

BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES (BECs)

Diocese of Mangalore

BEC Activity Report: June 2024 - March 2025

1. A BEC-PAT Training was held at Manjeswar Parish on 17th August 2024 for the Parish Animation Team. Total participants – 16 (Men – 7, Women – 9). The training helped the team to understand their role more clearly and boosted their confidence in leading Basic Ecclesial Communities. As a result, they are now better equipped to organize ward gatherings and encourage greater participation from parishioners. Recourse team: Diocesan Central Committee.



2. A Deanery Level BEC Training was held at Loretto on 17th August 2024 for the BEC Ward Committee Members. Total participants – 75 (Men -22, Women53).

The training created a sense of unity and shared responsibility among the ward leaders, inspiring them to strengthen community bonds at the grassroots level. Many participants expressed their commitment to conducting regular ward meetings and fostering active participation in BEC activities. The resource person was Rev. Fr Alphonsus D'Lima



3. A BEC-PAT Training was held at Jeppu on 18.08.2024 for the parishioners. Total participants – 98 (Men – 19, Women – 79). The resource team was from the Diocesan Central Committee. The training empowered the participants with a deeper understanding of the BEC structure and its importance in parish life. As a result, many parishioners showed enthusiasm to take active roles in ward gatherings, fostering a spirit of collaboration and community building.



4. BEC-PAT Training at Kumbala – August 25, 2024

A BEC-PAT Training was conducted at Kumbala on August 25, 2024, for Ward Committee Members. A total of 11 participants attended, including 4 men and 7 women.

Despite the small group, the session proved to be highly interactive and impactful. The participants gained a clearer understanding of the BEC structure and its role in strengthening parish life. Encouraged by the training, they expressed a renewed commitment to fostering active ward gatherings, enhancing faith-sharing and community engagement at the grassroots level.



5. Deanery BEC Meeting at Kasaragod – August 25, 2024

A Deanery BEC Meeting was held at Kasaragod on August 25, 2024, for Deanery Conveners. A total of 16 participants attended, including 7 men and 9 women.

The meeting provided a platform for discussion and collaboration, strengthening the role of BECs at the deanery level. Participants gained valuable insights into enhancing BEC activities in their respective parishes. The session fostered a renewed sense of responsibility, encouraging conveners to take proactive steps in promoting faith-sharing, leadership, and active community participation within their wards.



6. BEC Training at Niddodi – September 1, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Niddodi on September 1, 2024, for parishioners. A total of 55 participants attended, including 10 men and 45 women.

The training provided a deeper understanding of the BEC structure and its significance in parish life. Participants actively engaged in discussions and activities, leading to a renewed enthusiasm for ward gatherings. Many expressed their commitment to strengthening faith-sharing, leadership, and collaboration, fostering a more vibrant and united parish community.



7. BEC-PAT Training at Anegudde – September 15, 2024

A BEC-PAT Training was conducted at Anegudde on September 15, 2024, for BEC Central Committee Members. A total of 14 participants attended, including 6 men and 8 women.

The training equipped the committee members with a stronger understanding of the BEC framework and their leadership roles in parish life. It fostered team spirit and strategic planning, encouraging participants to take active initiatives in strengthening ward gatherings and promoting faith-based community building. The session inspired a renewed commitment to collaborative leadership and effective pastoral care.



8. BEC Training at Ranipura – September 22, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Ranipura on September 22, 2024, for parishioners. A remarkable 223 participants attended, including 25 men and 198 women.

The session provided a comprehensive understanding of the BEC structure and its role in fostering faith and community life. The overwhelming participation reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of the parishioners. Many expressed a renewed interest in actively engaging in ward gatherings, strengthening faith-sharing, collaboration, and pastoral involvement. The training served as a significant step toward building a more dynamic and united parish community.



9. Deanery-Level BEC-PAT Training at Gurupur – September 29, 2024

A Deanery-Level BEC-PAT Training was conducted at Gurupur on September 29, 2024, for BEC Central Committee Members. A total of 70 participants attended, including 22 men and 48 women.

The training provided in-depth insights into the BEC structure, leadership responsibilities, and strategies for strengthening ward and parish-level communities. Participants actively engaged in discussions and shared experiences, fostering collaboration and a collective vision for more vibrant BECs. The session inspired a renewed commitment to faith-based leadership, equipping members with the skills to enhance participation, coordination, and spiritual growth within their deanery.



10. BEC Training at Bendur Parish – October 2, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Bendur Parish on October 2, 2024, for parishioners. An impressive 370 participants attended, including 78 men and 292 women.

The training provided a deeper understanding of the BEC structure and its vital role in parish life and community building. The overwhelming participation reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of the parishioners toward strengthening their faith community. Inspired by the session, many expressed their willingness to take active roles in ward gatherings, fostering greater collaboration, faith-sharing, and leadership within the parish. The event marked a significant step in building a more engaged and spiritually vibrant community.



11. BEC Training at Nellikar Parish – October 6, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Nellikar Parish on October 6, 2024, for Ward Committee Members. A total of 24 participants attended, including 7 men and 17 women.

The session provided valuable insights into the BEC structure and the role of Ward Committee Members in strengthening parish life. Despite the small group, the training was highly interactive and impactful, fostering a sense of responsibility and commitment among participants. Encouraged by the session, they pledged to actively engage in ward gatherings, promote faith-sharing, and enhance community participation, contributing to a more dynamic and spiritually connected parish.



12. BEC Training at Talapady Parish – October 13, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Talapady Parish on October 13, 2024, for Ward Committee Members. A total of 70 participants attended, including 14 men and 56 women.

The training emphasized the importance of BECs in fostering faith, community bonding, and pastoral involvement. Participants gained deeper insights into their roles and responsibilities in strengthening ward-level gatherings. The session inspired a renewed sense of leadership and commitment, with many expressing their willingness to take active roles in organizing and leading community initiatives. The event marked a step forward in building a more engaged and spiritually vibrant parish.



13. BEC Training at Uppinangady Parish – October 20, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Uppinangady Parish on October 20, 2024, for parishioners. A total of 85 participants attended, including 23 men and 62 women.

The session provided valuable insights into the BEC structure and its role in enhancing parish life and faith-sharing. Participants actively engaged in discussions, leading to a renewed enthusiasm for ward gatherings and community participation. Many expressed a strong commitment to strengthening BECs, fostering collaboration, leadership, and deeper spiritual connections within the parish. The training served as a catalyst for building a more vibrant and united faith community.





14. BEC Training at Vorkady Parish – October 27, 2024

A BEC Training was conducted at Vorkady Parish on October 27, 2024, for parishioners. A total of 200 participants attended, including 75 men and 125 women.

The training provided a deeper understanding of the BEC structure and its role in strengthening faith and community life. The large turnout reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of the parishioners toward building a stronger and more connected parish community. Many participants expressed their willingness to take active roles in ward gatherings, fostering greater collaboration, leadership, and spiritual growth. The session served as a significant step in revitalizing BEC activities and encouraging deeper parish involvement.



15. Children's BEC Training at Badyar Parish – November 1, 2024

A Children's BEC Training was conducted at Badyar Parish on November 1, 2024, with 32 children participating in the session.

The training aimed to introduce Children's BEC, fostering faith, community bonding, and leadership skills from a young age. Through interactive activities, storytelling, and group discussions, the children learned the importance of faith-sharing, teamwork, and responsibility within their parish. The session ignited a sense of belonging and enthusiasm, encouraging them to actively participate in ward gatherings and parish activities. This initiative served as a foundation for nurturing future leaders in the faith community.



16. Deanery-Level BEC Core Committee Meeting at Puttur – November 5, 2024

A Deanery-Level BEC Core Committee Meeting was held at Puttur on November 5, 2024, with 12 participants, including 3 men and 9 women.

The meeting provided a platform for discussion and strategic planning to strengthen BEC initiatives at the deanery level. Key topics included enhancing ward gatherings, leadership development, and fostering greater community participation. The session encouraged collaborative decision-making and a renewed commitment to building more active and spiritually vibrant BECs in the region.



17. Children's BEC Training at Neermarga Parish – December 8, 2024

A Children's BEC Training was conducted at Neermarga Parish on December 8, 2024, with an enthusiastic participation of 165 children. The session was led by Fr. Paul Pinto and Mrs. Asha Monteiro, who guided the children through an engaging and interactive learning experience.

The training aimed to introduce children to the concept of BEC, helping them understand the importance of faith, community, and responsibility from a young age. Through storytelling, group activities, and discussions, the children learned about prayer, teamwork, and service in their daily lives. The session instilled values of leadership and collaboration, encouraging them to be active participants in their ward and parish communities.

The overwhelming response from the children showcased their enthusiasm and eagerness to grow in faith. The training served as a foundation for nurturing young leaders who will contribute to the future of the Church and the BEC movement.



18.BEC Retreat at Maniyampare Parish – December 15, 2024

A retreat on Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC) was held at Maniyampare Parish on December 15, 2024, for all parishioners. The retreat witnessed the active participation of 250 faithful, including 93 men and 157 women.

The retreat offered a spirit-filled atmosphere for prayer, reflection, and renewal, centered on the vision and mission of BECs. Through talks, guided meditations, and community sharing, parishioners deepened their understanding of the Word of God, faith-sharing, and the call to build a vibrant, caring community rooted in Gospel values.

The impact was profound—many participants expressed a renewed spiritual commitment and a desire to take more active roles in ward gatherings and parish activities. The retreat ignited a fresh enthusiasm to live the spirit of communion, participation, and mission, forming the backbone of the BEC movement. It marked a turning point in parish life, inspiring deeper community engagement and spiritual growth among the faithful.



19. BEC Training at Paladka Parish – December 22, 2024

A BEC Training was held at Paladka Parish on December 22, 2024, for all parishioners. The session saw an impressive participation of 400 faithful, including 95 men and 305 women.

The training focused on building awareness about the structure, purpose, and spiritual foundation of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs). Through inspiring input sessions, group interactions, and practical guidance, participants were motivated to take active responsibility in their wards and parish life.

The overwhelming response reflected the strong desire for community bonding, faith-sharing, and collaborative mission. Many parishioners showed eagerness to organize and lead ward-level gatherings, aiming to make BECs a living reality of the Church in every neighbourhood. The session became a milestone in revitalizing parish life through grassroots involvement and deepened faith experience.



20. BEC Training at Gantalkatte Parish – January 5, 2025

A BEC Training Program was conducted at Gantalkatte Parish on January 5, 2025, for the parishioners. The program witnessed the participation of 280 members, including 82 men and 198 women.

The training aimed to strengthen the foundation of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) by deepening the participants' understanding of community prayer, Gospel sharing, and mutual support. Through inspiring talks, interactive sessions, and personal reflections, parishioners were encouraged to take active roles in their respective wards.

The large turnout and active involvement reflected a growing commitment to build a vibrant, participatory parish community. Many expressed a renewed desire to live their faith in daily life, promote Christian fellowship, and contribute to a spiritually alive and socially responsible Church at the grassroots level.



21. BEC Training at Naravi Parish – February 3, 2025

A BEC Training Program was held at Naravi Parish on February 3, 2025, for the parishioners, with a total of 30 participants.

Though a smaller group, the session was rich in interaction and depth, allowing for personalized engagement and discussion. The training focused on the core values of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs)—faith-sharing, mutual support, and community mission. Participants gained a clearer understanding of their roles in ward-level activities and the importance of active involvement in parish life.

The program inspired a renewed sense of responsibility and unity, with participants showing eagerness to revitalize BECs in their wards and promote a more connected and spiritually vibrant community.



22. BEC Training at Angelore Parish – February 9, 2025

A BEC Training Program was conducted at Angelore Parish on February 9, 2025, as part of a planned six-week, ward-wise training initiative. This session included participation from three out of the 21 wards, with a total of 120 parishioners in attendance.

The training focused on strengthening the BEC spirit at the grassroots level, emphasizing community prayer, Gospel reflection, and active lay participation. Through interactive input sessions and group activities, participants gained practical knowledge on how to lead and animate ward gatherings, build stronger relationships among neighbours, and foster a sense of belonging and mission.

The encouraging turnout and involvement signalled a growing interest in revitalizing ward communities. This session served as a strong beginning to the larger six-week program, setting a tone of enthusiasm and commitment for the upcoming ward-level trainings.



23. Moodbidri Deanery-Level BEC Convention at Gantalkatte – February 16, 2025

A Deanery-Level BEC Convention of the Moodbidri Deanery was held at Gantalkatte Parish on February 16, 2025. The event witnessed an inspiring participation of 315 members representing 14 parishes across the deanery.

The convention served as a powerful platform for faith-sharing, fellowship, and mutual encouragement, bringing together BEC members to reflect on their shared mission of building vibrant, Gospel-centered communities. The day featured motivational talks, testimonies, group discussions, and cultural expressions, all emphasizing the role of BECs in deepening parish life and lay leadership.

Sincere thanks to all the deanery priests for their wholehearted support and collaboration, which made this convention a meaningful and spiritually enriching experience. The event strengthened the sense of unity and mission, leaving participants energized to carry forward the spirit of Basic Ecclesial Communities in their respective parishes.





24. BEC Training at Belthangady Parish – February 23, 2025

A BEC training program was held at Belthangady Parish on February 23, 2025, for the Ward Committee members. The session saw the participation of 54 members, including 8 men and 46 women.

The training aimed to equip ward leaders with a deeper understanding of the structure, purpose, and pastoral vision of Basic Ecclesial Communities. Through interactive sessions and practical guidance, participants were encouraged to take initiative in organizing ward gatherings, promoting Gospel sharing, and building close-knit, caring communities rooted in faith.

The training fostered a renewed sense of mission and responsibility among the ward leaders, many of whom expressed readiness to take more active roles in animating BECs in their respective areas. It marked a positive step towards building a more participatory and vibrant parish community.



25. BEC Training at Madanthyar Parish – March 2, 2025

A BEC training session was held at Madanthyar Parish on March 2, 2025, for the Ward Representatives. The session brought together 65 participants, including 12 men and 53 women.

The training focused on empowering ward representatives with the knowledge and skills needed to animate and sustain Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) at the grassroots level. Through interactive talks, group discussions, and practical insights, the participants were equipped to lead effective ward gatherings, promote faith-sharing, and build a spirit of unity and service within their communities.

The session generated enthusiasm and commitment, with participants expressing a deeper sense of ownership and responsibility towards their roles. It served as a catalyst for revitalizing BEC activities in the parish and fostering a more engaged and mission-oriented parish life.



26. BEC Training at Agrar Parish – March 16, 2025

A BEC training program was held at Agrar Parish for the Ward Committee members, with the active participation of 77 enthusiastic members (17 men and 60 women) representing 10 wards.

The session focused on strengthening the Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) units at the grassroots level, emphasizing the importance of faith-sharing, leadership, and community engagement. Participants were equipped with practical tools and spiritual motivation to animate their respective wards and foster a sense of belonging, collaboration, and mission.

The high level of interaction and involvement reflected the readiness of the parishioners to take forward the vision of BECs.

Special thanks to the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza, for his unwavering support, encouragement, and leadership, which played a key role in the success of the training.



27. BEC Training at Hosabettu Parish – March 23, 2025

A Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) training program was conducted at Hosabettu Parish on March 23, 2025, for the Ward Committee members, with around 40 enthusiastic participants representing 10 wards.

The session emphasized the importance of building vibrant BEC units at the grassroots level, encouraging participants to take up active leadership roles, promote Gospel sharing, and foster a spirit of communion and service within their neighbourhoods.

The participants responded with great interest, showing a renewed sense of commitment to strengthen their ward communities and contribute to the parish's pastoral mission.

Grateful thanks to Rev. Fr. Gregory D'Souza for his generous support and encouragement, which greatly contributed to the success of the program.



28. BEC Training at Milagres Church – March 24 & 25, 2025

A BEC training program was held at Milagres Church on the evenings of March 24 and 25, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, with a commendable participation of 200 parishioners.

The sessions were highly enriching, particularly for those at the grassroots level, offering practical insights into the mission, structure, and spirituality of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs). Through interactive discussions and reflective sharing, participants were encouraged to take ownership of their ward gatherings and actively contribute to parish renewal.

Heartfelt gratitude to Parish Priest Fr. Bonaventure Nazareth and Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Robin Santhumayer for their dedicated efforts, pastoral leadership, and continued support, which made the program both impactful and meaningful.





29. BEC Training at Mukka Church – March 30, 2025

A BEC training program was held at Mukka Church on March 30, 2025, with 80 participants actively engaging in the sessions.

The training proved to be highly enriching, especially for grassroots-level members, as it deepened their understanding of the mission and functioning of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs). Emphasis was placed on faith-sharing, leadership in ward gatherings, and fostering a sense of communion and collaboration within the parish.

Heartfelt gratitude to Parish Priest Fr. Stany Pinto for his tireless efforts and pastoral support, which greatly contributed to the success and effectiveness of the program.



30. BEC Training Program at Manela Parish - April 6, 2025

A BEC training program was held at Manela Parish on April 6, 2025, with active participation from 40 members representing three wards. The enthusiasm and eagerness of the participants reflected their deep commitment to building vibrant Christian communities. Sincere thanks to Fr. Stanislaus Rodrigues, the parish priest, for the beautiful arrangements and warm hospitality.

The training rekindled a sense of mission among the ward representatives, equipping them with practical knowledge and renewed zeal to animate their respective wards. Participants expressed a greater understanding of the BEC vision and the importance of collaboration, prayer, and service at the grassroots level. This program has sown seeds of transformation that promise to bear fruit in the life and growth of the parish community.

