



## SCCs are God's gift to our Church

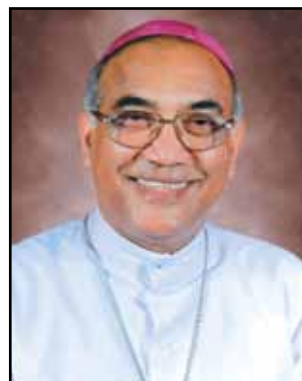
**We hear people asking, why do we promote SCCs? What is the need for it?**

We need to promote SCC because it brings the Church to the neighbourhood. We profess that Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. These four characteristics of the Church are very much seen during the Sunday Mass. On that day, we come together as one family (Unity/Oneness), we offer prayers (Holy), we show concern towards the needy (Apostolic) and maintain relationship with the Universal Church (Catholic).

Similarly, at SCC level, the neighbours come together regularly and manifest their unity. They read the Word of God and share it, and thus grow in holiness. Through the inspiration of the Word of God, they show concern towards the needy and live in communion with the parish, deanery and diocese. Attending SCC gatherings is obligatory in order to live Christian life fully.

Pope John Paul II has said that SCCs are a home for everyone and an extended family. In order to make our parish community a family, we need to promote family atmosphere in the neighbourhood through SCCs. Now the understanding of the Church is 'Communion of Communities' and SCCs are a 'New Way of Being a Church'. Its dream is to make the Church participatory in its nature. The emergence of SCCs is to be considered as a gift of the present times to live the Church and to build Christian Communities.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to the Regional Secretary for Commission for SCCs and his Team. I thank all the Diocesan Secretaries and the council members for their untiring efforts in building SCCs in our region. May the Good Lord bless them.



**Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D' Souza**  
Bishop of Mangalore Diocese  
Chairperson – Commission for SCCs

## SCCs are the path to the New Way of Being Church

Blessed John Paul II of fond memories, emphatically stated that Small Christian Communities (SCCs) are means for contextualized faith formation, instruments of evangelization and an effective way to decentralize and organize the parish (Redemptoris Missio, 51). SCCs are the path to the New Way of Being Church promoted by the Federation of the Asian Bishops Conferences since the Bandung Plenary Assembly in 1990 and by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India since its Pune Conference in 1992. It is an effective way to renew the Church and ensure active involvement of all the faithful in the life of the Church. Hundreds of thousands of people have become active members of the Church through the initiation of SCCs in our parishes.



**Rev Fr. Thomas Vijay**  
Secretary- NST for SCCs

40 years of committed efforts to promote SCCs in the Indian Church, have yielded rich dividends; there are more than 68000 SCCs in India spread out in 134 dioceses. There is a National Service Team (NST) for SCCs under the CBCI. Each of the 13 Ecclesiastical regions has a Bishop as a Chairman for the promotion of SCCs and a priest as Coordinator with an SCC promotional team. Every diocese has a coordinator for SCCs. SCCs have grown to be a powerful force in renewing the Church and in strengthening her vigour and widening her avenues in evangelization.

I congratulate the chairperson of Commission for SCCs in Karnataka, Most Rev Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza for his support and encouragement in the region, KRCBC, the Regional Secretary and his team as they bring out a regional news letter **-COMMUNION** which will be a link between the dioceses and NST for SCCs. I pray that God bless their initiatives and efforts.

## SCC is a pastoral need of our Region

Since thirteen years, I am in this field of formation of SCCs. I strongly feel that formation of SCCs in Karnataka region is a pastoral need. Where there are SCCs in the parishes, there is a 'we feeling' and strong belongingness is experienced. I am happy to say that in many dioceses of our region, in the past three decades SCCs have changed the lives of the people both quantitatively and qualitatively.

I am glad to introduce the Regional SCC Newsletter-'**COMMUNION**'. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about the progress of SCC work in the region as well as in the dioceses of Karnataka.

It also carries success stories of SCC, the training material and news events. In this issue, we would like to place before you the vision, mission statements, goal and objectives of the region for year 2012-2014.

I am sure that this little effort of ours will help the SCC animators to have an ongoing information about SCCs and it becomes a link between the animators and the Regional SCC Team. I thank the Chair person of our Commission, Most Rev Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, the Bishop of Mangalore diocese, KRCBC, all the Diocesan Secretaries, animators and the Editorial Board members and also Resource Team members for their contribution. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Thomas Vijay, the NST Secretary for releasing the newsletter, Fr. Gilbert D'Souza, Sr. Lydia Serrao UFS, and Sr Jini Joseph OP for serving as the Regional Secretaries for the past few years. I welcome Sr. Emilia Monteiro SMI, the new joint secretary for the region. May this Year of Faith strengthen our SCCs in faith and through SCCs church becomes vibrant and relevant to our times.



**Rev Fr. Harold Pereira.**  
Regional Secretary-Commission  
for SCCs

### Vision Statement

A communion of Communities where neighbors live life in fullness centered on the Word of God & the Eucharist.

**SCCs are instruments of Evangelisation.**

**SCCs are a home for everyone and an extended family.**

**SCCs are Church in miniature.**

**SCCs are New way of being Church.**

**SCCs are a source of New Hope for the Church.**

### **Mission Statement:**

Establish, empower and sustain SCC in every neighborhood by

- Encouraging living the Word of God and Eucharist.
- Promoting relatedness leading to a community that is sharing and caring.
- Building shared, non domineering leadership at all levels.

### **Goal**

All the parishes of the region have at least two SCCs which are regularly functioning.

### **Objectives**

1. Every diocese in Karnataka to have a team of collaborators with the Directors, promoting the cause of SCC by 31st December, 2014.
2. A minimum of three day's pastoral course on "promotion of SCCs" to be incorporated into the curriculum of Seminaries and Formation houses of Religious, giving scope for a practical experience during their formation by December 2014.
3. By the end of 2014 every priest, religious and 50% of the lay faithful in Karnataka to be given the clear knowledge of SCCs based on a standard module prepared by the Commission.
4. Every SCC unit in Karnataka to have at least one eligible and committed animator who builds the SCCs by the end of 2014.
5. All the parishes in Karnataka to have at least two SCC units, which are functioning effectively by 31st December 2014.

## **SCC Report of Shimoga Diocese -2012**

The history of SCCs in the Diocese of Shimoga dates back to the year 1999 when SCCs were started in the parishes of Kable and Sharavathinagar. The name given to the SCC commission is 'Sahodaya'- 'the Rise of Brotherhood' . The vision of diocesan SCC is: "A communion of Communities where neighbors live in fullness centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist." In order to realize this, the Commission chalks out programs at the ward, Parish, Deanery and Diocesan levels.



*Shimoga Deanery SCC Animators' Training*



*Diocesan Animation Team (DAT) Training*



*SCC in-charge [Sisters] Training*

### **PARISH LEVEL:**

#### **Seminar for Animators:**

1. O.L. of Vailankanni Church, Bhadravathi – 29 participants on 22.07.2012
2. St. Sebastian's Church, Sorab – 27 participants on 05.08.2012

- |                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3. Infant Jesus Church, Shimoga       | - 30 participants on 12.08.2012  |
| 4. St . Francis Xavier Church , Kable | - 30 participants on 15.08.2012  |
| 5. Holy Family Church, Chitradurga    | - 19 participants on 28.08.2012. |

**Seminar for SCC Core-Committee:**

- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| O.L. of Lourdes Church, Thirthahalli | - 71 participants on 06.01.2013. |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|

**DEANERY LEVEL: SCC Core-Committee trainings:**

- |                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Little Flower Deanery at Harihar | - 76 participants – 23.09.2012  |
| 2. Holy Family Deanery at Hiriyr    | - 68 participants – 30.09.2012  |
| 3. Vianney Deanery at Hosanagar     | - 45 participants – 28.10.2012  |
| 4. Vianney Deanery at Sagar         | - 103 participants – 04.11.2012 |
| 5. Carmel Deanery at Bhadravathi    | - 66 participants – 11.11.2012  |
| 6. Carmel Deanery at SMSSS, Shimoga | - 25 participants – 25.11.2012  |
| 7. Carmel Deanery at SMSSS, Shimoga | - 37 participants – 02.12.2012  |

**DIOCESAN LEVEL:**

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Commission Meeting – Bishop’s House, Shimoga | - 12 participants – 19.08.2012 |
| 2. TOT – Resource Team – SMSSS, Shimoga         | - 15 participants – 26.01.2013 |
| 3. SCC in-charge [Sisters] – SMSSS, Shimoga     | - 29 participants – 27.01.2013 |

**Rev Fr . Duming Dias, Diocesan Secretary**

## SCC Silver Jubilee of Mangalore & Udupi Dioceses.

This year, the Mangalore and Udupi dioceses celebrate Silver Jubilee of SCCs of its existence. In the year 1987, SCCs were started in our diocese. Mangalore diocese consists of 10 deaneries. Out of 112 parishes, 108 parishes have SCC units. Udupi Diocese has 5 deaneries and 48 parishes. Every parish has a lay SCC convener. Our parishes are divided into wards and in most of the parishes, the ward is considered as one SCC unit. At the ward level, the ward Leader and the Core Committee members take the leadership in organizing the SCC gatherings. In some of the parishes, SCCs are very vibrant, in other places they are in infancy.

The Silver Jubilee of SCCs was inaugurated on May 15, 2012 at the Bishop’s house in the auspicious presence of our Bishop and more than 200 leaders of the diocese, comprising of the Diocesan Pastoral Parishad, Senate members and some distinguished guests.



*SCC Silver Jubilee Inauguration*

*Panel Discussion on SCC at Youth Convention*

**SCC Silver Jubilee programmes:**

1. In all parishes, awareness of the Jubilee has been promoted by display of a banner and an official inauguration of the Jubilee year and the Year of Faith has been done.
2. Many parishes have conducted / are conducting half /one day seminar on SCCs, to revive and to motivate SCCs.

3. Efforts are made in many parishes to establish Parish Animation Teams (PAT) and at the ward level, to have core committees that are functioning.
4. Deanery level SCC Conventions and seminars for children, youth, priests and religious are taking place in some deaneries.
5. Christmas tableau and Interreligious meetings and programmes have been conducted in the parish and at ward level.
6. Ward days and parish level SCCs days are organized to mark the Silver Jubilee in many parishes.
7. Sermons, lessons, small booklets, CDs, brochures and various activities have been prepared to strengthen the faith and to make the Year of Faith meaningful in SCC gatherings.
8. Diocesan SCC Newsletter has been started this year and a souvenir of SCCs Silver Jubilee will be brought out.
9. Solemn concluding ceremony of SCC Silver Jubilee has been planned for May 16, 2013 at Bendur Parish Hall, Mangalore, for which the Bishops of Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses as well as the National and Regional Secretaries of SCCs will be present.

**Rev Fr. Walter D'Souza**, Diocesan SCC Secretary.

### RESOURCE TEAM:

Fr. Harold Pereira

Sr. Emilia Monteiro

Fr. Austin Fernandes

Mr. V.M. Francis

Mr. Joseph M Fernandes

Ms Anita

Mr. Arockia Dass

Fr. Stanley D'Souza

## The list of Regional SCCs Council Members

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 01. Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza | [Chairperson, Mangalore Diocese         |
| 02. Fr. Lourdusamy                      | [KRPPIC Coordinator ]                   |
| 03. Fr. Harold Pereira                  | [Regional Secretary-Commission for SCC] |
| 04. Sr. Emilia Monteiro SMI             | [Joint Secretary Commission for SCC]    |
| 05. Fr. Stanley D'Souza                 | [Belgaum Diocese ]                      |
| 06. Fr. Shantraj                        | [Chikmagalur Diocese ]                  |
| 07. Fr. Austin Fernandes                | [Gulbarga Diocese ]                     |
| 08. Fr. Susairaj                        | [Bangalore Archdiocese ]                |
| 09. Sr. Mabel D'Souza, UFS              | [Mangalore Diocese ]                    |
| 10. Mr. Arockia Dass                    | [Bangalore Archdiocese ]                |
| 11. Mr. Paul Fernandes                  | [Shimoga Diocese]                       |
| 12. Ms Anitha                           | [Chikmagalur Diocese]                   |
| 13. Fr. Duming Dias                     | [Shimoga Diocese, nominated]            |
| 14. Fr. Walter D'Souza                  | [Mangalore Diocese, nominated]          |
| 15. Mr. V. M. Francis                   | [Bangalore Archdiocese, nominated]      |
| 16. Mr. Joseph M. Fernandes             | [Bangalore Archdiocese, nominated]      |

### THANKS



**Rev Fr. Gilbert D'Souza**  
Ex- Regional Secretary-  
Commission for SCC

### WELCOME



**Sr. Emilia Monteiro SMI**  
Joint Regional Secretary



**Mr. V M Francis, Mr. Marcel J Fernandes**

Represented Karnataka for AsIPA General Assembly VI at Srilanka

**Theme of the Assembly:** 'Go you are Sent Forth' (Mt 10:5)- Following Jesus in Mission: SCCs Serving and Ministering.

## Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishops' Council (KRCBC)



**First line from left:** Most Rev. Robert M Miranda (Bishop of Gulbarga), Most Rev. T. Antony Swamy (Bishop of Chikmagalur), Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza (Bishop of Mangalore), Most Rev. Bernard Moras (Archbishop of Bangalore), Most Rev. Peter Machado (Bishop of Belgaum), Mar Joseph Arumachadath (Bishop of Badravathi), Gee Varrghese Mar Divannasios (Bishop of Puttur)

**Second line from Right:** Most Rev. Derek Fernandes (Bishop of Karwar), Most Rev. Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Bishop of Belthangady), Most Rev. Henry D'Souza (Bishop of Bellary), Most Rev. Thomas A Vazhapilly (Bishop of Mysore) Most Rev. Dr. Gerald Isaac Lobo (Bishop of Udipi), Most Rev. George Njaralakatt (Bishop of Mandya)

### Past regional events :

June 12th , 2012	- SCCs Directors' meeting at KRPC, Bangalore (12 participants)
September 18 -19, 2012	- SCCs Trainers' Training (TOT) program at KRPC, Bangalore. (43 participants)
October 12th 2012	- SCC Resource Team meeting at KRPC, Bangalore (5 participants)
October 18 – 24, 2012	- AsIPA VI General Assembly at Srilanka, (2 participants from the Region)
November 13th 2012	- SCC Council meeting at KRPC, Bangalore. (14 participants)
November 29th 2012	- South Zonal SCC Resource Team Meeting at KRPC, Bangalore, (23 participants)

### Future Mega event:

#### SCC NATIONAL CONVENTION 2013, GOA, November 18 to 22 2013

The theme of the convention: **SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES –COMMUNION OF FAITH IN LOVE**

The objectives of the convention:

1. To affirm that SCCs build communion and collaboration in the church
2. To witness to the power of SCCs to help people to live faith and Gospel values in a creative way
3. To give people an opportunity to experience how SCCs can renew faith both at personal and community levels
4. To witness to the power of SCCs to evangelize the neighborhoods

Program of convention:

18th Nov 2013 : Monday	- Arrival and welcome
19th Nov 2013: Tuesday	- 9am Inaugural Eucharist at Bom Jesu Church, Old Goa, Presided by His Excellency Salvatore Pennacchio, Apostolic Nuncio of India, and followed by Inaugural Function.
20th Nov 2013: Wednesday	- SCC day in a parish
21st Nov 2013: Thursday	- Common sessions at Old Goa, SCC Rally. Concluding Eucharist presided by His Eminence, Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Mumbai, the CBCI President.
22nd Nov 2013: Friday	- Departure.

### Organized by NST for SCC (CBCI)

This event will be witnessed by 8000 SCC members from 166 dioceses of India (20 members from each Diocese)

**COME LET US BE A PART OF THIS HISTORIC EVENT.**

**FRIENDS GOA CHALO**



*Sponsored by arnold consulting pvt. Ltd*



**ARNOLD**  
CONSULTING  
Partnering to Succeed

### **Seek Out the Best Talent for Your Business**

*We leverage our extensive industry experience and contacts to provide unrivalled access to unique and talented professionals.*

### **Value Adding Recruitment**

*Our teams of specialists work with you to provide advisory and end-to-end solutions in Professional Recruitment Services and Human Resources Management.*

### **Industry Specialist Consultants**

*With the right blend of hands-on industry specific and recruitment experience, our consultants understand industry challenges and nuances better than anyone else.*

### Services

- Permanent Staffing
- Temporary Staffing
- Executive Search
- Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO)
- Training
- HR Advisory and Consulting

### Office:

### **ARNOLD CONSULTING Pvt. Ltd**

No 1320, 24 Main,  
Sai Krishna Arcade,  
II Floor, Sector 2 HSR Layout,  
Bangalore - 560102, India.

### Contact:

**Mr. Cyril Nandan Nazareth**  
**Managing Director**

Mob: 9008466881

Email id: [Cyril.nazareth@arnoldconsultants.com](mailto:Cyril.nazareth@arnoldconsultants.com)

[www.arnoldconsultants.com](http://www.arnoldconsultants.com)

From

Karnataka Regional Pastoral Centre  
58/6, PB. 8427,  
2nd Cross, Da Costa Layout  
Wheeler Road Ext.  
Bangalore – 560 084.

To

.....

.....

.....

.....

**Editorial Team:** Fr. Harold Pereira, Sr. Emilia Monterio SMI, Mr.V M Francis and Mr. Joseph M Fernandes.

Published by Commission for SCCs

Karnataka Regional Pastoral Centre, PB. No 8427, 2nd Cross, Da Costa Layout,  
Wheeler Road Ext. Bangalore – 560 084.

Contact no. 09740943528, Email: [krscdesk@gmail.com](mailto:krscdesk@gmail.com).

FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY