

Archbishop Bernard Moras of Bangalore : Inaugural address of SCC Workshop for Bangalore archdiocese, Feb. 14th to 19th 2011.

My dear Fathers, deacons, Sisters and lay brothers and sisters,

SCCs are blessed by Pope and bishops in the CBCI as an instrument to renew the Church all over. If we are concerned about faith formation and renewal of parishes, SCCs are very essential.

YKJ was a great event and its celebration began with the 3 preparatory years – dedicated to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The outcome of the celebration was promotion of the New Way of Being Church all over the country, affecting life and action of all – clergy, religious and laity. Following this resolve of YKJ the National Service Team for SCCs was formed with the purpose of promoting SCCs all over the country.

In Acts of the Apostles we read that the early community lived and shared everything they had in common, sharing their joys and pains. They could face up to persecutions with their strong sense of shared faith. We are also living in a time our people need strong faith to face challenges of modern times. Modern culture leads us to live individual and isolated lives. We convince ourselves that we are too busy that we have no time for God and for one another. Relationships are increasingly becoming utilitarian.

SCCs are not mere social gatherings; it is gathering in which we share the Gospel, finding in it life and joy for our daily lives. We are called to apply the Word of God to our daily lives, let it to transform us gradually.

Building up SCCs is not the task of one or the other individual person. It must be a team effort – priests, sisters and laity working together and modeling as ecclesial teams, witnessing to the love of Jesus. Look at our parishes : individuals come by car just to fulfill an obligation and rush back without showing any concern for others.