

**St.Xavier's Institute of Education,**

**Mumbai**

**Theme of the Year**

**2017-18**

In our Institution, there is a tradition of a guiding framework for the functioning of college activities and also for improving the quality, which is theme based.

After a brief discussion in the staff meeting held in the month of April 2017, the institution has decided to select 'Harmony' as the theme for the functioning of college activities during the academic year 2017-18. Let me specify it as Living in Harmony is our Responsibility. The rationale behind the selection of this theme as 'Quality theme' for the current academic year is mainly due to following reasons;

Even in the last academic year we have taken up this concept as the theme for the institution. But we were more focussed on 'Experiential Induction into Harmony'. Last academic year the theme 'Harmony' was based on the perspective of 'Experiential Induction into Harmony' as an institution we were more focussed on developing harmony within the institution for our students and faculty. There were many programmes conducted for the students and faculty for developing harmonious environment in the institution. Some of the programmes were

- Student leadership for Harmony
- Reflecting on harmony through assemblies, seminars and presentations
- Workshops on Harmony
- Inter religious Dialogue
- Workshop on Mental Hygiene

But as faculty when we reflected on the last year programmes, we had felt that the scope of this theme is broader and applicable beyond the four walls of the institution. After a brief discussion among the faculty, we have concluded to continue this theme in a different perspective as 'Reflective Action towards Harmony'.

Based on this perspective, we are focussing on the various philosophical principles which we are following in the current academic year. These Principles I have taken it from some Corporate and business management principles.

***Rather than aiming BIG, aim for the BEST***

One of the international cosmetic companies, DAITO KASEI GROUP had published report titled as 'CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT in 2016'. In this report they had mention about creating harmony for the future. We will aim not to be a big/famous institution by doing social action, but provide the best to our society. We may not be able to change the world, but we can contribute to happiness in our own way. By listening to- and working side-by-side with our society, we can get to the root of the needs of society and find the perfect solution and contribute with our own capacity. It is our dream and mission to cross borders and provide our best to our society in whatever way we can.

***"Feel the need, Fill the need"***

We believe that communication with our society is the starting point of everything. Here, there are many hidden need. But they will remain undiscovered if we are not sensitive enough to our social needs. Therefore, we place great value on developing sensitivity among the faculty and students to feel the need . (Chris Balaski, Professor of marketing at the University of Southern Mississippi)

***“We aim at 3S - SPEED, SIMPLE and SMILE”***

We live in an age of information and all that comes with it. In this present age, in order to maintain the ability to react quickly to the changing needs of our society, we will keep our institution simple and will focus on the fields in which we excel. At Xavier’s we are excel in the field of education, so we shall focus on this field and work for creating harmony in society.

In the true sense, education is a - socially meaningful activity. Education plays a major role in cultivating harmony. We believe that, the outcome of any educational process is to achieve individual and social harmony.

To enable the institution to carry this major responsibility of achieving harmony, some actions will be initiated in this academic year to give our student teachers an internal sense of harmony with others, which is social, religious, and cultural harmony. We believe that, both internal and external sense of harmony would then lead us closer to God.

We hope that the initiatives we have started and the on-going activities, to implement, help the human resources in this institution to develop a Harmony with self, with society and with environment, reflects the Institutional mission for faith, freedom and fellowship.

I would like to conclude by stating our mission that is more apt to our theme that is **“To Provide Quality Education For Empowerment and Enlightenment - To create a just and humane society -and Strive to build a world of Faith, Freedom and Fellowship For God's Greater Glory”, thus encompassing individual and social harmony.**

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Theme of the year 2016-17: Experiential Induction Into Harmony

Proposed Theme of the Year 2017-18: Reflective Action towards Harmony

Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm



## **PHASE 1:**

2016-17 Experiential Induction into Harmony:

- Induction into Harmony
- Workshops on Harmony
- Rural Camp with Social Analysis
- Reaching out to society through awareness and sensitization programmes
- Understanding the context of diverse learners through theory and practice
- Student leadership for Harmony
- Reflecting on harmony through assemblies, seminars and presentations.

## **PHASE 2:**

2017-18 Reflective Action Towards Harmony

- Educational Excursions for promoting Harmony
- Focused group Harmony activities
- Integrating lesson in schools for Harmony, core component on harmony
- Regular Visits to community centers for encouraging Harmony
- Student resource sharing for disadvantaged students
- Creative techniques of posters, street play, tableau , music and drama for fostering harmony
- Prayas for Harmony
- Harmony based Empowerment through skill based learning

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