

Report on BCS Orientation Program

The Bombay Catholic Sabha organised an Orientation program for the members of the Central Council and the office bearers of the BCS units on 23rd November 2019 at St. Michael's Auditorium, 3rd floor from 4.30pm onwards.

The program began with Welcome by the BCS Secretary General **Vinod Noronha** followed by a Keynote Address by the BCS President **Adv. Raphael Dsouza**. The Introduction to the sessions was done by **Lawrence Fernandes**, Vice President – Youth Affairs, Minority Scholarships & Training Forum. The first session had **Richard Valladares**, a Senior HR Resource person talk on **Building Bonds and Strengthening BCS Leaders**, he spoke on leadership & the session also had team building exercises. The interactive session will help the participants to be effective leaders and create stronger teams.

The next session on '**BCS Vision Mission Statement – Past & Future**' was led by **Mr Dolphy Dsouza** Ex-President BCS. The session gave a deep insight into the BCS vision & mission statement, the session also had the participants break-up into their deanery groups, each group guided by Dolphy discussed, deliberated and resolved to work on BCS Membership target of 1,00,000 members by 31st March 2022. Commitments from participants in the other Sabha thrust areas of Political & Civic involvement, Civil Services, RTI & Social Audit, Access to Justice through Legal Aid, Social Activism & Networking were also discussed at length.

The third session had Adv. Raphael Dsouza conduct a session on effective time management titled '**24 Hours Clock – How to manage?**'. The Last session of the day, had **Rev. Fr. Cedric Prakash, S.J.** enlightened the gathering on "**What it means to be a Christian Leader?**", through his session he emphasized how BCS could lead a substantial and meaningful engagement at a time when both Church and Country are facing a severe crisis.

The program ended at 9.30pm with vote of thanks by Lawrence followed by dinner. The program was well received and over 162 participants benefitted from the sessions.

A total 123 central councilors attended this program and we thank all of them and wish them all the best.

Report complied by Vice President Lawrence Fernandes