notice shall be required for all the NEXCO meetings except in the case of emergency; a shorter notice may be given.

9.2.4 At least, forty five days' notice shall be required for all the Governing Body meetings.

9.3. The Quorum for Meetings

9.3.1 There shall be no proxy for any member in the ICYM.

9.3.2 At the General Body, National Council, NEXCO and the Governing Body Meetings of ICYM the **Quorum shall be 50 Percent of the total Members.**

9.3.3 If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the commencement of any meeting the prescribed quorum be lacking then-

9.3.3.1 The shall be dissolved, if it is a meeting called on a requisition;

9.3.3.2 In any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned at the same place, by 15 minutes, and the members present in person, at the adjourned meeting, shall constitute the quorum, and shall transact the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. (Amended - cfr. Annexure III)

10. ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND EX- OFFICIO MEMBERS

10.1 Elections

10.1.1 The ICYM National Council shall elect from among themselves a National President, 2 National Vice- Presidents, 1 National General Secretary, 5 National Secretaries, National Treasurer, Asst. National Treasurer, National Spokesperson, Asst. Spokesperson, 2 RYDs, 2 RYLAs for a period of 2 years with a simple majority of those present and voting. (Amended - cfr. Annexure IV)

10.1.2 All the Youth Office Bearers, at the time of their election shall be 28 years old or less so as to ensure that they complete their term of two years without crossing the age bar of membership of ICYM.

10.1.3 The candidates must be able to spare time to realize the aims and objects of the ICYM with the spirit of service.

10.1.4 No two elected youth members shall be from the same region.

10.1.5 The Democratic method of secret ballot is to be followed for elections.

10.1.6 Regional Youth Presidents will participate in voting but, since he/ she holds a post in his/her region, he/she shall not contest elections.

10.1.7 In case, any elected members resigns, crosses age bar, married expelled or expires before the expiry of his / her term, another from any region may be elected to complete the term as per the clause 10.1.4

10.1.8 ICYM is the member of the Federation of International Catholic Parochial Youth Movements (FIMCAP). **The representative of ICYM to the FIMCAP will be selected in the joint NEXCO meeting during the National elections.** *The term of the representative will be for three years. He/she will be an ex-officio member in the NEXCO.*

10.1.9 **The National level FIMCAP body will consist of one elected representative each from all the thirteen regions of ICYM, National President, National General Secretary, National Youth Director, National youth Lady Animator and the National Chairman of ICYM.** *The National Coordinator for the FIMCAP will be elected in the joint NEXCO Meeting during the national election.*

10.1.10 The National level body will be responsible for the planning and implementation of FIMCAP programs in the National as well as the Regional levels. **(Amended - cfr. Annexure VI)**

10.2 Appointees of CBCI / CBCI Office for Youth

10.2.1 National Youth Director (Priest / Religious / Laity)

Shall be appointed by the CBCI. The ICYM NEXCO shall recommend to the commission Bishops the names to be considered. The Commission Chairman shall forward the names to the CBCI, which will take the Final Decision. However, the appointment will be made by the Chairman, CBCI Office for youth. His / Her* term shall be for six years, including one year probation as per the statutes of CBCI. He should have been an active member of either the Regional or Diocesan Youth Movement for, at least, three years.

10.2.2 The National Youth Lady Animator/ Co-coordinator (lay / religious woman)

Shall be appointed by the CBCI Office for youth. The term shall be for three years. She should have been involved / interested in the Youth Ministry.

10.3 The Ex-Officio Members

The following shall be the Ex-officio Members of the Governing Body of ICYM.

10.3.1 The president, The Vice-Presidents (I & II) and the Secretary General of CBCI.

10.3.2 The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Bishop Member of CBCI Office for Youth.

10.3.3 The archbishop of Delhi / His Nominee.

10.3.4 The Deputy secretary General of CBCI.

10.3.5 The Youth representative of Apna Yuva Spandan (National Youth Magazine).

11. TERMS OF THE OFFICE AND DUTIES & FUNCTIONS

11.1 Terms of Office

11.1.1 The tenure of elected shall be of 2 years.

11.1.2 The tenure of the ex-officio members shall be as per the rules and regulations of the office they hold.

11.1.3 The Elected Membership of the ICYM shall, ipso facto, stand terminated if the member

11.1.3.1 Crosses age bar, dies or becomes insane or insolvent.

11.1.3.2 Tenders his/her resignation in writing to the ICYM; or

11.1.3.3 Ceases to hold the status or office by virtue of which he / she is a Member of the ICYM; or

11.1.3.4 Fails to attend two consecutive National Council Meetings of ICYM, without stating reasons acceptable to the National Youth Director; or

11.1.4 The General Body may, by adoption of a resolution, terminate the membership of a member or tenure of an invitee of ICYM, for such reasons as the General Body may deem proper.

Provided that member/ invitee has been given a reasonable opportunity to be heard in his / her defense, either orally or in writing.

11.1.5 Termination of membership of a member of the ICYM shall automatically entail termination of his/her membership, if any, of the Governing Body, or any other sub-committee of which he/ she is a member by virtue of him / her membership of the ICYM.

11.2 Duties and Functions of the Office Bearers

For the purposes of this rule, an office-bearer shall be deemed to be absent from a meeting, if he/she fails to attend the meeting within fifteen minutes of the time notified for its commencement, or leaves the meeting while it is in progress, unless he /she assigns a valid reasons to the National Youth Director.

The following Office-Bearers shall be elected from among the Youth Members-

11.2.1 National Youth President (NYP)

11.2.1.1 He/she shall be the person who is responsible for ICYM along with the National Youth Director in the spirit of collective leadership.

11.2.1.2 He/she presides over the National Council and NEXCO Meetings which will be facilitated by the National Youth Director, and in the absence of the President, the Chairman of the CBCI Office for Youth / National Youth Director shall ensure that one of the two Vice - Presidents preside over the meeting.

11.2.1.3 He/she shall exercise the casting vote in case of a tie

11.2.1.4 He/she shall be the member of all the sub-committees appointed by ICYM,

11.2.1.5 In the event of crisis, the National Youth President shall refer the matter to the Chairman and accept his suggestions, full of wisdom, as final

11.2.2 National Youth Vice- President (NYVP) [I&II] (a female and a male)

11.2.2.1 He/she shall assist President in his / her responsibilities and in the absence of President, Vice- President (I) shall discharge responsibilities and in the event of the absence of the President and Vice-President (I), the Vice-President (II) assumes responsibilities.

11.2.2.2 He/she shall be the person who is responsible for ICYM along with the President and National Youth Director.

11.2.2.3 He/she shall assist the President to preside over the National Council and NEXO Meetings.

11.2.2.4 He/she is responsible for raising finance along with the President and the other Office Bearers.

11.2.2.5 He/she helps President to promote National Youth Magazine Apna Yuva Spandan”

(Proviso: Where the National Youth President is a male, National Youth Vice- President I shall be a female and Vice- President II shall be a male and vice-versa).

11.2.3 National Youth General Secretary (NYGS)

11.2.3.1 He / she shall record the minutes and prepare the report of the NEXCO, National Council and the General Body Meetings of ICYM which shall be finalized / edited along with the National Youth Director.

11.2.3.2 He / she along with the National Youth Director provide the Regions with regular and resourceful information about the Youth Ministry.

11.2.3.3 He / she along with the National Youth Director and the Secretaries, presents the report at the ICYM Meetings on various activities.

11.2.4 National Youth Secretaries (NYSs)

11.2.4.1 They shall assist the General Secretary in all his/her responsibilities and in the absence of the General Secretary, they shall discharge responsibilities.

11.2.4.2 They along with the General Secretary and National Youth Director provide to the Regions with regular and resourceful information about the Youth Ministry.

11.2.4.3 They along with the General Secretary and National Youth Director, maintains all relevant documentation necessary to realize the objectives of ICYM.

11.2.5 National Youth Treasurer (NYT)

11.2.5.1 He/she is the main person for raising funds.

11.2.5.2 He/she along with the National Youth Director maintains documents and records concerning the accounts of the ICYM.

11.2.5.3 Treasurer presents the Budget and the Audited Statement to the ICYM.

11.2.6 National Youth Asst. Treasurer (NYAT)

11.2.6.1 He/she shall assist the Treasurer for raising funds.

11.2.6.2 He/she along with the Treasurer and National Youth Director maintains documents and records concerning the accounts of the ICYM.

11.2.6.3 Asst. Treasurer along with the Treasurer presents the Budget and the Audited Statement to the ICYM.

11.2.7 National Youth Spokesperson 1 (NYSP)

11.2.7.1 He/she is the official mouth piece of ICYM.

11.2.7.2 He/she issues press releases, convenes press conferences relate with ICYM and assists President and the National Youth Director and the Secretary.

11.2.7.3 He/she does not issue statements without the approval of President and the National Youth Director.

11.2.8 National Youth Spokesperson II (NYSP)

11.2.8.1 He/she is the official mouthpiece of ICYM.

11.2.8.2 He/she along with the Spokesperson I issues press releases, convenes press conferences related with ICYM and assists President and the National Youth Director and the Secretary.

11.2.8.3 He/she does not issue statements without the approval of President and National Youth Director.

The following Regional Youth Animators shall be elected for NEXCO at the same time by the National Council

11.2.9 Regional Youth Director (RYD) (Total = 2)

11.2.9.1 His main role is to see that the decisions of the ICYM are implemented, keeping in mind the actual needs of his region, at the National level.

11.2.9.2 It is his duty to see that representatives from all the regions take an active part in all the deliberations and activities of the ICYM and their respective region.

11.2.9.3 He facilitates the promotion of Apna Yuva Spandan in his region.

11.2.10 Regional Youth Lady Animator (RYLA) (Total = 2)

11.2.10.1 Her main role is to see that the decisions of the ICYM are implemented, keeping in mind the actual need of her region, at the National level.

11.2.10.2 She facilitates the promotion of Apna Yuva Spandan in her region.

11.2.10.3 She pays special attention to the specific needs of the female youth members of ICYM 28

Along with these Youth Office Bearers, the following persons shall be the ex-officio members-

11.2.11 Chairman

11.2.11.1 Chairman of CBCI Office for Youth shall be the Ex-officio Chairman ICYM who shall be the Friend, Philosopher and the Guide of the Youth.

11.2.11.2 The Chairman shall preside over the Governing Body and the General Body Meeting of ICYM.

11.2.11.3 The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Bishop Member of CBCI Office for Youth shall form a "Youth Bishop Team" for promoting Youth Ministry at the National Level to consolidate ICYM.

11.2.11.4 The Chairman shall act as a link between the ICYM and the CBCI.

- 11.2.11.5 He shall help to raise funds for the ICYM as and when required.
- 11.2.11.6 In the event of grave necessity, the National Youth President shall refer the matter to the Chairman and accept his suggestions, full of wisdom, as final.
- 11.2.11.7 In the event of guidance, the Chairman of the CBCI Office for Youth shall facilitate the Dialogue.

11.2.12 National Youth Director (NYD)

- 11.2.12.1 The National Youth Director, appointed by the CBCI, shall be the ex-officio National Youth Director of ICYM.
- 11.2.12.2 He/she shall have the experience of “journeying with youth” in the past in his/ her diocese/ region.
- 11.2.12.3 He/she shall be the day to day chief functionary of the ICYM.
- 11.2.12.4 He/she shall be the over all in-charge of the ICYM National Office/ Centre /Head Quarters.
- 11.2.12.5 He/she animates and co-ordinates the Youth Apostolate at the National level, along with the Office bearers, and functions as a link between the Regional ICYM, the National ICYM and CBCI.
- 11.2.12.6 He/ she is responsible along with the Office Bearers of ICYM for the consolidation and extension of Youth Ministry in India
- 11.2.12.7 He/she organizes or conducts Programs, along with the NEXGQ, to promote committed young leaders for the Church and the society.
- 11.2.12.8 He/she, along with the Secretary, provides to the Regions with regular and resourceful information about the Youth Ministry.
- 11.2.12.9 Along with the ICYM Office- Bearers, he/she shall make every effort to raise funds for the ICYM Programs.
- 11.2.12.10 He/she, along with the Secretary, maintains all relevant documentation necessary to realize the aims and objects of ICYM.
- 11.2.12.11 He/she prepares the Agenda, after due consultation with the President and Secretary, and insures convening meetings.
- 11.2.12.12 He/she along with the NEXCO, sees to the implementation of the decisions of the ICYM.
- 11.2.12.13 He/she, along with the National Youth Magazine Editorial Board, ensures publishing the National Youth Magazine “Apna Yuva Spandan”.
- 11.2.12.14 He/she enables the Secretary to record the minutes, prepare and finalize Reports of NEXCO, National Council and the General Body Meeting of ICYM.
- 11.2.12.15 He/she, along with the Treasurer, maintains documents and the budget and the Audited Statements to ICYM.
- 11.2.12.16 He/she collaborates with various commissions, the national centers of

CBCI, with similar and likeminded National and Inter-national Youth Movements / Organizations as well as with the Government for National Integration and Communal Harmony.

11.2.13 National Youth Lady Animator (NYLA) /National Youth Coordinator

11.2.13.1 National Youth Lady Animator / National Youth Co-ordinator appointed by CBCI Office for Youth shall be the ex-officio Member of ICYM.

11.2.13.2 The National Youth Coordinator assists the NYD in all his responsibilities and activities of ICYM.

11.2.13.3 In the absence of the National Youth Director, she shall take care of the functioning of the office / Centre / Head Quarters.

11.2.13.4 She pays special attention to the specific needs of the female youth members of ICYM.

Along with the above mentioned NEXCO Members, the following persons will be the part of the Governing Body.

11.2.14. Patron

11.2.14.1 The President of CBCI shall be the ex-officio Patron of ICYM who will be the “Guru” of the Youth.

11.2.14.2 The President of CBCI shall motivate, inspire and enthuse the members especially during the General Body and Governing Body Meetings of ICYM.

11.2.14.3 The Patron shall prompt the youth to implement the vision of CBCI with his suggestions, recommendations and insights.

11.2.15 Member Bishop of the CBCI Office for Youth (Total =2)

11.2.15.1 The member Bishop of CBCI, appointed by CBCI, shall be the ex-officio member of ICYM.

11.2.15.2 The Chairman and the Member Bishops shall form a “Youth Bishop Team” for promoting Youth Ministry at the National Level to consolidate ICYM.

11.2.15.3 He shall render service to the ICYM through his expertise and efficiency.

11.2.16 Vice-President (I&II) and the Secretary General of CBCI

11.2.16.1 They shall motivate youth to uphold the Aims and Objects of the ICYM.

11.2.16.2 They shall guide the youth especially for their Spiritual fulfillment.

11.2.16.3 They shall champion the cause of youth at all fora.

11.2.17 Archbishop of Delhi / His Nominee

11.2.17.1 The Archbishop of Delhi /His nominee shall be the ex-officio member of ICYM.

11.2.17.2 He shall promote ICYM by his insights and recommendations.

11.2.17.3 He shall guide ICYM for the Spiritual fulfillment.

11.2.18 Deputy Secretary General of CBCI

11.2.18.1 The Deputy Secretary General of CBCI shall be the ex-officio member of ICYM.

11.2.18.2 He shall support ICYM by his reflections and suggestions during the discernment process.

11.2.18.3 He shall help animate ICYM with his love and vision for the Youth Ministry.

11.2.19 Representative of the National Youth Magazine.

11.2.19.1 He/she shall be appointed by the Editorial Board of the National - Youth Magazine.

11.2.19.2 He/she shall be the member of the Editorial Board of the National Youth Magazine (Yuva Spandan/The Heart Beats of the Youth)

11.2.19.3 He/she shall be the “voice of the voiceless youth” through the National Youth Magazine.

11.2.19.4 He/she shall promote, project and protect the interest of the National Youth Magazine at all levels.

11.2.19.5 He/she shall represent National Youth Magazine (Yuva Spandan) at the Governing Body Meeting.

The following persons shall be appointed to the Governing Body as the Co-opted Members-

11.2.20 Co-opted Members (Total = 7)

11.2.20.1 The NEXCO may Co-opt 4 Members (e.g. YCS/YSM, AICUF, etc.) and the other 3 members may be co-opted by the Governing Body.

11.2.20.2 The Co-opted Members shall contribute with their experience, expertise and commitment in the field of youth.

11.2.20.3 They shall enable unity and solidarity among the members of ICYM at various levels i.e. Diocesan, Regional and National ICYM.

11.2.20.4 The co-opted members take part in all the discussions and the deliberations. They shall have no voting rights.

12. LANGUAGE

The proceedings of all the meetings as well as the accounts shall be maintained in English. However, during the meetings, any person may express himself/herself in any national/regional language with the help of and an interpreter.

13. FILLING UP CASUAL VACANCIES

13.1 Any vacancy of a member of the Governing Body or of the office Bearer. Occurring during the tenure of office, prescribed under rule 7.1 and 7.2 as die case may be, shall be filled, as soon as possible, by conducting

election as prescribed in 10.1-10.4

13.2 A person so nominated shall be subject to the same order of retirement as the person whom he/she has succeeded by such nomination.

13.3 The Governing Body shall be entitled to carry on its prescribed functions, notwithstanding the occurrence or continuance of any such vacancies.

14. SUBCOMMITTEES

Taking into account the urgency, complexity and the need for an in-dept study, IGYM General Body, Governing Body, National Council or NEXCO may appoint sub-committees-

14.1 **Formation:** The sub-committee could be formed, taking into account the pressing need of the “Youth Reality” as and when required, giving “Term of Reference”.

14.2 **Composition:** The composition of the sub-committee shall be decided according to the felt need of a particular challenge.

14.3 **Duties and functions:** While appointing the sub-committee, the Guidelines explaining the limit, scope and duration of the Sub-Committee shall be stipulated.

15. FINANCE

15.1 Sources of Income

The finances of the ICYM shall be derived from:

15.1.1 Contribution from each diocese

15.1.2 Donations/Gifts

15.1.3 Loan

15.1.4 Fund - Raising—Campaigns

15.1.5 Income from the ICYM institutions

15.1.6 Financial Assistance from Government and non-Government Agencies- National / Inter/National.

15.1.7 Such other sources generally.

15.2 Budgets

15.2.1 Budgets shall be framed by the National Council of ICYM and approved by the Governing Body separately, and distinctly, for ICYM.

15.2.2 Each such budget shall cover the period of twelve months of the Financial Year, hereafter in this rule called “Year”

15.2.3 In each Year the Governing Body, at a time suitable to it, shall carry out a scrutiny of the actual operation during the current year of the various budgets approved for that year and immediately following thereafter, it shall approved the respective budgets for the following year.

15.3 Audit of Accounts

15.3.1 Financial Year

The Financial Year of ICYM shall be the year ending on 31st March of each year or such other dates as may be decided by the Governing Body.

15.3.2 Audit

At each Annual General Meeting, ICYM shall appoint one or more auditors who shall be qualified Chartered Accountants, to audit the accounts of ICYM (They shall include the accounts of the Society and the accounts of the various institutions of ICYM) previous to their being laid before the Annual General Body Meeting in the form of a Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payment Accounts duly certified by such auditor/auditors and with his / their report thereon.

15.4 Operating of Bank Accounts

15.4.1 The Bank Accounts of ICYM shall be operated by the National Youth Director along with the President and the Treasurer or any other person / persons as decided by the Governing Body.

15.4.2 The operation of the Bank Account shall be in the Scheduled Bank/ Banks

15.4.3 The Governing Body shall decide, from time to time, the limit beyond which a prior permission from the Governing Body shall be required for the expenditure.

16. ANNUAL LIST OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Once in a year or as and when required, a list of the office bearers and members of the Governing Body of ICYM shall be submitted to CBCI.

17. ARBITRATION (AS PROPOSED BY CBCI)

In case of any issue which cannot be resolved within ICYM, the code of Arbitration proposed by the CBCI will be followed-“Should any dispute arise between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the Catholic Organization or any Office- Bearer of the Executive Committee relative to membership or to any alleged breach of Rules if the expulsion of any member of the Organization, or on any account whatsoever which cannot satisfactorily be settled under the Rules and Regulation already provided, the matter in difference shall be settled by arbitration as speedily as possible and as specified below” “Each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an Umpire. Only members of National Catholic Organizations may be appointed as arbitrators and only members of hierarchy of file nominees of the CBCI may be appointed as Umpire. The decision arrived by the arbitrators, or, in the event of their disagreement, by the Umpire, shall be, final and binding on all parties, Until such time as the decision is

reached by arbitration, the status- quo- ante shall prevail in regard to matters under dispute”.

“Should any dispute arise between Catholic Organization which cannot be resolved by the Catholic bodies concerned, the matter in difference shall be settled by arbitration as speedily as possible. Each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the CBCI shall appoint an Umpire. Only members of the National Organizations concerned in the dispute may be appointed as an arbitrator. The decision arrived at by the arbitrators, or in the event of their disagreement, by the Umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties”.

18. AMENDMENTS:

- 18.1 The Statutes of ICYM can be changed or amended only by the General Body subject to approval by the Standing Committee of CBCI.
- 18.2 In case of amendments proposed by the members of the General Body, the same ought to reach the National Office of ICYM at least 10 weeks prior to the next General Body Meeting.
- 18.3 The notice of the proposed amendments shall be given by the National Youth Director to the members of the General Body at least, one month before the General Body Meeting in which such amendments are proposed to be taken up.
- 18.4 At least 2/3rd of the members present and 1/2 of the total membership of ICYM in the General Body Meeting ought to vote for such proposals, for the same to be treated as amended.

19. DISSOLUTION

- 19.1 In case ICYM is to be dissolved, the Governing Body may decide so with the concurrence of CBCI if 2/3rd of all members are present, with 2/3rd majority for dissolution.
- 19.2 The Governing Body, if decided so, shall work out the modality of dissolution.

**CBCI Office for Youth
Feast of the Triumph of the Cross
New Delhi. 14th Sept 1999**

ANNEXURE - I

GUIDELINES

FOR

ICYM NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. Only the eligible and the present members of National Council of ICYM will be elected
2. Secret ballot method will be used in all the elections
3. In order to get elected, each person (The 12 Office bearers i.e. President, Vice-President I, Vice- President H, General Secretary, 4 Secretaries, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Spokesperson I, Spokesperson n, 2RYDs as well as 2 RYLAs should obtain simple majority (50% vote +1 vote) from the members present.
4. No two youth from the same region will be elected as office bearers and as Youth Representatives.
5. The order for the elections of the sixteen members of the Governing Body shall be as follows-
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 General Secretary
 - 5.3 Spokesperson
 - 5.4 Treasurer
 - 5.5 Asst. Treasurer
 - 5.6 Vice-President (I)
 - 5.7 Vice-President (II)
 - 5.8 Joint Secretary
 - 5.9 Elected Youth Representatives = Total4 (From the reimagining four regions)
 - 5.10 Regional Youth Directors (2)
 - 5.11 Regional Youth Lady Animators (2)
6. **Equal representation** of male and female for the post of Office bearers is **must** e.g. If the President is male then the Secretary shall be female, and vice-versa.
7. The election for the four Youth Representatives of the Governing Body will be from die remaining four regions not represented among the office bearers. The principle of equal representation of male and female is to be maintained
8. The election for Regional Youth Directors will be after the election of the thirteen offices bearers and four Executive members; they could be from any region.
9. Regional Youth Lady animators shall be elected from the regions other than the elected regional Youth Directors.

10. **Formal Installation ceremony of ICYM office bearers** shall take place towards the end of the ICYM National Council Meeting, thought the persons will be elected on 6/2/2000 as ICYM is bom.
11. For any ambiguity or for any matter that needs interpretation and decision, words of the Chairman of ICYM shall be final

(Based on ICYM-Memorandum and Internal Rules & Regulations, mainly nos. 2.1, 11.1, 11.2 to 11.2.9)

(Guidelines evolved by NEXCO, as authorized by NCBYC, on 11th - 12th Dec.1999 at Vijayawada)

ANNEXURE - II

VISION

HOLISTIC MODEL

With the formation of Indian Catholic Youth Movement, the vision of the “Enlightened Youth, Leading Youth” with the help of the Animators will become all the more possible. As a result, the youth leaders will emerge more responsible, reliable and committed in order to own up Programs and activities. They may initially opt for one or the following activities/ committees and gradually develop integral approach to various challenges of life emerging daily-

- 1. EDUCATIONAL AREA-**Literacy and Adult Literacy Campaign, Career Guidance, various conscientization programs on Programs on Personality Development, Social Awareness and Inter-Personal Skills, etc. (For example, promoting YCS / YSM, AICUF, etc.)
- 2. CULTURAL AVENUE-** Dance, Drama, Music, Sports activities along with fostering literary contribution, etc. (For example, getting enriched by the tribal culture).
- 3. RELIGIOUS FIELD-** To help promote Church leadership through study of the Sacred Scripture and supporting SVP, Parish Council, Small Christian Communities / Small Human Communities, promoting Inter-Religious Dialogue, etc.
- 4. SOCIAL SECTOR-** To see to the needs of the society around e.g. Communal Harmony, collaborating with NGOs and VOs for the issues like poverty, environment, employment, etc.
- 5. POLITICAL SECTION-**To bring about social change especially for the Communal Harmony and National Integration through leadership based on the Christian Values i.e. Justice and Peace.
- 6. MEDIA - FORUM -** To develop critical taste for Media (Print & Electronic) through study and direct involvement with the sole aim of social commitment
- 7. EXCHANGE PROGRAMS GROUP-**To get enriched by the exchange programs i.e. crossing the barriers of class, caste, creed, color, gender, language, region, religion, state and nation....

(To be discussed - deliberated - discerned at the grass root level for action)

AMENDMENTS

APPROVED BY THE ICYM GENERAL BODY ON (29/10/2001)

6. GENERAL BODY

The General Body of ICYM shall consist of the representatives of the Diocesan ICYM, Regional ICM, National Council of ICYM and 5 Office-bearers of CBCI including the Deputy Secretary General of CBCI, Archbishop of Delhi or his nominee, the representative of Apna Yuva Spandan Editorial Board and the co-opted members of the Governing Body.

6.3.2.1 Elected Members of NEXCO

All the members of National Council shall elect the following National Executive Committee (NEXCO) Members- 8 Youth Office — bearers (i.e. President, 2 Vice- Presidents, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Spokesperson and 2 Regional Youth Directors and 2 Regional Youth Lady Animators. Total = 12.

6.4.2 General Body of ICYM

The General Body of ICYM shall consist of two Youth (a male and a female) elected from each Diocesan ICYM, Diocesan Youth President, Diocesan Youth Director, Diocesan Youth Lady Animator, Regional Youth Directors, Regional Youth Lady Animators, Animators of 12 regions, 5 Office - bearers of CBCI, 3 bishops of CBCI Commission for Youth, National Youth Director, National Youth Lady Animator, Archbishop of Delhi or his nominee, Representative of the Apna Yuva Spandan Editorial Board and the coopted members of the Governing Body

9.3 The Quorum for meetings

9.3.1 There shall be no proxy for any member in the ICYM.

9.3.2 At the General Body, National Council, NEXCO and the Governing Body Meetings of ICYM the Quorum shall be 50% of the total members

9.3.3 If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the commencement of any meeting the prescribed quorum be lacking then-

9.3.3.1 The shall be dissolved, if it is a meeting called on a requisition;

9.3.3.2 In any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned at the same place, by 15 minutes, and the members present in person, at the adjourned meeting, shall constitute the quorum, and shall transact the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

(CBCI Standing Committee approved the aforesaid Amendments on 18/4/2002)

ANNEXURE - IV

AMENDMENTS

Passed by the Extra-Ordinary General Body Meeting at Vaillankanni (27th, Nov. - 1st Dece. 2005) and approved by the CBCI Standing Committee in accord with the article No. 18.1, on 28th April 2006 at Bangalore.

- 2.1: The membership of ICYM is open to the Catholic Youth of Indian Nationality in the age group of 15 to 30 years and **unmarried**, who subscribes to the catholic values and principles.
- 6.3.1.2: The National Council of ICYM shall compromise of all the Regional Youth Representatives (RYRs) Regional Youth Presidents (RYPs), Regional Youth Directors (RYDs), Regional Youth Lady Animators (RYLAs), National Youth Director (NYD), National Youth Lady Animator (NYLA), **three youth invites from the Previous National Council**. Chairman Bishop and the members of the CBCI Commission for youth
- 6.3.2.1 **The Elected Members of the National Executive Committee (NEXCO)**
- All the members of the National Council shall elect the following National Executive Committee (NEXCO) members-**12 Youth Office bearers** (i.e. President, 2 Vice- Presidents, General Secretary, 4 Secretaries, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer and 2 Spokesperson) and 2 Regional Youth Directors and 2 Regional Youth Lady Animators.
- 6.4.1 The general body of the ICYM shall be the representative body of the youth leaders, Youth Animators, and the promoters of the Youth Apostolate in India which shall meet, at least once in two years (Remains the same).
- 9.2.1 Ninety days' notice shall be required for the General Body Meetings of ICYM.
- 10.1.2 The office bearers, at the time of their election shall not have completed 28 years of age. So as to ensure that they complete their term of two years without crossing the age bar of membership of ICYM. **Original copy of Baptism Certificate should be attached along with the nomination (not more than six months old).**
- 13.1.3.1 Crosses age bar, **married**. Dies or becomes insane or insolvent, **convicted by court**.
- 18.4: At least 2/3rd of the members present in the ICYM General Body Meeting ought to vote for such amendment, for the same to be treated as passed.

STRUCTURE FOR

INDIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT (ICYM)

To help converge all our efforts in the same direction, to launch initiatives and sustain them, ICYM needs at least a minimum of organizational structure at all levels—parish, diocesan, regional and national.

Here is how, in a general Way, we envisage the structures and their functioning. At all levels they will enjoy sufficient flexibility in order to adjust to their ground realities and needs.

1. AT PARISH LEVEL,

A. The ICYM Parish Youth Units/Council:

The ICYM Parish units/ council coordinate all the youth (between the age group of 15-30 Unmarried) in the parish. It will promote all the youth of the parish, organize them and coordinate activities for them according to the plan formulated by their ICYM Diocesan Unit.

The Parish ICYM is made up of:

- The parish priest/assistant parish priests.
- The youth animator, who may be appointed by the parish priest or the Council itself.
- All die youth members existing in the parish.

Units:

There could be many youth units in the parish in coordination with the Basic /Small Christian communities. In each community there could be a Youth unit (wards/cell) with the office bearers who constitute the parish youth council.

B. The ICYM Parish youth Executive Committee:

To implement and evaluate the various Programs decided upon by the parish Youth Units/Council, there will be ICYM Parish Youth Executive Committee.

- All the elected office bearers of the ICYM Parish Youth.
- The parish priest/assistant parish priests:
- The youth animator, who may be appointed by the parish priest or chosen by the Council itself:
- A Co-opted representative of the Parish Council:
- A Co-opted representative of the religious working with the youth of the parish.

The term of office of all representatives is for two years.

The ICYM Parish Youth executive committee meets at least once in a month. It follows the bye-laws of the National ICYM to govern its own functioning.

The President of the ICYM Parish units/council is if so fecto representative to the Parish Council of the Parish.

2. AT DEANERY LEVEL

A. The ICYM Deanery Youth Council/ General Body:

The ICYM Deanery Youth council/GB coordinates all the youth in the Deanery. It draws up its own Deanery Plan for Youth in accordance with the Diocesan, Regional and the National Plan. It promotes ICYM youth, youth groups and ICYM Parish youth Committee of all the parishes of the Deanery. It offers its services for the youth animation Programs in the diocese. It Programs activities for the youth and animators of the dioceses, sees to their implementation, and evaluates them.

The ICYM Deanery Youth Council/GB is made up of:

- The Vicar Forane
- The Deanery Youth Director
- At least three youth i.e. President, Male and Female Representative from among the office bearers of the Parish Youth Executive Committee in the deanery
- An youth office bearer as representatives of each of the youth movements operating at level of the Deanery and willing to work together **(if necessary or can be deducted)**
- A representative of the CRI
- A Co-opted representative of the Deanery Pastoral Council.
- The term of office of all the representatives is for two years.
- The Deanery Youth Executive Committee meets at least once in a month.

The Deanery Youth Director is the Executive Secretary of the Deanery Youth Commission and the Director of ICYM in the Deanery; among his/her tasks are the following:

- He/she in the deanery, acting as liaison between the Deanery Youth Executive Committee and the Vicar Forane together with his Pastoral Council.
- He/she serve as a point of reference in the deanery for all matters pertaining to youth.
- He/she solicit the involvement of the laity in the Ministry towards the young.
- He/she is assisted in these tasks by a team of active deanery youth animators and deanery youth executive committee.

B. The ICYM Deanery Youth Executive Committee

To implement and evaluate the various Programs decided by the Deanery Youth committee, there is a Deanery youth executive committee. Its members are elected from among the members of the Deanery Youth Committee. It is made up of the Deanery Youth Director, coordinator, Lady Youth Animator, Deanery youth president (D YP), Vice-President-2, General Secretary, Secretary-4, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer, Spokesperson-2, Male and Female representative.

The Deanery Youth President represents the youth in the Deanery Pastoral Council.

C. The ICYM Diocesan Youth Executive Committee:

To implement and evaluate the various Programs decided by the Diocesan Youth committee, there is a Diocesan youth executive committee. Its members are elected from among the members of the Diocesan Youth Committee. It is made up of the Diocesan Youth Director, the Assistant Youth Directors/, coordinator, Lady Youth Animator, Diocesan youth president (DYP), Vice-President-2, General Secretary, Secretary-4, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer, Spokesperson-2, Male and Female representative.

The Diocesan Youth President represents the youth in the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Where it is considered advisable, the Youth committee could be set up at the level of a vicariate or deanery along the lines of the Diocesan Youth committee.

3. AT REGIONAL LEVEL

A. The ICYM Regional Youth Council / General Body

The ICYM Regional Youth Council / GB coordinate the ICYM youth of the region. It draws its own Regional Plan for Youth in line with the ICYM National Plan. It organizes activities for the youth and animator of the region, sees to their implementation, and evaluates them. It helps in Promotion of APNA YUVA SPANDAN in the Region. One of its tasks is also to implement the recommendations made by the ICYM National Youth General Body/ National council.

The Regional Youth Council/GB is made up of:

- The Youth Chairman Bishop of the region.
- The Regional Youth Director The Regional Youth lady Animator:
- The Regional Chaplain of the YCS/YSM, and the animator of others youth movements at regional level.
- All the Diocesan Youth Directors.
- The Diocesan youth President (DYP) from all the dioceses.
- Two youth representative (Male and Female) of the Diocesan youth councils existing in the region.
- A Co-opted lay representative of the Regional Pastoral council.
- A Co-opted representative of the CRI.

The term of office of all the representatives and animators is for two years.

The Regional Youth Council/GB meets twice in a year. In the case of the Regional Youth Director, his/her term of office is for a minimum of three years, but he/she may be re-appointed by the Regional Bishops Council given another term by the Regional Youth Council / GB, with the approval of the Regional Bishop's.

B. The ICYM Regional Youth Executive Committee

To implement and evaluate the various Programs decided upon by the Regional Youth Council, there is an ICYM Regional Youth Executive Committee. Its members are elected from among the members of the ICYM Regional Youth Council. It is made up of the Chairman Bishop, the regional Youth Director, the regional Youth lady animator, regional youth president (RYP), Vice-President-2, General Secretary, Secretary-4, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer, Spokesperson-2, Male and Female representative.

The Regional Youth President represents die youth in the Regional Pastoral Council.

The Regional Youth Director is the Executive Secretary of the Regional Youth Commission and the Regional Youth Director of ICYM, and his/her tasks are the following:

- To put into effect the decision made by the Regional Youth Council / GB To keep in touch with the National Youth Office.
- To implement the Regional youth council plan in the line of the National Council/ General Body:
- To coordinate and help in the preparation of the diocesan youth council / GB plans of the region.
- To promote the national youth magazine, Apna Yuva Spandan.

ANNEXURE VI

AMENDMENTS

ICYM is the member of the Federation of international Catholic Parochial Youth Movements FIMCAP. The representative of ICYM to the FIMCAP will be selected in the joint NEXCO meeting during the National elections. The term of the representative will be for three years. He/she will be an ex-officio member in the NEXCO.

The National level FIMCAP body will consist of one elected representative each from all the thirteen regions of ICYM, National President, National General Secretary, National Youth Director, National youth Lady Animator and the National Chairman of ICYM. The National Coordinator for the FIMCAP will be elected in the joint NEXCO Meeting during the national election.

The National level body will be responsible for the planning and implementation of FIMCAP programs in the National as well as the Regional levels.

(Approved unanimously by at Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting of ICYM on 8th November 2009 at Mangalore)

ADD ON I

Message of the First National Youth Director of ICYM....

7/2/2000

(TO ALL REGIONAL YOUTH DIRECTORS, DIOCESAN YOUTH DIRECTORS AND
THE LEADERS OF ICYM)

Dear and Rev. Father / Sister / Young Friend,

Joy and Peace of the Youth Leader, Jesus!

14th September 1999 (The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross), was one of the most memorable days in the History of the Youth Ministry of India because CBCI Standing Committee, in its meeting at Bangalore, has approved the proposal of the Youth Commission to have the National Youth Organization entitled "Indian Catholic Youth Movement" (ICYM). We will review the functioning of ICYM, with the Members of CBCI Standing Committee, after three years.

Especially, right from 1986, CBCI Commission for Youth was operative all over India with the spirit of the ICYM, in the name of NCB YC (National Consultative Body of Youth Commission), and what we needed was a loose structure to implement some of the youth aspirations with the renewed "Youth to Youth Approach". Now onwards, if we seriously and systematically implement the core of ICYM, we could go still further in near future (e.g. forming Trust or going in for registration), by obtaining green signal from our Parent Body - C.B.C.I.

We recommend to and request each Diocesan and Regional Youth Movement to adopt the name of ICYM e.g. ICYM (Kohima Diocese), ICYM (Kottar Diocese), ICYM (Western Region), ICYM (U.P. Region), etc. However, since KCYM is a Registered Body, it could be known as KCYM (Kerala Region of ICYM) in Kerala, as agreed by the Standing Committee on 14/9/1999 at Bangalore. Of course, if you have some other opinion, do let us know. (We'll send to you the latest copy of ICYM Document shortly).

With the new structures of ICYM, we will have seven Youth Office-Bearers and five Youth Executive Committee Members elected from among 36 Youth Representatives of 12 Regional ICYMs and twelve Regional Youth Lady Animators in the National Council of ICYM. (Please, refer the Document, which you have, for more details).

We'll have the first elections for ICYM, according to the Guidelines, on 6th Feb. 2000 (Feast of St. Gonsalo Garcia, Patron Saint of the Indian Youth). We had the elections as per the Guidelines (Cfr. Annuxere) and the following persons are elected for the term of 2 years -

The newly elected Office-bearers of ICYM are -

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| 1. President | - | Mr. Roshan Alexander (Shimla Chandigarh, N.R.) |
| 2. Vice-President I | - | Ms. Cecilia Khozol (Diphu, N.E.) |
| 3. Vice-President II | - | Mr. Tushar Tribhuvan (Pune, W.R.) |
| 4. Secretary | - | Ms. Celine D'Silva (Bhopal, M.P.) |
| 5. Joint Secretary | - | Mr. Manish Michael (Allahabad, U.P.) |

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| 6. Treasurer | - | Mr. George Kutty V.C. (Tiruvalla, Kerala) |
| 7. Spokesperson | - | Mr. Amith Prabhu (Mangalore, Karnataka) |

The other members elected for the National Executive Committee (NEXCO) as follows-

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| 1. Fr. P. Rayappa | - | Regional Youth Director (Vijayawada, A.P.) |
| 2. Fr. Alwyn D'Souza | - | Regional Youth Director (Mangalore, Karnataka) |
| 3. Sr. Lydia Tauro, S.A. | - | Regional Youth Lady Animator (Meem, U.P.) |
| 4. Ms. Magda D'Souza | - | Regional Youth Lady Animator (Goa, W.R.) |

Along with the above persons, here are the Youth Representatives for the Governing Body

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| 1. Mr. T. Bhaskar Reddy | - | (Hyderabad, A.P.) |
| 2. Ms. Sunita Guriya | - | (Khunti, Bihar) |
| 3. Ms. Neelima Tirkey | - | (Rourkela, Orissa) |
| 4. Ms. Sagaya Nirmala | - | (Palayamkottai, T.N.) |
| 5. Mr. Jerome Ekka | - | (Bagdogra, W.B.) |

All the members' of NCB YC (especially, Ad-hoc Office Bearers) worked towards ensuring representation from Diocesan ICYM to Regional ICYM and from Regional ICYM to the National Council of ICYM, as per the Statutes, before Feb. 2000. That's why; we could hold elections properly on 6 / 2 / 2000 in St. Pius College, Mumbai.

We all know that ICYM is based on NCBYC which was founded during 1987 when Bishop Abraham V. (Khandwa) was the Chairman of the Youth Commission and the seed of the ICYM was sown in the National Youth Convention (I) during Dec. 1989 at Vasai (M.S.) when Fr. Sathya SVD was the Executive Secretary. Bishop John Thakur, SJ (Muzaffarpur) and

49 Bishop Abraham V (Khandwa) and Bishop Sebastian M. (Thamarassery) were the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members respectively. Similarly, we are grateful to Fr. Benedict Jose (Trivandrum) the Pro- Secretary, Bishop Aral Das (Ooty), Bishop James P. (Irinjalkuda) and Bishop Lucas Sirkar SDB (Krishnagar) for their services which helped us to come this far. We are also aware of the work of Bishop Victor Kindo (Raigarh), and Bishop Isidore Fernandes (Allahabad), and above all, the special contribution of the present Chairman Bishop Cyprian Monis, Vice-Chairman Bishop Jacob Mananathodath and the Member of CBCI Commission for Youth, Bishop Vincent Samuel.

We appreciate the devoted work of the National Youth Co-ordinators i.e. Sr. Nirmala S. Sp.S, Sr. Julie Pereira Fdccc, Sr. Gretta Fernandes S. Sp. S, Sr. Teresa Veigas RJM, Sr. Bernadette Rodricks DHM and now, Sr. Mary Lobo SCCG

A word of gratitude to all the members of the IC YM Drafting Committee (Advocate Jenis Francis, Msgr. Victor D'Souza, Fr. John Noronha, Mr. Binu Varghese, Ms. Neeta Goel, Ms. Anu Varghese, Fr. Nicholas Dias and Sr. Mary Lobo) who listened

to the dreams and aspirations of the youth through the NCB YC and the National Assembly (VU) of Diocesan Youth Directors and went on modifying the Draft. That's why, the Seventh Draft (Well. The number 7 indicates 'Completion'!) was approved by CBCI.

As we go through the Statutes, in case you find any limitation, do send in your suggestions to us here in ICYM National Office, CBCI Centre, 1 Ashok Place, New Delhi -110 001.

The Good Lord who inspired the concept of ICYM bear fruits, to be enjoyed both by the Mother Church and the Mother Bharat.

Live to Love and Love to Live

Youthfully Yours

Fr. Joel D'Cunha

To

All the Regional and Diocesan Youth Directors

Lady Animators

Leaders and Members of ICYM

Friends of ICYM

It is indeed my privilege to present the third edition of the Constitution of the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) to the Church in India. A new edition of any document speaks of new life, of growth, of wider acceptance and appreciation of the organization which it represents and leads. The Constitution for the ICYM as it appears in the present form is a gate-way to great growth and development. This third edition of the ICYM Constitution is presented to all in the third year of its existence. The document has been read and studied, understood, worked upon, put to use, tried and tested in both, the smooth and rough terrain of day-to-day life of our young people all over the country. A few amendments to the initial Memorandum and Internal Rules and Regulations were approved at the General Body Meeting on 29th October 2001 and accepted by the CBCI Standing Committee on 18th April 2002. This Constitution further enlightens the path that has already been trodden. It enables the organization to continue to walk firm, with hands united, bridging gaps and cementing roads that lead to achieving the goal and objectives of this movement.

The ICYM ushers in a paradigm shift in the life of the 'Young Church'. The youth in India are in a dilemma of disunity and discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, language and culture. Lack of true leadership, raising fundamentalism, alienation, choking unemployment, corruption at all levels are the alarming realities of the day. As we cruise in to the new millennium with tremendous hope and aspirations, the members of ICYM are now ready to discover the new frontiers that unfold. It is in this distressful context that the ICYM address the need of these young persons and works at empowering them in to action not only within the church compound but a conscious and deliberate immersion in the mainstream of secular life and activity in the heart of the world.

The ICYM is a dream as it is also a reality. The dream is being realized in every new moment - moving the Catholic youth into action, to squarely face the impending challenges fearlessly, not alone as individuals, but together and with one voice., .with one faith one hope and in and all this, for the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The ICYM is a dream that envisions our country and its country-men and women will stand tall and say with pride and dignity, "I belong to a nation that is built on values that treat all people alike - with respect, upholding the dignity of every person, with blessings of prosperity and peace."

The ICYM is a dream that one day our young people will also be able to give right leadership and political grit to our great nation, India, by eradicating poverty and unemployment by establishing unity and tranquillity, like in the words of John Paul II at the World Youth Day, Toronto "to become the 'sentinels of the morn'" of a new era,.

It was under the able leadership of Fr.. Joel D'Cunha, the National Youth Director that the ICYM was born on the 14th of September 1999 the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. This was one of the most significant and memorable days in the history of the Youth Ministry of India. The 'Project ICYM' was to 'Empower the youth of India' at the grass root level. Having received the required approval of the Standing Committee of the CBCI, this great movement spreads its wings from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, from Bay of Bengal to the Arabian Sea as one ICYM unifying the entire Country, this great nation India.

Youth groups have sacrificed the advantages of their own long cherished identities and joined hands with the ICYM. This is an indication of the strength and courage, a heartening response indeed, that leads us to believe that our young people can raise above their small ghettos, to a wider national vision. This positive attitude has contributed to the growth of ICYM throughout the country in the last three years.

On 15th of August, on the day of the feast of Assumption, as India Celebrated its 55th year of Independence, the mantle of responsibility was placed upon my shoulders. ICYM is a great sign of a new epoch when more young people will carry this banner high and throughout the Indian sub-continent. ICYM wants to network with other youth organisations. Having established several steps in its immediate plans for the future the ICYM forges ahead with power and vision, with determination and focus, to empower youth orientation and mission.

As I present this amended Constitution to all Catholic Youth and to the leaders, guides and directors of youth groups, I hope and pray that this document will be the light and life-giving grace to all. I hope that it will motivate, lead and give direction for growth not only to strengthen the organisational aspect of the movement, but also to enable and empower individual charisma to bloom and flourish.

Let every young Christian be empowered "to lead, to serve, to shine!" Amen.

Youthfully Yours

(Fr. Alwyn M. J. D'Souza)

To all the members of ICYM,

I am happy to write this message to the Youth of India in the fourth edition of the Memorandum of Association of Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM).

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, addressing a million young people gathered at Marianfeld, Cologne, for the World Youth Day 2005 said, "Don't be afraid to come to Jesus, you have nothing to lose but gain everything". Today, after six years of its foundation, ICYM has become an important movement in the Catholic Church. My hearty congratulations goes to those who dreamt, visualized, worked hard for the formation of ICYM and for all the elected office bearers and representatives along with those grass root members, who sustained and nurtured the movement successfully in a progressive manner till today. I congratulate the newly elected first lady National Youth President and her entire team.

After six decades of our independence, we are happy that our nation is moving at a galloping speed towards growth and development. Many young people are becoming financially self-reliant at a very early age, which was not seen before. In order to be stable in this modern world our young men and women should build their life on sound principles and authentic value system. In contrast to the prosperity we are also faced with utter poverty and suffering. Pope John Paul II has said it well: "It is not possible to go on living on an island of abundance surrounded by a sea of suffering". In this context we need to realize that, "...One thousand people die of TB every day in India,

One woman dies in childbirth every minute, one in every ten children dies before the age of five, one in every six children works and is not in school...

Dear youth of India, as you build yourself on sound principles and value system through this National movement, I would like to remind you the millennium development goals (MDG) of United Nations to make poverty history by 2015. India is awesomely young! "Fifty four percent of its one billion population is now under 25 years of age". This is a great opportunity for ICYM to reach out to the youth in every village and hamlets and in every metro and small towns'.

You have the challenge before you. Ask for the help of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name, use the power of prayer daily in your life, which will enable you to conquer all the problems and difficulties of your life and would enable you to live with cheer, enthusiasm and purpose for a rewarding existence in the world as Pope John Paul II expresses it in his Apostolic Exhortation Ecclesia in Asia "...youth are not only the object of the Church's pastoral care but also ...co-workers in the Church's mission in her various apostolic works of love and service" (EA47).

Dear Young people, you are called upon to live as a beacon of faith in this materialistic and secular world and transform it into God's Kingdom.

I would like to thank the CBCI Youth Commission Chairman and the member Bishops along with all the Youth Directors, Animators and Benefactors for their constant support and guidance in order to bring out the best in the youth towards a new civilization of love, peace and harmony.

God bless you.

Archbishop of Ranchi & President, CBCI

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Dear brother Archbishop / Bishop,

Greetings from the CBCI Commission for Youth!

On 14th September 1999 the CBCI Standing Committee had approved the Memorandum and Statutes of the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM). This provided a platform and an opportunity for implementing the common minimum uniformity in the youth ministry as proposed by the National Youth Pastoral Plan called "A Plan for Youth Ministry in India"(published on 24th June, 1996, by CBCI Youth Commission).

The journey of ICYM from its inception from the year 2000 till now has moved in a galloping speed in forming and reaching out to the youth of India, in building bridges and breaking barriers of hatred, division and discrimination. It has created an enormous opportunity for our young people across the country in developing their potentials and capabilities

The ICYM Extra-ordinary General Body at its evaluation and review meeting (November 27-1 December, 2005, at Vailankanni), approved and amended a few statutes (articles 2.1; 6.3.1.2; 6.3.2.1; 9.2.1; 10.1.2; 11.1.3.1; 18.4) proposed by the statutes amendment committee formed by the ICYM General Body in October, 2004 at Bhopal.

As per the ICYM Rules and Regulations (article 18.1), the amended statutes were approved at the CBCI Standing Committee Meeting on 28, April 2006 at Bangalore, which are printed in this fourth addition of the ICYM Memorandum and Statutes for the effective functioning of ICYM.

We are immensely grateful to the CBCI Standing Committee, and seek the support and guidance of the entire Bishops' to implement the common minimum uniformity in the Youth Ministry by strengthening National ICYM by effectively implementing the ICYM Statutes through Diocesan ICYM and Regional ICYM.

Yours fraternally,

With kind wishes

Bishop Leo Cornelio SVD

Bishop of Khandwa &

Chairman, CBCI Commission for Youth

To

"Prophetic Youth for a Progressive Nation"
Spiritual Awakening - Health & Life Skills - Socio-Political Leadership
All the Regional & Diocesan Youth Directors,
Lady Animators, Office Bearers & Members of ICYM Units,
Friends and Well-wishers,

Greetings from the National Youth Office, New Delhi!

I am placing before you the 4th edition of the ICYM Memorandum and Internal Rules and Regulations for an effective functioning of the Movement. ICYM is Six years old and growing sturdily. The spirit in which it was approved in the year 1999 by the CBCI Standing Committee, underlines a thought of common minimum uniformity (CMU) in its execution, i.e. "to each Diocesan and Regional Youth Movement to adopt the name of ICYM e.g. ICYM (Kohima Diocese), ICYM (Kottar Diocese), ICYM WR (Western Region), ICYM UP (U.P. Region), etc...

Dear friends, strengthen ICYM at the grass root level. That's where ICYM exists! Presently it's active in more than 8,000 parishes in India. To make it more effective and alive, I request you to make use of the ICYM Logo, ICYM Name on all your letterheads, banners, etc. This will give visibility for our organization; to implement the we need as much visibility as possible.

I must congratulate all the Diocesan Youth Commissions and the directors for striving to implement the CMU in their respective dioceses and parishes.

Remember, this paradigm shift, will not diminish the identity or diversity of the grass root youth groups but will enhance the solidarity and commonality which will be a visible sign of unity and harmony,

"We should actually be GO-GIVERS first and go-getters SECOND in everything that we do" Bill P.S. Lim.

Fr. Alwyn M.J. D' Souza

National Director, ICYM &

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VISION

“We, the Catholic Youth of India, are in the midst of a changing world as we stand at the threshold of the new millennium. At this juncture, with hope and courage, we unite to remove the obstacles that come in our way to achieving a bright, strong and confident society. Professing our belief in the Lord Jesus and our Motherland, we give ourselves whole heartedly for the formation of a better world.

In the midst of various forms of discriminations and socio-economic disparity, we, the youth look forward to a nation that is strong, just, integrated and progressive on every front.

We visualize a nation with opportunities for employment, quality education, health and a nation built on mutual respect, love peace, harmony. We, the young people of India deem it our responsibility to be torch bearers of a new era where truth and truth alone triumphs. We re-eradicate ourselves in achieving this vision of ours. We will make it our endeavor to be peace makers and liberators at all levels, encouraging people for making the lesser privileged heard, and contribute towards their integral growth.

Our aim shall be to eradicate corruption and communalism, and work for National Integration and total liberation of the human person.

We dedicate this vision to the young people of India as we join hands in uplifting the ICYM Movement”

Evolved and finalized by the newly elected persons of ICYM National Council Meeting (I) from 5th to 7th Feb. 2000 in Mumbai

MISION

“We, the Youth Representatives of India, motivated by the Gospel values, commit ourselves to empower value base youth to lead, to serve and to shine by working for the most under privileged sections of our Motherland by various action oriented programs.

It is our firm conviction that our mission is to lead Youth to employment and to serve the national integrity through dialogue and to shine like “sentinels of morning” in chinch and society. We in solidarity with the powerless youth, who are employed, pledge to analyze the causes of unemployment and to search for all the un-employment possibilities available at all levels. Conscientising the dignity of each and every job and career, we resolve to seek the cooperation of all the like-minded NGOs to have a network for career and employment bureau leading to a life of dignity for al youth of our country. Taking into consideration the particular socio-cultural mile and life-situation, alternative self-employment scheiffjii are to be sought out with the help of governmental and non-governmental agencies.

Imbibing the Gospel values, we orient the Youth to become peacemakers and iiberatprsat ili levels for national integration. We strive to promote healthy, family and communitarian relationships, encouraging youth for the upliftment of the downtrodden to lead to serve to shine”.

Evolved and finalized by the newly elected persons of ICYM National Council Meeting (VII) from 5th to 7th Feb. 2002 in Bhopal

INDIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT (ICYM)

“The Indian Catholic Youth Movement” (ICYM) is the National Youth Organization of CBCI Office for Youth which is approved by the Standing Committee of CBCI on the 14th Sept. 1999. Its membership is open to the Catholic Youth of Indian Nationality between the age group of 15 to 30 years unmarried who subscribe to the Catholic values and principles. The beneficiaries will be even the youth of different religions, as in the past.

The aims of the ICYM is to co-ordinate and empower the human potentials of youth based on the Gospel values, to make them effective agents of change in the socio- religious and cultural reality of India through National Integration. It also aims at making the youth committed to the mission of the Church and the Country.

The ICYM is a united forum of Catholic Youth through which the Youth can organize into one united force to strive in establishing a just and peaceful society. It is aimed at creating awareness among the public about the communal harmony by being Christian Leaders.

The ICYM will co-ordinate functioning of the Youth at the Diocesan, Regional and National levels. It shall have its own Youth President, Vice- Presidents (I & II), General Secretary, 5 secretaries, Treasurer, Asst Treasurer, Spokesperson I and Spokesperson II and the Executive Committee. This empowerment of the Youth is to pave the way to raise issues and stand up, at the National level, for those issues which call the attention of the dynamic and uncorrupt leadership, keeping in mind the “national” and “supra-ritual” nature of ICYM.

The youth will be the voice of the voiceless, through ICYM, in the country. This empowerment is aimed also at preparing the Youth to take up leadership in the country as Catholic Leaders - in the political field and stand up for the rights and privileges of the neglected lot, which is absent today as they; the youth have no voice and no appropriate forum to voice their opinion.

Taking into account the “Ecclesial Reality” of India, the provision is made for fair and equal representation to each diocese and each region i.e. 3 youth (keeping in mind the “gender balance”) and 2 Youth Animators (male and female) at the Diocesan, Regional and National levels. The General Body and Governing Body will be reflective of the unity and integrity of the Church which will manifest the “miniature church” i.e. 4 office bearers of CBCI, Bishops of CBCI Youth Office, priest, Religious, youth representatives, etc.

The finance could be taken care of by the contribution from each Diocesan ICYM. Through initially, Youth Animators will have to work more for “handing over some roles” to youth and shoulder responsibility in a collaborative manner, slowly and steadily youth could own up ICYM and allow the Youth Animators to be inspirational. In that case, there could be amendments in future.

What the youth need is the “Blessing” from our seniors to allow youth to continue being “The light of the world and salt of the earth”.

We request your love, care, concern and compassion to materialize the long cherished dream of the youth of India by opening up your generous heart.

On the eve of the Third Millennium, the youth of India are indeed privileged to form National Youth Organization and express solidarity with our Mother Church.