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# “If a plan is motivated with passion, it will work out!”



I was part of such a plan that is motivated with passion by the leaders of the Catholic Church in India. When Fr. Stephen Alathara, Deputy Secretary General of CCBI, invited me to the CCBI Strategic Planning Meeting at St John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru on the 7th & 8th of May 2023, I was more than happy and much more excited to be a part of it.

From where I stand, as a youth leader, I only could think of myself as being nothing but just a spectator at this high-profile meeting, where His Eminence Cardinal Ferrão, Chairman Archbishops, Bishops, Secretary Priests, and Sisters of different commissions under the CCBI were present. Of the nine lay people who were invited to this meeting, I was privileged and honoured to be one among them, and perhaps the youngest. Most importantly, every layperson was given the opportunity to speak and give their opinions. I was initially nervous to give my opinion at the deliberations, but then His Eminence Cardinal Ferrão encouraged me saying “We have a young man in our midst, let him give his opinion.” These words from His Eminence enthused me to give out my opinions and interventions at deliberations and group discussions.





At the prospect of completing its significant and fruitful 35 years of existence in the country, the key intent of this 2-day Strategic Planning Meeting was to employ a new methodology for finding the right way forward as the mission of CCBI, and to bring out a public document that is to be put into practice for the upliftment of the faithful, spiritually and domestically by 2030.

## **Nevin Antony B**

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LET US PRAY  
**for Manipur**

| Our Father  
| Hail Mary  
| Glory Be

# MISSION SHARING

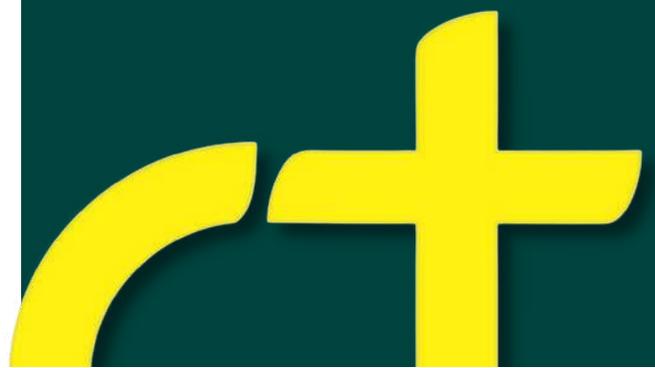
As an enthusiastic seminarian, inquisitive with the ecclesial world on my fingertips, I came to know about Communio India in 2018. I got associated with it as a Hindi translator for Communio videos. After, Sacerdotal Ordination in 2022, I have reached a realization that Communio is the refection of the very Catholicity of the Indian Latin Church. As a youth, pondering on the ministry of Pope, Saint John Paul II with the youth around the World, I started getting amazed at many young missionaries outside the ordained ministry who are giving their time, talents and charisms for Christ and His Church so enthusiastically; and holding on to the bark of the Church. Thanks be to God, the Young Catholics in INDIA are walking the Emmaus-path safely.



## **Rev. Fr. Enoch Adeodatus Mackwan,**

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I am Rev. Fr. Enoch Adeodatus Mackwan, priest for the Diocese of Bhagalpur, Bihar-Jharkhand, India. I was born in 1991. I am a Rajasthani local from Kota City, Gujrati by descent. I have parents who stay in Kota, Rajasthan and a younger sister who is studying in Mumbai. With my ordination to priesthood in 2022, I was blessed to work as a member for the National Synod Desk Team and while continuing to work as a Communio translator for Hindi videos, I am also a full-time Assistant Parish Priest at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Harimohra, Banka District in Bihar in the Diocese of Bhagalpur. My parish is a Santhal tribe dominated parish with over 3000 Catholics. I have a full-time ministry with village masses, sacraments, catechesis etc.



# MISSION SHARING



My parish youth tease me saying, *“city boy-Father in a village”*.

The people here understand the sacrifices a priest makes for his people and they don't make me feel out of place. The Church in the missions is very vibrant, alive and active. Here one can find the amalgamation of culture, gospel and globalization. The transition phase in rural tribal India is very fast. Unlike the other parts of India, here family, values, spirituality, economics, polity are rapidly changing. With all these changes, one can also locate a real thirst for the divine in the tribal Catholic world.

My ministry as a young Catholic priest involves principally availing the sacrifice of the Eucharist to the people 'where they are'. This vision I have been trying to follow. Evangelization is not just imparting Christian knowledge; it is a process that may take the entire lifetime or even generations. But the fact remains, Evangelization is a 'blessing' where life and generations are transubstantiated in the Lord. My own life experience has been very different: the LORD uprooted me from an urban upbringing in Western India and brought me to the peripheries.

Yes, life is hard in the mission. We don't have working patterns, choices and options unlike in other parts of the country. But the warmth of the missionary solidarity with the people of God keeps us going.

Thanks to CCBI and Communio for bring us in the missions to the limelight. I request all our readers to pray for missionaries, ordained and lay, who work zealously in the missions. Help us by your prayers, support our endeavours, spiritually and physically, and if possible do visit us to catch the glimpse of mission life in India.

# ONGOING PROJECT



## CONSTRUCTION VILLAGE CHAPEL AT KENDAPANI,

Rengarih | Simdega

St. Patrick Village chapel Kendapani was **built in 1989** by the faithful themselves. It had a mud wall and tiles. **Due to heavy rains, it collapsed completely.**

Kendapani village comes under Rengarih parish which is located around **12 kilometers** away from Parish in the middle of the forest.

**There are 12 catholic families and around 70 Catholics** amidst the people of other faith. They are in great need of a chapel.

They are economically poor and less educated. They depend mostly on agriculture and forest product for their livelihood.

## PROJECTS SELECTION COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING

The third Projects Selection Committee (PSC) meeting of Communio was held on 6th May 2023, at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. Total 55 project applications were presented during the PSC meeting which were received from 38 dioceses, 3 Religious Congregations and 6 Commissions of CCBI. PSC approved 46 project applications after carefully examining the objectives of each project.



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## CONSTRUCTION OF ST. JOHN CHURCH.

New Vongti Village, Kiphire Dist. Nagaland  
Diocese of Kohima

In the Naga village set up, the Church is a physical symbol of the presence of faith and the rallying point for the community to grow in spirit and faith.

The construction of a Church in this village is long overdue. Even after 20 years of their Catholic life, they are not able to have a decent place for worship and gathering. A good church would give them an identity and sense of pride and fulfillment as Catholics.



## CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

# COMPLETED PROJECT

FAMILY RENEWAL PROJECT AT HAZARIBAGH DIOCESE



The Diocesan Family Commission team for the family apostolate, under the guidance of Most Rev. Anand Jojo, Bishop of Hazaribagh diocese, in collaboration with Holy Family Sisters, conducted a one-year Family renewal project with the support of Communio.



The project was implemented by the formation of Angel groups for the Youth, Couples, families and the elderly to deepen the Christian faith via motivational classes for school children, individuals; family counselling; seminars for widows, widowers and geriatrics; and through house visits, family group prayers and couples' retreat. This achievement of reaching out to the interior villages was accomplished thanks to the support of Communio

**Sr. Aruna CHF**

Diocesan Family Commission. Hazaribagh..

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