

**Activities:**

- (a) The translation of biblical and liturgical texts into Marathi.
- (b) The publication of liturgical and religious books.
- (c) The spread of liturgical music set to Indian melodies; liturgical music courses; visiting of mission stations, parishes, convents, and schools to teach Marathi hymns; circulation of recorded tapes and cassettes; training of choirs.
- (d) The Jeevan Darshan Kendra also functions as the Centre of the Marathi Regional Liturgical Commission of Maharashtra (Secretary: Fr. Hilary Fernandes).

**II. EVANGELIZATION SECTION**

**Aims:** To spread the Gospel through indigenous forms of music, dance and drama.

**Activities:**

- (a) Training of a group of amateur artistes—young men and women—in indigenous forms of music, dance and drama.
- (b) Proclaiming the Good News through Indian cultural songs, dances, dramas, kirtans, bhajans, audio-visual programmes. These media are also being used to create socio-religious awakening, community uplift and cultural re-orientation.
- (c) Tolerance and understanding between people of different faiths are promoted through dialogues, common programmes and conventions.

**III. FAMILY SECTION**

**Aims:** To strengthen family life and to promote family welfare.

**Activities:**

- (a) Marriage Preparation Courses.
- (b) Natural Family Planning programmes conducted by trained teachers.
- (c) Marriage Encounter and reconciliation.
- (d) Mother-and-child programmes.
- (e) Employment guidance; classes in English, shorthand and Typing, Tailoring, etc.

- (f) Help for Alcoholics: AA group, Drying-out centre.
- (g) Book-stall and Library.

#### IV CATECHETICAL CENTRE

Before re-locating at the Jeevan Darshan Kendra, "Jeevan Jyoti," the Diocesan Marathi Catechetical Centre, began functioning in July 1973 at Papdy under Fr. Michael Gonsalves. In 1974 the Bishops of the Marathi-speaking dioceses of Maharashtra (Bombay, Amravati, Chanda, Nagpur and Pune) agreed to make this the Regional Catechetical Centre for Marathi.

**Aims:** To co-ordinate, supervise, and promote the religious education efforts in the Archdiocese and in the Region.

**Activities:**

- (a) The activities of the Centre are divided into three sections:
  - (i) Catechesis of School-children; (ii) Formation of Religious Educators; and (iii) Catechesis of Adults.
- (b) Publications: Student Text Books and Teachers' Handbooks on the Faith for use in Schools.
- (c) Training Courses for Religious Educators are conducted not only at the Centre, but also in other parts of the Region.
- (d) Audio-Visual aids are produced and made available.
- (e) Religious dramas imparting instruction on the Faith.

#### V YOUTH AND VOCATION CENTRE

As a response to a felt need in the Vasai and Dharavi areas of the Archdiocese, the "Yuwa Pacharan Sangatna"—an organization to plan and co-ordinate activities on behalf of the Youth and Vocations among the Youth—was started in June 1980 and its Centre is located at the Jeevan Darshan Kendra. This Centre is under the direction of Fr. Barthol Machado.

**Aims:** To create an atmosphere where the call of God is heard and responded to by the youth in Vasai and Dharavi Island.

**Objective:** To prepare the youth to answer the christian call in the married, priestly, religious or the single life.

**Activities:**

- (a) Recollection Days and Retreats for High School and Junior College students.
- (b) "Come and See" sessions: half-day programmes conducted with the help of slides, photo-language, posters, skits, group discussions on topics related to the family, social and religious life of youth.
- (c) Camps: for college and working youth during the October and May vacations at the Mission stations of the diocese.
- (d) Programme for Vocation facilitators.

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Archbishop's House, 21, N. Parekh Marg, Bombay-400 039.

Tel.: 23 10 93

*President:* Archbishop Simon Pimenta

*Secretary:* Mr. George Kurien

Inaugurated on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1973, the Diocesan Pastoral Council has as its objective, "to examine and consider all that relates to pastoral work and to offer practical conclusions on these matters, so that the life and activity of the People of God may be brought into greater conformity with the Gospel" (Vatican II, On Bishops, no. 16). The Council comprises representatives from all sections of the Church in Bombay—from the laity, religious men and women, priests, and seminarians.

The Pastoral Council has an *Executive Committee* which comprises two representatives from each of the five Sections of the Council, namely (1) Pastoral (2) Education (3) Family (4) Evangelization (4) Social Justice. The General Body of the Council meets twice a year, while its Sections do so much more frequently.

Among the main subjects discussed by the Council in the course of its General Meetings since 1973 have been: the Promotion of Parish Councils in the diocese, Evangelization, Integration of the Catholic Community in Bombay via language, Youth, Catechesis, Restructuring of parish communities, Response of the Church to India's needs, Catholic Education, Role of the Christian Family, The Church in Labour and Politics, and Conditions of Employment in Churches and Church-related Institutions.

The present break-down of membership in the Council is as follows:

**Ex-Officio members**

The Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops, Vicar General, Episcopal Vicars, Rector of the Diocesan Seminary, Heads of specified Diocesan Centres and Organizations 21

**Elected members**

*Laity:* At present 38 parishes have representatives; the goal is to have a representative from each parish 42

*Religious:* Representatives from among the Major Superiors residing in the Archdiocese, from among the Religious Institutes of Priests, Brothers and Sisters 15

*Secular Priests:* Representatives from among the Parish Priests and Assistant Parish Priests 4

*From the Mission areas* . . . . . 1

*Seminarians* . . . . . 1

**Nominated members** 7

**Total** 91

**DIOCESAN PRIESTS' COUNCIL**

Archbishop's House, 21 N. Parekh Marg, Bombay-400 039.

Tel.: 23 10 93; 67 13 67 (Chairman); 57 15 46 (Secretary)

*President:* Archbishop Simon Pimenta

*Chairman:* Fr. Trevor D'Souza

*Vice-Chairman:* Fr. Edwin Colaco

*Secretary:* Fr. Larry Pereira

At a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Consultors held on August 31, 1967 it was decided to set up a Senate of Priests in the Archdiocese as laid down by the Decree of Vatican II on the Ministry and Life of Priests (no. 7):

“On account of (their) common sharing in the same priesthood

and ministry, then, bishops are to regard their priests as brothers and friends... They should be glad to listen to their priests' views and even consult them and hold conference with them about matters that concern the needs of pastoral work and the good of the diocese. But for this to be reduced to practice a group or senate of priests should be set up in a way suited to present-day needs... This group would represent the body of priests and by their advice could effectively help the bishop in the management of the diocese."

The first meeting of the Priests' Senate was held in February 1968 when the Constitution of the Senate was approved and adopted. The Priests' Council ordinarily meets three times a year.

At present there are 41 members in the Council.

<b>Ex-Officio Members:</b> Only the Archbishop	.. .. .	1
<b>Elected Members:</b>		
(a) Three representatives from each of the five constituencies formed on the basis of number of years from Ordination	.. .. .	15
(b) One representative from each of the 11 deaneries of the Archdiocese	.. .. .	11
(c) Four representatives from among the Religious Priests	.. .. .	4
<b>Nominated Members</b>	.. .. .	10
<b>Total</b>	.. .. .	<hr/> 41

**DIOCESAN REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ALCOHOLICS**

4 Kane Road, Bandra, Bombay-400 050.

*Director:* Fr. Gilbert D'Souza

The Diocesan Rehabilitation Centre, founded in June 1981, and located in the "Annexe Cottage" next to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Bandra, offers residential facilities for in-patients for the treatment of alcoholism exclusively. It offers a 60-day alcohol-free

programme, including rest, food and fellowship. It trains patients to apply their knowledge and experience, gained at the Centre, for their continual growth in their stable, sober living.

The treatment offered by the Centre draws upon the experience and methods of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. During the eight-week period, the patients learn the disease-concept of alcoholism, study and work out the 12 suggested steps of the AA programme of recovery and enrich their lives by spiritual exercises and prayer. In addition, patients receive individual counselling and participate in regular group and work therapy sessions. Time is also allotted for reading, recreation and excursions. In this recovery programme, personal responsibility and self-discipline are gradually emphasized in the process towards sobriety.

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Though ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is an independent organization, non-denominational in character, many AA groups meet regularly in schools and other Church related premises of the Archdiocese. Below is a list of these AA groups with particulars regarding their meetings.

Andheri	St. Blase Church Compound	Sun	7.00 p.m.
Bandra	Mt. Carmel Church Annexe,	Mon	7.30 p.m.
	Ground Floor		
	St. Stanislaus High School,	Sun	11 a.m.
	Ground Floor	Tues	7.00 p.m.
		Thurs	7.00 p.m.
	St. Theresa High School, TPS III	Sun	7.30 p.m.
Borivli	St. Francis D'Assisi High School	Wed	7.30 p.m.
		Sat	7.30 p.m.
		Tues	7.00 p.m.
Byculla	Antonio D'Souza High School,	Tues	7.00 p.m.
	Ground Floor	Sat	7.00 p.m.
	Christ Church Parish Hall,	Fri	7.00 p.m.
	Seva Niketan	Sun	7.00 p.m.
		Wed	7.00 p.m.
Chembur	OL of Perpetual Succour High	Mon	7.30 p.m.
	School	Wed	7.30 p.m.
		Fri	7.30 p.m.
Dabul	St. Sebastian High School,	Tues	7.00 p.m.
	Ground Floor	Sat	7.00 p.m.

Dadar	OL of Salvation High School, Ground Floor	Sun 11.30 a.m. Mon 7.30 p.m. Thurs 7.30 p.m.
Dharavi	Convent, Near Dharavi Police Station	Mon 7.00 p.m.
Fort	Holy Name High School, Ground Floor	Mon 7.00 p.m. Thurs 7.00 p.m.
	Seamen's Union Office, 4 Goa St.	Fri 7.00 p.m.
	St. Xavier's College, L,R,4	Wed 7.00 p.m.
Juhu	Juhu-Koliwada	Thurs 7.30 p.m.
Kalina	St. Mary High School	Fri 7.30 p.m.
Kalyan	OL of Lourdes High School	Sun 11 a.m. Thurs 7.30 p.m.
Khar	St. Elias High School, Chuim	Sun 10.30 a.m.
Lower Parel	Holy Cross High School	Wed 7.30 p.m.
Mahim	St. Michael High School, Ground Floor	Tues 7.30 p.m. Fri 7.30 p.m.
Mazagaon	Rosary High School, Dockyard Road	Mon 7.00 p.m. Thurs 7.00 p.m.
Mulund	St. Pius X High School	Sun 7.30 p.m.
Santa Cruz	Sacred Heart High School	Mon 7.30 p.m. Wed 7.30 p.m. Sat 7.30 p.m.
Sion	OL of Good Counsel High School	Sun 7.00 p.m. Wed 7.00 p.m.
Umerkhadi	St. Joseph Primary School	Sun 11 a.m. Fri 7.00 p.m.
Vakola	St. Anthony High School	Sun 11 a.m. Tues 7.30 p.m.
Vikhroli	St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Parksite	Tues 7.30 p.m. Sat 7.30 p.m.

**AL-ANON GROUPS**

Bandra	St. Stanislaus High School, Ground Floor	Thurs 7.00 p.m.
Chembur	OL of Perpetual Succour High School	Wed 7.00 p.m.
Fort	Holy Name High School, Ground Floor	Thurs 7.00 p.m.
Khar	St. Elias High School, Chuim	Sun 4.30 p.m.
Umerkhadi	St. Joseph High School	Sat 7.00 p.m.
Vakola	St. Anthony H. School (2nd & 4th)	Sun 11 a.m.

**OTHER CENTRES BASED IN BOMBAY****F.I.A.M.C. BIO-MEDICAL ETHICS CENTRE**

St. Pius College, Goregaon East, Bombay-400 063. *Tel.:* 69 12 17

**Executive Director:** Fr. Joseph Menezes SJ, MBBS

The International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations is an organization of Catholic doctors who have felt the need for accurate information and, above all, for guidance in dealing with a growing number of complex, medico-ethical problems which they face in their daily practice or in the field of medical research. In 1979, FIAMC decided to respond to this need by establishing a "Bio-Medical Ethics Centre" in Bombay, which was inaugurated on September 8, 1981. Its administrative office is in the process of being set up.

**Aims:**

- (a) The study and promotion of bio-medical ethics internationally and particularly in India and the Third World.
- (b) To conduct and encourage research in the various disciplines that contribute to the determination of policies in the field of ethics in general and in bio-medical ethics in particular as regards life, health, disease, death, family planning, etc. as they affect the human person.

**GOOD NEWS CENTRE**

Marydell III, L. Jamshedji Cross Road I, Mahim, Bombay-400 016.

*Tel.:* 46 81 35

**Director:** Fr. Vincent Gnarackatt SSP

The Good News Centre is the initiative of the Society of St. Paul. It was inaugurated on November 25, 1979. With its base in Bombay, the Centre aims at diffusing the Bible all over the country, in English and in the Indian languages.

Being a Centre for the promotion of the Bible, it works in close collaboration with the Diocesan Commission for the Bible and the Daughters of St. Paul in their initiatives to spread the Word of God.



**NATIONAL CHARISMATIC CENTRE**

Yesu Bhavan, Seven Bungalows, Versova, Bombay-400 061.

**Director:** Mr. Melville Saldhana

This Centre functions as the National Communications Office of the Charismatic Renewal in the country. It provides information, publishes books and other material on the Renewal. The movement's magazine, CHARISINDIA, has its Office at the Centre. Also located here is the Bible Institute, conducted under the auspices of the National Service Team of the Charismatic Renewal: the Institute offers a 9-month, residential programme in Bible studies for lay members of the Movement.

**REGIONAL VOCATION SERVICE CENTRE**

St. Pius College, Goregaon East, Bombay-400 063.

Tel.: 69 12 17.

**Chairman:** Fr. Allwyn D'Silva

**Secretary:** Sr. Regina Ferreira RGS.

The Regional Vocation Service Centre, based in the Archdiocese of Bombay, came into existence on February 7, 1970. One of 15 Regions in India, the Bombay Vocation Region comprises the Archdiocese of Bombay, and the dioceses of Ahmedabad, Baroda, and Rajkot; it forms part of the organization of the National Vocation Service Centre located in Pune. Fr. Allwyn D'Silva is the present Chairman of the Regional Centre, as well as the Diocesan Vocation Facilitator. The Marathi branch of this Centre, the "Yuwa Pacharan Sangatna," is headed by Fr. Barthol Machado.

**Thrust:** Organized Vocation promotion activities started in India with a view to preventing the "Vocation Crisis" from spreading in the country, as it already had in the West. In the beginning the emphasis was on "recruiting" candidates for the priestly and religious life. This gradually gave way to efforts at creating an awareness of God's call in a young person's life. At the Diocesan Convention of Vocation Promoters in June 1980 the *general aim* was defined as: "We believe that each Christian has a specific call within the Church to be at the service of mankind. As Vocation facilitators we help to discern this call."

**Aims:** The general aim of the Centre has been broken down into three specific aims:

- (a) To help young people discover the state of life to which they are called
- (b) To encourage and guide those who are called to the priestly/religious life
- (c) To renew priestly/religious life.

**Objectives:** The objectives in each of the above three areas are defined as:

- (a) to expose young people to the different states of life
- (b) to co-operate with other Youth organizations in deepening the quality of Christian life
- (c) to expose young people to true concepts of the priestly/religious life
- (d) to study and improve the quality of family life
- (e) to locate the cause of crisis in priestly/religious life and to work towards a renewal of it.

**Services:** The services offered by the RVSC include:

- (a) On-going QUEST programme for Working/College Youth in search of a way of life.
- (b) Halfday/fullday seminars for Catholic Teachers to help them grow in the awareness of their call.
- (c) Retreats, Camps, Mission tours, etc. for College, High School and working youth.
- (d) Leadership camps for Altar Boys throughout the year and an Annual Altar Boys' Rally.
- (e) On-going formation programmes for team members.
- (f) Vocation Week celebrated every two years in the Archdiocese.

**Materials:** available at the Centre

- (a) Various sets of slides
- (b) Photo-language series
- (c) Prayer Cards
- (d) Records



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