

Exhortation from the Coordinator



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We give thanks to the Lord for the grace poured out at the Pentecost Conference and for your joyful participation.

In a special way, we rejoice at the birth of new prayer groups in Ayanavaram and St. Teresa's, Nungambakkam, and those now being formed. Truly, "from Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Eph 4:16). This Word is alive in the Renewal today, as the Spirit unites us in one mission.

As we journey toward the Golden Jubilee in 2027, the Lord sets before us a vision: to raise up 50 prayer groups in English and Tamil across our city and institutions. By this Jubilee, we pray to see a vast multitude renewed in the Spirit, proclaiming Jesus as Lord.

The Lord also entrusts us with two great national missions: the March for Life 2026 and the National Convention 2027. These are invitations to witness boldly, stand for life, and work side by side as one body. Let us move forward with faith and zeal, knowing the Spirit is our strength and guide.

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PENTECOST CONFERENCE 2025 - JUNE 15TH



June 15, 2025, marked a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit for over 650 participants who gathered at the Good Shepherd School auditorium, Chennai for the Pentecost Conference 2025, under the theme: "Go Forth, Renewed by the Holy Spirit."

The event was hosted by the Madras Service of Communion (MSC) with the support of the Youth United for Christ (YU4C) and the Madras Intercessory Network (MIN).

Spiritual Preparation: The momentum began much before the day itself. The MSC had organized a Nine-Day Pentecost Novena, held both online and in-person at various prayer groups. Banners and posters put up at parishes and institutions invited the faithful to prepare their hearts for a personal Pentecost. The MIN intercession team led the morning in prayer, creating an atmosphere of expectancy.

Praise that stirred the soul: The YU4C Chennai team led a vibrant and anointed Praise and Worship session, setting hearts ablaze for the day ahead. With joyful singing, clapping, and spontaneous praise, the hall resonated with the Holy Spirit's presence from the very start.

Keynote Address –Chevalier Cyril John, former Chairman of the ICCRS and a prominent leader in CHARIS, delivered the keynote address. His talk powerfully echoed the day's theme, reminding the assembly that the call to mission begins with renewal through the Holy Spirit. His exhortation moved many to reflect on their personal call to evangelize.

Pastoral Presence and Eucharistic Grace: The gracious presence of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore was a moment of joy for the conference. His words affirmed the unity of the Church and encouraged the young and old alike to be fearless witnesses of the Gospel. The Archbishop took time to meet and bless the children attending their own vibrant Kids Pentecost program in the adjacent Fatima Hall—a touching act of pastoral care.

The Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. M. Arulraj, Spiritual Director of the MSC and Fr. K. P. Paul, Spiritual Director of YU4C and pioneer of the Renewal in Chennai, brought the community together in a powerful encounter with Jesus. The Eucharistic Celebration became a moment of deep reverence and communion with the Triune God.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit: In the afternoon, Sr. Paulina Melitte, MSMI, prepared the participants with a dynamic teaching on the power, gifts, and charisms of the Holy Spirit. Her passionate and clear proclamation was a fitting prelude to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Ajin Joseph, YU4C National Coordinator and Member of CHARIS Asia Continental team, led the session with powerful worship, ushering in a time of deep outpouring. As participants stood in circles, held hands, and received prayer from elders of the Renewal, many experienced healing, liberation, and new fervor. The atmosphere was charged with joy, tears, praise, and transformation.

Witness to the Spirit's Power: The day closed with testimonies—especially from young people—who shared how the Holy Spirit touched their hearts in ways they had never experienced before. They spoke of burdens lifted, peace restored, and a new sense of purpose ignited.

The Pentecost Conference 2025 was a fresh outpouring of God's love and power. Through every moment of worship, word, sacrament, and fellowship, the Lord reminded His people: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Indeed, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal community in Chennai goes forth, renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Constitution of the Core Group of MSC – Tamil Council, on 21 June 2025



First Tamil Council Leaders Meeting held on 12 July 2025 at Risen Christ Church, Peravallur



The first meeting after the Formation of the Tamil Council was held on 12th July 2025. Bro. Xavier Vinod met with the team and explained about prayer group formation.

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Core Group of the Madras Service of Communion – Tamil Council, officially constituted on 21st June 2025 at the Community Hall, Risen Christ Church, Peravallur, Chennai. Following a time of prayerful discernment, five committed members were elected to serve for the 2025–2028 term. During the Holy Mass, Fr. Arulraj M Spiritual Director of MSC formally installed the newly elected members. Mr. John Baptist was chosen as the Coordinator and Mr. Simon Prakash was elected as the Secretary. The discernment process was supported by key leaders including Bro. Victor Joans (NSC Coordinator), Bro. Nelson Anto (MSC Coordinator), and Bro. Wison Irudayaraj (former NSC Tamil Nadu representative), who guided the nominees through talks and spiritual preparation. Praise and worship along with a time of adoration was led by Dr. Praveen Joe which created a spirit-filled atmosphere for reflection and unity. The newly appointed members are: from left to right seated Mr. John Baptist, standing Mr. Simon Prakash, Ms. Jacintha, Mr. Patrick and Mr. Nazaren. Let us keep them in our prayers and offer our full support as they step into this new season of leadership. May their service be a source of grace and growth for the Chennai region and the wider CHARIS movement.

Outreach Program at Parishutha Narkarunai Illam, Avadi- 16th August 2025- Report by Joy Paul (MSC-Outreach)



On the 16th of August 2025 the Outreach Ministry of the MSC along with a few prayer group members from St Luke's and St Andrew's prayer groups respectively, had the blessed opportunity to visit Parishutha Narkarunai Illam, Avadi, where we ministered to 180 inmates comprising of some mentally challenged and abandoned men and women, and a few orphaned children.

We were warmly welcomed by Sr. Macreena a nun from the Eucharistic Covenant Community, who cheerfully guided us to begin our outreach in the men's section. Our team joyfully sponsored provisions such as dals, sugar and oil.

We began by serving them with snacks along with their evening tea. After which, the atmosphere came alive as we encouraged the inmates to sing and dance which they thoroughly enjoyed. Brother Lesley prepared interactive games and sponsored prizes to encourage the winners. The inmates participated in the games with enthusiasm. Our members joined along and encouraged all of them to participate including singing and dancing along with them. Interacting and spending that time with these people was truly a heart-warming, enriching and memorable experience.

Each encounter was prayerfully concluded with songs of praise and heartfelt prayers, glorifying God and spreading His love among all present. This visit reminded us that we have miles to go in extending God's love and such outreach programs must continue to reach and bless many more lives.

Unpacking Our Faith : A Deep Dive into the Nicene Creed at St. Teresa's Church on 27 August 2025



The Catholic Charismatic Renewal community gathered for a Seminar on the Nicene Creed, an event commemorating its 1700th anniversary.

Hosted by St. Teresa's Parish in collaboration with the Madras Service of Communion, the seminar titled **"Understanding our Faith through the Nicene Creed"** was a profound journey into the core tenets of our Catholic faith.

The day was filled with spiritual and intellectual enrichment. The program which ran from 10 am to 4 pm included vibrant praise and worship by Spread Worship Ministry and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and insightful talks led by the respected Rev. Fr. Bosco Ryan. The seminar went beyond a mere academic exercise, to enlighten the faithful on the "tenets of the Catholic faith" and provide a deeper understanding of the Creed we recite every Sunday.

A participant's heartfelt testimony captured the profound impact of Fr. Bosco's session. He said *"Fr. Bosco was excellent! This is something that I have been praying for to strengthen my faith in God, and comprehend my connection with Him. Fr. Bosco has brought so much richness to my beliefs. I'm really looking forward to attending the next session, and I hope I can come."* This personal reflection highlights the seminar's success in not only educating but also in moving hearts and strengthening personal faith. The event served as a beautiful reminder of the Creed's enduring power as a foundational expression of our shared belief.

The MSC and St. Teresa's Parish extend their gratitude to all who attended and made the commemorative seminar a truly special and enriching experience for the community.

- Report by Celine Satur

Retreats held at St. Aloysius and Holy Angels Schools in the month of July & August 2025



In July and August 2025 YU4C Chennai led retreats at St. Aloysius and Holy Angel's schools. At St. Aloysius sessions were held in two batches—for Grades 9 & 10 and for Grades 6–8. At Holy Angels students from Grades 3–5 and 6–8 participated simultaneously. The retreats filled with praise and worship, inspiring talks and engaging activities deeply touched the hearts of the students. Many shared that they experienced joy, renewal, and a stronger desire to walk with Christ in their daily lives.

Retreat at Rosary Matriculation on 5th August 2025



A retreat was conducted for the students belonging to the IX to XII standards. The theme of the retreat was "The Power of Love". It was a one-day retreat conducted by a team consisting of Shobita, Robbie Martin, Christy and Regina. The Retreat included Praise & Worship sessions, inspiring and enriching talks, Reconciliation and Adoration.

YU4C Fellowship Evenings Relaunched



YU4C has relaunched its **Fellowship Evenings**, held twice a month either online or in person. Each evening is filled with praise and worship, games and talks based on faith-filled themes. Recent sessions featured speakers like Dr. Dominic and Mr. Sam Paul who spoke on topics such as Our Identity in Christ, The Holy Eucharist, and a Biblical Walkthrough of the Mass. The next Fellowship scheduled for 5th October 2025 will focus on "**Why Confess to a Priest?**"—a talk aimed at deepening the youth's understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



YU4C Tamil Nadu Leaders' Meeting at Hosur - 30th & 31st August 2025



The Youth United for Christ (YU4C) Tamil Nadu Leaders' Meeting was held on the 30th and 31st of August 2025 at the serene Sion Spirituality Center, Hosur. The gathering brought together 70 youth leaders from six diocese and two colleges, who came with open hearts and returned renewed in spirit experiencing the Lord's healing and a fresh anointing. Among the participants were nine members from YU4C Chennai, who actively joined in leading praise and worship, sharing their powerful testimonies and exchanging creative ideas to strengthen and expand youth groups across the region. The meeting was graced by National Leaders, Victor Joans, Sr. Paulina and Vinit, along with Fr. Irudayaraj of Sion Spirituality Center, who together commissioned the youth leaders. They were entrusted with the mission of forming and nurturing YU4C prayer groups in their respective diocese and college, carrying forward the flame of renewal among the Youth. The event was not merely a meeting but a true encounter with God, filled with moments of worship, fellowship and the stirring of new zeal for evangelization. As these young leaders return to their communities, we believe this marks the beginning of a great revival in Tamil Nadu, led by the Spirit through the youth.

- report by Tabitha, YU4C Cordinator

Our Encounter with Grace at the National Charism Retreat - July 18 to 20th 2025, Kozhikode, Kerala



My wife, Amelia and I had the privilege of attending the National Charisms Retreat in Kozhikode, Kerala. As members of the St. Andrew's Parish prayer group we were part of a small delegation of nine from Tamil Nadu. It was truly a transformative experience, made even more special by the beautiful environment of the Nirmala Retreat Centre. The rains and pleasant climate added to the spiritual experience, creating a serene and grace-filled atmosphere. The retreat was a powerful opportunity to deepen our understanding and practice of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The overall atmosphere was one of joy, learning, and immense gratitude. It was amazing to hear testimonies from the participants.

Jeffrey Jones, a YU4C member from Chengelpet, shared his experience saying, "This retreat was a powerful encounter with the Lord's love and grace. I left the retreat refreshed and renewed, with a deeper sense of purpose and a stronger connection to the Holy Spirit. I am so grateful for this time of grace and empowerment." Amelia sharing her experienced said, "The group dynamics sessions were particularly impactful and Sister Elsis' immediate correction and guidance was very useful". For me, the retreat was a profound revelation. I had come with some doubts and uncertainties when it came to charismatic gifts, but my faith was strengthened when my prayer to personally witness the gift of prophecy in tongues was answered in a powerful way. The practical group sessions and one-on-one sessions provided undeniable proof of the gifts in action. I not only received a new gift of tongues but also experienced using the gifts of wisdom, and word of knowledge during the group session. It was a huge revelation for me and a fulfillment of my faith journey.

- report by Joseph Pradeep

India's Pro-Life Movement Finds Unifying Voice in Bangalore at the 4th March for Life. Chennai to Host 2026 March for Life



The 4th National March for Life was held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Bangalore on 9th August 2025. The event, hosted by Archbishop Peter Machado of Bangalore and Vice President of the CCBI, brought together leaders and faithful from Christian denominations, as well as Muslim, Sikh, and other communities in a united stand for the unborn.

Leaders and Laity Unite

The day began with an exhibition and Holy Eucharist followed by a public gathering and the March for Life. The theme, "Every Life is a Present, is Precious, and Has a Purpose," guided the proceedings. Key figures included Syro-Malabar Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, President of the CBCI, who emphasized unity among dioceses, and Archbishop Francis Kalist of Pondicherry-Cuddalore, Episcopal Advisor to CHARIS India and CBCI who is in-charge for Pro-Life. Also present were Auxiliary Bishops Sathish and Susainathan of Bangalore, Cyril John of CHARIS International and Victorjoans, Coordinator of CHARIS India.

Youth participation was notable, supported by Ajin Joseph, CHARIS Asia Youth Coordinator who composed the official theme song.

Archbishop Kalist noted that defending life transcends religious boundaries, calling it a responsibility rooted in shared humanity. He urged coordinated efforts among clergy, religious and laity—the "fishers of families"—to promote a culture of life, listen to the unborn, and protect the elderly and sick.

Chennai groups bear Witness.

Youth and charismatic communities from Chennai were active participants. Youth United for Christ (YU4C) from Chennai joined the march. Tabitha, YU4C Chennai coordinator, said, "Marching alongside people of faith, united for the dignity of every life was humbling. It was a declaration of our faith: that every life is a gift. Being a voice for the voiceless reaffirmed our Gospel mission."

The Torch Passes to Chennai for 2026

The event concluded with the announcement that the next national gathering will be held in Chennai. Nelson C Anto, Coordinator of the Madras Service of Communion, said, "Receiving the torch for the 2026 March for Life is an honour and a responsibility for Chennai. We are committed to working with Archbishop George Antonysamy and the Archdiocese to make the 5th National March a testament to the culture of life, mobilizing more faithful to stand for the unborn." The 5th National March for Life will be hosted by Archbishop George Antonysamy of Chennai on August 9, 2026.

- By Joseph Pradeep

Retreat for Nursing Students of St. Benedicts School of Nursing- 16 & 17th August 2025



A two-day retreat was organized for 57 nursing students of St. Benedict's School of Nursing for Women on 16th and 17th August 2025 at Thiruvannamalai. The program was led by Bro. Jonas, Bro. Praveen Joe, and the YU4C team from Arakkonam, with the support of the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace and Compassion.

The retreat featured a series of enriching sessions on God's love, forgiveness, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with praise and worship, inner healing adoration, confession, the Holy Eucharist, and counseling. The students actively participated and received the program with great enthusiasm, finding it deeply inspiring and spiritually beneficial.

MADRAS INTERCESSORY NETWORK - By Regina Nathan, MIN Coordinator

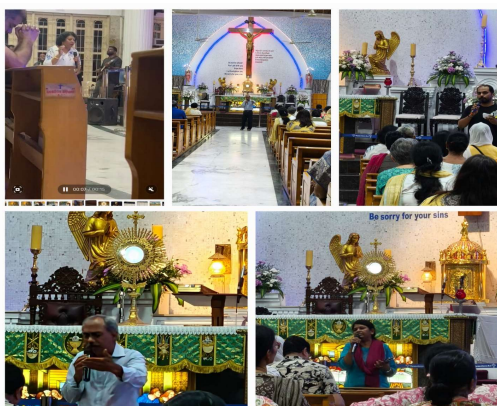
CENTRAL INTERCESSION MEETING

The Madras Intercessory Network conducted Intercessory meetings at Stella Maris college chapel during the months of July and August 2025. The sessions were attended by many Prayer warriors who came together to pray for the intentions of the people. In July, each Prayer Group of the CCR Community were lifted up in prayer and intercession. The spiritual and general intentions of the youth in Institutions, the YU4C and youth in general were lifted up in one accord during these sessions. The meeting comprised of Praise and worship sessions, Inspiring talks, Prophetic intercessions and fellowship gathering.

NIN INTERCESSION MEETING

The National Intercession Network (NIN) has been organising Nation-wide Intercession every month. The Chennai team has been given a slot every month to animate an hour of intercession. The session consists of Praise Worship, sharing of the Word of God, General Intercessions and Intercession for a particular Diocese assigned by the NIN team. This online meeting has been supported and attended by many prayer warriors of the Chennai CCR.

NIGHT VIGIL at Divine Mercy Church- 20th Sept



The Night Vigil was organised by the MIN on the 20th September at Divine Mercy Church, Anna Nagar. It was a beautiful encounter of God's amazing Grace; a time of worship, intercession, soul-stirring talks and testimonies and a fresh outpouring and anointing of the Holy Spirit on all present.

TESTIMONIALS OF PRAYERS ANSWERED

I have been battling to get NOC for my husband's property for the past 4 years from my close relative. keeping complete trust in our Lord Jesus, my Saviour, I sought prayer help from all the prayer warriors. By the Grace of God and by all my friends' prayer support, I was able to get the NOC from my relative. All Glory and Honour to you alone my Lord Jesus
- **Nirmala Jeyarani** (member of MIN and regular Eight Watch intercessor)

Strong at 74: A Living Testimony

"Worship the Lord your God, and His blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you." — Exodus 23:25

At 74, I joined my family for a Master Health Checkup, and to everyone's surprise my report showed excellent health—blood pressure, sugar, heart, liver and kidneys - all strong!

For 15 years I have lived without medication, I remain active and still drive with confidence. Though some questioned my daily Holy Eucharist, Scripture, prayer and fasting, I trusted the Lord and now stand as proof of His promise: *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles."* — Isaiah 40:31

I know this health is not my doing but God's grace: "It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure." — Psalm 18:32

All glory to Jesus, the Faithful and True Witness. Amen

- **Aloysius Ignatius** (senior CCR member & regular Eight Watch intercessor)

Upcoming National Events

- ◆ **Online Prophetic Intercession**
7th to 11th Jan 2026 - 8 to 10 pm
- ◆ **National Intercession Conference- Kerala**
Sept 17th & 18th 2026
- ◆ **March for Life - At Chennai**
9th August 2026
- ◆ **National Grand Leadership Conference at Kerala**
12th to 14th June 2026
- ◆ **National Convention at Chennai-**
14th to 17th Jan 2027
- ◆ **Virtual Preachers Training Program - Orientation 15th Nov'25**
- ◆ **Praise & Worship and Media Training – Jan 24, 25 & 26, 2026**

Active Eight Watch Timings:

12:00 m.night	3:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
	3:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

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NEW PRAYER GROUPS



We have started prayer meeting in Stella Maris College Campus every Friday in two shifts: 1:00 to 1:30pm and 2 - 12 - 12:30 pm. Apart from the Campus Prayer Meeting, an online prayer meeting is held on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 9:45 pm.

St. Antony's Church - S.M. Nagar



T.V. Nagar- Sub-parish of Don Bosco, Aynavaram



Madras Service of Communion Connects with Parish Prayer Groups



The Madras Service of Communion has begun an important initiative to strengthen our community bonds by visiting parish prayer groups across the city. We've had wonderful fellowship with the groups at **Perambur, Ayanavaram, Kodambakkam, Santhome, Votive Shrine, Choolai, and Adyar**. It has been a great joy to connect with so many of you.

These visits have a four-fold purpose:

1. **Fellowship:** To share in prayer and fellowship with local prayer groups, building a stronger sense of family.
2. **Awareness:** To inform you about our upcoming programs and events.
3. **Support:** To enlist the prayer groups' support for our major national initiatives, including the **March for Life in 2026** and the **National Conference in 2027** as we celebrate 50 years of the CCR in Chennai.
4. **Connection:** To remind everyone that we are part of a larger CCR family and to invite all members to register in our database to stay connected and up-to-date on all the latest news and movements.

We look forward to visiting more prayer groups and uniting our Chennai CCR family!

- Nelson C Anto, MSC Coordinator