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## Editorial

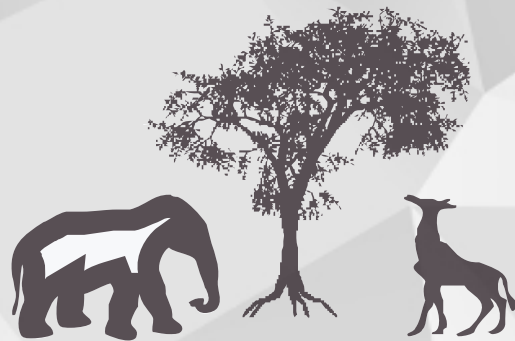
Toxicity of environmental pollutants, misuse of natural resources, excess usage of plastics, and other issues related to Mother Earth- have become threats to our existence. The humans' survival of another century is at stake. The upcoming generations would not feel any purity in the atmosphere. Global warming, rising sea level, and natural calamities had caused us enough issues worldwide. Along with handling this current pandemic situation of Covid-19, protecting God's creation is also our top-most priority. "Season of Creation" starts from September 1, 2021 and would end on October 4, 2021. This year's theme is "A Home for All?

Oikos of God". A Greek word for the Earth community is oikos. Oikos is the root of the word oikoumene, or ecumenical, which describes our 'common home', as Pope Francis calls it in Laudato Si'. Our common home, the Earth belongs to God, and each beloved creature belongs to this common oikos. So, we must pray, care and act together for our common home.

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

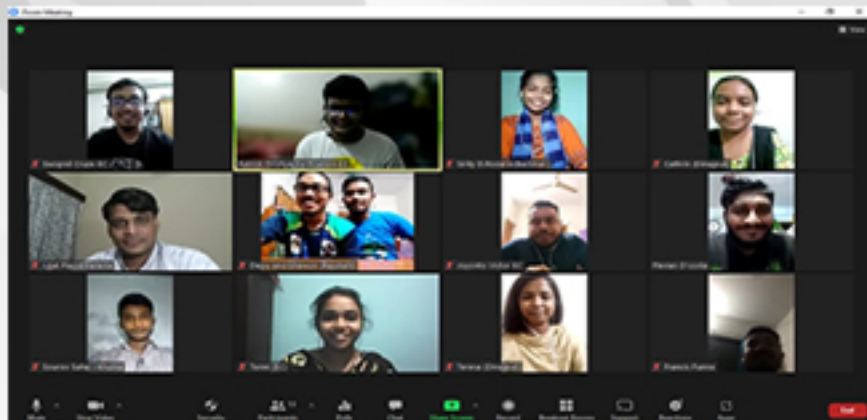
– St. Francis of Assisi

Stay home, Stay Safe,  
Happy BCSMing.



## Central Cabinet Meeting

The second online central cabinet meeting of this year was being held on 7th August, 2021 using Zoom. There, 10 representatives of seven out of eight dioceses, 5 members of National Executive Committee and BCSM's Chaplain Bro. Uzzal Placid Pereira CSC, were presented. In Brother's speech, the importance of our sincereness and mutual cooperation, implementing new initiatives and to increase our knowledge through study session came up.



At that meeting, the reports (from January to July) of Dioceses and National Executive Committee were being presented. Diocesan representatives shared their upcoming 6 months-activity-plan. Further discussions happened about Christian Leadership Training which would be organized if the Covid-19 situation become stable. The celebration of 30th anniversary of BCSM is being considered to be held online.

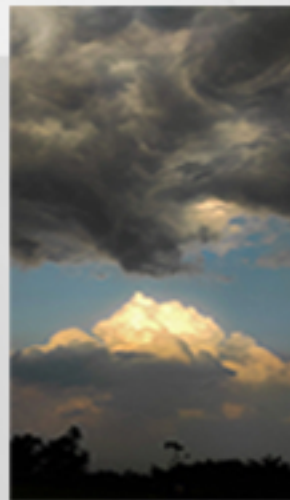
## Celebrating World Environment Day

Bangladesh Catholic Students' Movement had called for constructive actions from all units aiming to raise awareness on protecting our environment, celebrating on 5th June, 2021, World Environment Day. Tree plantation was conducted by the following units: Chittagong, Pagar, Biridhakuni, Dargachha, Gournadi, Padrishipur and Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Andharkotha, Suihari, Narikelbari, Bonpara units performed cleaning the environment Wall magazine, online magazine being exhibited, posting awareness video and performing street drama by Tejgaon, Luxmibazar, Borni and Barishal Cathedral units, respectively.

## Photosynthesis 2.0



For the second time, a photography competition “Photosynthesis 2.0” was organized by Bangladesh Catholic Students’ Movement collaborating with IMCS- Asia Pacific on 5 June, 2021, World Environment Day to flourish the creativity of the members and to raise awareness about protecting our environment.



The contents of “Photosynthesis” were determined- Environment Protection, Daily life, Issues related to the environment. A total of 181 photos were being submitted from all over Bangladesh out of these, the top 10 photos were declared as the winners based on the numbers given by the judges and the audience response from the social media platforms. For this effort, each participant would be given a tree for tree plantation initiative and a certificate of appreciation.



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## Food Aid Initiative

During this pandemic, BCSM units have given aid to the people in need aiming to stabilize their struggle for food necessities. St. Joseph's Unit of Khulna diocese had provided aid to around 200 families for last 7 months. Tejgaon unit of Dhaka diocese had provided aid to 16 families in the last June of 2021. Baniarchor and Narikelbari units of Barishal diocese also helped 31 and 50 families respectively.



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## Seminar

Khalisha unit of Dinajpur diocese had organized a seminar on 15th July, 2021. The main theme of the discussion was “Education system of Bangladesh”. In that seminar, three students from different backgrounds (Honors, Nursing and Technical) shared their views about the journey from SSC and HSC to present and what they did, and what the students should do during this period showing paths toward the future.

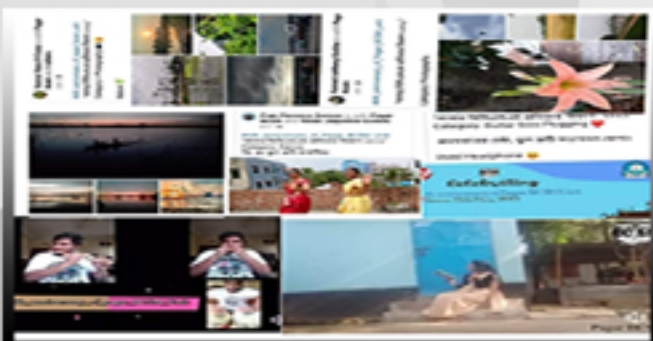
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The number of youths were 30. After the session, the Q/A session had started and the facilitators gifted storybooks and pens to the students.

## Celebrating Anniversary

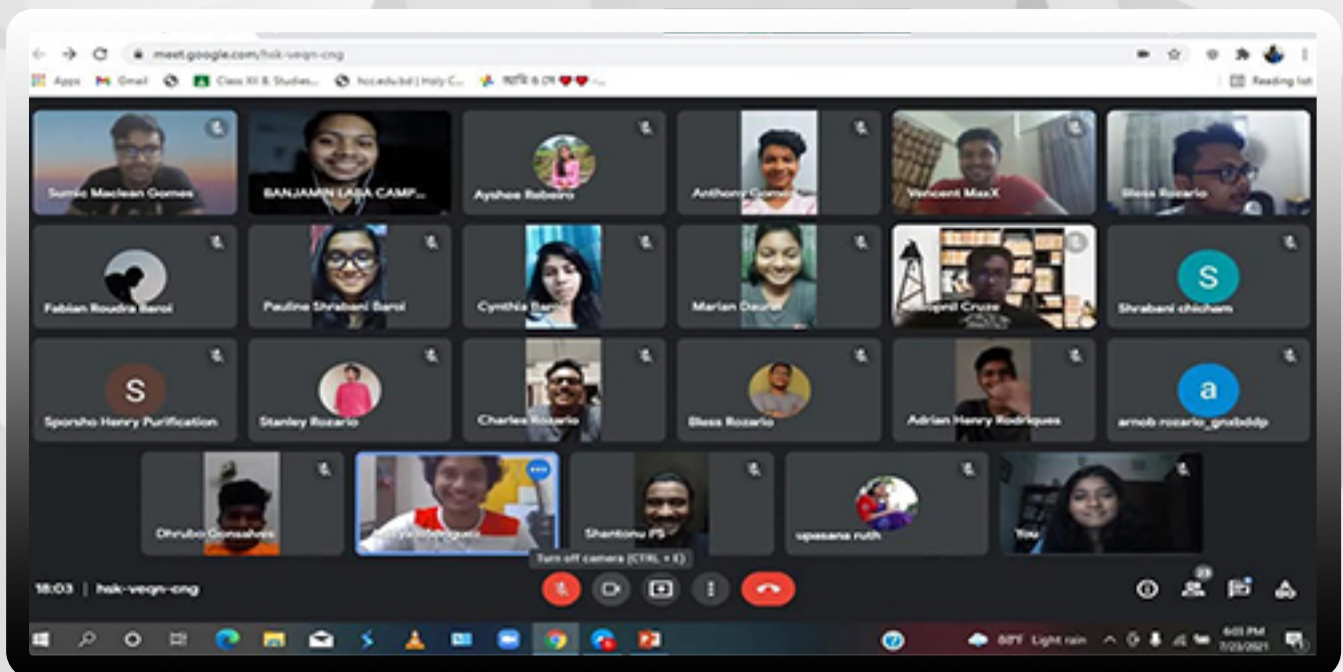
1) Baniarchor unit of Barishal diocese had celebrated their 14th anniversary on 16th August, 2021 holding a conference and the theme was “Participation of All Brothers and Sisters Caring for Creation and Nature”. About 120 attendees were there. The day began with a Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Germain Sanchay Gomes; Fr. Mintu Samuel Bairagi facilitated a session on the theme and Fr. Lawrence Lecavalier Gomes gave a session on “Youth Leadership and Spirituality”. The conference was concluded with the report of previous years, photo exhibition, open discussion, cutting cake and cultural ceremony in the end.



2) The 6th Anniversary of Pagar unit was celebrated through an online campaign “Pagar BCSM Prativar Bikash-2021”. In this campaign, the categories for participations were dancing, singing, writing, painting, recitation, guitar instrumental, photography, Videography and more. Each participant was given certificate. A total of 26 members had participated in this online campaign.

# Webinar

A webinar was organized by Tejgaon BCSM on Friday afternoon, July 23. The topic of this webinar was Microsoft PowerPoint. A member of Tejgaon unit, Mr. Benjamin Laba Kampu facilitated the webinar. About 27 members had participated through GoogleMeet. He gave a clear idea of Microsoft PowerPoint and some brief examples of what we can do with this software. The webinar ended with given group-based presentations.



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## Miscellaneous

- 1) Dinajpur BCSM had welcomed Fr. Fabrizio Calegari with a reception in their meeting on 25th May, 2021 at Dinajpur Pastoral Center where the future action plan of their diocesan BCSM was discussed. About 14 members of Youth Commission, Suihari unit and Kosba unit attended on that meeting.
- 2) For a long time, Kosba unit of Dinajpur diocese was inactive. So, the representative of Dinajpur BCSM, Ety Panna had paid a visit to Khalisha unit on 6th June, 2021 and Aditya Kujur was given the responsibility of that unit as a representative.
- 3) Due to lockdown, Tejgaon unit of Dhaka Archdiocese had arranged online cultural exhibition focusing on 'May Day' and 'Mother's Day' on 1st May and 9th May respectively. The categories were painting, placard, poster, wall magazine, crafts, recitation, singing, dancing and story-writing which these contents were posted from their Facebook page.
- 4) An online meeting was held by Rajshahi BCSM with their Diocesan Chaplain Fr. Prashant Aind on 16th July, 2021 planning for the future activities of Rajshahi BCSM.
- 5) An online Catholic Bible teaching course was arranged by Chattogram Sebadol collaborating with Chattogram BCSM unit and CSO from 16 to 22 July, 2021. In that course, about 30 youths participated actively.
- 6) Mymensingh BCSM had organized an online cultural program focusing on "World Indigenous Day-2021" with the full collaboration of all units. This program portrayed the beautiful culture of Garo community through their cultural activities. They posted the contents from their Facebook page.






**“A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God”  
Season of Creation 2021 Logo: Abraham’s Tent**

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