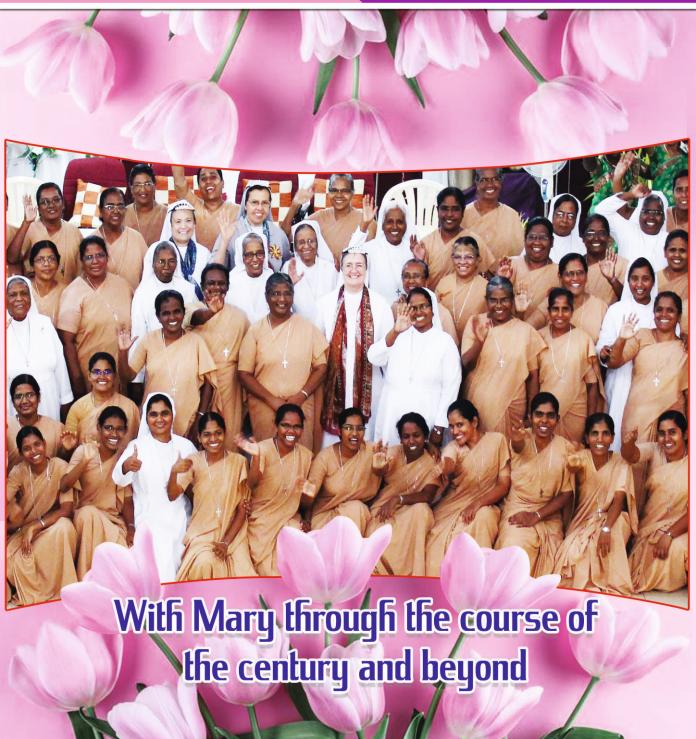


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ogether let us experience the protection and intervention of Mary's powerful help to live a rich experience of mutual acceptance, listening and dialogue, sharing the search for common goal to bring a better future and fruitful life for young people. with humility, and tenacity let us renew our fidelity to the spirit of the origin for a new apostolic dynamism and be guided by the Mother of Jesus a sign of hope, joy and audacity who constantly encourages to do what he tells us.

La Madre Chiara Cazzuola (At the conclusion of the FMA India - centenary celebration)



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Editorial

Recalling the past,

Rejoicing at the present and Rejuvenating our future



Life should not only be lived; it should be celebrated: because celebration is the nature of the spirit. It was a great period of festivity and joy from November 2022 to Nov 2023 for the entire FMA family in India as we had the centenary celebration of our presence in our Motherland. Every celebration is a time of togetherness, sharing our joy and love with our people in the community. All the more, the grace filled presence of our dear *La Madre Chiara Cazzuola* took us to the peak of delight to restore our energies, arouse enthusiasm, hope, creativity, nourish the joy of fraternity and we released the dynamism of spiritual contagion.

Our journey towards the centennial celebration facilitated us to recall our past where our first six pioneers came with an open mind of a vision of the future; even in their poverty, they knew how to discern the frontiers of the mission. Numerous are the poorest of the poor young people, women and children who have been touched by the FMA beginning from the arrival of the first missionaries till date.

With hearts full of gratitude now we rejoice at present where our passion for Da mihi animas cetera tolle has given rise to many genuine miracles of grace in our communities and the entire province. Today we stand tall in proclaiming the wonders of God, the outpouring of His divine interventions, the unfailing assistance of our Blessed Mother and of course the dedicated and sacrificing endeavors of each FMA in the province.

With greater commitment we move ahead revitalizing the charism of our Holy founders, responding to the signs of the time in the present socio- ecclesial context. The words of our saintly Mother Mary Dominica Mazzarello still echoes in our hearts, "Courage therefore my dear daughters, give yourselves up quickly to virtue and I assure you that you will always have a happy and content heart and you will know how sweet it is to serve the Lord". And so, we wish everyone a rejuvenating journey ahead!!!

Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen

A JOYOUS WELCOME

05.09.2022

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord".

The province of INT rejoiced over the blessed arrival of our dear La MadreMother Cazzuola Chiarathe bond of communion and the center of unity in our Institute, along with Sr. Borja Runita, councilor for Youth Pastoral and Sr. Mora Ruth del Pilar, councilor for missions on 5th September morning at the Auxilium Provincial house Trichy. ASSIST Social Development Office of Trichy province took responsibility to welcome the magnificent chief guests. Our Mother General was welcomed by the students from Vadakku Paganoor School and evening study center students, SHG Members from ASSIST. Self Help Group members did Kavadi, Kolattam, Children from evening study center did welcome dance by holding the balloons and students from tailoring unit stood as a Tanjore doll. Children from Vadaku Paganoor did the royal band surrounded by the warm presence of all the animators of the province and vibrant young sisters. The sisters who were dressed like the former Mother Generals passed the light from one to the other starting from our saintly Mother St. Mary Mazzarello to present symbolizing the legacy of our charism and spirit of our origin and finally it was handed over to our dear La Madre.

LA MADRE WITH NOVICES AND JUNIORS

"Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone's soul heal.

Walk out of your house like a shepherd."

It was a great and memorable day for all the community of Divyadanam as we welcomed our Superior General Mother Cazzuola Chiara, to our Sacred Heart Novitiate community, the house of the love of God. Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela our Animator and the Novice Formator welcomed all with her beautiful words and gesture. As our Holy Father Pope Francis invites the leaders to be "Shepherds with the





smell of the sheep" the title "Shepherdess" was given to her and thestaff and lambs were offered to her as a symbolic gift of shepherding. The staff: a symbol of constant accompaniment, guidance, protection, education, safety, giving us the direction towards the green pastures and fresh waters: the staff that guides us to keep our Salesian family together. Recalling the mandate given to our saintly Mother Mary Mazarello "I entrust them to you" Mother General placed the staff near the statue of St. Mary Mazzarello with a great applause of novices, junior sisters, animators, and our community sisters.

A short programme prepared by the novices filled the place with great love. Recalling the family spirit, we tied a *Rakhi* for each other to strengthen our bond of union and love. After the programme of the novices Mother General met the young sisters of the province. Then the novices had their encounter with La Madre along with the two General Councilors, Mother provincial Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret and the novice Formator Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela. The moments of sharing between the novices and Mother General gave the novices spiritual nourishment. She stressed more on the "Preventive System." We had a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Terrance. We then had supper in the Auxilium Provincial house and Mother General gave a short good night on the tangible presence of Mother Mary in our Institute. It was a moment of togetherness, as she shared the news of our Salesian family especially about the struggles of our sisters in various countries.

06.09.2022



As a child runs towards her mother, we felt the real presence of motherliness when the sisters of INT came together to meet our dear mother. The day began with the Holy Eucharist solemnized by Most. Rt. Rev. Fr. Savarimuthu Arokiaraj the Bishop of the Diocese of Trichy along with the other diocesan Fathers and a few Salesians. After the Mass La Madre unveiled the plaque for the Assist Centenary Building, and congratulated the efforts made by the sisters for the upliftment of the poor and needy. The meeting began with her beautiful words to strengthen our vocational journey renewing the spirit of our origin. She also had few moments of interaction with the sisters and cherished her time with the group. As our Provincial presented her with gifts of gratitude, Mother also gifted our provincial house with a chalice recommending us to be new wine to the young and society. The moment was raised to its peak with the release of books like Educational Policy for schools, Financial Policy for Administration and Guidelines for co-operators in Tamil. The authors and contributors were awarded by Mother General and praised our Lord for this time of great joy and togetherness. In the afternoon Mother General met the provincial council.

The ASSIST team had the joy of meeting Mother General. Mrs. Anusha, the NDF coordinator gave welcome address to Mother General and On behalf of ASSIST, staff presented gifts and on this auspicious occasion the plaque stone for ASSIST Skill Training Center was unveiled by Mother General.



LA MADRE IN CHITTAMPATTI - MADURAI

Though for a very short time in the evening, the visit of our Mother General Madre Chiara, and of Sr. Ruth del Pilar Mora the General Councilor for Missions, and Sr. Runita Borja, the General Councilor for Youth Pastoral, on 6th September, was a source of great joy and enthusiasm, renewing the spirit of every member of the new little community of the still young province of Our Lady of Snows (INT). Mother Chiara and the councilors, along with our beloved Mother Provincial of the Province of Trichy Sr. Margaret Amalanathan were given a very warm, loving welcome with a cardamom garland - the strong fragrance represented in kind the love that exuded from each of our hearts. The students gave them an arousing reception, as they danced to the rhythms of folk beats, in the presence of La Madre who had deigned to grace the beginning of our college. The lighting of the lamp in the new Chapel of the college by the Mother General was a significant and symbolic moment that radiated God's Light, that shall continue to shine ever bright in the hearts of us all.

During the short but sweet and significant visit, just after the evening refreshments, the Mother in all her simplicity walked through the rooms and halls of the College Centenary block and the dormitory of the sisters and recalled with appreciation the missionary spirit of the pioneering sisters, and observed with joy the enthusiasm that the sisters exhibited. The exhilaration that the beloved Madre expressed at the performances given by the newly admitted students of the college was an extraordinary dose of encouragement that would remain with us and the students for long. Although all of them being non-Christians; the sentiments of happiness and gratitude revealed by the youth, were beyond all barriers of religion, culture and language.

Mother Chiara unveiled the plaque for the Centenary Block and along with the two visiting councilors, laid the foundation stones of the new Academic Block to be built, which were blessed by Rev. Fr. James OFM, the Rector and Parish Priest of

St. John de Britto's Church at Othakkadai. Mother General in her address, thanked God profusely for this 'new mission flourishing like a mushroom'. She appreciated the commitment and sense of belonging manifested by the new faculty of the college. In fact, it has been only ten days since the college had celebrated its opening ceremony and to have all the students perform on stage with such joy, confidence and enthusiasm and the faculty vibe with such commitment and energy was no simple task and the Mother spontaneously exclaimed that she could already envision a bright future for the newly planted, budding mission for the growth and development of the young girls of the locality.

The plan of God and the co-operation of God's loved ones, is a tremendous combination that has taken forward the Sacred will of God: and in the Auxilium Arts and Science College for Women at Chittampatti, a great blessing has been unfolding right before our eyes! God our loving Father and Mother, we say with joy and gratitude in our hearts: let it be done according to Your will.

Sr. Samson S. Gnana Jennifer

LA MADRE IN SIRUDUR - MADURAI

The precedence of the Salesian mission is all about accompanying the young and working for their integral growth. Our dear Mother General was taken to meet the children of our boarding at Sirudurand the women and children from St. Patrick Home at Singerinagar in Madurai. The campus filled with joy



of receiving the Mother with pleasure and the spontaneous and colorful programmes by the children packed everyone with great amusement and delight. La Madre concluded the day with her inspiring message to grow in holiness and love for God and the poor.

07.09.2022

"Joy is a net of Love by which you can catch souls"



The campus was bright because of the presence of Sr.Chiara which means the daughter of light. On 24thNovember 1922 the first six missionaries of FMA set foot in Thanjavur and began their mission. The Superior General joined the centenary celebration at Thanjavur and acknowledged the mission of One Hundred Years. The sisters of the Thanjavur community expressed their welcome by garlanding all the delegates. At the outset of the celebration and as a pledge of joyful fidelity the centenary flag was unfurled by the Superior General Sr. Chiara. Another significant moment of the celebration was the unveiling of the memorial monument of Mary help of Christians, St.John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello. Fr.Jayaraj, the Episcopal Vicar for religious, Thanjavur diocese, blessed the monument with his gracious prayers. The Superior General and the team visited the chapel and lit the lamp that emanated light around the campus. The illustrious dignitaries were able to appreciate a Cultural Event programmed by Auxilium Girls Higher Secondary School students at the Auditorium.

The Chariot resembles a great honour of an Indian festival. The Superior General was given a great honour of being escorted in a chariot procession. Two students dressed themselves as Don Bosco and Mary Mazzarello and; accompanied mother on the Chariot. The crowd was filled with cheer when Mother arrived at the Auditorium in the Chariot. The cavalcade was led by "Chandha Melam" to the auditorium. There was a lot of cheer, shouts and happiness pervading the whole ambience of the Auditorium. The event opened with the solemn guard of honour accorded to the Superior General and the councilors.

The superior Sr. Magnificat presented the growth of the mission in Thanjavur in Italian. Mother was overwhelmed with the breathtaking performance by the students. She addressed the gathering and congratulated the students for their excellent performance. Her message was, "the prepared 'YES' of each sister brought all the young together towards success. After the event all the dignitaries visited Valpanasco, the Memorial building.

Mrs. Sheela. A. PG. Asst

LA MADRE WITH SALESIAN FAMILY MEMBERS

"A great strength lies not in numbers, but in unity." Over the years, the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco have collaborated closely with the laity and the entire Salesian Family. They have grown closer in



love, leading to great success in their mission.

The gracious presence of our dear Mother General Sr. Chiara Cazzuola and her Councillor Sr. Ruth del Pilar Mora, General Councillor for Mission, and Sr. Runita Borja, General Councillor for Youth Pastoral was a great delight to all the participants of the Salesian Family Meet. Representatives of the Educating Community, VIDES, Salesian Cooperators and Past Pupils along with the coordinators and benefactors from all the communities of the province. During her speech, the Superior General expressed her appreciation for the pioneers' work that has grown into a giant stature over the past 100 years. The unstinting and united efforts of all collaborators laid the foundation for the success of this mission over the course of a century. An end-of-meet photo captured the joy of the meet.

Sr. Magnificat Soosai

LA MADRE IN REGUNATHPURAM

The entire campus was vibrant at 4:00 pm to welcome our La Madre Rev.Sr.Chiara Cazzuola, Superior General of the Institute, Sr. Borga Runita - Councilor for Youth Pastoral, Sr. Mora Ruth del' Pillar - the Councilor for Missions, our provincial





Sr. Mary Margaret Amalanathan, and all our sisters to our lively campus. The traditional welcome of Arathi and Kumba was rendered to our eminent guests by the students, and sisters of the community.

There was a short cultural event, presenting a short sketch of the origin and the mission of the community. The students performed excellently and exhibited their histrionic talents with a lot of creativity and innovation. La Madre expressed her joy in meeting the lively, happy, and spontaneous young girls on the campus and appreciated them for their fabulous presentation. Mother cherished the Salesian spirituality lived and transmitted by the community and expressed her gratitude for promoting the integral formation and the joy of belonging to the Salesian institute among the young people. Eventually, she addressed the staff, co-operators, workers, and local leaders, and appreciated their collaboration in the mission of educating young people. La MadreRev. Sr. Chiara Cazzuola and the two general councilors were very much elated to see the hostel girls and their spontaneous performance and friendly chats. Mother concluded that the very life and their work are an expression of living the Preventive System that creates an atmosphere conducive to the education of young people.

With hearts full of love and gratitude we bid farewell to La Madre Rev. Sr. Chiara Cazzuola and the two general councilors on 8th September morning. We are ever grateful to dear La Madre for her life giving presence to review the spirit

GRATEFUL FAREWELL



and charism in each one of us, as we celebrated 100 years of presence in our Mother Land. May our mission for the young continue to be fruitful bringing God's Kingdom on earth.

SEMINAR FOR FORMATORS / RELIGIOUS ANIMATORS

FORMATION





It was a great enrichment as we participated in the seminar conducted in NBCLC Bangalore for the Animators and Formators from 29thJuly – 05thAugust 2022. It was a happy moment of togetherness and learning. We were 63 altogether from various parts of India, from different congregations. Rev. Fr. John Baptist the

the director arranged for a fruitful experience. We thank our Mother Provincial for giving us this great opportunity to attend the seminar. The following topics were carefully chosen to help for our reflection and enrichment.

- Ethics and Moral issues in religious life practical guidance from the Canonical point of view.
- Emerging profile of a religious leader in India
- Psycho-Spiritual maturity of a religious leader at Midlife transition.
- ❖ Balancing the dichotomy of youth and elders of the community today
- Mission Leadership in the present Indian Scenario
- Leadership in view of Vatican II and post Vatican II and recent documents of Pope Francis
- ❖ Women Empowerment and gender justice in Church and Society.

The Most Rev. Rayappan, Bishop of Salem listed out the priorities of a Religious Superior. We were enlightened on Jesus the Leader Par Excellence: Following Jesus in our present time Our Holy father Pope Francis is a towering model of Synodal Leadership Humble, Compassionate, Inclusive, Innovative courageous and self-sacrificing. On the concluding mass on 5th Aug., we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of our Institute during the mass.

Sr. Susai Anthonia

JUNIORS' RECOLLECTION AND ANIMATION

Twenty-two juniors participated in the recollection on 6 August 2022 and animation on Psycho-Spiritual Integration by Sr. Catherine from Holy Cross Tiruchirappalli on 7th August 2022 at Auxilium Provincial House, Tiruchirappalli.





YOUTH PASTORAL MEET

INT CHRONICLES



There is nothing like encountering an infinite God in our lives, and that is what we desire for our youth.

The local youth pastoral coordinators had an online meet with Sr. Runita Borja, the Councillor for Youth Ministry on 25th July 2022, she gave an introductory talk on self-inspection of how we play the roles of being a youth animator in our respective places and on the quality of the youth Animators to



make changes to create a better society. Sr. Lolia through her PowerPoint presentation explained to us how we need to animate the youth at the local and province level. She said that 'Planning is a fundamental task of local animation and further spoke to us about the circular dynamic style of animation. Sr. Diaz Francis Immaculate, our Province Youth Pastoral co-ordinator summed up the talks and exhorted us to be effective youth Pastoral co-ordinators in the community. Thus, the meeting aimed to equip and empower young people to become true worshippers of Jesus, and spread His love to the world.

HEADMISTRESS' MEETING

The Headmistress' meeting was held on 2nd July 2022 at St. Francis Xavier Convent, Broadway. The introductory talk was about a joyful journey on the path of complete progress followed by a motivational talk in preparation for the Apostolic Plan 2022 -2023 by Sr. Fernando Majella. The sisters were helped to read, reflect, share, and decide on the three choices, specifications, and action plan from 2022 – 2027.



LOCAL MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR'S MEET



Immersed in a world of media, David Alston rightly says, "Social media is not a media. The key is to listen, engage and build relationships." Thus, to ignite the spark of fire to glow brightly, the Province of Our Lady of Snow, Tiruchirapalli had the Local Media Coordinators Meet online on 9th July 2022. Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy, the province

Media Co-ordinator hosted the online Google meeting and Fr. Benedict Rajkumar SDB from Alaihal Media animated the session on Cyber Safe Shepherding the world through Media, through his PowerPoint presentation with reference on the book 'Irresistible.' The participants were packed with several thoughts on indulging ourselves to become effective communicators in social media.

ANIMATORS AND TEAM MEMBERS MEET

All the animators, team members, and councillors had a meeting from 15th – 17thJuly 2022 aiming at drawing the apostolic Plan for the forthcoming six years. The meeting commenced with an orientation on our synodal journey, a deeper study into the three choices, and the deliberations of the General Chapter and concluded with the finalization of the apostolic plan.



MISSION AD / INTER GENTES COORDINATORS MEET

"Yesterday is but today's Memory and tomorrow is Today's Dream"



Recalling Khalil Gibran's words, we, the sisters of the Province of Our Lady of Snow, assembled at Madurai-Sirudhur on September 17th, 2022. The meeting was organised by Sr. Robert Santhiya Punitha, the Mission Ad Inter Gentes Co-ordinator. The meeting started with a prayer in the presence of Fr. Francis Xavier SDB, the day's resource person, and Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi,

Provincial Councillor and National Co-ordinator for Social Work, and Sr. Jeganathan Assumptha, Animator of the Madurai-Sirudhur Community. Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier SDB, began his discussion by providing a brief overview of the Mission Ad / inter Gentes. He explained each phrase on the theme "Our Mission Today". The Plan and Project for the following academic year 2022-2023 was then presented, and ideas were solicited.

Sr. Amal Raj Rebecca

VIDES SOUTH ZONE CLUSTER MEET

VIDES South Zone cluster Meet was held at Arunodaya Puliadithammam on 23rd July 2022 with forty-five participants. Mr.Arul, the VIDES member welcomed Sr. Rayappan Sampooranam, the Province Delegate of VIDES; Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi the Social Development Co-ordinator, the Sisters and all the VIDES members after a long period of lockdown to resume our energy for the betterment of society. Sr. Sampooranam explained to all the charism and spirituality of St. Don Bosco about the devotions that we need to imbibe and the Preventive System to be implemented now. Sr. Selvi animated on the theme of Volunteering in the development of Women's Education. They drew up the action Plan and visited the Don Guanella Anbagam Special School and children where they shared their joy of visiting them. As an expression of their love, they also gave some charity money for the special children and took photos as memories.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

ASSIST IN ACTION



ASSIST, the Social Development Office coordinated the celebration of W o r l d Environment Day in our Evening study centers located in Manikandam, KeelaEral, Ambedkarnagar, Ulagampatti



and Vadakku Paganoor from 10to 14 June 2022. Wall painting on the theme "Save the environment" was done by the Evening study center children of Manikandam Village with the guidance and support of Superior Sr. Arulmary and Directress Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selviin the public places with an aim to remind citizens of the growing need to sustain and protect the environment. Totally 227 children participated in the event. Children created greeting cards and Thank you stickers and distributed to the sanitary workers in their community who are the main heroes to keep the environment clean. They were honored and children rendered their heartfelt wishes to continue their services. In KeelaEral center, environment cleaning and center cleaning was done by the children. World Environment Day provided a platform on which to come together for collective action. A lot of enthusiasm was seen in the children. The event was conducted successfully with whole hearted participation and awareness gained to protect nature and save the planet earth. By recycling the usage of plastic, we can save our environment. Children were asked to collect saplings and planted in the plastic water bottle to save the nature from plastics. The list of children got involved in this activity is as follows:

SI. No.	Place	No. of Children
01.	Manikandam	24
02.	Ulagampatti	23
03.	Ambedkarnagar	20
04.	Vadakupaganoor	50
05.	KeelaEral	50
06.	Puliadithammam	60

BEES, AGENTS FOR BIO-DIVERSITY CONSERVATION



Bees play a critical role in preserving biodiversity, ensuring the survival and reproduction of many plants, supporting forest regeneration, promoting sustainability and climate change adaptation, and improving the quantity and quality of agricultural

productions. Followed by the Bee farming training given earlier, 50 bee hive boxes were distributed to 25 farmers in Athivetti village on 21st June 2022. The resource person Mr.Selvakumar gave orientation about the ways to preserve the box. Beekeeping also provides nutritious food to farmers and offers opportunity to enhance livelihood. Not only agricultural land but also the forests in the village are pollinated.

ORIENTATION MEET FOR **EVENING STUDY CENTER TEACHERS**

Orientation for the Coordinators and Staff members of the Evening Study Centers for this academic year was conducted on 2 July 2022 in ASSIST Hall. Sr. Arockia Mary, Associate Directress of ASSIST organized the meeting. Mr. Sabari, the placement Coordinator welcomed the gathering and honored the guests.



Sr. Pushpa Jeya introduced the teachers of Vadaku Paganoor community to Mr. Mohan the newly appointed Coordinator of their centre. Sr. Arul Mary the Animator of the Auxilium Provincial House made the participants to introduce themselves and made them feel at ease. She delivered her message on CPP-Child Protection Policy. She also explained the code of conduct and rules and regulations that we need to follow and about the complaint mechanism. Sr. Arockia Mary, the Children Project Coordinator continued the session on NCP –Neighborhood Children Parliament. In the afternoon session they viewed a video depicting the situation of the girl children and their vulnerability to fall as prey to the monsters of viable men. It was a productive session and totally 20 members participated in the event.

SPORTS MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION TO YOUTH GROUP OF DEVARAYANERI GYPSY COMMUNITY



On 15th of July, Sr.Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi ASSIST Directress distributed the Sports equipments to young people in Devarayaneri area in the presence of Saravanan (Ward

Councillor). Mr. Chinnarasu (Welfare project coordinator) arranged for this event. The overall aim is to make the youth physically fit. Through this event, the thinking ability of the youth will be stable and their involvement in wrong activities will get reduced and prevented. Totally 26 youth members participated in the event.

WOMEN COORDINATOR'S MEETING ON WOMEN POLICY, EVALUATION AND PLANNING

Orientation on Women Policy, Evaluation and planning was organized by Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam in Tirupur district on 23rd of July. Sr. AzariasArokia Mary Selvi, Directress of ASSIST and Veerapathman, Secretary of SAVE Tirupur Movement were the resource persons. The target groups were the women coordinators. Totally 20 participants took part in the meeting. The prayer moments and the introducing of each other and the Program objectives were explained by Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam the province women coordinator. The following aspects were clearly explained through Power point presentation by there source person. Women's empowerment can be said to encompass five aspects: improving women's sense of self-worth; their right to have and determine choices in matters that concern them, their right to have access to opportunities and resources, their right to have the power to control their own lives, both within and outside the home, and their ability to influence their



environment to ensure social justice and create an equitable social and economic order. Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi handled the session on the importance of strengthening the Women self help groups and the Mother's groups in the evening centers. The yearly action plan should include the ecological integration and the participants were given time to share their struggles and difficulties and the ways to build a bright future. In the afternoon the participants were divided into groups for preparing the plan of action and shared their annual report. It was a wonderful experience for the women coordinators and had a productive session.

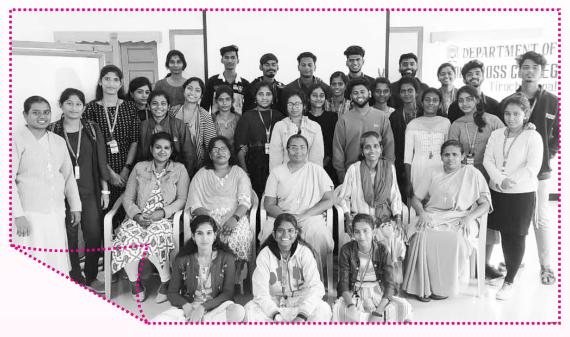
ORIENTATION ON NCP FORMATION



Orientation on Neighborhood Children Parliament was given and a mock Parliament session was held on 14th August. Evening study center students from Trichy District and Evening study center teachers and coordinators have participated in it. The Resource Persons were Fr.Bharath SDB, the Director of VEMBU (Vilathikulam Empowering Movement of Building the Under Privileged), Mrs. Mohana Priya, the Treasurer of VHAK (Voluntary Health Association of Kanyakumari). Mr. Elavarasan welcomed the Resource persons Fr.Bharath SDB, the Director of VEMBU (Vilathikulam Empowering Movement of Building the Under Previleged), Mrs. Mohana Priya, the Treasurer of VHAK (Voluntary Health Association of Kanyakumari) and Sr. Arul, the Superior of Auxilium Provincial House. Then the session for the children was handled by Mrs. Mohanapriya, and Fr.Bharath conducted the session for the Staff and coordinators. He started his session on the topic "Dream for our Country India". And in order to achieve it how we need to work and how we need to prepare our children to

face the future. After the short break the Novices engaged them with some activities. And the role of each Minister was explained to them and they were very much boosted up and eager to contribute to the society. After the Lunch they were divided into groups with their teachers and discussed about planning for NCP in their local areas. Through this program, children were very much confident and got a spark of inspiration about their participation in the social change and formed NCP in all the centers of Trichy District.

WORKSHOP ON PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT



Workshop on Project cycle Management was held in Wellington for three days from 16th Aug to 18th Aug 2022. Resource persons were Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi, Directress of ASSIST and Mrs. Gifta Subashini Program Manager of ASSIST. The participants were the 29 students and 2 Professors of Social work department of Holy Cross College. Along with them Sr. Loyolla from Tirupur and Sr. Arockia Mary, Children project coordinator participated in the workshop. The main topics discussed were the introduction on Project cycle Management and the effective way of writing proposals. This workshop gave an extensive exposure in the Project Management cycle. All the participants got their certificates and gave many positive feedbacks about the workshop at the end of the day.



ORIENTATION ON PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND POSITIVE PARENTING FOR SHG WOMEN

Orientation on Psychological care for children and positive parenting for SHG women was organized in the ASSIST hall on 27th of August by Mr. Chinnarasu, the Women Project Coordinator. Mrs. Rosy, Family counselor from One stop center was the resource person. Totally 33 SHG



women from Manikandam and Ambedkar nagar attended the program. The program was organized in the presence of Sr.Arul Mary, the Superior of Salesian sisters of Provincial house. The main topics discussed during the program are as follows- How to create good rapport with the children, Ways to safeguard the children from all kinds of abuse and the techniques of positive parenting. It was an interactive session. Women raised many queries regarding Child protection. Sr.Arul Mary and Resource person Mrs.Rosy cleared all their doubts. It was a productive session and received many positive feedbacks from the SHG members.

ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME



Environment Stewardship Program for children was held on 01.10.2022 -03.10.2022 in Maria Anjali, Marianathapuram, Dindigul. The participants of the programme were Representatives from Neighborhood Children Parliament and Eco Club members from schools and students from Evening Study Centers of KeelaEral, Puliadithammam, Vadakku Paganoor, Ulagampatti, along with the Teachers and Coordinators of Evening Study Centers. The resource persons were Mrs. Sabaritha (Life Skill Trainer from Magic Bus), Mr. Chinnarasu (Welfare Project Coordinator of ASSIST) and the staff members of Vanagam Centre. Sr. Arockia Mary welcomed the resource persons and dignitaries of the occasion and explained the children about the house's logistics. Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi presented the resource person, Miss.Sabaritha, the Life Skill Trainer from Magic Bus, and encouraged the kids to speak in order to assess their prior understanding of environmental issues. Sr. Soosai Anthoniammal welcomed the children, wished them a happy stay there and made them to feel responsible to care for environment. Then Ms. Sabaritha started her session on Environmental Stewardship. Her sessions were mostly activity based so children took part in them actively. She grouped the children into seasons by having them pick up a Lot on the components of each season and then sorted them into groups. Children were taught about the natural cycles in a broad sense. Children learned the natural cycles and were very enthusiastic about knowing the ideas of cycles and the training instilled in them to care for creation, and they now understood well the benefits of rearing the indigenous breed and natural breeding. All expressed their gratitude to Mr.Ramesh the staff of Vanagam and his Co-workers and staff. Children also expressed their gratitude and resolution for their life to safeguarding the nature. They even bought some saplings.

THINK GREEN, PLANT A SEED - PALM SEED PLANTATION IN AMBEDKARNAGAR

On September 22nd, **T**he 50 Evening Study Center Children from Ambedkarnagar and Manikandam villages along with the Novitiate community sisters gathered in ASSIST Hall at 10a.m. The chief guest of the day, Sr. Bernadine, was honored and welcomed by Mr. Chinnarasu, the Welfare Project Coordinator of ASSIST. The



advantages of planting palm trees, which are the state tree of Tamilnadu, were described to the kids by Mr. Chinnarasu. All of the tree's parts are utilized by people for a variety of purposes, including maintaining underground water levels. The seeds were then distributed to all of the participants, who planted it along the pond's border. On that day, 200 seeds were planted. Through this activity, everyone learned new information about palm trees and made the decision to preserve them.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION - SHARING OF EXPERIENCE BY OUR YOUNG



"Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced."

A few of our youngsters shared their experience after the visit of our Superior General to our province.

I was greatly excited to see Mother General. The plan and preparation that were executed in our



minds to see Mother Chiara. I could feel the real happiness in Mother's face which reflected the same within us. I feel myself a part of the Salesian family.

Joan Nivetha - Std XII-A

We are the bearers of our Salesian Charism. Really, I felt blessed and lucky to see Mother General. She brought us positive energy from God. Through this visit I came to know the united work of the Salesian sisters and their mission for the young.

Arokia Varshini

Gentleness is the favorite virtue of Jesus Christ. As per Don Bosco's word, our community sisters are so gentle. I am much impressed. The same feel I got when I saw Sr.Chiara. She told us in her speech "If the sisters had not said yes to God, you would not have been here". Yes, it's true. I thank our dear mother for making us to realize the Sacrifice of our sisters.

Rufina - Std XII A

I thank God for this wonderful opportunity. September 7th was meant to be a great day of overwhelming joy for all the Auxilians of Thanjavur. I feel privileged to be in this campus because the roots of the present fruits of the Salesian Sisters are in Thanjavur. I feel like being in a holy place. Thank you, Mother! Thank you, sisters! Love you all!

Sneha - Std XII B

GRATEFUL SHARING OF SILVER JUBILARIAN ' - MRS.ARTHIKA (TEACHER)

My heart overwhelms in Praise and Gratitude as I recall the Joyiest memories of the past 25 years of my happy stay at Auxilium Thanjavur. During 1996, I entered Auxilium Thanjavur as a Teacher for the Primary School. Rev. Sr. Dorathy was my Superior and Rev. Sr. Pricilla was my Headmistress. Anybody who enters Auxilium feels the presence of Mother Mary. As a



youngster I was attracted much to the devotion and veneration of Mother Mary kept up at our school. This is how I came to know of Mother Mary and Her filial love. In course of time, Sisters at Auxilium Thanjavur, helped me grow spiritually maturing with Christian Values.

During the year 2010, God in His Unconditional Love, Chose us to be His loving Children. Rev. Sr. Muthusamy Rosary, prepared us as a family with Catechism of the Catholic Church. As a family, we received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation with the consent of Rt. Rev. Devadoss Ambrose Bishop of the Diocese of Thanjavur.

During my stayfor the past 25 years, at Auxilium Thanjavur, I was blessed to witness the Platinum Jubilee in 1997, of the Arrival of Salesian Sisters in India.It was good beginning to know in detail about the Salesian charism in Thanjavur. In Oct. 2011, The Relic Casket of Don Bosco, made me ponder at length about the life and dream of Don Bosco and could feel, What a man of God he is!.Indeed It was a moment of veneration and Devotion to our Saintly founder. The year 2012, Marked the 90th year of FMA presence in India. As Superior General, Sr, Yvonne Reungoat, was arriving, I felt Her presence as unique Blessing. What a loving call it is to represent Mother Mazzarello. The Valponasca Window with the Spiritual Beauty of Mornese really makes me visualize what a beautiful fertile land, the town of Mornese is! Sep 2022, marked historical moment celebrating Centenary Year of the arrival of FMA at Thanjavur, thrilled me with the missionary impulse of Superior General Sr. Chiara Chazzula, the General councilor, Sr. Borja Runitha and General Councillor, Sr. Mora Ruth Del Pilar. It was a unique moment to recall the political situations of Thanjavur under British India. I felt What Toughness of heart God has granted to the pioneers to furrow the Indian soil and sow the seeds of Salesian Charism for God's glory!

It is great joy to recall the cherishing moments at Auxilium Thanjavur. I Wish and pray God bless our Institute.

Long live Auxilium!

A.ARTHIKA (Teacher)

Auxilium Nursery and Primary School, Thanjavur.



COIMBATORE - MARIALAYA

NEWS FROM HOUSES



ONE DAY OUTING TO MALAMPUZHA DAM IN KERALA



The community decided to take the Marialaya children, for the summer holidays, for a one-day outing. The children were very enthusiastic and happy to go for a tour. We started from Marialaya on 10th June and reached Kerala. The children went to the waterfalls and played in the water and moved to the Malampuzha Dam. The children enjoyed seeing all the places, and they were playing happily. From there, they started at around five in the evening and reached at Marialaya on the same night. The children thanked the Superior and the sisters who organized a wonderful day out.

The community sisters and the children gathered on 24th July 2022to celebrate Sr. Vincent Nadar Mary and Sr.Aruldoss Rose Mary, the elders of the community. They were honoured with a garland and; they cut the cake, and the children expressed their love and gratitude by singing a song. Being the twenty-fourth, Our Lady's statue was decorated beautifully in the hall and

ELDERS DAY CELEBRATION



Sr.Irudaya Raj Victoria, our animator conducted the Holy Rosary. It helped to pray more fervently. All of us prayed for various intentions. We especially prayed for peace in the world.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too" (Paulo Coelho) Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, girls / women coming from outside became few, but our six students (Child welfare centre who produced them into Marialaya Child care Institute), and from outside seven of them, all together thirteen of them started the tailoring class from January 2022 onwards. Among them,



completed the tailoring six-month course. We had the joy of issuing a compiled certificate on 25th July 2022 and Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria gave a talk appreciating them to fulfill their needs as well as to increase the income for their families.

150[™] FOUNDATION DAY OF FMA INSTITUTE / OUR LADY OF SNOWS

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalm 100:4)As FMA we celebrate the 150 years of foundation of our Institute and 100 years of our presence in our Mother Land India we raised our hearts and minds to praise and thank the Trinitarian God and our Blessed Mother.



In the evening, Sisters Shelter Home and Reception Unit Children, our Salesian co-operators and all the inmates gathered for the Holy Eucharist, con-celebrated by Fr. Martin SDB, Fr. Daniel Adaikalam SDB from Don Bosco School of Excellence -Vellekinar and our Parish Priest Fr. John Paul was also present to greet and pray for us. As the introduction was read, all the sisters, Salesian co-operators, a few children carried a bike and put up a symbolic monument recalling the intention of Saint Don Bosco; how he wanted that the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians should be a living monument and carry out his charism throughout the world. Fr. Martin SDB the main celebrant spoke about Saint Don Bosco and Saint Mary Mazzarello and how they offered themselves for the good of the youth. After Mass the children performed a small stage show. As we are celebrating the 150th of foundation day it is excellent to remember them with grateful hearts.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

We celebrated 76th Independence Day 2022 at Marialaya. The whole campus was decorated with flags and had a festival tone. Mr. Ranjith Kumar, President of Junior Champer International

(JCI): Mukunthan Gopal, Vice President – Sruthi, Members – Mr. Kavin Bharathi and Mr. Mohan were present for the function. Our children performed a dance, speech and pyramid and gymnastics which were appreciated by all. After the cultural programme Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria director of Marialaya addressed the children and spoke about incredible independence and sacrifices of freedom fighters.

NARASIPURAM

Panchayat children protections meet

On 17th June 2022 Sr. Rayappan Selvi Cecily and Sr. Ganamani Mary participated in the Panchayat Children Protection Meet. From District Children Protection Unit of Coimbatore (DCPU) Miss Buvanashwari spoke about the need and protection of the

childre n and she was motivating other people of different sectors to protect them at all levels from all danger. Through this people came to know the dangers of girls children below 18. The Panchayat Leader and other members gave their suggestion to protect the Narasipuram girls and boys children from drug abuse and bad behaviour.

HOME COMMITTEE MEETING



We had our home committee meeting on 22nd July in our house and read the report of the house and the children spoke about their life in Marialaya in the presence of the leader and assistant leader of Narasipuram Panchayat.

The participators were happy to see the home running for the Girl Children. They were so much taken about the prayer and each one praised and told us that they too will cooperate and collaborate with us for the children of the home.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AND VILLAGE MEETING

On this beautiful day of liberation Sr. Selvi with sisters and children of the home hoisted the National flag and gave importance to



the Jubilee Year. After the flag hoisting Sr. Rayappan Selvi Cecily and Sr. G. Mary took part in the Grama Saba meeting and spoke about the common good of the people and their need.

DINDIGUL - MARIA ANJALI

EDUCATING COMMUNITY MEET

We the sisters of Maria Anjali, Dindigul conducted the educating community meeting for all the evening coaching class students, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff, parishioners, lay collaborators and the house staff altogether numbering 38 participants on 22nd September evening at 7:00 pm. It all began by



invoking God and His presence through a short prayer after which Mrs. Nirmala the evening coaching teacher welcomed the gathering. Sr. Susai Antonia elucidated to the participants about the strenna of the year 2022 of the Rector Major "Doing everything through love, nothing by Constraint". She explained the beautiful proposal for Don Bosco's Salesian Family to cultivate the art of accompanying the Young poeple". Then the meeting continued with a talk given by Sr. Joseph Prakash Josephine Reena on the Pope's 55th peace message. She explained the message with the following three points:

- <u>Dialogue</u> between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects.
- Education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development'.
- Labor as a means for the full realization of human dignity'.

The third talk was all about "Laudato si". The seven goals of Laudato Si are: the Cry of Earth, the Cry of the Poor, Ecological Economics, Simple Lifestyles, Ecological Education, Ecological Spirituality and Community Involvement and Participation was creatively presented by Sr. Amalaraj Rebbeca. These sessions were followed by a group discussion and they came out with realistic suggestions such as Friendly dialogue with the children, accompaniment with true love in the family, practicing kindness in their dealings with all, setting up a kitchen garden, avoiding the usage of plastics and to segregate the wastages in their own circumstances. The meeting ended with thanking each other for all the contribution done for the growth and welfare of the mission and children. The members also appreciated the generous service of the sisters and their intervention in the formation of their children's life.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ANGLO INDIAN HR.SEC.SCHOOL

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"Leadership is the challenge to be something more than average" states Jim Rohn. The day for the investiture of our captains and



leaders was celebrated ceremoniously in St. Francis Xavier's Anglo Indian school campus on 5th July 2022 and graced by our honourable chief guest Mr. C. Lawrence, an Executive engineer of Chennai Corporation zone 15. The respected Chief Guest, the Correspondent Sr. Fernando Majella, the Headmistress Sr. ArockianathanVerginia Mary along with the captains and leaders marched towards the dais in procession. The program began with a prayer dance followed by the presentation of the Strenna 2022, "Do all through love and nothing through constraint". Then the leaders were invested with their flags, scarves, and badges promising never to withdraw from their duties and sincerely work for the betterment of the school. The same day a group of students from the volleyball under 19 team had been to MGR University and participated in a tournament.

BIBLE WEEK CELEBRATION



"The word of God is the medicine of the heart". The catechism students of each class had a great show for Bible week by honouring the written scripture on 22nd July 2022. The students enacted so beautifully and recited verses from the Bible. They helped meditate on the Word of God creatively and prayerfully. At the end of the celebration, the Correspondent, Sr. Fernando Majella gave a meaningful thought about the importance of scripture.



SPORTS DAY

"Winners never stop, they know that the more they play, the more the challenges await". A day full of aspirations filled the school premises on 12thAugust as the most awaited annual sports day for the year 2022 commenced. As the Chief Guest Dr. Kannan Pugazhendhi, the medical physician of sports entered, the guard of honour paid



their salute. Thereafter the Chief Guest declared the sports day open and our Correspondent Rev. Sister Majella and our headmistress Rev. Sr. Arockianathan Verginia Mary released the doves as a symbol of peace and harmony. The colorful relays, dazzling dances, sizzling demonstrations, and vibrant displays of the athletes took the show of the sports day to a greater level of grandeur. Dr. Kannan Pugazhendhi gave an excellent and thought- provoking message about fitness and the importance of participation of every student. The finale of the sports day ended with the lowering of the school flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

GROUP INAUGURATION -BOARDING



The inaugural ceremony of groups and movements for boarders at St. Francis Xavier convent was held on the 20th of August at 6:30 pm. It began with the invocation to the Holy Spirit; a short introduction was given

by Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen. The introduction of the groups was announced and Sr. Fernando Majella the Superior addressed the children saying "Education will not solve the problem of life but the service to the needy will solve the problem and make you a better person". The children took a pledge in their respective committed groups.







OUR LADY'S MATRICULATION SCHOOL

INVESTITURE CEREMONY "Leaders are created, not born. And they are created via a labour of love"



The OLC musical band welcomed everyone for the investiture ceremony on 6th July 2022. Our EC member Mr.Maradona was the day's Chief Guest; Rev. Superior Sr. Majella and our Headmistress Rev. Sr. Bastina were present for the day. The programme began with a prayer dance to invoke God's blessing and the Strenna for the year 2022 was performed. After miming the Good Samaritan, the speech by the Chief Guest, Mr. Maradona, about the virtues of leadership was delivered, and our superior, Rev. Sr. Majella, congratulated the teachers and the students for their wonderful efforts. All the leaders took an oath before taking their vows and distributing scarves and badges. The National Anthem marked the conclusion of the show.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

"You need to be able to persevere no matter what the situation is, in addition to having competitions"



After a two-year break, Our Lady's Centre Matriculation High School celebrated the 86th Annual Sports Meet on August 11, 2022. The event was generously officiated by Mr. A. Moorthy, the director of yoga and sports medicine at Sree Balaji Medical College & Hospital and TNPESU's previous vice chancellor. The programme began with a prayer ceremony, which was followed by a march past by each of the four residences.

Mr. Moorthy, the ChiefGuest, saluted before announcing the opening of the sports event and releasing doves and balloons.

The day's activities included class games from different grades, class relays, pyramids, fusion dance and mass drill. Dr. A. M. Moorthy delivered the day's motivational message. The Correspondent Rev. Sr. Majella admired the simplicity of these children and encouraged them to develop their talents. The school flag was lowered following the victory march and given to the headmistress, Rev. Sr. Bastina Mary. She expressed her gratitude to each participant and their parents, for their support and encouragement to maintain their competitive spirit.

HATS OFF TO OUR EDUCATING GROUP MEMBERS FOR THE COLLABORATIVE WORK



On 23rd September 2022 the members of the educating community joined hands and worked hard together with the goodwill to secure the pathway for the school. As there were numerous rats bothering and destroying the vegetation in the grotto's path, they repaired the black stone bearing the costs. Thus demonstrating the success of collaboration. May God continually bless their good heart.

GEORGE TOWN - MARIALAYA

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

The Marialaya community had taken an initiative to conduct the environmental day on 20th June 2022 in the Government high school at Vinayakapuram





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Chennai. Mrs. Jeyanthai the School Headmistress, Sr. Juli Nirmala and Sr. Annamanikam were present for the day's programme. The members of the women groups and the students of our evening study centre were also invited. A skit on clean environment and safe living was enacted by the students. Then the Guest of the day and the children took an oath to take care for their environment, clean and keep it as a plastic free zone. We distributed saplings for tree plantation. The day went on with a roaring success.

FOOD SAFETY DAY

Along with the evening coaching children of Thiruvalluvar Nagar we celebrated the food safety day on 17th June 2022. Sr. Annamanikam was the Chief Guest of the day and the children came with homemade snacks and displayed the same during the event. We explained about nutritious food habits and how to live a healthy life



with a good diet system. The children shared their food and the day was filled with joy in sharing love and care.

CHILD LABOUR DAY



A rally was conducted against Child Labour on 18th June and more than 40 children eagerly participated along with the Marialaya staff, women group, evening centre staff and sisters. The rally was started near the N3police station at Muthaiyalapet and Miss. Keerthigaa

sub-inspector and Sr. Sujatha Mary the director of Marialayawere present to begin the rally by waving the flag. The children shouted slogans to protect the rights of children and the importance of the education and ended near Bharathi women's college at Rayapuram. Then the police distributed water bottles and biscuits to all the children and staff, and made the day a great success. We hope the public will also be aware of Child Labour Day.

MALALA DAY



We began the session with the small prayer. Malala Day was celebrated in St Ann's Hr. Sec. School on 13th July 2022 by Marialaya along with Evening centre staff. They enacted a drama on "Right to education" and the struggle that was taken by Malala at the age of 12 and her biography

were the highlight of the day. Sr. Annamanickam honoured the principal with a shawl and 160 Children actively participated in the program and were inspired.

OUTING TO AN ENTERTAINMENT PARK



On the day of Independence, the children Marialaya had an opportunity to visit VGP Marine Kingdom with the sponsor of Rotary Club. Around 45 children, 5 staff along with Sr. Annamanickam and Sr. Latha went for this trip. They were given breakfast, taken to the magic show and played many games. Then we were also taken to the Marine kingdom and enjoyed seeing the places. We have thanked God for all those who made the day possible with their generous sponsorship.

SPORTS DAY

Marialaya conducted the annual sports day at Our Lady School Campus Broadway on 13th August 2022. We started with the Tamil Thai Valzthu at 10:00 am and Sr.Arokica Sujatha Mary the director declared open the sports day by waving a flag. The children exhibited a fantastic



march past with four different house colours worn by different evening coaching centres. The children from Thiruvalluvar Nagar performed a beautiful drill, thereafter all the track events took place. We distributed the prize for the winners and also gave a participation gift for the children who have attended the event. We provided lunch for all and 156 children participated in the sports day.

GROUP INAUGURATION



On 16.08.2022 in the Marialaya Auditorium we started a group inauguration for our Shelter home children. The children were divided into four groups named as Don Bosco, Maria Mazzarello, Dominic Savio and Laura Vicuna. Sr. Arokica Sujatha Mary the animator distributed group identity cards that had pictures of their respective patron saints. The children staged a drama, from the life of saints and danced making the day brilliant. At the end of the event, they took an oath in groups. And concluded with a prayer to live up to their promise.



GIRL CHILD DAY



The awareness program on child rights was held at Thiruvallur Nagar on 12th September in the presence of Mr.Masilamani, and Mrs.Karthika from N3 police station and Mrs. Deepa the head of women self-help groups. Nearly 30 children from Thiruvallur Nagar and Aaduthoti

had taken part in the awareness program. The program started with a welcome speech given by Mrs. Ilakiya our staff and a street play was performed by our children based on their basic rights. The skit presented the current scenario that female children faced like infanticide, unhealthy food, inequality in opportunities, sexual abuses and unsafe Environment. Mrs. Ambiga explained the importance of child rights and the way to react when a child is in an unsafe environment. Mrs. Ambiga thanked everyone for their attentive participation and we concluded with distribution of snacks to all.

DISTRIBUTION OF TAILORING CERTIFICATE

The distribution of certificate for tailoring women was held in Manali, Chennai on 16^{th} September to appreciate and encourage women in their stride for betterment. It was a four month certificate course organized by Marialaya. Our Director Sr. Arokia

Sujatha Mary and co-ordinator Sr.Annamanickam of Marialava were Chief Guests for the program and two women from tailoring centre shared their experience. The co-ordinator of Marialaya explained a tactic with



with zari work which added extra style in their work. Sr. Sujatha (director of Marialaya) continued the program with a bit meditation and advised the people to utilize what they had learnt during the period of three months. She appreciated the work which had been done by them and imparted her blessings.

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY



Marialaya organized an awareness programme for Suicide prevention day on 15th September in the Government Arts and Science college Vysarpadi with the help of staff, and counsellors, and few field work students from Loyola College. The college students were given a brief introduction on Marialaya and their work and; the staff in the college were greeted by giving them mementoes and shawls.

Once the briefing was over, the students started with the street theatre. They enacted a skit which represented on how a person gets suicidal thoughts and how it can be prevented by the use of a counsellor or anyone who is able to render help (friends, family, etc...) This was followed by a puppet show which evolved round in the same topic. After the puppet show the students were asked to give their feedback and they came out with various positive points. The college staff thanked Marialaya for their collaboration in making the event a successful one.

THIRUVOTTIYUR - CHENNAI

INTERNATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATION IN OUR LADY SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

To strengthen the awareness about the significance of global issues and to reach out to their communities Rev. Sr. Dr. Peter Selvarani, our new Principal and Correspondent claimed to observe and adhere to International Days in the Morning assemblies and to reflect the same on the communication board too. Here's a compilation of how the impact has begun to reverberate throughout Our Lady School of Excellence for the past three months.

WORLD YOGA DAY

The students of Grade V- IX took the initiative to commemorate International Yoga Day by organizing a special assembly on 21st June. They highlighted the importance of yoga in our life and performed more than 10 asanas. The occasion delivered a message that alignment of the energy body, physical body and mind are the key to a healthy being.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

To instil a sense of responsibility, the International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking awareness program was given by Grade IX Students on 27th June. They distributed badges with the slogan "No drugs" to



all the staff members and depicted a short skit aiming to provide information about the dangers of drug misuse and how it kills a person addicted to it. The awareness made by them provided knowledge and it aided in creating personal strategies for avoiding negative peers.

INTERNATIONAL ZOONOSIS DAY -ASSEMBLY BY GRADEVIII STUDENTS



The students of Grade VIII conducted Zoonosis Day on 6th July to raise awareness about the infectious diseases collectively termed zoonotic diseases. They explained that Zoonotic diseases originate in animals and can spread to human beings. Through masks of animals, placards and banners they created awareness of viruses,

awareness of viruses, bacteria, fungi, prions or parasites that cause zoonosis. Their effort was commendable and we applaud their effort.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY



International chess Day was commemorated by Grade VI students on 20th July 2022. A big square board and the sixteen pieces for each player (one king, one queen, two rooks, two bishops, two knights and eight pawns) were prepared by the staff and students explained the board game of chess realistically. We appreciate the Grade VI team for their hard work.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – SAVE WATER AND DEFORESTATION

To sensitize students about the conservation of water, students of Grade III presented a mime on "Save Water" and the Students of Grade I presented the theme "Deforestation." The student's participation was remarkable and the spectators could easily understand their expressions. The kids cleverly managed the time to go with the music in presenting the mime. It truly carried a sense of the theme, where there was a time when the earth was full of trees and a pleasant atmosphere. Thanks to our Correspondent Rev. Sr. Dr. Peter Selvarani for making a good entry point for teaching and learning about UNESCO values and priorities.



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AN ACT OF KINDNESS

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

- Oscar Wilde

On 23rdSeptember 2022, Rev. Sr. A Regina Mary, the Headmistress of Our Lady's Hr. Sec. School, Thiruvottiyur with few teachers went to meet Abhilash of class X who was affected by cancer. Since the family found it financially difficult for his treatment, the Management, Staff and students came forward with their generosity and helped him financially. Small things with great love will bring Heaven to earth. Tear filled



eyes of the parents showed the intensity of their emotions. Students expressed their love and promised their continued prayers.

Sr. Regina Mary Antony

CHITTAMPATTI - MADURAI

Solemn Opening Ceremony – Auxilium College, Chittampatti

A MIRACLE IN THE MAKING

"Give thanks to the Almighty, Proclaim God's greatness, and tell the nations what God has done."

The Lord in all benevolence has been so gracious to us and has deigned that we initiate a new mission in offering higher education to the poor young girls in the locality, opening the first academic year at Auxilium Arts and Science College for Women, Chittampatti, Madurai. Everything that has worked together in the realisation of the new initiative of Auxilium College, Chittampatti, is nothing short of a miracle! It has been a marvel in our eyes, how the Lord has graciously worked for our good and continues to unwrap marvellous benevolent gifts with surprises on a daily basis. The College Departmental inspections, the Government approval, the





consolidation of basic amenities, the required infrastructure, the affiliation to Madurai Kamaraj University – every phase has been a continuous miracle, a mighty work of God, and to our eyes, they remain a sheer marvel and delight!

"All that has been, all that is, and all that will ever be is for God alone and for His glory."

On 24th August, 2022, marking the Centenary of the FMA presence in India, Auxilium Arts and Science College for Women was inaugurated at Chittampatti, in a solemn opening ceremony! It was a significant and warm reception too, to the historic first batch 2022-2023, in the presence of our Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, all the Provincial councilors, the Animators and Sisters of the neighbouring FMA communities, Rotary Club Governor 2021-2022 Mr. Jayakannu, the first lady of Rotary, the village president Mrs. Illavarasi, other local leaders, Rev. Fr. James the Rector and Parish Priest of St. John de Britto's Church at Othakkadai and, the community of friars, the Provincial and the Superior of Pondy Immaculate Sisters at Othakkadai, and the parents of the students. One should have seen the pleasant surprise on the beautiful faces of the 35 students who stepped into the college portals for the first time, when they found each of their faces on the welcome banner – the privileged Centenary Batch! The all-special moment began rightfully with a moment of prayer. The dignitaries were then invited to light the Kuthuvilakku on stage to signify the solemn inauguration of Auxilium Arts and Science College for Women, Chittampatti.

Mother Provincial in her profound and inspiring words offered the students the right motivation to begin the journey of this new academic year with God's grace.

The Sisters and the Catholics among the faculty took part in a solemn Eucharistic celebration, in the new chapel. The Spiritual banquet was naturally followed by a festal meal for all who took part in the solemn celebration.



Almost a month now since the inauguration, the college has already grown in its strength, as we have over 50 students admitted. It is a sign of the copious blessings of the Lord and the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother, Help of Christians, that the college is blessed with a hopeful number, already in the very first year. Loads of thanks are due to our dear Mother Provincial Sr. Amalanathan Margaret for the great vision she has given and the enormous trust she has placed in the community here, in establishing this new mission. The support and the assistance of her council cannot be forgotten for all eternity, when the history of this newborn mission shall be recounted. Kudos to the Animator and Principal Sr. Saveriammal for her incredible and unflinching efforts, as she is creating the very first pages of the history of this College, and these pages are so full of miracles and wonders. Indeed, this new born College is a miracle in the making!

Sr. Samson S. Gnana Jennifer Auxilium, Chittampatti

MADURAI - SIRUDHUR INVESTITURE CEREMONY



The Investiture ceremony for the Academic year 2022 - 2023 was held with great pomp and dignity at Auxilium Matriculation School Madurai on 13th July 2022. The ceremony was administered by Rev. Fr. Kennedy SJ a Lawyer in the Hon'ble High Court, Madurai with zeal and enthusiasm. The elected Head Girl and other leaders came marching towards the stage and introduced themselves and they were conferred with badges and sashes by the Chief Guest. The student council took the pledge to hold the school motto in high esteem. The Chief Guest questioned the students about the leadership for which many answered well and he rewarded those students with books as prizes. He also addressed the students to be honest in leadership and to be a uniting force and to maintain discipline and morality.

KALVIVALARCHI NAAL

To mark the 120th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister K.Kamaraj we celebrated 15th July 2022 as "Kalvi Valarchi Naal" in a grand manner. The students and faculty paid floral homage to the leader. Music, dance, mono acting, speech and art shows were also held as

part of the celebration. The winners were given prizes and the participants also received some gifts.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

A magnificent sports extravaganza was organized at Auxilium Matriculation School on August 26th 2022, in which all the students from Kindergarten to Class X participated with great fervor and manifested their athletic skills with an unimpeachable finesse. The event



proceeded further with the March Past led by the School cabinet, athletics squad, leaders of various associations and the squads of all four Houses, hoisting of the Olympic flag and the School flag and the oath taking ceremony by the Sports captain Miss. Sabareeshwari of std X. Mr.Ramesh the Assistant Commissioner of Police was the Chief Guest who declared the sports meet open. All the Students were very much excited after all this, for all have been selected for different events and they performed well. There were mass drills and an energetic boys dance and motivating girls dance. In all, it is indeed a thrilling experience for children and their parents. The Chief Guest Mr.Ramesh asked the students to shed off their fear in order to progress in



their life. Then games were conducted for the parents and non teaching staff. The day ended well.



TEACHERS DAY



"Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges" Teacher's Day was celebrated on 2nd September 2022 with zeal and zest.

Fr. Vincent from Schoenstatt celebrated the Holy Mass. The Correspondent and the teachers were brought in procession with the Tamil music called Parai by the boys of class X. The children staged dance and

skit to recall the bygone days of teachers as a student and thus the entire celebration paved a new hope for teachers to rejoice the journey as a teacher.

FR. PATRICK ISAAC HOME OF HOPE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN - SRINGERI NAGAR

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SNOW

"Mary is the star of the sea. She never forsakes those who trust in her, so let us get under her protecting mantle".

With this saying of our founder Don Bosco we were delighted to celebrate the twin feasts: the feast Our Lady of Snow the patron of our province and the profession day of our dear Sr. Magdalene. The day began with an animated morning prayer conducted by



the novices who came for their apostolic experience. The sisters were very happy to see the inmates with colorful sarees and beautiful smiles on their faces. The rosary was animated and we had a cultural programme in honour of our Blessed Mother.

DAY OF FREEDOM

"Independence is a precious gift from God, may we always remain independent"

On 15th August we celebrated the solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother and paid homage to our nation as it was the 75th year of our Independence of our



beloved Motherland India. The festive note was enhanced by the well-prepared cultural programme. At the beginning of the programme the Chief Guests Mrs. Julie the professor from Fatima college, Mr. Victor, Mr.Selvam from Ellisenagar parish and Miss.Ruth were welcomed with sandal paste and kumkum. We started our programme with a beautiful hymn of praise to the creator and several colourful programmes were given by our inmates which were appreciated by the Chief Guests. The Chief Guest Mrs. Julie spoke of the importance of the Independence Day and gave some moral values to the inmates in order to add beauty in their life. With grateful hearts Sr. Loyola the animator thanked all the Chief Guests for their willing attendance and for their loving presence.

CELEBRATING NATURE



As the encyclical of Pope Francis"Laudato-si" focuses on care for the nature, we the community of Fr. Patrick Isaac home of hope for women and children responded to the cry of creation by conducting various activities for our inmates to create in them the love for nature. On 1stSeptember, we began the programme by cleaning our campus and watering the plants with lot of joy. The inmates were asked to present rangoli on the theme "care for nature." We joined our hands to care for the creation and thus we care for one another.



AUXILIUM CONVENT - PUTHENTHURAI

BIBLE DAY CELEBRATION IN HOLY INFANT JESUS MIDDLE SCHOOL

We had Bible day celebration in Holy Infant Jesus middle school in the presence of Rev. Fr. Wilson the Parish Priest of Puthenthurai and Sr. Poobalarayen Nirmala the Correspondent of the School on 22nd July 2022. Sr. Irudayam Benita Rani the Headmistress welcomed the Guests. The programme commenced with a prayer song



Every child participated in two or three programmes which was an opportunity to know Jesus and the Bible. The children answered all the Biblical questions asked by the Parish Priest. All were happy to see that they had made a lot of effort to perform well.

CELEBRATION OF THE 150^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF OUR INSTITUTE

It was a great occasion and a unique grace for us FMAs to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Foundation of our Institute and the feast of Our Lady of Snow. 'Praise the Lord' was the music of our hearts throughout the day. The Morning Prayer was animated during which meaningfully the house key was placed at the feet of Mary Help of Christians by the Animator Sr.Poobalarayen Nirmala. Then the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in our Chapel by Rev. Fr. Wilson, our Parish Priest. All the co-operators, teachers of our Holy Infant Jesus Middle School and a few youth participated. The Introduction for the Liturgy invited all the privileged participants to celebrate the year. After the Holy Communion, a thanksgiving prayer was raised by the community members. Then breakfast was served for all and they enjoyed the family spirit. All of them were very happy to come together for a memorable day celebration.



BOUQUET OF 100 LITTLE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE-CENTENARY SAPLINGS

Spiritual journey towards the Centennial Celebrations began from 16th with commemorating the birth of Don Bosco. Every day there was an interesting practice like greeting each other 'Viva Gesu' and 'Viva Maria' with a smile, offering Holy Mass in thanksgiving to Don Bosco, thanksgiving to our Pioneers and so on. Thanks to our Province for sending the needed materials for practice every day.





Recognizing God's footprints in nature and as a symbol of re-assuming our role as caretakers of His creation, we as a community selected a sapling and planted it as a 'Centenary Sapling' in our campus behind the kitchen and wished that we become Healers of Youth. We also named the twenty coconut saplings that we planted recently in July 2022 as "Centenary Saplings'.

JESUS THE REDEEMER IN BICYCLE



During the Bible week the Parish Priest had announced the initiative 'Jesus the Redeemer in Bicycle' which meant that we should carry the Bible on the bicycle, meet people on the way and share the "Good News" of Jesus. It surprised and enthused everyone. Therefore on 25th

September we began the Mission to take Jesus to the people and among 150 participants, 25 children were on bicycle and carried the Bible and some followed them walking. They carried placards with Word of God and loudly repeated them. This rally created lot of desire to read the Bible and also instilled in all a thirst for prayer.

SEA SHORE CLEANING DAY

We, the community joined with the diocese of Kottar and in cleaning the sea shore on 18th September 2022. Sr. Irudayam Benita Rani accompanied the YCS group to the nearby Sea Shore to clean it. We joined with the Anbiyam groups, cleaned, and burned the



rubbish. A well-done job for the cause of protection of nature as Co-Creators.

THE INITIATIVE OF CO-OPERATORS

The co-operators decided to pray the rosary together in each family of the co-operators every Saturday. On 17th September seven members along with Sr. Irudyam Benita Rani gathered and prayed the rosary and offered it for various intentions. This is a good initiative for this village as most of the families do not have the habit of praying the family rosary. May their efforts bring forth blessings and make them missionaries of hope.

Sr. Devasagayam Maria Joice

REGUNATHAPURAM

STAFF ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON CAPACITY BUILDING



The Management organized a one-day orientation programme on 14th July 2022 for all the faculty members of Auxilium College of Arts and Science and Auxilium College of Education for women at Regunathapuram. Rev Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ, Principal, and Assistant Professor, Department of English of Arulanandar College, Karumathur was the resource person of the day. His expertise, deliverance, and interaction with the staff were highly commendable." He wished all the teachers to be parents and guardians of all the students.

STUDENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



The students orientation programme for the different group of students of Auxilium College of Arts and Science College was organized from 29th July to 30th 2022. Rev Fr. Daniel SDB, Don Bosco School of excellence was the

resource person who gave much useful information about time management, mental health, hazards of mobile phones, and success. The main objective of the orientation program was to prepare the mind of the students about their goals and how to work on them. The students were made aware of the things that they must not do, to succeed in life and develop their personality skills, and be aware of the great danger in using mobile phones and social media.

BRIDGE COURSE FOR THE FIRST-YEAR UG STUDENTS



At the beginning of the academic year, the college organized for three days (10th - 12th August) a bridge course (Spoken English) for the entire first-year students. The first-year students were divided into two groups for spoken English classes. Rev. Fr. Felix Sdb and Fr. Rosaria Sdb were the resource persons and animated the students in two groups, through their interesting and innovative ways. The students enthusiastically participated, learned the methodology, and gained knowledge.

GROUP EXAM ORIENTATION PROGRAMME – SURESH IAS ACADEMY – PUDUKKOTTAI

The students had TNPSC orientation program conducted by our college in association with Suresh IAS Academy, Pudukottai. The resource persons made the students aware of the TNPSC exams and the importance of getting government jobs in various departments. Mr. Loganathan and a few men, who got government jobs as VEO and in other government departments, motivated the students to get through the government



examinations and lead a dignified life. The students admired the speaker's consistent work and passion to pass the government examinations. The session ended with a lot of questions and free books were given as a token of their response to their questions.

75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The Auxilium College of Arts & Science majestically celebrated the 75th Independence Day. Corona warriors were honored for their service during the pandemic. The honorable Chief Guest Mr. Xavier, the Rotary President inspired the young minds of the students with his excellent talk. In remembrance of 75th Independence Day, our students gave 75 saplings, which was the climax of the celebration.



DEPARTMENTAL EXHIBITION

The Auxilium College of Arts and Science organized the departmental exhibition on 18th August 2022. The event was inaugurated by our beloved Superior Dr. Sr. Maria Pushpam, the secretary of our college. There were nearly around 1500 students who visited the exhibition of works from different schools. Moreover, the school students gained a unique experience in seeing the excellent performance of models, paintings, demonstrations, and displays of the character roles with authentic costumes and artistry makeovers. There were also a few games conducted and prizes were given to the winners.

COMMITTED GROUP INAUGURATION: - HOSTEL

The hostel students had the committed groups inauguration on 30th(Friday) September Sr. Santiagu Theresal the youth pastoral co-ordinator conducted the event. Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam was the Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony. The theme of the inauguration ceremony was the 37th World Youth Day message by Pope Francis "Mary arose and went with haste". It began with a prayer song on light, during which our animator Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam and the leaders of five groups were invited to light the candle. After which each group introduced their groups and presented their motto and pledge. Finally, Sr.Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam gave a good night message on the responsibilities of the committed groups.





INVESTITURE CEREMONY IN AUXILIUM MATRICULATION SCHOOL

Leaders are not born but are made by their experiences in life



The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2022-23 was held on 14th July with great pomp and dignity at Auxilium Matriculation School, Puliadithammam. Sr. Rayappan Sampoornam the Correspondent and Animator of our community was the Chief Guest and Sr. Xavier Raj Irudaya Arasi, the Headmistress assisted her. The School Band accompanied them to the stage with due respect. She motivated the students to carry out their leadership with responsibility and truthfulness. The elected School Pupil Leader Subiksha, Class XII and Assistant School Pupil Leader Karthick of Class XI introduced themselves and they were conferred with badges and sashes by the Correspondent. The student council took the pledge to hold the school motto in high esteem. The Head Girl, Subiksha, along with the elected members took the oath of office to uphold the school motto 'Learn', 'Lead' and 'Live' in high esteem.

SPORTS DAY

The Mega event of the year, our sports day was held on 26th August in our school premises with great enthusiasm. Mr. J. Ramasamy, the District Inspector of Physical Education was the Chief Guest of the Event. The special invitees were Fr. Mohan, the Headmaster of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Bosco Maiyam, Pallithammam, Fr. Francis Xavier, the Administrator of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Pallithammam, Mr. Kandasamy, our Councillor, Mr. Pandi Mahalingam, our Panchayat President, Mr. Lourdhu, the Ex-Army man and our Village Leader of Puliadithammam were present for the day. The chief guest lit the Olympic Torch, released the balloons



and declared the Sports Meet 2022 open. He enlightened the gathering on the importance of physical fitness, hoping that students will make a mark for themselves in the sports arena at all the levels. Prizes were won by various houses for separate categories and the special invitees distributed them to the students, parents and teachers at the end of the event. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Immaculate who thanked each and everyone who worked day and night tirelessly in order to conduct this successful Athletic Meet. The event ended with the singing of the National Anthem by the audience and beating of the drum roll.

SALESIAN CO-OPERATORS MEETING



The Salesian Co-operators meeting certainly represents an historical event for the Salesian family. Therefore, Sr. Xavier Jenophia Josephine, the Local Salesian Co-operator's Delegate animated the Salesian Co-operators Meeting on 22nd August 2 0 2 2 in Arunodaya, Puliadithammam. She began with a touch from the Lord in the

Eucharistic Adoration where she shared some quotes and sayings of the Salesian saints. Later, she spoke about different roles, tasks and functions of the group and stressed the stages of formation, emphasizing on learning new things every time, and deepening our spirit to work for others.





Bosco Maiyam Salesian Family animated the Eco Green Rally and all the nearby School Children participated in this initiative of Eco Green Rally. Our Auxilium Matriculation Higher Secondary School Children also participated on 30th August and Sr. Xavier Raj Irudaya Arasi prepared the petitions to be put up on the roads for the schools which are too damaged and which get affected especially during the rainy season. She gave this petition to Mr. Periyakurappan, the Minister of Tamil Nadu. They were motivated to safeguard the Earth with a clean environment and preserve the green atmosphere at home and in their surroundings.

LAUDATO SI CELEBRATION

Listening to the cry of the young, the poor, and the earth to create an integral ecology, the Arunodaya community tried to live the "Laudato Si" in the spirit of the Preventive System. Sr.Xavier Raj Jenophia Josephine gave awareness to the children by making them form new seed balls. The children were trained to manually practice the skill of making seed balls which is the



easiest and sustainable way of cultivating plants. It was a time of togetherness to save the earth celebrating the earth and its wealth.

AUXILIUM CENTER - THANJAVUR

AUXILIUM GIRLS HR.SEC.SCHOOL

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"- Mahatma Gandhi



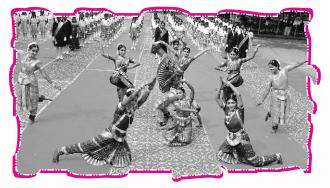
Auxilium Girls Higher Secondary School Thanjavur celebrated the investiture ceremony for the academic year 2022 - 2023 with great enthusiasm and dignity. There was an aura of expectancy as the beaming faces of the selected student council members marched to the beat of drums. The objective behind the student council is to inculcate leadership qualities and team spirit through real time practice. The chief guest was Fr. Francis Xavier sdb, Headmaster of St. Micheal's High school, Madhakottai. The student council members marched perfectly and majestically to sync with the music to receive their respective badges from our Chief Guest, our Superior and our Headmistress. The young leaders took an oath and pledged themselves to bestow their duties with sincerity and efficiency. Sr. Magnificat our Correspondent joyously congratulated the young student council members and reminded them that they were torch bearers of tomorrow. The Management awarded the three school toppers of Std X and XII of 2021 – 2022 by giving them cash and a memento.

Mrs. Cathreena

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Sports play a vital role in everyone's life. The management, staff and students were happy about the sports day which was held at our esteemed institution Auxilium Girls Higher Secondary School on 29th July 2022. The Chief Guests, Dr. Anjugam





Bhoopathy, Deputy Mayor, Thanjavur and Mr. Sugumar, Asst. Executive Engineer, Thanjavur were given a warm welcome by our school Correspondent, Headmistress and our teachers followed by dazzling school captains and our school band. It began with a prayer dance by our school students. Subsequently there was a welcome address.

The Chief Guests of the day unfurled the flags. A spectacular March past was performed by our school troop. The Chief Guest accepted the honour given by them. This sports day highlighted the 100 years of the Salesian sisters arrival to Thanjavur. The cultural performances by different classes were eye catching and the winners of several games were distributed certificates and medals by the chair persons.

ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS

"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think"

An orientation program was organized to make the students of Auxilium Hr. Sec. school to learn "how to think" and enhance their skills and learn about the various innovative ways to enrich their learning process. Rev. Fr. Arulnathan Felix sdb, Youth director of INT Province was the animator for this programme. The programme was held on 14th and 15th July 2022. Our students refreshed their insight through this programme. He started the session with words of wisdom to enlighten our students with the seven-up concept. The students thanked him for being the source of inspiration and to live their life positively.

ORIENTATION FOR TEACHERS

"The heart of education is the education to the heart"

The Teacher's orientation programme was organized by the management for the academic year 2022-23 to promote commitment, team work and responsibility among the teachers. The resource person was Fr. Alphonse Lazar, sdb Principal of Don Bosco Matriculation School, Thanjavur. He gave a presentation on "Attributes of a Good Teacher" highlighting the importance of being a good teacher. The session provoked that the foundation of every teaching should introduce critical thinking in students.

AUXILIUM NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLOURS DAY



On 29th August 2022 we, the Auxilium Nursery and Primary School, Thanjavur joyously hosted "Colors Day". Students were relaxed and were happy to spend the day leisurely. Sr. Magnificat the Correspondent presided over the day. She was

received by the students dressed in pleasant colours of the rainbow. She declared open the Rainbow Day and wished everybody a joyous Rainbow Day. She spoke about the Uniqueness of VIBGYOR. Students danced on the theme Rainbow colours. It was a Spectacular moment to see the initiative of the students. The idea behind this celebration was to develop an awareness of the colours in an interesting way that will ensure higher retention and learning outcomes.

READY TO LEARN



Advancing in Creativity, play way Method of Joyful learning, the LKG & UKG Classrooms were painted with unique themes like water element, Go Green, Various Seasons and Nature, pictures of which could enkindle the students, to restart learning with extra interest. Our Correspondent inaugurated the classrooms. It was a joyous moment indeed to

 $see the \, classrooms \, with \, colourful \, pictures \, of \, study \, material \, being \, painted \, naturally.$

WHIZKID 2022

"Learning is incomplete without sports and games."

We organized our annual sports fest, WHIZKID 2022, in recognition of the value of sports and physical activities. The District Education Officer, Mr. Kulandairajan M.Sc., M.Ed., M. Phil., presided over the Day. The Correspondent Sr. Magnificat, honoured



the day's achievers. An air of discipline enveloped the entire campus. The Olympic Flame was lit as the fairies descended to perform the Olympic Dance. The Chief Guest declared open WHIZKID 2022. The LKG students gathered their gifts hopping like bunnies. UKG Students performed a mass drill using colourful tennis bats, while those in Std I used dumbbells. An Indian flag drill commemorating 75 years of independence was performed and we sensed a feel of patriotism as the drill was displayed.

Ms. Arthika - Staff

VADAKKU PAGANOOR

INVESTITURE AND KALVIVALARCHI DAY



A leader is someone who can see how things can be improved and rally people to move towards that better vision. To imparts this in the hearts of the student leaders the Investiture Ceremony was combined with the celebration of the Birthday of Mr. Kamarajar a former wonderful Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 5th July 2022. To honour him this day is celebrated as Kalvi Valarchi Day in all the Schools. Mr. Mannikam a retired chief manager in the State Bank of India was the Chief guest of

the day. Eleven students were chosen to be different leaders. After a short prayer and with the invitation of the the Correspondent Sr. Santhana Pushpa Jeya they took an Oath to be faithful leaders and cooperate with the Headmistress in the daily running of the School. Mr. Manikkam appreciated the students for their courage and encouraged them to be an inspiration to others in all their dealings. Sr. Antonysamy Rani Celine Mary thanked every one present and the celebration concluded.



SILVER JUBILEE

There was music in the air and gratitude in the heart of everyone as we celebrated the silver jubilee of Sr. Amalorpavanathan Premila Ruby FMA on 13th August 2022. The group of Band girls called every ones attention as they welcomed the jubilerian and the guests at the entrance of the convent. The primary

students began the programme with the performence a Barathanathyam. It was time to honour the Jubilarian . with heart filled with praise and thanks giving to God Sr.Santhana Pushpa Jeya felicitated Sr.Amalorpavanathan Premila Ruby. Sr.Arockiasamy Rani Celine Mary dawned the ponnadai. The felicitations from the teachers, students, Hostel students, VIDES members also from Puliadithammam, Parishioners, village leaders, Sisters and family members followed. It was continued with colourful cultural programmes. We also had the joy of the Provincial



Sr.Amalanathan Mary Margaret being present for the Jubilee Mass. The Main celebrant was Rev. Fr.Marcel Lincoln SDB the elder brother of Sr. Amalorpavanathan Premila Ruby. Sr. Robert Santhiya Punitha along with Sr.Sebastian Princy animated the singing with the angelic voices of the Novices. It was touching to witness as soon as Sr.Amalorpavanathan Premila Ruby renewed hervows. May the joy of this celebration linger on in our hearts and in the heart of Sr.Amalorpavanathan Premila Ruby the reason for our celebration.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Seventy fifth year of Independence of India our Mother Land was celebrated with enthusiasm. In view of this celebration various competitions had been held. It began with a prayer followed by the flag hoisting by Mrs. Maria Selvam. The flag was honoured with the flag song and the oath was taken. The prizes for the competitions were distributed. Mrs. Maria selvam the ward member



encouraged the students for volunteerism. Sweets were distributed to the students at the conclusion.

EDUCATING COMMUNITY MEET

When the members of the education community involve effectively, the fruit of the work will be plentiful. To impart and experience this there was an animation for



the educating community members. It began with short prayer and then Sr.Santhana Pushpa Jeya recommened the Participants to be in haste like our Blessed Mother to do good. Then Fr.Jayan Joseph SDB high lighted the appropriate qualities the elders should have to be happy in their life. His sharing was very inspiring and encouraging . The Parents resolved to help the students grow in the Spirit of love of God and Neighbour.

PAST PUPIL MEET

The effective and responsible citizens will do good to everyone and able to create an atmosphere where one can help others to be happy and comfortable. To impart this message in the hearts of the Past Pupils, the Past Pupils delegate Sr.Arockiasamy Rani Celine Mary arranged a day of animation. It began with prayer, conducted by the Past pupils followed by the Introductory talk by Sr.Santhana Pushpa Jeya the Animator. It was on the words of Pope Francis on the importance of cultivating eagerness in oneself to do good. Then Fr. Jayan Joseph SDB, the resource person of this day enlightened the participants with his inspiring thoughts on the effective citizenship in the society. The Past Pupils were happy to meet each other and the Sisters in the place of their study.

TEACHERS' DAY

Celebrating Teachers is equal to celebrating education

To value the Teacher and the Education, there was a Teachers' Day celebration in St. Antony's R. C. Aided Primary School, at Vadakku Paganoor. This celebration began with a prayer animation by Sr. Santhana Pushpa Jeya, the Correspondent of the school. She made the Teachers praise God for His goodness towards them. Soon after



the prayer, the children performed dance, read kavithai, sang an English song beautifully and danced creatively. Teachers after watching the programme and the unique presentation of the Children praised them for their love and their sense of gratitude.

MANIKANDAM - NOVITIATE

"Parents are the first Benefactors"- Don Bosco

The colours of the rainbow started to beautify the day with love and; smiles illuminated the air with energy and exuberance in order to welcome our parents for the parents meeting and celebrating the synodality. We are really fortunate to have the



parents meeting on 24th July 2022 the day on which we are called to celebrate the parent's day. With hearts full of joy we began the days programme inviting the light of God to dwell amidst us by lighting the kuthuvizhakku. Then we had an animated prayer service. After the prayer Sr. Sebastian Princy welcomed the gathering with her beautiful words and joyful gesture, following this for the formative talk Sr. Robert Sandhiya Punitha was invited to present the theme "Synodality. The power point and the creative methods which she used to explain was very helpful to understand the message easily. Then our Novice Formator gave the message which enriched the parents. With her practical examples and dialogue way of presentation she urged the parents to understand their role in their daughter's formative journey. The climax of the day was the group discussion for parents as well as Novices separately where the parents were allowed to share their thoughts and asked questions freely. It was good to hear their expectation from us as well as we too shared our expectations with them. After lunch each family along with the novices met the novice Formator. It was a sacred moment where there was reciprocal sharing focusing on the growth of the novices and at the end of the day we as one family had a solemn Eucharistic Celebration which was a day of thanksgiving to God and to Our Blessed Mother, Mary Help of Christians.

AUXILIUM MATRIC HR.SEC.SCHOOL, KEELA ERAL

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"Leaders are not born but are made by their experience in their life". To turn our students into great leaders, we had the investiture ceremony in the school on 14th July 2022. The ceremony began with a prayer song. Then all the leaders, the club leaders and office bearers marched with the rhythmic band to set the mood for the event. All the leaders were conferred with badges and sashes by our honourable Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Mariadoss. The students' council took the pledge to uphold the school motto



of knowledge and virtue. Sr. Rayan Maria Auxiliam congratulated them and advised them to be impartial and honest in discharging their duties. Rev. Fr. Mariadoss SDB, in his address inspired and encouraged the elected leaders to be dutiful and responsible. He enlightened the children with two thoughts of power and authority in his simple and effective words and encouraged them to practice leadership with more effectiveness. It was a remarkable day to make a difference in their life.

SPORTS DAY

The long awaited day of our students dawned on 26th August when we had the sports day celebration. The Almighty had a beautiful plan to make the place more pleasant with His showers of blessing in the form of rain, the previous day. The chief guest Mr. Prakash, the District Superintendent of Police and other guests of honour Rev. Fr. Victor SDB the Rector, Fr. Charles, the Principal, Fr. Paulsamy the Parish priest from Don Bosco college of Arts and science, Sr. Rayan Auxilia M. Sophia our Correspondent and Sr. Josphin Diana, our Principal were welcomed by the colour party and the exuberant office bearers. The program was inaugurated with a short prayer, followed by the hoisting of the flag. Our KG kids welcomed the gathering with their mesmerizing dance and; standards 8 and 9 with their traditional classical dance. This was followed by the lighting of the Olympic torch and the march past. Our chief guest declared the sports meet open.

Our chief guest advised the students to actively participate in the field of sports and to follow the rules given by the government. He also urged the parents to be more responsible towards the students and to make them honest citizens. This was followed by a colourful drill from each class and the scintillating display of the pyramid, with wonderful performances of karate and yoga. The assembly who witnessed the splendid performance of their children were thrilled beyond measure. A few games were conducted and the prizes were distributed by the Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. Victor SDB and other priests. The program ended with everyone happy and proud.







MOBILE APPS FOR MISSION

MEDIA CORNER



Viva Gesu Dear sisters,

In this centenary year were not our hearts burning with love for the young and zeal for the souls! We live in a modern era where information and technology have become an inseparable friend for our young people. It is high time to update ourselves with some useful techno tricks an use our mobiles with its benefits, which can make our mission livelier and handier. With this backup we share with you some interesting apps which is much useful for our mission. For some it may be known already, yet for many, we believe that it can be very useful.

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