

BCS SEMINAR ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CIVIL SERVICES HELD ON 29th OCTOBER 2017

The Bombay Catholic Sabha in its endeavour to promote the Career Opportunities in Civil Services has been seriously undertaking a project wherein we are creating awareness among the youngsters from our Community to take up Civil Services as a career. We have a number of bright students in our Community, but somehow they do not seem to look towards careers in Civil Services. The academically good students take up good corporate jobs and the rest opt to join the Cruise liners or Call Centres. In continuation as a series of Seminars scheduled across the Archdiocese of Bombay, the Sabha held its second Seminar on Career Opportunities in Civil Services on Sunday 29th October 2017 at St Pius X School Hall, Mulund (West). The Chief Guest for the Seminar was the Thane Deanery Dean and Parish Priest of St. Pius X Church, Rev. Fr. Cleophas Fernandes, who said the opening prayer and gave a wonderful message to all present. There were inspirational speakers from the Christian Community, Mr. Mervin Alexander, Jt. Secretary at the Department of Atomic Energy and Mr. Brendan Brako, Assistant Commissioner of Police (retd) who spoke about their experiences and motivated the youngsters as to why they should opt for a Career in Civil Services, which is a secure and respectable career, and also how to go about it. Mr Ryan Pinto from Knowledge Valley gave a PPT and insight on the syllabus, exam patterns and resource materials for UPSC exams. They spoke about how to be an important part of the decision making in the country and try to lead the country to greater heights. There is no point in complaining about the problems we see around us and not wanting to do anything about it. If we dream of our Country becoming one of the most developed countries, we need to do something about it....and nothing better than we taking the first step ourselves to get into the Civil Services and making a difference. The Seminar was very well attended by more than 450 people, inclusive of students and parents, from different Parishes. This was the preliminary stage where the Bombay Catholic Sabha was creating awareness among the grassroots, within our Community. Following which, there would be a second stage of motivation talks for students really interested and will be guided by the higher level of Civil Service officers in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Mumbai. The Cardinal also has assured the Bombay Catholic Sabha full support in all aspects to help in getting our youth to join the Civil Services. Many corporates from the Christian Community are fully backing this project of the Bombay Catholic Sabha and also look forward to start an Academy to train our Community students for the same. The Bombay Catholic Sabha will be successful in doing their bit towards service of the nation if we can get many youngsters from our Community to be a part of the Civil Services in the future.

The next Seminar will be held on Sunday, 19th November, 2017 at St Anthony's Church Hall Vakola, Santacruz (East) from 10.30 am onwards. Interested people can contact either the Sabha Office or the local BCS Unit at St Anthony's Church and register to be able to attend.

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