

## **YOUTH SEMINAR AT JHALOD, GUJARAT (INC)** **OCTOBER 25 - 26, 2014**

**Jhalod (INC):** Christ the King Church, Jhalod had organized two days residential Youth Seminar from October 25-26, 2014 for all the youth belonging to the Parish. The main objective of this seminar was to bring all the youth of our parish together and give right orientation, direction and motivation and help them to think and take good decisions in life with full responsibility, keeping in mind the family, Church and society. Youth are the backbone of the church. Ultimate aim of this seminar was to recognize and acknowledge their abilities, talents and use them in the Church activities and make participatory Church community. 48 youth participated in this seminar. Seminar began with welcome song and dance, introduction of the resource persons and the guests and the youth theme song.

Fr. Maria Paulraj SVD, Parish Priest of Dahod and Vice Principal of St. Stephen's School, Dahod and Fr. Rajendra Toppo SVD, the Parish Priest of Jhalod were the resource persons. 48 youth were divided into five different groups, leading them to group discussion with thought provoking questions. Resource persons made the seminar very interesting through action songs, video clippings, group discussion, power-point presentation, real life stories, citing appropriate and interesting examples, youth theme song etc. Visiting guests: Fr. Dr. Michael Prakasam SVD too addressed the youth and encouraged them and Fr. Arockiasamy Muthu Selvam SVD, and Br. Raju Soosai SVD were present. There was full support and cooperation from Frt. Jasbir Kullu SVD, PSA Sisters, Catechists.

The youth were fully motivated with the zeal to do something for the Church and the society. At the end of the seminar, they formed a group called 'Yuva Sangh' and elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and two members as their leaders. All the five youth leaders took an oath after the Holy Eucharist and decided to meet every last Sunday of the month under the guidance of Parish Priest. Seminar concluded with prayer and youth theme song 'Hey Yuva! Jago, Utho, Dikha Doo' ('O Youth! Awake, Arise and Show yourself to the world'). It was indeed a meaningful seminar for the youth.

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