

Some of our aims are:

- To Promote 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.
- 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.
- To be the exponent of Catholics opinion and to make representations to authorities and public bodies in all matters affecting Catholics.
- To rouse the civic, social and national consciousness of Catholics, to help them play a useful and effective part in the public life and to make their full contribution to national unity and welfare.
- 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.
- To safeguard, by all lawful means, the legitimate rights, liberties and interests of the Catholic Community particularly those guaranteed by the Constitution of India.
- To promote measures to raise the economic, educational and social condition of Catholics and to run or to assist in running economic projects, educational institutions or social welfare schemes.
- To perform works of charity for those in need, irrespective of race, caste, community or creed.
- To raise funds in any manner the Union may think fit.
- To co-operate with other bodies or societies having similar aim or aims which are not inconsistent with the objects of the Union for the purpose of promoting or achieving the objects of the Union.
- To organize symposiums, seminars, regional, national, international conventions and congresses on issues of national and international significance.

List of Office Bearers

National President	Period	Secretary General	Period
Prof. M. Ratnaswamy Chev. A. Soares Chev. J.C. Ryan Chev. D.V. De Monte Chev. G.S. Reddy Mr. George Menezes Mr. Chhotabhai Mr. Peter Marbaniang Mr. Norbert D'Souza	1986-90 1990-94 1994-96 1996-2K	Chev. A. Soares Mr. Albert De Costa Mr. A.J.O. Pinto Mr. Edward De-Souza Prof. A. Fernandez Dr. G. Mathias Mr. D.T. Chalissery Mr. C.V. Antony Mr. Antony Vellara Mr. Victor Karunan Adv. Jose Chiramel Dr. Remy Y. Denis Mrs. Inez Cotta Carvalho Mr. Elias Vaz	1994-98 98-2000 2000-02 2002-06 2006-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-12 2012-16 2016-
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MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE



ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNION

Established in 1919, registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. (T.N.)
Admn. Off: DTC Bldg., 604 A, 6th Floor, EDC Complex, Patto-Plaza, Panaji-403 001, Goa

Representing the Catholic Laity of India and having affiliated Catholic Associations Nationwide

We need you to build a self - reliant LAY CATHOLIC ORGANISATION to serve THE CHURCH & THE NATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are happy to inform that All India Catholic Union, AICU, which is the apex lay organization in India, represents the aspirations of the Catholic Community in the Country.

AICU has an ambitious programme for growth. One of the foremost tasks ahead is the formation of membership Units and augmenting the Corpus Fund through increased membership and donations.

We will be very thankful if you can help in our endeavour to build the Corpus Fund, Bank interest of which, as per our constitutional policy, will be utilized for the functioning of the organization. We are aware that with your commitment in the work of the Church and the Catholic community in general, you may consider becoming a Member of All India Catholic Union.

The Membership and fees structure are as follows:

1. Life Member : Rs. 1,000/- (one time payment)
2. Benefactor Member : Rs. 10,000/- (one time payment)
3. Major Donor Member : On donation of Rs. 1 lakh and above with an option to Institute an Award of his/her choice, subject to the approval of AICU working committee. This amount will be invested in the Corpus Fund and the award money will be drawn from the Bank interest thereof. The awards aim at recognizing and honouring Catholics in the community for their meritorious work on a consistent basis in the areas of Human Rights, Social Justice, Gender issues, Children's Rights, etc. The yearly award of a cash prize and a scroll will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the AICU. The balance amount of the interest on Rs. 1,00,000/- if any will be credited to the General Fund. The award money will be reviewed and augmented periodically every three to five years.

All donations are exempted u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Cheque/Draft may be drawn in favour of "All India Catholic Union" payable at Panaji, Goa.

We are confident of your wholehearted support in the endeavour to make AICU strong in its membership and finance.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely,
Secretary General
All India Catholic Union

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to become a Member of All India Catholic Union and agree to abide by the objectives as per its Constitution. I confirm that I am a major, and a practicing Catholic.

I wish to become a: **Life Member** ₹.1000/- ☐
Benefactor Member ₹.10000/- ☐
Major Donor Member ₹.100000/- ☐

I send hereby a Cheque/DD No. dated __/__/____ drawn on
..... or by cash towards

For Major Donor Member: Award proposed for

Member's Details (USE BLOCK LETTERS)

Name:

Profession/Occupation

Date of Birth: -- Gender: M / F ☐ Blood Group:

Address

.....Pin

Diocese

Phone No. (M): (R)

Email:

Recommended by:

Date :

Applicant Signature

Form received by : Name Date:.....

Received Cheque/DD /Cash

Receiver's Signature

ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNION

Our Motto : SERVICE IN UNITY

Our Mandate : TO REPRESENT & ARTICULATE THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE LAITY

Our Vision : TO BE AN EFFECTIVE BODY IN SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY
AND THE COUNTRY.

AICU is a democratic federation with affiliated Catholic Associations across the States/Dioceses/Districts in India. It is a non political body, and it seeks to represent and strengthen the Catholic community in the country, in the socio-religious, political, and economic spheres.

HISTORY: When the first All India Catholic Conference was held in 1919, under the eminent leadership of Prof. A. Soares, F.A.C. Rebello & Prof. C.J. Varkey of Chennai, plans for the formation of a laity organization were in the offing. In 1930 the All India Catholic League was formed and under its patronage the first All India Catholic Congress was convened at Pune in 1934.

In 1940, it was renamed Catholic Union of India. Prof. M. Ratnaswamy, the then Vice-Chancellor of Anna Malai University became its first National President. Prof. A. Soares of Chennai was the first Secretary General.

In 1966 Catholic Union of India was registered at Chennai, under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860). Subsequently the name was changed to All India Catholic Union.

ROLE PLAYED: AICU is the forerunner in all legitimate causes for Catholics in India. Its prime aim is to protect national, political and social interests; and rights of the Catholics as a community.

As early as 1978, the united strength of the Catholics of India under the aegis of Catholic Union of India (CUI) successfully fought against the O.P. Tyagi Bill. It also represented against the Niyogi Committee Report, The Kerala Education Bill, The Freedom of Religion Bill of Orissa State, all of which were intended to infringe on the rights of the Christian community in the Country. It organized a national convention of Catholics in 1989, and also in 1994. It organized a All India Catholic Union Christmas satyagraha for justice, peace and national integration in 1990; the Census awareness campaign in 1991; Dalit Christian Rally in the Capital in 1993 & 1996; and litigation relating to the Supreme Court's 50% Minority Institutions Judgement in 1993.

A recent cause taken by the Union is equal rights for the Dalit Christians, the Christians Personal Laws, and representation against the atrocities on Churches and Christian Institutions, till date taking place in Orissa, Bihar, UP, MP, Gujarat and various other parts of the Country. In June 2002, the AICU filed an impleading petition in the Supreme Court with regard to the minorities.

The AICU has now established a voice and presence with the 'powers that be' across the Country. AICU works in the area of Human Rights and Social Justice. AICU's protests against atrocities on Minorities and Human Rights violations have been quoted in Parliament during the confidence motion debate in February 1998. AICU with the active involvement of CBCI has forged a National Christian Front on all mainline Churches to deal with protection and promotion of rights and interests of the Christian Community.