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JESUS SAYS, "I WILL GIVE YOU REST"



Theme 2018-2019 Matt 11:28-30

This year the Lord has asked us to reflect on the verse Matthew 11:28-30. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Lord calls us to lay down the burdens of our sins, our worries and our concerns and take up his yoke. This yoke isn't given to us alone but it is a call to be yoked with Christ, who as our elder brother shares our burdens. This is a call to surrender our lives to Christ and be unyoked from the desires and pleasures of the world that not only burden us, but also cause us to stumble in our walk to holiness.

The call to be yoked with Christ is a call to holiness. It is only when we surrender our wills and our desires to the Lord that we make ourselves available to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Being attentive to the prompting of the Spirit brings in change in our attitudes and in our actions that can only be attributed to the grace of God.

This year let us cast our burdens unto the Lord and take on his yoke, so that we too may learn to be gentle and humble in heart.

COUNTRY SERVANT - A.V. JOSE

WHY DID JESUS TALK ABOUT THE YOKE?



Purpose of a yoke

- 1) Hold two animals together to carry a heavy load, that cannot be pulled alone.
- 2) To train a newly introduced ox how to plough. The more experienced one shoulders the greater part of the burden while the less experienced one follows alongside the more experienced one.

The notion of a yoke

- 1) The yoke is an image of subjection, service or bondage, just as yoked animals are in service to their master and
- 2) The yoke is an image of joining together in close fellowship, just as two animals are joined together by means of a yoke.

Jesus' reference to the Yoke

Used elsewhere as a metaphor for harsh, involuntary servitude is completely transformed by our Lord into a good form of submission. In context, Jesus presents a stark contrast to the yoke of the Law of Moses and the heavy burdens of traditions the Pharisees laid on the people's shoulders (Matthew 23:4). Rather, our Lord's yoke of discipleship "is easy" and the burdens of His covenant are "light." Jesus' yoke is distinctly different than all other yokes of submission, for only with His yoke can one find rest for their soul.

FROM THE HEART OF THE SERVANT



CALLED TO BE HOLY

As a people of God, we have an amazing call, and that is to holiness. Peter says, "as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, 'Be holy because I am holy.'" (1 Pt 1:15-16). What is holiness? It is to be like God. In fact, Jesus says something even more amazing. We are to grow to Christian perfection. "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:48).

What does this all mean? How can we be like Jesus himself, who is perfect, while we are so very imperfect. He is all grace while we are sinful flesh. Well, in the first place, God made us in His image and likeness (Gen 1:27). Our first parents, Adam and Eve, were perfect, until sin entered into Eden. We have inherited the effects of that original sin. But Jesus came to redeem us, to fill us with grace, to empower us with his Spirit, so that we could once again attain to God's original design for us.

To be holy is to be set apart. We are to be in the world but not of it. We are a people of God, destined for greatness in Him. We are pilgrims passing through this world, with our ultimate destination being heaven.

How can we grow in holiness?

To be like Jesus, we must know him and live his way of life, as he has taught us and showed us. We must have a deep intimate personal relationship with him, as our Savior and Lord, but also as our friend.

We must sustain this relationship with prayer. We pray every day. In fact, we "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5:17). This means that every moment of our lives, we strive to live according to his will and ways.

To know his ways, we must read, study and meditate on the Bible, which is the word of God, each and every day. The Bible is living and effective (Heb 4:12), and able to cut through our very being to touch and radically transform our lives. Have the posture of the psalmist. "How I love your law, Lord! I study it all day long." (Ps 119:97).

As we study the words of God in the Bible, we see that the call to holiness is a call to embrace the cross of Christ. Authentic discipleship is about self-denial, embrace of the cross, and total obedience (Lk 9:23). Indeed, when we truly follow Jesus, we will encounter trials, oppression, suffering and even persecution. These are allowed by God in our lives, in order to draw us closer to Himself, as we realize our nothingness and our total dependence upon Him. And embracing the cross allows us, in our own small way, to participate in the suffering of Jesus on the cross. God loves us so much that He gives us a humanly impossible task, to be holy as He is holy. But nothing is impossible with God. We strive to be holy, with all our determination and will, and God does the rest.

SERVANT GENERAL - FRANK PADILLA

"Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain." (GE 14)

POPE FRANCIS



CALL TO HOLINESS

1 Peter 1:15-16 "As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

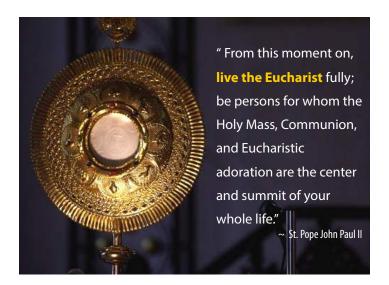
Every CFCI member makes a covenant with God through the community. The first aspect of this covenant is the Call to Holiness. We recognize that as Christians, we are not just called to repent of our sins, not just return to Christ in faith and be a good person, but that we are called to be Holy. This is in response to God's own call that we are to be perfect just as the heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

In order to live out this call to holiness and strive for Christian perfection, it calls us into a deeper relationship with God and an intimate understanding of Him through the practice of daily personal prayer, daily scripture reading or Lectio Divina. We understand that these are essential tools for Christian Life.

We understand that there are obstacles that usually prevent us from living this out - an attitude that a weekly mass is sufficient, supposed lack of time, unworthiness, thinking of it as difficult or even a lack of understanding of prayer. We need to encourage and push ourselves to overcome these obstacles by



- **1. Changing our attitude to prayer** prayer is not merely asking for what one wants, but communication speaking and listening.
- **2. Prioritizing** It is not the lack of time, but the inability to prioritize in order to make time for prayer.
- **3.** Understanding that while Holy Eucharist at Mass is the ultimate form of worship, we still need to have a daily talk with God to grow in a **deep personal relationship** with Him.
- **4.** That we are washed by the blood of Christ and that belief should help us **overcome the feeling of unworthiness** to come before our Lord in prayer. We also need to be aware that the evil one put feelings of unworthiness in us to prevent us from building a relationship with God.



5. Praying to God is simple and it is not the type of words or language that we use but **just coming into the Lord's presence** and allowing Him to love us and touch our lives.

In order to live out this calling, every member makes a commitment to **pray at a scheduled time every day**. This time shouldn't be the 'balance' time left over in a day, but a prime time of the day when we can make ourselves alert and attuned to fellowship with God. We are also called to defend this time of prayer and work our other routines around this. It also helps to find a fixed spot to pray where focus can be achieved. Praying in front of the Lord at the **Blessed Sacrament** is also an ideal way to say personal prayers.

Being open to the Holy Spirit is also very important as this helps to guide our personal prayer time. Using techniques such as **ACTS - Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication** or Lectio Divina helps in bringing structure to our prayer but we also need to be sensitive to the prompting for the Spirit who may lead us to try different postures, to be still in silence or be expressive in words or to pray in tongues.

There may be times of Dryness or difficulty in listening or hearing the Lord, but we should also be encouraged to know that every Christian goes through these phases and indeed many saints - Like **St. Teresa of Calcutta** and **St. John of the Cross** also experienced such phases. What is important to remember in these times is to lift up these concerns to the Lord and to continue praying in faith even if our emotions fail.

Along with Personal Prayer, every member of the community makes a commitment to do daily scripture reading and meditation upon the Word of God. Using various techniques



like **Lectio Divina** or making use of a Study Bible helps us go into a deeper understanding of God's love manifested through His Word. We understand that the Word of God is very powerful and can transform lives, convict us of our sins and inspire us to face difficulties and lead Spirit-filled Christian lives.

Beyond Scripture reading, spiritual reading is also encouraged and every member is expected to read at least one book in a month that helps us grow in our understanding of our faith, be it related to the lives and reflections of the Saints, Catholic apologetics or Catholic inspirational content.

When these elements are regularly incorporated in one's life, it surely gives us an impetus to be Holy as our Father in heaven is Holy.



- BIRON D'SOUZA CFCI South Bangalore

PURSUING HOLINESS



Reading the Word of God has helped me get through difficult situations in my life because I can hold on to the promises of God. It keeps my mind from impure thoughts. It gives my life direction.

Ehrlson de Souza - CFCI Porvorim



Going for The Eucharist daily has helped me to rely on God's grace and strength in every situation.

Kevin Coyne - CFCI Chennai



In the Blessed Sacrament, my Love waits for me to reveal His love and truth. His love leads me to do His will and the Truth frees me from evil.

Vinoth Berkmons - CFCI South Bangalore



The Couples for Christ India organized the Young Couples Conference 2018 (YCC) from 23rd February to 25th February 2018, at the National Biblical Catechetical & Liturgical Centre (NBCLC) in Bangalore. The Conference was themed "GOD'S KNOT – A threefold cord is not quickly broken" and revolved around the role of a husband and wife in a marriage, and the importance of God's presence in making a marriage happy and joyful.



The event was declared open by the Country Servant **A.V. Jose**, who in his opening address spoke about how young couples are so vital to the community and to the society at large, how the presence of God is so vital in our lives, and the various struggles and challenges faced by young couples.

The first session was about our relationship with God and our understanding of family life, and how men often fail to relate to God as a

father when they begin to play their roles as fathers in their families. The session described the various lies that seem to govern couples' thoughts about marriage and family, making it seem more of a burden and less



of a gift and were encouraged to use the most powerful tool to battle against these lies – the Word of God; and how pondering on the Word enables one to truly recognize God as Father and to live out one's vocation in union with Him.

The afternoon session revolved around some of the daily choices we tend to make for our families through a talk show. Four couples were interviewed in a talk-show format and they touched upon topics of being pro-life; finances - how tithing and putting God first teaches one to be a good steward of finances; dealing with in-laws and the willingness to serve in and through the community while managing big families and in-laws. The session challenged all the couples to work towards being couples of one mind and heart and taking every step trusting in God.



The second day of the conference focussed on Love and Respect between spouses. The different communication styles of men and women, and how

a few changes in the way couples communicate can help avoid unnecessary conflict was touched upon. The couples were then asked to examine situations where they may have hurt each other by their attitude, words or actions This was followed by a time of adoration and inner healing. The sessions focused on the importance of sexual intimacy and the importance of couples sharing about this in their households (cell groups). The evening ended with an amazing date dinner at "Cupids Café" where the couples were able to spend quality time with each other, with music for listening and dancing pleasure.

TESTIMONIES



Greg & SwapnaCFCI South Bangalore

It was a life-changing experience for both of us. The very fact that man and woman are made different and the differences in their emotions and love languages are often taken for granted, we fail to realise the need for being more sensitive to each other's feelings and emotions.

Attending this Conference as newlyweds. The aspects that helped us the most was to discover God's love for us and his mission for us as married couples. We have begun to spend more time praying together and invoking the Lord's graces and the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day.



Menezes - CFCI Caranzalem



The final day began with a session on parenting, which touched upon tried-andtested tips on how couples can and should introduce their children to prayer and Bible reading. The responsibility of parents when it comes to correcting our children was also shared.



In the final session of the conference, the couples were led to understand that all that they learnt would only remain knowledge, and the only way to really apply it to their lives would be through the Holy Spirit. As they make the Holy Spirit a part of their families,

they would grow and be able to look out for each other spiritually and be more available for each other.

With more than 90 young couples from all across the country attending the Conference, along with their kids, it was a fun-filled time of growth and renewal of families, with lively hymns, action songs, exhortations,

games for the couples, and inputs by various speakers. We were blessed to have the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Spiritual Director of



CFCI Bangalore- Fr. Johnson Malayil Joseph (CRS), Rev Fr. Robert Miranda, Bishop of Gulbarga and Rev Fr. Lawrence Pius, Bishop of Dharmapuri and also be addressed by Fr. Milton Gonsalves, CCBI Family Commission Executive Secretary and Fr. Sagaya John, Director of NBCLC.

- AMULYA CASTELINO CFCI Carenzalem



CFCI Pune

The talk given on parenting helped Jennifer understand what God expects from her and she decided to take a break from her career and spend time with family. She has been home for 2 months and we praise God for this decision as kids are blooming in love and care which is the greatest satisfaction a mother can ever have. We have also started to pray together as a family.

The YCC was truly an enriching experience for us as a couple. As parents of our 2 year old son, Rafael, we really took back a lot from the talk on parenting - the importance of spending quality time with children, correcting them and instilling the Love of God in their heart from a young age.



TESTIMONIES cont'd...

As a couple what touched us most, was understanding the power that God has vested in marriages. The beliefs of the community and the church at large about the Godliness involved in sexual intimacy gave us a different dimension towards the underrated physical communion between man and woman.



Robert & Jyothi CFCI North Bangalore

We strengthened our understanding of our role in the Church as a family. We believe as the Lord sent disciples in pairs ahead of him, so has he sent us as a couple, as a family, to carry out his work, where he has placed us is our area for mission. Keeping these in mind we strive each day to serve the Lord in the best way we can by His grace and mercy. And

Shonin & Tulip

CFCI Chennai

as the book of Joshua 24:15 says, 'As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord'. This is now the mission of our family.

PRIESTS CONFERENCE 2018

LIVE CHRIST - SHARE CHRIST

A 'Priest Conference' on the theme of LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST (LCSC) – which dwelt on evangelization and re-evangelization of families in order to empower them to become agents of evangelization, was held by the initiative of the Archbishop of Patna, CFCI and CFCFFL along with CCBI Family Commission at Patna at the Navjyoti Retreat Centre on 26th February and ended on 28th February with lunch.



The programme was attended by 80 priests which included priests from the dioceses of Hazaribagh, Betia, Kunti, Purnia, Raigarh, Jashpur, Patna, Bhagalpur, Buxar, and Asansol.

The program was graced by the Archbishop of Patna Rev. Fr. William D'Souza, the Bishop of Asansol Rev. Fr. Cyprian Monis, CCBI Family Commission Executive Secretary Fr. Milton, Family Commission Karnataka Region in charge Fr. Anil D'Souza, our leaders of CFC-FFL Servant General Frank Padilla and CFC-FFL India Co-ordinator Ramon Arguelles.

The conference began with worship which was followed by Fr. Michael, Director of Navjyoti Niketan Regional Pastoral Centre, welcoming the gathering.

Archbishop William D'Souza SJ addressed the gathering and spoke about how revealing the Word of God is and touches all of us, especially when shared by a lay person and also how it promotes tremendous joy in the family. This was followed by the Eucharistic celebration by the Bishop of Asansol Rev. Fr. Cyprian Monis. The day ended with the Eucharistic celebration and brother Frank addressing the gathering on topics in an open forum.

Day two commenced with the Eucharistic celebration. Bishop Rev. Fr. Cyprian Monis addressed the gathering. Fr. Anil then gave his living witness of the LCSC – Live Christ Share Christ movement in Mangalore diocese, especially in promoting Amoris Laetitia which is an exhortation by Pope Francis addressing the pastoral care of families.

Brother Frank later addressed the gathering where he spoke about present evils that are attacking the families - mainly divorces, same-sex marriages, contraception, abortion, etc., and how to overcome this. This was followed by a life sharing by Levin and Chriselle.

Brother A.V. Jose encouraged the priests on the Word of God and shared life examples on how the Word of God has been fruitful. Brother Almark then shared how the repetition of the Word of God changed the situations he was in.

Brother Ramon Arguelles then spoke on the 4 pillars of Evangelisation & LCSC – Live Christ Share Christ which comprised of Live Full, Live Life, Live Pure and Live the Word.

This session gave a gist of what LCSC is all about and how we could implement it in our parishes. Brother A. V. Jose then shared his experiences on intercession and stressed how important intercession is. The day ended with adoration which was led by Fr. Johnson, the Kurji parish priest.

Day Three began with the Eucharistic celebration in Hindi. The first session was given by Brother Frank. The second session was given by Rev. Fr. Milton, he spoke about the CCBI (Conference of Catholic Bishops India) – Commission for Family which endeavours to address all the family related needs and enables families to grow spiritually. He also spoke about points on how the CCBI has decided to further the work of evangelisation through families to their villages and respective dioceses.



The programme came to an end with an open sharing by the priests who attended the conference. It was such a humbling moment to see the priests come and share their experience that they had during this conference. They also encouraged each other to start LCSC in their respective parishes.

- CHRISELLE GOMES CFCI Carenzalem





A Christian Life Seminar was conducted by the **Jammu and Kashmir Diocese** for 18 married couples and 11 Handmaids on 18th January at Reshamghar Parish.



Building a Strong Family

On the 21st of January 2018, a full day programme for young couples was held at Divine Mercy Parish, to enrich their married life. It was conducted by the CFCI Couples, **Pune.** 50 people attended the same with 20 being young couples.



Campus Retreat

CLS

CFCI **Bangalore** conducted a two day retreat at St Ann's PU College from 20th to 21st January for more than 400 students.



Build Your House In Christ

Couples for Christ Chennai conducted a weekend stay-in retreat for married couples from 9th to 11th February at Dhyana Ashram Mylapore, **Chennai.** The retreat was based on the theme, 'Build your house in Christ" derived from the Bible verse John 15:5: "Apart from me, you can do nothing".



I Am A Child Of God

The Kid's Village was held in **Bangalore** for three days from 23rd to 25th February where around 80 children from Chennai, Gurgaon, Mumbai, Pune, Goa, Mangalore and Bangalore of age group between 3.5 to 12 years attended it.



Telangana Mission

CFCI Bangalore organized a Marriage Enrichment Programme in Telugu for around 80 couples on the 4th of March, 2018 at **Godavarikhani, Telangana.**



Awake 2018

Chennai in association with CFCI Singles – Bangalore, conducted a CLS weekend stay-in retreat for those between 20 and 35 years of age from 6th to 8th April at Dhyana Ashram, **Chennai**.



Love Like No Other

13 Singles and 5 Couples attended the Christian Life Seminar organised by the CFCI Gurgaon Chapter from 16th to 18th March at Navjivan Renewal Centre, **Delhi.**

VISION & MISSION

We are Heralds of God's Kingdom, anointed by the Holy Spirit and sent forth by Christ to make disciples of all peoples by sharing the Good News of Love, Life and Family.

MINISTRIES



Primarily for married Catholic couples



Working, unmarried individuals between the ages of 21yrs to 40yrs



Catholic youth between the ages of 13yrs to 20yrs



Children of CFCI parents between the age of 4yrs to 12 yrs



Women aged 40yrs+ (Unmarried, Single mothers, separated/ divorced/widows)



Men aged 40yrs+ (Unmarried, Single fathers, separated/ divorced/ widows)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FAMILY DAY
 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2018
 MANGALORE
- HANDMAIDS CONFERENCE 16th SEPTEMBER, 2018 GOA
- YOUTH MISSION PROGRAMME 24thOCTOBER - NOVEMBER 1st, 2018 ASSAM
- REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE HINDI 26th OCTOBER - 28th OCTOBER, 2018 ASSAM
- REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
 ENGLISH
 9th NOVEMBER 11th NOVEMBER, 2018
 GOA
- FAMILY DAY 25th NOVEMBER, 2018 GOA
- BISHOPS & PRIESTS CONFERENCE 5th DECEMBER-7th DECEMBER 2018 PATNA
- FAMILY DAY

 9th DECEMBER, 2018

 MUMBAI & BANGALORE



Truth Unveiled

A discovery camp was conducted for the CFCI Youth from 13th to 15th April at St. Dominic Seminary, **Polali**, led by Joshua Cordeiro and team from Goa. 34 youth attended the same and had a great experience in discovering themselves and building their relationship with the Lord.



MAD (Make a Difference) with Jesus

Based on the theme MAD (Make a difference) with Christ, the CFCI Singles of **Porvorim** Chapter, Goa conducted a CLS (Christian Life Seminar) on the 24th of April at Holy Cross Chapel for 46 participants.



Light up the World

CFCI Calangute chapter held their first ever CFCI Youth Camp at Don Bosco, **Parra**, **Goa** from 27th to 29th April with 25 participants registering for the same.



CIS

Welcome to the Unending Love

The Couples for Christ, India, conducted the first module of the Christian Life Seminar at Auxilium Convent, **Dum Dum, Kolkata,** themed, "Welcome to the Unending Love" on May 5th. The program was attended by 32 couples and 78 individuals, who came without their spouses.



 ${\bf Growing\,Community\,Through\,Evangelization}$

Fr. Avon Vaz from Himachal Pradesh conducted a half a day session for the leaders of the community on the 6th of May which was attended by 60 people at Sacred Heart Church Hall, **Andheri East, Mumbai**.



Spark: Be A Light In The Dark

43 youth attended the camp from 11th to 13th of May at Stella Maris High School, **Vadgaon Shri, Pune**.



#NoFilters

The CFCI Youth Margao had an intake camp for 46 participants which was held at Palloti Home Chandor from 4th to 6th May 2018. The theme of the camp was "#Nofilters– You are amazing just the way you are" (Romans 5:8).



Undefeated

'For the Battle is not Yours, but God's' was the theme for the 2018 intake camp for the youth, organized by the CFCI Youth of Siolim and Porvorim, which took place from 15th to 17th May at Casa Pallotti at **Assagao, Goa** with around 30 participants.



Marriage Enrichment Program

Nine Couples attended the MER at Nagrota Parish, **Jammu and Kashmir Diocese** from 18th to 20th of May led by Brother Francis Araujo and team.



Mission Possible

A group of 48 vibrant participants attended the youth camp organized by CFCI Youth in Mangalore from 18th to 20th May at St. Aloysius High School, **Urwa**, **Mangalore**.



Christian Life Seminar

A three day CLS was conducted for 45 participants from 21st to 23rd May at Nausar Parish, **Bareilly Diocese**, **Uttarkhand**.



Faded

A three-day youth programme was held from 25th to 27th May at Vinayalaya, **Andheri, Mumbai** for 49 participants, led by a team of 15 youth along with their formators.



Christian Life Seminar

A CLS was held for 9 married couples at **Bhiloda**, **Gujarat** from 31st May to 2nd June.



Family Enrichment Programme

CFCI Mumbai conducted a one-day programme for Married couples on the 3rd of June at St John's Church Hall, Marol, **Andheri East, Mumbai**. 10 couples attended the same along with their children.



CIA-Christ Is All

Christian life seminar was conducted by the CFCI Singles, Mangalore for 50 participants from June 3rd, 2018 onwards at **Milagres School Auditorium, Mangalore**.



Ignite the World with the Love of Christ

CFCI **Pune** had their 20th anniversary celebration of establishing the community on 3rd of June. The theme of the programme was IGNITE THE WORLD WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST. 180 members attended the celebrations along with their families. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Thomas Dabre followed by a time of testimonies, entertainment and fellowship.

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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Living Together

A renewal programme for Chapter Leaders, based on the theme of "Living Together" was conducted from 9th to 10th June. It was attended by 38 members at **Daman, Gujarat**.



Sharing About CFC-FFL, LCSC & Our Church Throughout The

70 leaders of the community attended the session conducted by Fr. Francis Gustilo – Spiritual Director for CFC-FFL Manila on the 10th of June at Vinayalaya, Mahakali, **Andheri East, Mumbai**.



Full Timers' Recollection Programme 2018

39 Full Timers' from the community attended the program from 13th to 15th June at the Pastoral Centre, **Bajjodi, Mangalore**.



Identify

30 youth attended the camp 'Identify' organized by CFCI Youth, Bangalore from 15th to 17th June, at Snehadaan, **Bangalore.**



Youth Ministry within the Couples Ministry

Fr. Francis Gustilo, Spiritual Director of CFC-FFL in the Philippines, conducted a full day programme on Youth Ministry within the Couples Ministry, at Don Bosco School Hall, **Yerawada**, **Pune**. About 150 members attended, of which around 120 were from CFCI. The event was conducted on the 16th of June 2018.



National Servants Conference 2018

130 leaders of the community attended the program on 16th and 17th June at the Pastoral Center, **Bajjodi, Mangalore**.



You are Special

A two day programme named 'You are Special' was conducted by the Couples, Youth and Singles from Mangalore and Bangalore for around more than 450 kids between the ages of 6 to 17 on the 16th and 17th June at St. Joseph's School, **Bellary, Karnataka**.