



**All India Catholic Union**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**for the year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

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# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

## **The aims and objects of the All India Catholic Union (AICU) shall be:**

- a) To foster Christian vocation and to spread the influence of Catholic ideals and principles in Indian public life through any medium of communication and to promote unity and solidarity among the people of India through Christian endeavour.
- b) To be the exponent of Catholic opinion and to make representations to authorities and public bodies in all matters affecting Catholics.
- c) To rouse the civic, social and national consciousness of Catholics, to help them to play a useful and effective part in the public life of the country and to make their full contribution to national unity and welfare.
- d) To empower Lay members of Christ's faithful and to promote unity and solidarity among Catholics of India, inter alia, by promoting the establishment of Catholic Associations/ Sabhas/ Unions where they do not exist and by co ordinating their activities.
- e) To safeguard by all lawful means the legitimate rights, liberties and interests of the Catholic Community particularly those guaranteed by the Constitution of India and Charter of the United Nations.
- f) To promote measures to raise the economic, educational and social condition of Catholics and to run or to assist in running economic projects, educational and health institutions and social welfare institutions and schemes.
- g) To perform works of charity for those in need, irrespective of race, caste, community or creed.
- h) To take over and manage the assets and properties, if any, belonging to the unregistered society of the AICU functioning from the year 1945 or standing in the name of the AICU and to continue the management of the affairs, assets and properties of the AICU as heretofore.
- i) To hold and manage the assets and properties already acquired by the unregistered Union and to acquire hereafter by purchase, lease, mortgage, loan, gift, grant, legacy, bequest, exchange, right, privilege or otherwise from any person, company, society, government, or institution or any body whatsoever moveable or immovable properties of all description deemed necessary for the objects of the AICU and to alienate by way of sale, exchange, hiring out, gift or otherwise the properties of the AICU as may be necessary or appropriate for the achievements of the objects of the AICU.
- j) To borrow or raise funds in any manner the AICU may think fit.
- k) To receive any gift, whether money or property, moveable or immoveable, for the fulfilment of the objects of the AICU.
- l) To co operate with other bodies or societies having similar aim or aims which are not inconsistent with the objects of the AICU for the purpose of promoting or achieving the objects of the AICU.
- m) To organise symposiums, seminars; regional, national, international conventions and congresses.
- n) To affiliate itself to other International Catholic Unions and Organisations
- o) To promote evangelization and renewal within the Church and foster relationship through dialogue, collaboration and service between the Church and Society in keeping with the spirit, vision, approach, values, policies and programmes of the Second Vatican Council and.
- p) To do all other things necessary or incidental to carry out the aims and objects of the AICU.

# ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNION

## NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS

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Lancy D'Cunha

### National Vice President :

Elias Vaz

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A. Chinnappan

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# AICU - Vision Statement

**A TRULY REPRESENTATIVE AND UNITED LAY CATHOLIC VOICE THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY & COURAGEOUSLY ENGAGE AND INFLUENCE CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE CHURCH ON ISSUES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

## Goals

**In order to deliver the vision we need to:**

1. be professional and work in a disciplined manner
2. be financially viable
3. Identify and develop new leaders who are committed to democratic and consensual norms.
4. find ways and means to be united
5. define the core values that should drive the AICU

## Associations:

Encourage region-wise setup on the lines of the Regional Bishops Conference.  
Monitor role and functioning of State Presidents and Secretaries  
Animating Diocesan Associations to be accountable to deliver the requirements of the Centre  
Partnership with the Hierarchy at a personal level  
Skills to engage the Bishops  
Constant communication with the Bishops  
In each Diocese one lay person to liaise and PR with the local Bishop  
Building Channels of communication

## Financial:

- ❖ Developing benefactors
- ❖ Send an Appeal letter to Bishops to contribute
- ❖ Souvenir Project
- ❖ Event Management Company to handle the raising of funds
- ❖ Training Funds
- ❖ Funds for the President's office

## Professional and Disciplined

Role clarification - A regular one page communication to the entire AICU NETWORK

Session wise attendance register to inculcate some sense of discipline at the AICU meetings

Common Letterheads to be printed out of HQ. Clarification on the designation of state office bearers. Email addresses a must for all working committee members. Website to be utilised extensively.

## Working on being united

Follow up of the "Introspection and Review" session to deal with hurts and angers and a meaningful prayer session. All WCMs and AGMs should be preceded with a spiritual input. Discourage Email mud slinging, anonymous letters and court cases

## Core Values

A special session for articulating, defining and agreeing upon a list of values that will drive the AICU.

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Notice & Agenda for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

To:

July 5, 2017

1. Affiliated Units of All India Catholic Union
2. Working Committee Members
3. Benefactor and Life Members of AICU

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of All India Catholic Union will be held on Saturday and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 NBCLC Bangalore, Hutchins Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> cross, St Thomas Town P.O Bangalore 84, to transact the following Agenda:

## **Sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am**

1. Welcome by host
2. Address by the National President Mr. Lancy D Cunha
3. Address by the National Vice President Mr. Elias Vas
4. Presentation of the Annual Report by the Secretary General A. Chinnappan
5. Launching new projects
6. Keynote address by the Chief Guest.
7. Confirmation of Minutes of the last AGM held at Kolkata
8. Presentation of Audited Accounts for the year ended 31.3.2017 by HT – Mr. Alexander Anthony
9. To receive and adopt the Budget proposal for the year 2017-18.
10. To appoint Auditors for the year 2017-18
11. Report on AICU Centenary Celebrations.
12. Reports of National Secretaries, National Coordinators, State Presidents / State Secretaries to be presented in writing
13. Discussion on State wise issues/ Reports/Interaction with Units.
14. Report on AICU Benevolence fund & AICU Newsletter.
15. Open House./ Resolutions.
16. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.
17. Vote of thanks and adjournments of meeting.

Yours sincerely

For **ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNION**

Sd/-

(A Chinnappan)

Secretary General

## ***Please Note :***

1. Venue is 8 kms away from Bangalore Railway station (very near to Banaswadi Railway station). Bangalore Devanahalli Airport is about 25 kms away from venue. If you need any assistance then please inform your arrival and departure details to Mr. Alphonse Kennedy on Ph: 988630103 OR Ms. Clara Fernandes Mob no. 9449206308 or Mr. Lancy D Cunha & 7259020989.
2. The National Secretaries, State Presidents / State Secretaries will have to send TYPED WRITTEN Reports to Secretary General & the AICU Administrative Office on or before 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
3. Please note that all representatives of affiliated units wishing to discuss any matter pertaining to the functioning of the Unit/s must inform Secretary General on or before 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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# ***Message from the National President***

My dear friends in AICU

*Greetings to you all from Lancy D'Cunha*

It is an immense pleasure to write this as National President of All India Catholic Union, a near-century-old laity organization which started in 1919. I am giving due respect to all the former Presidents who led this organization and built it to this eminent status.

I, being a born agriculturist turned engineer who build my career in the field of construction, enjoyed social life through leadership skills, which also made me to grow and rise to this responsible post.

As my journey began as NP on Sept 25th 2017 my first thought was to make AICU more vibrant and make it known to the entire Nation. The day-to-day harassment, terrorism and the crises in social as well as in political leadership made me to take a pause and start putting efforts to build a Team Work to strengthen our society. The interaction program we conducted during our different meetings has made us to open our eyes.

My recent tours of Orissa & Andhra Pradesh made me to think of our brotherhood. Almost we all are being in cities where we have less problems but in many remote villages Catholic brothers and sisters are facing more problems today. They lie in dark, afraid to express their faith, the leadership fails. I feel our extended arms have to strengthen them.

Today we need to find a solution. We have to strengthen our hands to lift others. I appeal to all our state representatives/unit of to take some measures.

Today Media has a great role to play and I appeal to you all to act on this.

Recently we have launched mobile app and new website to connect AICU to all through media network, I appeal to all our members to send activities reports and write-ups to make use of the site.

Our desire to appoint regional spokespersons will come into effect shortly as we feel we have to be represented in all major cities. Our interaction programmes in different cities are strengthening us in building strong union also which helps to infuse new life in organizations.

Shortly we are celebrating AICU centenary. By this time we have to spread in entire nation. In all dioceses we should have leaders to lead.

I thank all AICU members for rendering your service and sacrifices. I pray for you all for the Lord to shower his blessings on your family and work.

***May God Bless You.***

*Yours in Service*

**Lancy D'Cunha**

## **Identity Cards**

As decided earlier, now the updating members list to website has been completed. You can check your name in AICU.in website. To get new ID card you are requested to submit one passport size photo to administrative office with reference no. If your name is not found, please write to admin office with data.



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# **Message Of National Vice President**

Message from National Vice President.

*“When we tackle obstacles, we find hidden reserves of courage and resilience we did not know we had. And it is only when we are faced with failure, do we realize that these resources were always there within us. We only need to find them and move on with our lives.”* Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today as we end another financial year in the AICU we look back at the challenges and opportunities we are faced with.

Today as we see a world where hatred and terror seem to be the order of the day, it is a challenge to bear witness with Love and Understanding.

Bearing witness is what we are all called for. And we have to do so, in whatever little way possible. I have always reflected on the writings of St. Paul. He bore witness with love and with intelligence. He used the resources at his command very judiciously and with focus. Today in the complex situation we are faced with, we have to use all the resources at our command to bear this witness.

It is here that AICU plays a very vital part. We have to use this opportunity to train and educate ourselves, to strengthen our brotherhood, to improve our networking, to share our resources, to become more resolute and strong. We have to strengthen ourselves Spiritually, Intellectually, Physically and Economically.

AICU has been encouraging and organizing a lot of training programs and we should improve active participation in them. AICU has been involved in a lot of relief activities. We should lend a hand to enhance the spirit of brotherhood. AICU has been organizing many seminars and group discussions. We have to stand together and participate in a spirit of unity. Even an act of communicating and keeping in touch helps in building this fellowship. And most of all we should seek, read, learn and understand. And pray to the Lord that we may always be on the side of righteousness and truth.

As we approach the centenary of AICU, we should all work together to foster this spirit of brotherhood and contribute in the building of a just and prosperous Nation, wherein the values imbibed in our Constitution are upheld and build a peaceful and humane world.

*May God bless us all,*

**Elias R. Vaz**

## **All India Catholic Union**

### **Documentary**

AICU is celebrating Centenary in 2019. To highlight the memory of past hundred years we have decided to launch documentary on AICU in visual as well as in book format under the Editorship of Past President Dr. John Dayal.

You are requested to provide supporting material or photos or old letters or reports of major activities conducted to AICU adminis office marking copies to Dr. John Dayal & National President.

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# ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNION

## Report of the Secretary General for the Financial Year 2016-2017

**Dear Members, Benefactors and Donors of All India Catholic Union !**

We are in the first year of our National President Mr. Lancy D’Cunha being taken over the Office of AICU. The Working Committee of the AICU took over after the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of AICU held at Kolkata.

I feel honoured to present the Secretary General’s Report for the first time for the year ending 31st March, 2017.

Our efforts continues to make AICU a professional body, sensitive to the needs of the Laity, vibrant in nature and working with focus towards the development of the Nation in all aspects.

### **VISION FOR THE AICU**

A truly representative and United lay Catholic voice that will effectively and courageously engage and influence Civil Society and the Church on issues that are critical to the Catholic Community.

**We set our long term goals as under :**

1. Be professional and work in a disciplined manner.
2. Be financially viable.
3. Identify and develop new leaders who are committed to democratic and consensual norms.
4. Find ways and means to be united.
5. Define the core values that should drive AICU.
6. Concentrate more on the socio-political activities.

We have seen a steady progress towards that goal and every year we improve on the earlier benchmarks by our former leaders.

We have continued our efforts towards working in a professional and disciplined manner, we have maintained financial propriety, we have organised many programs to develop lay leadership throughout India and we have worked with unity with all the Catholic Church.

This year too saw AICU Membership increase by a considerable amount. A lot of activities were conducted at the grass root level i.e. within the Catholic Associations/Units/Sabhas and at the State Level.

**My report is presented in four parts :**

- A. Administrative matters.
- B. Activities of the Union.
- C. Financial position

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## D. Acknowledgements

### A) Administrative Matters :

AICU has always maintained a very transparent, accountable, progressive and just system of administration in keeping up the values of the Catholic Organisation.

1. **Working Committee:** The Working Committee (WC) has regular meetings and set the pace for the administrative functioning of the Union. The coordination of various actions were effectively done with the cooperation of the State Presidents and State Secretaries alongwith the National Secretaries, National Coordinators were appointed by the National President to fill in any gaps and improve the smooth implementations of the various decisions and programs.
2. **Administrative Office at Goa:** The various decisions of the Working Committee are efficiently implemented by the Administrative Office Executive Director, Engr. Amir Baretto, Mr. Rohitas Naik, Head of Accounts, Ms. Venisa Fernandes, Executive Secretary and other Staffs. All important records and files are maintained at the Administrative Office. All work relating to Accounts, Banking, FCRA, Income Tax Compliance with different Government Authorities etc. are mainly handled by the Administrative Office, which is indeed a very big support for AICU and SG in particular
3. **AICU Office Premises in Goa:** We have now shifted our AICU Administrative Office to our own premises..
4. **Compliance with the Registrar of the Societies:** All necessary documents are submitted with the Office of the Registrar of Societies at Chennai.
5. **Income Tax concession u/s 80G:** All donations to AICU are exempted from payment of Income Tax as per the provisions u/s 80G of Income Tax Act.
6. **Major Donors, Benefactors and Life Members :** During the financial year, 26 Life Members, 14 Benefactors and 4 Major Donors were enrolled. As on 31st March 2017, we have 17 Major Donors, 73 Benefactors and 1707 Life Members. AICU welcomed Mr. Roydin Roach and Veina Gonsalves as new Major Donors into its Membership.
7. **AICU Website:** In the month of Nov 2016 during 1<sup>st</sup> working committee AICU as launched its mobile app aicu and website aicu.in which now connects everyone though internet media.

### B. Activities of the Union :

#### 1. Meetings :

Working Committee Meetings : There were 3 Working Committee Meetings after the new team took charge

1. The first Working Committee Meeting of the All India Catholic Union (2016-2018) was held on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th, November, 2016 at Pastoral Institute, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, Mangalore.
2. The 2nd Working Committee Meeting of the All India Catholic Union (2016-2018) was held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February, 2017 at MSFS Dhyanasramam, Door No.8-21-1, Near Kottak School, Chinna Waltair, Visakhapatnam-530017.

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3. The 3rd Working Committee meeting of the All India Catholic Union(2016-2018) was held on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June, 2016 at Ishopanthe Ashram, Baliapanda Road, Puri, Odisha-752001.

**2 State Presidents and State Secretaries :** Most of the State Presidents and State

Secretaries worked with vigor in the discharge of their important role in achieving the goals of AICU. This included the improvement of the existing units And formation of new units. They have ensured the membership fees, documentation etc. from the units are in order.

**AICU Centenary Celebrations :**

There will be ongoing celebration welcoming the Centenary Year of AICU scheduled in the year 2019. AICU is planning to have a number of formation and training programs on Diocesan, State and Regional Levels in addition to various social and welfare activities in the coming years.

**Training and Formation :**

AICU organised many training programs all over India to educate and empower individuals. Training and Formation programs were organised in many States in collaboration with local Catholic Associations.

- The West Bengal Catholic Association took the initiative to form Catholic Association in Asansol Diocese. Formation of Catholic Association in Bagdogra and 2 other places are under pipeline.

- Two days leadership training organised at Khandamal and 2 days Workshop at Sampalpur conducted by the Odisha Catholic Association

Gujarat CA has organised career orientation and awareness to create interest in the youths to take up Competitive Examinations for Civil Service and Judiciary.

Ad hoc Committee has been formed in Khandamal and Chennai as well for formation of Catholic Associations.

AICU organised Interactive Session with the local people wherever it conducts the Working Committee Meeting. Such Interactive Session was organised at Mangalore, Visakhapatnam and Puri, Odisha.

**- Uniform Civil Code :**

All India Catholic Union has submitted a Representation/reply to the Questionnaire called for by the Law Commission, Govt. of India. AICU Team has a Panel discussion with the Team of officials of the Law Commission. Another round of Panel Discussion with the Legal Experts will be held shortly.

**The Golden Jubilee of the Trichy Diocese Catholic Association :**

The Golden Jubilee Celebration of Trichy Diocese Catholic Association was held on 1st May, 2017 at Arunkodai Illam, Trichy. About 1000 delegates from Trichy Diocese and other Dioceses in Tamil Nadu and AICU participated in the function. AICU National President and Secretary General attended the function.

**AICU-CBCI Interaction :**

AICU continues to build bridges in an effort to multiply our efforts to serve for the Laity. To increase coordination and collaboration within the Church, Clergy and Laity, AICU continues to interact with the CBCI to find ways to collaborate and work unitedly towards the common goal.

AICU Appreciation Awards :During working committee meetings AICU is hounouring prominent local leaders to respect the service renders.

C. Financial Position of AICU as on 31st March, 2017.

. Financial Position of AICU as on 31st March, 2017.

- Saving A/c Bank Balance is Rs. 307342/-

- RBI 8% savings Bond Rs. 23,40,000/-

#### **D. Acknowledgments :**

Gratitude is the Music of the Soul. AICU sincerely acknowledges the valuable support and cooperation of the following individuals, Donors, Well Wishers, Corporates etc. in fulfilling the aims and objectives of the AICU :

AICU appreciates the continued support of our Past President Dr. Maria Emilia Menezes and Mr. Cesar Menezes, CMD of Wallace Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. Panaji, Goa for providing the Office premises, the Staff and financial help for the functioning of the Administrative Office at Goa.

I am personally obliged to the Management and Staff at the AICU Administrative Office, specially Engr. J A Barreto, Executive Director, Mr. Rohidas Naik, Accountant, Ms. Venisa, Executive Secretary and all the Staff helping the efficient functioning of Administrative Office at Goa.

AICU acknowledges the efforts of M/s J. C. Moniz & Co. who have been continuously maintaining and auditing the Accounts of AICU with great care.

AICU acknowledges the co-operation of our Bankers and various Government Organisations in its efforts to make a better society.

AICU grows due to the efforts of all the Donors, Benefactors and Life Members of AICU.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them. AICU appreciates the words of praise as well as constructive criticism from our President Emeritus, the Late Mr. George Menezes, Past Presidents, Dr. Maria Menezes, Chhotebhai, Dr. John Dayal and Immediate Past President Mr. Eugene Gonsalvas. Their advice helps us get an objective review on the plans and direction we are charting for AICU.

The co-operation and efforts of the Working Committee Members, Directors, Internal Auditors and other Invitee Members of AICU are the pillars of the progress made by AICU so far.

AICU express gratitude to all our Well Wishers and silent workers who are directly and indirectly involved in the smooth functioning of the AICU

Let me conclude my Report with a Quote "Love is our Norm, Service is our Life Style"

May God Bless us all.

Sd/-

**A. Chinnappan**

Secretary General

*Thanking You,*

Yours sincerely,

**For All India Catholic Union**

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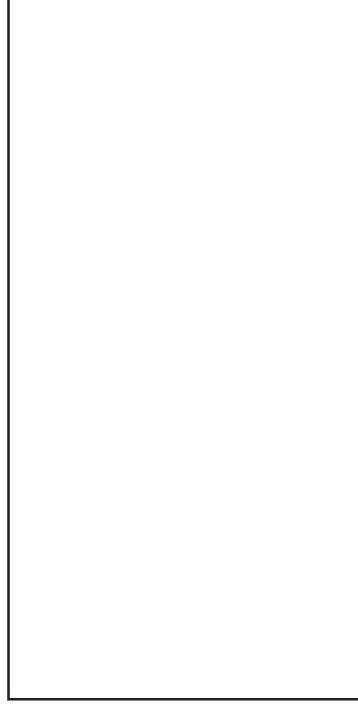
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