



BE THE GEESE

A learned person always learns from everybody and everything.

He / She does not care for the category, size, form, material etc. The criteria for learning is simply **Openness and Desire to Grow**. This is something that needs to be induced into the minds of young today. I thought, this time we can learn from the life of GEESE to live as one body acknowledging, caring, supporting and living together. I hope this will positively disturb and stretch our imagination for better life.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an '**uplift**' for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds a 71 % longer flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier when they travel on the thrust of one another.*

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

Lesson: *If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.*

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose takes over at the point position.

Lesson: *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership because people, like geese, are interdependent upon each other.*

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: *We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging - not something less helpful.*

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow him down to help and to protect him. They stay with her until she is either able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, either with another formation or to catch up with the original flock.

Lesson: *If we have as much sense as the geese, we'll stand by each other like they do.*



Fr. Bala Bollineni, SJ

(Adapted from : " A lesson from the Geese" - Milton Olson)

INAUGURATION OF YOUTH EMPOWERING SERVICE-JESUITS (YESJ) OFFICE



YESJ is immensely grateful to *Fr Provincial, Andhra Loyola Institutions* and in particular to *Kaladarshini* for making available the space needed for Youth office and to run programmes for rural and urban youth. The office had been blessed by *Fr Ravi Sekhar SJ* and inaugurated by *Frs Francis Xavier SJ* and *G A P Kishore SJ* in the presence of other Jesuit brothers and the student community. It is certainly a positive step towards YESJ's growth.



(Men & Women Aiming Greater Initiatives for Change)

MAGIC is a *Student Youth Wing of YESJ* set up in formal education institutions to create an opportunity for young people to be men and women of **Conscience, Competence, Compassion and Commitment** and be the **Agents of Change** for themselves and the community they live in.

It aims to have a long-term systematic approach with **Spiritual, Social, Psychological, Contextual, Intellectual, and Creative Integration.**

It strives for the holistic development of a young person by addressing their concerns for the **Socio-Economic, Psycho-Emotional and Intellectual** and **Spiritual** aspects of their lives.

It desires to follow the praxis of **Experience-Reflection-Involvement-Transformation.**

All the programmes, activities and initiatives in the areas of "Life and Social Skills, Personal Development, Faith Formation, Leadership and Social Anomalies" focus on **Educating, Empowering and Conscientizing** the young people.

Pranusha

I am happy to be the member of it as it offers life promoting and self developing programmes

On 21st September 2017, the first MAGIC youth unit had been launched in *Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering and Technology (ALIET)*. **Sri. M. V. SRINIVAS** (Director and CEO of Radha Group TOYOTA) the Chief Guest and **Sri. JAGGAVARAPU VENKATA SATYA NARAYANA REDDY** (Managing Director of R. K. Industries) the Guest Speaker for the inauguration ceremony instilled and inspired the student community with their words of wisdom and presence.

Magic Youth is a voluntary based group, run by students themselves. It had a great response and about 700 students were registered, among whom fourteen were elected for the leadership team for the six categories: **First Lead, Second Lead, Secretary, Procurator, Event-Coordinator and Communication-Coordinator**. It is ably assisted by two staff members.

The inauguration ceremony went off so well and the day will be remembered for a long time in the minds and hearts of all. Our sincere thanks to **Fr Francis Xavier, SJ** and ALIET staff and students for the opportunity provided.

Kavya

I am feeling excited to be a part of MAGIC. It is something that I have been looking for. I hope to develop and grow by being part of it.



PARISHES AND PROGRAMMES

AMALAPURAM



* YESJ WINGS in the month of July **planted 250 saplings** in the church premises. The plants are well looked after by youth.

* On 20th August, **Fr. Esthaky Selvaraj, SJ** gathered all the youth of the parish including the substations for a day of **recollection, renewal and rejuvenation**.

* In the month of September YESJ WINGS got involved in **SWACHH CHURCH**. This is going to be a monthly routine.



GUDLAVALLERU



* On 25th June, **AP Christian Minority Finance Corporation** conducted an awareness camp of the government schemes available for youth.

* **GUD YESJ** continues to be faithful for their faith group meetings and other church activities.



LOYOLA ACADEMY, ALWAL



June 2: YESJ SFX had our first meeting with the newly appointed Parish Priest, **Fr. Leo, SJ**. On the same day the youth leadership team had been replaced by the new leads.

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September 10: We had a purposeful interaction with **Fr. Bala, SJ**, our Youth Director. We also discussed and shared about various youth programmes that are carried out by **YESJ**, the scholarships available for youth and Christians, the forth coming **MAGIS** programme in Chennai etc.



SEPTEMBER 17: **YESJ SFX** has been very fortunate to have the inspiring presence of **Fr. Jerry Rosario, SJ**. He gave the youth a *wonderful explanation on Life, different stages of life, different goals of life*. He encouraged us to give time for Christ to make our lives more

KONDRAMUTLA



* Around 30 youth of Kondramutla parish gathered together under the leadership of **Fr. Prasad, SJ** and **Sr. Sandhya, JMJ** to inspire themselves in the areas of **Christian Values** and **Protection of Mother Nature**.

* *Group discussions, games, public speaking, Holy Eucharist and delicious meal* were the important components of the day.

It was a day of learning, fun and togetherness.



PERSONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES (PEP)

On invitation, YESJ has been able to reach out through PEP to various educational institutions and groups in conducting many workshops and seminars.

06th June 2017: Orientation on 'True Teacher' for the staff of St Joseph's School, Khammam.



08th June 2017: Seminar on 'Being the Real Teacher' for staff of St Ann's School, Prasadampadu.

17th June 2017: Workshop on 'Being the Best Teacher Possible' for the staff of Nirmala School, Mangalagiri.



02nd July 2017: Seminar on 'Servant Leadership and Effective Management' for the Principals and Correspondents of St Ann of Luzern Education team, Vijayawada.

16th September 2017: Youth Commission Meeting, YESJ Office, Vijayawada.



Inde-Esprit (Hope for India)

The whole of Vinukonda mandal is a drought prone area and very often people migrate to other areas for work. Bharathapuram is a sub-station of Sivapuram parish of Vinukonda Jesuit Mission. It consists of 29 Yanadi tribal families, who do not have any land or houses of their own. They go from place to place in search of their livelihood. They either hunt the animals for their livelihood or catch rats in the paddy fields of the landlords or work as watchmen of small agricultural fields and ponds.



The Jesuit fathers in Vinukonda mission bought some land for them at Bharathapuram in 1990 to put up small huts and a small chapel. Some children were admitted to the Jesuit boarding school at Vinukonda. Over the years Jesuits enabled them to build concrete houses but could not see the completion for want of funds. It is in this context that **Inde Esprit** came to promote them as the owners of decent housing, by giving them a sense of identity and dignity.



Inde-Esprit: Born in 1981 from a collaboration between Franciscan Ursuline Sisters and Indian and French Jesuits, the India-Hope association sends hundreds of students from France each year to villages or slums to build buildings for the poorest people. It organises travel to India for students residing in France and participates actively in contributing physical labour for a month at locations of their projects.

Being true to the spirit of the organization, Inde-Esprit 2017 group lovingly and joyfully served the Yanadi (ST) community of Bharatapuram from July 8th to August 3rd 2017.

Rudy and Louise who were part of the team share their experiences of this noble project.

Inde-Esprit (Hope for India)

1. What are the life lessons this Immersion Experience taught you - Psychologically, Emotionally, Spiritually and intellectually?

Rudy: This experience enabled me first of all to rediscover the meaning and the necessity of gratitude. Even if I already had this spirit of gratitude in me, it really took a particular meaning in this universe where the poverty of people makes us relativize a whole lot of things.

Emotionally, this immersion was a real roller coaster for me: on one hand the beauty of landscapes and monuments, the difference in practices and lifestyles, people's sympathy; and on the other hand seeing the suffering of poor and destitutes, the social violence and animal abuse.

Psychologically and physically, these weeks were a real personal challenge to experiencing my sociability, my resistance to stress and the demands of group life, my dedication and my commitment to a cause that I consider just. And I am proud to say today that the framework of "Hope for India" was the best I could have hoped to fulfill this challenge. For this, I thank Fr. Bala once again for his great availability, his friendship and his love.



Louise: The first lesson I brought back with me to France from my Bharathapuram experience is that everything can be done if it's done with joy, happiness and good will, whatever the means we have and despite the very modest goal we intend to reach. More than money or other material items, human interactions and human communion are the only things that account in life. This lesson has obviously for me something to do with God: the demonstration of human self help we have done with the Bharathapuram's people by working with them to upgrade their living standards is only possible because God gave us life and called us to follow his example.

Inde-Esipoir(Hope for India)

2. What were the challenging aspects of this Immersion Experience?

Rudy: During this immersion, the challenges were daily and multiple. Whether it is to get used to Indian gastronomy, the taste of spices, the warmth, the noise and the swarming lifestyle of India. The challenge was also to truly embrace this joyful atmosphere, to abandon our French habits of being always unsatisfied and of wanting to always control everything, so that I could appreciate the present moment, contact with people, enjoy their smile, interact with them. Another challenge was that of living in group in an environment different from the one we are used to and in which we were all ignorant. It was necessary to be strong for one another, to learn to count on others and to move forward with them.

Louise: One big challenge was to adapt myself to the climate conditions in India, as we worked the afternoon between 2 and 4 pm, the hottest period of the day. This said, I found that our interactions with the villagers were quite good, as we communicated by hand gestures and by using key Telugu words they taught us. Maybe sometimes some villagers are too timid and this understandable reserve can be a brake to interaction and exchange.



3. Any other comments?

Rudy: It was an instructive and beneficial experience on all points, humanly, spiritually, culturally, psychologically, physically. I would certainly have regretted all my life if I had not lived it.

Louise: It was very hard to leave the villagers. I have never been so moved in my life to leave a group of people I had only known for 4 weeks and with whom I had limited interactions. This is something very powerful and, again, testifying that God creates unbelievable bridges between human beings.

Asian Youth Days, Indonesia

Asian Youth Day (AYD) is a Catholic Youth Summit in Asian region. The event is held every three years and attended by more than two thousand Catholic youth from various countries in Asia. AYD was initiated by the advisor of Catholic Youth of Asia and approved by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) under the Youth Desk of Laity and Family Office. **The 7th AYD was held at Yogyakarta City during July 30 – August 6, 2017.**



I have been blessed to actively participate in this Summit. The outcome has many blessings and learnings both at a personal and ministry level. *It is a refreshing and hope-filled experience for me to see, hear, smell, touch, and taste the enlivening faith, positive outlook and indomitable spirit of the young who make a decisive commitment to live for/with Christ.*



On the practical level, this gathering has enabled me to meet like-minded people and see the possibilities of working together in empowering the youth. *I am particularly happy that I could meet up with the Indonesia and Taiwan Jesuit youth ministers for future collaboration with YESJ.*



In a nutshell, AYD 2017 was a blend of cultures, a heap of experiences and learnings. They served as an inspiration to young people/to me and all to become pioneers of change. This could be seen as a success if only when all of our plans and dreams for/of young people that are discussed, shared, and decided at various levels turn into concrete steps of action and transformation.



JESUIT YOUTH MINISTRY OF SOUTH ASIA (JYMSA)

*Jesuit Youth Ministry South Asia (JYMSA) organized a three-day workshop for Jesuits and other youth animators at Vadodara, Gujarat during 25-27 August, 2017 on the theme: **Youth Ministry in South Asia –Challenges and Opportunities**. I was happy to represent Andhra and Telangana states and to be part of the 72 participants from 16 provinces. **Fr Francis Parmar SJ**, Provincial of Gujarat presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and inaugurated the Workshop. We had very eminent resource persons like **Mr Rohit Prajapati**, **Mrs Deepali Gilani**, **Fr Lancy Lobo**, **Dr Roman Bhatia**, **Frs George Pattery SJ and Erwin Lasrado SJ** who helped us to understand and assimilate the challenges faced by the youth in India, the paradigm shift in the ideas of Nehru to Modi, a session on the art of active listening in order to have a deeper level of sharing, Opportunities for the youth work in South Asia and Reflections on the JCSA Statement: **Contesting Hindu Rashtra: Alternative Narrative and Strategies for Reconciliation in the New India**.*



Towards the end of the Workshop, we collectively worked out the action plans and unanimously agreed to organise workshops and talks for the youth of our particular regions on safeguarding the Indian Constitution and continue to organise MAGIS programmes and to write research articles on peace, reconciliation, human rights violations, etc. by networking with all people of goodwill.

At the end all of us felt strongly that we need to conscientize and encourage the youth movement in order to weave a counter-narrative to the Hindutva Ideology which is very much creeping into the various power structures in India. We hope to organise in the near future through YESJ at province and respective institute levels in collaboration with the Province Co-ordinator for youth certain activities like mobilising the youth for MAGIS, starting **MAGIC YOUTH** groups and organising workshops, seminars, exposure programmes, flash mobs, etc., to form themselves as leaders, thus, helping them to become men and women for others.

Fr Anil Kataru SJ

LEADERSHIP CAMPS OF FR P JOJAYYA SJ



In spite of his poor health, Fr Jojaya SJ continues his mission of conducting the leadership camps for high school children this year too to awaken the leaders within. Sincere thanks to Fr N Kishore SJ for accompanying him in few camps.



SCHOOLING THE MIND AND HEART

