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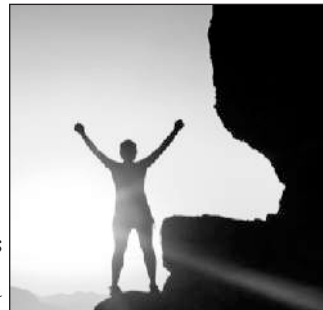


Editorial

Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.

Viktor E. Frankl

Freedom is the most sought after value. Every human heart desires to be free. It is for this freedom that millions have shed blood and laid down their lives. As defined by Viktor Frankl freedom exists in just the thin space between stimulus and response. To be free one has to exercise the power to decide.



Everyone has lifelong conditioning to move beyond. These include things we learned in school or at home which are no longer accurate, and from long held beliefs and patterns which are outdated and no longer serve us. Without inner freedom, we are bound to automatically repeat past programming for the rest of our lives. There is no real freedom or evolution in this.

The state of inner freedom moves beyond old limitations, and allows access to the higher intelligence, unconditional love and pure awareness of the soul. This upgrade is totally an inside job. It is an expansive inner state of being which allows one to decide what he or she wants to be without be conditioned by one's circumstances, location, financial situation or any other external situation.

When you experience inner freedom, your attitude toward the world and the events would change. Mary the liberated woman exercised her full freedom while pronouncing her 'YES'. With a sense of inner freedom she was no longer emotionally and mentally tied to any manner of thinking, tradition, religion or nationality. As the first disciple of Jesus she was able to understand the need for a savior and offered her Son as the answer for the struggle of the entire humanity. As a liberated person she has unleashed the power within and broken down all barriers of race, creed and nationality while accomplishing her mission all in silence.

Every girl child born into this world of ours is called to live with complete freedom, to unleash the power within her and build this planet as a happy home. All the celebration and events of these months speak of our exertions to uphold the rights of every human being and records the milestone of our mission.

Let us UNLEASH the power within and allow ourselves to feel the oneness with the Cosmos, and go beyond the limits of individuality, limitations, weakness or fear.

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Together with the Young



JOURNEY WITH THE YOUNG

In the beginning of his letter from Rome, written on 10th May 1894, Don Bosco wrote to his young people, " I have only one wish and desire to see you happy both in this world and in the next". At the end of his earthly life, these words summed up the heart of his message to young people of every age and of the whole world. The happiness of the young people is the goal dreamt about by Don Bosco for every young person, today, tomorrow and for all times. His last words to the young people were, "Tell my boys that I wait for them all in paradise". I invite you to understand "Journeying with the young / Accompanying the young people as inspired by the thought and praXis of Don Bosco.

Don Bosco was no armchair educator spinning pedagogical theories at his desk. His system is a daily contact with the young people being with them, accompanying them in all the moments. He related to each individual, taking stand in favour of the more vulnerable. Young people are gift from God, they are our wealth, their qualities, yearning for creativity, justice, freedom, and truth and enthusiastic hope enthuse each educator to be with them always. But today, our young people are left alone and they seek more individualism especially in the context of Tamil Nadu throes of a fast changing society. In the complex of economic, political, socio – cultural, multi faith context, the young people dream of a better future. They search for wealth, health, peace, happiness, liberation and fullness. Yet, they expect from the educators a true model considering them as their own. Don Bosco says, "In every young person a point of goodness is accessible". As an educators of the Salesian cadre, we must educate the present youth in a family atmosphere, where they become intellectually enlightened, spiritually profound, psychologically balanced, socially committed and morally responsible. Accompanying the young in the sense we must meet the young in the places where the young feel at home and in the things that the young like: play, fun, recreation, sports, music, theatre, outings, new media, entertainment technologies, or simply hanging out with their peers. Being with young people in the things that interest them is the best way to letting them know that they are loved.

In this relationship of confidence, a positive disposition is fostered and the process of being becomes a joyful experience. 'Spending time' with young people builds rapport between educator and educand and redounds to the advantage of the total joyful experience. Affection gives rise to genuine trust. Some skills to promote genuine accompaniment in Don Bosco's way are:

a. Listening in order to understand: When an educator listens with the heart, i.e., in a non-judgemental way, he or she empowers the educand. Young people look for recognition (a basic need of every human being). By giving them time and attention they feel encouraged to be themselves and to express themselves without wearing masks.

b. Being Available: Love shows itself in the physical presence of parents and educators among their children and not in flowery speeches or expensive gifts. The secure way to make them return love for love is to reach out to where they feel most at home.

c. Being Respectful to all: Love shows itself in the esteem teachers have for their students - for all students equally and without distinction. This can be a big challenge for in today's context.

d. Concern for the Underprivileged: The attitude of loving kindness has to translate into care for those who are on the periphery. This special attention to the slow, poor, weak, the differently-abled is essential for educating in Don Bosco's Way. It is a type of partiality that is respected by society, because it is directed towards society is so markedly stratified that a special concern for those at the bottom of the social ladder becomes a moral obligation to any genuine educator.

e. Being Creative: Love is full of surprises. Educators who are inventive in their methods usually endear themselves to their students. This means taking risks. In an environment of loving acceptance, the failure or 'making.

The application of Salesian preventive system is based on the words of St. Paul, who says, "Love is patient, love is kind, it bears all things, hopes all things, endure all things." Don Bosco was flexible with the young in the way he taught and acted. He could easily adjust to the needs of the time and place. Therefore as Salesian educators let us make a count of every child to become an uncomprehensive image of beauty, an endless prospect of magic wonder by being with them and accompanying them with our joyful presence.

Sr. Arokianathan Virginia Mary

The greatest dignity of human lies in the mere fact that God created him/her out of love in His own image and likeness. God's love knew no bounds that He was ready to send His only Son Jesus into the world that whosoever believed in His Son shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16). Here is a short article focusing on Jesus the Way and the roadmap of the missionaries.

JESUS REVEALS

Jesus came into this world. He was sent by the Father. He was the perfect revelation of God's love for humankind. In Jesus we see the Word of God becoming flesh. The Father loved Jesus before eternity, and He loved us too. Indeed, when we were still only a thought in God's eternal mind, the Lord was already numbering our parts and planning our redemption: "God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and without sin in His presence." (Ephesians 1:4). So God loved us since His existence – because God is love. It is his very nature. He loved us even as sinners. He loved us in the womb. He loved us before the world began. There was no beginning to his love for us—and there is no end to it. Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation.

JESUS INSPIRES

God's love for humans is tremendously manifested in Jesus. We respond to God's love for us by imitating the one He has sent as a model for us. Jesus par excellence is the perfect model for humans for all eternity. Jesus himself said "I am the way, the truth and the life.



No one comes to the Father but through me" (Jn 14:6). And Peter the rock affirmed "Remember Christ who suffered for you leaving you an example so that you may follow in His way" (1 Pet 2:21). Indeed, having lived an extraordinary life, Jesus Christ had much to offer. By learning about Jesus and modeling our life after his, we can surely become good missionaries of Christ. Jesus Christ was balanced, approachable, empathetic, compassionate, understanding, discerning, impartial, respectful, dutiful, courageous and humane. Thus Jesus' exemplary life inspires us to be the kind of person we

ought to be. Therefore Jesus has shown us the roadmap to follow in order to reach the destiny that God has set for us.

JESUS CALLS

Jesus plunged into His ministry by calling people to work as his close collaborators. “Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles— that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach...” (Mk 3:13-14). The focus of Jesus' ministry is to raise up future leaders. Though Jesus served the crowds, his priority was to train the twelve apostles who became the core group in his inner circle. So a missionary is called to be in the inner circle of Jesus' ministry.

Through prayer, Jesus asked God's direction to choose the twelve. Thus, their calling originated in God, not in themselves. Jesus told them in John 15:16a, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit— fruit that will last.” Jesus chose the twelve according to God's purpose to bear spiritual fruit for his glory. Here we learn that calling is God's initiative not our own choosing. Our mission is from God and it belongs

to God. We were called not because we were deserved but because God had mercy on us. No one chose to follow God with own initiative but each of us is called by God's sovereign choice.

Even if the Apostles were unqualified in human eyes, Jesus was right in choosing them to become his apostles to change the world. They were transformed into new people. They obeyed Jesus' teaching and preached the gospel message to the whole creation. No one ever said “It is not me. Call someone else.” There was irresistible grace in Jesus' call. Thus our calling is an invitation to follow Jesus' life style, his teachings and his principles based on the divine plan that God has for us.

JESUS INSTRUCTS



Jesus instructs his disciples to live the way he lived. Thus he engages them in a period of formation before commissioning them to go out as missionaries to all nations. We humans have five basic senses: touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste. Our entire

being and our functioning are done with these senses. Jesus as a human had all these senses. In order to be a missionary of Christ, we have to touch the lives of people as Jesus touched them, see the sufferings and needs of people with Jesus' eyes, hear the cry of the people and be keen to listen to God's voice speaking through them, sense the scent of sentiments and struggles of people even before they could express them and taste the love of God and give this taste to all people. Thus our entire being should function as how Jesus would do in any given situation.

Jesus guides his people on the path of holiness. As Christians and missionaries, we are called to be holy. Holiness is the one and surest way to attract people to Christ. Jesus also explained with all simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the beatitudes. The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card (GE, 63). Blessed, happy or holy are we if we follow Jesus' way through the beatitudes. By being poor of heart, reacting with meekness and humility, knowing how to mourn with others, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, seeing and acting with mercy, keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love, sowing peace all around us and accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems, we attain Holiness. (GE 66 – 94)

JESUS SENDS

Jesus commanded His disciples “Go therefore and make disciples from all nations. Baptize them in the name of the

father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to fulfill all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19 – 20). As missionaries, Christ's command was not for us to bring many people to church. His command was not for us to have followers of our own. His command was not so that we would have a huge church with hundreds and thousands of people. No. He didn't command us to build the church, because that's His role. “You are Peter and on this Rock, I will build my Church” (Mt 16:18).

His command is for us to bring His love to the people, powered by His compassion for them. When He said “pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields” (Matthew 9:38), He actually wanted us to be the answer to that. Jesus wants us to continue what He has started, that we would be His representatives continuing His work of bringing God's love and Christ's salvation to all who are in bondage. We are not just His hands and feet – We're His bodily representatives on earth today.

Jesus has also promised us “I am with you always until the end of this world” (Mt 28:20). So as missionary disciples of Christ, our call is to be ardent and committed members of Christ Jesus imitating Him in all our ways and reaching out to the peripheries across all culture, ethnicity, race and boundaries to the ends of the world. He is the roadmap, the surest way for all humans to live and follow.

Sr. Samson Guana Jennifer & Sr. Poma; Anudha Selvarani
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POTHUR

ORIENTATION DAY FOR CHILDREN

Pothur Marialaya has taken the initiative to prevent children from becoming drop outs and to facilitate quality learning through its three study centers. Sixty children along with their Teachers participated in the orientation program held on 3rd June in the Pothur Marialaya hall.

Sr. Annamanickam the Coordinator for Evening Study Centers led the program with a meaningful prayer invoking the blessings of the Almighty. Sr.Veda the Animator of the community encouraged the children to do their studies well, to make use of the evening study centers as a place to build up their talents and skills. She explained the importance of education and the sad consequences if we fail to avail the opportunity to gain knowledge and skill.

Children were encouraged to start the new academic year with enthusiasm through the distribution of Note Books, writing materials and

Bag. Sr. Loyola the Administrator of the community arranged with the sponsors a delicious lunch which was relished by all.

The children set out with sentiments of gratitude and zeal to make this academic year a fruitful one.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

JULY 2018



On 9th June, 2018 at 10.am 75 children consisting of the students of Pothur Marialaya Shelter Home and evening study centers, came together to celebrate the world Environment day. The programme started with the prayer thanking God for the gift of His beautiful creation. The creation narrative was read from the Bible and explained to children in order to help them to appreciate nature.

The resource materials sent by ASSIST the Social Development Office was utilized to animate the participants. The video, "Clean City" prepared by the Corporation of Trichy was screened and later group discussed in groups based on the questions given to them. Sr. Angel Remigius Veda the Animator of the Marialaya in her talk vividly explained the sacredness of Mother Earth and the need to protect it.

The whole programme emphasized the need to give due importance to the conservation of environment. The participants pledged themselves to protect.

Sr. Susai Annamanickam

MARIALAYA, TIRUPPUR

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR JUNE 12TH - 2018

The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. Each year on 12 June, the World Day against child labor brings together governments, employers and workers

organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child laborers and what can be done to help them.



Awareness programs were organized throughout the district. In collaboration with several Government departments such as Labour department, Child line and other resource organizations and Schools. Regarding child labor abolition various programs like signature campaign, street play, school awareness programs and vehicle awareness at various places were organized. Seven talukas of the district was covered from on 12th - 15th June. Inaugural ceremony was headed by District Collector Mr. Palaniswamy. Street play performed by the children of Marialaya was staged at the entrance of the Collectorate, Railway Station, Bus stand and five Government Schools. More than 400 people viewed the street play.



One day orientation for the HR Managers was organized in one of the Hotel at Tiruppur. We believed that it's not enough only reaching the general public and children we also need to reach the other side of the child labour issue. Orientation was organized for HR managers from various spinning mills and garments at Tiruppur who have the greater responsibility recruitment process in their own units. This was another milestone in our commitment to ensure child rights for a happy and healthy childhood.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 22.06.2018

Earth is the gift of our ancestors to us. Human beings are polluting the environment day by day. There is a constant rapid increase in temperature, increase in sea level and the whole earth is endangered in many ways.

To educate the children about their right to Safe Environment is indispensable. We joined the worldwide awareness based on the theme of beat Plastic Pollution and conducted world environment day awareness program at Government High School, Puluvapatty on 22.06.2018.



Mrs. Chitra, School Headmistress; Sr. Lourthu sagayam, Marialaya Director; Sr. Latha, Coordinator; School teachers, Marialaya field Coordinators and students participated in the program. 110 students from 7th and 8th std participated in it. Marialaya girls performed the street play entitled "importance of environment and eradicate plastics". The students were active, enthusiastic and keen listeners to the presentation.

Sr. Lourdu Sagayam Director of Marialaya had the interactive session with the students. In her speech she shared that, "it is you and I who are totally responsible for environmental

pollution (water, air, land) due to the use of non-eco-friendly products such as the usage of plastics, the waste from the factories and houses, the high usage of vehicles that cause different type of pollution. Human beings are affected by this pollution and get into various diseases. It is our concern and duty to safe guard the nature and passes it on to the future generations". Students were eager in sharing their understanding and practical solutions for prevention and conservation of green Environment.

The immediate impact of the program was seen in the readiness of the Management to use silver cups, glass tumblers instead of using plastic cups and covers.

MALALA DAY

Date : 12.07.20178

Place :

**Government Higher Secondary School,
Savakkattupalayam**

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world!" Yes, every Child in the World has a right to be educated. Girls become achievers in many fields. At the same

time girls become victims of all exploitations in other ways. This situation has to be changed and every girl child should be educated in the better environment.



This was the motto of Malala Yousafzai, a girl child who fought for the right to education for every girl child in spite of her life being threatened. As a Child Activist she had gained many awards both national and International, thus her Birth Day is announced as Malala Day by the United Nation. In Tirupur many children are dropouts and Child Labours. To show a role model of their age who has achieved greater things in Life, Marialaya chose this apt day and celebrated it with 280 children from Savakkattupalayam, Government Higher Secondary School.

The Special invitees were Mr. Magudeeswaran Sub Inspector of Sevoor, Mrs. Mariselvi the Headmistress of the School, and Sr. Lourdu Sagayam the Director of Marialaya.

Marialaya girls presented a meaningful street play entitled: "Encourage Girls Education in the Society". The Management encouraged everyone to actively and eagerly participate in the programme. Mr. Magudeeswaran explained to the students the social situation of the girls especially when they are small. He spoke clearly about the opportunities for girls and the necessary assistance from Police Department. He added that Cell Phones are the ones who destroy the lives of many, thus limiting its usage and being focused on one's goal and working hard to achieve them were recommended.



Sr. Lourdu Sagayam, Director of Marialaya explained the services rendered by the Organization and the situation of the beneficiaries from where they come. It was an interactive session with students and shared about the life of Malala. The children spontaneously shared their feedback. Surprisingly Selvan Naveen - a boy of Std. IX made every boy to take an oath saying: "We will protect every girl child and we will give awareness to parents about girl's education". The Director of Marialaya taught them a song: "If you are happy and you know clap your hands". The students learnt it happily and joyfully. Then the School Headmistress appreciated Marialaya for this great effort and shared the importance of the girl's education.

CAMPAIGN ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFETY

- Awareness Program

Marialaya women and children rehabilitation home in collaboration with Tirupur Railway Protection Force organized an awareness program on women and children safety at Tirupur railway station premises on 1st August. The program started with a formal welcome by the RPF Inspector Mr.Suman, he welcomed the gathering and narrated the purpose of this awareness program. Followed by him Sr.Lourdu Sagayam, Director of Marialaya gave her special address. She explained the present situation of women and girl children in our society, she spoke about their struggles like love affair, sexual abuse, false promises, extra marital relationship and family conflict etc.



We used the street play methodology for this awareness program to reach out to the public. Our Marialaya team performed a play regarding the issues faced by the children and women and what are the complaint mechanism and prevention methods for this type of social evils. Through this play the general public became aware about the women and children related issues.

In this program, Mr.Sunil Dhuth, Railway station Manager; Sr.Latha, Marialaya Programme Coordinator and Mr.Dinesh and Mr.Kathir, Coordinators form Childline participated as Special Guests. The vote of thanks given by RPF Inspector Mr.Suman concluded the program.

Sr. Susai Latha

*"Women in the Church
are more important
than bishops and priests."*

- Pope Francis

BROADWAY

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

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

*"Leadership is not a title,
it is an inborn attitude "*

It was an amazing moment of joy on 19th June 2018 when the Office Bearers were ready to be coronated for their various roles as Captains, Prefects, and Volunteers. Rev. Fr. Rajen Sdb the Rector and correspondent of St. Gabriel boys Hr.Sec.School, Broadway was the Chief Guest of the day and he encouraged the leaders to be responsible and sincere in carrying out their duties.



As a dignifying sign of their leadership the office bearers were honored with badges and scarf promising to hold up their roles and never to retire at any circumstances. The identity they wore was a remarkable sign of leadership bound to realize their duties and prove their mettle.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY OUR LADY'S CENTER MATRIC. SCHOOL



The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Rev.Fr. John Santhosh, Rector and Parish Priest of St.Francis Xavier Church and followed by the prayer service. The young and energetic leaders were honored with the pinning of badges and a motivational speech was given by the School Pupil Leader Harsha Priyadharshini of Class X. Rev. Fr.Santhosh addressed the gathering with a powerful message saying that we should grab the opportunities that come on our way, to work hard and to be more responsible towards our life.

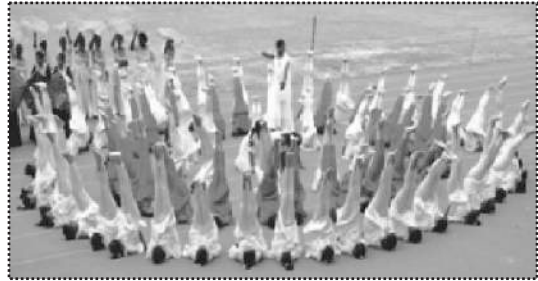
INAUGURATION OF GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE POPE'S DAY

As Maria Montessori states, *"Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world"*. Every student's potentialities and their innovative resource of knowledge are transformed into groups and movements and these groups and movements inaugurated as a twin celebration along with the Pope's day on 28th June 2018. We began the day's celebration invoking God's blessing on the leaders of the church especially for our beloved Holy Father and greeted him with the papal anthem.

Various groups, Bulbuls, Guides, JRC, Eco club, Marian, prayer group, YSM, YCM, RSP, Media, Human Rights and Dance club introduced the aim, objective and motto with attractive, innovative and creative expressions. Rev. Sr. Majella the Animator appreciated the children for their interest and enthusiasm in working as a team to achieve the greater goals. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis quotes 'We must reaffirm the right of children to grow up in an ambience creating love, hope and family spirit'. So we aim to bring in this family spirit creating oneness among our fellow students through active participation and unity.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

"Good sportsmanship and a strong heart are what make us the true champions"



True to the saying professional team of athletes of St. Francis Xavier A.I.Hr.Sec along with their team of perfect players, were ready to see the annual sports meet open on 6th Aug at Nehru Stadium. It was a wonderful out throw of the entire event that blasted the day's show. Everyone's eyes were set on the exotic performance of the players. Starting from the melodious voice of the choir girls, spectacular performance of the theme presentation, perfect outfit of the march past parade, rhythmic drill of the primary students, the graceful flexibility of yoga postures performed by the middle school, highly profound and artistic moves of the lotus girls, enlightened the day with majestic look.

Mr. A.G. Maurya the retired IPS, was the honorable Chief Guest of our sports meet. In his speech he stated that the students' performances were extraordinary and asked them to keep up this spirit of sportsmanship in their career journey ahead. The solemn sports meet proved to be moment of success and pride.

Orientation for the staff and Students:

The staffs from both Schools in our campus were given orientation on 1st June by Rev.Fr.John Baptist Sdb. A day of animation for the teachers was a powerful tool to meet the current realities in order to be effective educators and loving friends towards student community.



The students of IX to XII STD were given orientation on meaningful life in achieving our higher dreams. Rev. Fr. John Baptist animated the different groups for

three days from 10th to 13th July. The children enjoyed the lively and dynamic presentation of Father and learnt to face their daily struggles with greater commitments.

Inauguration of the Oratory:

"Let the Children come to me, because the Kingdom of God Belongs to these little ones"



Adhering to the Words of Jesus Christ the Nirmala oratory started on 2nd July 2018. With the increase in the number of Students, the Oratory began with great energy and vigor. Rev. Sr.Majella the Animator welcomed the children and the Teachers to the new academic year and introduced Sr. Renuga as their new Coordinator. Children were happy to come and they were divided into groups for various activities and the leaders were elected among them. They were encouraged to come regularly and learn good values to reach the higher goals of Life.

Inauguration of the Groups in the Boarding :



With the due preparation along with the children we inaugurated the committed groups in our Boarding on 29th July. They were divided into four different groups having Don Bosco, St. Mary Mazzarello Mary, Missionaries and Laura as their patrons. Each group presented their motto and activities for this year in a creative manner. Sr. Majella, the Animator appreciated the Sisters and students of each group and exhorted the children to seek guidance from their respective group Sisters in both spiritual and academic matters.

Celebration of the Independence and Presentation the preamble :

Proud to be Indians

15th August 2018 was a remarkable moment as we all came together to celebrate gloriously the 72nd Independence day of our nation by paying homage and due respect to

the thousands who laid down their lives, for the freedom our country. Filled with patriotism our students marched saluting the leaders and proclaiming, "we love our country, the incredible India". Rev. Fr. John Santhosam our Parish Priest hoisted the flag and explained the concrete ways to show our commitment towards our country.

"We must stand on our own feet and fight for our rights carrying on our agitation and organizing our force : Power and prestige will come to us through struggle."



The above said words are the eminent statement of our great leader Dr. B .R Ambedkar who drafted the Indian constitutions. The students of human right club took the opportunity to explain the Preamble of our Indian constitution on the day of independence and gave the awareness of rights to which each of us as Indian are entitled to enjoy as individuals and society. It was privilege to the members to speak on such an important and apt topic which urged dedication to the country in each one present.

Past pupil Meet

As per the custom of the house the past pupil meet of the St. Francis Xavier Past pupil meet was conducted on 15th August and we had good number of past pupils in our campus for the meeting. The meeting started with short prayer. Sr. Majella the Animator welcomed each one for the meeting. Mrs. Malaiamma Professor in Psychology and the Social Activist had delivered the session on women harassment and precautions to be taken by each one at home and in society. Mrs. Irudhaya Mary the President of the unit spoke with the new comers and explained the action plans for this year. With the promise of their support and collaboration with Salesian Sisters, past pupils recalled and thanked for the wonderful moments that they had in the campus.



BIRTHDAY OF DON BOSCO



With an echo of "Viva Don Bosco" the birthday of our father and friend was celebrated on 16th August in our campus. With the heavenly voice of our students in praising the holiness of founder they thanked God for this great saint of youth. Some of main events in the life Don Bosco were presented and the people who were directly involved in the life of Don Bosco like Mama Margaret, Don Rua, St. Dominic Savio came to wish him on his Birthday. Invoking his blessing on each one of us as the day's celebration came to an end.

*" Even if the life of a person has been destroyed by vices, drugs. God is in this person's life."
- Pope Francis*

Media Education :

“Media brings new possibilities to build the relationship between the people when we use them wisely and it is a gift from God” says Pope Francis.



Towards the goal of forming young people as protagonist in this ever changing society and to orient them for the proper use of the modern technologies, the students of our schools were given awareness and media education on 23rd August by Rev.Fr.Sagaya Raj Sdb from DBCA-Citadel. The input session on different types of media and their main goals in improving the lives of the people were explained to the students. They were also given awareness of merits and demerits of the communication technologies to ensure our safety in this growing world.

BIBLE DAY

31.08.18

“The Bible is a gold mine letting the one who approaches to take out the riches”

It was a joyful experience for everyone in the campus as we celebrated the bible day on 31st August, emphasizing God's love embedded in His living words in the bible. Different symbols that represent the Word of God were presented and the Bible was enthroned with all its majestic and grandeur, enriching us with its inspiring power. Rev. Fr. Amalraj the Parish Priest of Assumption church Broadway was the Chief Guest of the day and he explained about the importance of reading Bible and presented some of the saint's life that were transformed by the Word of God. Variety cultural program such as dance, drama, singing were performed by the children highlighting the parables, values and wisdom quotes from the Bible.



The day's celebration was a witness of our Christian faith and love for all the students of different religion and a great opportunity to extend the gospel joy and proclamation of His hope and peace.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY**OUR LADY'S NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL, TIRUVOTTIYUR**

"The day of delight, hope, joy and peace to all has come" !

Yes it's our Investiture ceremony. It is the day when students stand on the brink of a new chapter.

With God's blessing we have organized Investiture ceremony on 28th June 2018 presided by Sr. Sebastian Margaret the Correspondent of 4 schools in the campus. Rev.Fr. Thamathiruthuvam Irudhayam, Administrator of St. Mary's Broadway was the Chief Guest of the program.



The elected leaders have promised and donned the mantle of responsibility for the academic year 2018-19. The school SPL, ASPL, SPORTS CAPTAIN, FOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS, VOLUNTEERS AND CLASS LEADERS received their Scarfs, Sashes, Badges and Flags from the Chief Guest and Correspondent.

Performance of classical and western Dance which were trained by our teachers added more colours to the program. Stirring message was given by Fr.Thamathiruthuvam Irudhayam, about the leadership qualities.

Father congratulated the leaders and advised 5 magical sentences to be followed by the leaders everyday.

I am the best!

I can do it !

God is always with me !

I am the winner !

Today is my day !

These words of magic will be helpful for our leaders for their successful future. The program ended successfully with the support and co-ordination of our Headmistress Rev. Sr. Jenny Grace and our supportive Teachers , Non - Teaching staff and Parents.

***"Help one another.
This is what Jesus
teaches this is what I do.
And I do it with my heart."
- Pope Francis***

Media Animation – Students

In this technological and digital era people want everything instantly to be at their disposal at any moment and digital media offers all the information needed immediately at request .



Focussing our attention on the young people who have become slaves of “Excessive Media Consumption culture” media education seminar was organized for a day on 3rd August for the students of Our Lady's Hr. Sec School, Thiruvottiyur. The Theme for Media Seminar was “MEDIA FOR SOCIAL CHANGE”. One hundred students benefited by actively participating in the media education seminar which was animated by Fr. Maria Sagayaraj SDB, the Asst. Director of DBICA whose sessions were systematic, interesting and useful with interactions, creative power point presentation, appropriate videos and images.

The media education seminar helped the students to acquire an all-inclusive knowledge about media and inculcated in them a positive outlook towards media and the challenges. The students understood the consequences of excessive media consumption.

Feast of our Lady of Snows

A meaningful animation of the prayer moments marked the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Snows, the patron of Trichy province. The joy was shared by the Sisters from the communities Francis Xavier Broadway and Marialaya, George Town and the Salesian community of The Refuge, Broadway, Chennai and the youth with us. Sr.Teresa invited everyone present to pray the **PSALM OF THE PROVINCE**, and invoked the blessings upon the members of the Institute on this august day.

A spirit of nostalgia and gratitude filled the hearts of the Sisters as the celebration was an occasion to recall the life of our Co-Foundress and the first Sisters in Mornese. The concluded with the prayer that we may become the ripples of the lives lived by our pioneers to interpret the signs of God's love here and now.

OUR LADY'S NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL
THIRUVOTTIYUR, CHENNAI - 600 019
SPORTS DAY - 24.08.2018

"Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination and hard work to find alloy called guts". The much awaited Annual Sports Day of Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School was held on 24th August 2018. The fantastic turn out from the parents and the pleasant weather were the perfect boost for our students.



Sports play a vital role in our life to keep us healthy, wealthy and wise. Sports play declaration and oath taking were administered by the Chief Guest Mrs. Malathi (Inspector of Police crime TVT) and Doctor Mrs. Flavia Evangelin Pediatrician. Different types of cultural dances with colourful dresses, pyramids and Drills by the students filled the ground with beautiful and blooming colours.

The winners were appreciated and cheered up with cups, certificates and gifts. The blooming and charming faces of the children lead to the grand success of the day.

13.07.2018

கல்வி வளர்ச்சி நாள்



எமது பெண்கள் தொடக்கப்பள்ளியில் காமராசரின் பிறந்த நாள் கல்வி வளர்ச்சி நாளாக சிறப்பித்தோம்! இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு எம் பள்ளியின் தலைமையாசிரியர் தலைமை தாங்கினார். காமராசரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாற்றை எம்மாணவர்கள் நாடகம், கவிதை மற்றும் வினாக்களின் வழியாக வினாடி-வினா நிகழ்த்தி காட்டினர்.

தலைமையாசிரியர் காமராசரின் சாதனைகளை பற்றி மாணவர்களுக்கு எடுத்துக் கூறினார். அவரின் எளிமை, நேர்மை போன்ற பண்புகளை நாம் அனைவரும் கடைபிடித்தல் வேண்டும் என்று தமது உரையில் கூறினார். இவ்வாறு இந்நிகழ்ச்சி இனிதே நிறைவடைந்தது.



MARIALAYA, CHENNAI

PARENTS MEET

“PARENTS ARE THE FIRST TEACHERS

Parents are the sculptors of the characters of children. In order to make the parents realize their role in taking care of their children parents meet was arranged on 12.08.2018 in Marialaya children Home. The children led the parents in prayer invoking God's help. Ashwini from XII Std welcomed the parents and the children made their Parents to be happy by their colourful, graceful performances such as dance, drama, songs which captured the hearts of them all. The programme was prepared by Sr. Peter Arockia Mary. After appreciating the children the Directress and Animator of G.T.Marialaya Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary delivered the talk on how to accept lives challenges and be a person of goodness with self-control. It was crystal clear for both the parents and children how to cope up with challenges and to grow in life.



She appreciated the participation of the parents and their love for their children's growth. Few parents shared their experiences and appreciated and thanked the Sisters for their love and dedication to the children. Sr. Sebastiar Caroline, the Coordinator to the parents regarding the safeguarding procedures for children. Vote of thanks was proposed by one of the children of the home and the program concluded with a note of gratitude.

GROUP INAUGURATION

“TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK IN FUTURE.”

Group activities play a vital role in order to make the young people as pillars of the future. Understanding, the needs of the young we have gathered our Marialaya children and motivated them to form groups. So they were divided into various groups named after Biblical personalities such as Sarah, Judith, Esther and Mary Magdalene. We had the inauguration of these groups on 26.07.2018, with a prayer service led



by Sr. Sebastiar Caroline, the youth pastoral coordinator. Each group presented their motto and symbols creatively through songs and short play and placed their role models on the stage. After the presentation of the groups Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, the Animator and Directress of G.T.Marialaya along with the each group coordinator pinned up the badges for all the children. Each group along with the coordinator and the Animator took a snap to mark this memorable event. Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, the Animator delivered the message for the girls. She appreciated them for choosing the great model for their groups. She exhorted them to imitate the virtues in their lives. The day ended with delicious supper to mark the joyous event.

- Sr. Peter Arockiamary



REACH OUT PROGRAMME -
EVENING COACHING CLASS:

“ SAY NO TO PLASTIC”

The Social Awareness programme on “SAY NO TO PLASTIC” was held on 27th June 2018 around 5.30pm with the aim to raise awareness on destructive usage of plastic. Children from Bharath Theater and Bharathi Nagar community participated in the rally. Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, Animator of our community inaugurated the program with her motivational talk on the importance of environment and the consequence of the usage of plastic with an oath to “SAY NO TO PLASTIC”. Children started the rally, participated enthusiastically by reciting slogan to sensitize the general public, They were also asked to take interview in the market (Vegetable/ Fruit/ venders) in order to explore the perspectives of the people towards the usage of plastic i.e. both positive and negative and were encouraged to debate with the shopkeepers. While taking the interview, some shop keepers had expressed their view that they can eradicate plastic only by banning its production. More than 60 children participated in the rally. The programme came to the end with vote of thanks said by Sr. Caroline followed by distribution of tea and snacks.

STAFF TRAINING & RENEWAL OF CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Staff training & follow up of child protection policy programme was held on 7th July 2018. The programme was presided over by Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, the Animator of our community. She greeted all the staff and congratulated them for their commitment in the work. She gave a brief orientation on Child protection policy and how they can make the children to protect themselves from harmful situations by listing out the points from the United Nation Child Right convention (UNCRC). The convention that consists of 54 articles covering all four major categories of child rights: Right to life, Right to development, Right to protection, and Right to participation was explained.

She further explained on the two category of the children listed out in the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 i.e. Conflict with law & Care and protection. She gave various examples in order to make the participants to understand the topic thoroughly. The session was interactive and informative.

The staff participated well by sharing their experience in the field. Sr. Sebastiar Caroline insisted on creating awareness about the child rights to the members of the children parliament. At the end the review of the implementation of Child Protection Policy was done by the

Marialaya staff & the community. The staff were given instruction and updated with the organization activity.

MALALA'S DAY

“To be in your Children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today”. We celebrated Malala day on 12th July 2018. Sr. Sebastiar Caroline and three of our staff went to Government Higher Secondary School Puliyanthoppu to speak about the importance of education among the girl children. The Day was honored by UN in order to encourage the child activist from Pakistan for her courage and boldness. Sr. Sebastiar Caroline spoke on the life of Malala that as a young girl, Malala Yousafzai defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls should be allowed to receive education. She also shared that at the age of 15 Malala Yousafzai was shot in the head by the Taliban and she survived! And now she is a famous political activist, continuing her campaign for education, equality and peace for every child, everywhere. The students were asked to debate on the Child rights and its effective implementation by our government in our society. Overall the session was very interactive and informative to all the participants. The Headmaster of the school appreciated our initiatives and invited Marialaya to conduct similar programmes.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

With the support of the local police Chennai, Marialaya organized a violence free rally campaign against Child Sexual Abuse on 25th July'18. The Programme was initiated in order to sensitize people on the increase in Child Sexual Abuse. This campaign was planned after the 11 year old girl was raped by 17men who works in the building where the child lives. The rally was presided by Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, Animator of our community, Mr. Venkatesh, Community leader & Mrs. Shamundi, Sub-Inspector of Pulianthoppu. Children parliament children took a initiatives to do a Violence free rally Campaign against Child abuse. Children participated in the rally by holding placards and banners. More than 120 children participated in the rally. The rally started off from railway colony went through the street of Moolakothalam community and again returned to railway colony.



After the rally, there was a short programme in the railway colony. Mrs. Shamundi the sub - Inspector of Pulianthopp spoke on the prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. She shared few case studies in order to make the children aware of the chance of getting abused. She also highlighted the emergency toll free service that is for the children who are in need of care and protection.

Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary the Animator of our community spoke on the UNCRC convention that covering all four major categories of child rights - Right to life , Right to development, Right to protection, and Right to participation. She explained on the child safety measures on how to prevent oneself from the child abuse. She further interacted with the children on what will they do if they are in the distress situation for which the children answered appropriately. Sr. Sebastian Caroline explained on how the child should immediately react to stop or escape from that situation. She also highlighted that Sexual abuse not only happens for girl child but it also happens to boy child, even in our country. Later she advised the children not to have much relationship or get things from others especially from the people they feel uncomfortable. The programme came to the end with vote of thanks followed by tea and snacks distribution.

Sr. Sebastian Caroline

**WOMEN SELF HELP GROUP:
RALLY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST
GIRL CHILDREN & WOMEN**

The Rally on violence against Girl Children & Women was organized on 27th July'18 with the aim to sensitize general public on the prevention of Violence against women and to raise awareness about the prevalence and cause of Domestic Violence, the need for prevention and the availability of service for victims of abuse. The programme was presided over by Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, Director of Marialaya. SHG group women from Broadway, Linguchetty, Aadhuthoti, Royapuram & Teachers/Community Organizers participated in the human chain. The programme was commenced by Sr. Arul Mary.

Self Help Group Women participated in the Human Chain as a sign of their revolt against Domestic violence that is existing in the society. Women participated enthusiastically and were raising slogan to sensitize general public to refrain from using abusive language against women and girl children. The programme came to the end around 11.30 am. After the



programme participants were gathered in the Amma Unnavam premises, where Sr. John Shantha Mary delivered the Vote of thanks by thanking the local police for protecting & supporting the good cause.

**INCOME GENERATING
PROGRAMME**

Marialaya organized the income generating programme for the women group staff & SHG members from the community on 1st August'18 at Marialaya Auditorium. The meeting began with the note of encouragement from Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, Director of Marialaya. She also appreciated their efforts in setting up enterprises as a means to become independent and self-sustained. She shared the services rendered by Marialaya which is benefiting around 8000 community women towards self-confident and financially independent.

She also further highlighted the services rendered for street and vulnerable children, since 1990. She concluded by encouraging the participants to grab the opportunity that is made available for their empowerment.

Mrs. Senthamarai Gokulakrishnan, Fashion Designer was introduced and she expressed her points on adapting newness in this field from others. She shared her life experience on how much she worked hard to become a self-independent entrepreneur and insisted that without failure, there is no success. She encouraged the participants by giving them suitable examples about those who have fought against all the odds of life and she expressed her willingness to offer a job and to do referral services, for the betterment of women/women group.



*"When in the Church are more
important than bishops
and priests."
- Pope Francis*

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Marialaya Women Group Team organized community level Independence Day Celebration on 15th August'18 in all the Marialaya Intervention zone such as Marialaya Shanmugarayan Street, Broadway Thiruvallur Nagar, Sowcarpet, Teynampet, Neythaji Nagar respectively. The programme was presided by the Community level Guest - Mr. Bose - Ex Counselor Broadway, Mr. Babu, Local Community Leader, Mr. Aavin Arul, Ex Community Ward Member, Mr. Kasinathan, Nethaji Nagar Followed by the Guest of honor i.e. Sr. Arul Mary, Marialaya Director, Sr. Saradha, Marialaya Administrator, Sr. Shantha & Caroline, Project Coordinator.

The aim of the Independence Day celebration at the community is to promote unity among the community and to maintain a good rapport. The national flag was hoisted by the respective community's political leaders / Director of Marialaya followed by various Cultural Performance like dance, Drama, Speech related to themes based on patriotism. Awareness were given on the struggle for freedom which exists even today.

INTERPRETING MEDIA

***“Through interpretation, understanding;
Through understanding, appreciation;
Through appreciation, protection.”***

--- Freeman Tilden

The one day animation on “Interpreting Media” was held for 198 girls of Auxilium Girls' Higher Secondary School, Thanjavur on 21st August, 2018. Though the majority of the children entered the hall as a joyful pretext to escape classes, they ended the day realizing great truths for their daily life. The day's animation began at 9 a.m in the presence of the Animator Rev. Sr. Soosai Magnificat and the Headmistress Rev. Sr. Immaculate Diaz. After a short prayer moment, Sr. Samson Gnana Jennifer, the local media Coordinator animated the participants on 'the impact of social media on teenagers', rendering the students attuned to the topic of discussion to follow. The visual clippings and songs she used to convey the ideas to them, kept the students alive and receptive.

At 10 a.m, three eminent persons in the field of Mass Media and Visual Communication from Annai Velankanni Arts and Science College, Thanjavur- Rev. Fr. Arockiadoss, the Administrator and HOD of Visual Communication, Mr. Ilakkiyan, Member of the Faculty of the College and Mrs. Maria Diana, Guest Faculty- were given a warm welcome. Fr. Arockiadoss started off the animation highlighting 'the role of media in personal decision making'. He also spoke on 'the communication process of Encoding, Decoding, Text and Reception theory' with an emphasis on Visual Media and New Media.



In his turn, Mr. Ilakkiyan explained the different types of media in his own exquisite Tamil Literary Style and it was much appreciated and enjoyed by the participants. He narrated a number of stories emphasising his ideas for students to understand.

Mrs. Maria Diana was totally interactive in her style and she began with a quiz on identifying personalities on social media. It was a blinder as the students, who are themselves considerable consumers of social media, found themselves ignorant on many counts. The outcome, goal, purpose and lines of action in using the media were stressed upon. She made the students think of their daily lives surrounded by the effect of Media and intended to make them know Social Media better. The highlight of her session was an exposure to educational sites which could be used by all. She outlined the advantages, benefits, opportunities, weakness and challenges in social media, for the enlightenment of the students.



During the afternoon session, Mrs. Maria Diana continued speaking on the use of Social Media for school and educational purposes. She used various games to present the process of Social Networking and the role of

media in the lives of the young. Mr. Ilakkiyan took over once again in the afternoon and played a Tamil short film "Neelam", teaching the students to view films critically and to appreciate various aspects like screen play, direction, dialogue and so on.

With the short film "Facebook" played to enumerate the problems involved in addiction to social network, the students were encouraged to use Media effectively and beware of becoming addicts to it. With an effective feedback session from the students and a Vote of thanks proposed by the School Pupil Leader, the oneday animation came to a close.

Observing the students' feedback and their active participation, we could certainly conclude that they have benefitted much from the day's animation on "Interpreting Media". Special thanks to our Animator Sr. Soosai Magnificat for having made all the arrangements for the benefit of the students in the use of Media.

***"Please", "thank you",
and "sorry" are "words
that open up the road to a
good family life."
- Pope Francis***

**HIGHLIGHTS OF AUXILIUM CENTRE,
THANJAVUR**

***INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT
HR. SEC. SCHOOL***

The investiture ceremony of the Hr. Sec. School for the academic year 2018 - 2019 was held with great decorum at the school auditorium on 27th June 2018. It was opportune to have celebrated it along with the occasion of the Pope's day, the great Leader of the people of God. Rev. Fr. Amirthanathan, Principal, Don Bosco Matriculation Hr Sec. School, the chief guest of the day, was received by the School Band in a solemn procession towards the auditorium with the habitual vigour and confidence. The Chief Guest hoisted the Pope's flag and the Papal anthem followed. The leaders with a sapling marched towards the stage. The staff and the student leaders, invited by the correspondent of the school Sr. Magnificat, took the oath and received their flags and badges. A short enactment on the icon of the year, "they set out immediately" was depicted featuring the two disciples travelling towards Emmaus.



After the newly elected leaders of the school shared their dreams of carrying out their duties, the Chief Guest motivated them to be good leaders, diligent and efficient. He enlightened them with real lives of great leaders.

***INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT
PRIMARY SCHOOL***

*"Leadership is the capacity to translate
vision into reality"*

The investiture ceremony marking the very beginning of the students' activity for the academic year was celebrated in a grand manner at Auxilium Nursery and Primary School on 3rd July 2018. Rev. Sr. Magnificat, the Superior presided over the day. The office bearers and all leaders received their badges and flags as a sign of receiving their office. She inspired the leaders to be happy in rendering service to



school and their own classmates, to be daring, dynamic and selfless just like Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. Finally, the choir sang greetings of congratulations and the celebration came to a happy end with the national anthem.



SPORTS DAY – HR. SEC. SCHOOL

Auxilium Girls' Hr. Sec. School held its Annual Sports Meet on 13th July, with an overwhelming fervour and excitement amidst thrills, shrills and cheers. The chief guest was Dr. Chinnappan (HOD, Department of Educational, Tamil University, Thanjavur). The school band and the leaders led the chief guest, the superior, the headmistress and the invited guests to the dais. The programme started with a prayer dance. The chief guest hoisted the Olympic flag, the Superior hoisted

the School flag and Fr. Arokia Doss (HOD, VisCom, Annai Vailankanni Arts and Science College) hoisted the National flag. The Chief Guest received the salute of an impressive March Past of the students. The spirit of the occasion was ushered in by Sports persons' oath led by the Sports captain. As the chief guest declared the sports meet open, doves and balloons made the sky alive and colourful. Students of all the classes participated in the meet. At the end of the days' events marked with sports womanship, enthusiasm and memories to cherish, the chief guest appreciated the management, the staff and the students for their hard work and delivered a speech which reached directly the hearts of his listeners. The Tamil anthem brought the day to a close.



WHIZKID 2018



The Annual Sports Meet WHIZKID 2018 was very joyfully hosted in Auxilium Nursery and Primary School on 18th August 2018. Dr. Devanesan, Principal of Annai Velankanni College of Arts and Science consented to preside over the day's celebration and Mrs. Rita Devanesan, Joint Director of Health Department honoured the achievers. The musical band of Auxilium added aroma to the day. Track events for individuals and groups were held earlier and on the day of Sports Meet, mass drills with different properties were presented class wise. There were Rajasthani Pot dance, Floral dance, Mexican hat dance, Floral display and 'Save farmers and conserve agriculture' dance by boys. The guests were taken up by the performance of the students and they appreciated the students for the formation, discipline and their team spirit. The achievers of various events were honoured with medals and with the victory celebration. It was a great day indeed.

BIBLE DAY AT HR. SEC. SCHOOL

On 7th August 2018, Bible day at the Hr. Secondary School started with a procession which culminated with the Word of God being placed on a prominent place amidst an artificial waterfall created on the stage. Rev. Fr. Lionel Joseph, the chief guest, witnessed with awe the various presentations like the call of Abraham, the wisdom of Solomon, the story of Young Prophet Daniel and his three friends, the modern narration of Zacchaeus, choreography on the cananite woman, mime on Christ's mercy and so on made by different classes. There was a well participated quiz for different groups based on the presentations. The prizes were given away by the Chief Guest who in his address was in praise of the performances of the children. He insisted on the importance of the Word of God as being God's love letter to God's children. He concluded his speech with the Jericho prayer song and it was indeed an inspiring day.



BIBLE DAY CELEBRATION AT NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Bible day was inaugurated at Auxilium Nursery and Primary School on 17th July 2018. Rev. Fr. Wenceslaus OCD Rector of Carmel Ashram, officiated the events of the day which began with an *arati* offered to the Bible to mark our love for God's word. Students sang songs quoting the books of the bible and its main theme and danced for few parables and enacted episodes like that of the parable of the sower, the Wisdom of Solomon and the faith of Abraham. Finally Fr. Wenceslaus motivated the students and especially the Catholics to read the Bible and to understand the everyday word of God. It was a happy moment indeed to celebrate the Bible day.

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**"Let us pray for peace,
and let us bring it about,
starting in our own homes!"
- Pope Francis**

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Child Protection Policy Awareness Programme was animated by Mrs. A. Sheela (PG Asst.) and assisted by Ms. Mary (Second Grade Teacher), both teachers of our School. On 28th June the students of classes 6 to 8 students were taught about good touch and bad touch and about keeping oneself safe in all circumstances. Videos and clippings making them aware of current issues were screened. Class 9 to 10 students received an awareness on CPP on 29th. Mrs.. Rosy (B.T Asst.) offered them a session on Friendship and Class 11 and 12 joined them in the afternoon. Mrs. Leema Roselin (P.G Asst.) spoke on the personal safety for the teenagers. The entire programme served to be very useful for the wellbeing of the girls.

**"To change the
world we must be
good to those who
cannot
repay us."
- Pope Francis**

PARENTS MEET TO CREATE AWARENESS ON CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Parents meeting for all the classes from VI to XII were held at AuXilium Hr. Sec. School auditorium from 4th July to 6th July 2018. The meeting began with a good note of singing praise to God for the gift of one's life. The Correspondent Rev. Sr. Soosai Magnificat gave the introductory talk on the value of spending time with one's children. Sr. Immaculate the headmistress presented to the parents



the rules and regulations of the school. Inputs on Child Protection Policy awareness and on the art of handling children were presented by Mrs. A Sheela, Ms. Mary, Mrs. Rosy and Mrs. Leema. They were indeed informative and formative inputs for the parents, dwelling deeply on the parental care, child protection and girl empowerment.

CUBS AND BULBULS TRAINING CAMP

The BulBuls and Cubs of Auxilium Nursery and Primary School and Don Bosco Matriculation School, Thanjavur celebrated their day on 14th July, 2018 at AuXilium. The Animator of the day was Mr. James, a Scout Master Trainer from Chennai. Along with the 29 Bulbuls and cubs, the instructors and the Headmistress Sr. Paulia Mary took part in the day's programme.

The smart little candidates were taught the law, promise, left hand shake, Scout clap and the salute of the movement. There were various activities to sharpen their concentration, memory and attention. They were taught breathing and bending exercises and making different kinds of knots. Finally the uniform discipline was checked. At the conclusion of the day's programme suggestions were invited from the cubs' masters and bulbuls' mistresses. The day ended with the National Anthem.



ANNUAL SCHOOL INSPECTION

The annual school inspection was held at Auxilium Girls' Hr. Sec. School, Thanjavur on 6th June 2018. Though it came as a surprise for the management with hardly any time for preparation, it turned out to be a special and great event for the school to add to its accolades. The inspection team comprised of the Chief Educational Officer of Thanjavur Mrs. Subashini in collaboration with the District Educational Officer, District Inspector, District Inspector of Physical Education, Block Research Trainers and the Headmistresses of Marungulam and Aranmanai Govt. Girls' School. A grand welcome was given by all the groups that were present in the school. The entire team of inspectors witnessed the School assembly that began with the 'Tamil Thai Vazhthu' followed by Flag hoisting, Yoga and special address by the CEO. The CEO expressed her marvel at the discipline and values held in the school. She motivated the students to learn with great interest. All the classes were visited and observed by the team members and reports were given with deep appreciation. Certainly it was a day filled with God's grace and blessings.



Sr. Samson Guana Jennifer, Auxilium Centre, Thanjavur

“AS THE FLAG GOES HIGH SHE ELEVATED US HIGH”

On 7th September morning with great joy and fervor we journeyed to the Basilica of Velankanni. I have been to that shrine in all my summer vacation but this time I had really a beautiful experience that cannot be verbalized.

The hour of grace was slowly nearing where we waited along with a huge crowd of faithful to see the flag hoisting ceremony. Mary Most Holy was honored in various languages through the powerful prayer “Hail Mary” till the appointed time has reached. Sharp at 12 p.m. with bright and scorching sun light the Holy flag which carried the blessed image of our Lady of Velankanni was blessed and hoisted thrice up and down.

Each time when the flag goes high, she really carried all our burdens, pains, difficulties to her beloved Son Jesus. Whenever the flag came down I felt that our Mother Mary who is so compassionate comes down repeatedly to her children to wipe out their tears. Our tears were dried up and our hearts became free. There was a kind of joy and peace which I never experienced and cherished before. Mary is the women of miracle, the miracle that happened was – The heart that was faint got new strength, new confidence,

and the mind that was confused got a trustful clarity. It's not anymore surrender and action but now on it has become surrendered action...

She is really alive, vibrant and active amidst her children; we could very evidently feel it. Evening after the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided by Rt. Rev. Devadoss Ambrose, the Bishop of Thanjavur, we participated in the procession where people from different states carried the cars of Archangel Michael, St. Sebastian, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph, followed by our lady of Carmel, Immaculate Virgin Mary and finally Our lady of Good health. Heavy crowd, no place to stand still we were embraced by the cloud of prayer vibrations. We indeed witnessed the love and devotion to Our Lady of good health that flowed like gushing water across from the people of many states, religion and language on that day...

*Sr. Joseph Pretencia
Thanjavur Auxilium*



***"The Family is the
fundamental locus of the
covenant between the
Church and God's
creation."
- Pope Francis***

**AUXILIUM CONVENT,
SIRUDUR, MADURAI**

**TRIPLE CELEBRATION
-14.09.2018**

The day dawned with great enthusiasm in the campus for it is the feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the news of the TEN missionaries who are ready to go to proclaim the Gospel to the places where they are sent and of the Migrants who become strangers in other countries.

Inspired by the letter of Mother Alaide Deretti, the community decided to keep up the day as Migrants day. Our two Postulants Rebecca and Paul Mary who have come to this community for Apostolic and Community experience enthusiastically decorated the cross and the Theme of the day "We welcome you Jesus" was displayed on the board indicating the countries Syria, Eritrea and Afganistan.

Sr. Sylas Rani Saluja animated morning prayer and prayed for the migrant brothers and sisters who are labelled by prejudices, convictions, looked at with suspicion, considered the outcastes of our time. We prayed to Jesus to accept every one reflecting on the passage "When I was a stranger you received me in your homes"(Mt.25:35)

The Holy Eucharist was solemnised by Rev. Fr. Lourdu Stephen, a Schoenstatt Priest. Bringing all the above intentions we had the introductory thought and the prayer of the faithful during Mass.



Rev. Fr. Lourdu Stephen highlighted that around 644 million migrants are in the world and they are mainly from Syria, Eritrea and Pakistan. He showed the Cross and helped us to understand that Christ is suffering still in various situations and through various people especially the migrants who become strangers in an unknown country.

We also rejoiced and prayed for the 10 Missionary Sisters who opted to go to the missions leaving their own country to proclaim the Good News to the poor. Today's celebrations helped us to be convinced that we will accept everyone without any exceptions and be hospitable in our ambient.



YOUTH ACHIEVER'S AWARD :

In Coimbatore District, the Child Labor Department organized a function to honor the children who were rescued by Child Labor Department and who completed their College and X, XII Standard. Ms. G. Saraswathi, one of our Shelter Home Child who was rescued by Child Labor Department was invited to receive the award. She is with us from 4th standard onwards. She completed her B.A. Economics at Nirmala College for Women at Coimbatore. She participated in the function held at Coimbatore Collector office and with great joy received the Young Achiever Award from District Collector Thiru. Hariharan. Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary the Programme Coordinator accompanied her. The Additional Commissioner of Child Labor Department appreciated Saraswathi's achievement and assured her to help her to complete her higher studies. She wants to do Physical Education as she is interested in Sports. We congratulated her effort and May the Lord bless her for a bright future.

**YOUTH ACHIEVER'S AWARD
12.06.2018**

24.6.18 : CHILDREN COMMITTEE MEETING: A new initiative was introduced with the formation of 8 new Committees for the welfare of our Children: They are : Food Committee, Education Committee, Recreation and Cultural Committee, Spiritual Committee, Garden Committee, Police Committee Discipline Committee and Health and Hygiene Committee. Leaders were elected by voting system and Children were allowed to choose the committee as they desire. Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria gave an introductory talk about the networking and group spirit. Sr. Yacob Amalie the Animator and all the community Sisters congratulated them. The Animator focused on the success of their activities. The effort of the Social Worker Ms. Kaviya Priya who organized the programme to ensure participation of children in the child related activities was a grand success.

**"I ask you to ensure
humanity is served by
wealth and not ruled by it."
- Pope Francis**

**CHILDREN COMMITTEE
MEETING 24.06.2018**



**INDEPENDENCE DAY
MARIALAYA COIMBATORE:**

Every ones heart was filled with joy and eagerness to celebrate the 72 years of Independence obtained by 'Non Violence.' Our Shelter Home Children and Reception Unit Children marched to the rhythm of march past Music and came to the spot. The Special Invites were from Junior Chamber Intensity. The Chief Guest hosted our National Flag, for intoning the Flag song. Our shelter Home children preformed beautiful dance and the Pyramid. Few of them delivered speech about our

National Leaders who had toiled for Independence. Our Animator Sr. Yacob Amalie said that each one is free here and they must make use of the freedom in a right way. At the end, the Chief Guest appreciated the children's performances very much and distributed sweets for everybody. Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary conducted games for the children, like drawing and imitating the leaders. It helped them to know more about our leaders and of our Nation. Being the feast of Assumption of our Blessed Mother Sisters with the children prayed the Holy Rosary and offered for our Nation and for Kerala where the people are affected by heavy rain.



*"If we destroy
Creation. Creation
will destroy us."
- Pope Francis*

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CERTIFICATE ISSUED 30.08.2018



Our Vocation Training Centre Students 16 of them completed their six month course. Sr. Aruldoss Rose Mary in charge of the VTC had arranged a short programme. At 10.45a.m 40 Students of the centre were gathered at the Shelter Home hall. The programme was started with invocation for God's blessing and lighted the Kuthuvilaku by Chief Guests, Mrs. Vidhya Kanakaraj - Senior Manager of Coginzant Company and Mrs. Punitha - President of Jananaga Madar Sangam, and our Animator. After the welcome speech, the annual report was read. The Chief Guests gave talks and appreciated their work and told them, that it was a great opportunity to learn a trade and they issued the certificates. We concluded the programme with vote of thanks. The 16 VTC students added joy by sharing their various food items prepared for lunch together with Sisters.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED

- 30.08.2018

CERTIFICATION CEREMONY : ASSIST, Marialaya Coimbatore conducted a three months Computer Course, and 29 of the participants completed the course successfully. Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha, the Programme Coordinator and our Director and Animator arranged a short function. The Chief Guests were Mr. SathyaPrakash BBA, MBA Business Management, Vodafone Enterprise Segment – Manager, and Mr. Rafiq - President JCI Junior Chamber in City. The function started with a prayer song followed by welcome speech, welcome dance, and a dramatization. The Chief Guest Sathya Prakash distributed the certificates to the students. The students gladly shared their class room experiences. The function ended with vote of thanks.



CERTIFICATION CEREMONY

- 01.09.2018

TALENT SHOW



Vriksha Charitable Trust, Coimbatore Paradise 2018 conducted 'One day Exclusive Talent Show for God Blessed Souls'. Nearly Four Hundred children from Six Orphanages participated in the talent competitions. Our Marialaya Shelter Home Children also played an active role in all the competitions and won over all Championship and received the 1st prize Computer and individual cup and the Certificate. They came back with full of joy.

05.09.2018 : AWARENESS ON ECO CONCERN FOR WOMEN: Fifty Women Group members were animated on 'Save Natural Resources' by Sr. Lourdu Sagayam- Province Women Coordinator.



Leaders learning to harness the gifts toward the same goal



First Congress of Salesian Cooperators, Trichy Province





**First Anniversary of the Erection
of INT Province**



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

- 06.09.2018

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:
At 10.00 a.m. all the teachers working with us gathered at our Shelter Home Hall. Our Animator Sr. Yacob Amalie and few other teachers lit the Kuthuvilaku and invoked God's blessing by a prayer song. Sr. Aruldoss Rose Mary presented the Teachers Day



Message given by our Mother Provincial through video clippings and power point and reciprocated her greetings. The focused points of Mother Provincial Letters are : the film called 'Taare Zameen Par' how a boy named Ishaan Awasthi suffering from Dyslexia became alright with the help his able teacher Ram who understood his difficulty; Like Jesus the Good Shepherd pay attention to the needy students; Don Boso's vision for reforming youth was offered through video clippings and the concluded saying : 'You are not mere teachers' but managers of the world's best resource - Children. Our Animator Sr. Yacob Amalie thanked the teachers for their service in our Institute along with the Sisters and gave a gift for each.

NET WORK PROGRAMME

- WORLD CLEAN UP DAY :

The World Clean Up Day was observed on 15th September 18. A Rally on Environmental Awareness cum a Clean Up Drive was organized on 7th September 18 by Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Coimbatore in collaboration with the members of Voluntary Organizations and Educational Institutions in Coimbatore City.



As a part of this today we gave awareness in the Ramakrishnapuram Middle School on importance of cleanliness. The Children took oath for clean world.

Report By

Sr. ARULDOSS ROSE MARY



***"Help one another this is what
Jesus teacher us.
This is what I do. And I
do it with my heart."
- Pope Francis.***

KEELA ERAL

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. The Investiture ceremony of our school for the academic year 2018–2019 was held with great pomp and dignity in a special ceremony at the school premise. Rev. Fr. Thivya Alex SDB was the Chief Guest. The event was presided



Sr. AuXilia Sophia Rayan the Correspondent and Sr. Leema Rose, the Principal. The Chief Guest conferred the badges to elected leaders. The members of the students' council took pledged themselves to be true to the school motto of “Knowledge and Virtue”. Fr. Thivya Alex congratulated the leaders and gave a speech encouraging them. Sr. Auxilia Sophia made the leaders to understand their responsibilities and duties by asking questions about their role and its implications. She advised them to be a role models and to extend a supporting hand to the students' council for the achievement of the goals set by the School. The function concluded with the National Anthem.

Sr. Leema Rose, Keela Eral

MANIKANDAM

ORIENTATION FOR THE NOVICES

On 6th June 2018, the Orientation of the Novices took place in Divyadhanam. The orientation was animated by Sr. Ambrose Little Flower, the Secretary of INT Province. At 9:30 a.m., session began with a hymn. The program was divided into three sessions. In the first part, we saw about the love of God. The love of God is stronger than the love that our parents have for us. She gave God's letter in which God wanted to communicate with us through His Word.

In between, Sister taught some exercises to practice every day. In the 2nd session, she elaborated on four principles of eagle. With the attitude of an eagle, Sister connected our life in order to be strong in our day to-day life. She exhorted the participants to have higher goals, to be updated, to be a happy person even in times of trial like an eagle.



Sessions, were followed by group sharing. A very important and needed session which reminded us to be attentive in this busy world was on "Time Management". In this world, every one runs to reach or achieve something. But they can't because of the time management. Sister took this session very clearly. She gave the formula of success, "time + efforts = success". Sr. Little Flower emphasized on the need to organize our precious time.

- Sr. Josephine, 1 year Novice



**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SNOW -
FEAST OF THE INT PROVINCE &
THE FOUNDATION OF
OUR INSTITUTE:**



We, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, joined the world of FMA in thanking God for His wonders in the life of our Congregation and recommitted our life for the welfare of the young people. The Morning Prayer service urged us to increase our love for Mother Mary which made us to

recall and rejoice at the marvelous things God accomplished through our Sisters. The Holy Mass was celebrated in Carmilite Chapel, the Substation and at the end of the Mass people wished us and our Sisters who celebrated their Profession Day. In the evening Rosary was prayed meaningfully with hymns and special intentions for our Province. Novice staged Colourful cultural programme to express the gratitude to Mary for her Motherly presence and guidance and honoured our Sisters with the Ponaadai.



- Sr. Sahayaraj Infanta, 1 year Novice

*"St. Peter committed one of
the greatest sins, denying Christ,
and yet they made him Pope.
Think about that." - Pope Francis.*

**TWIN CELEBRATION :
INDEPENDENCE DAY AND
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION**

On this beautiful day, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and paid homage to our country as it was the 72nd day of Independence. The festive note was enhanced by the well prepared liturgy. Tri-color national flag and colorful lamps were carried along with music. Homily on “Is India really free from all prejudices, hatred and all sorts of violence? Do we really enjoy the citizenship of India?” set the mind to explore the real meaning of real freedom. The national flag was hoisted by the celebrant Fr. Matthew OCD and an inspiring speech was delivered by Sr. Infanta, first year Novice provoking a sense of awakening in us to contribute our share of good for the betterment of the society.

Celebration concluded with the reminder that we need to reflect in our lives the freedom of Mary who was assumed into heaven.

*- Sr. SUNDARAM Bernadette Neha
Manikandam, Trichy.*

PUTHENTHURAI

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION**

“We are one”

As our country celebrates the 72nd Indian Independence Day on 15th of August 2018, Auxilium Matriculation School and Holy Infant Child Jesus Middle school, Puthenthurai celebrated the ceremony after the Holy Eucharist with great enthusiasm and respect at Holy Infant Child Jesus middle school in Puthenthurai. The ceremony started at 08.30 am in the school open ground with large crowd of parishners, students and parents.



Rev. Sr. Rosario Jebamani the Correspondent of Auxilium Matriculation School welcomed the gathering. Rev. Fr. Godfrey, Parish Priest of Puthenthurai, the Chief Guest hoisted the National flag. The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by the speech given by the VI std girl who emphasized the importance of acknowledging the

great struggle made by our freedom fighters and the challenges our women and our nation faces today. She urged the students to be responsible and patriotic to serve the nation in their individual capacities.

Students of Auxilium Matriculation School were enthusiastic and thrilled to participate in the celebrations and 1st and 2nd std students presented the theme on “unity in diversity”, LKG, UKG students gave speech on our National flag with the colourful ribbons and balloons, 1st and 2nd std students gave speech in Hindi, VIII std students of Holy Infant child Jesus Middle school presented colorful skit and dance remembering the heroes of the freedom struggle.



Programme concluded with the vote of thanks and at the end sweets were distributed to the students, parents and teachers.

Indeed it was a day of joy, a day to love and respect our country and make it a better place for Indians to live and experience the freedom, peace and unity in diversity.

Sr. Epsibai, Puthenthurai

Teachers day Celebration
“True teachers are those who help us think for ourselves”
- Dr. S. Radha Krishnan

It was an auspicious day for the students to express their gratitude to their teachers. Auxilium Matriculation School, Puthenthurai – celebrated teachers day with zeal and zest on 5th September 2018. A special morning assembly was held in which the students paid homage to their teachers. The performance of the students on the stage exclusively for teachers was a memorable one. Students from II std exhibited their talents as a treat to the teachers. Welcome ceremony, speech, wishing and thanking song, dance made the day explicable. At the end of the programme the Parish Priest of Puthenthurai Rev. Fr. Godfrey the diocesan priest appreciated the students as well as the teachers and their service in the school for the students and the society. It was a privilege to have our Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Margaret with us and to hear the message for the day from her. The day was an opportunity students shared their love by singing and thanking with their lovely voice.



TOWARDS INTEGRATED SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Go Green Say No to Plastics

ASSIST, the Social Development Office, giving heed to the “Beat Plastic Pollution”, theme for World Environment Day 2018 had created an internal network among the different sectors of the province to organize and promote the World Environment Day celebrations by circulating resource materials consisting of videos and information and also through a series of engaging activities and events generating strong interest and participation among the recipients and staff. As India was the host of the World Environment Day this year on June 5 thrust was placed on the Indian philosophy and lifestyle which is rooted in the concept of co-existence with nature.

ASSIST organized an awareness program for the students of the Government Middle School, Kolarpatti on 5th June 2018. 100 children were given awareness about the fatal consequences we face due to the extreme usage of plastics, they were also taught to explore sustainable

alternatives and urgently reduce the production and excessive use of single-use plastic polluting our oceans, damaging marine life and threatening human health. An interesting activity of purchasing fruits using cloth bags was done as a demonstration to insist the importance of the usage of cloth bags in daily life.

Students shouted the slogan, “We are committed to making Planet Earth a cleaner and greener place”, as an expression of their pledge to the cause.

Mr. Chinnarasu

Instructor cum Trainer, ASSIST, Trichy



Get set with Skill set for employment

ASSIST and the associated 5 centers of Vocational Training have witnessed the realization of the goal of promoting employment among the marginalized and vulnerable youth with apt skill set through the successful completion of the first batch of students. The entire process of involving the students and staff in preparation, instruction, formation, exploration and placement in collaboration with parents, companies and local benefactors have been an interesting venture for the whole team of ASSIST and its center Staff.

144 students have been placed successfully and 56 students equipped with skill set have gone ahead to pursue higher education. We are grateful to Quest Alliance for their great support in facilitating this process as knowledge partner. The road is laid to lead the youth forward in avenues of empowerment through employment with quality formation of attitudes, aptitudes, hard and soft skills as ASSIST to enhance its capacity to achieve stellar placement.

Mr. Lawly Claudson

Project Coordinator for Youth, ASSIST, Trichy

*"Be shepherds with
the smell of your
sheep, in the midst
of your people like
Jesus the Good
Shepherd."
- Pope Francis*

CHANGE AHEAD

- Leadership Training for Youth

ASSIST has been investing in the formation of youth as a means to foster social transformation through various training programs. The various programs for youth has been labelled as 'Change Ahead' denoting both the need for individual and societal transformation.

The orientation programs conducted in Auxilium Arts and Science College, Regunathapuram for 752 students for 3 days on 21st, 22nd June and 12th July 2018 were an opportune moment to form youth as the change agents. Activity based sessions were conducted on the topics: Discipline for growth; politics in daily life; psychological analysis for effective decision making and exploring the world within and around. The staff of ASSIST Mr. Lawly Claudson, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Mr. Chinnarasu and Sr. Arokia Mary Selvi were the resource persons. Students were actively engaged in the sessions. 'It was a very useful day. I feel charged and ready to take up the process of constructing myself towards becoming an ACHIEVER' said Ms.Preethi 2nd year student at the end of the program.

A 2 days Leadership Training under the title “Maatrathai Noki” was conducted in ASSIST hall for 30 students from 3 colleges in Trichy. Mr. Vigetharan, author of the compilation 'Irumbu Kuthingal' was the chief Resource Person who led the designing of the module and the schedule of the training program. The staff of ASSIST Mr. Lawly Claudson, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Mr. Chinnarasu and Sr. Arokia Mary Selvi were the Resource Persons for the various topics dealt during the training program. Students were led into exploration of their identity as leaders today by basing their reflections on Evolution of universe, human societies, religion, caste, education system and feminism. It was a Roller Coaster experience for the young minds which were shaken up, unwound and charged with the thirst to venture reading books and engage in fact findings. The motivated youth pledged to cultivate habits like reading daily newspapers, visiting libraries and engaging themselves in reading good literature and participating in enlightening discussions and programs. A new trend setting process was initiated in the Rockfort city.

As a ripple effect of “Maatrathai Noki” ASSIST team was invited by the Rotract Club of MSW department in Jamal Mohammed College, Trichy to animate sessions on “Well Being of Adolescence”. Activity based sessions were animated for 120 students by Mr. Dinesh to explain the significant traits of the age and later Sr. Arokia Mary Selvi explained the importance of Adolescence, the transition related issues of the age and the methodology to deal with the individuals. The animation concluded with the orientation given by Mr. Dinesh utilizing the energy and developing positive self-profile. Students left the hall celebrating their real self as the youth with the peanut sweet. 'Sweet edu kondadu' was the happy expression which marked the day.

We have embarked on the adventurous journey of exploring new horizons with the youth to discover possibilities of constructing a better world.

Mr. G.R. Dinesh Kumar
Project Coordinator for Children,
ASSIST, Trichy

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NEW WINE AND NEW WINE SKINS

Province Council and Team Meet was hosted at Divyadhanam, Manikandam on 9th June 2018. The day of review, reflection for action commenced with the spurring prayer moments on leadership based on new wine in new wine skins animated by Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi. Sr. Angela Madalimuthu the Provincial Economer thanked the out going Office Bearers and Sr. Micheala Cruz welcomed the new members to the Team.



Mother Provincial gave a glimpse of challenges put forth for the consecrated life in the document 'New Wine in New wine Skins' during her introductory talk. She exhorted the Council and Team members with practical guidelines to live in solidarity with those in the peripheries according to the signs of the time we live in.

It was followed by a review of Child Protection Policy animated by Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi, the Social Development Coordinator. A question naire to assess the effectiveness of the Child Protection Policy sent by the National Development Office was presented and the apt method to apply the policy in our institutions were discussed inorder to create a child-friendly ambient. After finalising Annual Plan and Project and Annual Calender the Provincial Council and the Team members continued with their agenda separately.

Lively recreation animated by Sr. Rayappan Sampooranam was an opportune moment of sharing our joy and family togetherness. The day concluded with the good night thought given by Sr. Micheala Cruz in which she invited us to raise our hearts in gratitude to the Almighty for His stead fast love.

Sr. Peter Selvarani
General Coordinator

FIRST MILESTONE IN THE JOURNEY OF THE NEW PROVINCE - INT PROVINCE - 10.06.2018

The day dawned with the joy ful melody of thanking the Lord of wonders. Sisters arrived from different communities and gathered with the happy smile to praise Our Lady of Snow who accompanies us, her daughters along the path of discipleship. One year of journeying with the young having the Zeal and the Spirit of Don Bosco and Mary Mazzerello has yielded a harvest of goodness and the vast reach of gospel values. Morning Prayer led by Sr. Veda and Sr. Theresa was filled with grace and elegance. Sr. Little Flower presented an out look on 'New Wine in New wine Skins' through power point which enkindled zeal for souls in all those present.



The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Baptist, Sdb. It was a time of grace and peace. Sisters were overwhelmed with the sense of gratitude and we thanked the Lord through the liturgy initiatives during

the introduction, prayers of the faithful and grand entrustment to Mary, the Mother of Snow after the mass. Sisters pledged them selves to become New Wine Skins to contain the New Wine, Jesus within and to be the missionaries focussed on the peripheries. The felicitation meaningfully included every member of the Educating community. Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret gracefully honoured everyone and Sisters wished her for her loving and effective leader ship. Agape marked the familial sharing of love and commitment. Sisters left the Mother house energised to be vibrant messenger of love, hope and joy.

*Sr. Peter Selvarani
General Coordinator*

*"A Church without women
would be like the
apostolic college without Mary.
The Madonna is
more important than the apostles,
and the church herself is feminine,
the spouse of Christ and a mother."
- Pope Francis.*

DYNAMIC AND PARTICIPATIVE LEADERSHIP

The day began singing the praises of the Merciful and Loving Lord on 30th June through the morning Prayer which was animated by Rev. Sr. Immaculate. Rev. Fr. Rajan Pushparaj sdb, the Rector of St. Gabriel's, Broadway celebrated the Eucharist. In his homily he insisted that our words should be like that of Christ healing, comforting, encouraging and above all life - giving.

The animation of the day's programme began at 9.00 am in St. Francis Xavier Convent with the prayer, imploring God's grace. Sr. Peter Selvarani, the General Coordinator of the Province welcomed the participants and created the ambient for the day's incessant programme. Mother Provincial in her introductory talk urged the Sister to vest themselves with two great virtues namely, Delicacy of Conscience and Efficacy of (Positive) Words. Through the power point presentation she exhorted the Sisters to be more cheerful in serving the Apostolic Exhortation titled "Gaudete Et Exsultate – Universal Call to Holiness" By Pope Francis.



Child is like a mirror, who should be handled with utmost care. Mr. Dinesh, the Resource person from ASSIST explained how effectively we can practice CPP in our campuses. Mr. Vincent Vijayaraj, Professor of the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai, shared with us about Eco-Spirituality, living life one with the nature. He connected the Gospel and life with the nature. He enlightened us to lead a natural way of life effectively by being one with nature, he also insisted on training our recipients to live a healthy and contented life.

Sr. Ambrose Little Flower, the Provincial Secretary, meticulously explained the Plan - Project of this year with guide lines to execute them in our own sectors. In the Evening Atta Yoga was performed by the students of St. Francis Xavier School and organized by Sr. Fernando Majella, as demonstration for the better understanding of the Sisters. The sector wise

meeting and discussion with the Sisters in charge of local communities along with their coordinators was followed by the general assembly where each sector came out with their action plan for this year. Finally, Mother Provincial appreciated everyone for their valuable contributions and with a short prayer the day's programme came to an end.

At the end of the day, after a short recreation, during 'Good Night' Mother Provincial motivated the Sisters with the Video on the Indian Constitution and insisted that the Educators should educate the children of our schools with the knowledge of the Constitution of India. A note of gratitude resounded in every one's heart for the enlightening experience gained through the day's animation.

Sr. Peter Selvarani



*"The world tells us to seek success,
power and money; God tells us to seek
humility, service and love."*

- Pope Francis

REPENT & RETURN TO CHRISTO CENTRIC LIFE & MISSION

Participants :

Venue : St. Francis Xavier Convent,
Broadway, Chennai

Date : 01.07.2018 – Sunday

The new day and a new month dawned on 1st July in St. Francis Xavier Convent Broadway with the numerous blessings and Graces of the Lord showered on each of us as Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothi animated the Morning Prayer with visuals. Fr. Varghese Alengaden the Resource person of the day celebrated the Eucharist. He insisted us to recall the blessings of the Lord in everyday routine than thinking about the guilt that which is the obstacle to realize God's abundant goodness.

Sr. Leema animated the prayer before the session invoking the Holy Spirit to guide us throughout this day. Sr. Angela Mathalaimuthu the Provincial Economist introduced Fr. Varghese Alengaden to the participants who were the Headmistresses, Youth Pastoral Coordinators, Media & Mission Ad/ Inter Gentes Coordinators, Educating Community Coordinators of different communities in the province. He is a Prophetic Visionary and works for the

Promotion of Peace in most parts of India. He as a person filled with knowledge is a well-known retreat preacher and a speaker. As she introduced & welcomed him, our Mother Provincial honored him with the Ponadai.

Father started his first session. He put forth lot of questions to the participants. As religious what are the changes in your attitude, priority in life? Why change has loosed its credibility in us? In recent years what are the attacks that took place in India in general as well in the Indian church? Does it has any connection to our mission life? What is UCAN? How many of us read the news paper daily at least for half an hour? All these questions were thrown on the participants and there was less positive response. The interaction and knowledge about the world is very less in us and we are more institutionalized and without knowing the context of today how can we reflect and act according to the current situation.

He spoke in detail about the command of Jesus to all, "To go out to the whole world to proclaim the good news and to make disciples every where". Jesus showed us the way. He launched the spiritual movement and His Uniform

was only Love. We religious set up institutions, structured life ritualistic and law abiding. Worshipping Christ replaced the following Christ mostly in our life. This is the hindrance for the change in us.

He explained hat we are following the colonial legacy and that is why we Christians are threatened by the RSS. We are to be 'Salt of the earth'. Salt is very important for the delicious food. If it is less or more we know the difference and the food is wasted. Like wise if we do not add taste to our life by our saltiness we are useless. An analysis has showed that decline of the church is due the negligence of knowing the need and acting according to it. After the short break we had the next session.

The Reasons for the Anti - Christian Campaign:

The Nation building was not our agenda, Loyalty was shown to the church than to the teachings of Christ. Loyalty to the nation is not expressed through visible symbols. Campus bound, no public relations and networking. Like wise there are various effects that contribute for this anti - Christian campaign. The Church has lost its saltiness in many ways.

He enumerated the methodology to face the challenges. He made a reference to the Popes Apostolic Exhortation “New wine in New Wine Skins” which gives the guidance to face the challenges.

He insisted that all the old wines like Fundamentalism, Hierarchical leadership, rigid structures, ritualistic attitude has to be changed. Then the new types of challenges the same Fundamentalism, Hinduthuva and Terrorism have to be met with new approaches. Change is possible if we make effort, especially in our personal life.

The New wineskin Formation is to develop a personal spirituality with self - discipline & self - education.

New wineskin community: Communion in communities, Total transparency, Total inclusiveness, Team work, Rules to be based on broad inclusive & lasting vision, shifting from religiosity to spirituality.

Clarity of our call & Mission :

“You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit. Fruit that will last”. If we have clear vision lasting fruit is possible.

He gave a model of Christo centric (new wineskin) mission. His own

Universal Solidarity Movement and its Principles and functions were showed through video. He asked our Sisters who have attended his sessions earlier to share their experiences.

Finally, he proposed plan of actions for us. Here are few

- ★ Participate in Christo Centric retreats
- ★ Restructure the community and Institutions
- ★ Review the ministries & bring changes to become new wineskins.
- ★ Review the youth animation
- ★ Activate alumni associations
- ★ Start a community after the model of Universal Solidarity Movement USM.
- ★ One hour of Contemplation without any reading and other prayers and common prayers to reflect on Christ and become prophets.

Sisters raised questions to clarify their doubts to 1 which “Change is possible if we are ready” was the answer.



Evaluation Sheet:

Fr. Varghese gave us the sheet in which we were asked to write our learnings, Things that we did not like and our suggestions for improvement. We filled the sheet and gave back.

Sr. Lourdu Sagayam thanked Fr. Vargese Alengaden and Sr. Maria Pushpam offered a gift to him. Sr. Lourdu Sagayam thanked Our Provincial and Sr. Peter Selva Rani, the General Coordinator thanked the community and the participants. Provincial waved off the participants with the thought, "Change is possible" when taken up personally.

WOMEN COORDINATORS MEET – 04.07.2018

Women everywhere have proven their mettle as leaders and activists, pressing for a more fair and inclusive world.

To realize this into the lives of women in our area of animation every year the initial meeting is conducted to evaluate the past and live the present with positive energy, bringing vibrant changes in their lives. The day started with the invocation of the Holy Spirit to be present with the participants throughout the day. It was organized by Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam,

the province coordinator for women. There were eight sisters and 20 women from 6 communities. Introductory talk was given by Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, the Provincial which triggered the participants to be more responsible towards the growth of the individuals, family, nature and the society.



Her thought was very much at tuned with the reality. In her talk she stated that:

- ★ Women are influenced by all that is taught by cell phones, Television and other media influences.
- ★ Nature provides everything for a human person to exist and live clean, green and healthy life but it needs to be cared by human beings especially women.
- ★ Every woman has a right to fight for water, quality education, toilet facilities in the schools and other public places.
- ★ As a women one need to be a uniting force both in the family and in the society without looking for caste, color and education.

She spoke vividly about the three types of people in the world namely, those who simply exist in the world achieving nothing, those who live without reason for their existence, those who achieve something and end their life finally she mentioned about those who work for the welfare of people in need.

The second session was animated by Mr. Vincent Vijaya Raj from Loyola College. The topic of the session was "Eco concern". Through many personal examples and life experiences he created awareness on healthy food habits for a happy life. He explained the necessity to maintain the balance between nature and human living habits of consumption. The need to adapt natural way of living habits was stressed. Thus the participants were urged to adapt a nature friendly life style which would also lead to self-sustenance.

*Sr. Antony Louridhu Sagayam
Women Coordinator*



*God's Love is
unbounded :
It has No Limits.
- Pope Francis*

SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Human Rights :A Clarion Call for Self-Transformation, Social Transformation and Political Transformation

"Human Right is an indispensable factor; to safeguard Human Dignity," with this theme a day of Seminar was held on 07.07.2018 at AuXilium Convent, Tanjore. The responses and the active participation of the participants were encouraging and a hope to our future mission. It was really a promising endeavour. The seminar began with a meaningful and simple prayer service animated by the students of AuXilium Girls. Hr. Sec. School, Tanjore. These girls were assisted by their teacher Ms. Mary.

Presence of Rev. Sr. Magnificat, the Animator of Auxilium Convent spelt out the importance of the programme. In her introductory talk she summoned the participants to create a society without discriminations based on caste, colour, race, language or religion. Her talk ignited fire within the participants.

With the same zeal and enthusiasm, the chief guest of the day Rev. Fr. Antony Cyril S.J began his sharing with a discussion. The discussion initiated with the participants sharing their understanding about violation of Human

Rights in their surroundings or neighbourhood. The participants immediately brought forth issues and incidents regarding Child Marriage, Child Labour, Trafficking of Women and GST. The speaker of the day, continued his session with thought provoking and insightful informations and citings from famous personalities who had laboured and struggled to stress the need of Human Rights like Federal Castro, Paulo Ferrer. In his sharing he also exposed that the core of Indian Constitution was formulated based on Human Rights. This was really an eye - opener for many of the participants.

His sharing was not only theoretical rather it was more practical and interesting. He cited many current issues 'How and Where and When' the different forms of the violation of human rights happen in India especially in Tamil Nadu. He also brought forth strongly that the Children are not vulnerable rather they are the powerful and strongest persons who can bring about tremendous change in this society of ours. It was a real challenge that he placed before the participants. His challenge also includes a call to build up a new society where the Human Dignity of every person is respected and protected. Human Right Education leads to Self-transformation,

Social transformation and Political transformation.

At the end of this session he threw to the floor four questions and the participants organized themselves into six different groups to discuss and take up lines of actions to create a new society where Human rights of each person are upheld and respected. The fruit of their response and lines of actions were shared in the general assembly in the presence of the speaker of the day. He was happy to hear the fruit of their discussion. He concluded the session by asking them to put into practice what they have brought to the floor.

Participants and the Chief Guest and the topic of the Seminar gives a Clarion call to act as immediate agents who would bring about the triple changes that were proposed in the seminar. This seminar gives us hope and encouragement for the future of our mission.



Sr. Rani Celine

CATECHETICAL SEMINAR FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH

Broadway - Chennai

The Universal **Call to Holiness** is a teaching of the Roman Catholic Church that all people are **called** to be holy, and is based on Matthew 5:48 – "Be you there fore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect." The Catechetical seminar for Catholic youth of Chennai zone for the year 2018 - 2019 was organized at St. Francis Xavier's Convent, Broadway, Chennai on 12th July 2018. Catholic students from St. Francis Xavier Anglo Indian Hr. Sec. School, Our Lady's Matriculation School – Broadway, Our Lady's Hr. Sec. School - Tiruvottiyur, and Marialaya, Broadway participated in the Seminar. The theme of the seminar was **"Call to Holiness -To be Saints is not a privilege for the few but a vocation for Everyone"**, co-ordinated by Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani along with Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen. Hundred and thirty vibrant and enthusiastic students, from the above mentioned schools participated in this seminar.



The Seminar began at 9.30 a.m. with the inaugural prayer. This was followed by words of welcome by a student from Our Lady's Centre – Tiruvottiyur.

Sr. Fernando Majella, the Animator of St. Francis Xavier's Convent, Broadway inaugurated the seminar exhorting the students to live the Christian faith in the path of Holiness. What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. Our modest goal was to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us, "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4). She motivated the students how to be holy in their daily life and suggested some practical ways to live a holy life.

The first session was animated by Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen dealt on the theme 'The Christian understanding of Holiness'. She made the children to enact out creatively the living saints – St. John Bosco, St. Mary Mazzarello, Bl. Laura Vicuna, St. Dominic Savio, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Antony and ensured them that the future of the generation's sanctity also lies in their hands, "When they can, why can't I?" Short films and audio visual clippings

In the afternoon Bible games and action songs were taught by Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen and Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani which pertained to Christian faith. Then the students were divided into 13 groups and given questions to be discussed. At 2.30 p.m. the students presented the insights of the discussion that they had discussed. The result presented to the assembly revealed the influence the talks had on the children. At 3.30 p.m. the seminar ended with vote of thanks and concluding prayers.

Let us be spurred on by the signs of holiness that the Lord shows us through the humblest members of that people which “shares also in Christ's prophetic office, spreading abroad a living witness to him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity”. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23).



Pope Francis in *Gaudete et exsultate* states that “we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves” (GE n.14). In order to communicate this message to our students a day of Faith formation for the youth of our Schools of Trichy Province was organized at Auxilium Centre, Thanjavur on 25th August 2018. The Seminar was centred on the theme “Call to Holiness - To be Saints is not a privilege for the few but a vocation for Everyone.”

Seventy nine enthusiastic Catholic students, along with 6 teachers who accompanied the students, from Madurai, Therespuram, Keela Eral, Puliadithammam, Tiruppur and Thanjavur participated in the seminar. Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani along with Sr. Peter Selva Rani animated the Seminar with Short films and Video clippings.

The Seminar began at 9.00 a.m. with Prayer animated by the children of Auxilium school, Madurai, and the welcome address was given by the students of Auxilium, Therespuram. Sr. Soosai Magnificat the Animator of the Community of Auxilium Centre, Thanjavur inspired the children through her introductory talk inviting everyone to be HOLY. She focussed on the acronym for HOLY: H – Being Human, O – Being other centered, L – Desire to Love, Y – Yearning for God.

The Seminar was focused on the Apostolic EXhortation, Gaudete et EXultate, of Pope Francis. Sr. Peter Selva Rani animated the first session on 'The Christian understanding of Holiness'. She put forth to the children three questions: What is Holiness? Who is Holy? What is God calling us to do? She drew the answers from the first chapter of the EXhortation and encouraged the children to embrace daily Holiness in the lives.



The second session was animated by Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani on the theme

'The Christian Roadmap to Holiness'. It was rooted on 'Beatitudes' from the third chapter of the Apostolic EXhortation which is considered as a 'Christian's identity card'. She explained the Beatitudes in depth and made the children to learn it and invited everyone to live it in their daily life. She also helped the children to be active through action songs and Bible games.

In the afternoon the participants were divided into eight groups and had the group discussions. They shared their thoughts and views on the theme of the day and presented them to the assembly. They enriched each other by their sharing and decided to be holy in their daily life by being happy, charitable, patient, etc... The participation of the children expressed that they were open, spontaneous, eager to know about Jesus and become holy day by day by their being than doing. The meeting came to an end at 3.45 p.m. with vote of thanks and Prayer.

Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani
Catechetical Co-ordinator

DYNAMIC AND PARTICIPATIVE LEADERSHIP

“SOUND LEADERSHIP IS FOUNDED ON LOVING INTEGRITY.”

Ultimately, leadership is not about glorious crowning acts. It's about keeping your team focused on a goal and motivated to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences really matter. A new dawn for the Province of INT as 47 Sisters of the Province of Our Lady of Snow assembled at Madurai, Sirudur on 14th July 2018, including the Animators, Economers and few representatives Sisters from each communities. We began our day seeking the amazing Lord through the prayer moment animated by Sr. Antony Nirmala Rani from the community of Tanjore. We were enlightened by the power-point slides on the authentic and relevant Pope Francis.

“It is about laying the ground work for others' success, and then standing back and letting them shine” were the opening words of Rev. Fr. Jagath Gaspar, from the diocese of Kuzhithurai, the

resource person of the day. He is popularly known as the person of media and eco-spirituality, political and social activist. Fr. Jagath Gaspar fired up the entire growth with his insights with his dynamic and participative leadership. It is a challenge for us to have internal and external listening, to take concrete steps to make relevant the “Miracle of Discipleship”.

We dealt mostly with issues like “Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team”.



As the art of communication was the language of leadership, so through reflection we understood that the key to

successful leadership today is influence, not authority. In his 2 sessions, he initiated some practical steps for broader vision for our Province and for the communities based on the "CONTEXT" of our times, need for a wake up in Media & Eco - spirituality. We had group session during the afternoon session based on the following questions:

- ★ How will you be a dynamic and participative leader in community / mission?
- ★ Identifying the new areas of concern in our mission.

We also had group presentation where we were enriched with others ideas and thus complementary supported each other. Then Sr. Ambrose Little Flower meticulously explained the Apostolic Plans and Visions of our Province from the guidelines of the Educative Mission (GEM). Our Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret contextualized the various points in references with the daily challenges of our respective communities. After a serious speculation, we took resolution of three aspects that we

would stress upon for both the questions to radiate out our dynamic spirit towards building effective leadership and unlock others potential to become better.

Thus, in order to be a dynamic and participative leader in community / mission we would dwell on the points a) Self - discipline, b) knowing the context and c) a firm response. The new areas of concern in our mission as per our context in discussion with all the participants is a) Election preparation, b) eco concern and c) formation of laity and concluded the day with the Vote of thanks. I know of no single formula for success. But over this meeting, I observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together.

LET'S THROW A COMPELLING VISION, A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND A RELENTLESS IMPLEMENTATION TO YIELD FRUITFUL (INT) OUTCOMES

The day dawned on 15th July 2018 with the Morning Praises to God invoked by Sr. Rayyapan Cecily Selvi with visuals. Today being the Lord's Day we had solemn Eucharistic celebration. Sr. Regina

Antony gave an introduction with the enactment based on the theme of the day. Fr. Francis Xavier SDB was the celebrant for the Holy Mass. He brought out the message of the day connecting to the Introduction given in the beginning and the other readings of the day. The singing for the Mass made the participants to be alive and active in meaningful participation. Then we went for Break fast.

“Young People, Faith & Vocational Discernment” Synod Document:

At. 9.15 We started the session with the short prayer by Sr. Jebamani from Puthenthrai. She invoked the Lord for new hopes, new dreams and plans with video animation. Sr. Maria Pushpam the Vice Provincial was a chairperson of the day. She invited our Provincial Sr. Mary Margaret to give us the introductory talk. She focused on the forthcoming synod in October 2018. The theme is “Young People, Faith & Vocational Discernment”. The three parts of the Document are explained systematically.

Part – I. Recognizing: The Church Listens to Reality: Young People in Today's World need Listening. Observing the Young people their context, their roles in the family the

challenges that they face in the society. Competing for employment in the globalized market all over the world, discrimination based on caste & creed, sickness, affectivity & sexuality.

Part – II. Interpreting: The Blessings of Youth in the life and how Bible interpret that Jesus as a young man gave His life for the Fullness of Life for the World, Vocation in the Light of Faith, The dynamism of vocational discernment & The Art of Accompanying the young in different aspects for their growth are explained.

Part – III. Choosing : Paths of Pastoral & Missionary Conversion: Choosing does not mean that giving answers to the problem. It is to identify the opportunities to increase their capacity for discernment. The Young people want to be accompanied in the church and in their walks of life. They ask for closeness and support amidst discomfort and marginalization. The experience of a family in the church, The church the liturgy , the Word of God, Catechesis and all activities for the young to lead them to God.

The document was explained to us in a nutshell and Provincial insisted that each community to take up this document to read and go in depth.

Prize Distribution:

The Puzzle on Mother Mazzarello through Email was sent to all the communities. There were 8 communities responded with correct answers. All the 8 communities received Word of God Picture as 1st Prize from the hands of Mother Provincial.

Group Study and Sharing:

Then after the break we went to the 4 groups and did a group study of the Materials given to us the previous day. We studied the documents and answered the two questions given to us regarding the Style of Animation that is needed in today's situation and our expectation from the visiting councilor and her Profile. Finally we had general assembly and each group shared the points. Discussions and clarifications made us to get clarity in the answers. Then we broke for Lunch.

The Preamble of Indian Constitution:

It was given to us by our Mother Provincial. She asked us to use this in both formal & Non formal settings to make known the Preamble to the children and to become familiar with it, especially to conduct different competitions to the children on the upcoming Independence Day.

Communications to the Animators & Administrators:

Mother Provincial gave detailed information about the plans and the family news about our province. The development of our mission as a whole province to the participants. Then the visit of the Mothers from the center in October was the topic discussed for a longer time. We decided upon the place and the time table for 11th to 13th October. Then Animators and administrators of the local communities were given chance to express their roles, views and difficulties in the community. There were lot of sharing of positive and negative experienced in the communities. Then Sr. Arul Mary explained about Miracle Foundation, JJ Act & Hostel act registration and its importance. Sr. Anjula gave important points to know on the accounting point of view. Finally Sr. Assumptha expressed thanks giving to all starting from Mother Provincial, Councilors, Madurai Community, House staff, and each one present for the meeting.

*Sr. Raja Clarenca Mary &
Sr. Louridhu Sagayam*



JUNIORS MEET – KODAMBAKKAM

Every thought we think builds up our future and so, with a sense of renewal in our hearts and minds to awaken in us the consciousness to develop a better attitude to possess a renewal, we the 32 Juniors were enriched during our Tri -monthly Meet at the INM Provincial House, Kodambakkam on 4th and 5th August 2018. Fr. James Bernard SDB enlightened us on the theme of "Community life". He stressed on four different points stating that Community is encouragement, fun, that which attracts the Holy-Spirit and fosters love.

He also enumerated on the three types of communities—Person oriented, Work oriented and Satellite community. We spent the day in deep reflection, silence and Prayer. Later, the various prayer moments were animated by the liturgy groups in their own creative style. Fr. James spoke on the theme of Blessed Mother as the Model referring to Lumen Gentium (46) and Mariann Cultus and explained how Mary poses to be the model in her different stages of formation as an aspirant, postulant, novice, professed, junior, perpetually professed and in the process of ongoing formation. The animation of the day helped the participants to review, revive

and renew their Consecrated Missionary Life Today.

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for future." – Franklin D. Roosevelt

The INM Provincial Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala encapsulated the beauty of Salesian beginning, education, entry into the congregation and living the evangelical counsel in love in connection to the Beatitudes to live a witnessing and authentic religious life. The Holy Bible and Constitutions was presented with the aid of a slide presentation, hinting at the examples on challenges of the young people and FMAs response towards it. "To be saints, is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone" is the thought that dived into our hearts.

Three clusters evolved with these 3 questions—

- a) Do you find your life as FMA meaningful? Why? Why not?
- b) Do you have intrinsically valued goals and dreams? If you do, what are you going to realize them?
- c) How do we enhance meaning and purpose in your life?

Each sister shared on the interests, abilities, role models and inspirations that enabled mutual enhancement of the self knowledge and enlarged the site of their tent to understand their religious life. Ah, our moments were interesting as we uniquely presented the life of Mother Laura Meozzi Mateczka from the book - "The power of a life giving seed" by Mother Collino FMA. Later, the Provincial Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala summed up with some instructions for our formative accompaniment journey. "If you can't be a **pencil** to write some one's **happiness**, then try to be a **nice eraser** to remove their **sadness**." And so, later, some concrete action plan for our life was taken as all secretaries briefly shared in their views to make progress in their religious life to be fervent FMA's in their future.

We all understood that our life to God is a onetime offer. So, surely our thoughts can change the world if we ourselves lift our footsteps for a great renewal. Therefore, we have all resolved to change our life with the power of thoughts. **"Be very careful about what you think... Your thoughts run your life."**

·Sr. SUNDARAM Bernadette Neha

A RENEWED MISSIONARY ENTHUSIASM

"We are the representatives of God – His voice, hands, feet, eyes and prophets"

South Asia Missionary Formation Course held at Mathias Institute, Shillong from 1st to 21st September, was a golden opportunity for us towards renewing the great missionary enthusiasm with which we said our first 'Yes' to the Lord, four years ago. 32 members of the Salesian family – 23 SDBs (21 priests and 2 Coadjutors) and 9 FMAs from various provinces of India and Sri Lanka participated in the course organised by Rev. Fr. T.C. George SDB, South Asia Regional Delegate for Missionary Animation. The course, as it intended to, inspired the participants to strengthen the missionary sense of their vocation and called them to respond appropriately to the various challenges in our context.

The three week course was a perfect blend of animations, outings, family visits, exposure visits, prayer and intercultural and inter-contextual exchange. Logging a daily personal journal and moments of sharing of one's personal experiences spiked the spice with in the modular approach that was followed. A total of 20 modules were presented by eminent resource persons, mostly Salesian Priests along with Archbishops Thomas Menampampil and Dominic Jala, Salesian Brothers and Sr. Mary Thadavanal former Superior General of the MSMHC Congregation, Shillong. The rich

content consisted of themes such as Initial Proclamation, intercultural communication, evangelization, current moral issues in mission, missionary creativity, Salesian missionary discipleship, fundamentalism, contemplation in proclamation and psychological aspects of an evangelizer and many more.

The experience of family visits, arranged by the organisers, served a great deal to understand a bit of the North East reality, the Khasi culture, their family background and to appreciate their hospitality. It was a direct experiential learning of our identity, call and role as witnessing missionaries, carrying the Gospel and its values in our words and in our ways. These days made us more convinced of our call to be missionaries with an overflowing joy, to be inculturated wherever we are, to be passionate about the needy youth and to be a witnessing community in order to foster more vocations.

The special visit of the Salesian General Councillor for Missions Rev. Fr. Guillermo Basanes from Rome was an added delight. Speaking to us on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, he invited us to embrace the cross that awaits us in our mission. He stressed on the need for simple gestures that are more

eloquent than extensive speeches in our mission. His personal simplicity and vibrant thoughts set us ablaze with missionary zeal.

Sundays were dedicated to exposure visits and gave us a glimpse of the mesmerising beauty of the land of clouds, Meghalaya. Pilgrimage to Don Bosco Shrine at Cherrapunjee (Sohra) where the urn of Don Bosco is preserved was an experience of our Salesian heredity. The visit to Mawkyndeng mission in Jaintia hills would remain ever etched on our memories, as a great number of faithful of that old mission land in North East gave us an enthralling welcome clad in their traditional attire and singing with such celestial grace during the liturgy. The remarkable number of vocations in Shillong was a brilliant sign of hope for the future of Salesian Mission.

The Course ended on 21st September, with moments of personal synthesis, evaluation, recollection and confession. It set us on track refuelling our missionary journey, sending us to live the zeal to the full wherever we are placed.

As we gratefully remember, Fr. Thomas Pampady the Rector of Mathias Institute, Shillong. Fr. T. C. George the organiser of the Course and all their collaborators, we are obliged to express our deep sense of gratitude to

our dear Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Margaret Mary for gifting us with this exceptional opportunity to deepen our sense of salesianity and grow in our missionary call. We are also thankful to Sr. Angela Madalaimuthu, the Provincial Economer for all the arrangements made for a comfortable and a safe journey and stay. We are also very grateful to our dear Superiors Sr. Soosai Magnificat of Thanjavur and Sr. Antony Regina Mary of Puliadithammam for generously preparing us well to make our experiences more pleasing.



5TH NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

The 5th National Educational conference of Don Bosco Schools NECDBS was organized by the Salesian Province of Chennai from 28th September to 1st October 2018 at S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur. The theme of the Conference was "**Committed to accompanying the Young**". The Objective of this Conference was to facilitate the Principals with new ideas and to exchange the best practices followed at various educational institution across the Country. About 250 Principals from Don Bosco Schools and 24 FMA's across India, who are directly responsible for 10 lakh students attended this Conference. The theme aptly chosen as 'Committed to accompanying the young' reflected the Rector Major's Strenna 2018 "LORD GIVE ME THIS WATER. LET US CULTIVATE THE



Go, proclaim, bear fruit... sends our Lord and may every one of us remain ever conscious of this call and commission.

Sr. Samson Gnana Jennifer and Sr. Ponraj Amudha Selvaraniof Thanjavur and Puliadithammam communities 2014 batch

ART OF LISTENING AND ACCOMPANIMENT."

Six sessions were spread over three days providing rich inputs on themes such as:

- ★ Accompanying the youth - Physically, Intellectually, Emotionally and Spiritually
- ★ Education in the Digital age-New age pedagogy
- ★ Overcoming the challenges faced by schools
- ★ Creating the leaders of tomorrow - How we can contribute to create an open society
- ★ Creating celebrities at our schools
- ★ Principals as change agents and leaders; the Profile of a Don Bosco teacher

The resource persons touched on varied aspects that would help us accompany youngsters in their early impressionable years of growth and learning. The Physical presence of educators creates an encouraging atmosphere for student. On the emotional aspects the young need to be permitted to succeed is that which calls to filling their life with defining moments. A sound intellect can overcome problems or crisis. The essence of accompaniment lies in giving them spiritual food in developing values, forming a clear conscience etc.,

The Children of today can be called as 'Digital Natives' from the time they are born they are adapted to technology and thus to the digital world. The use of technology by institutions needs to be adapted to reach pupils. The various challenges faced by schools in today's world were discussed and an audio visual was presented about the different ways in overcoming them through catholic way of approach in the field of education

The most intriguing topic that came up for discussion was the secrets of life that was put forth in simple terms they are body, mind, life and GOD. It is the responsibility of every parent and teacher to groom young minds who contribute to the society. Children acquire more knowledge outside the school than in school were resources are limited. As effective teachers the soul of our teaching lies in converting ordinary children into extra ordinary ones.

One of the most important characteristics of a good educator is to be an effective leader. It is not the number of awards that a teacher receives but, more important is the learning outcome and what people identify in us through our effective teaching experience. Being effective calls us to be more committed, preaching what we practice and never to

compromise on values. In today's world children need to be given moral values through value based education. Educators must approach the youth in the way that touches the heart of pupils. To excel in the field of education we as educators need to have an unquenchable fire, Clarity of thought, courage to break barriers and re-build are essential traits required to create discerning and dedicated youth.



The clarion call of all the speakers to the august gathering was to make our students better human beings amidst the clutter and noise of technology, social media and the internet. Our goal ought to be children who turn physically strong, mentally tough, morally upright, spiritually mature, emotionally balanced and socially committed. We cannot ignore generation that is our future nor stay oblivious to changing times. The daily schedule at the Conference included spiritual nourishment at the Eucharist in the morning and scintillating,

cultural programs in the evening after the tight schedule of the day.

The session was made lively with past pupils from Egmore Don Bosco who clearly figured the impact Salesians have made in their lives quoting a few memories of their school days. They shared the enriching experiences with Salesian fathers who taught with passion

NECDBS 2018 while reflecting on our works across India was a gentle reminder to all SDB'S and FMA'S that we cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the immediate challenges that encompass education in present changing times, nor let our resolve slip in being passionate educators.

Father Maria Arokiam, the Salesian Regional Superior of South Asia remarked in the concluding session that we must allow our Salesian identity and educative system-with the three pillars of religion, reason and loving kindness-remain strong and constant while absorbing the many transformations in society, culture and beliefs along the way. We remain sturdy in our resolve to continue this journey!

*·Sr. Majella Fernando
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THE FIRST CONGRESS FOR THE SALESIAN CO-OPERATORS

The First Congress for the Salesian Co-operators was held at Don Bosco, Thanjavur on the theme Autonomy, Communion, and Mission from 23 – 24 September 2018. It was a joint venture of the SDBs and FMAs of the Province of Tiruchirapalli with the Co-operators. We owe our gratitude to Fr. Antony Joseph SDB the INT Provincial, Fr. Thomas Louis the Provincial Delegate of the Salesian Family, Fr. Xavier Michael, the SDB Provincial Delegate for Salesian Co-operators and Sr. Antonyswamy Rosy the FMA Provincial Delegate for the Salesian Co-operators who helped in the organization of the Congress. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Xavier, the Provincial Co-ordinator and Mr. Manohar, the Secretary for their meticulous planning and execution of the Congress.

Fourteen Aspirants made their Promise and three hundred and fifty Co-operators participated in the Congress on 23 September, 2018. Eleven FMAs and seventy nine Co-operators belonging to nine houses of our Province took part in the Congress. Fr. Albert Johnson SDB - Rector of SPCSA Centre, New Delhi spoke on Autonomy, Fr. James Theophilus SDB Rector of DBRC, Bangalore heighted his theme on Communion, Mr. Anthuvan – Retired M.Tech Senior Scientist, ISRO Trivandrum presented a kaleidoscopic vision of the Mission, Sr. Soosai Marian Pushpam and Fr. Rajendran portrayed the History of the Co-operators in Tiruchirapalli on 23 September, 2018. The Hand Book of the Co-operators was presented for study, discussion and approval on the following day. Thanks to Rev. Fr. Irudayaraj Amirthanathan, the Rector and the community of Don Bosco Thanjavur, Sr. Soosai Magnificat, Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam and Communities for making all the arrangements.

கீச்சுக்கள்

எனக்கு தெரிந்த சுதந்திரம் மக்களாட்சி குடியரசு

நான் நினைத்ததை பேசுவதற்கும், நான் பிடித்ததை படிப்பதற்கும் எனக்கு சுதந்திரம் இல்லை.

குழந்தைகளுக்கு தனி சிறப்பும் உரிமையும் உண்டு என எல்லோரும் சொல்ல நான் கேட்டதுண்டு. ஆனால் நிஜத்தில் அப்படி இருப்பதாக எனக்கு தெரியவில்லை.

நான் நினைக்கும் பள்ளியில் என்னால் படிக்க முடியவில்லை, பணம் என் அப்பாவிடம் இல்லை என்று என்னை எனக்கு பிடிக்காத பள்ளியில் சேர்த்துள்ளார்கள், கல்வி, உணவு, மருத்துவம் ஒரு குழந்தையின் உரிமை என்று எனக்கு ஆசிரியர்களும், பல சமூக பணியாளர்களும் சொல்லி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

இப்போது என் பள்ளி எனக்கு சுதந்திரம் இல்லை காரணம் கேட்டால் அரசாங்கம் எடுக்கும் முடிவில் தான் இவையெல்லாம் இருக்கிறது என்றார்கள்.

“மக்களால் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டவர்கள் தலைவர்களாகவும் அரசாகவும் இருந்தும் ஏன் எங்களுக்கு சுதந்திரம் பள்ளியில் கூட கொடுக்க முடியவில்லை.

நமது நாடு மக்களால் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படும் ஆட்சி என்பது மாறி குடியரசு என்று அமைந்தால் எங்களுக்கு அடிப்படை சுதந்திரம் கிடைக்குமா?

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அம்பேத்கார் நகர், திருச்சி

எல்லோரும் எனது உடன் பிறப்புகள்

தினமும் எனது பள்ளியில் Prayer நடந்த பின்பு உறுதிமொழி எடுக்க சொல்வார்கள். அதில் நாங்கள் அனைவரும் சமம் இந்தியர்கள் அனைவரும் எனது உடன் பிறந்தவர்கள் என்று கூறுவோம்.

நாங்கள் யாரும் முஸ்லிம், ஹிந்து, கிருஷ்டியன் என்று பார்த்து பழகுவதில்லை. ஆனால் எங்கள் ஊரில் இருக்கும் பெரிய அண்ணன்கள், மாமக்கள், தாத்தா பாட்டிகள் அப்படி பிரித்து பார்ப்பது எங்களுக்கு கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது.

இதனால் எங்களால் பெரிய மனுசன் ஆன பிறகு சுதந்திரமாக பேச முடியுமா என்று தெரியவில்லை.

எங்கள் பாடம், ஆசிரியர்கள், சமூக பணியாளர்கள் சொல்லி கொடுப்பது போல எல்லோரும் ஒன்றாக இருந்தால் எங்களுக்கு சுதந்திரம் கிடைத்தது போல இருக்கும்.



சஜ்சய் குமார், VI-A
மணிகண்டம், திருச்சி.

ஏற்றத்தாழ்வு கொண்ட சுதந்திரம்

குழுக்களாக விளையாடும்போது எங்களுக்கு சுதந்திரமாக இருக்கும்.

மாணவர்களாக நாங்கள் ஒன்றிணைந்து மரம் நட்டபோது சந்தோசம் இருந்தது.

நீர் தேங்கும் இடங்களை ஒன்றாக இணைந்து சுத்தம் செய்யும் பொழுது மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருந்தது.

அனைத்து ஊர்மக்களும், பெற்றோர்களும் எங்களை பாராட்டியபோது உற்சாகமாக இருந்தது.

நான் மேலே சொன்ன அனைத்தும் நான் 10^{ஆம்} வகுப்பு படித்த வரை தான்.

இப்போது நீ ஏன் இதை செய்கிறாய், சாக்கடை குப்பை சுத்தம் செய்வது அவர்கள் வேளை என்று என் நண்பனின் குடும்பத்தை விரல் நீட்டி சொல்லும் போது எங்கே எங்கள் சுதந்திரம், எங்கே எங்கள் சந்தோசம் என எண்ணி பார்க்கும்போது வேதனையாக இருக்கிறது.

நான் மட்டும் சுதந்திரமாக இருக்கிறேன் ஆனால் எனக்கு இந்த சுதந்திரம் பிடிக்கவில்லை.



அரவிந்த், 12th std.
உலகம்பட்டி.

குழந்தைகளுக்கான தலைமைத்துவ பயிற்சி முகாம்

குழந்தைகள் பாராளுமன்றத்தின் சிறப்பாக செயல்படும் குழந்தைகளை அடுத்த படிநிலைக்கு உருவாக்க ஒரு முயற்சியாக கடந்த செப்டம்பர் மாதம் 27 ம் தேதி பொத்தூர், மரியாலயா சென்னையில் நடைபெற்றது.

இந்த முகாமினை **ASSIST** நிறுவனம் ஒருங்கிணைந்து வழி நடத்தியது.

முதல் நாள் நிகழ்வாக ஊடகக் கல்வி நடைபெற்றது. இந்த வகுப்பினை அருட்சகோதரர். அருண் வழிநடத்தினார். இதன் மூலம் நமது அன்றாட வாழ்வில் ஊடகம் என்பது எந்த அளவிற்கு இடையூறு செய்கிறது என்பதை பற்றி குழந்தைகள் சிந்தித்து பார்க்கும் அளவிற்கு பயன் உள்ளதாக அமைந்தது.

மேலும் அன்று மாலை 4 மணி முதல் தலைமைத்துவ பயிற்சிக்கான துவக்க விழா குழந்தைகளின் தலைமையில் ஒருங்கிழைப்பாளர்களின் மேற்பார்வையில் நிகழ்ந்தது.

பொதுவாக நிகழ்ச்சிகள் முக்கியஸ்தர்களின் உறையுடன் மிகவும் சிறந்த ஏற்பாட்டோடு துவங்கும் ஆனால் இந்த நிகழ்வானது முற்றிலும் மாறாக குழந்தைகளே குழந்தைகளால் குழந்தைகளுக்காக என்ற நோக்கில் துவங்கியது.

துவக்க நிகழ்ச்சியில் அடுத்து வரவிருக்கும் இரண்டு நாட்கள் பயிற்சியின் நோக்கத்தையும், விதிமுறைகளையும் பற்றி குழந்தைகளிடம் உரையாடி அவர்களின் கருத்தில் இருந்து உருவாக்கப்பட்டது.

அதன் பிறகு குழந்தைகளையும், ஆசிரியர்களையும் விளையாட்டு மூலம் குழுக்களாக பிரித்தோம். ஒரு குழுவில் 11 நாட்கள் வீதம் மொத்தம் 5 குழுக்கள் பிரிக்கப்பட்டது. ஒவ்வொரு குழுக்களுக்கும் ஒரு அடையாளம், அவர்களுக்கென ஒரு கொள்கை, அவர்களுக்கென தனிப்பெயர் அதற்கேற்றவாறு தனிபாடல்கள், கருத்து கொண்ட வகையில் கோஷம் என தயார் செய்து எல்லோர் முன்னிலையிலும் கோரினோம். இந்த செயல்பாட்டின் மூலம் நமது நிகழ்ச்சியின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை பற்றியும் அவர்கள் சிந்தனையை மேம்படுத்தி கொள்ளும் வகையிலும் அவர்களே தங்களை தயார்படுத்திக் கொண்டனர்.

இரண்டாம் நாள்

நமது என்னத்தையும் செயலையும் ஒரே கோட்டில் நிறுத்த தெரிந்தவர்களே சிறந்த தலைவர்களாகவும், வெற்றியாளர்களாகவும், அமைகிறார்கள். அதற்கு ஒரு உந்துகோலாக யோகா பயிற்சி தேவை என்பதால் அதிகாலையில் முதல் நிகழ்வாக யோகாப் பயிற்சியினைத் துவங்கினோம்.

இதனை திரு. உதயக்குமார் அவர்கள் வழி நடத்தினார்கள். இதனை தொடர்ந்து செய்திதாள் வாசிக்கும் நிகழ்ச்சி ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. வாசித்த பின்பு அதில் கல்வி, அரசியல், சினிமா, குழந்தைகள் சார்ந்த செய்தி, பெண்கள் சார்ந்த செய்தி, விளையாட்டு என தனிதனியாக பிரித்து செய்தியை சேகரிக்க அறிவுறுத்தினோம். குழந்தைகள் தனிதனியாக சேகரித்த பின்பு அதனை எந்த கோணத்தில் நாம் பார்க்க வேண்டும். செய்தியில் இருக்கும் பாகுபாடுகள், வேறுபாடுகள் என்ன இந்த செய்தியின் உண்மை நிலவரம் என்ன என்பதையெல்லாம் ஒரு அலசல் செய்தோம்.

இதனை திருமதி. சபரித்தா மற்றும் செல்வி. சங்கிதா ஆகியோர் வழிநடத்தினார்கள்.

பிறகு ஆண், பெண் வேறுபாடுகளையும், ஒற்றுமைகளையும் பற்றிய கலந்துரையாடல், நிகழ்ச்சி நடபெற்றது .இதன் மூலம் இருவரும் சமம் என்ற உணர்வினை குழந்தைகள் மத்தியில் ஏற்படுத்தினார்கள்.

மதியம் உணவு இடைவேளை போது தங்கும் இடம் சுற்றி அமைக்கப்பட்டிருந்த புகைப்படங்களையும், அதில் சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கும் கருத்துக்களையும் குழந்தைகளை கவனித்து வைத்து கொள்ளும்படி அறிவுறுத்தினோம்.

ஏனென்றால் மதியம் நாம் நடத்திய வினாடி வினா நிகழ்ச்சியில் கேட்கப்பட்ட அனைத்துக் கேள்விகளுக்கான பதில்களும் அந்த அரங்கத்தை சுற்றிய பகுதியில் புகைப்படங்களாக அமைக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது.

இதனை உணர்ந்து கொண்ட சிலர் கவனித்து வாசித்தார்கள் அலட்சியமாக போட்டிக்கு வந்த குழுக்கள் தோற்றுவிட்ட பிறகு மீண்டும் சென்றுவாசித்தார்கள். இதன் மூலம் தெரியாத உண்மைகளையும், அறிவியலையும் ஆர்வமாக தெரிந்து கொண்டார்கள்.

வினாடி வினாவை தொடர்ந்து அவர்கள் மாவட்ட வாரியாக இணைந்து தங்கள் ஊரின் வளங்களையும், தேவைகளையும் பற்றிய கோலம் வரைந்தார்கள். இதன் மூலம் ஒரு ஊரின் என்னவெல்லாம் அவசியம். எவையெல்லாம் தேவையற்றவை என உணர்ந்து கொண்டார்கள்.

இரவில் குழந்தைகளுக்கு புது அனுபவமாக புதையல் வேட்டை விளையாட்டு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. இந்த விளையாட்டின் நோக்கமானது குழந்தைகள் சரியான தலைவருக்கும் தேவைப்படும் தகுதிகள் என்ன என்பதை பற்றி அவர்களாகவோ தேடி தேடி கண்டுப்பிடித்து தெரிந்து கொள்ளவேண்டும். தானாக விளையாட்டு முறையில் தேடும் போது அவர்கள் மனதில் எளிதாக பதியும் என்பதே இதன் முக்கிய நோக்கமாகும்.

முன்றாம் நாள்

வழக்கம் போல யோக பயிற்சியுடன் அதிகாலை 6.00 மணிக்கு ஆரம்பமான நமது நிகழ்ச்சி தொடர்ந்து, மன சோர்வையும், உடல் சோர்வையும், போக்கி உற்சாக படுத்த குழுக்கள் நடனம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது.

அதன் பிறகு உற்சாகம் பெற்ற குழந்தைகள் அவர்களது திறமையை வெளிப்படுத்த மேடையை பயன்படுத்திக் கொண்டார்கள். கடந்த 2 நாட்களாக மேடையில் ஏறாதவர்களை மேடையில் ஏற்றுவதற்கு இந்த நிகழ்வு ஏதுவாக அமைந்தது.

குழந்தைகள் அனைவரும் அவர்களது திறமைகளை வெளிப்படுத்திய பின்பு அவர்களை தேர்தலுக்கு தயார்படுத்தும் விதமாக தனியாக அவர்களுக்கென ஒரு கட்சி, தனி கொள்கை, கட்சியின்

பெயர் மற்றும் சின்னம் போன்றவற்றை அமைத்து மேடையில் நின்று மக்கள் ஓட்டு சேகரிக்கும் படி பிரச்சாரம் செய்ய வைத்தோம்.

இந்த நிகழ்வு அவர்களை மிகவும் தூண்டுதலுக்கு உட்படுத்தியது, நாம் நினைத்து பார்க்காத அளவிற்கு குழந்தைகள் சிறந்த முறைவில் அரசியில் கட்சி, கொள்கைகளை அமைத்து காட்டினார்கள்.

இதே சிந்தனையோடு ஒவ்வொரு குழந்தைகளையும் தன்னை ஒரு தலைவராக நினைத்து தனது பகுதியை மாற்ற அவர்களுக்கென ஒரு வியூகமும், பார்வையும் அமைக்கும் படி கூறினோம். இவையெல்லவற்றையும் கடந்த மூன்று நாட்களில் சிறப்பாக செய்து காட்டிய மாணவர்கள் அனைவரையும் உற்சாகப்படுத்தும் விதமாக சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் மேடையில் பாராட்டி சான்றிதழ்கள் வழங்கினார்.



சமூக ஊடகமும் தலைமைத்துவமும்

சமூக ஊடகமும் தலைமைத்துவமும்" என்றதலைப்பில் ஒரு நாள் கருத்தரங்கு 60 மாணவ மாணவிகளுக்கு பொத்தூர் மரியாலயாவில் 29.09.2018 அன்று காலை 9.00 மணியளவில் இறை வணக்கத்தோடு துவங்கப்பட்டது. அருட்சகோதரி தெரெசா அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை நல்கி நிகழ்வினைத் துவங்கி வைத்தார்.

பயிற்சியின் முதல் அமர்வாக அருட்சகோதரி அருள்மேரி அவர்கள் தலைமைத்துவ பண்புகள் பற்றிய தெளிவான விளக்கத்தை அளித்தார். தலைமைத்துவம் என்பது ஒரு சிறப்பான பண்பாகும். மற்றவர்களிடமிருந்து கிடைக்கின்ற உதவி மற்றும் ஆதரவைப் பயன்படுத்தி ஒருவர் சமூகதாக்கத்திற்கு தேவையான மாற்றத்தை ஏற்படுத்துவது. சூழ்நிலைக்கு ஏற்றவாறு தங்களை தயார் செய்து கொண்டு தங்களை சார்ந்திருப்பவர்களையும் வழிநடத்த வேண்டும்.



பயிற்சியின் இரண்டாம் அமர்வாக அருட்சகோதரர் அருண் அவர்கள் சமூக ஊடகத்தில் பிள்ளைகள், பெற்றோர்கள் அல்லது பாதுகாவலர்களின் பங்கேற்பு என்ன என்பதனை மிகவும் எளிமையாக எடுத்துரைத்தார். எதிர்கால தலைமுறை என்பது நமக்கு கிடைத்த விலையுயர்ந்த முத்து. பிள்ளைகளை வழி நடத்துவதில் பெற்றோரின் பங்குபிரதானமாய் அமைதல் வேண்டும். குழந்தைகள் வளர்ப்பில் தனிமனித கண்ணோட்டம், கலாச்சார கண்ணோட்டம், தவறான கண்ணோட்டம் என பலநிலைகள் உள்ளன.

வன்முறைகளை கையாளும் முறைகளில் வார்த்தையின் மூலம் வன்முறை, உடல் ரீதியான வன்முறை, மனரீதியானவன் முறை என பலபிரிவுகள் உள்ளன. குழந்தைகள் கெட்ட வார்த்தைகளை பேசுவதில்லை அவர்கள் கேட்ட வார்த்தைகளையே தான் பேசுகிறார்கள்.

சமூக ஊடகம் ஒரு பரிசு. கடந்தசில ஆண்டுகளில் சமூக ஊடகம் எதிர்பாராத விதமாக வேகமான விகிதத்தில் வளர்ந்துள்ளது. சமூக ஊடகங்கள் நாம் வாழும் மிகப்பெரிய கூறுகளில் ஒன்று அதைபுறக்கணிக்கமுடியாது.

சமூகஊடகத்தில் அதிகஅளவில் ஈடுபடுவதற்குமுன்னர் ஒருவர் சாதகமானமற்றும் எதிர்மறைகளை கவனமாக எடுத்திருக்க வேண்டும். சரியானமுறையில் பயன்படுத்தப்படும் ஊடகம் மனிதகுலத்திற்குஒருவரம்.

மாற்றம் ஒன்றேமாறாதது. மாற்றம் ஒன்றேஏற்றத்திற்கான வழி என்ற தாரகமந்திரத்தோடு அமர்வுகள் நிறைவுசெய்யப்பட்டுநன்றியுரைநல்கிநிகழ்வுகள் நிறைவுசெய்யப்பட்டது.



House in Focus



MARIA AUSILIATRICE –BROADWAY MADRAS -1926

ST.FRANCIS XAVIER CONVENT

The history of St. Francis Xavier Convent began during the rule of the British from 1907 -1947 in the hamlet of George Town-Madras. The Archbishop of Madras Mgr. John Allen had requested the Major Superiors to send the Salesian Sisters to take up the direction of the mixed Anglo Indian Primary and Kindergarten parish school at Broadway in George Town. The three Missionaries Sr. Appiano Luigina, Sr. Marnetto Caterina and Sr. Borrini Giacomina who arrived on 15th June 1926, rented the house in Malayappan Street at Mannady, a short distance from St. Francis Xavier Parish Church and the school was entrusted to the Salesian Sisters to improve the standard of living. The Sisters began teaching in this mixed school of about 280 children in seven classes. Sr. Marnetto Caterina and Sr. Appiano Luigina were teaching and received the stipend of Rs.40/-. On 14th September 1927 the plan for the new school building was approved by the Director of Public Instructor and the following year the Parish Priest vacated his residence and the Sisters converted it into their residence.

On 13th April 1942 due to the war the Government ordered all the schools to close down and on 16th April the Sisters left Broadway and went to Polur. Again on 6th June 1942 the schools were permitted to re-open. In the beginning there existed only one apostolic work, the mixed Anglo Indian School but soon the Sisters heeding to the request of the young people began a Don Bosco club in the Parish. The Sisters were in charge of Parish choir, catechism, needle work and the sodality of Children of Mary. The house also served for the formation of the postulants in the year 1932 and was shifted afterwards.

The convent of St. Francis Xavier was privileged to be the first Provincial house of FMA in India. The first Provincial Mother Tulia De Bernadinis however lived in the rented house and in 1929 came to their new abode. The house in St. Francis Xavier's Convent was the Provincial House till 1972 then it was shifted to Mazzarello Convent , Kodambakkam.



DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKS OF THE INSTITUTE:

★ St. Francis Xavier Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School - 1926

The Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School was entrusted to the Sisters by the Arch Bishop Rev. Fr. John Allen in 1927 and it was upgraded to middle, high and then Higher Secondary school having the strength of 1485 students at present in the campus. The priority is given for the poor Anglo Indian children and they are educated to lead their life in a dignified manner. The students are given different opportunity to develop their potentialities and to express their talents in a free and family atmosphere. Both curricular and the co-curricular activities are given importance and they are also encouraged to take in all the sports events and many have received best place in both state and national levels.

★ Our Lady's Center Matriculation School - 1936

Our Lady's Primary School was started in the year 1936 and it was upgraded to High School in 2003. Now the school has 1400 children from Kinder Garden to X std having the majority of students from Muslim community. The children are given safe and dignified environment to learn their subjects and encouraged to take part in varies activities. Many of them are good in yoga, sports etc. The School also receives centum results every year in the Board EXaminations.

★ Boarding Home for Children - 1948

The boarding home for children was inaugurated in 1948 and the poor Anglo Indian children were admitted in the beginning. They were in good number and brought up by our Sisters in loving family climate. The remarkable memoires of those times with the Anglo Indian children still fresh in many of the Past Pupils and Sisters. Since 1995 the community of Anglo Indians were dispersed into many places, the home was not able to have many and their number got decreased in the school also.

★ **Nirmala Institute of Commerce - 1970**

In 1970 the Nirmala Institute of Commerce began and the students from different parts of the State were admitted to get their Secretarial Course Diploma. At present the Institute has few members of residential students who are taking up their one year of Commerce Course and there are around 40 students come and go regularly leaning typing, tailoring and Tally.

★ **Parish Animation**

St. Francis Xavier Convent has blessed with the Parish dedicated to Mary Help Christians having St. Francis Xavier as Patron. The Sisters involve themselves in all the activities along with the Salesians in the Parish.

★ Liturgical animation

★ Sunday Catechism

★ Preparation for the Holy Communion and Marriage

★ Animation of Basic Christian Community

★ Youth group

★ Family visit

★ **Evening Coaching Class and the Oratory - 1970**

The evening coaching class and the oratory that had begun in the year 1970, has its vigor and relevance. The number of children keep coming into our campus and they make it alive, active and vibrant. They come from very poor background where none of them have an enough place, proper electricity, and healthy climate to study at home. The children are been trained by the teachers and many of their financial need for education are been provided by the Sisters.





House in Focus



Chak De !!!

Go Ahead . . .

“When your dream is big enough don't let the facts count”

My spirit was enthused, and recharged when I met the strong determination of certain young buds in the life journey...Their verbal strike like a thunder, they are not from the beautifully aligned garden, but they are from the rash forest, uncared but still by will they even can align the needs of the future world – this was my gold imprint when I encounter them. I put plainly before you their own words –

“We have a broken past and an unpleasant present but our future is crystal clear, we have goals, dreams to proceed, we do sometimes search for a role model--

A role model of present not of past centuries or even years because, our world is different and our reasons are new...But our lives say to us -

'You are the role model for yourself'.

We realize that we are the builders of our own destiny.

The destiny of today is only the action of past, but the destiny of tomorrow is an action of today, so we focus on our actions of today. Family issues, loses, failures, misfortunes cannot be counted in this triumphant journey because the DREAM is BIG...

We don't expect success all time because we need to stop, learn lessons so we also invite failures happily”

With these words they moved forward leaving me unmoved. Dear world please do change your perception regarding the young people because they are changing, going forward, growing better...Lets not disturb or divert but direct them...

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