

NAVJYOTI NIKETAN REACHES OUT TO THE FAITHFUL

Youth Animators' Programme (5 - 10 June 2014):

"Leadership building through self discovery dynamics with animating skills, to face the important challenges of personal growth, career orientation, and social involvement."

Approach being participatory, workshop cum input method was applied assisted by audio-visual aids like power-point presentation, appropriate films, followed by critical appreciation and leadership-building cultural programmes by the participants made the training compact and absorbing.

In all, there were 29 participants-17 men and 12 women, many of them had come from far away places such as Hazaribagh, Bettiah and Bihar Sharif. The participants appreciated the programme and proposed that it be made into a 5 day programme for the coming years.

Duration-20 sessions of one hour each. Age group: between 20 - 35 years

Resource persons: Fr. Edward Mendonza, SJ & Fr. Rajendran Francis, SJ



Training for catechism teachers (24-27 July 2014):

The 3 day training programme for catechism teachers was arranged from July 24th to 27th July. There were 27 participants, 4 men and the rest women of whom there were 9 religious sisters. The participants, with varied experiences as religious educators, were from Patna, Purnea and Gawhati dioceses.

Besides themes like religious education as a vocation, child catechesis, qualities desired in religious educator, etc. practice teaching using IVth standard catechism books whereby each participant conducted a catechism session and feedback was given by the group. In the programme, power point presentations, group discussions, practice teaching, profile making of a religious educator, etc. were made use of. The programme was well received by the group.

Resource Persons: Fr. Rajendran, SJ, Sr. Suja, SND and Fr. Ozzie Saldana, SJ



Women Empowerment Training:

In all there were 56 Catholic women (aged between 30 to 65) in the two-day programme from 14 parishes of Patna and Buxar dioceses. Some of them were members of mahila sangh (catholic women's group) and others were not. It was interesting to note that though there were quite a few who could not read or write, they participated in the programme with lot of openness. Some of the topics treated were; reason for empowerment of women, blocks to women leadership, presentation of Pope Francis as an exemplary leader, qualities of an outstanding leader, Mary as a model leader for women, tapping of resources in community as an important skill of the leader, etc. Besides input sessions, prayers, Holy mass, there were role plays, small group discussions, video clippings, etc. were employed.

In the evaluation at the end of programme, there was an overwhelming feeling of satisfaction and it was suggested that it be organized every year on a relevant topics for a duration of 3 days in the month of June when women are comparatively free.

Resource persons: Sr. Suja, SND, Fr. Ozzie Saldhana, SJ and Fr. Rajendran, SJ

