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FROM THE DESK OF CEO

Dear Readers,

As we enter a new academic year in our schools, I am filled with gratitude and hope for all that lies ahead. The start of a new school year brings with it a fresh sense of purpose and opportunity. It is a time to grow, learn, and deepen our commitment to the mission of Catholic education which is nurturing both the mind and spirit of each child entrusted to our care. I am excited about the possibilities this new academic year holds and I look forward to work alongside each of you to create a vibrant community where faith and learning go hand in hand. Together, may we continue to build a legacy of excellence and love in our Catholic schools.

We also reflect on the journey of the Lenten season, it offers us a special time for prayer, and renewal. Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice and love for us. It is in these moments of contemplation that we can reconnect with our faith and understand more deeply the importance of compassion and service to others and values that we strive to cultivate in our schools each day.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this Easter, we are reminded of the eternal hope that Christ's victory over death offers us. This season of renewal invites us to embrace new beginnings, both spiritually and academically. Let us be inspired by the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ as we continue to foster an environment where our students can grow not only in knowledge but also in virtue, kindness, and faith. Wishing you all a blessed Easter season filled with peace, joy, and the promise of new beginnings.

*In Christ's love,
Asher Javaid*

FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DESK

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF DIOCESAN / CATHOLIC BOARDS OF EDUCATION



On 20th February 2025, the Executive Secretaries of all Diocesan and Catholic Boards of Education convened at St. Patrick's High School, Karachi. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of His Grace, Archbishop Benny Mario Travas.

During the session, several matters concerning Catholic academic institutions across the country were discussed. His Grace Archbishop Benny expressed his appreciation for the dedication and efforts of all Catholic Boards of Education. He emphasized the need for continuous planning and implementation of measures aimed at improving the quality of education in all Catholic institutions.

Furthermore, Archbishop Benny highlighted the importance of unity and collaboration, urging all Catholic Boards of Education (CBEs) and the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) to work collectively in addressing the various challenges facing Catholic educational institutions today.

FROM FINANCE DESK

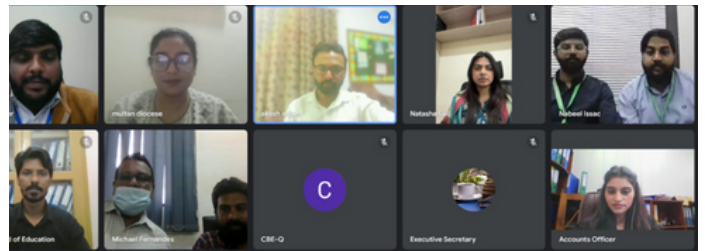
Online Meetings with Accountants

On January 15, 2025, at 10:15 AM, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Finance Desk held its first pivotal online meeting of the year.

Accountants shared key updates regarding the financial status of respective DBE/ CBE. The collaborative spirit of the meeting was palpable, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.



Following up on this initial meeting, On March 13, 2025, the Finance Desk held a follow-up meeting focused on crucial audit preparations. The discussion emphasized the urgency of timely submissions for receipts and payments, key elements for the upcoming audits were shared during the meeting.



NCEC Finance Team Visits

From the 10th to the 25th of February 2025, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) finance desk conducted a series of school visits in Lahore to evaluate the financial procedures and management practices at various institutions under the Catholic Board of Education Lahore (CBE- L). This initiative aimed to identify challenges and provide recommendations for effective financial management and record keeping.



St. Paul's High School
Walton Road, Lahore



St. Peter's High School
Township, Lahore



Sacred Heart Cathedral Girls' High School
Temple Road, Lahore



St. Paul's High School
Green Town, Lahore



St. Anthony's High School
Green Town, Lahore



St. Anthony's High School,
Christian Town, Shiekhupura.



Sacred Heart Cathedral Boys' High School
Temple Road, Lahore



St. Mary's High School,
Jamke Cheema.

Successful ERP Training for School Accountants



On March 25th and 26th, 2025, Mr. Nadeem Gill, Mr. Zubair, Mr. Rizwan & Mr. Ivan Issav conducted the workshop at St. Anthony's High School, Faisal Town, Lahore. The comprehensive two-day ERP training session for accountants from the Catholic Board of Education Lahore schools. The training focused on equipping participants with essential skills to effectively utilize the Fee Management System.

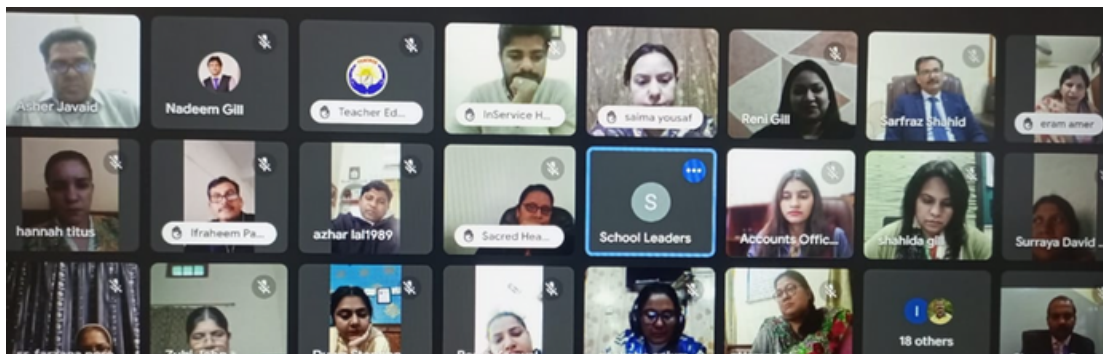


Participants gained valuable insights and hands-on experience in utilizing the Fee Management System, equipping them with essential skills to enhance their financial management practices. The training aimed to empower attendees with the knowledge needed to streamline their processes and improve overall efficiency.

Online Accounting Training for School Leaders

In an effort to enhance financial management skills among school leaders, of Academic Leadership Course, NCEC Finance Desk successfully held an Online Accounting Training from January 27th to 29th, 2025. This comprehensive three-day program included six hours of engaging sessions focused on essential accounting principles like financial statement interpretation, budget development, and basic bookkeeping practices.

Participants benefited from interactive discussions and hands-on activities led by qualified accounting professionals, who guided them in analyzing financial statements and preparing budgets. Each day featured 2-hour modules, concluding with a Q&A session that addressed specific challenges faced by school leaders. Instructed according to NCEC's Financial Procedures and Guidelines. This training empowered school leaders with the knowledge and confidence needed to manage their school finances effectively.



NCEC Visit to CBE – Faisalabad

On January 24, 2025, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) visited the Catholic Board of Education (CBE-F) in Faisalabad, led by pedagogical leaders Ms. Safia Jalal and Mr. Asif Rehmat.

The visit aimed to evaluate academic practices and professional development across CBE-F schools.

Recommendations for continued academic improvements were shared, emphasizing the importance of innovative practices and professional growth. The day concluded on a positive note, reflecting our collective commitment to quality Catholic education and strengthening partnerships for the future.



Teacher Educators Professional Development Training Sessions at Lahore

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), in collaboration with NDIE, successfully conducted a three-day workshop titled “Crafting Engaging Project-Based Learning Experiences” from February 10th to 12th, 2025, at the Renewal Center in Lahore. The workshop brought together 15 enthusiastic Teacher Educators from seven Catholic Boards of Education (CBEs & DBE), with sessions led by expert facilitators Mr. Munir Lalani and Mr. Nouman Budhani. The core aim of NCEC was to introduce and deepen the participants' understanding of Project-Based Learning (PBL) as a transformative teaching strategy to foster critical thinking, collaboration, and real-world application in classrooms.



Each day of the workshop was carefully structured to build knowledge and practical skills. Day one focused on the fundamentals of PBL, where participants explored the core components, benefits, and challenges of project-based methodologies. The sessions encouraged educators to rethink traditional pedagogies and embrace student-centered learning approaches. Day two expanded the scope by integrating service learning, community engagement, technology, and environmental stewardship into project planning, offering rich, interdisciplinary frameworks to connect classroom learning with real-life impact.

On the final day, participants delved into coaching strategies, learning how to mentor fellow teachers in PBL implementation. A key highlight was the session on assessment and evaluation, where educators were equipped with tools to measure learning outcomes effectively. The workshop concluded with a reflective session and a powerful “Commitment Card” activity, where each participant pledged to apply the strategies and insights gained in their respective institutions.

The workshop was marked by its interactive nature, collaborative spirit, and focus on practical application. The NCEC extends heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Amjad for hosting the event at the Renewal Center, to the facilitators for their expertise, and to the teacher educators for their active engagement. This initiative signifies a meaningful step toward educational innovation and a shared commitment to nurturing dynamic learning environments across Catholic schools.



NCEC Academic Visit to CBE- Multan

On February 19, 2025, The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) conducted a significant academic visit to the Catholic Board of Education (CBE) in Multan to evaluate their current educational practices. Led by Rev. Fr. Farhan Irshad, a dedicated team of educators Mr. Haroon Raphael and Mrs. Uzma Aziz, engaged in meaningful discussions about the implementation of the NCEC program.



The visit also included tours of two schools: Christ the King High School, located on Street No. 4, Airport Road, Jamil Abad, and St. Joseph High School in Saeed Colony. These interactions provided valuable insights into each school's strengths and identified areas for improvement.



The findings from this visit have been shared with the Executive Secretary and TEs for future enhancements in educational practices within the CBE network, fostering a stronger commitment to academic excellence.



Workshop on Accelerated Learning Program

On February 20, 2025, the Catholic Board of Education in Multan hosted an orientation workshop on the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) at Boland Hall, Bishop's House. This collaborative initiative between NCEC and JICA Pakistan aimed to equip teachers from eight schools and Teacher Educators with a comprehensive understanding of the ALP framework and its implementation strategies.



The session commenced with a warm welcome from Mr. Haroon, a Teacher Educator, followed by an opening prayer led by His Excellency Bishop Yousaf Sohan. Mr. Saimon Robin, the Education Officer and Workshop Facilitator, provided an in-depth orientation covering the program's objectives, methodologies, and expected outcomes.



The workshop emphasized the collaborative process with JICA, detailing communication channels, reporting procedures, and resource utilization guidelines. A significant focus was placed on the administration of placement tests, where Teacher Educators and teachers received clear instructions on evaluating students performance and utilizing results to inform instructional strategies.

NCEC Academic Visit to DBE Rawalpindi

On February 24-25, 2025, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) conducted an academic visit to the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) in Rawalpindi.

Led by Education Officer Saimon Robin, the visits aimed to evaluate the academic practices and procedures currently in place across various diocesan schools.



During the visit, Teacher Educators Mr. Aamir Dean, Ms. Irum Zafar, and Ms. Rubina Pervaiz shared comprehensive briefings on the DBE's academic initiatives and activities. Their insights provided a valuable foundation for assessing the effectiveness of the educational strategies being implemented.

On February 25, he got opportunity to visit two key institutions: Khatoon-e-Fatima High School in Islamabad (F-8/4) and St. Francis Boys High School in Christian Colony, Nazimabad, Satellite Town, Rawalpindi.

These school visits allowed the team to observe firsthand the progress and achievements of the DBE. By the end of the visit, a thorough overview of the advancements made by the DBE was established, along with recommendations for future enhancements in educational practices. The discussions and observations during this visit laid the groundwork for ongoing improvements in the quality of education within the diocesan network.



Happy Easter



*Wishing all our readers a joyous and peaceful Easter!
May this season bring you renewal, hope, and plenty of
cherished moments with loved ones.*

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