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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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FROM THE DESK OF CEO,

Dear Educators, Students, Parents, and Friends,

As we begin this New Year 2025, I extend my warmest greetings to all members of our Catholic education community. The dawn of 2025 is a moment for reflection, hope, and renewed commitment to our mission of fostering faith, knowledge, and character in the next generation.

This past year, our schools have witnessed tremendous growth and resilience. Despite our challenges, we stood united in our dedication to providing a nurturing environment for all students. Our educators continued to go above and beyond in shaping young minds, ensuring that faith and education remain intertwined in everything we do. I am deeply grateful to each one of you for your unwavering commitment to the principles of Catholic education.

As we step into this New Year, let us renew our focus on our shared values: compassion, service, and community. Let us continue to support one another as we seek to build a more inclusive and enriching environment for all.

2025 holds exciting opportunities for growth and transformation in our schools. Together, we will continue to advance the mission of Catholic education, equipping our students to become compassionate leaders and engaged citizens who live out the Gospel values in all aspects of their lives.

I encourage all of us to embrace the coming year with hope and enthusiasm. May it be filled with blessings, growth, and a deepening commitment to our shared mission.

Wishing you all a peaceful, prosperous, and joy-filled New Year.

With gratitude and prayers,

Asher Javaid

CEO MEETING WITH SAINT EGIDIO

On Monday 28th October 2024, Mr. Asher, CEO of NCEC, met with Ms. Irene Di Claudio, the representative from Saint Egidio. The meeting began with a warm welcome by the CEO of the National Catholic Education Commission.

Mr. Asher appreciated the efforts of the team of the Community of Saint Egidio by acknowledging their commitment to faith-based education and community development through financial support of students perusing their higher education. The CEO expressed interest in exploring how the National Catholic Education Commission could collaborate more with Saint Egidio in the areas of education, social outreach, and community service.

Discussions centered on shared values, such as compassion, service, and the importance of a strong moral foundation in education. At the end both, Mr. Asher and Ms. Irene expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet and affirmed their commitment to working together in the spirit of the Gospel and Catholic social teachings.



The Accounting Revolution: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities



The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) organized a three-day workshop for accountants from Catholic Board of Education (CBE) and Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) schools, held at Hotel dGates, Lahore, from October 9 to 11, 2024. The event focused on enhancing financial management skills and promote effective practices within educational institutions.

Day 1 Highlights

The event began with Mr. Asher Javaid's session on Building an Effective Finance Team, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and communication. This was followed by Mr. Maxwell's presentation on Using Financial Information for Organizational Growth, where he encouraged participants to adopt strategic financial analysis.

Day one wrapped up with Mrs. Romeen Aneel and Mr. Rizwan John reviewing key Financial Procedures, including school financial statements and budgets.

Day 2 Highlights

The second day featured visits to St. Anthony's High School Lawrence Rd. Lahore and St. Thomas High School Makkah Colony, where accountants learned about fee management systems and ERP software integration. They also toured Syntecho Soft, exploring data security and software customization.



Day 3 Highlights

On the final day, participants delved into EOBI & Social Security, gaining insights into employee benefits, followed by a review of Cash and Accrual Accounting session presented by Mrs. Romeen Aneel. Mr. Rizwan John conducted practical sessions on Updating MIS & Filing WHT Statements and Taxation and Filing Tax Returns.

Mr. Asher concluded the workshop by thanking participants for their engagement. Attendees left equipped with valuable skills to enhance financial practices in their institutions.



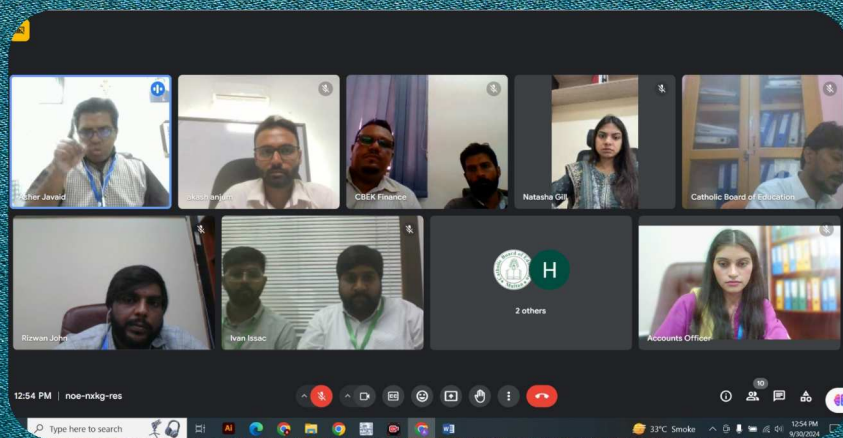
Regular Meetings with CBEs/DBE Accountants

The NCEC Finance and Accounts Department has been actively conducting regular meetings with accountants from each Diocese through the Catholic Boards of Education (CBEs) and Diocesan Board of Education (DBE). These collaborative sessions focus on discussing the progress, challenges, and updates relevant to financial management across all dioceses.



During these meetings, participants have the opportunity to share insights and experiences related to budgeting, expenditures, and financial reporting. The open forum has encouraged a constructive dialogue that allows for the identification of common challenges, providing a platform for sharing best practices and solutions.

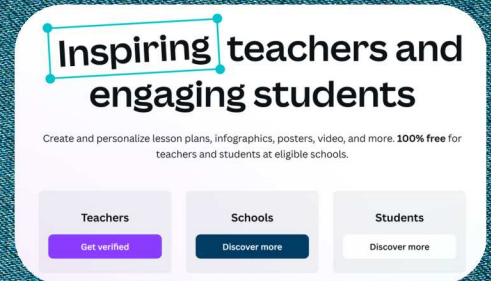
The Finance and Accounts Department would like to express its appreciation for the active participation and valuable contributions from all members involved. Your engagement in these discussions is crucial for fostering transparency and ensuring the effective management of resources within each diocese.



Moving forward, we encourage continued collaboration and open communication among all accountants. Together, we can work towards overcoming challenges and enhancing the financial health of our educational programs.

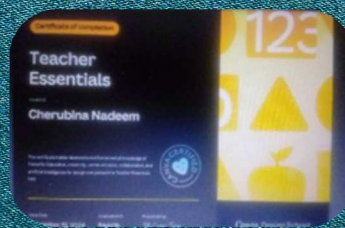
CANVA FOR TEACHERS 4- HOUR WORKSHOP

On November 8th and 11th, 2024, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) hosted an engaging Canva for Teachers workshop, led by esteemed educators Mr. Saimon Robin and Ms. Sarah Arif. This four-hour session brought together enthusiastic teachers from all dioceses to explore Canva's potential in enhancing educational practices.



Ms. Sarah Arif guided educators through creating presentations, whether from scratch or using Canva's extensive templates. Key features like slide editing, animations, document embedding, and collaborative links were skillfully showcased, generating excitement.

Active engagement was a hallmark, with educators eagerly asking questions, sharing ideas, and completing practice assignments. Mr. Saimon Robin guided participants in designing educational newsletters, sparking lively discussions.



Several participants, including Ms. Sarah Arif and Mr. Saimon Robin, completed the Canva for Teachers certification, demonstrating their commitment to growth. The workshop ended with participants eager to apply their new skills, anticipating a positive impact on their teaching.

Wrap-Up of STEM Training Program by Science Fuse

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) celebrated the successful conclusion of the "Science Sab Kay Liye" STEM training program, expertly facilitated by Science Fuse. Running from January 2024 to January 2025, this initiative aimed to empower educators across all dioceses in Pakistan to enhance their teaching methodologies and engage students in dynamic and meaningful science education.



The program featured a series of workshops designed to equip teachers with innovative tools and strategies, fostering curiosity and critical thinking in students. Key sessions included hands-on activities, such as the Science Capital Map, storytelling workshops, and inquiry-based learning techniques. Notably, the program culminated in a Online and face-to-face session sessions, where 36 participants gathered to share experiences and build connections within the STEM teaching community.

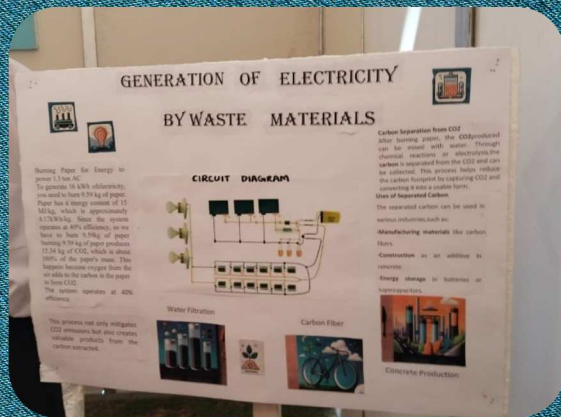


NCEC extends heartfelt appreciation to the Science Fuse team for their dedication and expertise in conducting these training workshops. Their efforts have laid the groundwork for the first STEM teams in each diocese, promising a transformative impact on teaching practices and student engagement in science across the nation.



3rd Annual FCC Science Fair: "Innovation and Artology"

On October 23, 2024, The 3rd Annual FCC Science Fair, themed "Innovation and Artology," took place at Forman Christian College, attracting representatives from The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and The Catholic Board of Education (CBE), Lahore. The NCEC delegation included Mr. Simon Robin, Education Officer, and Ms. Sarah Arif from the Academics desk. The CBE was represented by teacher educators Ms. Naila Kanwal and Ms. Nadia Ashiq.



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