

MGSOSA Youth Conference Report **September 2nd - 4th, 2022**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit, One True God, Amen.
All glory goes to our Heavenly Father.

On September 2nd to 4th of 2022, under the leadership of our Archbishop, His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho, MGSOSA held its first Youth Conference after 20 years, since our inception as MGSOSA in 2002. The theme for this conference was taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." We had participation from every single one of our regions - Canada, West, Midwest, South, Southeast, and Northeast. Our mission was to create new connections and foster fellowship after three years of a pandemic barring us from gathering in each other's presence, and it was a huge success.

We launched our first day on Friday with an inaugural session with His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho, who shared with us words of wisdom and support for our growing youth. We then continued the day with a service project that allowed us to give back to our community, by working with Sharing Self. The Sharing Shelf was founded to address clothing insecurity and meet the basic material needs of low-income children and teens in Westchester County. We were able to make a total of one hundred hygiene kits that will be delivered to Sharing shelf to distribute.



Over the course of our conference, we had two main speakers - Jesu John who spoke on Saturday, and Dn. Basil Mathai on Friday. Both individuals took time out of their busy schedules this weekend to impart their knowledge to our youth and speak on their

interpretation of our theme. They have been a huge part of building up their respective regions, and we were very thankful for their presence this weekend.

We held a picnic on Saturday, filled with games, fellowship, and deliciously grilled food. Following the picnic, we ended our day on Saturday with a Townhall session, with our panelists as His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho,



Reverend Fr. Martin Babu, and Jayme Kadavil. Many pressing questions from our youth was asked and answered during our townhall, and we are grateful for each of our panelists for sharing their thoughts and answers to our youth. Finally, our weekend came to a close with Holy Qurbana at our Aramana, with His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho as our chief celebrant.



We had many well wishers who financially helped with the conference, the service project, and food sponsors as well as several parents helped with cooking for our picnic. We want to thank each of the priests and deacons who came to support, as well as share their kind words of inspiration. We also want to recognize the Archdiocesan council who was also present and helped make the event great for all the participants, as well as Archdiocesan Office Manager Fr. Varghese Paul who helped with the facility.

As our youth continues to grow, our goal was to provide the youth with an outlet of service, worship, and fellowship among our brothers and sisters in Christ from our home parish, our region, and our Archdiocese. We thank each of you who made this a reality and ask that each of you continue to support and pray for our continued growth and vitality.

In His Service,
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