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To accompany the young to make their dreams come true



One certainty that directs and accompanies every FMA and every educating community is that Mary, the mother of Jesus the Good Shepherd is at the origin of our Institute. For Don Bosco as for us the dream at nine years is a precious mandate. (GEM. Art. No:29)

The mysterious voice that Maria Dominica heard in the vision on Borgoalto:" I entrust them to you" has the power of a lasting mandate. That inner voice was an inspiration that nourished her dream of total dedication to young girls urging her to follow new paths on order to realize an educational vocation which within a short time attracted other young people to become involved in the same project. (GEM. Art. No:30)





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Editorial

FMA ON FIRE

Recently I heard a song composed and sung by Alicia Key a famous American singer and songwriter titled "A Girl on Fire" and this song goes with the words,

She is a girl on fire,
living in a world filled with catastrophe
She knows she can fly high with her fiery wings of love
She got both feet on the ground and got her head in the
clouds
Looks like girl, but she is a flame



I sang the above with a word 'FMA on fire' and it gave me a new meaning and more vigor to be gentle yet sizzling FMA among the young. When Buddha was on his death bed, he noticed his young disciple Anan was weeping. "Why are you weeping, Anan?" he asked. "Because the light of the world is about to be extinguished and we will be in darkness" Anan replied. The Buddha summoned up all his remaining energy and spoke what were to be his final words on earth: "Be a light unto yourself."

I believe that it was thatfire of love and passion for the young that emerged from the first dream of Don Bosco atthe age of nine stirred him to be a father and friend of youth with educational and evangelizing mission. Because his dream presented the field of work entrusted to him: the young; the aim of his apostolate was pointed out: to make them grow as individuals through education; a method of education that would be effective was offered him: the Preventive System; Above all this dream offered him the context in which all that he did, and today all that we do, was presented. Besides Don Bosco was so much attuned to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to respond to the needs of the time not letting his fire of love for the young go diminished but able to light more others with his first spark of grace.

I was truly enthused when I heard the inspiring words of Beno Zephine from Chennai, the first woman IFS of India who is 100% visually impaired, "I might not have vision but I had vision to become a civil servant of my country and I am now". Her vision for her life not only illuminated her personal life but has given the light of hope for many to strive for higher goals in life.

As Jesus says "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (Lk 12:49) let the fire of love of God enkindle in us the courage and commitment to fight against the evils that weaken the light of hope and peace of our younger generation. Let us not forget the words of St. Paul "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6). We are all born with divine fire in us. Let our efforts give wings to this fire to work for our young people and fill the world with the glow of His goodness.

Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen



I will play for you on the ten stringed harp...

- St. Mary Domina Mazzarllo

Mazzarello's Maternal Solicitude

Like St. Mary Mazzarello become mothers who are welcoming, caring and praying

Filial Love

For Mary Most Holy

Not only spread her devotions but assimilate and become true images of Mary Most Holy inour day to day lives

Community

Laboratory of Synodality

Accepting the differences, ever ready to give oneself at service of others with 'I will go', 'I will do' attitude

Work or prayer, meals or rest, mission or community life, constantly living in the presence of God

> **Sanctity** In daily routine

Coherence between action and contemplation by continuous union with God, fruitfulness of love and filial devotion to Mary

Grace of Unity Martha and Mary

> - Rev. Sr. Fernando Majella Provincial - INT



INT CHRONICLES



ETERNAL LOVE FOR ETERNITY- Final Profession:

"Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm" (Song of Songs 8:6)



Love is as strong as death, its flame is unquenching, eternal love made for eternity, this is the ultimate experience of our final commitment. The marriage of the lamb has come and his bride made herself ready, this biblical phrase elevated us as we thought of our bridegroom, master, friend,and God – Jesus. 26 May 2024, Sagayamadha Church, Pallithammam, Sivagangai, was the date and venue of our eternal commitment to God. The Solemn Eucharist, divine moment began at 11.00 in the morning, having Most Rt. Rev. LourduAnandam D.D., Bishop of Sivagangaias the main celebrant, with ten more priests, surrounded by the sisters of our Province, our family members, and parishioners.

Oh! what a wonderful moment, our eyes were filled with tears of joy as we proclaimed, 'Lord, my life in you is forever'. We signed our will on the altar and placed ourselves to be used by Him as bread broken for the other. Rev. LourduAnandam D.D., Bishop of Sivagangaiencouraged us to acquire the spirit of Joy, the real need of the time from the part of every religious. As the intercession of the saints was invoked during the litany of the saints, we felt at heart, the empowering of the Holy Spirit and the blessings of the gathering, which is now an energy booster for our lives. The church resembled the throne of our Blessed Mother, our queen and help. Elegantly decorated flowers, depicted the love of our young sisters. Our hearts cannot but express sincere gratitude to our beloved Mother Provincial, Sr.Feranado Majella, for her guidance and accompaniment for the past years and more specially for our final commitment, our sincere thanks to all the councilors for their prayerful support and words of encouragement. We also thank all our former and present animators, community sisters, who shaped our lives as we journeyed on.

CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST YES

"I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice in steadfast love and in mercy." (Hosea 2:19)

While the church echoed with the mandate of Jesus "Go into the world and proclaim the Good News", the seven Novices of INM and INT pronounced their first yes to the lord who called them by name and sent forth to bear His



witness to the people especially among the young.

The memorable day in the life of Sr. Arockiasamy Augasta, Sr. Divyanathan Helen Gracy, Sr. John Kennady Christin Derina, Sr. Lourdunathan Sujitha Jeyaselli, Sr. Sagayalourdhunathan, Sr. Sesuraj Akila, Jenifer and Sr. Victor Sharmila dawned on 24th May 2024 the day of their first commitment to Jesus. As the sun rose spreading rays of light Novices, Junior sisters, the other sisters and the community along with the Provincials of INT and INM initiated the celebrations with the morning prayer in which sentiments of gratitude were offered for the seven shining stars to be professed. The eyes of these new brides of Christ were winkling with joy, light and courage as it was themost importantday of their life, when they were to become the daughters of Mary Help of Christians, on the day dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

At 10.30 am, the solemn Eucharistic celebration began with procession of seven sisters with their parents who were honored by taking Aarthi. The Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Stephen Anthony the Bishop of Tuticorinand he spoke beautifully the qualities of the Good Shepherd highlighting the greater responsibility of the religious in being good stewards to realize the dream of the young in the style of our founders. They pronounced the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience to God in front of the public at the hand s of the provincials, the delegates of the superior general. Finally there were flashes of photos all around as they rejoiced in the lord for His wonderful blessings. Heavenly showers drenched the dry earth as a sign of God's blessings for the newly professed sisters.

Sr. Arokiasamy Augasta

Second Novitiate -Phase II

The 2nd phase of second novitiate at Auxilium Provincial House in Manikandam, Trichirapalli, from 20th April to 15th May 2024 as a preparation for the final profession had been an extraordinary journey of spiritual growth and community

building. Eight of us were introduced: Sr. Antonysamy Renuga, Sr. Charlessandal Princy, Sr. Joseph Kulanthai Teresa from the INT Province, and Sr. Andrews Roseline,

Sr. Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary, Sr. Adikalam Rekha, Sr. Ganesan Maria Rohini, and Sr. Amirthasingam Nirosha from the INM Province. We had this phase that was filled with numerous



events, courses, and outings aimed at deepening our religious commitment, fostering communal bonds, and enhancing our understanding of the challenges in contemporary religious life. Guided by experienced resource persons, we engaged in various activities designed to nurture our spiritual growth and unity.

Our journey began with a beautiful inauguration ceremony featuring a Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jerald Ebin MSFS. During Holy Eucharist, we, eight sisters, offered our clay creations to God, symbolizing our dedication and commitment. Sr. Majella Fernando, the provincial of Our Lady of Snow (INT), welcomed each of us warmly with a ponnadai and a gift, emphasizing the preciousness of our vocation and setting a tone of reverence and commitment for the days to come.Rev. Sr. Majella Fernando's orientation session encouraged us to reflect on our growth and the expectations placed upon us.

Our visits to various communities and pilgrimages were deeply enriching. These trips provided opportunities for spiritual renewal, communal bonding, and cultural exploration. The 2nd phase of our Novitiate was a transformative period marked by profound spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and strengthened community bonds. The diverse courses on Women Discipleship, Life in the Virtual World Preventive System and Personal Growth Challenges of the consecrated Life Consecrated Life in the person of Jesus and Pedagogical Perspectives and Administration provided us with invaluable insights and practical tools to navigate our religious lives amidst modern challenges. This phase culminated in a deepened sense of purpose, unity, and readiness to embrace our perpetual vows with renewed commitment and joy. The collective experiences and shared reflections during this phase have laid a strong foundation for our continued journey in religious life, fostering a vibrant and supportive community dedicated to serving God and each other.

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Sr. Renuga, Sr. Princy, Sr. Kulanthai Teresa - INT

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



The Province of Trichy was privileged to have the animation on "Consecrated Life: a gift and a challenge" conducted by Rev. Sr. Inigo Joachim SSA the former superior general of St. Anne's congregation. We had this spiritual animation and renewal in three different batches:

Batch I from 05 to 07 April 2024 Batch II from 09 to 11 April 2024 Batch III from 08 to 10 June 2024

The meeting held at St. Francis Xavier Convent, Broadway - Chennai. Each group was animated well, based on the Gospel values. The sisters of INT were enthused with an inspiring talk of Sr.Inigo and every one was enriched with her enlightening experiences and insightful reflections. She made the sisters to take pride in their calling and to be loyal to their vocation recalling their first experience with their divine spouse Jesus Christ. She encouraged them to live their call creatively in their community and be effective in the mission field with the passion for God and Passion for Christ.

It was a long-awaited initiative organized by the province, under the leadership of Rev. Sr. Fernando Majella the Provincial and the community of Madurai accepted willingly to host the event along with the vocation promoter Sr. Susai Anthonia from 26th to 28th

Vocation Camp



April 2024. The girls were brought with the support of the various community sisters from different parishes and they were thirty-five of them totally. They were mostly from the southern parts of the communities like Sivagangai – Puliadithammam, Tuticorin, Madurai, Nettur, Trichy and Dindigul. The community Sisters extended a warm welcome to all of them.

With the celebration of the world feast of the gratitude on 26th April, we inaugurated the camp with the morning prayer animated by Sr. Vethakumar Helen prabha followed by the Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Praveen, from the neighboring Schoenstatt congregation. He shared his vocation to priestly life, which was full of surprises and struggles to live up to his call. Sr. Anthony swamy Rosy gave the inaugural talk touching the hearts of each one of the participants to take a firm decision about their life choices. There were ice breaking sessions and Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy made them to understand the call of the prophets from the Old Testament.

Sr. Susai Anthonia the vocation promoter explained about the life of St. Mary Mazzarello and Don Bosco with the help of the power point. In the evening, they enjoyed playing the throw ball game with great gusto and happiness. The girls were awarded for their best performance of various group activities games and quiz. The days were covered with various talks and animations on the topics like history of our institute by Sr. Sampooranam, means to identify the seeds of vocation by Sr. Assumpta and sharing vocation by junior sisters. The girls also had the camp fire and the concluded the camp with the thanksgiving Mass and evaluation. These days of animation opened new vision for every young girl who participated and helped them to respond to His call radically.

- Sr. Susai Anthonia



"The spirit of Mornese must be launched to the world", it must be the ideal of our life and of each of our communities. This will be our specific contribution to the spirit of Don Bosco in the Salesian Family from the female point of view, because they are values that we as FMA perceive and live with more clarity and connaturality. The Salesian Family needs this spirit, it needs you, your witness". - Don Egidio Viganò

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

ASSIST IN ACTION





On 8th of March 2024, International Women's Day was celebrated with the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress" at the ASSIST Development office. Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi, the Directress of ASSIST, and all staff wished our women workers, thanking them for their womanhood and honouring them with garlands. Our workers and staff also went to wish the campus women workers with garlands. To extend this joy of wishing, Mr. Mathi Kumar, the Content Development head, Mr. Sabarigiri, the STEM Coordinator, two other staff members, and four house workers from ASSIST went to wish all the local officials - women from VIO, IOB, Central Bank, and the police station in Manikandam village - and honoured them with garlands for their untiring service for the welfare of society. In honor of celebrating International Women's Day, purses and garlands were distributed to 250 women in Puliyadithammam, 105 women in Vadakku Pagannor, Trichy, and 65 women in Ulagampatti, Dindigul. The self-help group members felt happy about the initiative and celebrated the day dedicated only to them.

H,O SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is a free space for children to learn and explore new things which are essential in day-to-day life, so as part of summer camp, this year we came forward with

the title of H₂O Summer Camp 2024. This camp's main objective is to raise awareness about

Sustainable Development Goals and Greywater Management system, an essential sustainable method for recycling water. This camp was held in the month of May with the initiative of Sisters and volunteers at each center.





In the initial days of the camp, we taught the children about Sustainable Development Goals and their importance. Then in the middle days of the camp we taught about Greywater Management and its advantages.

The water which comes from the bathrooms, sinks, showers,

washing machines, dish washers and excluding toilets water can be called Greywater. If this Greywater is managed properly by using a Greywater management system, it can be used for irrigation of plants and trees and for flushing toilets.

Recreation activities during camp:

- They had prayer moments,
- Group activities
- Cultural programmes
- Field trips
- And Provided snacks and drinks for all the children.

Outcomes of the H₂O Summer Camp:

- Greater exposer for both teachers and children regarding Sustainable Development Goals and Greywater Management System.
- Understood the usage and wastage of water by each household in the villages.
- Children are curious to communicate with community or relative, families in sharing the knowledge what they were thought in the camp.
- Now children are aware and can be able to reuse the Greywater from their home to plants and trees.
- Children are exposed to more creative learnings and able to participate in group activities joyfully.

COIMBATORE

NEWS FROM HOUSES



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION:



The joy, honour, and pride of being women was celebrated on 2ndFebruary 2024 as International Women's Day along with the annual day celebration for the children of evening study centres. There was a lot of joy and enthusiasm on the faces of women and children as they arrived from different parts of Coimbatore. The theme of the day was "encourage and build up." The chief guests of the programme were Mrs. Latha Shankar, a retired advocate; Mr. Mugunthan JCI, president of Coimbatore; Mr. Murugan, founder of Nizhal Maiyam; and Sr. Antony Lourdhu Sagayam, the women coordinator of our province. The dignitaries were honoured with a shawl and a flask as gifts. Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria, the animator and director of Marialaya, presented the evening coaching class annual report, while Sr. Sebastiar Caroli presented the Self-Help Group annual report. The women and children who came from different centres gave a cultural programme, and the youth group of Marialaya presented the choreography with the theme of women's empowerment. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Latha Shankar, appreciated the women for their courage, enthusiasm, and hard work and encouraged them to be the builders of love, unity, and peace in their families and civilization. Mr. Mugunthan, the JCI president, proudly said that women are a guiding force in families and society. Mr. Murugan, the founder of Nizhal Maiyam, shared his personal experience and invited the children to have a goal in their personal lives to come up with in the future. Sr. Antony Lourdhu Sagayam, the women coordinator of our province, invited the women to foresee everything positively. By the grace of God and the accompaniment of our Blessed Mother, the day's events went well with its meaning.

Annual Retreat for workers:

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."



The Comforting words from the Gospel, were an inspiration for the workers from Tiruppur and Coimbatore Marialaya communities. They were around 10 of them gathered for their annual Retreat on 10th February 2023 at the Don Bosco School of Excellence Vellaknar in Coimbatore. Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria Marialaya animator, Sr. Anthony Samy Renuga, and Sr. Arulanandu Saradha accompanied them. Fr. Moses Bernad, S.D.B.,

animated the retreat and motivated them that they should be grateful to God and responsible for their duties in his message. He concluded the retreat with Eucharistic adoration and blessings. They enjoyed a delicious lunch and received gifts from the sisters.

Vocation promotion:



Accepting the initiation of the Fr. Dhanaraj, the parish priest Rathinapuri, Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria, went for a vocational promotion along with our two of our juniors Srs. Anthony Samy Renuga and Joseph Jency Arokia on 25th March 2024. After the Holy Mass, they gathered young girls and introduced our congregation and our charism to

the youth and inspired them to come forward to follow Christ. Fr. Dhanaraj, the parish priest, thanked each of them for their efforts, especially their mission to assist the youth.

World feast of gratitude:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

The children of Shelter Home and sisters celebrated the world feast of gratitude on 26th April in the parish church. Sr. Joseph Jency Arokia and Ms. Rosilin presented the theme



and the reason for celebrating this Day. Following the Holy Mass, the parish priest appreciated the sisters, for their efforts in various animation in the parish. The parishioners wished the sisters, and in turn, the sisters distributed sweets.

House feast

MARIALAYA - NARASIPURAM



The community of Marialya at Narasipuram was glad to celebrate house feast on 19th of March. The house was shining with the presence of good-hearted people and the fragrance of love. The Holy Eucharistic was celebrated by Fr. Richard Sdb, the administrator of Anbu Illam, Ukkadam and two other priests and brothers of his community. He delivered a short message about St. Joseph the Husband and Father. After the Mass Sr. Rayappan Selvi Cecily honoured our benefactors Mrs. Angelin from our Vadavalli Parish who generously offered us the statue of St. Joseph and thanked all other benefactors and well - wishers. With a heart full of gratitude, we shared our festal dinner with them. Our house feast proved to be a memorable and spiritually enriching celebration for the sisters and shelter home children.

Summer camp

From 6th to 18th April, Marialaya Home for Girl Children, Narasipuram animated two weeks of summer camp. They were occupied by hand writing practise, reading practise, art and craft work, gardening and cleaning the house. Children were so eager in learning new creative works. Each one tried their best to bring a memorable outcome and presented them to the community and expressed their sincere gratitude to the sisters.



Marianathapuram-Dindigul:

International Women's Day cum Annual Day:

Keeping in mind the importance of the education and the world International women's day the community invited the evening coaching children and their mothers together to celebrate the twin eventson 9th Marc 2024 with the theme "Education is the Power to transform". The chief guest of the day's

celebration was Mrs. Kavitha Senthilkumar, an Industrialist, exporter and writer a member of the Rotary club. The children welcomed the gathering with their lively welcome speech and dance. Sr. Susai Anthonia donned the guest with a shawl and the gift. The evening coaching children performed a rhythmic dance bringing awareness to the women to preserve their dignity. Mrs. Kavitha the chief guest in her presidential address encouraged the children to have a passion to study and to have a big dream to shine and to come up in the society. To grab the resources and the various opportunities that await those who search for it. The prices were distributed to the children and the volunteers were given special prices to continue their service. We thank God for this Academic year and we look forward to do more good to the young in the coming academic year too.

St. Francis Xavier Anglo Indian school Annual day

BROADWAY



"Every Fruit is a successful product that instigates hard work, planning, and administration"



The Annual Day was celebrated with so much grandeur as the Chief Guest of the day Mr. Joe Arul Prakash well known speaker and Headmaster of Fabricius Higher Secondary School along with the other dignitaries walked towards the Dias accompanied by the band troop. All glory and honour were given to the Almighty. The

Accomplishments and recurring achievements of our institution were displayed by the Headmistress Sister Arockianathan Verginia Mary. A dramatic concert of the play "Cinderella" was acted on stage with so much pomp by the primary Kids and a mega Colourful dance by the high school students. The ambiance was filled with humour and sensational message of our chief guest and it was a treat to the celebration. The solemn Annual Day ended with a note of gratitude followed by the National Anthem.

Our Lady's Centre Matriculation School

Graduation day

To celebrate the progression and development of students of Kindergarten Our Lady's Centre Matriculation School had its graduation day on 27th March and applauded the young enthusiastic learners for their commendable performance. The program began with guard of honour, and the audience

were filled with an aura of accomplishment and oneness as the tiny graduates along with the chief guest from sapiens publication Ms. Mary Paulin marched into the Our Lady's Centre Matriculation School campus. The chief guest gave her talk on "Dream big and achieve what you desire for". Just to make the graduation day more meaningful students performed several programs and concluded with the National Anthem and photo session. Our tiny tots looked attractive in their graduation robes and caps.

Summer camp:



The Global Kids Abacus Institute has conducted the Summer Class at Our Lady's Centre School from April 29th to May 29th 2024. Thestudents had actively participated and trained themselves in the field of



Abacus, Best Out of Waste, Art & Graft, Glass Painting, Coding and Western Dance. On the final day the students displayed their learned skills in the presence of Sr. Maria Pushpam the Correspondence and Sr. Bastien Principal, and received their wards for the best performance.



Marialaya- George Town

Annual Day



It was a day of Joy of gathering to recall the entire year's activities as we celebrated 34th annual day on 4th March 2024. The day was filled with fun and excitement as the children of shelter home, beneficiaries and staff were gathered to share their happiness. The program began by invoking the blessing of God followed by welcome address. The children from respective centers presented spectacular cultural programme. The performance of the children was mind blowing. The chief guest motivated the children to aspire high vision in life and strive hard to succeed the vision. Youngsters are the backbone of the nation. They have the ability to change the nation in a progressive path. Sr. Sujatha the director of Marialaya greeted and appreciated the children for their good performance during the academic year. Prizes were distributed for the winners and record holders. Gifts were given to all the children as a memory of love. The annual day ended well followed by the distribution of meals and refreshments.

Summer camp

The community of Marialaya conducted the Summer Camp in Kooturpuram Chennai from 2nd to 10th May 2024. Mr. Subburav the panchayat president and Mr. Prasanna youth leader were the chief guest of the event. Mrs. Nitya, president of the Young Women's

Group for growth, conducted a game and encouraged everyone to attend this summer and improve their skills. Ms. Elakkiyaour staff explained about the importance of having a goal in life and to involve everyone in the work for an effective results. The children were taught songs and shared gifts and concluded with a lunch.



Board examination

THIRUVOTTIYUR



With great hope, the parents of grade X students, came with their children to the school since it's the first Exam they were going to write in the other School at Kodungaiyur. Sr. Peter Selvarani, the Principal and Correspondent gathered the students prayed for them and motivated them with her optimistic words. A school vehicle and a teacher was arranged to



accompany the students. With grateful hearts, we thank the Almighty for the first Batch of Grade X students who are appearing for the Board Exam. The results for the Board Exams was out on 13^{th} of May and all 8 students got success in the 10th CBSE Board Exam.

First three School Toppers:

M.Bhavana1 447 / 500,S. Anish 424 / 500 ,Zahreen Nisha 412 / 500

A day with God for teachers

The "Lenten Retreat" for the four School staff was organised separating Catholic and Non-Catholic Teachers in the Our Lady School of Excellence's Library and Media Hall.























































Around 95 Staff members participated in the retreat. The retreat started with a prayer by Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Swamikannu, the Rector of Don Bosco Youth Animation Center, Ennore for the Catholic members. The Retreat pressed upon the significance of lent, which called the members for an experience of remorse, repentance, and change of mind. The presentations were profound and touched each one's heart and facilitated the topic.



The retreat culminated with a "Eucharistic celebration" led by Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Swamikannu. Non-Catholics were animated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Geroge Savari, Director of Don Bosco Youth Center from Rinaldi Illam, Chennai, Fr. Thomas dealt with the non-Catholics on teachers as Architectures of Society, he also spoke on knowing oneself and growing as

contributors of society. After the Holy mass sumptuous meal was served to the participants. The staff thankedSr.Selvarani the animator for such a wonderful opportunity.

Blessing and Inauguration Senior Secondary Floor

It was indeed a special day for the community at Thiruvottiyurasthe Senior Secondary floor was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Gregory Devarajan SDB and Rev. Sr. Majella Fernando the Provincial of the province of Trichy on 24th April 2024. This occasion drew unparalleled enthusiasm



as everyone witnessed the inaugural ceremony. Teachers, Sisters a well -wishers had all gathered to take part in the celebration of the inauguration and blessing of New Block where classes will be held for students of Senior Secondary. It was then time to thank God for His grace with the school management throughout the construction of this new beautiful edifice of learning and for blessing all those who have been involved in this project. Rev. Sr. Majella Fernando the Mother Provincial, inaugurated the New Block by cutting the ribbon and unveiled the plaque. "We are all sure that God's blessings of deeper love, fuller trust in God and a greater peace of heart have come down mightily on this new building and on all of us. Let's hope that this temple of learning will stand erect for many years to come, giving the light of truth and knowledge and thereby fulfill the real purpose of education.

Sea breeze summer camp



Rev. Sr. Peter Selvarani the Animator of ArchBishop Louis Mathias Home, Thiruvottiyur initiated the summer camp for the first time in our campus from 29th of April to 12th May 2024. The camp aimed at keeping the students engaged and provided them an even platform to explore and express their creativity in Aerobics, Dance Mime, Spoken English, Calligraphy, Robotics and Indoor Games. Forty three students enrolled and they were able to make new friends amidst lot of fun and learnt team spirit and be more confident.Mr. Karthik our Past Pupil and his team with 7 members animated the team. The exuberant learners zealously participated & showcased their diligence towards each planned activity of their choice. The essence of this camp was to develop a sound character of each student & ultimately the motto was achieved. This Summer Camp was earnestly appreciated not only by the participants but also by their parents.

Summer Free Computer Course

REGUNATHAPURAM



Auxilium College of Arts and Science for Women, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Science, proudly offered a complimentary 10-day computer course from April 3-13, 2024, tailored for 12th-grade students. A total of 173 students from various villages surrounding the campus participated. The course commenced with an opening ceremony led by the College Secretary, Principal, and Vice Principal. The sharing of college achievements and ambiance by Auxilium College students served as a notable highlight, inspiring attendees, and sparkin interest in our institution.



Course highlighted included foundational skills in MS Word and MS Power Point, improved typing efficiency through shortcut keys, and insights into effective internet usage. The course concluded with a

valedictory function where students demonstrated their newfound skills and provided feedback on their

learning experiences. Sr. Santiagu Theresal and department heads distributed certificates, acknowledging the students' dedication and engagement throughout the course. This initiative not only equipped students with valuable computer skills but also deepened their understanding of digital tools crucial for academic and professional success. Through this endeavor, students gained a better understanding of our college.

12th Graduation Ceremony - Arts & Science



Auxilium College of Arts and Science for Women celebrated its 12th Annual Graduation Ceremony on February 2024, at the College Open Auditorium. The chief guest, Hon'ble Mayor Thiru. Sun. Ramanathan from Thanjavur, was welcomed by the College Secretary Sr. Soosai Magnificat,

Principal Sr. Sebasti Jeya Pushpam, and department heads. The event began with an academic procession and the Tamizh Thai Vazhthu Song, followed by Secretary Sr. Soosai Magnificat officially opening the ceremony. Ms. Sangeetha, Assistant Professor of Tamil, gave the welcome note, and the principal presented the annual report, highlighting the college's achievements and developments. Mayor Thiru. Sun. Ramanathan delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing higher goals, women's empowerment, and education for girls. Ms. J. Yamuna received the gold medal for Best Academic Performance in B.A Tamil (2019-2022). A procession of 1200 graduates in their robes followed, where they took a pledge to contribute to human welfare and uphold ethical values. The ceremony concluded with closing remarks from Sr. Soosai Magnificat and the national anthem, leaving graduates joyful and inspired.

Gratitude Day Celebration - Colleges



The Community Gratitude Day began with the Holy Eucharist, invoking God's blessings through Mangalaarathi. The mass included a heartfelt tribute to Sr. Soosai Magnificat for her dedication to the institute. The Holy Eucharist was solemnized by Fr.Albert Napolean, who encouraged young girls to stay focused, fearless, and socially committed. After the mass and a brief break with jaggery

distributed to faculty and staff, a cultural mela began with a procession featuring community sisters, priests, and well-wishers. The program opened with a Bharatanatyam performance, followed by a warm welcome and felicitation of Sr. Soosai Magnificat by Ms. Amali, a professor at Auxilium College of Education. The theme, "A home of Divine love that follows a good shepherd's approach," was depicted through acting and dance, showcasing the importance of embodying good shepherd qualities. The students' performances were highly praised. Additionally, students from Auxilium College of Education entertained the audience with messages about campus cleanliness, water conservation, regular attendance, and diligent study. Sr. Soosai Magnificat expressed her gratitude to the community, highlighting each member's contributions. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Sheeba, Assistant Professor in the Department of Tamil.

Hostel Day Celebration



Hostel Day was joyously celebrated on March 23, 2024. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Feringten SDB from Mathakottai, Thanjavur. The liturgy focused on gratitude to God for all the sisters, staff, workers, and students. Sr. Soosai

Magnificat led the procession carrying a lamp, while sisters and girls carried rose flowers. During his homily, Fr. Feringten shared about God's love, and we experienced it through singing and playing the song "God Loves Us Always and He is Good. "The celebration continued in the evening with a cultural program, welcoming the community sisters and workers who were cooking in the hostel canteen. The creative presentation of a campfire by Postgraduate students was inaugurated by Sr. Soosai Magnificat, who declared the hostel day celebration open. The program given by different groups of students enthralled the audience. They expressed their gratitude and love by presenting gifts to the community, the mess staff, and Ms.Paremeshwari a helper in the hostel.Sr. Soosai Magnificat commended all the students for their outstanding performances and gifted each one a fancy bag. She delivered a short yet powerful message through a story, encouraging everyone to heed the advice given by their elders.



PULIYADITHAMMAM

Media Mela

The celebration of "Media Mela" was held at Auxlium School Puliyadithammam. Rev.Fr.vionth Xavier SDB was the chief guest of the day and the Program was aimed to bring together media enthusiasts from different classes and groups to share their knowledge. The speech of the resource person brought the knowledge on the impact of media in today's world and the responsibility in media practices. He also spoke about the role of media in education and how it can be used to disseminate facts effectively. After the keynote speech, the students presented the advantages and disadvantages through cultural such as mime, dance, and street play



There were also interactive session on the use of media in education. The event had created a strong impact in the minds of the students. The participants had the opportunity to network with each other and learn from one another's experiences. The event left a lasting impact on all the students, and it's hoped that similar events will be organized in the future.

School Annual Day

Auxlium celebrated its Annual day on March 2nd 2024, marking a day of joyous festivities, Commendable performances, and inspirational speeches. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. K. Selva Kumar professor at Azhagappa university, as the chief guest and



Mrs. Bridget Nirmala, CEO of St. Micheal group of institution as the guest of honor, our Sr. Sampooranam the correspondent, Sr. Reenathe principal, sisters, energetic teachers, loveable parents, and stars of the school.

The entire atmosphere of the school exuded a sense of pride Dr. Selvakumar the Chief guest delivered a thought providing an insightful speech, emphasizing the importance of holistic education and the role of students in shaping the future.Mrs. Bridget Nirmala the guest of honor shared her valuable experiences and wisdom. Her cheering words encouraged the students to pursue their dreams and passions. The students performed various programme of dance, mime, English and drama, kids show etc. Awards were presented to students who excelled in academic and extracurricular activities, acknowledging their outstanding achievements and contributions to the school community. It shows the students commitment to excellence and their unwavering sprit in pursuing their goals. The function ended with grand success.



THANJAVUR

Bulbuls Investiture Ceremony

"I promise to do my best, to do my duty...."was a continuous echo in Auxilium Nursery and Primary School, as 20 flying birds were getting ready to become "BULBULS". This relevant team was trained and guided by Mrs.Philo Rubina and



Mrs.Sujathathe staff, who have already done their training as Bulbuls flock leaders. The long-awaited day dawned on 11th January wherein our bluebirds welcomed



Sr. Antony Nirmala Rani, the Province coordinator of Scouts and guides. She was accompanied by Mrs. Josephine from Auxilium Girls Higher Secondary School. The little ones landed up with rhythmic songs and action stories which scintillated the chief guests and the audience. Hoisting of the bulbul flag and the singing of ananthem instilled a patriotic feel in our kids. Sr. Antony Nirmala Rani addressed the new Bulbul team inviting them to be ever ready and ever onwards. She encouraged them to be always forward in helping and reaching out to the needy. She honored them with badges and finally posed with them joyfully for the group photo. We felt that the long-waited dream was just beginning to spread it seeds.

ECO Club Activity – Orientation:

VADAKU PAGANOOR



"We are on Earth to take care of life. We are on Earth to take care of each other - Xiye Bastida

The students assisted Mrs. Deepa Manickam the Assistant Professor from Tamilnadu National Law University in Trichirappallicame to St. Antony's R.C. Aided Primary School,



at Vadakku paganoor on 22 February 2024, for the ecofriendly activity and gave an orientation to the children The Children ninety-five of them were gathered in the hall. Sr. Arockiasamy Rani Celine Mary, the Headmistress welcomed them and introduced them. Students showed few video clippings on the ways in which the earth suffers violation such as air pollution, water pollution and land pollution and the importance of taking care of the nature which we are supposed to hand over to another generation. They also acted out the disadvantages of using plastics, explained the three R's (Reduce, Reuse & Recycle) and the ways to protect the earth. Everyone appreciated their performances.

Annual Day Celebration



Every child deserves a champion: An adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be.



The campus was filled with parents. Children like little soldiers were ready and eager to begin the auspicious Annual Day celebration on 20th March 2024. The chief guest Mrs. Jeyalakshmi the Block Educational Officer along with the BRT Mrs. Lakshmi arrived and was brought to the stage with Nadhaswaram music. Then the Annual day started with the short prayer followed by the welcome dance by the fifth standard students. Sr. Arockiaswamy Rani Celine Mary, the headmistress welcomed the Chief guests, the Correspondent, parents, teachers, and the students. Then the Block Educational Officer Mrs. Jeyalakshmi hoisted the Olympic flag symbol of sports and victory and light the Olympic Torch which was elegantly brought by the leaders. It was a spectacular moment which everyone enjoyed.

After taking the sports day promise, children performed drill, lezim dance, flag dance, drill, forming numbers and a patriotic action song with the smile on their lips and joy on their face. The Block Educational Officer praised the wonderful performances of the children and thanked the parents for having placed their children in this school and the teachers for having trained then so well. Thus, everyone had a grace filled experience.

Career Guidance Program

KEELA ERAL





The career guidance program took place at Auxilium Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Keela Eral on February 26, 2024, with the primary objective of helping students make informed decisions about their future.

Objectives

- 1. To provide students with information about various career options.
- 2. To help students understand the skills and qualifications required for differe careers.
- 3. To enable students to assess their interests and strengths concerning career choices.
- 4. To connect students with professionals from diverse fields for first-hand insights.

A half - day event that catered to students from classes nine to twelve. The session was facilitated by volunteers from ASSIST, including Mr. Mathi, content development and designer Mr. Sabari Giri, the skilling coordinator, and Mr. Deena, an MSW internship student. They led an engaging and informative session, delving into the nuances of job and career distinctions. Additionally, the volunteers showcased various new courses and highlighted their availability at different universities, providing the students with valuable insights into potential career paths and educational opportunities.

Annual Day Celebration

The 17th Annual Day of of Auxilium Matric Hr.Sec.School, Keela Eral, commenced with a grand entry featuring a color party and a musical band, welcoming all guests. Mr. Prabha Kumar, DEO, as the Chief Guest, Mrs. Thilagavathi, Principal of Don Bosco College, and other esteemed guests. Students of Class XII served as the Masters of Ceremony, guiding the program. A thought-provoking skit on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). A Tamil drama highlighting the importance of the five elements (earth, water, fire, air, and space). A lively comic dance performance. Energetic folk dances showcasing diverse Indian cultures.

Inspiring speeches were delivered by Mr. Prabha Kumar and Mrs. Thilagavathi, emphasizing the importance of focused studies, parental support, and responsible technology use for student success. The school Principal presented the annual report, highlighting the institution's achievements and developments, followed



by the presentation of prizes to top scorers of Class X and XII including cash awards. Overall, the 17th Annual Day was a celebration of academic excellence, and community spirit. We are grateful to the tireless efforts of the teachers, staff, and parents who made this event possible. As we move forward, we carry the spirit of this day with us, aiming to foster continued growth and excellence in all aspects of our school.

Media Mela



Media Mela 2024was conducted on March 08, 2024, and around 72 students witnessed the event. Mr. Maharaja, the Assistant Professor of Commerce department from Don Bosco College of Arts & Science was the eminent personality of the day, and he was welcomed with a lot of joy. Sr. Joseph Prettencia presented an introductory talk

on "What is Media?", followed by the best clicks and short videos were screened and the Chief guest and Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani, the Correspondent of the Auxilium School distributed the prizes. Mr. Maharaja, the Assistant Professor of the Commerce Department delivered the special session on "Play a safe game" enumerating the negatives and dangers of social media. The students had a lively interaction during the session and enjoyed his talk. The teachers divided the students into 7 groups for group discussion. Short videos on social media were screened and each group presented their views and comments. Finally, they also watched a documentary film "MAA" and had questions to discuss. Each group representative presented their points creatively. The festival was a celebration of the student's talent and creativity, with a focus on promoting media literacy and self-expression.

Workers' Retreat

The domestic staff of the Tuticorin zone gathered at Keela Eral for their annual retreat on 10th March 2024. Fr. George Chinnappan SDB, the parish priest of Don Bosco parish, Keela Eral, conducted the retreat. His inspiring words resonated with the staff as he emphasized the importance of building a strong Catholic family and staying committed to their work.

The retreat commenced with an adoration and confession, providing the staff with the opportunity for reflection and spiritual renewal. A solemn Eucharistic celebration further enriched the spiritual experience, fostering a sense of unity and devotion among the attendees. The day culminated with a delightful and nourishing lunch, symbolizing the spirit of togetherness



and gratitude. As a token of appreciation, the staff received thoughtful gifts, marking the occasion with warmth and appreciation. Additionally, they embarked on a pilgrimage to "Our Lady of Ascension" at Kamanayakanpatti, deepening their spiritual connection and fostering a sense of reverence for their faith.

Celebrating Milestones: Kids' Graduation



Graduations for children are always special occasions, for every kid crossing a milestone It marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another, and is typically filled with excitement, pride, and a touch of nostalgia. The graduation ceremony at Auxilium Matriculation Higher Secondary School

brought together beaming parents, enthusiastic teachers, and eager graduates. Decked in caps and gowns, the children radiated excitement as they prepared to embark on the next phase of their educational journey. The event started with a dignitary march including Rev. Fr. Victor Antony Raj SDB, Secretary of Don Bosco Arts & Science College, Mr Pachai Pandiyan, the President of Keela Eral Panchayat, and Correspondent Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani, and Headmistress Sr. Joseph Raj Josephin Diana, along with the 14 little graduates.

The event featured captivating performances by the students, showcasing their artistic flair and creativity. From musical recitals to theatrical skits, the audience was treated to a display of talent that illuminated the stage and warmed hearts. Parents, teachers, and guest speakers offered words of wisdom and encouragement to the graduates, inspiring them to embrace challenges with courage and perseverance. Each child was reminded of their unique potential to make a positive impact on the world, igniting a sense of purpose and determination. The event served as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of education and the boundless potential residing within each child.



THERESPURAM



Retirement

On the auspicious occasion of April 23, 2024, Auxilium Convent Therespuram was filled with warmth, andjoy as we celebrated the retirement of Sr. Santiagu Celine the headmistress, Mrs. Shyamala Secondary Grade Teacher, and Mrs.Packiya Seeli Midday Meals Organizer. Sr. Celine, a stalwart in the field of education, dedicated 33

remarkable years to shaping young minds within the school system. The retirement ceremony commenced with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, where the entire educating community gathered in thanksgiving and prayer. Following the Holy Mass, a vibrant felicitation program unfolded, paying tribute to the illustrious careers of Sr. Santiagu Celine, Mrs. Shyamala, and Mrs. Packiya Seeli. Officials, Colleagues, students, and well-wishers came forward to express their appreciation and shared fond memories of their time spent with the retirees.

Speakers highlighted the unwavering dedication, passion, and impact of Sr. Celine had on generations of students. Her commitment to excellence and compassionate approach to education served as an inspiration to all. Similarly, Mrs. Shyamala and Mrs. Packiya Seeli's contributions were celebrated, acknowledging their significant role in the educational journey of many. The atmosphere was filled with camaraderie and joy as colleagues and friends shared anecdotes and laughter, cherishing the memories created over the years.

Vocation Bible School:

M. SAVERIYARPURAM





The parish of M. Saveriyarpuram, Tuticorin had vacation Bible school (VBS) for the catechism children from 17^{th} to 30^{th} May 2024. The program began with the procession and recitation of the bible versesin a group. The inaugural prayer service was animated by the staff of our locality Our parish children participated enthusiastically. Fr. Selva George Thomas, the parish priest, encouraged everyone to make use of the days fruitfully. On the first day the students were divided into groups and taught new bible games and songs. On 29^{th} May 2024 the children of VBS class were taken for a day of outing to the shrine of our Lady of Snow and Muthu Nagar Beach. There were accompanied by Sr. Savarimuthu Annamanickam , Sr. Joseph Juli Nirmala and the teachers. It was a day of Joy and enthusiasm and reached safe in the evening.

APPS FOR MISSION – UP TEMPO

Viva Gesu Sisters,

Happy to meet you again in Apps for mission Series. This time we are tuning into a musical app called "Up Tempo". Come on let's see its pro's and con's.

Icon:



About the App:

A music editor, audio speed changer and pitch shifting app designed by musicians. With Up Tempo you can easily change the playback speed and pitch of audio files on your Android device either independently or at the same time. Useful for practicing fast songs, or those that need different tunings. Up Tempo can also be used as a music looper and audio editor, for changing the talking speed on voice notes and podcasts, or for making night core.

Available in: Play Store (Free)

Benefits:

It can also be used to change the pitch and tempo of a song, in one fell swoop. It is a very simple app, so even those with no knowledge of music theory can use it. To make transpose of any music or Karoke it is a best app.

Set Backs:

Does everything it says but searching the file from a particular folder is not possible, especially when you have many versions of same file saved in different folders. It does not list the audio files by the names but by titles. While listening in the editor we have to touch accurately to take the cursor to the starting point. Can be improved from the user perspective.

Download Link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.stonekick.tempo&hl=en_ZA

சீடத்துவமும் அதன் முக்கியத்துவமும்

உயர் உருவாகும் முன்னே (ஏரேமியா 1:5)

சீடன் என்ற உறவ்ல் தருந்லைப்படுத்தனாய்
உயர்ளிக்கும் வார்த்தையால் (தி.பணி 13:2)

சீடன் என்ற உறவை தெளிவாக்கினாய்
உலகம் முடியும் வரையினான உடனிருப்பை (மத்28:20)

சீடன் என்ற உறவில் உறுதியாக்கினாய்
வாழ்க்கைப் பயணத்தில் வழிமாறி போகையில் (யோவான் 10:11)

சீடன் என்ற உயர் கொண்டு தேடினாய்
உலகம் தளனம் செய்த போது (எசாயா43:1)

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உமக்காக வாழ உறுதி கொண்டப்போது (மத்6:48)

சீடன் என்ற உறவில் உன்னை எனக்களித்தாய்
வாழ்வின் அர்த்தம் என்னவென்ற போது (மாற் 3:14–15)

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புவி வாழ்வின் புதிர்களை புறியாது ஒருந்தேன் (மத் 10:16) சீடன் என்ற உறவில் புறிய வைத்தாய் ஏன் நானென்றேன்? (யோவான் 15:16)

சீடன் என்ற உறவில் நிலைக்க செய்தாய்

சமுதாயத்தால் ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட நிலைக்கண்டாலும் (எசாயா 43:4)

சீடன் என்ற உறவில் என் தரம் உணர்த்தினாய்
யாராலும் நேசிக்கப்பட தகுதியில்லை என்றேன் (எசாயா 62:4)

சீடன் என்ற உறவில் விருப்பம் கொண்டாய்
வேறாறும் இல்லையா என்றேன்? (தானி 9:23)

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உள்ளல் நிலைக்க செய்திடு நிலையயாய் இறைவா!

– சகோ. அல்வெண்டா. அ

DISCIPLE

I was Dangerous,

Introvert,

சீடன் என்ற உறவில் விடையளித்தாய்

Shy,

Careless,

Irresponsible,

Pessimistic,

Lonely,

Egoistic was the reply

of the world about me.

But Jesus is the only person who called me as his DISCIPLE.



So now I am
Determined

Irrevocable
Smart,
Committed,
Ideal,
Passionate,
Loyal,
Energetic

- Sr. Susmitha

The ark of Noah (The parable of Love)



It was in that rainy day Noah, his relatives and all the animals were inside the ark when thunder and lightning tore down the roofs. Noah was still busy in building and repairing the ark. Noah appointed Dove, the peace maker to distribute the work among its co-workers. He appointed a dog to safeguard the food from other creatures, cat to see the cleanliness of the food from other creatures, cat to see the cleanliness of the ark,



the snake to see the orderliness of the house and the Woodpecker to clear thewaste woods from the ark. Finally, he appointed to be a manager. As Noah was busy minding the things in the Ark, he sent the dove to know the current condition of the earth and to

witness the dry land. All other creatures were happy to see the dove flying in the sky and waiting for the good news.

In the meantime, the animals started having clash among themselves that brought nastiest misunderstanding and disharmony. The snake grew in hurt and unforgiveness and started biting all whom he met. The Woodpecker developed "I know" attitude and began to pock the ark, instead of collecting the woods. The dog started fighting with cat instead of safeguarding the food. The cat began gossiping and spread negativity all around. At the end the creatures stopped relating with each other and the whole atmosphere became unfriendly. The spider who appointed as manager, felt inferior and locked himself in its own web of martyr complex.



The days passed in despair and suddenly one day the dove returned as it did not find any dry land or a tree to rest upon it. The dove was disheartened by looking at an unpleasant environment in the ark, it flew to its master Noah to get the guidance. Noah



gave a medicine of Gospel Values, to use them as the remedy for this situation. The Dove began its ministry of healing the souls. First, the snake was called and was given a dose of forgiveness. The Woodpecker was invited to have the tonic of openness to learn, and the dog was injected with

dialogue and "carefrontation". The cat received the drips of optimism. And finally, the spider was given a new heart with unconditional love.

Everyone got cured and the entire situation was retrieved its original climate. Now the ark echoed the melody of harmony and all those who found the transformation, asked the dove the peace maker about the secret behind. The dove smiled and shouted in joy "Attitude matters a lot.".



"A great accomplishment at the end of the road is just the starting point for the next leap forward"

Annual & graduation day



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Keela Eral



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