





**Consecrated for Communion and Mission**



**Retreat - February 2021**

**Wellington**



*Man's great, true hope which holds firm in spite of all disappointments can only be God - God who has loved us and continues to love us "to the end," until all "is accomplished". "We Christians live by hope: When we abandon ourselves to trust in God and trust in him we have a certainty that gives us serenity, that is, that we do not have everything in our hands, but are in God's hands. We Christians shape our life not with our own strength, but with the strength of the Holy Spirit. In times of uncertainty we must trustfully abandon ourselves to his guidance.*

*(Strenna 2021)*



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## Editorial



A little girl in a village asked her father, “How far can you see dad?” He replied, “Well, two or three kilometers. May be if it is a clear day, I can climb up on the roof of the house and can see for eight to nine kilometers up to the next village.” The little girl said, “That's all?” Her father said, “Well, how far can you see?”, and she said, “If it is a very clear night and if I climb up on the roof of the house, I can see right up to the stars”.

Yes, I think this should be the answer of every FMA, who are striving to see and be the star of Hope to the entire world that has been ravaged by the second wave of COVID 19, without being weakened in our bubbling spirit of faith, love and benevolence. During these days, we would have heard many painful stories of our people and seen agonizing deaths of our loved ones, due to lack of oxygen facilities, absence of medicine and unavailability of beds in the hospitals. But these disasters also have brought the best out of people as we have witnessed and engaged ourselves with a countless number of good Samaritans from different backgrounds offering help to people who were isolated, ignored and dead in homes, streets and hospital premises.

Recalling the style of the Good Samaritan, our Holy Father Pope Francis invites us to awake in us the fire of love to pour into this wounded world that invokes solidarity and social friendship. Right now we are surrounded by the troubles of humanity from all walks of life and of different age groups including our children in our educative mission, who are challenged with this new kind of online learning that has both bright dimensions as well as dark shades.

We may be freed from strict lockdowns but still our people are confined to severe poverty and economic insecurity with paralyzed global economy and unemployment. The number of infected people may have declined but the future of people's health is still at risk. Our schools may be reopened but our minds need to be reset and our approach needs to be recalibrated. It is our free choice to translate our commitment into concrete attitudes, gestures of goodness and availability of time, starting from being moved in our hearts like Jesus.

With 'rock hard' fidelity let us be ready to meet our young in our courtyards, in our classrooms, in informal environments, on social networks and in the peripheries at risk who are without hope but with a great desire to live and to be loved. With the heart of the Good Samaritan, let us move forward to turn our communities into 'hearths of tenderness' that give back hope to this wounded world.

*Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen*



## Juniors Recollection and Animation

Sixteen juniors of our province gathered in Auxilium provincial house on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for recollection and animation. Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi guided them on the theme Towards Fullness of Life and Fr. Terrance on Prophetic Mission. After prayer and recollection thirteen juniors, three second-year novices and eleven postulants had submitted their applications for the next stage of formation and renewal of their vows.

## FORMATION



## Medal receiving ceremony

It was the day of Pentecost. The apostles of Jesus with Mary received the Holy Spirit. On this auspicious day, we the 11 novices of saplings to be planted in the vineyard of the Lord rejoiced intensely at the receiving of the medal on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021 We carried a light towards the altar of God and placed it on the altar. A song to the Holy Spirit was sung invoking the Spirit to dwell within us. Mother

Mistress Rev. Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela animated the prayer service. Rev. Sr. Maria Pushpam the Vice Provincial of Trichy Province adorned us with the chain of the Novices as a sign of accepting each one as a Novice and entrusted us to our Novice Mistress. We thanked the Lord for His immense love and care.

*Sr. Kulanthai Samy Arul Jenifer (1 year Novice)*

*Sr. James Arockia Doss Micheal Avila (1 year Novice)*

## First Profession

*News from the Messengers of Hope!*

**Who will be the retreat preacher? Who will celebrate the Profession Mass? Will the Bishop get E-Pass? When shall we have the Profession Mass? What are we going to do????** Thousands and thousands of interrogations were running in our minds. But God in His infinite love for His Nine Brides had a great plan to change all these interrogations into Exclamations!!!!



Yes “God has done great things for us” With this acclamation on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30 p.m we, the Nine Second year Novices marched towards the altar of the Lord to give ourselves entirely to be His own. On this solemn occasion we were accompanied by our Mother Mistress Rev. Sr. Cruz Antony Michael and Dear Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala (INM), our Community sisters and our Novices. Due to the lock down while the Bishop of Tuticorin was unable to be present, our Retreat Preacher Rev. Fr. Jeyan Joseph SDB celebrated this memorable Holy Eucharistic Banquet.



During the homily, he exhorted to us to be **The Messengers of Hope** and to imprint the hope filled image of Christ in the heart of the young people in order to add joy in this hopeless situation of the world. After the homily, we presented ourselves before the Lord with the theme of “*With God, Towards New Life*” and committed ourselves to follow Him with an undivided Heart.

Joy broke out in our hearts as we received the Crucifix by which we become the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Following this Mother Provincial welcomed us into the Institute in the name of our Mother General Rev. Sr. Reungoat Yvonne. The nine newly professed sisters thanked God during the Post Communion prayer and sang a song which was composed by us to offer oneself to the Lord. After the Holy Mass, Sisters and the Novices wished them with a song and expressed their joy.

On this solemn occasion though we were filled with joy and gratitude to God, we also missed the presence of our Mother Provincial Dear Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, the sisters of our Province and our Parents. But we hope that you all would have remembered and prayed for us. At this Great juncture we express our sincere gratitude to our dear Mother Provincials, Provincial Councilors and the sisters of our Provinces especially Our Mother Mistress Sr. CRUZ ANTHONI Michaela, Assistances, our Community sisters and the Novices who accompanied us in our formative journey and made our Profession day more meaningful and solemn. Our special thanks to Sr. Masilamani Sebasti Jeya Pushpam who by her Melodious Music made the day awesome... Thankyou sisters. Now we so happy and glad to say that “**We are a Religious Family that Entirely Belongs to Mary!**”

- Sr. Amal Raj Rebecca



## Constitutions receiving ceremony



“Observe The Rule, The Congregation Will Be Alive”. We joyfully glorified the Lord by singing the *Magnificat*. We thanked the Lord and asked His help to live the constitutions in our day to day life.

*Sr. Arulsamy Pemina (1 year Novice)*

## Juniors Renewal Course

“A religious vocation is a special gift and call from God that is received in faith and discerned in prayer. Being cherished in His call, we, the 15 juniors of the INT province gathered in Auxilium provincial house Trichy from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 for the renewal course. We are grateful to our Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret who had arranged this course for our Spiritual welfare. Rev. Fr. Jeyan Joseph SDB beautifully brought out the contextualized DB's system of Education. Rev. Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi made us to be aware of the social issues in India and Feminism through which we were able to understand the history of the womanhood through different videos and films. Rev. Fr. Dominic OCD explained to us about the active and contemplative life. Special thanks to Rev. Sr. Vedamuthu Santiagu Theresal who accompanied us with enthusiasm to co-ordinate the entire juniors renewal program .

23<sup>rd</sup> May became a wonderful day as we renewed our vows in the presence our Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, Sr. Maria Pushpam the Vice Provincial and Rev. Sr. Cruz Anthony Michelal.



*Sr. Renuga & Sr. Infanta*



As religious dedicated to God and His service, we need to be spiritually uplifted and nourished by His word, with this initiative Annual Retreats are arranged periodically. We 50 sisters from INT province gathered at the Retreat Centre Don Bosco situated foot hills of Wellington. The preacher arranged is a reputed man spiritually guided by the Holy Spirit with His own religious convictions led us to experience that Grace is from God, Inspiration is from the Holy Spirit, Guidance is from Jesus, Protection is from our Lady, Accompaniment by Don Bosco and Mary Mazzarello. We began the days of Retreat to Return to oneself, Revive & Refresh oneself during these days, Regenerate what is dead in us and in order to renew and Rejoice.



The preacher with all his inward vision and outward perfection dealt with following topics:

- Consecration is to awaken the world and consecrated for communion and mission
- Religious life is a journey
- Community life is a reality
- Power of women is divine
- Preventive system in our presence



These topics enriched us and widened our perspectives of Religious life, Social life, Community life and Faith life with the content of the modern days The 6 days of the Retreat were made more meaningful by the continuous presence and upliftment by our provincial with her own charisma and thirst for our spiritual growth. The LectioDivina which was offered every morning by Fr.Mahesh provided the ample ground for exposure to meditation and sharing of experiences. This special effort gave us an impetuous and we are really thankful to our retreat preacher. At the end of the 6 days each of us found an immense spiritual renewal that we were blessed with Divine, to make our inward journey within ourselves to make our upward journey towards God , to our outward journey towards community and society.

*Sr. Vijila Rani*







## IN MY EVERY NEED, I GO TO SAINT JOSEPH.

To the other saints, the Lord seems to have given grace to help us in some of our necessities. But my experience with St. Joseph has helped me a lot. I believe that Jesus grants unto St. Joseph all that he asks of him. I have an admiration and many times commend my spirit; my family; my friends to the feet of this Saint. I simply just speak to him and I know that he is listening.

My fervent devotion has its roots from my grandparents, parents and loved ones from my home. In my family everyone has the name Joseph. My baptismal name is Joe Immaculate Felicita and there it is .... The faith of my family members instilled in me.

I studied in St. Joseph's school run by the ICM sisters. Every year I entrust myself to the novena of St. Joseph. This too inculcated a firm faith in St. Joseph within me.

Great has been my blessing from this glorious, patriarch... An unfortunate travel to my house from my hostel found me lost and alone in the bus depot of Tuticorin. I had to travel to Nagercoil.

I was working at St. Aloysius Girls Hr. Sec. School, Tuticorin. When the school closed for the annual holidays, I was to go home with all my luggage. I told my father that I could come alone from Tuticorin because it is afternoon. When I came to the bus stand at 2p.m to take the bus, I was informed that there was a bus strike that day and only one bus was available. After this, the buses would ply only on the next day. I was at that moment lost; alone in this bus stand – No one around – helpless; fear stricken; anxiety filled my young heart; to have myself in this desperate frightful situation. I slowly within my heart called out for help to none other than St. Joseph. I called unto him to shroud me with his cloak; to protect me; keep me warm; carry me in his arms to safety; guide me to my destination - while my lips were busy with an audible prayer - something surprising did happen. A young man walked up to me assuring to lead me to a bus that would leave to Nagercoil in just another few minutes. He willingly carried my luggage with me; hurried me into a bus-got me the very first seat near the driver, asked me if I was comfortable and felt safe; my troubled heart was searching and counting my luggage. When I suddenly felt confident I was safe. I raised my eyes to say “Yes” and wanted very much to thank him from the bottom of my heart - He was not there; He disappeared into thin air with a smile upon his face - how could I witness; of course a miracle of his cloak. St. Joseph's cloak around me... As my bus hit the smooth road... I knew it was him... I knew the man was my patron saint....I even today say “In my every need; in my every doubt; in my every decision - I look up to Him. I go to Saint Joseph. **Saint Joseph Pray for us.** *Sr.Immaculate*

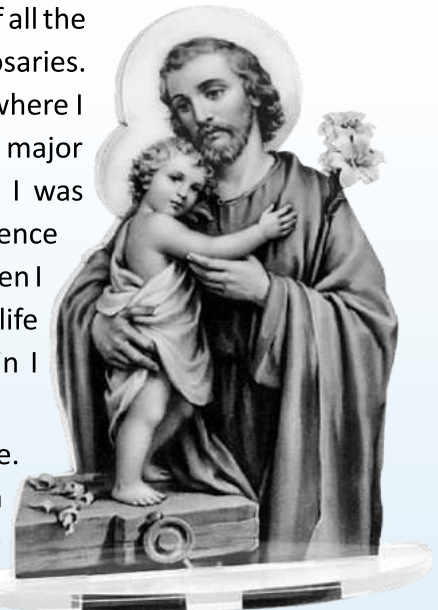


## “I AM A MIRACLE”

**Yes, I am a miracle.** In the beginning of March, I felt very strange myself and sensed that I was not normal. Because on and off, I was having a reeling of my head and at times, I could not proceed walking. I needed someone to hold me immediately during those moments. I was trying to figure out what to do analyzing if this was a sickness or my own imagination. This sensation continued for days, I decided to inform Sr. Superior about my health condition. But before that I clung on to God. I was advised to take bed rest for a week by the doctor. Unfortunately, my condition did not improve. I realized Jesus and Mother Mary intervened and gave me support by oxygenizing me with the breath of the Divine Spirit. I was serene all the time, surrendering myself to the Lord. It is still unbelievable that I could carry on for a week with pulse rate of 38 to 41 per minute. During those days, Sr. Magnificat, my Superior was a visible angel. She was worried and concerned about me. She took care of me and continuously consulted our cardiologist where I was being treated.

My community sisters invoked the intercession of all the saints and specially St. Joseph and offered many Rosaries. Meantime, Sr. Superior found out a proper hospital where I could be taken for fixing a pacemaker because of two major blocks. When the whole community was worried, I was tranquil. I felt this was another miracle and an experience of God's intervention in my life. Since twice earlier when I was at the point of death, God brought me back to life and gave me more than 30 bonus years. Now again I sensed that He was with me during this moment.

Locating a good hospital was also another miracle. Our cardiologist suggested only two hospitals, one in Madurai- Meenakshi and another one Thanjavur - Apex Heart Hospital. Sr. Superior went earlier to find out where the hospital was and to our surprise it was very close to our convent and not far away. When Sr. Superior was perplexed about finding out whether this hospital was OK or not, St. Joseph himself in the guise of a gentleman assured us that the hospital was good. After that assurance, he was not seen at all. On 7<sup>th</sup> March I was kept under observation in ICU. After the examination and many tests, it was suggested that I undergo a Pacemaker implantation surgery. On 11<sup>th</sup> March I was fixed with permanent pacemaker. My sisters were with me like angels, day and night assisting throughout at the hospital.





The doctors who operated on me were very gentle, kind and co-operative. They kept observing me carefully and finally on 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon, I was discharged. When I reached the convent, I burst into tears out of joy and for the mercy of God. Yes, dear sisters, my experience is that when we trust and surrender to the Lord, He takes over. "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted". [Job 5:9] Thank you Jesus!

*Sr. Barnabas Susanna FMA*  
*Auxilium Centre, Thanjavur*

## Where is St. Joseph? And where am I?

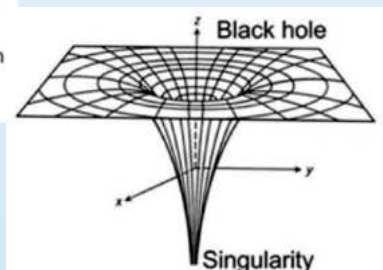
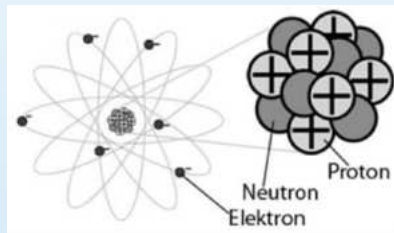
Who are we? This is a matter of recognizing our true nature. We are spiritual beings. We are immortal and eternal. Anxieties and other negative emotions are merely temporary states.

St. Joseph is close to us. Mary our Mother is looking at us. All these are not a belief but it's really true. ***"The Scientific Proof That Everything and Everyone is Connected and Infinite"***

### What unifies everything and everyone?

Let's start with imagining yourself in a park and that in some way you can go out of your body and fly up. After a few meters, you will see yourself as a dot. Flying more up, you will see a park as a dot. Then the city you are in, looks like a dot, then the country, then you will see the Earth as a dot. After you rise far enough, the whole solar system and galaxies will become a dot. - That is telling us that everything is a dot from way up. Now go back to your body and let's dive into it deeper. You will find out that you are made of millions of dots, cells. Then, go deeper into the surface of the cell and look around. You will see that it is made out of millions of smaller dots, if you go into one of those dots, you will see atoms. - And yes, that exactly means that there are dots all way down.

So we can say that everything is composed of dots and within the dot is an infinite amount of division and infinite amount of information.



## What if infinities and linear boundaries could be complementary?

Imagine the cells in your body that are made out of atoms. There are about 100 trillion cells in your body, and each cell has billions of atoms. And imagine that all of these cells and atoms could be further divided into subatomic particles, that can be divided into sub-sub atomic particles and further on towards infinity. That would mean that even you have a physical body and you have an infinite nature. There is a concept in Quantum physics called Higgs boson or unofficially "The God Particle." It refers to the smallest division that the universe creates. At first, we had microscopes where we saw the cells, and we believed that they are the smallest particles that exist, then we found atoms, protons, neutrons, then we went even smaller to quarks and so on. Every time we designed a better accelerator, we have seen the smaller particles. Now we are looking at things that are billions of times smaller than an atom. Following this, it seems like it can be done to infinity.

## If we want to find something that connects all things what would that be?

The only thing that is everywhere that connects all things is **SPACE**. Even the atomic structure is made out of 99.99999% space. So the reality we live in is mostly space. The whole material world you see including our bodies is 0.0000001% solid, and yet we spend almost 100% of our time paying attention to it.

If we are all space and everything is space why do we see boundaries like our bodies? The truth behind that is that those are physical boundaries. We extend more than our physical bodies. We include our energetic bodies, auras, even our higher self that is present in all dimensions. We have a sense of separation just because of those boundaries that, in a fact are nothing but energy vibrations. It is easier to accept that the universe is structured of space because of the scale, it is bigger than us. If you omit the scale, you will see that we are small universes.

Cross your physical boundaries through a singularity of energy vibrations called meditation and prayer, then you will, not only see but experience the connectedness of the whole. The communion of saints, the resurrection of body and Life everlasting are all not only a creed to believe but a reality to live. University expands; you and I visibly vibrate for a short time and invisibly vibrate for all eternity.

*The first known thing in creation is infinity. Infinity is a creation.*

*- The Law of Oneness*

*Sr. Peter Selva Rani*







## AUXILIUM CENTRE, TANJORE - PROMISE DAY

The animation programme for the Salesian Cooperators was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in preparation for the promise day of the Salesian Cooperators to be held the next day. It was jointly organized by Sr. Rosy Anthony, the FMA Provincial delegate and Fr. Joseph Charles, the SDB Provincial delegate. The participants were 20 in number from Thanjavur and Regunathapuram FMA units and Thanjavur, Manikandam and Varadharajanpet SDB units.

The meeting commenced with a prayer moment animated by Sr. Nirmala Rani FMA, the Local Delegate for Thanjavur FMA unit followed by a warm welcome speech and introductory talk by Mr. Jesuraj, the Province Treasurer and south Zone Secretary on Salesian Co-operators following the mission of Don Bosco.



17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 was a red letter day as the aspirant Salesian cooperators took their promise during the Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Agilan sdb Provincial of Trichy at Don Bosco, Thanjavur. He accentuated the vocation of the salesian cooperators and congratulated the newly promised co-operators for their commitment and willingness to join in the Salesian family to carry out the Salesian charism. We are indeed glad to witness many committed members coming forward to be a leaven in the society ever ready to build up God's kingdom.

*Sr. Magnificat Soosai fma,  
Auxilium Centre, Thanjavur*



## WELLINGTON

On 27<sup>th</sup> February Saturday we had 45 co-operates gathered for a day of animation before their promise. Sr. Anthony Rosy the FMA delegate organized a prayer session. Then Sr. Ignaci Kulandhai Teresa the local delegate welcomed everyone enthusiastically with ponadai, followed by the introductory talk with Video clipping and Power point presentation by FMA Provincial Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret. It was on “realizing one's weaknesses and leading a life for God and neighbor as an active co operator. Then Fr. Joseph Charles SDB, the Provincial Delegate for Salesian Co-operators and Sr. Poobalarayen Nirmala Provincial Delegate for the Salesian Family explained about Salesian Family groups, its members and the statistics. Sr. Irudhayaraj Victoria the local delegate of the Salesian Cooperators from Coimbatore animated the adoration, all the members made a good confession and prayerfully participated in the Holy Eucharist.



On 28<sup>th</sup> the following day, “Forest Dale” was colourful with the family members the 23 Aispirants were in uniform and with a broad smile welcomed everyone for the Promise Day celebration. The solemn Promise day was commenced with the Holy Eucharist, concelebrated by. Fr. Thomas Louise SDB the Provincial Councilor for the Salesian Family Twenty Three members took promise to be a active and faithful co operators . Everyone appreciated them for their committed life and involvement. Newly promised members thanked everyone from the bottomo of their hearts and honoured them.

*Sr. Kulandai Theresa*

## REGUNATHAPURAM

As a family the co-operators came together to wish the community for the new year 2021 and promised their support and spirit of collaboration with the community. They were able to collect the COVID relief fund and helped Mr. Visuvasm Family and offered provisions. Their sipirt of unity and responsibility was appreciated by our sisters.

*Sr. Malar Jothi*





## VIDES - KEELA ERAL

### New Year wish and get together

The Sangamam Vides members came together to wish the community Sisters a very Prosperous New Year 2021. When family and friends gathered together there are bound to be plenty of laughs and great adventures. For that was the secret weapon to strengthen their bond and to reequip their energy. This was the same



among the young fifteen Sangamam VIDES members who joyfully came together to spend a day and to prepare the lunch together. Indeed it was an appreciation day for their audacious volunteer services accomplished during this time of the fast spread of COVID-19 in their locality.

### Standing for the right

In order to respond to the concrete demands of the people the Vides members protested along with Keela Eral Village People to ask for the highway bridge to avoid the frequent road accidents.

VIDES members visited the old age home on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and spent their day with 81 old people in Kovilpatti. They offered them Provisions for two days.

*Sr.Jothi*

## VIDES - THERESPURAM

*True help makes the poor feel like friends and family*

*“It is not about how much you do,  
But how much love you put into what you do that counts”*

On 24<sup>th</sup> June there was a call from Jeanne Jugan Old Age Home, and we the Co-ordinators of VIDES Sr. Savariammal & Sr. Immaculate, the Principal of Auxilium Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Therespuram moved towards the Old age home.

With great joy we gave the vegetables worth Rs.5000/- to the sisters of the Old age home. They were really grateful by the wonderful work done by the VIDES Members of Therespuram and we promised them to help whenever it is possible.

*By Sr. Savariammal*



## Economers Meet

## INT CHRONICLES



The Annual Economers Meeting was held for the economers of all the communities along with the Finance Advisory Committee of the Province from 18 to 19 January 2021. The meeting aimed to present the Budget and the Finance Policy of the Province followed by the submission of Accounts. The Province Finance Advisory Committee worked in collaboration with Sr. Madalaimuthu Angela made the day a successful one.

## Mission AD / Inter Gentes: Animation

In the process of discernment and to continue our mission with Missionary unction of Jesus, the sisters had a webinar orientation Programme on **24 January 2021, Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela and Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary



Selvi shared about the initial proclamation, focusing on the salient conditions and qualifications for becoming a missionary. Sr. Antonymuthu Lourthu Mary the province coordinator for Mission Ad/inter gentes coordinated the day's event.

## ACADEMIC

### International conference of Salesian educative presence for faculty ISS - FMA Asia

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Auxilium College of Arts and for Women, Regunathapuram had organised this international webinar in the digitalized zoom platform on millennial women participation in politics and leadership. It was a network initiation as a collaborative platform of **ISS – FMA Asia**. More than thousand in number had participated in that webinar through You Tube Channel. 91 students and a few staff had participated in the webinar through the ZOOM portal. The programme began with an invocation to the Holy Spirit, a song “Spirit of the living God” by our Vice Principal Sr. M. Pushpa and a group of singers.



Sr. Ivon Goulart Lopes, Co-ordinator for the Sector for Higher Education, Salesian Sisters of Generalate Rome, Italy, Sr. Runita Borja, FMA General Councillor for youth Ministry from Philippines and Sr. Lolia, Youth Co-ordinator from Rome too were present making the Seminar more gracious with their active presence. Sr. Maria Pushpam, the College Secretary had patronized the conference with her blessings and prayers. Sr. P. Selvarani, the Convenor of this webinar and Principal of Auxilium College, Regunathapuram had delivered the Welcome address. The three guest speakers of the day were Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, PCI President and the Provincial of Trichy Province, Sr. Regina Mary, ISS-FMA ASIA core group member and P. Johny Arockiaraj, Research scholar, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi, the Resource person of the day.

Sr. Lolia also appreciated the Webinar and the resource person. She shared her reflection that 'To be empowered, we need to go through self-empowerment by overcoming self-pity and "I cannot" attitude. It was a day blessed by God and the webinar ended with so much of appreciation and creative contributions.

### All India Educators Meet

All India virtual Educators meet was organized by Kristu Jayanthi college, Bangalore, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2021. The entitled theme was – ***"Upskilling & Reskilling – Redefining the future of the School Education"***. The theme focused was more relevant for the present pandemic era and was a best streamline to handle the education system in this chaotic situation prudently and innovatively. All the Headmistress of the INT province were well informed by the Academic Co-ordinator Sr. Fernando Majella about the timings and meeting details beforehand and all were able to participate. It was eyeopener to face the challenges thrown by the NEP and also a platform to know more about educational sites for the teachers regarding



different subjects' technical tools and teaching aids. This meet also enhanced the awareness to be safe and secure while entering the online platforms and also possibly suggested certain alternative websites, search engines where our data would find it privacy. All over it was a best guideline for all the educators to prepare and to update ourselves as our classroom culture is totally turned into e-room culture.

## Headmistress Meet

Once again, the pandemic forces us to keep our schools locked and to continue with the online classes. The perspectives and the challenges posed by the government schools and our competitors is so demanding that this is the right time for us to renew and revive our style of education in line with signs of time in all our schools to sustain and to re-equip our schools with good strength.

Sr. Fernando Majella, the academic coordinator with this challenging background in the academic sector, gave awareness and inspired every headmistress of the schools on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to inaugurate the online classes with lot of innovation and creativity. With this beautiful and concrete effort in all our schools, we are awaiting good harvest in this academic year 21-22. Let's continue to work hard for the education of the youth and design their destiny resourcefully.

## Seminar on Pocso

Accepting the invitation from Sr. Fernando Majella the academic coordinator, all the heads and representatives of all our schools participated in the webinar on "Guidelines for safer online education on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021. During the sessions Fr. Maria Charles SDB, mentioned that the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences - POCSO, (Amendment) Bill, 2019, that seeks to provide for stringent punishment to those engaging in sexual crimes against children, death penalty in cases of aggravated sexual assault, besides levying fines and imprisonment, to curb child pornography. Due to the recent cases filed regarding child abuse in online classes this meeting made more significant to make aware all the educators to handle the recipients with much care. External demeanor, dress code, verbal words used all should be taken into consideration in dealing with the children were specified during the webinar.

*Sr. Fernando Majella*



## Training on skills of Nonviolent communication

The entire province was animated in two different batches by Mrs. Reena Ginwala – an Author and Corporate Trainer residing in the Himalayas, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 respectively. She helped the participants to learn the skills of Non-violent Communication based on the notion that all of us have the capacity for compassion through which we can meet our own needs and that of others. The course encouraged the sisters to approach interpersonal relationships with empathy and take responsibility for our own choices and life experiences while supporting others to take responsibility of theirs.



## Province Community Day

The Feast of Gratitude in the Province was celebrated in the virtual mode since the spread of Covid 19 was virulent. We experienced deep communion as we took part in the prayer moments and participated in the Thanksgiving Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in each community raising our hearts and minds to God and our Blessed Mother for the innumerable graces we have received during the past year. The choice of the theme and the practices chosen helped each FMA in the province to cherish the joy of togetherness promoting a culture of life. Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam, the Vice Provincial took the initiative to present the theme, practices, design the invitation, and coordinate the virtual celebration on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The sisters from each community gave their active participation and joyous response with the gesture of solidarity in the concerns of the Province. The online celebration in the evening commenced with a prayer followed by colourful programmes by the children and young people of all the Marialayas and the Novices which made the day more enjoyable. A creative expression of **Just A Minute Programme** by each community in the province was a highlight of the day.

The celebration was a significant occasion to express our joy of working together for our wounded humanity, bearing deeply in our hearts the way of the passion, keeping the lamp of faith lit in our hearts. On this significant day, we also

thanked God specifically for the gracious gift of Sr. Susaimanickam Josephine - the Golden Jubilarian who brings healing and wholeness to the lives of many poor and downtrodden people through her gentleness, kindness and tender care.



ASSIST has been in working at 3 levels among the targetgroups consisting of gypsies of Devarayaneri, beggars & visually challenged of Gandhi Nagar in Trichy, farmers affected by cyclone Gaja in Athivetti, Pattukottai and children and women of Chittampatti. Our interventions focus on the **three basic needs in rural development for a sustainable future:**

1. Stamping out poverty and preventing city migration.
2. Protecting and preserving natural and cultural resources.
3. Ensuring access to healthy food with a sustainable farming production.

## STEM for Child Explorers

'STEM for Kid', a 2 days program from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March was organized for children with scientific bend of mind to initiate their exploration into the wonder world of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This effort was a means to bridge the exposure to scientific advancement gap between the urban and



rural children. 60 children from Chittampatti and surrounding villages with understanding and exploratory mindset participated in the program. Basics of robotics, Coding and Communication Technology were explained with demonstrations and experiments by Mr. JahirHussain, Mr. George Stalin Britto and Mr. Sabarigiri, the staff of ASSIST – the team with technological expertise. Science academy has been started in Chittampatti to continue scientific exploration for the rural kids.

*Mr. JahirHussain, ASSIST - Children Program Coordinator*

## Sustainable livelihood for women

Tailoring classes were conducted in Devarayaneri, Gandhinagar and Manikandam under sustainable livelihood program for rural women. 80 women have gained knowledge





and received certificates on completing the 3 months course in tailoring and dress making. 35 machines were distributed for the vulnerable women who had started their business at home and as a group in their respective villages. A production unit has been established in Manikandam and in Devarayaneri. May the women gain self-sustenance and build happy families.

*Mr. Subathra,  
ASSIST – Women Empowerment Program Coordinator*

## **Towards sustainable natural farming**

The program to restore sustainable livelihoods of the vulnerable small-scale farmers affected by cyclone Gaja was initiated in two villages Athivetti and Pichinikadu. The cyclone damaged water conservation and harvesting structures which called for recovery of damaged ecosystems to ensure sustainability. In the initial stage of the program the farmers were not co-operative. They had many doubts. The program management team also had difficulties in understanding the real situation of farmers and organizing them from different parts of the village as there are divisions based on caste and occupation. Therefore we had undertaken data collection with the collaboration of students from Auxilium Arts and Science College, Regunathapuram. This helped in building a rapport between the target group and the program management team. Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi and the



Project Co-ordinator had a meeting with the Panchayat President who assured full cooperation in implementing the project. The members of Agaveli Trust and the Local Government officers who were introduced by the Panchayat President Mr. Rajkumar agreed to collaborate in the effective implementation of the activities in the target areas.

An orientation program was organized for the farmers on watershed management and maintenance by Mr. Chinnarasu, Program Manager and Mr. JahirHussain, Co-ordinator for Marketing and Sales. An action plan for implementing the water management and maintenance was drafted.. A planning has been drafted to repair the damaged water conservation structures and channels. We have identified 9 ponds and 9 irrigation canals. The repair work will start in the first week of July and get completed by the end of August. This will keep the water catchment areas ready to harvest and store the rain water for agriculture.

*Mr. Chinnarasu,  
ASSIST – Program Manager*

### **Saving the vulnerable from the clasp of the monster virus**

In the wake of the deadly pandemic and the lockdown induced by it, our first thoughts were about how to reach out to our children and their communities. With the second wave hitting the country, declaration of emergency lockdowns, curfews, acute shortage of oxygen, and the limitations of our infrastructure to address the magnitude of the problem brought us once again with the urge to reach out to our people in need. ASSIST the Social Development Office had a discussion with Mr. Sundaram the Panchayat President and Mr. Saravanan, the Block Development Officer of Manikandam regarding the needs to meet the challenges to help the people in treatment and in prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in our target areas. A list of medical requirements for the COVID care unit to be set for pregnant women in Inamkulathur Primary Health Center was given by the Block Development Officer in consultation with the Block Health Officer. Efforts are undertaken to meet the needs of the new COVID Care center.

ASSIST in collaboration with Government administration for coordinating relief work contributed by supplying food materials, medical and protective gear and assisting with awareness campaigns on social distancing. The details are as follows:

1. ASSIST has distributed dry ration kit for 465 families in Ambedkar Nagar, Gandhi Nagar and leper colony in Fatim Nagar.
2. 972 masks were donated to Revenue Inspector as our contribution towards prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in the target areas.
3. 2 barrels of Hypo and 2 barrels of Soap oil has been donated to the COVID Care Center in Sethurapatti.
4. Posters and handouts about the preventive measures against spread of COVID-19 were given to the Sanitation workers of the Panchayat and public to promote awareness.

*Sr. AzariasArokia Mary Selvi,  
ASSIST – Social Development Coordinator*





### Installation of new animator

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Pet 4:10)*

Having the thought that Leadership has the capacity to translate vision into reality, on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela, the Animator of Divyadhanam, Novitiate, Trichy set out to Coimbatore, and to install Sr. Rayappan Cecily Selvi as new superior.

With great joy Sr. Cecily Selvi was welcomed by the children of Narasipuram community along with Sr. Mudiappan Glory Mary and Sr. John Shantha Mary. They greeted them with a welcome song, and donned her with a shawl. Thus, the moment of grace began for the community as all entered the chapel. The prayer moment was initiated with a hymn to the Holy Spirit and an introductory prayer by Sr. Irudayaraj Victoria, the Animator of Coimbatore – Marialaya. It was followed by Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela, the Councilor introduced Sr. Rayappan Cecily Selvi to the gathering. Sr. Rayappan Cecily Selvi later presented herself to the altar with a lamp to symbolize the Shepherdes of this little flock that God has given and we prayed for her.



## COIMBATORE

### Pongal

Pongal is a four-day-long harvest festival celebrated in Tamil Nadu, and with great enthusiasm we the community of Marialaya celebrated Pongal. Fr. Martin William Jeba SDB from Don Bosco School of Excellence celebrated the Holy Eucharist

in which we prayed for the farmers. The celebrant in his homily said how we have to be grateful to God who provides all things. In the evening, our Shelter Home and Reception Unit children expressed their joy by varieties of cultural programs.





## Networking with NGOs

As a part of networking with NGOs, Sparrow Trust conducted a programme which was their 100<sup>th</sup> community programme by Mr. Dhanasekar, Founder of Sittukuruvi Trust, S.N. Swaminathan, Founder of Iyarkai Arakattalai and Mr. Thirupathi, Inspector of Police, Saravanampatti police Station were the chief guests of the programme. Mr. Yuvaraj and Mr. Sargunasekar gave a motivational speech for the children for their development in education. Mr. Swaminathan gave a speech about the importance of nature and its conservation. Mr. Thirupathi explained about the safety and protection of children. And at the end of the day, stationery items were distributed to all the children in the home.



## National Girl Child Day programme



Every year National Girl child Day is celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> of January. This year as a part of it, an essay writing competition was conducted by the District Child Protection Unit and Child Line for 5 Child Care Institutes. On 29<sup>th</sup> January at Marialaya, National Girl Child Day was organized by District Child protection Unit, Child Line and Marialaya in which 6 children homes were invited along with few children to take part in the programme. Sr. Victoria, Director of Marialaya along with other Home children and our home staff and children attended the programme. Sr. Victoria delivered a speech about the importance of empowerment among women. Prizes were distributed for the winners as well as all the participants for essay writing.

## Feast of Don Bosco

At Marialaya we had a very meaningful celebration for the feast Saint John Bosco. Fr. Albert Yesudoss Chinnappan and Fr. Anto came from Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Ukkadam – Coimbatore con-celebrated the Holy Mass in which all the sisters and Shelter Home Children and Reception Unit children and all the inmates participated. Fr. Anto in his introduction talk brought out the importance of the day and spoke about Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary -on his death anniversary Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary and the staff conducted a quiz, song, and poem competition in groups and in individual categories and Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria our animator distributed the prizes to the children who won in the competitions and congratulated them all.



## State Girl Child Day competition

As a part of State girl child day, Kabadi, Running and Throw ball competitions were conducted for 6 Girl children homes at Ashraya Charitable Trust.. Our CCI children participated in running and Kabadi competitions. Mahalakshmi and Rajeshwari won the 2nd prize in running competition and our Kabadi team won the 2nd prize. Our Children actively participated in the competition and enjoyed the day. Awards were distributed at the end of the day.



## State Girl child Day



As a part of the State girl child day, Mr. Cheran M Thamizharasan, PO, DCPU visited the CCI and took a pledge along with the children and staff to protect all the children against abuse and other violence. Drawing and essay competitions were conducted for the interested children. Awareness about the importance of child rights and abuses happening to children was explained.

## International Women's Day

International women's day was grandly celebrated in Marialaya Home. The participants were Women's groups and Marialaya Children. 29 Women and 2 Advocates participated in the women's Day Celebration.

The chief guest for the Fancy Dress Competition was Sr. Victoria - Director of Marialaya Home. Finally prizes were distributed distributed to the winners and remembrance gifts were given to the Women's Groups.



## Alumni Day

One of the main purposes of **Alumni** associations is to support a network of former graduates who will, in turn, help to raise the profile of



the Institute. All the old students of Coimbatore Marialaya joined the Alumni Meet on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Around 32 Alumni participated. Every one shared their old memories and their present life style. The Marialaya Children performed a dance and a drama. Then, they elected the president, Vice- president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Media Co-ordinator. Annually we need to celebrate this Alumni Meet.

## **International drug abuse day and human trafficking**

*'Drugs take you to hell disguised as heaven.'*

June 26 every year is observed as International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking or World Drug Day. Mrs. Aliya, Programme Officer of Coimbatore Marialaya led our Open Shelter Home and Reception Unit children through her talk to create awareness about issues related to drugs and seek international co-operation to combat its effects on health, society, and governance. Some children also shared their bitter experiences of being with a victim of a drug addict and stated that we can get addicted easily.



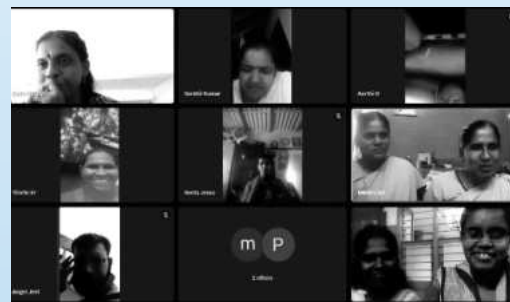
Finally, all the children took an oath led by Ms. Aliya that we should be honest citizens of India, and advise the people who are addicted by boldly speaking to them about De-addiction or taking them to De-addiction Centres and not ruin our own life in addiction.

## **Online Parents Meet**

*'Connecting Home and School makes us a great community of learners'*

Conducting effective Parent-Staff Meeting can boost family involvement in our Home and help promote positive outcomes for our children.

On 28-06-2021 For the first time in Coimbatore Marialaya, the Staff Ms. Aliya and Ms. Subathra decided to have the Online Parents Meet. After a year, with much calling and arranging the parents and regular follow-up, 8 Parents were present for this Academic Year 2021-22 Online Parents Meet. Sr. Irudayaraj Victoria began the Meet through a prayer, introduced our new Programme Office Co-ordinator, Sr. Irudayasamy Maria Tamil Selvi and Sr. Sundaram Bernadette Neha to the gathering. Sr. Victoria spoke on the children's family situations, how education is not effective during the lockdown and also, how the Higher education should develop for the children Parvathi and Evangeline Jennifer. The parents interacted and interrelated with each other. With a hope to do better for the future and give a realistic life for our children, we concluded the meeting.





## DINDIGUL

### Feast of Don Boscoin our evening study center Let Him Live Again!

March 18<sup>th</sup> was indeed a joy filled day as we celebrated the feast of our father and Founder Don Bosco with our evening coaching class children. The day was a happy day for all our children. Rev. Fr. Martin SDB from Don Bosco Pre Novitiate, Dindigul was invited as the Chief Guest of the Day. There were 120 children inclusive of our vocation training students.

Sr. Raja Clarenca Mary along with the teachers of the evening coaching class students led us into the prayer moments where we praised and thanked God for the very gift of Don Bosco as father and Friend of Youth. As a token of our honour to Don Bosco, our children sang a beautiful song on Don Bosco. Prizes were distributed for all the

winners of the quiz, drawing, essay writing competition and games which were conducted earlier.

### A Divine Call to live young, with the Young, for the Young !

*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” - Mk: 16:15*

With great love for vocations, the community organized a one day vocation the girls of our surrounding parishes of the Diocese of Dindigul. Amidst the Whatsapp, face book and Instagram Calls, about 14 of our young girls heard the call of Jesus “Come and See” and willingly participated in the vocation camp, which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April at Maria Anjali Dindigul.

The young girls were welcomed warmly by the community sisters and around 10.30 a.m the camp began invoking the presence of the Lord with a short prayer service. Sr. Susai Anthonia the Animator of our Community enhanced the girls with a talk on a call from



the Bible. Following which they watched a movie of Don Bosco in Tamil which was a great means for them to know about our charism. As Don Bosco says: “Run, Jump and play but do not sin” after the delicious lunch variety of games were animated in our Salesian Style in order to make them enjoy the day. They were given a Rosary and a picture of Mary help of Christians and we assured them of our prayers, encouraged them to taste and see the Love of God by following in the Footsteps of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

## Celebrating International Women's Day

The community of Marianathapuram initiated the celebration of International Women's day with the mothers of our evening coaching class students, our workers, staff and the students of the tailoring class. Sr. Daisy FSJ superior of the East



Marianathapuram Convent was invited as the Chief Guest. Mrs. Borgia was a special invitee. There were forty Mothers who were present for the celebration. Rev. Sr. Daisy inspired them to live life joyfully, to be adaptable for the sake of the Children. She also told them that we are born to live an exemplary life, giving life to them and by that, the Society will develop if we take care of their education. We distributed Prizes for the games conducted. Each of them was given snacks and all went home happy and contented.

*Sr.Susai Anthonia*

## BROADWAY

### School - Reopens during pandemic

“Education is the passport for the future” keeping this in mind the Tamil Nadu Government gave the permission to open the school from 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 onwards, for the higher class students. Though we were worried about the situation during this pandemic the sisters and staff were happy to welcome our children with all the precautions. The school followed all the instructions given by the government and worked till the month of April.



## Celebration of Salesian month - 2021

*It is said that Saints like flowers, grow and bloom in clusters*

The exemplary life of the members of the Salesian Family provides us with a rich source of spiritual nourishment. As we the F.X. family remembered and celebrated the feast of the Salesian saints, the whole month in a very special way, in the last days of the month we desired to conclude it and start our journey on the Road less travelled, which is chosen by the Saints.



We had a solemn prayer service invoking the Principal Patron of our congregation, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of all saints and revered the Lord for all the Salesian Saints, Venerable and Servants of God, their witnessing life and contribution to our Congregation.

We spent time in silence reflecting their lives and interceding to them to pray for various intentions of the world, congregation, Province and mission. E vviva!!! Sanctity in the Salesian Family.

### St. Joseph - He is one among us in our work...



***“Every day when we enter the FX campus He stands in the center to assure us that I will work with you today – St. Joseph the patron of the workers, our best pal in all our undertakings. His presence is so much consoling and gives us confidence in midst of all our troubles and pain. There is something special about Him always in the FX campus which we really experienced and living with it still”*** – joyfully exclaims Mr.D'silva, the office attender of

Our Lady's Center as a representative of the both the school workers recalls the goodness of St. Joseph and voices out gladly on the feast day of St. Joseph.

Solemn and a sentiment filled prayer moments were arranged for the Boarders, Teachers and workers of both the schools and workers. Reflections on the virtues of St. Joseph were focused which really provoked every heart attached to St. Joseph to follow and to live by it. Sr. Fernando Majella offered a special prayer for all the



Teachers and workers specially pronouncing their name in front of St. Joseph and surrendered their families to the Saint. After deep moments of silence in surrender, the community happily wished all the workers and invited them for lunch. The day in deed was filled with St. Joseph' grace. May St. Joseph continue to walk with us.

## Retreat for the Staff

*God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1)*



As the whole world is disturbed and filled with worries, the staff from St.Francis Xavier A.I.Hr.Sec.School and Our Lady's Center school, were given a wonderful opportunity to be with the Lord in recollection on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021. There were 80 of them and we began the day with the a prayer invoking

the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Rev.Fr.Mani Lazer sdb from Basin Bridge Chennai was a preacher of the day and he led them to deep reflection and prayer. He presented the strenna of the Rector Major 2021, “Moved by Hope” where he encouraged our teachers to be hope filled persons of God to their students and in their families. It was a great renewal and rejuvenation for the staff to go ahead in their life and mission.

## World Feast of Gratitude 2021

No pandemic could separate the togetherness of FMA. We realized this as we celebrated the World Feast of Gratitude to our Mother General. On the eve of 25<sup>th</sup> April our community gathered in front of the Grotto for the meaningful prayer service. We reflected on the theme "NETWORKED FOR



THE CULTURE OF LIFE". It was very significant and beautiful to be able to network around the world through the Word of God and meditated that the Institute lives the "prophecy of togetherness".Then we joined the online celebration of the Feast of Mother General held in Italy.

## Inauguration of online classes

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed education dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms. But this year we believe that the integration of information technology in education will be further accelerated and that online education will eventually become an integral component of school education as we have inaugurated the “e-academic year 2021-2022” on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, with theme to shine bright like a Sun. A good start up was given for both the parents and the students to positively and possibly accept and understand and to get along progressively in the e- education. Guidelines were briefly sketched by the heads of the schools. Information regarding paying fees, text books and evaluation were discussed in detail. Giving hope and imprinting strong confidence for the parents and students we concluded the meet.

*Sr. Pretencia*

## MARIALAYA – GEORGETOWN



### Festival of Pongal Celebration

Marialaya family at Chennai George Town celebrated the Tamil Festival of Pongal on 18<sup>th</sup> January in our Auditorium. Our children 100 of them participated. Our Chief Guest Sr. Arul Mary asked everyone to experience the sweetness of each other.

### Staff orientation

It was a precious chance for our staff to have orientation by Fr. Jerry S.J. He kindled and generated new energy to continue their mission at Marialaya. He presented his energetic talk and insight regarding historical changes, societal factors, fundamental rights and current affairs. He made them to realize the responsibilities of each one and to accept it as an opportunity to serve His creation and do His mission. Teachers appreciated him and assured him to do their best.



## Youth Fest

Youth Fest was arranged for our children in the evening study center on the theme of "Love and Gender Equality". Around 75 of them participated in the meeting. The special invitee Mr. Vijitharan spoke from his own experience that love means respecting the other person as they are and to accept the uniqueness of the person. At the end of the session many expressed that it was a new experience for them to start a new life.



## Women's day

Our Self Help Group staff and women from various groups joined to celebrate women's day on 6<sup>th</sup> March at St. Gabriel Higher Secondary School campus, Broadway. The programme started at 4.00 p.m and around 600 women gathered for the function. The chief guests were Mrs. Latha Saravananthe owner of the Shanthy Sarees and Mrs. Sujatha the Advocate from the Madras High Court. Both of them were eloquent speakers for our

women's day celebration who succeeded in their life to tell others to follow the best way. Their talks were enlightening and boosted all our women to have change in life and live it differently. The cultural programmes of our women made that evening so bright and excellent. Volunteers and our staff were given gifts and the participants received snacks.

## Annual Day

We the Marialaya family celebrated its 31st Annual Day on 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Marialaya Auditorium. There were around 400 children who participated. The programme was presided by the chief guests Mr. Vignesh Antony Dubbing Artist, Mr. Dindugal Dhidiyan Vijay TV Actor and Mr. Karithkeyan, Ganga Hot chips, were the Guest of honour.

The programme began with a prayer and our children performed a Welcome Dance.





Sr. Lourdhu Mary, Projector Co-ordinator presented the Annual Report of 2020-2021. The Chief Guests shared their thoughts and gave motivational speech to attain their goal in future. The children enjoyed the special programme by the TV actors and had fun with them.

At the end of the meet prizes were distributed to the community children for Regular Attendance, Studies and Discipline.

### **Baptism - A new life in Christ**

One of our girls from Marialaya Home named Jasmine received Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. She is being brought up by the sisters and had a deep thirst to be a child of God and it was joyful day for her to receive the Lord.



### **Summer camp**

A Summer camp was arranged in our campus from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. Mrs. Ambika the supervisor and Miss. Jamuna the social worker had been taken in charge for all the arrangements. 40 of our children participated willingly and enthusiastically. Each day was planned to give an orientation through talk, motivational videos and games. They learned Spoken English, life skills, Yoga and Classical dance. These days were very useful for them to enthuse their self-esteem.



### **Installation of the new superior**

Sr. Sujatha the new animator arrived to our community on 29<sup>th</sup> of June. She received a warm welcome by the community sisters and the children. We spend few moments in front of the Blessed Sacrament to thank God our new animator and asked God to bless her abundantly to continue the mission for the periphery. In the evening around 4.30p.m the Provincial Counsilor Sr. Majella from St. Francis Xavier community came to animate the Prayer Service and installed her as the Community Animator. Sr. Julie Nirmala read the introduction and Sr. Majella introduced her to the community and the community was submitted under her control to animate and administer. Sr. Sujatha the new animator prayed to Our Blessed Mother to be her guide and support to lead the community. At the end Sr. Majella wished her with Ponnadai and assured her of her support. *Sr.Lourdhu Mary*



## POTHUR

### Pongal Celebration

Pongal is a renowned celebration of farmers and allied communities to thank nature for its abundance and blessings for farming. On 17.01.2021 Our Shelter Home children have celebrated Pongal and learnt the value of gratefulness to nature and support rendered by various animals and people. The Children became aware of the significance of this traditional festival and they learnt to be thankful for nature, farmers and cattle.



### National Girl Child Day

National Girl Child Day is celebrated to recognise the importance of protecting the girl children in the community and give due respect for the girl children. On 24.01.2021 National Girl Child Day was celebrated with immense pleasure and information was given on how to protect the girl children from various Human Rights violations. Various competitions were conducted like speech, drawing, and slogan writing which made them to appreciate and to accept themselves.

### State Girl child Protection Day

Commemoration of State Girl Child Protection Day was held in honour of former late Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Ms. J. Jayalalithaa on 24.02.2021. On this day the Shelter Home children were divided in two groups for debate on the theme "Girl children are a blessing or a curse to the family, they were interestingly



debating with each other based on their home experiences. Protection of children from sexual abuses was the primary theme discussed. An oath was taken by the children to safe guard the lives of other female children.





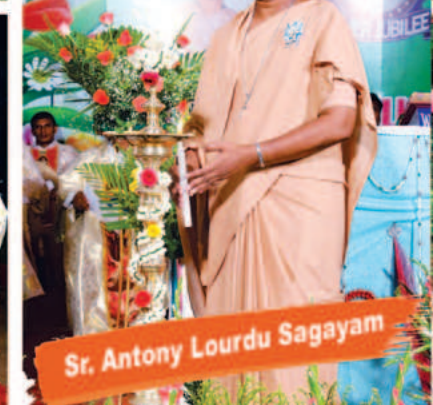
# FIRST PROFESSION



# RENEWAL











**Provincial Community day 2021**  
"Committed to promote a culture of life"







# COVID-19

## RELIEF WORK

### PHASE II





## Zero Discrimination day

Commemoration of Zero Discrimination Day was observed to sensitise the younger generation to fight against any kind of discrimination. A session was provided on the types of discriminations like gender, age, creed, colour, physical challenges and caste. On 01.03.2021 this session led children to reflect on the need for a humanitarian perspective in handling these discriminations. Our children learnt not to discriminate among their peers based on caste, religion, language and physical disability among themselves.

## International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated on 10.03.2021 along with the women of our locality. The Shelter Home Children were dressed like women personalities such as Aruna Roy, Arundhati Roy, Indra Gandhi, Irom sharmila, Velu Nachiyar, Laxmi -the acid victim, Metha Patkar of this era and shared their life struggles, success and achievement in life. The children were motivated and encouraged to live like the women who dedicated themselves for a social cause and change.



## World Environment Day

June 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 was marked as world environment day. The shelter home children were asked to draw pictures that will help everyone to understand the ways to safe guard the environment and protect the earth. They participated very eagerly in the competition.



## Women Empowerment

Nearly 20 women were identified around Marialaya as tailors without sewing machines. The sisters went to Besant Nagar Church of Our Lady of Good Health to get unused sewing machines to share with the poor women who know stitching but who did not have a machine. The shrine provided 20 unused machines which were brought to the house and were serviced and repaired and given in good condition to earn their livelihood. They were very grateful to receive them and promised to earn their income.



*Sr.Veda*

## TIRUVOTTIYUR Journey of Faith



Miss. Snega, a girl from a village called Murugamangalam, T.V.Malai District, after her 12<sup>th</sup> Std. came to ABLM Home to work as a helper in Our Lady's Higher Secondary School Office. Though she hails from a catholic family, the Christian faith was shallow beyond her reach to the point of not receiving any sacraments. After five months of her stay, the life of the community sisters influenced her and she slowly opened up her desire to enjoy the privilege of becoming a child of God and embrace the Christian faith lawfully. With the due preparation and permission from the St. Paul's Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Roche Chinnappa, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January Miss. Snega was solemnly blessed with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation on the same day. The Sisters witnessed God's manifold blessings showered upon her in the form of God Parents.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

On the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, His Grace, the Lord Archbishop George Antonysamy D.D., Arch Bishop of Madras Mylapore and the faith community at St. Paul's Church Kaladipet, Tiruvottiyur Chennai celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. About 60 teenagers spent three weeks of intensive preparations from 1<sup>st</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for the Sacrament of Confirmation under the leadership of Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani, Sr. Pensikar Bastina and the other catechists in the parish. The Children who had recently received the Sacrament of Holy Communion also joined with this group. The celebrations befitted the occasion, which was an important one in the life these candidates.



## Inauguration of online class

*“Education breeds Confidence,  
Confidence breeds Hope and Hope breeds Peace.”*

The shift to online classes made the bed rooms to become the study table. OUR LADY'S NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL online classes were started with a wonderful inauguration on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to bridge the education gap during this Covid-19 situation



from the comfort of the homes of the children. The inaugural meeting was shared on the Zoom meet. Almost the whole school participated virtually.

Our Correspondent **Rev. Sr. SEBASTIAN MARGARET** was the Chief Guest. The new Headmistress of the Primary School **REV. Sr. ANTON RAYAPPAN JOTHY** and the **teachers** accompanied her for the ceremony which added more beauty. It is the most privileged day to gather all the teachers, parents and children.

## Corona awareness competition

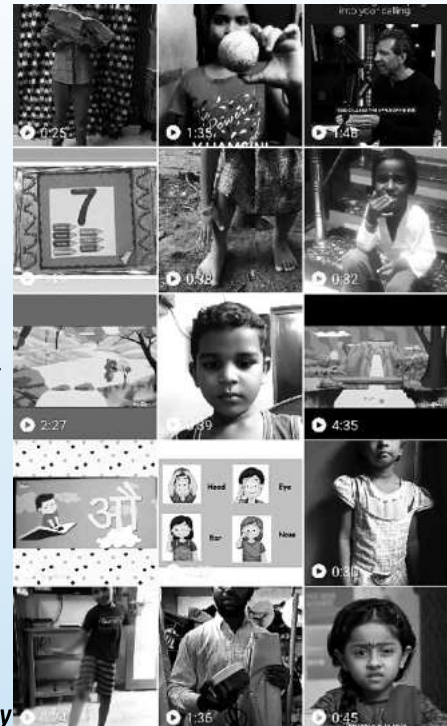
*“The harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it”.*

This pandemic had a major impact on the children all over the world. To make the children to become protagonists in being more aware of the situations caused by the Corona virus and to make them effective messengers to protect themselves and their peer groups, a wonderful competition was organized for the students of (OLNP) Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School.

Songs, dances, Mono acting, Drawing, creative debate, puppet shows etc... helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual. The main aim of this competition is to give awareness on

- **C - Clean Our Hands**
- **O - Off our Gatherings**
- **R - Rise our Humanity**
- **O - Only wear Mask**
- **N - No to Hand Shake**
- **A - Avoid rumors**

*Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy*







## Covid -19 relief services

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to loom over us, there are kind hearted people around us supporting the most deserving and the needy during this pandemic. Mr.Keith and Mr. David from



Chennai, who are been our great benefactors provided two and half lakh rupees as educational fund to pay the school fees of poor students and 42 packed grocery kits containing 10 kg of Rice, 3 Ltrs of Oil and 5 kg of Dal to all the teaching , Non-teaching staff and the workers of both the schools. They also provided silk sarees for workers and it was a big support. We thank and praise God for His continuous blessings through our benefactors.

*Sr. Savari*

## Parents meet for Boarding children



Madurai Auxilium boarding parents meeting for classes IX to XII was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in our boarding. Sr. Annamanickam welcomed our Superior Sr. Nirmala and all the parents of our children. Sr. Nirmala asked the parents,

how they were managing their children during this pandemic time. There was an interaction about their life in the society and at home.

Sr. Nirmala gave a talk to the parents on how to guide their children and developed her talk on Parents' support to their children during this pandemic time. Then the boarding sister, Sr. Annamanickam told the parents to provide healthy food to their children during the Covid-19 pandemic, and take all the preventive actions.

## Women's day celebration – 2021

To honour womanhood on international women's day, Auxilium Self help groups and all the women folk of our boarding were cordially invited to join the program. Nearly a hundred women were involved in this program. Mrs. Kalista SI High Court Police Officer was the chief guest of the day and Sr. Savari Headmistress of Auxilium Hr. Sec. School and all the Sisters of our Auxilium Convent attended the occasion. A welcome speech was given by the women co-ordinator Sr. Annamanickam On this



occasion the guest of honour; Mrs. Kalista SI shared her life experiences, tales of struggle and success. Then, our Auxilium School IAS Junior academy master, Mr. Agasthiya Bharathi was also present and said that it was a wonderful

opportunity for our children to study in an IAS academy because it strengthens their goal, they come to know their talents for a greater achievement. Sr. Leema Headmistress Matriculation School concluded with a few games for the women, many participated and got prizes, and all the participants were served tea and biscuits.

*Sr. Susai Annamanickam*

## MADURAI - Sringerinagar

### A little work room of today- pat-Auxi home

We, the inmates from Fr. Patrick Isaac Home of Hope for Women and Children present to you "A Little Work Room of Today". St. Maria Mazzarello the real heroine of the Salesian house started a big mission with a simple tailoring class in her time for young girls.



We are lucky and privileged to have the same experience today in our Home. We too were desperate, hopeless, discouraged, without a clear vision of the future and have wasted our time. The God of surprises made our Sisters an instrument of Hope to us all at the periphery of life. It's a miracle that the Sisters decided to start tailoring classes for us in this Home. They provided us with a teacher, machines and other materials. We had regular classes which made us feel confident in learning. We became learners not only of stitching clothes but also of our soft skills like listening, concentrating, memorizing, measuring, drawing, cutting perfectly and stitching consciously. It has given us hope, courage, diversion and self dignity. We are proud and grateful to St. Mary Mazzarello and our Sisters who have contributed to our self worth and dignified life in the society.



## Pongal celebration

On the beautiful day of celebration, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Bosco a Jesuit from Arasadi. Pongal was prepared and placed in front of the decorated altar. During the sermon Fr. Bosco explained to us the consequences of the laws that the Government has passed and about the farmers and the strike against them. He invited us to be grateful to God for the harvest. After the mass, we had a small celebration where our children and the women danced 'Kummi' a traditional dance in the hall. We were happy and enjoyed the sweet pongal together.



## Feast of Don Bosco

*“Without confidence and love, there can be no true education.”*



In order to honour Don Bosco We had Holy Mass, and short display about the Saint. The inmates performed bharathanatyam, group song, youthful western dance, and a spontaneous poem. Indeed it was a colourful

programme to honor our saint. The guests appreciated all the participants and we thanked everyone for their collaboration to make this day a successful one.

## Women's day celebration

On March 8<sup>th</sup> our inmates were gathered in front of our house where a banner was placed depicting the women's day celebration. Mrs. Premalatha and five of the staff members from One Stop Center, Mrs. Bhuvaneshwari Police Inspector came with their four staff, Mrs. Shanthi from Child Welfare Committee, Fr.Arul Rayen our Parish Priest and six college students of B.S.W were present for the program. Each invited person spoke about women's problems and how to face them and overcome each situation. Each speaker shared that women should have the boldness to live in

this world. With stories supporting their views, this boosted the participants to make decisions not to stay here but choose life challenges and be happy.



## Women's day celebration with other NGOs

We were invited by Mrs. Premalatha our stop center officer for women's day celebration in their office today. Hence, Sr. Assumpta and Sr. Sathiya accompanied ten of our inmates at 10:30 a.m. and participated in the celebration. Chief Doctor, Materan and nurses from Rajaji hospital Madurai, Mrs. Vinotha from Mhila Kendra Social Welfare Community and members of One Stop Center were present for the programme. Our director Sr. Assumpta quoted a statement: "It is enough to smile than to have gold" affirming that every women should have a smile always even when there are problems and wished all of us for women's day. Our inmates presented a street play and songs on women with the inspiring message then they cut a cake shared their joy with everybody.



## Environmental day

World Environmental Day is celebrated on June 5<sup>th</sup> every year and this year we too had a special occasion of nurturing our garden with the theme on "ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION" and shouting the slogan "LET'S NURTURE

**NATURE SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A BETTER FUTURE".** We had a day of celebration with an inspirational talks on saving nature and learnt to love and care it for the future since there will be no future if we do not safeguard our nature today.

## Awareness session on child abuse

On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021, few members from karpom karpipom (Mr. Sarath, Mr. Krishna, Mrs. Sudha Madhi and Mr. Alagu Jegan) came to our home to give us awareness on child sexual abuse. We had separated classes for our children and women. For our children, they taught about safe and unsafe touch and they taught some songs, asked them to draw pictures which depicted what they like and what they don't like.



*Sr. Susai Annamanickam and Sr. Sirumani Sathya*

### Way of the cross

The youngsters of Puthenthurai gathered in front of our Parish Church on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for the way of the cross. We started our way of the cross in our parish praying for the forthcoming elections. Then we went



to the parishes of Periyagadu, Polikarai, Kesavanputhenthurai, pallam and Annai nagar and meditated on three Stations of the Cross in each parish. Youngsters prayed fervently. Then we met our parish priest and received his blessings.

### Laying the foundation for the school



Amidst the great difficulties and struggle, by God's grace the long awaited day arrived and we laid the foundation stone for the school on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret Provincial was present with us. The day brought us great joy with the support of sisters, teachers, students, previous and present parish council members who were invited for this function. Fr. Godfrey blessed the stone and said the prayer. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, the Provincial, Fr. Godfrey, the parish priest, Sr. Medabalimi Josephine, the superior, Sr. Kumbukal Rose, teachers, students, and parish council members laid the foundation stone. As the students laid the foundation stone everybody felt happy and wished and prayed that this school must be completed before the academic year. We praise and thank the Lord for this event and we implore God's blessings for the success of this event.



## Food distribution for Covid -19 patients

Doctors are the ones who stand in the frontline to save the lives of people, even setting aside their families for service. Especially during this pandemic, it's not just doctors who have worked day in and day out, but also the police officers, the municipality workers, and all the frontline workers. All these people make sure that the people are safe. These people have inspired us to do something for those who are suffering during this pandemic. So the religious [CRI] of Kottar diocese took the initiative in guiding their members towards healthy behavioural change and providing spiritual, pastoral and practical support to those in need. Jesus said that, "I was hungry you gave me food" { Mt 25: 35} believing in His powerful words, the community of Puthenthurai joined in this programme to give food for the COVID patients in Asaripallam government medical college hospital for three days from 19th to 21<sup>st</sup> March and fed one thousand five hundred starving brothers and sisters at Kanyakumari Government Medical hospital - Asaripallam. We had the satisfaction of fulfilling the basic needs of the human being by providing food. May our Lord Jesus bless us and guide us in his path to do more charitable work as much as we can.

*Sr. Amutha*



## REGUNATHAPURAM

### Feast of St. Don Bosco




"Our entire body should serve God while we still have the time". Remembering the exhortation of our Holy Founder, the community celebrated the Feast of St. Don Bosco. We had a meaningful prayer service in the morning in the convent chapel followed by the Eucharistic celebration

along with our Catholics of Regunathapuram in the sub-station Church celebrated by our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Jesu Raj. He highlighted in his homily the enormous zeal and passion of the saint for souls. In the evening there was a grand cultural competition organised for the hostellers on the theme "Don Bosco – Friend of Youth". The five committed groups performed a colourful and creative presentation. The community was very happy to celebrate with a group of young.

## Past pupil association virtual meet

Past Pupil meeting at the local level was organized virtually on the feast day of Don Bosco which is indeed another joyful event of the day. Sixty two past pupils participated in the online Google meet. It was exciting to see and chat with each other on the screen. The programme commenced with an invocation to God and the welcome address was given by Rev. Sr. Pushpa, the Past Pupils Delegate. Being the feast of Don Bosco, short Video clippings on the life of Don Bosco was screened. They also spontaneously shared their services in this time of pandemic with the needy and the poor.



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M.Sc., M.Phil., B.Ed., SETP.D.,  
Assistant Professor in Chemistry,  
Raja Doraisingham Govt. Arts College,  
Sivagangai

**Venue :** Google meet  
<https://meet.google.com/pin-bbhc-oft>

**Date :** 27th Feb 2021 **Time :** 10.00 A.M

E- certificate will be provided

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## National Science day

On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the departments of Physics, Auxilium College of Arts and Science for Women Regunathapuram have organized the “ NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY ” on the topic of “RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY” in the digitalized zoom platform.

## International women's day

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 we celebrated International women's day. We had the Holy Eucharist celebration with our Hostellers. The Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Jesu Raj , celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In his sermon he shared the special qualities of women. Everyone was motivated to thank God for their womanhood and was made to realize the vital role that each one has to play in the family and in the society.



## Feast of St. Joseph

“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited:

The Community of Auxilium College Regunathapuram celebrated the feast of St. Joseph on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, the patron of our institution, students and also model for all the workers. Rev. Fr. Albert OFM from Nanjikottai celebrated the Holy Mass at the grotto of St. Joseph in the field with the workers of the house, drivers and the hostellers. He highlighted the special qualities of St. Joseph during the homily. Fervent prayers were offered for the intentions of the Institution and for our workers. And at the end a picture of St. Joseph and chocolates were distributed by Sr. Maria Pushpam, the animator of the community to our students and to the workers.



## My experience with the aspirers of first holy communion

4<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May were days of immense joy for children at Regunathapuram Village Church, K.K Patti Parish who received their First Holy Communion in two groups. The children who received the Eucharistic Jesus for the first time with great fervor were prepared by Sr. Magdalen.

Sr. Rodriguez Magdalen shares her experiences, "It was indeed a great joy and privilege for me to prepare the children for First Holy Communion. An adolescent group of 11 boys and girls happily entered our Auxilium Campus on 20<sup>th</sup> February for their Catechism class in view of the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist during the Pascal Season. I was really happy to prepare them effectively through prayer moments, explanations on basic Catechism for children, helping them to learn important prayers to know, love, and serve the person of Jesus through interesting video clippings etc..They too were quite interested to know, to learn, and to clarify their little doubts.



It was indeed an enriching, enlightening moment to rededicate myself too in this pastoral ministry especially in this pandemic situation. It is really a challenge as Pope Francis said that we should pass on the faith in Jesus to our children in this critical era of our times and to accompany them in their faith journey. I immensely thank God and the Community for this wonderful and happy experience. May God be praised and glorified.

**Sr. Rodriguez Magdalen**

## Webinar on "how to cross the corona deadline with doctor's advice"

The departments of English from Auxilium College of Arts and Science for Women Regunathapuram have organized the webinar titled "How to Cross the Corona Deadline with Doctor's Advice" on 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 through zoom platform. The program began with the invocation song followed by the welcome our Principal Sr. P. Selvarani had delivered the Presidential address. She shared her ideas to the audience about the given topic, in order to prevent them during the pandemic. Then Mrs. K Sivakarhika Head, Department of English introduced the special guest Dr. Mrs. G. Subashini MBBS, MS, OG , OG Consultant Gynecologist Mehta Global Campus Chennai. Sh taught us the double masking technique and insisted upon the audience to wear masks properly. Finally, the Doctor had clarified the doubts during the questionnaire session patiently. The program had been broadcasted on you tube streaming.





## International yoga day

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, the department of Commerce organized the International yoga day on the digitalized zoom platform. There were 300 students and staff members who participated on this occasion. The theme for this yoga day was “Yoga for the achievement of Sustainable Development goals”. The inaugural speech was given by Sr. Selvarani who emphasized the importance of Yoga and physical exercises in daily life. Mrs Juli, Department of Commerce gave a brief history of the origin of yoga. It is a gift of India's ancient tradition. Various asanas were demonstrated online. All the students and staff members joyfully participated in this webinar. They promised to make yoga a daily part of their lives so as to increase their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well being.

**Sr. Pushpa**



## PULIADITHAMMAM



## Pongal celebration

We celebrated the Pongal festival for a week. Each centre performed various programmes like Tamil cultural dance and songs. An elocution competition on "Who is a FARMER" was conducted. Children participated in the elocution competition with a lot of interest. Sr. Xavier Jenophia Josephine and Sr. Maria Arul Paulia Mary gave an inspiring Pongal message in the four centers. They spoke about the ways and means to respect farmers and the food they eat. It was also exhorted to stop wasting food. The winners were rewarded with prizes and even staff took the effort to get a local sponsor for the prizes. We acknowledged their efforts and appreciated them.

## Green day celebration

It was the greatest joy to celebrate the Green Day in our study centres on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021. With the direction of our Sr. Antony Regina Mary, Arunodaya community sisters, along with the study centres teacher and co-ordinator collected the greens from the Garden and distributed 115 bundles in five villages. in five villages. Sr. Maria Arul Paulia Mary and Sr. Xavier Jenophia Josephine gave awareness speeches on the vitamins that the greens contained and encouraged to grow greens in our gardens.





## Mobile library

“Once you learn to READ, You will be forever free”. In order to cultivate the reading habit among the children, we have taken a new imitative to have a mobile Library on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. Sr.

Antony Regina Mary, Sr. Soosaimarian Pushpam distributed the Library books to the staff and children. They gave a short message on how to read a book and it's importance in life. Thus each child inculcated the habit of reading books.

## Feast of St. Joseph

*“Man of enlightening dreams and obedient servant of God”*

As this year is dedicated to St. Joseph the patron of the universal church and our institute too, we had a grand celebration on 19<sup>th</sup> March on the feast of St. Joseph. Our joy was double, when our dear Sr. Jenophia Josephine



celebrated her birthday on the same day. The day's celebration began with the Morning Prayer honouring St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Mother with a beautiful power point presentation. With profound joy the workers were welcomed and provided sumptuous breakfast and gifts. The educating community, teachers and students joined us for the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Fr. Lurthu Raj SDB presided over the Holy Mass. We conducted games for the workers which made them glad and we distributed gifts.

## 7<sup>th</sup> National Rural Youth games 2020-2021, in Goa

“Run, Jump, Shout but do not sin” said by Don Bosco. This thought really motivates and leads each of us to enjoy each and every moment at Auxilium, Puliadithammam.



Youth rural games and sports federation of India organized 7th National Rural Youth Games 2021, in Goa from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021. “Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it.” Selva Harish and Sethu Kumar the students of class XII participated in long jump and Shot-put. Auxilium's two athlete superstars scooped up two successive gold medals. They were selected for the international rural youth games.

### Study centre annual day celebration

“Sow the seed of Education in the happiest Environment with the heart of a Father” was the theme of our Arunodaya Annual Day Celebration on 9<sup>th</sup> April in Auxilium School's Auditorium. The Annual day function began with a Morning Prayer animated by Sr. Xavier Jenophia Josephine the delegate of the study centre and, the Master of the ceremonies was Mr. Lawrence the co-ordinator of the study centre. The guests inaugurated the expo and appreciated the effect and creativity of the children. They performed various programmes like a mime on saving Mother Earth, Prizes were distributed for all the children and winners of the various competitions.



### THANJAVUR

#### Educating community meet

“Words give life to a poem, flowers give life to seeds; seeds give life to trees; But Educators give life to children”. We at the Auxilium school, Thanjavur conducted the Educating community meet on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. One hundred and nine members participated in the meet held at the Primary school Hall. Rev. Sr. Magnificat Soosai, the correspondent of both the schools was the chief guest for the meeting. It started with a short prayer and video clip. Mrs. Siriapuspam welcomed the gathering with her warm words. Sr. Magnificat gave an introductory talk on how to live everyday with new hope. Following this, Sr. Nirmala Rani and Miss. Delphin spoke about the strena of this year 2021 'Moved by Hope': “Behold, I make all things new”, “Hope is the new light that is reflected through our eyes,” this





was presented using a power point presentation. The members were divided into 6 groups and were given a set of prepared questions. They involved themselves with new vigor and gave their best. Mrs. Sheela, the teacher of the Hr. Sec. School was the moderator for the group discussion session and concluded the session, encouraging the young people to live in God's hope and face the reality with more commitment.

*Sr. Antony Nirmala Rani fma*

## Past pupils meet

Amidst the Pandemic situation, we planned to have a past pupils meet on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and invited them through SMS. The past pupils responded well and around 60 turned up for the registration at 10.00 a.m. The meet started with a prayer song in Tamil from Cardinal Newman's poem "Lead kindly Light". Miss. Leena gave a note of welcome. Sr. Magnificat Soosai, our superior inspired the past pupils through a power point presentation on the preventive system of Don Bosco. She exhorted everyone to understand people and express our loving kindness by our words and actions. Then a game was conducted wherein the past pupils introduced themselves to each other since they were from different batches.



Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani, the delegate of the past pupils presented the U.N.O. theme 2021 - "The International year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development" They also planned to collect money from the rich and give it to the poor, conduct counseling meets, arrange a medical camp, and renew our relationship by wishing the past pupils for their birthdays through whatsapp. Mrs. Ruby proposed the vote of thanks and the meet was concluded with tea.

## Women's day celebration by our past pupils

"Reaching out to the poor is our service." This was echoed by our past pupils. The Tanjore Auxilium past pupils unit planned to have a meaningful women's day celebration on March 7<sup>th</sup> in our Auxilium school campus. They started the programme at 6 p.m with a prayer song. Our vice president Miss Subhashini of the past pupils gave



a welcome address. Mrs. Joy invited Mrs. Poongodi Murali who is the president of the wheel club to preside over the programme as Chief Guest. Our Superior Sr. Magnificat Soosai honoured the chief guest with a ponnadai and gave a book as a gift.

Our past pupils honoured four poor hard working women in the society. Our Superior appreciated the past pupils efforts to locate the sincere hard working women and to take up all the expenses of the prizes to give joy to the poor women. Nearly 50 past pupils participated. Our president Mrs. Jeyashanthi thanked the entire group who collaborated to celebrate this day meaningfully. They gave them snacks and each of them flew to their nests happily.

*Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani - Tanjore Past Pupils Delegate.*

### **Celebrating St. Joseph**

The community celebrated the feast of St. Joseph, our Patron, with solemnity and splendour, along with the domestic staff, boarders and hostellers on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Considering the circumstances of the pandemic, it was indeed a blessing to have the young girls with us during those days! Being a year dedicated to St. Joseph, the feast was solemnized all the more, marked by a special Eucharistic celebration held at the grotto of St. Joseph in the evening at 6 p.m. presided over by Rev. Fr. Napoleon, a priest from the diocese. During the homily at the grotto decked with lights, flags and flowers and spread with carpets, Fr. Napoleon brought home to our minds and hearts, the significance of the name of 'Joseph' and his unique qualities, underlining the importance of having a deep devotion and firm faith in St. Joseph.



The community offered them as a token of appreciation, a cooker for each family, and it was a glad moment with gratitude on the part of both the community and the domestic staff. It was the most fitting gesture we could think of to honour our dear St. Joseph, our patron and protector.

Adding to the significance of the festivities, the petitions to St. Joseph on this occasion were burnt later, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021, in the presence of the domestic staff. All the workers wrote their petitions on the spot together with the hundreds of petitions written by our staff and students and the smoke ascended to heaven to plead the mercy of St. Joseph.

*Sr. Jennifer Samson fma*



## FMA India souvenir logo design

At the invitation of the FMA PCI for a logo design competition organized for all the sisters of the Indian provinces in view of the centenary celebration 1921 – 2022, Sr. Barnabas Susanna from Auxilium Centre, Thanjavur willingly and enthusiastically participated and sent the following logo in the month of January 2021. We congratulate Sr. Susanna for her creative contribution and thank her for the same.

*Sr. Soosai Magnificat fma*



## Inauguration of online education 2021

Auxilium Hr. Sec. School and Auxilium Nursery and Primary School, Thanjavur aims at imparting education toward excellence in all spheres of learning and attaining overall growth and development of the body, mind and spirit with Holistic formation and Education.

In the new academic year 2021-2022, we were happy to re-open the school through the online platform. We had the Inaugural function on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 for the Hr. Sec. School and on 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Nursery and Primary School through zoom meet. The inauguration began with a prayer moment and the official declaration of the opening of the online classes was exhibited through the joyful release of colourful balloons animated on a slide. With the educative spirit of Don Bosco, we had big dreams in imparting education through the online forum to enable the students to explore learning and take action that leads to self-discovery of their skills and talents.

The correspondent Rev. Sr. Soosai Magnificat welcomed the parents and students with a cordial spirit and gave the inaugural talk. Direction, Determination, Discipline and Deadline were the 4 Ds chosen to reach the goal even during this pandemic. The HMs of the schools Sr. Jebamani of the Hr. Sec. School and Sr. Epsibai of the Primary school felicitated the participants and spoke. The inauguration of the new scholastic year on digital platform made us reach out to the students during the Covid-19 pandemic. With the accompaniment of Mother Mary, the Queen of our Auxilium Campus, we journey on towards reaching the unreachable star.

*Sr. Abraham Epsibai FMA*



### Educating community meet

*“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.  
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence”. – Helen Keller.*

To sow the seeds of hope in the hearts of the children, young people and the lay collaborators there was a meeting for the Educating Community members on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Even though the time of the Pandemic was not conducive to gather for a meeting, there were nearly forty members gathered for a meeting which was a sign of hope for a better future that could be built by the one who is “Optimistic and hope-filled”.



The meeting began with the prayer animated by a group of children followed by the ceremony of welcoming the Chief Guest. Sr. Anthony Rosy the Animator of the Arul Sudar community welcomed Fr. Jeyan Joseph SDB, in charge of the Catechetical animation in Tiruchirappalli.

He introduced the Strenna's theme 2021 “Moved By Hope” and the Bible verse “See I am making all things new”(Rev. 21:5). He shared the the history of the Salesian Family where Don Bosco was a sign of hope for the abandoned youth, the challenge of living a hope-filled life even during the pandemic. Sr. Rani Celine presented three questions and asked them to share their views and reflections. They were beautifully sharing their views and, this enriched all.

### International women's day

*What would happen if we encourage all women to be a little more ambitious?  
I think the world would change.- REESE WITHERSPOON.*

Yes, to encourage our women in our Self Help groups we the Arul Sudar Community celebrated “International Women's Day” in 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021. It began with games conducted by Sr. Anthony Rosy and Sr. Pushpanathan M. Virginia for seventy-five women. The Chief Guest was Mrs. Asha Devi the Headmistress of the Government Middle School at Pratiyur who worked very hard to increase the strength of the students from two hundred to six hundred in the Government School was welcomed by and honoured by Sr. Anthony Rosy the Animator of the Arul Sudar Community. She spoke about the role of a committed woman in the family and



society. She shared the interesting incidents about women in the history of the world and explained the ways and means to be a good and responsible daughter, mother, mother-in-law and grandma in the family.

Then Sr. Anthony Rosy asked few different questions such as, Are you happy to be a woman? Why? Many came forward and answered very beautifully. The women who answered and won in the games which were conducted were appreciated and rewarded with wonderful prizes by Sr. Anthony Rosy. Every one was happy and thankful to the community.

*Sr. Rani Celine*

## **TRICHY - NOVITIATE, DIVYADHAMAM**

### **Twin celebration**

### ***“Grace of God, Gratitude to All”***

Gratitude is an attitude of thanking and expressing our love to God the Almighty. We solemnly began our twin celebration of the Sacred heart of Jesus Novitiate house and of our two sisters, The celebration began with a month-long preparation by praying for the pioneers of the novitiate house, all the provincials, the novice mistresses, benefactors, well-wishers and workers who played a vital role to nurture the spiritual growth of the novices and the mission of Divyadhanam Novitiate in Manikandam.



We had the privilege of listening to the chronicles of our house which made us very happy indeed to know the hard work and tireless services of our sisters. Especially these days we remembered the first pioneer, our dear Sr. Abramo Teresina, who gave herself generously. On the eve of 15<sup>th</sup> January, with a joyful note and a heart full of gratitude, we invoked God's blessings for the province and of the novices through our vigil prayer service based on the theme "Grace of God, Gratitude to all".

We thanked God for His continuous accompaniment, and we rejoiced for the 25 years of faithfulness of our dear Sr. Rayappan Selvi Cecily and Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi. During these prayer moments, the parents and relatives of our sisters joined with us to thank the Lord. The provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret honoured the animator of the house and the silver Jubilarians. The community sisters and Novices gave a colourful and meaningful programme. On 16<sup>th</sup> January, we had a meaningful morning prayer. It was amazing to see the marvelous works of God. At 11:30 a.m, we had a Eucharist celebration. The main celebrant was Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam SDB the provincial of Trichy and this was concelebrated by 11 priests.

For the Holy Mass, Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi and Sr. Selvi Cecily along with their dear parents came in a procession with a lighted candle in gratitude to God for their fidelity to the Lord. With joy in our hearts, we concluded this day of the Lord. It was an amazing experience for each one of us to relish the spirit of the congregation in the heart of '*Da mihi animas, cetera tolle*'.

*Sr. Victor Maria Kilodiya (I Yr Novice)*

*Sr. Immanuvel Celcia (I Yr Novice)*

## **Ashram experience**

***Set Your Heart First On the Kingdom Of God and His Justice (Matthew: 6: 33)***

We, the 12 first year Novices were privileged to share our Ashram experience that was held on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Manivakkam – Chennai. We were accompanied and guided by the Ashramites Sr. Doss Rosalia FMA and Sr. Pichai Mary Saroja FMA. The experience provided guiding tools to grow in human and Christian values and the very life of Jesus, whose teachings especially from the Gospel of St. . Matthew from chapters 5 to 7 was invaluable. This made us to understand clearly the demands of Discipleship and becoming another Christ in daily life.





This year we had an amazing opportunity to read and nourish the qualities of Jesus from the book called KNOW JESUS and KNOW YOURSELF which is written by Sr. Doss Rosalia. It gave us an inspiration to spend more time with Jesus our Master. The silent ambient with the fresh air of prayer refreshed our mind and soul and helped us to taste the love of Christ. We are grateful for this wonderful opportunity. We owe our gratitude to our Provincials, Mother Mistress and Community sisters for providing us with this enriching experience.

*Sr.Arockia Dass Raja Nirmala  
Sr.Arockiaraj Sowmiya*

### **“St. Joseph : Earthly shadow of the heavenly father”**

*Gratitude is a remembrance of God's love and mercy.*

*Gratitude is a remembrance of the goodness of our neighbour.*

*Gratitude is a collection of loving memories of our life.*

We began our journey of thanksgiving with full of love, hope and serenity. The following practices were taken from the Church document “PATRIS CORDE” to celebrate a fruitful and meaningful community day.

- **JOURNEY WITH GOD** - A community that experiences God's tender love
- **JOURNEY WITH OTHERS** - A community that is available and accepts others
- **JOURNEY WITH SELF** - A community that listens and obeys
- **JOURNEY WITH E.C. MEMBERS** - A community that collaborates with creative courage

Each day was an unforgettable day for each one of us. During these days, we prayed for each sister of our community. Every day we shared our unique call of God nurtured in a family experience by which we were enriched to become the children of God. All these beautiful preparations, lead us to realize more that “A Home Is Not Made of Bricks but of Different People with Love and Joy”.

With all these, bubbling with fervor, on 9<sup>th</sup> April we began our community day celebration with a vigil service. Here we brought forth our theme beautifully, “ St. Joseph: EARTHLY SHADOW OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”.



The auspicious day had come to thank God and each other in the community. The Morning Prayer was prayerfully animated. We thanked God for all His blessing and above all keeping us united as sisters in Jesus Christ. In the afternoon we had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration, celebrated by Rev. Fr Savariannan Soosai SDB. During the homily, he spoke about the importance of community and communion. All ourworkers participated in the Holy Eucharistic celebration. In the evening, the novices presented a beautiful and creative programme which made each one relaxed and happy. This day truly made us to feel that GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH A LOVELY FAMILY!



*Sr. Tharcus Sancu (II Yr Novice)*

### **Parents Meet**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 was a red-letter day. For the first time in the history of Sacred Heart of Jesus - Divyadhanam, Trichy, the parent's meet of 1<sup>st</sup> year novices was held. We were overjoyed to see our parents creating an atmosphere of happiness and vibrant smiles. On that day, we spent our time with our parents sharing our personal and spiritual journey. The meeting began with a short introduction given by Sr. Robert Santhiya Punitha and the prayer moment was animated by us. Mother Mistress spoke on the importance and the role of each parent in the formation of the Novices. All our parents felt inner serenity and peace, by seeing us growing in God's love and maturity. Novice Mistress and the sisters decided to form a WhatsApp group for the parents of the novices. The parents expressed their gratitude for taking care of us with love.

At 3:30 p.m we had a Holy Eucharist celebration which was meaningful and fervently celebrated by Rev. Fr. Savariannan Soosai. As Don Bosco said that our parents are the first benefactors and it's our duty to thank them for what they are to us, we thanked the Lord, the Almighty for giving us this beautiful opportunity to express our deep sentiment of gratitude to them for their great support in our life's journey. This is indeed one of the memorable events of our beloved Novitiate and we make sure to keep this memory lingering on in the days to come.



*Sr. Anthony Dass Arockia Mariyal  
(I Yr Novice)*

*Sr. Jesu Raja Sheeba  
(I Yr Novice)*

## My project experience at Athivetti village

“Any effort becomes successful, when there is an effect of synergy, the concept that makes two and two more than four. This report also has the effect of synergy, without prejudice to the contribution”.

On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, I was inspired to go out of my way in taking up the UG final year project along with my colleagues of the Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli belonging to the Department of History. With the support of ASSIST staff Miss. Marlika and Mr. Jahir who guided us during the journey of the project on “**Documentation on ASSIST NGO with special reference to Athivetti village**”. We were indeed glad to work with the NGO for our project, to get an exposure to the working of the society and eventually we went on a village visit to take a survey.

The people of Athivetti village welcomed us with great hospitality and there was no feeling of being in an unknown place, away from home. As this project was carried during this pandemic, we were careful to take the precautions of masks and other sanitary measures. We gave them packets of various seeds to be sown around their houses. We have listed out the recommendations to be made to the government in the near future for the people of Athivetti. We also studied in depth the untiring work of ASSIST NGO and their target groups. We owe special thanks to Rev. Sr. Azarias Arokiya Mary Selvi, Director of ASSIST, NGO for her guidance, encouragement, modern outlook, and meticulous supervision to carry out and complete the field visit perfectly on time which remains in our minds as a memorable one.

*Sr. Vishvanathan Sujatha*

**TRICHY**

**PROVINCIAL HOUSE**

### Installation of new animator

#### Hi I am clay...

*“An artist is not a special kind of person;  
rather every person is a special kind of artist”*

Hi friends, it's me clay, I have just been with a different kind of artist right now. I could not but share my experiences with you. It happened for me to be there in Auxilium Provincial House, Trichy on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. I was invited as a special guest for their community initiation and Installation of the animator. At 6:30 in the evening, I had the





privilege of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during which the above event took place. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret installed Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary as the first Animator of the Provincial House community. All were participating in the adoration with deep fervor. Then when my turn came, I was handed over to the eight sisters of that community for the initiation of the community. Wow what a beautiful moment it was. Each one molded me into a significant shape, describing the way of life they want to live in the coming year. To one I was a fruitful tree, to another I was a shining lamp, a neuron, a bunch of grapes, a bible and a pen. The leader of the province made an artistic circular design out of me and gave a beautiful message on inclusive spirituality. I wish and pray to God and Our Lady, Help of Christians to uphold them and guide them in their dreams and visions.



*“How wonderful it would be if sisters live together in God like them”...*

*Sr. Clarencia Mary*

## WELLINGTON

### Covid Relief Work

As the second wave of corona made everyone suffer, the community at Wellington distributed food and other essential supplies to the poor in our locality joining our hands with Salesian family members. We had helped the people at different intervals with the help of our co-operators especially during the month of April and May where people could not go out even for their daily wages. We thanked God for them and we were able to help many needy persons during this pandemic.

*Sr. Kulandai Theresa*



## A joyful learning experience

The Children of Marialaya are blessed by God for they have been blessed with various opportunities to set their future with hope and their present with creativity and enthusiasm



in learning many things. Since the lock down days were on the increase they had the chance to learn Yoga, Barathanatiyam and Karate which makes their mind stable, reduces & eliminates stress, reduces conflicts and improves concentration. Karate practice strengthens the mind, develops composure, a clearer thought process, deeper insight into one's mental capabilities, and more self-confidence. It strengthens the entire body, improves co-ordination, quickens reflexes, and builds stamina and overall health. So the children were happy to spend their time more meaningfully apart from learning their lessons.

## Silver jubilee celebration of Sr. Lourdu Sagayam



The silver Jubilee of our Dear Sr. Lourdu Sagayam was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in the presence of her family members, priest, Sisters and friends, donors and well wishers of our parish. There was a deep sense of gratitude within each of us. The Holy Mass began at 6.30 pm. The main celebrant was Re. Fr. John Wilson SDB the youth director of INM province, Chennai the nephew of our dear Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam, Salesian priests and the priests from Tiruppur con-celebrated. During the homily father appreciated Sr.Lourdu and her obedience in responding to God's call, for twenty-five years.

Soon after the Holy Eucharistic Celebration, there was a cultural event performed by the children and women and the staff of Marialaya. All the invitees remembered our sister with gratitude and honoured her with gifts and blessings. There was delicious food which all the participants enjoyed. We were thanked God for being with us and guiding us all during these days of preparation and celebration.

*Sr. Sebastiar Caroli*



## Relief support

The corona virus outbreak has dealt a shattering blow to the famous garment industry in Tirupur of TamilNadu. The industry dealt with its first blow after its business was curtailed by the cancellation of massive export orders as corona virus engulfed the



European countries, China and Italy. But now, with the pandemic spreading in India, its domestic business is also hampered. The situation has now become worse as over 10,000 manufacturing units in Tirupur, which employs over 6 lakh people, are now struggling to maintain their workforce. A majority of the workers here are migrant labourers. Tirupur on an average exports garments worth Rs.2500 crore every month and the size of its domestic market is also about the same. Businessmen here claim that a majority of the units have not got their due for the last 3-4 months.

Now the units are run in one shift or even half shifts, just to ensure that are able to provide some financial support to the workers. It is in this situation Marialaya reached out to 10 widows by supporting them with grocery items worth of Rs. 1000/- per family. It brought joy in the families amidst children and elders.

## Distribution of community and income certificates

It was our joy to distribute the community and income certificates for the children of six villages where the poor children are supported to continue their education through evening coaching classes. Since the year was fully marked with lock down the sisters and the staff members worked to achieve and got 88 community certificates and 47 income certificates. The parents, children, and staff of those areas were happy and thanked the management for the great help. It was our satisfaction that God created an opportunity to help the needy people.

*Sr.Lourdu Sagayam*





## KEELA ERAL

### Fresher's day

“Fresher's Party” in any institution is an event which every student eagerly awaits from the time of her admission. For it is a day of excitement, joy, music, enthusiasm, laughter and happiness. Though the worsening COVID-19 situation had robbed many chances of sheer excitement in the life of College students for almost nine months, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 was marked as a memorable day in the life of every fresher of 2020-2021 batch at Auxilium Hostel, Keela Eral.



The occasion was graced by the Community Sisters and the Auxilium Matriculation Higher Secondary School Teachers who were staying in the Hostel. The motivational speech of Sr. Rayan M. Auxilia Sophia, the Animator, encouraged them to know oneself and to have creative impulses to boost their confidence.

### Towards the international women's day 2021

The UNO theme for the International Women's Day 2021 is “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID - 19 world”, the campaign slogan is “Choose to Challenge”. On this day we joyfully rejoiced and thanked God for our womanhood. The Holy Mass was well animated and the mutual wishes among the Sisters and the Hostel girls were exchanged. In the evening, the Auxilium Matriculation Higher Secondary School female teaching and Non- teaching staff were greeted with sweets and prosperous wishes were exchanged by the Community Sisters.



## Educating community meet

Almost Fifty - five participants attended the Educating Community Meet held at Sangamam Keela Eral. Among them were the representatives of School Teaching Staff, parents, past pupils, present Students, VIDES members. Fr. Amala Jeyarayan SDB, the Rector of the Community was the resource person who disseminated to all the Education community members the elaborated theme of the Rector Major's Strenna for 2021, entitled "Moved by hope: 'Behold, I make all things new' (Rev. 21:5)". It was an emblem of the Salesian response to the current situation generated by the pandemic. There was an active participation and the healthy enriching.



*Sr. Rayan Auxilia Sophia*

**THERESPURAM**

## "Woman you are celebrated on this day!"

Women are a valuable part of society. They are the key to preserve the human race and in today's world, the importance of women in society is beyond any suspicion. The Theme of the day was "Empower Woman". The celebration of women's day was held in Auxilium Campus, Therespuram.

The day dawned with a lighter moment of a motivational game centering on the life of biblical characters like Esther, Mary, Rebekka and Deborah. The different sessions of the 8<sup>th</sup> of March witnessed the formative speech by Mrs. Jaqueline P.G. Asst. Tamil of Auxilium Matric. Hr.Sec. School on the fact that change isn't just about big headline moments, the way we think and act everyday can create a ripple effect that benefits everyone.

Invoking and surrendering the entire women's community into the arms of the Almighty, we believe that the meeting will help count our blessings now and always.





## Auxilium academy

Good news! There are lots of amazing student engagement strategies you can use to inspire a love of learning in your classroom and build a positive school culture overall. In this light, the Auxilium Academy paved the way to help the students engage themselves emotionally and cognitively with the inspiring words "You Dream It and We Colour it." Focusing on fitness, Yoga, Silambam and

Karate, classes are scheduled. In view of integrating modern technology to educate, computer classes are held. To tap the feminine aspect into movements, classical dancing is taught. Being innovative, creative, unique and original are the watch words of appreciation as we infuse energy into learners of art work. The registration took place until the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. About 35 students frequent the academy with joy.

The classes started on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. It is with delight that the courses progressed until the middle of May. Could it also add to the fruit of the Resource Mapping? Yes! We are upto many more initiatives as this. May God bless our endeavors. May God lead us onward.

*Sr. Dias Francis Immaculate*

## Covid relief work

*I believe in the kindness of others, and that I must love them without fear - Pope Francis*

The covid-19 pandemic has put seafarers around the world in precarious situations. Since travelling is restricted, many seafarers are stuck at home, unable to join ships and provide for their families. Some fatigued seafarers on an off shore support vessel contacted the Flying Angel Seaman (FAS) Club for help.

We at Auxilium were happy to share our grounds for the camp organized by the FAS club. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the FAS distributed 7 bags of provisions, fresh vegetables and fruits for 150 families. They provided medical services for all those who were affected by COVID 19. They also gave an oximeter and thermometers. We are grateful to the FAS club and we feel blessed to have helped to improve the present difficult situation of the seafarers.

*Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy*





## SR. MARIE BASTIAN

DEAR DEPARTED



On 1<sup>st</sup> May from the house of MHC of Broadway, India, the Lord of life accepted into His arms our dear **Sr. Marie BASTIAN** belonging to the Indian Province, Tiruchirappalli, to enjoy eternal happiness. She was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1930 at Perambur as the eldest of 4 children united and strengthened by the example of loving parents. Participation in the parish nourished her faith, opening her heart to prayer, experiencing the presence of Mary who guided her to Jesus.

While studying at Holy Angels Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School as a boarder, she cultivated the qualities of a leader. After Teachers' Training at Church Park, Chennai, she taught at St. Joseph's Trichy, and at St. Francis Xavier's Broadway where she was convinced of the Family Spirit of the FMA sisters. Though she felt it difficult to detach, after reflecting on the sense of life and death, she decided irrevocably to offer herself to Jesus. She entered on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1955 at Broadway, but due to poor health, she had to interrupt the novitiate, taught 10 years, and was an active member of the Legion of Mary. She practiced the Preventive System. It was MHC who inspired Mother Catherine Mania to call her back to continue the novitiate.

She re-entered the novitiate at the age of 39, made her Profession on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1969. She enjoyed the warmth of the community communion tried to promote it through her availability, charity and attitude towards others, considered herself fortunate for being called to this Institute. She was rather reserved but serene, patient and ready to help especially the poor. She did a course on formation in Religious Science at Bangalore and Updating Course of 2 months in Rome.

In her 52 years of Profession, she was the Assistant of Aspirants and Postulants for 9 years, animator of various communities, Vice Provincial, Councillor, teacher, Assistant of the novices for 13 years. There she says, "I tried to become old serenely, the Lord placed me here where I am happy to help the novices as best as possible... I thank God for His love and will praise Him the rest of my life." From 2013, she was at St. Francis Xavier's Community. Here the Lord purified her with neurological disturbances, dementia and hypertension. She offered her suffering in silence for the young and the Institute. We are grateful to Sr. Majella, superior, the community and the Salesians, the nurses and the doctors and the assistants for their attention. With sentiments of gratitude for the life donated, let us offer our suffrages. Dear Sr. Marie, accompany us during this time of Pandemic, intercede for us the gift of zealous vocations for the Church and our Institute.



## SR. LICY CHERIAN

On 12<sup>th</sup> May from Kavery hospital of Chennai our dear Sr. Licy CHERIAN from the province of Tiruchirapalli was called to the Father's house. Licy was born on 27<sup>th</sup> February 1953 at Madras in a good Christian family as 4<sup>th</sup> of 10 children among whom her sister Elizabeth became an FMA sister. Licy was fascinated looking at the Aspirants and Postulants washing the linen, so cheerful and happy; she decided to offer her life to Jesus. Her father did not consent, he tried to admit her for further studies, after 2 months with the help of her uncle priest and the Parish Priest, Licy entered the Aspirantate.



Being under age, she was admitted to Postulancy only on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1971. She remembers the simple, strong and authentic life of her Mistress Sr. Philomena Prabalanathan and Asst. Sr. Ruby. She made her profession on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1975. For 46 years she lived her mission in the communities belonged to the Provinces of Bombay, Madras and Tiruchirapalli, as in charge of Oratory, Workroom, kitchen, Store, Assistant of the boarders and teacher, teacher of typing and embroidery, one year in charge of Mass media. From 2007, about 12 years she was in Thiruvattiyur in charge of Typing and embroidery. When health problems began, difficult to shift from place to place she was transferred to the house -“Madonna della Strada” of George Town, Chennai, where she spent the last years in prayer.

On 11<sup>th</sup> May she began with difficulty in breathing, the Parish Priest administered the Anointing of the Sick. Thanks to the Provincial of INM, the Parish Priest and the benefactors, she was taken to the hospital where she was confirmed with Covid-19 positive. No treatment could help her and she went serenely in the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> May. The Lord took her from this world at the age of 68 to bloom in the Salesian garden. According to Covid- 19 Protocol, the funeral rite was celebrated by Fr. Sitrarasu, Parish Priest and Fr. Oswalt. Her sister FMA and younger brother were present together with a few of our sisters. We are grateful to the superiors and sisters of George Town, Thiruvattiyur, and Broadway for all the attention, proof of love to our dear sister and lively sense of belonging to the Institute.

Thank you Sr. Licy for your life of prayer, cheerfulness and courage, passionate service, sensibility towards the poor needy youth and your love for Jesus and Mary. Pray to the Lord for us and obtain numerous vocations in the Church and in our beloved Institute. We offer our suffrages for the repose of your soul.



*"This eternal God is your refuge and his everlasting arms are under you..."*

- Deuteronomy 33:27

Death takes the body.  
God takes the soul.  
Our mind holds the memories.  
Our heart keeps the love.  
Our faith lets us know  
we will meet again



*In Loving Memory*

**SR. BASTIAN MARIA**

**SR. LICY CHERIAN**





# Our Communities around St. Joseph

