

## **Fulltimers' Jubilee Launch on May 15, 2016**

### ***MC / Leader give Introduction***

***(This happens after the Litany to the Holy Spirit in the Recommitment Ceremony)***

The Fulltimers project is one of the most important initiatives of the Jesus Youth movement and also one of the milestone projects. In the year 1991 a Jesus Youth inspired by an inner calling of the Holy Spirit to commit himself for a life of mission set out this journey under the prayerful guidance of few elders and leaders. Further to this evolved a one year long full time commitment by youngsters for His Kingdom. Following which a training plan took shape with a vision to enable youngsters for this commitment. "One month training, one year formation and a lifelong commitment"

In 1992, 27 young graduates from Kerala came forward with an intense desire to change the lives of youth for Jesus underwent the training with one year commitment as the first batch of Jesus Youth Fulltimers. At a later stage from 1995 trainings were held at Kozhikode, in 1998 at Delhi etc. The first training in Hindi language began in 2003. Slowly it moved at an international level at Sri Lanka in the year 2006 and in 2015 Fulltimers training for Africa took place. This year the 25th batch of Fulltimers will be going through this training which will commence on May 28th

We remember all the Fulltimers who took a one year commitment along with the animators and elders who form the backbone of this project with a grateful heart. Over the years nearly 1600 youngsters have undergone this training, wherein we have nearly 50 priests and 40 nuns.

The Jesus Youth movement has always seen the Fulltimers project as one of its flagship initiatives, where in each volunteers contributes towards building the movement and the church. We thank the Lord for all the blessings the movement has received from this project; especially this project has helped the movement to have presence beyond Kerala and India.

The 25th year of this project is in the year when church celebrates the year of mercy calls on each one of us to celebrate. Today we inaugurate this silver jubilee year of fulltimers project.

This jubilee celebration will be a great opportunity for all the forerunners their family members and all the leaders and elders who have associated with this project to gather once again to rejuvenate our Spirit and to say themselves "ONCE A MISSIONER ALWAYS A MISSIONER". This will happen only if all of us in the movement actively meet and encourage those who had gone through fulltimers training programme from your region.

In this year we call on all forerunners to come together with a thankful heart, recommit our dreams that we nurtured way back when we underwent this training for one year and spreading the good news to the ends of the earth. Some of the events planned during the jubilee year is as follows:

Intercession Day (Regional) - July 10th 2016, Sunday

Jubilee Thanksgiving Holy Mass (Regional) - August, September 2016

Jubilee Conference (Rajagiri Campus, Kalamassery, Kochi) – 2016 December 28th to 31<sup>st</sup>

During this Jubilee year Catholic media will share the mission experience of fulltimers and the in particular to lay mission training programmes. This will help Catholics around the world to know the possibility of lay mission, which will enable young hearts to take such mission

***MC / Leader invite all the Fulltimers / Forerunners to the front of the stage, they come forward with the Jubilee prayer card and candle.***

***Leader or MC will lead the prayer -***

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the fulltimers project of Jesus Youth Movement. Let this Jubilee year be a time of abundant blessings in the lives of fulltimers who had committed their one year for your Church and the movement. Grant your grace upon them to be faithful to you and to the movement.

Beloved Jesus, strengthen them to live their lives focusing only on you.

O Holy Spirit, fill them with your fire and deepen their desire to be lifelong missioner.

Mary Queen of the Apostles, St Michael, the Archangel, St Francis of Assisi, all you angels and saints, help them to grow in holiness and make this Jubilee, a year of grace

Next the eldest and youngest of the Forerunners come to the front and plead for the grace to continue their mission in its fullness. After this, while all the forerunners are on their knees, the community raise their hands and praise.

***Now forerunners will light the candle and pray -***

Heavenly Father, we Jesus Youth Fulltimers, praise and thank you in this Jubilee year for all the blessings you have showered upon our lives. Grant us your grace to be faithful to you and to the movement.

Beloved Jesus, give us the strength to live our lives focusing only on you.

O Holy Spirit, fill us with your fire and deepen our desire to be lifelong missioners.

Mary Queen of the Apostles, St Michael, the Archangel, St Francis of Assisi, all the angels and saints, help us to grow in holiness and make this Jubilee, a year of grace. Amen

***Commitment / Recommitment Liturgy continues...***

***with Intercession and Conclusion***