

# REPORT OF THE BANGALORE CRI ACTIVITIES 2019-20

## **Zonal Animators Meeting: Aug 19, 2018**

All the zonal leaders along with some representatives from each of the 18 zones of the Bangalore CRI gathered together on Aug 19, 2018 at Montfort Spirituality Centre- Old Madras Road.

The prime agenda of the meeting was to offer and orientation and plan out the activities of the year at the Centre-level as well as at the Zonal level. Around 40 members participate in the meeting.

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## **Religious Social Workers Meet 2018: Sep 9, 2018**

The MSW and BSW Social workers of the Bangalore CRI met together on Sep 9, 2018 from 9 am to 4 pm at St Joseph's Indian School.

Fr. Edward SDB and Mr. Antony initiated the discussions on various social themes. The gathering then entered into a fruitful time of interaction and clarification, chalking out some activities and plans that could be realistically implemented. Around 70 members were present for this meeting.

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## **Juniors & Novices Gathering 2018 – Sep 16, 2018**

The Junior's and Novices of Bangalore CRI gathered in fellowship and joy on Sep 16, 2019 at St Joseph's Indian High School. With the theme "Master's Call- 'To Break The Silence'," Fr. Sagaya John, the Director NBCLC, presiding over the Holy Eucharist exhorted the young religious to lead a life in accordance with the Master's Call.

Rt Rev Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bangalore rendered a heart-touching message to the audience inviting them to experience the "were not out hearts burning" by allowing Jesus to walk in their journey of life.

Fr. George CMI, Rector, Pastor Gavin from AG Church and Fr. Edward SDB were among the other speakers of the day. Fr Reji SDB mesmerized the gathering by wonderful rendition of popular hymns and action songs.

With various activities and debates, the young religious truly were motivated to live a deeper enthusiastic and committed life in the Lord!

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## **Bangalore CRI Executive Meeting: Oct 4, 2018**

The Bangalore CRI Executive meeting was held on Oct 4, 2018 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. The main agenda of discussion was for the planning of the forthcoming programmes and the evaluation of the events of the past year.

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## **Annual Superiors Meeting – Dec 02, 2018**

The Major Superiors and the Superiors of the various communities in the Bangalore CRI came together for the Annual Superiors Meeting. Archbishop Peter Machado, addressing the Superiors called forth to become leaders and animators who guide communities to live the “Jesus Way of Life!”

Fr. Xavier Manavath, Fr. Therese Babu, Sr. Flomy Joseph EF, Fr. Edward Thomas SDB and Msgr. Jayanathan VG were among the others who addressed the gathering.

The meeting was held at Paalana Bhavan and had the presence of nearly 425 superiors and major superiors. This was a meeting jointly organized by the BCRI and the Archdiocese of Bangalore.

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## **Bangalore CRI Executive Meeting: Jan 22, 2019**

The Office bearers of the BCRI gathered together at Upasana, Camillians House on Jan 22, 2019 to plan for the Sanyasa Sangama 2019. Various committees were charted out and the responsibilities and description of work were discussed and spelled out. The meeting was held from 10:30 am to 2 pm.

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## **Sanyasa Sangama 2019: Feb 03, 2019**

Sanyasa Sangama 2019 – the gathering of all the Consecrated of the Bangalore CRI was held on Feb 03, 2019 at Christ University, Bengaluru.

This annual meet witnessed the coming together of nearly 1000 consecrated from across the Archdiocese. It was a great time of joy and fellowship. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Jose Vettiyanal VC. In his address, he invited all the consecrated to examine their life as a “disciple of Christ” giving various pointers for reflection.

Rt Rev Peter Machado, the Archbishop of the Diocese addressed the gathering and inspired with his clarion call to reach out to the poor and the needy. Mr Prakash Rai, the guest of honour, with his eloquent speech mesmerized the gathering by his speech invoking all to be more conscious of their duties towards the state and the nation. Fr Edward Thomas, the President of the Bangalore CRI, Mrs Sameera and Mr Jacob were among the other speakers. The occasion also saw some of the beneficiaries of our ministries- those in prison, those among the orphans and those among the transgender – sharing their experience and the touch they received.

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### **Bangalore CRI Executive Meeting: March 07, 2019**

The Bangalore CRI Executive meeting was held on March 07, 2019 at St Patrick’s Church Campus. The agenda of the meeting was to evaluate the just-concluded Sanyasa Sangama 2019 and to chalk out tentative programmes of the forthcoming year.

The members expressed a sense of happiness at the successful organizing of the Sanyasa Sangama. A few programmes were scheduled for the coming year.

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**40 days Lenten Night Vigil in Collaboration with BCCRS: Mar 6-Apr 14, 2019**

The Bangalore CRI collaborated with the BCCRS for the Lenten Night Vigil held from Mar 6-Apr 14, 2019. This spiritual event was a great time of blessing and intercession.

The coming together of the consecrated and the lay people for the noble cause of praying together, was a great witness of Christian love and fellowship.

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