

"It is very easy to defeat someone, but it is very hard to win someone."

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL HELP MEET

July 2, 2015, Venue: Archbishop's House

The members who were present for the meeting:

Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD, Rev. Fr. Mathew VC, Rev. Fr. Ronald Cardoza, Rev. Fr. Tobias Minj, Rev. Fr. Johny PJ, Rev. Fr. Varghese, Rev. Fr. Athnas SJ, Rev. Fr. Davidson, Rev. Fr. Maria Stephen, Rev. Sr. Rosline, Rev. Sr. Pavithra CMC, Rev. Sr. Rosy, Mr. P.T. David, Mrs. Jacqueline and Fr. Alexander Jesudasan

The Total Number of Parishes: 21

The Total Number of Catholic Students applicants: 394

The meeting to finalize the Educational Assistance for the Students from poor Catholic families of the Archdiocese began on July 2, 2015 at 3.15pm with a short prayer by His Grace Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD. At the very beginning of the meeting, while addressing the committee members, His Grace expressed his appreciation and thanks to all the members who had gathered, for their constant contribution and support towards poor Catholic Children. Further he said, "That in our school catholic children are helped every year by the archdiocese both in English and Hindi Mediums as per the fund available at our disposal. Some fund also allotted from SVD Generalate and Propaganda fidei, Rome. Our schools are asked to pay rupees 12/- for per student as contribution every year. All schools do not contribute and all schools do not contribute full amount too. Schools belong to the archdiocese can be for the welfare of the poor students which is also the purpose of the Church. He also mentioned that "certainly the higher education students too are receiving finance help and more than rupees 20, 000 or 30,000 and they are given a loan with the condition of paying back the loan after getting a job".

Followed by the opening remarks by the Archbishop, there was an open forum to discuss about the following points; norms

and conditions for concession, if any further changes needed to be made and any other matters related to schools with regard to the concessions facilities for the poor catholic students. Fr. Maria Stephen, the PRO of the Archdiocese clarified that whether all the schools are following the concession norms and whether our Catholic Students benefitting from the schools. Archbishop assured that all the schools are following the norms partially and except few of our own schools.

There was an open discussion on poor children who are not able to cope with their studies in English medium. Sr. Pavithra CMC, said, that they should be sent to Hindi medium, because of their incapability of studying in English medium. Followed by a discussion on Students of Dwarka Nagar Parish was taken up by Fr. Mathew VC, and Fr. Maria Stephen. The following are the suggestion came up by all the committee members. A special fund could be allotted for Dwarka Nagar Parish or the students could be sent to some of our English medium schools. Special consideration for transport and concessions could be made available by the archdiocese. Extra classes for poor students can be arranged who are not able to afford to go to tuition. Few schools of Archdiocese could very well sponsor the students of Dwarka Nagar parish.

Followed by Discussion on concession Norms was done and there was no change except that post graduation students are not eligible to get help from the Archdiocese. The norms of previous year remains this year too. The point BSSS parish collecting money from the parish and