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*Canonical Visit - INT
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Novitiate - Trichy



Pulladithammam



Puthenthurai



Regunathapuram



Vadakku Paganur

As **consecrated men and women in the Salesian Family**, we are invited to be “leaven in the dough of the bread of humanity” and to live with one another, allowing ourselves to be enriched by the evangelical secularity of so many brothers and sisters. Indeed, we share most of our days with them. Therefore, secularity is already in our DNA, because we were generated in the family which Don Bosco gave life to in the first Oratory and We were born with this intense closeness and sharing between states of life and vocations. In short: *we are called as a Family to give of ourselves and to complete each other.*

(Strenna 2023)



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Editorial

*You visit the earth and water it;
You greatly enrich it. (Psalm 65:9)*

The Lord visits us to grant us life in fullness and newness. The province of INT entered into its wonderful time of grace and renewal in the month of February 2023, as Sr. Celine Jacob the visiting councilor from our center initiated her visit in the province. It is indeed an incredible time of love since the first Canonical Visit of our Province is more special and unique to each one of us, inviting us to renew our Vision, our Identity in Mission in solidarity with the poor, marginalized, and abandoned, to become signs and bearers of God's love to the little ones of God.



It is also an extraordinary time of transformation which is an inner self reworking of what we are now to what we will be. It is an appointed time of blessing by the encounter with the Lord, our sisters and young to become more like Him who has called and commissioned us. The three months journey of Sr.Celine Jacob in our province surely will lead us into new life and new spirit to work with passion for mission.

We are in the great season of Easter where we are called to passage from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to confidence, from desolation to communion. As Pope Francis encourages us in his message, "We are not alone: Jesus, the Living One, is with us, forever. Let the Church and the world rejoice, because our hopes no longer come up against the wall of death, for the Lord has built us a bridge to life."

Our Life is a journey between 2 alphabets. They say it is from *B* to *D*- from Birth to Death. But between B and D, there is *C* - It is our choice. Therefore, let us make our choice not to prove but to improve, not to react but to respond and learn to choose not to be affected by what's happening in lives all around us since we cannot change the situations but our response by our choice.

Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen





“Every opportunity holds a notable experience”



For Sr. Joseph Prettencia, Sr. Pensiker Bastina, Sr. Mahimairaj Sharmila, Sr. Arulananthu Jefri and Sr. Vishwanathan Sujatha, the five young sisters of the INT province who are going to be committed perpetually to the Lord, the first phase of the second Novitiate at Tindivanam, opened a new series of experiences to grow in vocational discernment and strength. This took place from 21st November to 20th December 2022. The classes arranged on different topics by the experiential resourceful personalities were much inspiring, insightful and thought provoking. Subsequent to every class, we had a short evaluation on the impact created on each individual. This helped us to enclose a better understanding in leading forth our religious life with clear perspective. To move with sisters of various congregations was an added credit to grow in amity that enforces inter-personal relationships.

Creative style prayer moments created a favorable ambiance to be calm, enter and to connect as one with the Lord. Other extracurricular activities like singing, reading and card making etc... kept us active in enlarging our inventive zone. After only breathing the Salesian spirituality, there was not much chance to exercise the Salesian style of life and prayer moments. The sisters suggested that the course arranged in Tindivanam could have been a little ahead of time due to the little distractions that occurred towards the end of the programme. Overall, it was a valuable adventure for a month long stay and learning of additional traits. We thank you dear Mother Provincial for the opportunity given to us. We assure you of our progress in life as a sign of our endless gratitude to you.



ANNUAL RETREAT

Renew, Recharge and Reconstruct

“A stronger attitude of self-awareness makes it easier to develop wisdom. Likewise, a deeper capacity for wisdom makes it easier to develop self-awareness.” With immense joy and tidings, the first batch of sisters of INT gathered for their annual retreat at Auxilium Provincial House Trichy from 26th Dec 2022 to 2nd January 2023. Twenty-two sisters from INM and forty-four sisters from INT participated in the Annual Retreat I. They began with an efficient and effective introductory talk by our dear Mother Provincial, emphasizing more on the importance and various aspects of interior and exterior silence. Fr. David CSSR from Bangalore animated the sisters on the theme of God experience in our day to day life. In the afternoon, there were Theme presentations of the year 2023 based on the Pope's message of peace, Strenna and UNO theme by Sr. Arokianathan Virginia Mary, Sr. Antony Regina Mary, and Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi.

The second batch of sisters around 43 of them gathered for their annual retreat from 7th January to 14th January 2023 in Auxilium Provincial house Trichy. Fr. Alex. K SDB from the Salesian Province of Bangalore preached on the Primacy of God, Prayer life, community being, Evangelical council, reconciliation, the Salesian charism, Preventive system and Gratefulness towards God's love for everyone.

It also was a great pleasure for us that every day our dear Provincial Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret gave us spiritual talks based on God's consciousness and His presence, community living, identification of wants and needs, contemplation including our preventive system and charism. On the last day special thanks was offered to Mother Provincial for her steadfast faith in God, Authentic and unassuming leadership, generous availability, patient listening and creativity, simplicity in approach, her sisterly concern for our growth in sanctity, greatest concern for all more personally, and daring ventures into new missions during her six years of office as First Provincial of the Province of INT.

From the penury of my heart, I pen the above note for giving us this opportunity to think of our journey to transform our being to become worthy, committed, authentic and holy Spouses of Jesus and the Daughters of our institute. Rest assured of our prayers for your good health, the health of the sisters, parents and the hospitalized and for their special intentions. May everything be fulfilled by his Grace. We returned to the community carrying the “Word of God.” In him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17.28)

Sr. Joseph Prakash Josephine Reena
Dindigul.





The Animators Meeting commenced with a pilgrimage to Amali Annai Shrine in Amali Nagar in Tiruchendur, wherein Fr. William the Parish Priest animated the adoration, availed himself for the sacrament of reconciliation and gave a talk on the challenges and aspects of witnessing in religious life on 21 October 2022. The next day commenced with Individual prayer in the company of our Blessed Mother followed by Mass in the Shrine of Our Lady of Snow. Then the sisters gathered in SRM Hall wherein Fr. Maria John from the diocese of Tuticorin animated the Sisters on the theme of Generative Leadership in a Participative Style. His talk was followed by a discussion and presentation of the characteristic features of Generative Leadership from the passage of Good Samaritan from the Gospel. In the afternoon there was a communication session by the sisters in the Provincial Council where they were engaged in planning and preparations for the canonical visit of Sr. Jacob Celine to our Province.

DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Phase I

God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer. Do not believe everything you think of saying. We received a letter from Sr. Celine Jacob FMA, the Visiting General Councilor on November eleventh. In that letter, she invited us to read the articles of the Constitution 144-149 and Regulation 107-112 in the first phase. The sisters from different Communities gathered in Saint Francis Xavier's Convent Broadway, Chennai on 21st November for the first phase of discernment for the consultation to elect the new Provincial.



The day started with the Prayer Service, invoking the Spirit of God. Sr. Celine Jacob FMA explained to us the purpose of discernment. The participants were divided into six groups. We had two group workshops in the morning. In the first workshop, we discussed and wrote about the present situation and the challenges we face in the mission field. During the second group workshop we discussed about the quality/profile of the person who will be selected as a leader of the province. Each group secretary presented the answers in the general Assembly, consolidated them, and presented them to Sr. Celine Jacob. In the afternoon, every one gathered in the Chapel in silence, and in the presence of the Triune God, we filled out the consultation paper. We concluded it with a hymn to Our Blessed Virgin Mother.



Phase II

On the 23rd of November 2022 the sisters gathered for second phase of the discernment process at Auxilium Provincial house Trichy. Sr. Celine Jacob the Visiting Councilor from Rome was present to lead the sisters of the province in the process of Discernment getting the consultation for a new Provincial. Sixty-three Sisters took part in the meeting and everyone was appreciative and grateful for the moments of accompaniment in the process of discernment.

14th BOSCOREE - 2023

" Binding Indian youth together" "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." - Lord Baden Powell.

A firm belief in his statement led to the organization of the 14th National Boscoree2023 from 29th December to 3rd January, this was held at Assam Don Bosco University, Tapesia garden , Guwahati with a theme 'Save our planet home' The main motive of this mega event is to offer the young people the opportunity to be self-oriented , other-oriented and divine-oriented through responsible fun, collaboration and adventure.... The event was organized by the Salesians of Guwathai Province, there were 3,500 participants who attended the events. It brought together scouts and guides from 101 units from various states. Youth from Salesians and Daughters of Mary help of Christian institutions across 16 provinces in India spread over 10 sub-camps in this mega event....





The Province of INT also took pride in attending from different schools. 16 guides and 16 scouts from Thiruvottyur, 16 Guides from Broadway, 16 Guides from Thanjavur and 8 Scouts from Puliadithamam along with their staff in charge took part. Sr.Margaret Sebastian, the District Organizer of Guides, Sr. Nirmala Rani from Thanjavur, and Sr. Edal Queen from Broadway accompanied the students and their work with the young along with their staff was well appreciative. All the scouts and guides participated enthusiastically in all competitions translating the thematic activities into action to contribute their bit in making and sustaining a green and clean environment. The inaugural ceremony struck a solemn note as the dignitaries were escorted by the colour party. Further on, various competitions such as March past, colour party, pioneering, BP six exercises, Boscoree March, folk song & folk dance, cultural dance, physical display, theme presentation, choral recitation were designed and organized for intense learning, sharing our cultural richness, creating friendship and promoting world brotherhood. We had a solemn Eucharistic celebration on New year's eve which made the moment immensely memorable. The winners of each sub-camp were awarded with trophies. The camp was a learning process for all the scouts, guides and with each of their participation it resounded in a huge success.

Ms. Josephine Jerry
Staff, Broadway

REGIONAL CONGRESS OF THE SALESIAN COOPERATORS

Sr. Anthony swamy Rosy with six Cooperators from SDB and FMA INT participated in the VII Regional Congress of ASC - South Asia 2023, at National Biblical Catechetical Centre Bangalore from 18 to 19 February 2023 on the theme "The role of the Salesian Cooperators as Yeast in the Society and the Human Family". We were glad to have Sr. Lucrezia C. Uribe, the FMA World Delegate of the Salesian Cooperators from Rome for the meet.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TOWARDS ENABLING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

ASSIST IN ACTION



Environmental awareness training was organized for three days in the month of October 2022 at West Marianathapuram, Dindigul. The Resource person was Ms.Sabaritha who has been working on the values of the environment and stimulating children, teaching them to take care of their surroundings and environmental issues that exist today more than ever. Children were taught about the theory of the planetary cycle, soil cycle, disease cycle, water and nutrient cycles, solid waste management, and maintaining the kitchen garden through play, videos, and experiments. On the final day for an exposure visit, they were also taken to Vanagam-Nammalvar Ecological Foundation, a centre for Organic Agriculture and Lifestyle in Kadavur, Karur District. Totally 92 evening study centre children and eco club members along with the co-ordinators and representatives of teachers of study centers of Keelaeral, Puliadithammam, VadakuPaganoor, Ulagampatti and West Marianathapuram participated. They were asked to prepare natural manure in each center and to maintain a kitchen garden. Children pledged to become environment stewards and protect the common home.



INNOVATE STEM FEST 2022

The Innovate STEM fest event was organized by ASSIST at the Cathedral Church Hall in Melapudur, and it was attended by 25 schools in the Trichy District. They were thrilled to showcase their innovative ideas, knowledge and expertise on the fest's topic, "SMART TRICHY 2030" on 26th November 2022. The aim is to improve the city's infrastructure and amenities in line with the sustainability benchmarks. The exhibition was inaugurated by our Superior Sr.Arulmary and the Village President Mr. Sundaram, Mr. Mohan Chairman of Child Welfare Organization of Trichy District joined as a special invitee. An overall of 100 students participated in the event from both private and government schools. During the fest, the best performers of evening study centre children have been given awards as the 21st century skills champions. All of the





students were thrilled to be a part of this event and demonstrated a passion for STEM while enthusiastically presenting their creative ideas throughout the exhibition.

DIGITAL POSTER CAMPAIGN



The UNITE campaign has proclaimed 25th of November as “Orange Day”, a day to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls. As a bright and optimistic colour, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls. ASSIST, has organized a digital poster campaign to insist on women promotion and empowerment for the Orange day

from December 1st to 10th. We prepared the posters insisting on due rights and respect of women, and the gender equality of women as one movement to fight for rights and to stand for the under privileged women which is the need of the hour. It was circulated and posted in the social media pages and the viewers highly appreciated the initiative. Through this we were able to reach out to many to think about the liberation of women.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas celebration was held at ASSIST among evening study centre children, Self Help Group women and staff. The evening study centres of Ambedkar nagar and Manikandam participated in the celebration. Mrs. Josephine the teacher and the foster daughter of our Institute was the Chief Guest who shared the Christmas message



The Christmas celebration for staff was held on 22nd December 2022 in the Trichy Provincial House.

CLIMATE ACTION AWARD – ATHIVETTI VILLAGE



We acknowledge that tackling climate change is not a matter for the future but rather a pressing issue that requires immediate action to create a better world. This project has won Misesan Cara - Climate action award. Mr. Balasubramanian, a farmer of Athivetti Village has won the award for his motivating work and training farmers and linking with Government Agri departments for support in reversing the degradation of ecosystems. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margret the Provincial, Sr. Mariya Pushpam the Superior and the Secretary of Auxilium Arts and Science College and College of education for women and Mr. Rajkumar Village Leader, Sr. Arokia Mary Selvi ASSIST Directress, Trichy participated in the awarding ceremony in the month of December 2022. The project area now has water filled ponds and enhanced pollination which has resulted in an increase in food production.



INNOVATE STEM FEST – AWARDING CEREMONY

Innovate STEM Fest- Awarding Ceremony was held on 28th December 2022. Our Chief Guest Mr. Anbil Makesh, Minister for School Education of Tamilnadu gave a motivational speech to the students on STEM Education. He emphasized to the students that more scientists should emerge in our country by taking the inspiration of Sir. CV Raman and Dr. APJ. AbdulKalam. He congratulated the achievers and appreciated the efforts of the organization, teachers, students and parents. Following his speech, a virtual display of ASSIST, its main activities and achievements, and Innovate STEM fest event was displayed along with the feedback video of the students and teachers. The audience was highly impressed by the activities which were performed by ASSIST. After the video presentation, the Chief Guest distributed the prizes for the winners. The winners were honoured with trophies, medals and cash prizes. 1st prize was given to Sowdambiga Mount Litera Zee School with a cash prize of Rs.15,000/-, 2nd prize was given to CREA Children's Academy Matriculation Higher Secondary School with a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- and the third place was given to two teams namely BHEL Matriculation school and Ambedkarnagar Evening study center of ASSIST with the cash prize of Rs.5,000/-. All the participants have been honoured with a participation certificate and a memento. After the prize distribution our Chief guest Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam who is the Vice Provincial of the Salesian Sisters of Trichy Province and secretary of the Auxilium Arts and Science College for women and college of Education rendered a special address to the gathering. Following her speech, the invited guests and dignataries Mr.Arul Dass Social Activist and NAPM, Comrade Indrajith District Exucutive Member CPI, Trichirapalli and Dr. Seetha Arunachalam Secretary of Chrithu raj College delivered their speeches and addressed the gathering. The entire programme was a nice display of discipline by students and organizers.





CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY WITH FAMILIES

*"No matter how difficult it is that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary"
- Sr. Lucia of Fatima.*

During October a month dedicated to the rosary, Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria the animator along with some Salesian co-operators, and a few girls went to few homes and prayed the Holy Rosary and encouraged the families to pray the rosary every day because the family prays together, will stay together. The children of Shelter Home, and Reception Unit prayed the rosary very devoutly throughout the month. At the end of the month, the children decorated statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary at different places in the campus and animated the rosary creatively. Ten of our Salesian co-operators, joined with the children and as they were praying the Holy Rosary, the Children enacted the apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes, Fatima, and at Vailankanni. At the end, Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria, the animator, appreciated the Children and the co-operators had dinner with the children and happily dispersed.



SEASON OF CREATION

We celebrated the Season of Creation for a week. The children were divided into four groups. Sr. Anthony Samy Renuga conducted different competitions for the children during the weekdays. The children also took part in all the competitions with full enthusiasm. Finally, on the fourth of October they creatively exhibited all their activities. Rev Fr. Fabian, from Don Bosco Anbu Illam, was invited to inaugurate the exhibition. He appreciated the children for their creative presentation and gave them some practical tips on how to protect nature in our daily lives.



ANNUAL FEAST OF THE PARISH CHURCH AND FRIST HOLY COMMUNION



We celebrated the feast of our parish church on 16th October 2022 which bears the name of St. Francis of Assisi and our Bishop The Most Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas was present to share God's blessing with us and administrated the sacrament of First Holy communion and confirmation. During his homily, the bishop shared the virtues of

Saint Francis of Assisi and told the Children about their duty towards the Church. Added to the joy of everyone, our Shelter home Children, Ms. Josephine Silvia and Ms. Maria Gracie received Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the end of the Holy Mass, the Parish Priest Fr. John Paul Vincent thanked everyone for the successful celebration and especially, thanked the sisters, and the teachers, who taught Catechism and prepared the Children to receive the Sacraments.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

On 24th October the Shelter Home and Reception Unit Children gathered at Marialaya hall with their colorful dresses to celebrate Diwali. Fr. Maria Antony from St. Fatima Church Gandhipuram celebrated the Holy Eucharist and brought down the blessing of Diwali. In the evening, the Shelter Home and



Reception Unit Children and sisters enjoyed fireworks and thanked the God of Light.



THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE PIONEERS TO INDIA

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name: make known His deeds among the peoples". The community of Marialaya had our Centenary celebration of our presence in India on 24th November at our Assisi Parish Church, thanking God for our six pioneers who came to



our country to sow the seed of our salesian charism. Six girls dressed as sisters bore the names of our six pioneers, and seven girls carried placards with names of our seven provinces in India. Sr. Anthony Samy Renuga gave the introduction for the celebration and explained the importance of the day. The celebrant Fr. John Paul Vincent congratulated the sisters and their mission among the youth. The Salesian co-operators were also present and actively participated in the liturgical celebration. They offered five thousand rupees as a donation for the new Church. At the end of the mass Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria proposed the vote of thanks. In the name of Marialaya, Sr. Vincent Nadar Mary presented Rs:5000/- to the Parish Priest. Sr. Aruldoss Rose Mary presented a Centenary memento.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



On the feast of the Immaculate Conception as a community, we prayed the morning prayer and had the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with our Children. Sr. Irudayasamy Maria Tamil Selvi animated the liturgy and brought out the theme that the same God who made the incarnation of Christ possible (John 1:14) also made the Immaculate Conception of Mary possible. Fr. Alex a diocesan Priest of Coimbatore celebrated the Holy Eucharist and he emphasized the same point saying how God chose Mary of Nazareth to be the Mother of His Son Jesus Christ to be born from her. He wished all the children and recommended them to have great devotion to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. On this very day we also remember our founder Don Bosco as he began the oratory, the Reception Unit girls



enacted the event and prayed a Hail Mary together. In the evening, Sr. Anthony Samy Renuga and the children decorated the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary beautifully and our animator Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria conducted the Holy Rosary in which the Sisters, the Shelter Home children, the Reception Unit Children, and all the inmates participated and prayed very fervently.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN RIGHTS



Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10th of December, which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, gender, language, political or other

opinions, national or social origin, property, birth or another status. As part of celebrating and observing human rights day, we have planned a Human Chain awareness campaign along with our SHG co-ordinators, members, and our staff team. Sr. Irudayasamy Maria Tamil Selvi – Marialaya Programme co-ordinator organized it. As a team we joined together for human rights awareness in the Ganapathy bus stop area and chanted slogans on human rights while exhibiting our posters on human rights to the general public. The Chief Guest Mr. Mathivaanan - Advocate delivered a speech on the importance of human rights and that we should be the voice for the voiceless. More than seventy-five participants were part of this event. The general public became aware of human rights.

CHRISTMAS WISHING

Christmas is about Jesus, the Emmanuel, Our Marialaya staff and children gathered at Marialaya Hall on 23rd December for Christmas wishes. Sr. Irudaysamy Maria Tamil Selvi, the programme co-ordinator, organized the programme. Invoking God's blessing, they started the programme. Our Reception Unit children performed a beautiful dance. The staff wished our animator Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria and the sisters a Merry Christmas with a song. The Sisters shared gifts with the staff and children. Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria, our animator, gave them the Christmas message and shared the joy of celebration.



On October 27th from ASSIST, Tiruchirappalli development office two staff Mr. Chinna Rasu and Mr. Mohan came to animate the children of the Dindigul evening coaching class on how to utilize the waste and save Mother Earth from pollution. Some videos and power points were used to explain the message to the children. They also took the children around the campus to teach them how to recycle the waste, and encouraged the children to post videos about how they preserve nature for their future generation. Sr.Susai Antonia gave them some practical tips and gave them medicinal saplings to plant.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The evening coaching children along with their parents gathered joyfully on 22nd December 2022. Our teaching and non-teaching staff was gathered to receive their gifts. The presence of the parents of the children added joy to our celebration. The variety of programmes performed by the children communicated the real meaning and the spirit of Christmas. Fr. Maniarash the assistant parish priest of our parish honoured us with his presence and gave a beautiful message that sharing even the little we have is the best gift that pleases the infant Jesus. Sr. Susai Antonia shared how to welcome Jesus into our hearts and make him happy.



Sr. Joseph Prakash Josephine Reena
Mariaanjalli, Dindigul





Youth fest was organized at Ulagampatti, Dindigul with full vibe of 60 youngsters. The Programme started with a prayer song and a prayer by the Youth. Sr. Jancy Rani introduced the resource person and Chief Guest for the Youth Fest 2023 Rev. Fr. Albert Yesu Raj SDB to the participants. Girls and boys presented a dance and other cultural items which made everyone to refresh their mind for better engagement for the session. The priest animated the youth with the theme **“Young People must go in haste to others; just like Mary”**. He made them alive with games and creative activities. The participants were divided into groups and a Group Discussion was held on the theme that was presented. The day came to end with a positive feedback from the youth and we thanked God for His protection.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A.I.HR.SEC.SCHOOL GRATITUDE DAY

BROADWAY

The root of extreme joy is the key to gratitude. With love, gratitude, and appreciation to our loving sisters of Saint Francis Xavier's convent, a grand memorable celebration took place on 29th October with much pomp and show. The day started with giving thanks to our heavenly father through a morning prayer and meaningful Eucharistic togetherness celebrated by Rev. Father Sitrarasu Kanikairaj, along with other priests. Thereafter the grandeur of the celebrations turned to the campus of Saint Francis Xavier's Convent. The faculties and students of Our Lady's Centre matriculation school and Saint Francis Xavier's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School



laid their voices of respect as the dignitaries walked on the red carpet receiving the salutation of the guard of honour, the school band, and the spectators. The day took off with a meaningful prayer service, theme presentation, welcome dance, felicitation greetings and colorful Fanta bolus performance of our students. Every event was a mark of our love and sincerity to our correspondent Sister Fernando Majella and the community of St. Francis Xavier's convent.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION



In the honour of celebrating 100 years of the presence of the Salesian sisters in India, the community at Broadway and St. Francis Xavier A.I.Hr.Sec.School took the initiative to conduct the sports completion for all the schools nearby. Three days of impressive games and competitions ended with the grand concluding celebration on 24th November. The chief guest of the day Mister P.K. Sekar Babu, the Minister of the Hindu religious and charitable endowment department, made his honourable presence as a mark of respect to the religious missionaries of Broadway. He was accompanied by the Counselor of Broadway Mister Parimalam and all other members of the DMK party.

As the Guard of honour and color parties took the salute, the dignitaries accompanied by Sr. Fernando Majella, the sisters of the community, Rev. Father Thomas, The Principal of Saint Mary's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary school, all other principles of the neighboring schools, educating community members and Past pupils marched to the dais. The celebration continued at the onset of praising the Almighty for the marvelous deeds and prosperity showered on our institution. The various colorful ceremonial programs were a treat to our eyes.



PRIMARY SPORTS DAY AND FEAST OF BL. LAURA VICUNA



"The expert in anything was once a beginner" With all pomp & show in full swing the Primary sports day of our tiny talented buddies commenced gracefully on 20th January 2023. The Chief Guest of the day Ms. Rajalakshmi Baskaran, a past pupil of our esteemed institution & a successful person designated as an air hostess of Indian Airlines, graced the occasion. The day started with praising

the Father & anticipating the Feast of St. Laura Vicuna, thanking God for all his goodness. The bubbling students beautifully performed their parade, as the captains marched forward, followed by creative displays, colorful relays, martial arts & so on. The parents were excited to see their kids performing with so much enthusiasm. Sr. Fernando Majella the correspondent and Sr. Arockianathan Virginia Mary the Headmistress gave away the certificates, trophies, and medals to all the winners & the winning teams.

BROADWAY

OUR LADY CENTER MATRICULATION SCHOOL

CHARITY DAY

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put in to giving"

We had a great celebration of charity day on 19th October and the Chief Guest of the day was Rev.Sr.Majella our Correspondent. She inaugurated the event by cutting the ribbon followed by a prayer. On this day Philanthropic and humanitarian efforts are honoured by giving our time, our love and even a smile, various eatables were sold and games were conducted and the amount received will be utilized for the sharing day.



CHRISTMAS DAY

“Christmas is the season of joy and of family unity”



At Christmas we are meant to share in the love of God. This year we shared our love with the hundreds of auto rickshaw and rickshaw drivers who bring our students, safely to school every day. They were the special invitees of the day. The day was marked with sharing of Christmas joy with loving gratitude and prayers. We also made the day more significant by giving school bags for 72 students and 10 poor students from high school were given Rs.5000/- cash to pay their fees. Our Correspondent and headmistress gave away the gifts to all. The support of Teachers and Educating Community members was great in making this day successful.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO CUM PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

The primary sports day was merged with the feast of Don Bosco on 31st January 2023, and the virtues of our saintly founder was brought out through enactment. The chief guest of the day was Ms. Supriya B. Com LLB past pupil of the school and a Tennis player at national level who has brought great name and fame to our school. Various sporting activities were conducted and the winners were awarded medal and certificates by our chief guest. The chief guest in her speech shared her personal experience and asked the parents to encourage their children in sports activities to keep them fit and healthy.





As we celebrate world girl child day on 11th October a rally was conducted in Bharathi nagar to give awareness and to celebrate our girl children. The rally was started with nearly 26 children along with

Ms.Sharmila Social worker and MSW Field work students; They walked for 500 meters from Bharathi Nagar. Then orientation about girl child day was given by Sister Anna Manikkam coordinator and everyone actively responded and pledged themselves to protect girl child and their rights.

MEDIA DAY

On 16th October Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen FMA from the province social media committee organized a media day for the children of Marialaya. She started the day with prayer and exhibited many media icons and symbols and explained to the children their merits and demerits. She introduced, and explained many useful mobile apps and its applications and made the children to take part actively with lots of competitions and creative activities. She showed several videos and gave an awareness not get addicted to media but to use them in proper way. The children benefited through this media class animation.



BHUMI TRUST COMPETITION

To explore the skills of the students, a NGO trust called BHUMI held an annual competition on October 30, 2022. Around 31 children from Marialaya participated accompanied by Sr. Arockiadass Raja Nirmla and the staff members. They took part in writing poetry, dressmaking, glue modelling, acting, dancing, singing, and singing etc. They were awarded with medals and certificates.



TRIPLE CELEBRATIONS

Marialaya house was gleamed with joy on 26th November 2022 as we had the Triple celebration such as Conclusion of the Centenary celebration of Salesian sisters' presence in India, Silver Jubilee of Mrs. Britulla our Women group member and Mr. Rajendran our house Driver and community Gratitude Day. The day started with grand Eucharistic celebration by Rev.Fr.Cittrarasu our parish priest, in the presence other confreres and sisters from neighbouring communities, the family members of silver jubilarians, Marialaya coordinators, staff and children. After the Eucharistic celebration the children gave colourful program wishing our silver jubilarians and everyone gathered there. Finally Sr.Michael Sujatha Arockia Mary the director thanked Mrs.Britulla, and Mr.Rajendran for their respectable services in Marialaya and everyone for their valuable presence on that day. The community shared their gifts as token of our love and gratitude for them and appreciated the presence of their family members.



CHILDREN'S DAY



The celebration of children's day was made grand on 13th November in Mariyalaya Auditorium with the presence of Ms.Madhumitha, a transgender and HR from IT sector, a person well known for motivational speech as the Chief Guest of the day. She has been an inspiration for many young people with low self-esteem. Sr.Annamanickam the coordinator of the day welcomed the chief guest and she was honoured by the Director Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary. The children from our house, open Shelter, and from evening tuition canters participated eagerly. They presented colourful dance, drama and came out with meaningful messages for the day. The teachers also presented thought provoking drama explaining that each one has a purpose of living in this world. Ms.Madhumitha the chief guest of the day narrated her life story which inspired everyone and all the children received prizes for their wonderful participation.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas day celebration was held in Marialaya Auditorium on 18 December 2022 for evening tuition children. The chief guest was Mr. Kavalan Karithkeyan who is known as CO of Arankavalan. Around 100 children from 10 evening tuition canters participated in the program enthusiastically and performed dance song, drama. Sr.Arockia Sujatha Mary our animator distributed Christmas gifts and ended the day with group photo and a special lunch.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT DHAYANA ASARAMAM



We had Christmas Celebration for the staff at Dhayana Asaramam, in Mylapore on 23rd December 2022. Rev.Fr Rosario Jeri a Jesuit a well-known person in the social work field was the Chief Guest of the day. Sr.Sujatha Arokia Mary director of Marialaya welcomed and introduced the guest of the day Fr.Jeri gave an inspirational talk that a human should do something special between his birth and death. In the afternoon Rev.Fr.Britto principal of Loyola College animated the day with songs and he insisted that we are interconnected and we need to respect each other and share our love and care . After lunch the Holy mass was celebrated and it was followed with a program by Marialaya staff. The staff were provided with saree and cake.

YOUTH FEAST

Youth Feast was held in Marialaya on 21st January 2023 at 3.30 pm. The program started with a prayer by Coordinator Sr.Susai Annamanickam. Dr. Kalpana, President of International Human Rights Commission was present as a resource person of the day. Hand bands were provided for all encouraging everyone to participate lively. The day was followed with games and Sr.Sujatha Director thanked the chief guest and she gave motivational speech. She also advised the younger generation to focus on their career so that they can shine in future. Children who won in games received their prizes from the chief guest.



CHARITY DAY

MADURAI - SIRUDUR



“Your greatness is not what you have, but it's what you give” to make sayings realized, we had Charity Day on 20th October with lots of preparation for one week . During this week the generous teachers prepared some eatables with their own money and this was sold during the break. The children were motivated and the parents also were well informed about the charity day in which the students and others can contribute their little mite for some great cause. On the charity day the joyful noise of the students echoed in the campus. The higher secondary school had lucky dip and the matriculation had the eatables prepared by the teachers and the volunteers. Parents also availed themselves to share in the joy.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

“Let us move from untruth to truth and from darkness to light”



The Diwali celebrations at school often mean a festive look with diyas and lanterns adorning the school. We had our celebration on 21st October, this started with a solemn prayer to the almighty and a beautiful thought, that filled our hearts and minds with love and harmony. The small kids with a light in their hands danced so well to capture the audience's hearts. There was a short skit enacted to inculcate the value of sharing. Wonderful performances by the students instilled a sense of victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil and hope over despair. Some parents also were present for the celebration.



YOUTH FEST IN AUXILIUM SCHOOL



“Young people are competent to help others in haste like Mother Mary”. The Youth fest was celebrated at Auxilium Higher Secondary School on 21st January, 2023. Almost 300 young students actively participated in the youth fest from both schools. The rally was inaugurated by our Correspondent Sr. Assumpta by waving the green flag. The students went in procession shouting slogans. Once the rally was over, a special prayer service was held by portraying the history of Laura Vicuna. The celebrations were declared open by our Correspondent by hoisting the flag and releasing colorful balloons and exploring our youthful mind. Sr. Leema, the Headmistress of Auxilium Matriculation School welcomed our chief guests Fr. David and Br. Kingston. They explained the theme of “Mary arose and left with haste” to help Elizabeth and he emphasized on the point that young people must be like Mary and be ready to help others at any time. He showed a short film “Lead India” to motivate the children to help others and advised them to protect nature like our Holy Father insists.

Then, a panel session was conducted by our students on the topic of “Pancha Boodhas”. The questions were given to the groups to make meaningful discussions. The day ended with a beautiful learning and sharing experience for the young in our campus.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO

“In Every Young Person, a Point of Goodness is Accessible” – and it is the primary duty of the educator to discover that sensitive cord of the heart so as to draw out the best in the young person - St. John Bosco



Reminiscence of our Holy Father Don Bosco on his feast was celebrated on Jan. 31st at our Auxilium Higher Secondary School. We celebrated the feast with three days of Tridum practices meditating on the virtues from the life of Don Bosco. On the day of feast, a grand celebration was conceded by welcoming our Chief Guest Sr. Fatima. Then, a small prayer service was conducted regarding Don Bosco. Following this, our students presented a drama by recollecting the life of Don Bosco. John Bosco's momentous motto "Give Me Souls, Take Away the Rest" was considered as the theme for the play.

YOUTH FEST IN THE PARISH



On 29th Jan 2023, we had a grand celebration of the feast of Don Bosco in Kadachanendal Parish. All the parishioners were present and our boarders enacted the life of Don Bosco exhibiting the spirituality and mission of Don Bosco for the young people. After Mass, we gathered 60 catechism students for the youth fest. The event was initiated by Sr. Leema by giving a small talk about the youth fest. The games were conducted for the young and everyone took part enthusiastically. Sr. Leema distributed a new paper cover and asked them to put a gift for their loved one and she explained saying "Giving Yourself to God" is the best gift. She also explained how the call of God comes to each one of us and the way we need to respond to that call of God. With good interaction among the young, the day's event came to an end.



SKILLS - DEVELOPING COURSE

POTHUR

“Run, jump, yell but do not sin”

From the 3rd to the 8th of October 2022 an organized skills-developing program was inaugurated by Sr. Victor Maria Kilodiya responsible for children at Pothur Marialaya, Ms. Gowri, the program co-ordinator and Ms. Johna the counselor, in which 15 children participated. Each day started with a short prayer moment and a task was given to them. Junior IAS Academy Training was given to the children by showing the videos of last year and how they participated in preparing the notes for their study. Again, they were inspired and motivated to take classes for others by understanding, concentrating, and grasping the lessons. Concentration games were conducted to make them active and alive..



CELEBRATING THE CREATION

A weeklong celebration on Season of creation was initiated for the children to arouse in them the love for nature and to realize how nature has affected humanity. This was shown through videos. The children went around the garden and shared the uses of medicinal plants and trees. They were divided into three groups three groups and were asked to present the messages through playlets and drawing and learned not to destroy but to save nature.



OUTING

The children were so eager and excited to go to the theatre and enjoyed the film Pistha while coming out of the theatre they were interviewed by a local channel to speak about the film. The children expressed their opinions without fear and they carried their happiness even to the Marina beach.



Broadway



Discernment



Trichy

Youth Fest 2023





BOSCOREE at ASSAM



MINI BOSCOREE



MEDIA EDUCATION

“Posting less, doing more. Comparing less, reflecting more, discussing less, and accomplishing more”



The Media Education course was held on 15th Oct 2022 at Pothur Marialaya Children's Home by the Province Media Co-ordinator Sr. Rayappan Antony Jothy on the right and safe use of Media. Here are some of their learning expressions:

- To use social media to bring about an impact on the people
- Women are always projected as an object.
- Learned to recognize and differentiate between each scene and sequence
- The enactment on different topics such as Youth Media, the advantages and disadvantages of media, and How to protect ourselves in social media made them to think more deeply and creatively about media and they gained confidence.

SILVER JUBILEE

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His Love endures forever”

With a warm and joyous welcome we the community of Marialaya Pothur welcomed everyone who came to take part in the glorious Silver Jubilee of the Religious Profession of our dear Sr. Gabriel Mary Malliga. We the daughters of Mary Help of Christians marvel at the works of God and thank Him for His greatness in the life of our dear Sr. Malliga for the past 25 silver years of grace. We had a solemn Eucharistic Celebration concelebrated by the Salesians from Don Bosco wisdom Town, Redhills, along with her brother Fr. Callistus from Kuzhithurai diocese. We were





filled with a sense of jubilation, joy, and gratitude. The children of Marialaya Pothur wished her with their colourful programmes with love and gratitude. The sisters from the neighboring communities came for the Jubilee and wished her with joy and gratitude.

Dear Sr. Malliga the journey of 25 years is not simply a journey, but the days intertwined by intimacy with God and the loving relationship with others. We celebrate you, your vocation, your call, and your life of service but above all, we celebrate God, His call, His faithfulness, and His mercy which has been the anchor of your life. We wish you many fruitful years ahead in the service of the Lord.

YOUTH FEST



“Mary arose and went with Haste” was the central theme of the message given by our Holy Father Pope Francis on the World Day of Youth. To experience and live this message of our Holy Father through our young people the community sisters took the initiative of going to the neediest of our Society. On the 22nd of January 2023 the sisters and the Higher Secondary Girls of Marialaya Pothur went with Haste to Parisutha Narkarunai Illam a Home for the mentally ill street wanderers run by the sisters of



Charity in Morai. The Girls enacted the scene of the visitation and danced to make the inmates happy and alive. Then we distributed a few needed things for the inmates. The sisters and girls appreciated the sisters for their dedicated service and sacrifice. The inmates were all wanderers on the street usually brought by the police. Thanking God for the dedicated sisters and their service they returned home.

In the evening The children viewed a film on the life of Blessed Laura Vicuna and had a quiz competition between the groups. The prizes were distributed to those who scored good marks On the 23rd morning, we had a festal mass celebrated by Fr. Praveen SDB the vocation Promoter for the Salesians of the Don Bosco Province of Chennai.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION

TIRUVOTTIYUR

On 21st October 2022, Our Lady's Higher Secondary School organized a science exhibition and invited Mr. Kotteswaran Iyya, the Social activist and Mr.J.Antony Selva Sathish and his wife, the Benefactor



of the School as the Chief Guests. Then the Chief Guests, the invitees and all the well-wishers went along with the Headmistress, Sr. Antony Regina Mary to review the exhibitions displayed on Science, Tamil, English and History. Everyone appreciated and encouraged the students for their great effort.

“UNITY RUN” ON NATIONAL UNITY DAY

Our Lady's CBSE School organized a "Unity Run" in the campus on 31st October 2022. Grade VI to IX students were made to gather near the main entrance holding placards with slogans written on it. Rev. Sr. Dr. Peter Selvarani our Principal flagged the run to start the National Unity Day. The run started near the main gate entering the convent pathway and reaching the higher secondary school playground and from the side gate they entered the CBSE campus concluding in the CBSE playground. The students actively participated in the "UNITY RUN" contributing to National Unity Day



CHRISTMAS CHARITY

On 20th December 2022, the Christmas gifts of stationary items, little grocery items, rice bags, and baked sweets were carried to the Shelter Home for Street Children at Pothur Marialya where there are around 50 girls. It was a unique moment and the finest chance to show the poor children that they are loved by God and their fellow brethren. It was this sentiment of charity with which the members of Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School collected their little mites to share with the deserving brothers and sisters who live in destitute homes and with the poor children who would otherwise receive nothing. The School management extended their special note of gratitude and appreciation to all the parents who taught their children to give or share their blessings of a variety of charities focused on providing Christmas support for struggling children.



CHARITY TO MERCY HOME

In a bid to encourage young students to help the ageing, needy and underprivileged children, Sr. Peter Selvarani our Superior and principal, took up the initiative of donating joy, love and happiness through the Our Lady's School of Excellence students to the Home for the aged. Under this programme, the School and its students contributed to Mercy Home Kilpauk - A Home for the aged. The visit was planned to induce and inculcate empathy, compassion and the true meaning of Christmas.



YOUTH FEST

It was indeed a day of great joy and blessing for the Young as it was their day to celebrate in Arch Bishop Louis Mathias Home. Rev. Sr. Dr. Peter Selvarani, the Animator and Correspondent organized the event with ardour and zeal on the theme - "Young people must go in haste to help others; just like Mary". Our Lady's



Higher Secondary School and Our Lady School of Excellence Grade IX to XII students attended the Youth Fest. The dignitaries present on the occasion were Rev. Fr. Oswald SDB, Kavarapettai, Mr. Ajith, the Environmentalist, Mr. Ali Basha the Environmentalist and Mr. Antony, Police personnel in H8 Station. The rally started from Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School towards the Thiruvottiyur High Road and ended up in Our Lady's School of Excellence Campus. The students held placards that carried messages on the protection of the environment, biodiversity and issues that are affecting the environment. After reaching the campus the dignitaries were felicitated and Rev. Fr. Oswald SDB gave a talk on the theme. We had a panel discussion providing an opportunity for free expression of views for the young teachers and students. Through songs and dances, the young people expressed the Salesian joy of coming together.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT THE COMMUNITY AND PARISH LEVEL

The day dawned with a festive atmosphere and began it with the animation of Morning Prayer, thanking God and Mother Mary for having called us to this Salesian Congregation. The altar and the notice board exhibited the tone for the celebration of 100 years of the Salesian Sisters presence in India. In order to make known the Salesian presence in our Parish we had the celebration in our parish church. At 6:30 p.m, the solemn Holy Mass began with an

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entrance procession with the flags of the Holy Father, Mary help of Christians, Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. All the community Sisters, co-operators, teachers and children joined the procession. The Celebrant was our parish Priest Rev. Fr. Wilson. During the sermon he highlighted the sacrifice of our six pioneers and appreciated the presence of the Salesian Sisters in the parish. After the Mass Sr. Poobalarayen Nirmala thanked the parish Priest, the choir and the faithful for their valuable presence. The recessional hymn based on the Centenary was rendered by the sisters.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

A Science Exhibition was conducted in our Holy Infant Jesus Middle School on 2nd November by students from Standard I–VIII. Though there are very few children in the school, with very ordinary waste material, they made different science models and displayed them meaningfully.



SYLLAMBAM COMPETITION AT DISTRICT LEVEL



District level Syllambam competition was held on 5th November 2022 at Nagercoil and three students from our Holy Infant Jesus Middle School took part. Our student Lifna of class 8 won the third prize. Congratulations to Miss. Lifna for her great effort to win and to the trainers too.

CO-OPERATORS DAY

25th November is marked as co-operators day in commemoration of Venerable Margaret Occhiena, the mother of Don Bosco and the first co-operator in Don Bosco's work with the poor boys of Turin. Her picture was decorated and the community sisters along with the co-operators



had a Eucharist Celebration in our convent chapel celebrated by Rev. Fr. Wilson our parish Priest. A brief introduction about venerable Margaret Occhiena's life and the purpose for the celebration was given. After communion, seven members renewed their promise.

PARTICIPATION IN THE DIOCESAN AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CANCER AND VISIT TO CHILDREN'S HOME



Sr. Ponraj M Amudha along with the Young Catholic Students (YCS) and a few youth group members from the parish participated in the awareness rally on Cancer on 27th November conducted at the Diocesan level. There were participants from 12 villages and they carried placards and shouted slogans against drug addiction, smoking and other things which are the causes of cancer among the seashore communities, on 27th November they visited a children's Home in Nagercoil. They spent their time playing and made them happy.

GRATITUDE DAY CELEBRATION



The community gratitude day was celebrated with great joy on 14th December and it began with the Morning prayer animated by Sr. Irudayam Benita Rani with appropriate hymns sung thanking each other spontaneously. We had Holy Mass in our chapel

celebrated by Rev. Fr. Wilson our Parish Priest and the teachers from our schools were invited to join us for the Eucharistic Celebration. Being the feast of St. John of the Cross during sermon the life history was highlighted. After the Mass we had breakfast together and it was like a family gathering which strengthened the bond of unity. With joy on the faces of the children we had our gratitude day celebration in the school. The cultural programme by both children and teachers made the day more colourful.

MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS

The community had a meaningful Christmas 2022 visiting the poor and uncared elders' family in their home including our neighborhood family with a bedridden elderly man and his wife who are often cared for by us. We offered them a saree, a dhoti, a cake, and we saw great joy in their faces. We also shared lunch with them and many came for arms and received help.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT ANIMATION

PULIYADITHAMMAM

One hundred and twenty children from Neighbourhood Children's Parliament hailing from ten evening study centres and nine staff participated in the animation on Neighbourhood Children's Parliament in Arunodaya Study centre Puliadithammam on 22nd October 2022. Sr. Xavier IrudayaArasi the vicar of our house spoke on leadership and Sr. Peter Arockia Mary explained the procedures and manner of animating a parliament. The children gained knowledge of lobbying, advocacy, and village mapping during the meeting, which concluded with a mock election. We are grateful to ASSIST which helps our children to brighten their life with various skill development programmes.



DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION



Auxilium Matriculation School students A.Swathi and A. Blessy of STD IX went to Thiruppuvanam along with the Physical Education teacher to attend the district level match on 21st November 2022. They won the first place in Tennikoit. Some of our students from the under 14 and 19 categories participated in the district hand ball match in Thiruppuvanam and won the second place. S. Swathi of STD IX and Visithra of STD XII went along with our Physical Education teacher Mr.Saroth Kumar to Thiruppuvanam to attend the district level match. S.Swathi won the first place in the short put event and Visithra of STD XII in the under 19 category got the third place in triple jump.

TRIPLE CELEBRATION

We are privileged to celebrate the triple celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Institute, the Centenary year Celebration of the arrival of the pioneers to India and the feast of St.Mary Dominic Mazzarello on 24th November 2022. The invitee Fr. Soosai Manikam, the Vicar General of our Sivagangai Diocese and Fr. Santhiyahu, the Administrator of the Sivagangai Diocese, Bosco Maiyam Father and the neighbourhood religious were present to witness our celebration. All the educative community members, village leaders and parents of the native Salesian sisters were invited and their presence gave us more life. After the blessings, Sr.Rayappan Sampooranam the animator of our community thanked the Chief Guest and the gathering. To make the celebration more meaningful the community had

chosen 100 children from 10 villages and presented a small gift as a remembrance of the Centenary Year along with sweets and snacks.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND CHARITY WORK



The Auxilium Matriculation School began their Christmas celebration with a colourful and traditional crib with live characters of the crib on 17th December 2022. They praised baby Jesus through Christmas carols, dances, and a Christmas drama. Sr.Rayappan Sampooranam our animator and correspondent gave a Christmas message on Love. After the programme, Christmas cake was shared. Then few students along with the staff and Sr.Xavier Raj Irudaya Arasi went to Guanella Special School to do charity work. They met the students and staff and gave necessary provisions to nearly twenty thousand and wished them a very warm Christmas. On the following day Sr.Xavier Raj Irudaya Arasi and Sr.Sundaram Bernadette Neha along with a few students and a teacher went to Arockia Hospital for the Christmas Celebration. The students of our school danced and distributed provisions for Health and Hygiene awareness.

THANJAVUR



BIBLE DAY

With the spirit of joy, we celebrated the Bible day on 16th November 2022 in Auxilium Nursery and Primary School. Rev. Fr. Jayaraj, the Parish Priest of Adaikala Madha Church presided over the Bible day. To mark the day, The Holy Bible was brought in procession with beautiful angels. Many students participated enthusiastically to share God's words and it was awesome to hear the Bible quotes by the students. The students sang, danced and enacted a skit with various themes taken from the parables. They were enthusiastic to take part in the Bible quiz. Bible day Exhibition was a grateful moment which proved their talent and it was a wonderful opportunity to express their skills and talents. It was a meaningful day to reflect on the Word of God.



CHILDREN'S DAY

Children are the Best Creations of God. They spread Hope and Joy in All Seasons!

A very joyous day for all the children at Auxilium. We hosted a grand celebration as an expression of love to our children on their day. We began with a meaningful prayer moment to invoke God's Choisest blessings on the children all over the world. Teachers sang, appreciating the children with the rhythmic Ponni Nadhi song, children enjoyed and sang together clapping with the rhythmn. Rev.Sr.Susanna presided over the day and during the message, she spoke about the life of Mrs. Chandra. This was much inspiring for the children to know.



PROJECT EXPO DAY



We sprang out in extra vigor and interest to display our students' talent in preparing and presenting project Expo -22. It was held on 26th November 2022 in Auxilium Nursery and Primary School, Thanjavur. Rev. Sr.Magnificat declared the Expo open. The students presented class wise projects for all the subjects inclusive of Term – II. It was indeed an interest driven show backed with an eye opening theme presentation inducing joyful learning.

Mrs. Annam (Teacher)



THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas celebration was hosted on 16th December 2022 in our Auxilium Nursery and Primary School. Mrs. Amala introduced the day. We began with a very meaningful prayer and the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Ferrington SDB Rector Madhakottai St. Michael's presided over the event. As the birth of Jesus was announced he brought the statue of baby Jesus and placed Him in the manger. The choir rejoiced and sang JOY TO THE WORLD..... The Guest Rev.Fr. Ferrington, gave the Christmas message, playing Guitar and singing, "You are Christmas...We are Christmas...I Am Christmas". The children sprang in joy and sang together.

Mrs. Archana (Teacher)

PONGAL CELEBRATION



We celebrated the Harvest Festival, Pongal with the traditional Spirit of the Tamils on 13th January 2023. The students animated the prayer moment thanking

God for the Gift of the Farmers and the Harvest. We had a fancy dress mela and various competitions like singing, Digital Mind, Blooming Scientist, essay writing and drawing. There was good number of contestants interested to participate.

Auxilium Nursery and Primary School, Thanjavur
Mrs. Brinda (Teacher)





The long-awaited day dawned for the NAAC Peer Team visit from Oct 14th- 15th 2022. The team consisted of the Chairperson - Dr. Vrinda Tokekar, Professor, Institute of Engineering and Technology, Devi Ahilya Vishwa Vidyalyaya, Indore, Madhya Pradesh; Member co-ordinator - Dr. Resia Beegam. S, Professor, Department of Commerce and Director of School of Business Management and Legal Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, University of Kerala, and a Member of the peer team Dr.NarendraKhandait, Former Principal, G.S. College of Commerce & Economics,



Nagpur, Maharashtra. The management, faculty members, and students welcomed the Peer Team Members. The whole team met the Provincial Sr.Amlanathan Mary Margaret and the secretary Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam. It was followed by the presentation of the overall report of the College by the

Principal Sr.Peter Selvarani through PPT and the reports by Heads of the Departments. The Team also verified the data and departmental files and evaluated curricular, teaching and learning activities, research work, extension activities, infrastructure and learning facilities, and the plans and activities of the college in general and visited the library, laboratories of Physics, Computer and language, a departmental exhibition by the students, classrooms, and hostel and so on. On the next day they conducted the Exit meeting with the management and staff wherein they expressed their feedback about the college and handed over the report officially to the Principal Sr.PeterSelvarani. God be praised.

BEST TEACHER AWARD

19th October 2022 was an unforgettable day in the life of our dear Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam as she received the Best Teacher Award at the hands of the Vice-Chancellor in the presence of the Registrar and the Controller of Examinations of the University of Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai. Every college was sent an application from the University to select staff for this award-winning status. Our B.Ed. College selected Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam since she had 17 years of dedicated service in our college from the start of the college in 2005-2006. It was a proud and happy moment for our community to see our animator Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam being selected for this award. May God be glorified through this happiest event.



UNIVERSITY RANK HOLDERS - AUXILIUM COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE



The College rejoiced at the success of our young people in the University Examination results. We received the glad news on 3rd November 2022 that there were 42 Students in four departments who received

University ranks. Among them, Miss. J Yamuna, Department of Tamil got University I rank in the University rank exams and would receive the gold medal at the University Convocation ceremony. We praise the Almighty for giving us success for the work of our hands.



FEAST OF ST. MARY MAZZARELLO

“Be always joyful and humble; Pray always with all your heart, remember that prayer is the key which opens the treasures of heaven”. Remembering the



exhortation of our Co-Foundress St. Mary Mazzarello, we the community sisters and the young people celebrated the feast of St. Mary Mazzerello on 13 November. The Morning Prayer was animated in honour of St. Mary Mazzarello and the liturgy was kept as per Sunday. After the mass in Regunathapuram Church, there was an enactment by our hostel students depicting the holy life of St. Mary Mazzarello to the participants of the Mass. We gave each of them a small picture of the saint as they dispersed home. The committed groups presented the life of the saint creatively through songs, skits, dances, quiz, speeches, games, etc in the evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam, the animator of the community appreciated the students and the sisters in charge of the groups for their beautiful, innovative and meaningful celebration. She also highlighted and shared the life of St. Mary Mazzarello and her virtues in the good night talk.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN COLLEGES

The Christmas celebrations in Auxilium College of Arts & Science and Auxilium College of Education for Women were organized on the afternoon of 22 December. The Chief Guest was Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio (ThanjaiDomi), the Parish Priest, Sleeping St. Joseph Shrine, Arimalam, Thanjavur Diocese. There were colourful dances, carols, skits on a Christmas theme, and live cribs performed by the students of both colleges. The chief guest appreciated the students for their dynamic performance and he



emphasized in his speech that God had chosen the human body - Mary to make Jesus be born, to redeem the whole of humankind.

The hostellers joyfully celebrated the Christmas celebration in the hostel on 20th December 2022. During the prayer moment Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Puspam carried the statue of Baby Jesus and placed it in the crib, it was followed by a beautiful dance, skit, and melodious singing of carols by the hostellers. The Christmas message was given by Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Puspam on Love.

MEDIA WEEK - ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE

The Media week was celebrated from 06th to 11th January 2023 at Auxilium College Regunathapuram. This preparation and animation was organized and co-ordinated by Sr.Santiagu Therestal along with the media club members. The theme was on "Media and Ecology".



PONGAL CELEBRATION - ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE



The students of Auxilium College of Arts & Science celebrated the festival of Pongal for the year 2023. The girls were so appealing as they were traditionally dressed as per Tamil culture. The Pongal celebration was inaugurated by Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Puspam by waving the green flag. She lit the fire followed by

Sr.MasilamaniSebastiJeyaPushpam. Then each department prepared Pongal with a lot of happiness, joy, unity and peace.

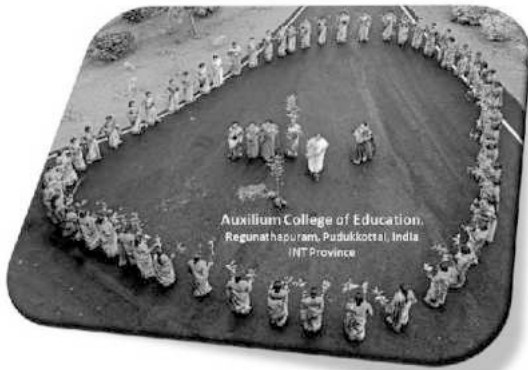
YOUTH FEST - 2023

"The youth are the young guns of the country who bring new change to lead a transformed society".

With this joyful note 1040 vibrant youth of Auxilium Campus celebrated happily the Youth Fest for the year 2023 at Auxilium Colleges; Regunathapuram. It was a lovely moment to see our beloved beautiful young girls filled with fun and laughter. The



Environment Day 2022
The Role of Youth in Safeguarding Our Mother Earth



Hall for the 1st year student teachers. The student teachers received much information about today's happenings around us and how much we are dependent on nature but, we are not grateful for what nature provides instead, we are destroying nature. So, sister gave us some ideas to control pollution and extend our love and care for nature.

INDIAN CONSTITUTION DAY

We the Auxilians of Good human and honest citizens celebrated the Indian Constitution Day on 26th November 2022. Sr. Malarjothi, and all the B.Ed. Professors, Staff members and 1st year Student teachers College assembled in front of the stage and observed Indian Constitution Day with a pledge to uphold the spirit of the Indian Constitution.



VADAKKU PAGANUR

CHILDREN'S DAY



The management and staff had an effort to make our students happy on children's day. As a preparation to this beautiful day the children were allowed to take part in the following competitions such as drawing, painting, story telling and tongue twister. Children who won in those competitions were awarded.



CONCLUSION OF THE CENTENARY YEAR



In gratitude to our beloved pioneers in our Mother Land and the all those who made our Salesian Mission for past 100 years, here we remembered them on 24th November 2022. We had conclusion of the Centenary Year in the school. There was a short prayer animated by the sisters. Then Sr. Pushpa Jeya the Correspondent shared the journey of the Pioneers and with Hail Mary, she concluded the day.

NOVITIATE - TRICHY

"BE SAINTS AS I AM A SAINT"- CANONIZATION OF ST.ARTEMIDEZATTI



Being a saint is a gift, to respond, to value and to welcome. God is merciful; it is He who comes to meet and enable people in that loving and filial dialogue that leads to wholeness. Naturally, everyone goes his or her own way, giving the best of themselves.

On October 9, 2022, a seed sprouts for the first time in the Salesian Saint's Garden for the Salesian brother. The canonization of St. Artemides Zatti, God's humble son and Don Bosco's follower.

We, the community of Sacro Cuore di Gesu' - Novitiate - Divyadhanam, began this historical aglow day on Tuesday 6th October 2022 with the thought on "**I PROMISED, I**



BELIEVED, I WAS HEALED" – ST. ARTEMIDES ZATTI, and we were indeed very fortunate and happy to have celebrated this great occasion together and thank the LORD for the gift of one more new saint ZATTI to our Salesian family.

The Novices passionately acted out the revitalizing events in St. Zatti's life. This enactment revealed his attitude of perfection in the smallest details, simplicity, and genuine love for the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. The words of Artemides Zatti echo in our hearts and minds that, I BELIEVED, because I knew by reputation that Mary Help of Christians helped him in visible ways. I PROMISED, because it was always his desire to help his neighbour in some way. And, since God listened to his servant, I RECOVERED.

Every heart without Christ is a mission field and every heart with Jesus is a missionary! It was true in his daily life, as he was a true missionary. Thus, the day of celebration concluded with a brief message from the Novice Formator Sr. Micheala Anthoni Cruz, who encouraged us to sustain our prayer lives to attain holiness.

Sr. David Jerlin Jeevitha - II-year Novice

Sr. Veda Kumar Helanprabha - II-year Novice

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I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"All our greatest things had their beginning and their fulfillment on the day of the Immaculate Conception" (MB XVII, 511)



For us Salesians, especially for us Novices, December 8 is the most important day. In order to crown the Immaculate Conception at the conclusion of this year of celebration of the foundation's 150th anniversary of the Institute, we had a particular preparation as an expression of gratitude to Mary, prolonged in the concreteness in the life of the individual FMA and of the many communities, educators from all over the world, who were symbolized by 12 stars.

*Sr. Kulanthaisamy Arul Jenifer
II - year Novice*





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - AT NOVITIATE

Christmas is a joyful season. It is a season of giving, unity, sacrifice and joy. It was a precious opportunity to create our LOVE CHAIN in sharing Christ's love and message with our workers, neighbouring community, and our community.

Reporter : Hello Santa. What is the GOOD NEWS today?

Santa : Today's good news is about the celebration of Christmas at Sacred Heart Novitiate-Trichy.

Reporter : What is the theme and purpose of that celebration?

Santa : Sharing solidarity, sacrifice and happiness.

SHARING: It was an excellent icebreaker moment where we shared our positive opinions with our workers. They too expressed their joy in being and working here. They witness that they were so much taken up by the love, care and accompaniment of the sisters. There was a reciprocal sharing of love and message. We shared our joy of Christmas by giving them dresses and sweets as gifts.

Reporter: Sharing is good. Then what next?

Santa: **SOLIDARITY**

We left for our neighbouring community on December 22nd in the evening. Together, we danced and sang as we prepared for Christmas. Our beloved Mother Provincial gave us a very special gift. Enjoying each other's company was the culmination of the day. On the occasion of Christmas each one shared their spiritual resolution. Almost at the end of the celebration, our affectionate Mother Provincial nurtured us with short spiritual thoughts which stimulated us to prepare for Christmas.

Reporter: Sharing and solidarity go together what about sacrifice?

Santa: **SACRIFICE** begins at home.

With hands full of graces and love in our hearts, we as a community celebrated the birth of Jesus on 23rd December in the evening. The novices' performance of singing, acting, and dancing made Christmas more joyful. As the celebration's rhythm came to a conclusion, we revealed our Christ-child. Once we knew it, we were all enthralled. We concluded our celebration by expressing our sincere gratitude to everyone for their contributions.



CELEBRATION:

On the 24th of December at midnight was the culmination of all our preparation and celebration. We held a solemn Eucharistic celebration. Our communities and hearts were completely overwhelmed by the joy of Christ's birth. We welcomed the newborn baby with great desire and spread our joy by giving out candy and pastries.

Reporter: Hats off to Baby Jesus for bringing everyone together as one family.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - IN THE ORATORY



It was a wonderful and exiting day for us and for our oratory children. On 11th December, we had the Christmas celebration with our Oratory children in our campus. The chief guests were Mr. Anantha Kumar and Mrs. Josephine from Kantharvakottai and from Auxilium Provincial house community joined the celebration. The theme of the day was 'by sharing we shall strengthen our relationship with one another'. The chief guest and the animator Sr. Michaela Cruz enlightened the children with her enriching thoughts.

Sr. James Arockiadass Micheal Avila - II - year Novice

Sr. Joseph Arockia Jency - II - year Novice

CENTENARY CELEBRATION

“WHEREVER CONSECRATED PEOPLE ARE, THERE IS JOY!”

It was an amazing moment of joy on 19th November 2022. We, the Divyadhanam Novitiate celebrated the centenary year of the FMA presence in India. We expressed our million thanks to God and Mary Help of Christians and remembered the words of our founder St. John Bosco: the FMA's are “the Living monument of gratitude to Mary



Help of Christians". We gratefully thanked the six pioneers for their passion for the souls and the poor. They have sown the tiny seed in our motherland, now which has grown and given meaningful fruits of joy, peace, and love in the lives of a multitude of young people who are entrusted to our care and who wait for a bright future with hope.



The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Agilan Sarprasatham SDB, the Provincial of Trichy Province. During his sermon, he thanked the pioneers for their sacrifice and hard work, the fruit of which we are enjoying our mission today. We, the novices sang a song with our angelic and melodious voices for the feast and for the centenary of our presence. Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret FMA Provincial of Trichy province welcomed the gathering for the fellowship meals. As we remembered the six pioneers, we invited six sisters to cut the centenary cake. We enjoyed and shared our sisterly communion with other religious. Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret gave a centenary souvenir bag to all of them. After the pandemic, we had a nice celebration. This was a pleasant experience for us.

Sr. John Jancy - II - year Novice

Sr. Anthonysamy Jerlin - II - year Novice

ASHARAM EXPERIENCE

Love is the manifestation of the "experience of God." After ten days of a profound spiritual experience that was centered on understanding the teachings of Christ and spending a great deal of our time in adoration and reflection, we felt a strong



determination to become another Christ. The seven first-year novices went for this spiritual experience accompanied by Sr. Robert Santhiya Punitha.



We had the remarkable opportunity to learn about

- ❖ Religious Life,
- ❖ Ashram Essentials And FMA Constitution References,
- ❖ Consecrated Life in the Context of India, And
- ❖ Eco-Spirituality.

The *Asharam* experience from Oct. 20th to 31st was a magnificent way to discover one's own self, to develop into Christ's fullness, and to become another Christ. We became aware of the significance of silence. Through the sessions, taken by our sisters, we have gained a lot of convictions that we shall live by, with the assistance of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Our sincere thanks to Our Mother Provincial and Formators for providing opportunities to know and to love Jesus in daily living.

Sr. S.P. Jenifer - 1 Year Novice

SEMINAR ON THE IMPACT OF MEDIA

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Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothi the Province Coordinator for Media organized a day of orientation on the positive impact of Media. There were 43 children belonging to the age group of 8–18 participated in this event. Her sessions were loaded with visuals by which the message was communicated to the children and the children too were inspired positively. She described various modes of communication and explained that using media one need to have good intention rather than being cheated by it. The children also expressed that the day was very meaningful and received lot of positive energy and vibration to change the way of looking at the different communication instruments.



BLESSING OF A NEW BOOTH

The women Help Line booth at Railway Station was shifted and built as new one with the support of the Railway Police. It is a service Marialaya renders to the Railway Police for the past 10 years by appointing a staff throughout the day to be on guard and assist the unknown and doubtful faces roaming around the Railway Station as well as

any mischief's takes place in the train. It is a joined venture with the police, Government Officials and the local auto drivers.

Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam the Director, Sr. Antony Muthu Lourdhu Mary the coordinator, Mr. Dinesh Babu Child line city coordinator young girls from our home went to the railway station to celebrate the day. Fr. Lawrence, the Rector of Don Bosco NEST, Mr. Shankar, the Deputy SMR, Mr. Saravanan, the CCI, Mr. Rajkumar Clark, the police from RPF and GRP, and Auto Drivers' friends were among those invited.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO

The community celebrated with joy the feast of our beloved father and founder, St. John Bosco. We, the Marialaya family, sisters, staff, women and children, gathered in the evening to celebrate the feast of Don Bosco. The Salesians of Don Bosco NEST community joined with us bringing their cooperators. We had invited the benefactors for the

Holy Eucharistic celebration, cultural event by the inmates and followed by agape. The main celebrant was Fr. Lawrence SDB, the rector of the Don Bosco Nest, who gave a sermon on Salesian Spirit to live a simple with the sense of belonging to a big family, loving the souls, depending on God's providence and being available at all time for the needy children and young people. Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam welcomed and thanked all and shared briefly the life of Don Bosco and the mission of Marialaya. There were around 55 people who joined us in thanking the Lord for the gift of Don Bosco and our charism.



THERESPURAM

WOMEN LIVELIHOOD TRAINING



As per the Assist social development office of our province with help of the catholic health Association of India having the motivation “Re-igniting the mission of sisters, respond to the covid 19

pandemic in India, Rev. Sr Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi offered the Conrad N. Hilton fund for sisters project to our Therespuram Auxilium Mission. She prepared us to have a training programme for the livelihood of women like the ANM nursing course, tailoring, Aari work, and Beautician course. Mr. Britto followed the training program and it went on for a month. We inaugurated this project on October 14th and our animator Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy prepared the prayer and lit the Kuthuvillakku. She introduced the trainers and the headmistresses of our schools co-operated to get women among their students' parents. There were nearly forty women present on that day and different timings were fixed for the training.

AUXILIUM SCHOOL - ANNUAL DAY

Every year of crossing the academic session is a great achievement for all the students and teachers. Auxilium Matriculation Hr. Sec. School Therespuram after the pandemic joyfully celebrated the annual day celebration on November 25th 2022. The chief guests Sr. Kency Mary (OSM) the correspondent and Superior of St. Mary's college, Sr. Rosy Antony our school correspondent and superior, our principal Sr.V.Rosario Jebamani, our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Amalrai Susai were honourably welcomed by the musical band students of our school. The event included various dances and dramas. Our Chief Guest Sr. Kency encouraged the cent percent hard work of the teachers and the students.

PONGAL

“Give thanks to God for his nature and creation” was the slogan on the day of the Pongal celebration. Our school children brought rice and sugar and it was the happiest day for our children. We had different competitions to bring out the importance of our culture and appreciated the winners on this day. Mrs.Sasi Kala, our Chief Guest delivered a talk on hard work to achieve our goal.

Sr.Viagappan Rosario Jebamani



M. SAVARIYARPURAM

We organized a bible exhibition on 15th October for the year 2022. The parishes and substations around participated actively. Sr. Devaraj Jeya Rani and Sr. Sebastiar Caroline took great effort to help the teachers and students to put up the exhibition. We congratulated all our teachers and Basic Christian Communities for preparing them and giving them motivation and ideas. Our Parish Priest Fr. Selva George Thomas was generous enough to provide lunch and the programme came to an end.



SODALITY OF MARY



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated by the members of the sodality of Mary on 8th December. Sr. Sebastiar Caroline prepared the people spiritually and helped them to animate the liturgy meaningfully. The Holy Eucharistic was celebrated by Fr. Selva George Thomas our parish priest. During his homily, he said that the mother of Jesus was preserved without sin for her entire life. It was Mary's closeness to Christ that made her receive "God's fullness of grace" to be sinless. In the evening they had a few games and competitions. We concluded the day by praising and thanking God and Mother Mary for her closeness and interceding for our needs.

CHRISTMAS IN ANBIAMS

Christmas, the session of joy and love was uniquely celebrated with our Parish Basic Christian community members on 23rd December. We began the celebration by praying the holy rosary followed by the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. Our Basic Christian community members were thrilled with joy to perform their songs and dances and to wish others for Christmas in advance. Fr. Selva George Thomas shared a Christmas message with the people thus making the day more meaningful. All the preparations were done by Sr. Sebastiar Caroline the sister in charge of the Basic Christian community.



Sr. Sebastiar Caroline





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