

**BIENNIAL REPORT OF CBCI
NATIONAL OFFICE FOR CLERGY & RELIGIOUS**

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OFFICE BEARERS:

Bishop In-Charge	:	Archbishop Anil Joseph Couto
Members	:	Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath
Secretary	:	Fr. Gratian Carlo, S.J.

The CBCI National Office for Clergy & Religious with Archbishop Anil Couto, Bishop In-Charge, and the members: Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao & Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath are pleased to present to the 33rd Plenary Assembly of CBCI, the biennial report for the year January 2016 – December 2017. The major part of the activities of this Office are carried out through programmes at National Vocation Service Centre managed by this Office. So, this report of the Office for Clergy and Religious needs to be seen in tandem with the report of NVSC.

As to the present Report of the Office for Clergy and Religious it consists mainly of the various programmes the Secretary to the Office for Clergy and Religious and other staff members of NVSC have been able to offer to several groups all over the country, animating Formators, staff of Major Seminaries and Superiors of various Congregations of Religious Men and Women on topics related mainly to Integral Priestly & Religious Formation and Mission, and Transformative Leadership. Here is the list of programmes offered by CBCI National Office for Clergy and Religious.

I. Seminars – Workshops – Retreats

1. Clarifying the Concept of Maturity in the context of Religious Formation, a three day workshop for 15 Jesuit Tertiaries from February 2017 at Raia, Goa
2. Course on Discernment and Spiritual Direction for 27 trainees at the Institute for Formators from May 9-13, 2016 at Bangalore.
3. Psycho-spiritual Integration for Personal Transformation and Joyful Ministry” 3 day workshop for PIME Brothers at Pune in July 2016
4. Psycho-spiritual Integration for Personal Transformation and Joyful Ministry” 3 day workshop for FMM Tertiaries at Pune in July 2016
5. One day reflection on Psychological aspects of growing gracefully for SVD senior religious at Pune in August 2016.
6. Three day facilitation of about 50 trainers of Agra Region as part of the plan initiated by Archbishop Albert D’ Souza to build them into teams to animate all the priests of the Region in groups of 20-25 in different age groups. This plan has been implemented with good amount of success and could be a model for other regions as well. The seminar was held in August 2016.
7. Two day community building workshop for MCJ Sisters at Pune in September 2016.
8. 3 day seminar on Integral Formation for Professors and Spiritual Guides at Rachol Seminary, Goa, in September 2017
9. A day of recollection on Spiritual discernment for the Province assembly of Sisters of St Ursula at Pune in February 2017.
10. 3 day seminar on Psycho-spiritual integration and personal transformation for Joyful Ministry to Fathers of Raipur Diocese in March 2017.
11. Clarifying the Concept of Maturity in the context of Religious Formation, a three day workshop for 15 Jesuit Tertiaries in February 2017 at Raia, Goa

12. "Vocation Promotion and Formation" - 3 day workshop for the St. Anne's Providence Sisters at Bolaram, in October 2017.
13. Course on Discernment and Spiritual Direction for 25 trainees at the Institute for Formators from May 8-12, 2017 at Bangalore
14. Pastoral reaching out in and around Pune:
The staff members of NVSC reached out to parishes particularly in Pune and in Vasai dioceses for variety of services like talks, recollections, Lenten and Holy Week ministry, preaching novenas, inter-religious dialogue, talks on liturgy, celebration of the Eucharist with homily and so on.

II. Counselling and Spiritual Guidance

Besides offering regular guidance to the Diploma Trainees the NVSC staff also reaches out to other priests and religious for the same on request from individuals, Religious Superiors and Bishops as much as possible. This service offered very quietly is found to be very valuable.

III. CBCI Secretaries' Meetings

Attending CBCI Secretaries Meetings was very enlightening and encouraging as it helped me to become aware of how the different commissions and offices are committed to the ministry of the Church in general and in their own dioceses and centres. Sending the half yearly and annual reports to the Deputy Secretary General was helpful in the sense that it helped to take note of the activities of the Office and the Centre and how to keep on making the service more relevant and useful.

CONCLUSION

It must be noted that the courses run at NVSC for training of Religious Formators under the CBCI Office for Clergy and Religious demands a great deal of involvement from me as its director, resident staff, counselor, Secretary of the Trust and so on and as such it leaves me very little time to organize programmes specifically as the Secretary for the Office of Clergy and Religious. This has been the situation for many years before I took up this charge, too. That being said, I have been rendering any service that has been requested of me in being available to dioceses and congregations for various seminars. I would like to thank the CBCI whose support I have always enjoyed especially through Archbishop Anil Couto, Bishop In-Charge of CBCI National Office for Clergy & Religious and its members, Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath that has enabled me to carry out my responsibility quite satisfactorily during the last four years. Thank you and God bless you.

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