



CHANGE ISN'T SOMETHING WE HAVE TO FEAR!

Past one year, the Catholic Church has been actively preparing itself as to how - *draw and strengthen the lives of young people*. A yearlong preparations, talkings, discussions, sharings at local, regional and national level have happened keeping the Bishops Synod - October 2018 on Youth as a focus point. **Pope Francis** himself has clearly expressed, “*Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart.*”

The Church seemed to have realized the need to listen, accompany and empower the youth of today. They have got into the action of discussion, deliberation and debate. This is a welcome gesture. But should we not remind ourselves that this is not the first time that this process had gone by and shall not be the last? *Then, why are we where we are today?* This state of affairs should awaken us to the reality that *'something needs to be fixed'*. What could that something be? It is simply: the **Change of**

Attitude of Church towards YOUNG. It gives me hope to see that the buzz phrases like *'cultural shift', 'epochal change'* and *'massive challenge'* at the Synod of Bishops, Rome are consciously used.

This Synod, I trust is **Church's God given opportunity** to have a hard look at itself and wash away all that is not helpful to be at the service of **'Young'**. The young participants of the Synod represent the Young World's hopes and aspirations. They forthrightly say,

1. *'We are tired of reading documents 100 or 200 pages long. We young people want to see some practical things, steps, for young people to use to and want to read or listen to.'*

2. *'For Church it is an opportunity to understand what we feel, what we have to say.'*

3. *'We seek guidance and accompaniment, especially with the changing paradigms of the world today.'*

4. *'In order to teach justice and mercy to our young people, the church must first be a place of justice and mercy for our young people'.*

What they say and ask is too much to attend to? May God help us and the Church to move towards the *culture of listening, smelling, walking, singing and dancing* with the young and thus lead them to be the *ambassadors of peace, compassion and service.*

I personally believe that the young people of today are open, interested and ready to receive anything that is given to them plainly with authenticity, credibility and sincerity. **Let us strive to 'walk the talk' as our Master did.**



Fr Bala Bollineni, SJ
Founder - Director, YES-J

TWO NEW UNITS



The *Inaugural Ceremony of Magic Youth Unit* @ Loyola Academy Junior College, Alwal, Secunderabad on 18th September 2018.



Launching the Magic Youth Unit @ Loyola Academy (UG), Alwal



◇ Staff Coordinators appointed, Student Lead Team was elected. Volunteers Pledge was done.



◇ Great Enthusiasm, Deep Interest and High Motivation is evident among the student community.

◇ YES-J is grateful to the management, Staff and Student Community for their openness and support.



Priyanka Roy
A worthy platform to discover who I am and what I can do.

Testimonies

Nathan
A collective effort of youth for a better world.



Mizpah Samuel
A perfect place for change and inspiration

Testimonies

Sai Krishna
It is a place where we not only think of our own growth but also the people around us.



ACTIVITIES OF THE MAGIC YOUTH UNITS

Andhra Loyola College (UG & PG)



18th July
Ms. Manjula, HoD of MCA Dept., ALC inspired the girl students on the topic '*Women Empowerment: Different Roles of Women*'.



24th - 25th August

Magic Youth Volunteered in the Fundraising Programme for the Kerala Flood Affected Victims. Along with other volunteers, they together raised Rs. 6 lakhs. Kudos to them.



Andhra Loyola College (Intermediate)

14th September
New Lead Team is Elected.



15th September
Fr Bala Bollineni SJ conducted a workshop on '*Being a Servant Leader*' for the Lead Team.



15th September
Mind mapping workshop for students was lead through by Mr Sree Kumar.



ACTIVITIES OF THE MAGIC YOUTH UNITS

Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering and Technology (ALIET)



28th July
Cultural Interaction Session between the Inde-Esprit French Volunteers and Magic Youth of ALIET & ALC.

Loyola Academy (Inter & UG)



26th September
A Mime was enacted on Mental Health for the students of the college.

27th September
Happy Feet – Towards Fitness activity was lead by students.



MULTI SKILL TRAINING (MuST)

FIRST BATCH

Successfully Completed a Three Month Free Driving and Mechanical Training with Toyota Aimed for Rural Drop out Youth in July 2018.

Three of them have been offered job in the local Toyota center.



Testimonies

Harish

I feel proud of myself that I could complete this course and get a job.

Mahesh

MuST enabled me to stand on my own legs. I am so happy that Toyota offered me a job.

SECOND BATCH

The second batch of students for Driving and Mechanical Course with Toyota have enthusiastically begun their programme in the month of August 2018.





PERSONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (PEP)

The following workshops and Seminars were conducted by Fr Bala Bollineni, SJ for Teachers and Students.



31st May

Workshop on '*An Introspective Journey of a Teacher*' for the Staff of Loyola Academy.

01st-02nd June

Seminar on '*Self-Motivation and Never Quit Attitude*' for the students of Loyola Academy Junior College.



06th June

One day workshop on '*Being a Transformative Teacher*' for the Staff of St. John's High School, Karempudi.





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09th June

One day workshop on '*How Good Am I as a Teacher?*' for the Staff of Sahayamatha School, Mudinepalli.



10th June

Fr Bala Bollineni, SJ motivated and encouraged Gudlavalleru Parish youth to '*Discover the Diamond in them.*'



11th June

One day seminar on '*Who, What and How Am I as a Teacher?*' to the staff of Fr. Bianchi School, Gudivada.



20th June

One day workshop on '*Teacher: A Transformative Power*' for the Staff of Amalodbhavi St. Mary's School, Eluru.



PERSONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (PEP)

29th-30th June

A Two day Retreat on '*Being God-Like Teachers*' for the Staff of St. Francis High School, Secunderabad.



25th July

One day seminar on '*I Can do Attitude*' for the students of Arrupe High School, Katukapally.



07th August

'*Question - Answer Session on Indian and French Cultures*', with Frs. Christian Mellon, SJ, Bala Bollineni, SJ and the PG students of ALC.



06th-07th September

A Two day workshop on '*Servant Leadership and Group Dynamics*' for the major Seminarans of Missionaries of Compassion.



INDE ESPOIR

Inde Espoir 2018 @ Katukapally, India

Born in 1982 from a collaboration between Indian and French Jesuits, the "India-Hope" association sends several dozens of French students each year to villages and slums in southern India to help build schools, community centers, clinics and homes for the poorest people.

This year, a dynamic team of 9 girls and 6 boys, between 18 and 22 years old, and 2 Jesuits had their live in experience (Staying, Working, Eating and Playing) with the disadvantaged tribes at Katukapally near Bhadrachalam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

They come from varied backgrounds of study like: law, biology, political science, industrial design, nursing, engineering, accountancy, Civil Service etc. They helped build five classrooms for the tribal youth to undergo Skill Training Courses and thus improve their quality of life.



INDE ESPOIR

Lea

The month I have spent in Katukapally has been one of the most beautiful memories of my life. I could create strong ties with local people by identifying myself with them. It's very humbling to know that we worked hard for the deserving poor and needy. Thanks to this construction, through which we opened the Education door which is very important for the children and their individual development. Moreover, this kind of journey permits us to discover ourselves and go beyond our limits.

Hélène

I wanted to do the Inde Espoir project because I wanted to combine service and discovery of culture. I discovered the huge Indian culture and in particular the challenge of education. The smiles, the songs and the tribal dances of the children had made a mark in me. The dedication, energy and the enthusiasm of the fathers and sisters inspired me a lot.



Diane

This project was my first foreign humanitarian experience. Hence, it was really intense and full of emotions. Each day was unique and I learnt a lot from the community: Sisters, Fathers, and Teachers and of course from the children. This few weeks helped me to enhance my personality and had given me a positive perspective towards life. Taking everything into account, this experience is nothing but amazing.

Maxime

I learned so much during this journey. We were nicely welcomed, had comfortable rooms and the food was excellent. I saw the amazing charity work done by the Society of Jesus, which impressed me and will probably change my career's orientation. Speaking with the scholastics and the priests made me understand better the Gospel message and the importance of love.





VOLUNTARY IMMERSION PROGRAMME (VIP)

YES-J provides volunteer opportunities to people (18 yrs old onwards) from local cities and abroad through Voluntary Immersion Programme (VIP) in communities of all sizes, from rural villages to big cities, so that one could be living in either an urban or rural setting. VIP enables to Challenge oneself, Experience another culture and Develop an attitude of being 'GRATEFUL'.

Participants: From PIME Missions, Italy:

1. Grazia Taramelli
2. Miriam Gelati
3. Sara Fabbri
4. Tiziana Sebastiana.

Place and Time: Loyola Integrated Tribal Development Society, Katukapally in August.

Life Spent: Teaching, playing and accompanying the tribal children, assisting the mobile health clinic, working at con-

Impressions: All of them express their genuine sentiment that the love they experienced is priceless. They say that it has changed their way of looking at the world and most importantly their own lives. They emphatically say that VIP has *challenged, nourished, enriched* their life and the month of August has left them with many memories, insights and people for a lifetime. Above all, they say nothing but '*grazie mille*' (Thanks a lot).



Gratitude

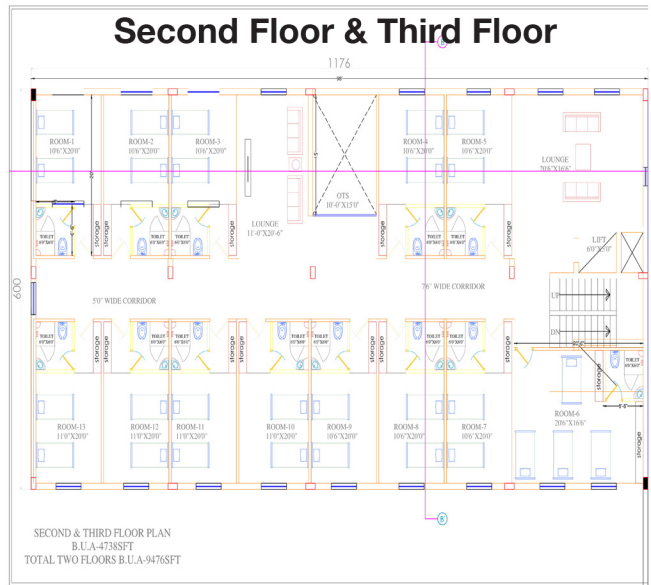
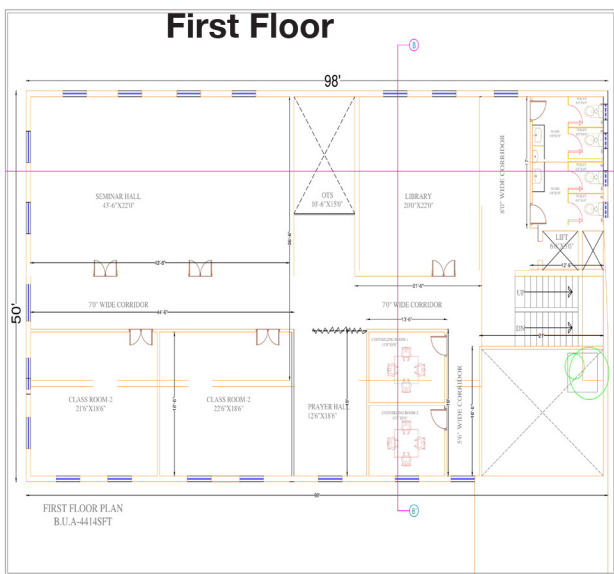
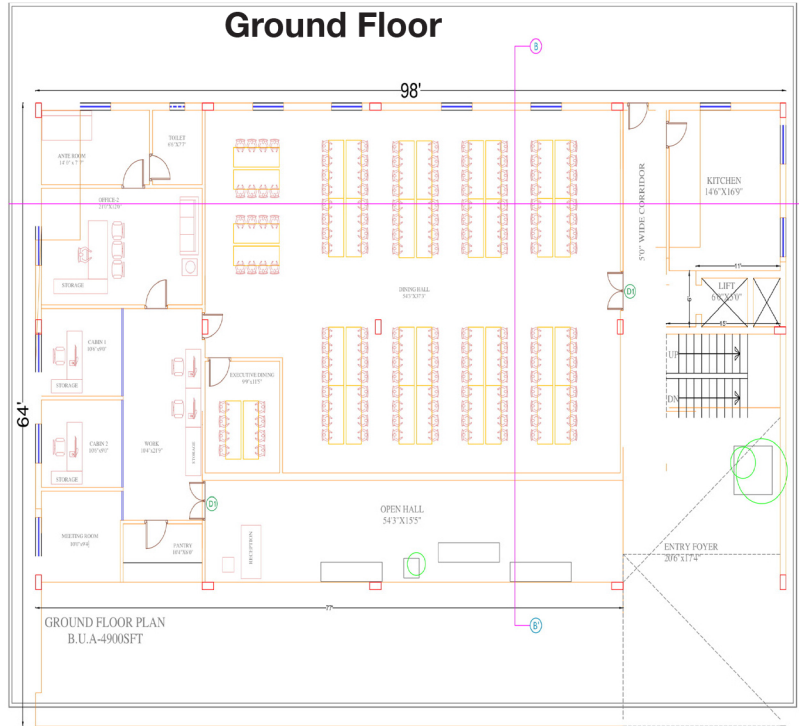
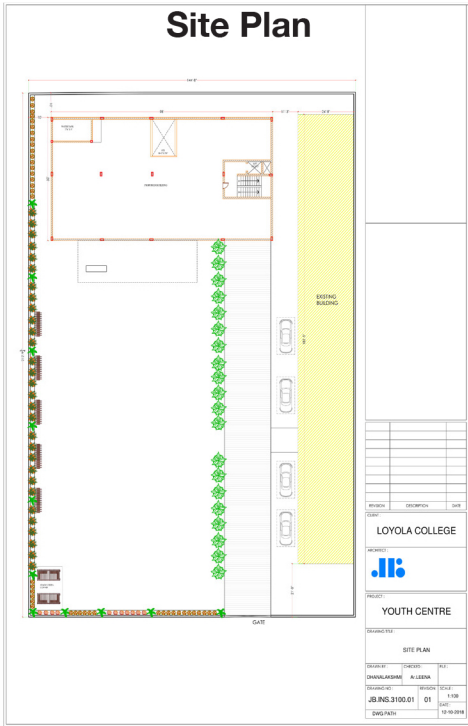
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Plan - Proposed Community Centre @ Andhra Loyola Campus, Vijayawada

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