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Captain Speaks...



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God in the New Pedagogy

God dwells in the hearts of all who live in His grace. The spirituality of Family Love nurtures and develops the authenticity of the person. Authenticity is the fruit of the "Grace of Unity".

It is the "Grace of Unity" both intrapersonal and interpersonal that prepares the dwelling place for God in every person. Such an experience builds up the bond of union and love between God and man



The parents play a vital role in providing such a positive experience of unity and love. Parents lead the children to an open heart to an ever fuller encounter with the Lord. This experience of the Lord that lives within each one enhances one's love for God, and his values. 'Culture of Discipline' has its base on such an experience, and the fruit there of.



The young grow in spirituality through a process that helps them to discover and love daily life as a new reality in which God works as a Father.

Every gesture of love from the parents shapes and builds up a "God-enlightened space" in every child. Such a space in the young is the oasis that provides the source for acquiring the 'culture of discipline'.

The best gift the parents can give their children is their couple union and couple love

The parents constantly remind the children of the living presence of God in each one, "**God sees you! God loves you**". This awareness provides inspirations that guide the formation of strong and genuine convictions, which form the strongest pillar on which the 'New Pedagogy' rests.



The daily reading of the 'Word of God' from the scriptures and reflecting on it, lead the family to closer intimacy with the Lord. These moments of prayer provide the cementing factor in the formation and building up of one's character.



☀ Captain Speaks... (Contd.)

This process of building up the 'culture of discipline' initiated by the parents in the family is taken forward in the school by the educators.

Education enhances and perfects the quality of life



The school continues to awaken the "Good News" implanted in every individual, irrespective of any particular religion. This **"Good News"** is further spelt out in the various scriptures. It consists of: **'God is Love', 'God is Just', 'God is Truth', 'we are children of God', and 'He loves us all'**, and here all are equal too. Education continues to deepen this awareness in the students. The joy of the experience of the "Good News" in oneself and others is cause for Evangelization- sharing of the experience of the "Good News".



Spirituality in the lives of the young is nourished by the process whereby they transform their daily experience of life into the experience of the "Good News" by force of faith

When students become aware of the presence of God in their lives, they live in the presence of God. When the school has succeeded in providing opportunities for the students to witness the active presence of God in others, education moves towards the whole-person paradigm in education. **Solidarity projects based on the "Good News" of the scriptures bring the young closer to each other and to God.**

Faith without good works is dead. Therefore, the school and the family encourage the students to reach out to others, especially those in need. When students are part of such social projects, they acquire a new mind set where helping those in need become their second nature.



When they see God in their neighbour, they become loving and lovable

When God sees such young people, He cannot but utter those consoling and comforting words: **"You are unique. You are my well-beloved child. Come and share the eternal bliss with Me"**



When God in me leaps for joy when I discover the God in my neighbor, and in the creation around me, then I grow in grace. The Grace of Unity reaches its zenith!

- Fr. Joe Arimpoor, sdb



Religious Animation Program (RAP)



Convent: CSST Sisters, Bangalore
Program: Building up CSST School Culture
Dates: 12th and 13th January, 2017
Resource Person: Fr. Joe Arimpoor, sdb
Total Participants: 23 Sisters



The questions that the group is trying to answer:

Does the culture of an organisation undergo change with time and space?

- > Is there a culture on earth that is perfect?
- > What are the core elements of a culture?
- > How is culture expressed in the life and behaviour of people?

These are the questions that the Sisters were dealing with in their group work.

Their insights....

Every culture is in its journey from α (alpha) to Ω (omega).

Perfect culture is not of this world and yet there is a continuous quest to make a culture more perfect.



The **enlightened members**, especially the young radicals identify the dissonant notes of any given culture.

The music goes on perfecting its harmony towards the symphonic master-piece.

The **enlightened leaders** takes on the dissonant notes and brings in harmony by introducing changes based on the message and values of the Scriptures



Religious Animation Program (RAP)



Convent: FCC Superiors, Delhi
Program: Central Tasks of a Religious Superior
Dates: 14th January, 2017
Resource Person: Fr. Joe Arimpoor, sdb
Total Participants: 28 Superiors



Prioritizing and focusing on the central tasks of a Superior of a Religious Community requires mastery of Knowledge and Skills, and above all Self-Mastery.

CAN YOU WALK THE TALK?

A participant to the Resource Person:

Q. "How does a Superior get power to influence and lead the members?"

A. "One needs to enjoy certain amount of **ascendancy** over the members. This ascendancy may be looked at from different perspectives:

- Experience
- Professional
- Moral
- Spiritual

Accumulated knowledge and enhanced wisdom that make one prudent and capable to lead

Well-informed by way of knowledge, and adequate skill-set appropriate for the present times to influence and guide the members

A Principle-Centred Leadership

- > Reading and Reflecting on the Word of God
- > Intimacy with the Lord in prayer
- > Getting enlightened from a Spiritual Leader"





Religious Animation Program (RAP)



Convent: FCC Provincialate, Katarpur
Program: Clarion Call to the Principals & Teachers
Dates: 26th January, 2017
Resource Person: Fr. Joe Arimpoor, sdb
Total Participants: 30 Sisters (Principals and Teachers)

A CLARION CALL !



'In the way of Commitment & Quality, not to go forward is to go backward'

EXCELSIOR !!!

To Educators! To the Principals!!



The quality of your school depends on the quality of your teachers.

Awaken the sleeping giant

of the teacher leadership which has unlimited potential in making a real difference in leading your school from 'Good to Great'



Fr. Joe Arimpoor, sdb, Director of DB ARK, New Delhi, hoisting the national flag at St. Francis Convent School, Kartarpur, Punjab.

His message was an eye-opener for most of the students when he explained the difference between an **Independent India** and a **Republic India**

Special Programs



Place: BIRDY, Hyderabad
Program: Get Together & Celebration
Dates: 7th and 8th January, 2017
Leader: Fr. Joe Arimpoor, sdb
Total Participants: 50 Staff and Family

I TOO WANT TO FOLLOW YOU....



Four of the BIRDY staff in Hyderabad, under the leadership of Fr. Joe Arimpoor became priests;

- > TWO Salesian Priests of Don Bosco:
 - i. Fr. Jose Joseph, sdb
 - ii. Fr. Alex Jeyaraj, sdb
- > ONE Canossian Priest
 - i. Fr. Shyam Prasad,
- > ONE Diocesan Priest
 - i. Fr. Xavier

Fr. Joe congratulates all the four priests, especially the newly ordained one.

Fr. Joe thanked God for bestowing the grace of faith to twenty of the BIRDY staff who became followers of Christ.



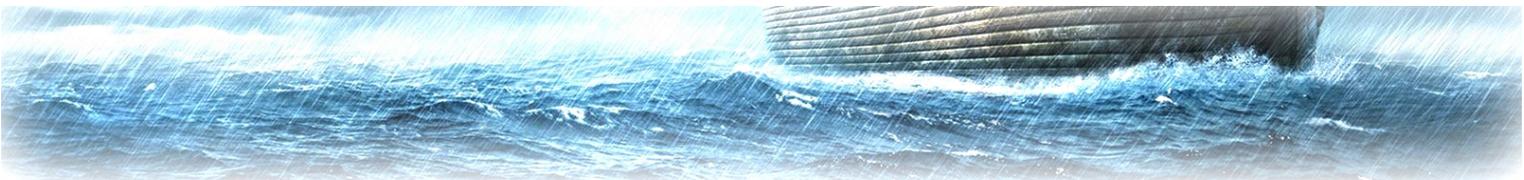
On the occasion of the **First Mass of Fr. Jose Joseph sdb**, the past staff of BIRDY with their families were invited for this Get-Together.

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Their joy knew no bounds at meeting one another after **10 years** and sharing their experiences. They were happy for each other with the new changes in their lives and departed with the thought of meeting again with a new set of experiences to share.

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Special Programs

Don Bosco Feast Celebration, 2017

A MULTIPLE CELEBRATION AT DB ARK !!!



A Spiritual Moment!

**Together at the altar
HE enlivens us**



A Social Gathering!

**Get-Together of DB ARK staff
with our
volunteers and well-wishers
Together we stand**



A New Sweetness Added!

**We celebrate and accompany our members
as they enter different phases in their life-
Wedding celebrations of:**

- > Arjumandh & Nadir
- > Mareena & Lijo
- > Chandrasekhar & Albina

☀ Special Programs

Fr. Joe's ARK Family

A Support Group to help DB ARK to reach out to poor children

How We Do it:

A. Home Approach



A Home for about 150 street children - shelter, food, clothing, education, health and all round formation.

B. Psycho-Spiritual Approach

Voice of Children

A Psycho-Spiritual approach to help the YaR (Young at Risk) to identify their 'traumatic experiences' like abuse - physical and sexual, violence, abandonment, not loved and cared for, unwanted and similar situations. The resource persons accompany and lead them out of their brokenness to wholeness.

As of now we have accompanied nine such groups through this passage.

Leading the YaR

“From Brokenness to Wholeness”

C. Inclusive Approach PYAR ...A Love Movement !



PY-India



Kajal

YAR-India



Chandni

PY-Foreign



Lina

PY-India



Rishabh

YAR-India



Shahwaj

PY-Foreign



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I invite you to support

Special Programs

Fr. Joe's ARK Family



Every 19th of the month, the DB ARK team comes together to celebrate the Eucharist remembering all the members of Fr. Joe's ARK Family and praying for their special intentions.



You may send your contribution in monthly / other installments through any of the following ways :

IF YOU DO NOT NEED THE BENEFIT OF TAX EXEMPTION YOU MAY SEND THE MONEY TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

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