

REPORT OF THE SANYASA SANGAMA - 2017



The Day of Consecrated Life is an occasion for the Consecrated in the Archdiocese of Bangalore to come together for a time of prayer, fellowship and sharing. This year, the Sanyasa Sangama was held on the 5th of February, 2017 at Christ University Auditorium.

The programme started at 9:30 am, with a prayer dance by the students of St Martha's College of Nursing. This was followed by Fr Edward Thomas SDB, the President of the Bangalore CRI ushering the chief guests of the day - the honourable ministers, the executive members of the CRI and the ICED members (Inter-



Congregational Efforts for Development) to the dais.



Fr Edward in his welcome address appreciated the great gathering for their presence and support to the



common cause. He also expressed his gratitude to the various ministers for their presence and put forth the expectation of all for the political help and

interventions in matters of concern.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest of the day, Mr K.J George, the Honorable Minister for Development and Planning lauded the various efforts and initiatives of the Christian missionaries and assured his help and assistance.

Shri Ramalinga Reddy, the honourable minister for transport, Mr G A Bhava, the member of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee too appreciated the presence and mission of the Christians and expressed their support and collaboration.

Fr Edward Thomas, thanked all the respected speakers for their gracious words and took the lead in honouring the esteemed guests with a shawl, bouquet and memento.



This was followed by the inauguration of the Bangalore CRI which has 6 Districts and Fallen Stars Project, which included an introduction of the initiative, an



enactment of project activities and the symbolic gesture of picking the falling stars and bringing the light of Christ into the lives of the dark existence.



The inauguration session was proceeded by a Panel Discussion which was moderated by Sr Sagaya Deepa. The members of the Panel Discussion - spoke of the various possibilities and needs of



how the consecrated people need to enter into the lives of people and encounter them in their life situations in order to bring about effective changes in the society.



The Panel Discussion was followed by the Holy Mass. Fr Thomas C Mathew, the Vice Chancellor of Christ University was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily, Fr Mathew put forth the message that each of us need to imbibe the

qualities of integrity, discipline, credibility, accountability and perseverance in order to be the salt to the earth and light of the world.





The introduction to the Mass was given by Sr Deepa, Principal, St Martha's College of Nursing. The congregation was led into prayer by the melodious choir under the leadership of Fr Philip MSFS and the Community at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajajinagar. Sisters from the SMI congregation added devotion with the Arathi during the doxology. After the Holy Mass, the gathering dispersed for lunch at 2:00 pm.



The post-lunch session began at 2:30 pm with the releasing of a CD produced by Fr Raphson OCD. Thereafter, the stage was thrown open to the Students of Christ University who put up a scintillating dance and music performance. Fr Edward Thomas, the President of CRI profusely then thanked the entire team at Christ College for the generosity in rendering the place

and for the neat arrangements and facilities provided.



The Post-lunch session also featured short messages given by Pastor Gavin, from the First Assembly of God Mr Sebi Chacko H.R and Mr Jacob from the Sanman NGO who spoke of their various experiences and exhorted to engage in greater social commitment and societal upliftment.

This was followed by a short presentation of the collaborative ventures and proposals of the Inter-Congregational Efforts for Development (ICED) by Sr Shobha JMJ.

The program concluded by 5:30 pm with a vote of thanks proposed by Sr Regina, the Secretary of the Bangalore CRI.

The entire program was compered by Fr Jijo Manjackal MSFS and Sr Rency D'Silva SRA. The Sanyasa Sangama was attended by over 1200 number of consecrated across the Archdiocese of Bangalore.

