

PARADIGM SHIFT
IN
BOARDING HOUSE MANAGEMENT

A HANDBOOK FOR
BOARDING HOUSE DIRECTORS

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What is the book about?

- Findings of a study of boarding houses run by the Catholic Church for the weaker sections of the society, especially tribals based on a sample study covering ten percent of the boarding houses run by the Church.
- How do boarding houses contribute to the empowerment of tribals?
- Suggestions to improve the management of the boarding houses based on the findings of the study in view of holistic development of children.
- Importance of training for the personnel of the boarding houses in view of building enlightened leaders
- Psychological inputs about the stages of growth and development in teenagers and how to handle them.
- Need for instilling in the children a vision for India based on the sacred values enshrined in the constitution of India against the background of growing religious fundamentalism and minority bashing
- Practical tips for the boarding house in charges
- How to prepare a comprehensive Policy for the boarding houses by the religious congregations and the dioceses

Excerpts from the Book

It is with much hope and expectation that the parents bring their children to the boarding house for education. They themselves were deprived of it, so they do not want it happen to their children and grand children. Education has become all the more an important means of mobility to all people –literate or illiterate, rich or poor, tribal or non-tribal. (Page 15)

The All India Catholic Education Policy enjoins all Catholic Educational institutions to promote quality education for the tribals, dalits and other deprived groups through various means like reservation of certain percentage of seats, financial assistance, special coaching etc. Although the Policy specifically does not speak about the boarding houses, improving the quality of the boarding houses will be an effective means to realize the goals of the All India Education Policy. (Page 17)

A glance at the boarding houses established by the church all over India reveals that there are about three thousand boarding houses run by the Catholics. In M.P and Chhattisgarh states, there are about three hundred boarding houses run by the Catholics. This is about ten per cent of the total boarding houses in India. (Page 26)

According to a majority of the parents, the children become more self-confident and courageous. They become sensitive to the needs of others who are their own class mates and batch mates. (Page 46)

One of the striking findings of the study is that the Directors of the boarding houses do not have any specialized training or ongoing training. The achievement of the goals of the boarding houses depends to a great extent on the leadership provided by the Directors. (P 59)

It is found through the study that the students have absorbed to some extent the values of truthfulness, concern for environment, especially protecting the forests, sensitivity to the needy, non-compromising attitude towards corruption, appreciation of religious pluralism, readiness to contribute to the common good etc. In the context of the erosion of the above mentioned values in the wider society there is an urgent need for reinforcing the above mentioned values in the students. (Page 62)

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- An inspirational guide to the personnel involved in the boarding house ministry
- A must read book for the directors of boarding houses and heads of Dioceses and religious Congregations that run boarding houses
- A source book for formulating policies for the empowerment of the marginalized sections of the society
- A reference to educationists and social researchers

“In response to the rapidly changing context in India today, it is the need of the hour to increase the potential of the boarding system to further the cause of the marginalized communities, in particular the tribal communities. The children studying at the boarding houses are the future hope of their communities, and they deserve the utmost care and best opportunities. Therefore this book comes as a need of the hour, and its recommendations deserve the utmost attention”

**Mr. Ton Groeneweg, CMC Mensen met een Missie,
The Netherlands**

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