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அன்பிற்கும், பாசத்திற்கும் சொந்தமான என் அன்பு அன்னையர்களே, சகோதரிகளே, உங்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நம் ஆண்டவர் இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் உயிர்ப்பு பெருவிழா வாழ்த்துக்களும் மற்றும் அவரின் அமைதி நிறைந்த சமாதானமும் உரித்தாகுக.

இயேசு உயிர்க்கும் வரை மறைநூல் உண்மையை சீடர்கள் கூட நம்பவில்லை. அவரது கல்லறையை அதிகாலையில் தரிசிக்க சென்ற மகதலா மரியா கல்லறையின் கல் புரட்டப்பட்டிருப்பதை பார்த்த முதல் சாட்சி. பயந்து ஒளிந்து கொண்ட சீடர்களிடம், மகதலா மரியா சொல்லும் செய்தி வலுவள்ள நம்பிக்கையாய் பிறப்பெடுக்கிறது. பேதுரு, யோவான் விரைந்து செல்கின்றனர். இளையவர், முதியவருக்காக காத்திருக்கின்றார். மூத்தோர் சொல் நெல்லிக் கனி போன்றது என்பதை எல்லோரும் உணர்ந்திட செய்கின்றார் யோவான். அவர்கள் கண்டது “வெற்றுக் கல்லறை” இது சொல்லும் செய்தி கல்லறையில் அடக்கம் செய்யப்பட்ட இயேசு உயிர்த்துவிட்டார்.

மகதலா மரியா கல்லறைக்கு வெளியே நின்று தொடர்ந்து அழுது கொண்டிருக்கிறார். உயிர்த்த ஆண்டவர் இயேசு கிறிஸ்து மரியாவை ஏனம்மா அழுகிறாய்? யாரைத் தேடுகிறாய்? என்று கேட்க மரியாளோ இயேசுவை தோட்டக்காரர் என்றெண்ணி புலம்பிய போது, “மரியா” என்று வழக்கமான சொல்லாடலை இயேசு பயன்படுத்த “ரபுனி” என்று இயேசு கிறிஸ்து ஆண்டவரை பற்றிக் கொள்ள எத்தனிக்கின்றார் மரியா, உடனே இயேசு என்னை இப்படி பற்றிக் கொள்ளாதே. உனக்கு ஒரு பணி உண்டு. நீ போய் என் சகோதரர்களிடம் சென்று என் தந்தையும், உங்கள் தந்தையும் என் கடவுளும் உங்கள் கடவுளுமானவரிடம் நான் செல்லவிருக்கிறேன் எனச் சொல் என்று திருத்தாது பணியை செய்யப் பணிக்கிறார். இயேசுவால் உலகிற்கு அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்ட முதல் பெண் சீடத்தி் மகதலா மரியா என்றால் அது மிகையாகாது.

சாவு வீழ்ந்தது, வெற்றி கிடைத்தது என்று கூறி இயேசுவின் உயிர்ப்பை மனமகிழ்வுடன் கொண்டாடுவது தான் உயிர்ப்பு பெருவிழா. உண்மையை உறங்க வைக்கவும் முடியாது, நீதியை சாகடிக்கவும் இயலாது, உண்மைக்கு உயிர் உண்டு, நீதிக்கு வாழ்வுண்டு.

இயேசுவின் உயிர்ப்பு நம்மை சவாலான வாழ்வை எதிர்கொள்ள அழைக்கிறது. இயேசுவின் உயிர்ப்பு, விடுதலை வாழ்வுக்கு வழி காட்டி நிற்கிறது. சாதாரண மனிதர்களைப் போல் பயந்து, அச்சம் கொண்டிருந்தவர்கள், பூட்டின அறையை விட்டு வெளியே வந்தனர், இயேசு கிறிஸ்து ஆண்டவர் என்று உரக்கச் சொல்லி, அவர் சொன்னபடி உயிர்த்தெழுந்தார் என்று வல்லமையோடு சான்று பகர்ந்தனர். சவால்களை துணிவோடு எதிர்கொள்வதற்கும், துன்பங்களில் கரைந்து, மறைந்து போகாமல் தாங்கி வாழ்வதற்கும், ஒளிவிளக்காய் இயேசு தங்களோடு இருக்கின்றார் என்பதை சென்றவிடமெல்லாம் பறை சாற்றி வந்தனர். பொய்மையும், அநீதியும் நம் வாழ்வில் தடைகளாகக் குறுக்கிட்டாலும் இறுதியில் அவை ஒன்றுமில்லாமல் போய்விடும். இயேசு கிறிஸ்து 33 ஆண்டுகள் இம்மண்ணில் நன்மைகள் மட்டுமே செய்து வாழ்ந்தார். சமூகத்தில் அநீதிகளுக்கு எதிராக குரல் கொடுத்தார். தவறுகளை கண்டித்தார். எல்லோரும் சமம் என்று, சமத்துவத்தை வலியுறுத்தினார். மனித நேயத்துடன் வாழ்வதற்கு பல்வேறு போதனைகளை எடுத்தியம்பினார். போதித்ததை வாழ்ந்தார், வாழ்ந்ததை போதித்தார். இவைகளை கண்ணுற்ற பரிசேயர், சதுசேயர், மதத்தலைவர்கள், உரோமை ஆட்சியாளர்கள் இயேசுவை கொன்றுவிட்டால் எல்லாம் முடிந்து போகும் என எண்ணி மரண தண்டனையை அளித்தார்கள். ஆனால் அவர்களின் எண்ணம் பொய்த்துப் போனது. இயேசு இறந்து, மாற்றான் கல்லறையில் புதைக்கப்பட்டு, மூன்றாம் நாள் உயிர்த்தெழுந்தவுடன் தான் முன்பை விட வீரியமாய் கிறிஸ்தவம் தழைத்தோங்கியது. மண்ணில் புதைக்கப்பட்ட விதை மண்ணை பிளந்து முளை வந்து செழித்தோங்கிய மரமாய் ஆனது போல இயேசுவின் உயிர்ப்புக்கு பின் கிறிஸ்தவம் செழித்தோங்கியது.

சகோதரிகளே! நன்மைக்காக, உண்மைக்காக, நாம் உழைக்கும் போதெல்லாம் அநீதிக்கெதிராக குரல் கொடுக்கும் போதெல்லாம் சமூகத்தில் அவல நிலையில் உள்ளவர்களுக்காகவும், ஒடுக்கப்பட்டவர்களுக்காகவும் குரல் எழுப்பும் போதெல்லாம் நாமும் அநீத தீர்ப்பு எழுதப்பட்டு

சாகடிகப்படுகிறோம், நமது குரல்வளையும் நெரிக்கப்படுகிறது. ஆனால் இயேசுவுக்கு “உயிர்ப்பு” நிகழ்ந்தது போல், நாமும் தீமைக்கெதிராக கிளர்ந்தெழும் போதெல்லாம் கிறிஸ்துவின் உயிர்ப்பு அனுபவத்தை பெற்றவர்களாகிறோம்.

நாம் உயிர்ப்பின் மகிழ்வில் திளைக்க நம் மனக்கல்லறைக்கான கல் புரட்டப்பட வேண்டும். இக்கல்லை புரட்டிப் போடுபவர்கள் உண்மையிலேயே நமது நலம் விரும்பிகள், நம் சபை பொறுப்பாளர்கள், நமது சபை சட்டங்கள், வழிநூல்களின் வழிகாட்டல்கள், பேரவையின் தீர்மானங்கள், இல்லத்தலைவிகள் பெரியோர், உருவாக்குனர்கள், வழிகாட்டிகள் என பலர். இவர்களால் நம் மனதின் கடினமான கல்லறைக் கல் அவ்வப்போது திறக்கப்படுவதுண்டு. இதை உணர்ந்து நம் பழைய வாழ்வுக்கும், தீய வாழ்வுக்கும் தீய எண்ணங்களுக்கும் “மடிந்து”, விடைக்கொடுத்து மறுவாழ்வடைய உயிர்த்தெழுவோம்.

துறவிகளாகிய நாம், கொன்சாகா குடும்பத்தின் அன்பு உறவுகளைப் பேணுவோம், நமது குழுமங்களில் மூவொரு கடவுளின் ஒன்றிணைப்பும், திருக்குடும்ப வாழ்வின் முன்மாதிரியும் மிளிரட்டும். சகோதரிகள் எல்லோரும் நிம்மதியையும், அமைதியையும், சமாதானத்தையும் அள்ளிப் பருகட்டும்.

இயேசுவின் உயிர்ப்புக்கு பின் ஆவியானவரின் உறுதுணையால், வழிகாட்டலால் அதிசங்களையும், அற்புதங்களையும் திருத்துதர்களால் செய்ய முடிந்தது, எண்ணற்றோரை இயேசுவின் உண்மைப்பாதையில் நடக்க வைக்க முடிந்தது. எனவே, அன்பு சகோதரமே நம் சபையின் தொன்மை மிகுந்த, மரபுப் பணியான திருத்தாதுப்பணியை ஒவ்வொரு சகோதரியும் உயிர் மூச்சாக நினைத்து செய்வோம். வீதியொங்கும் செல்வோம், குடும்பங்களை சந்திப்போம், உயிர்த்த இயேசுவின் ஆசீரை கொண்டு செல்வோம், இயேசு தரும் சமாதானத்தை, அமைதியை குழுமங்களில், குடும்பங்களில் விதைப்போம்.

250 ஆண்டுகளைக் கடந்து பயணித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் நம் “கொன்சாகா சபை” தன் வாழ்வால், செயலால், இருத்தலால், பணியால் இயேசுவுக்கு சான்று பகரட்டும். உண்மை, இரக்கம், சமத்துவம், சகோதரத்துவம் என்ற கிறிஸ்தவ மதிப்பீடுகளால் திருச்சபைக்கும், நம் சபைக்கும் ஒவ்வொருவரும் அணி சேர்ப்போம்.

உயிர்த்த ஆண்டவரின் காயத்தழம்புகளால் ஆன கரங்கள் நம்மை ஆசீர்வதிக்கட்டும். நம் உள்ளங்களும், குழுமங்களும் அமைதியையும், சமாதானத்தையும், மகிழ்ச்சியையும் அள்ளிப் பருகட்டும். அதனால் நம்மை சந்திப்பவர், நாம் சந்திக்கும் நபர்கள் உண்மையான உயிர்ப்பின் மகிழ்வில் அக்களிக்கட்டும்.

அல்லேலூயா! இயேசு உயிர்த்தார் அல்லேலூயா!.

புனித அசிசியின் தோழமையில் கொன்சாகாவின் புதல்வி,



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The voice of the heart.....

My Dear, Lovable, and Affectionate Mothers and Beloved Sisters,

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you all!

On this glorious Easter, we remember how the disciples initially struggled to believe the truth of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene, who visited the tomb early in the morning, became the first witness to the rolled-away stone. Though her message of the empty tomb was met with doubt, Peter and John hurried to see for themselves. In their haste, the younger disciple waited for the elder, reminding us that the wisdom of those who came before us is a precious gift. When they entered, they saw the empty tomb—proof that Jesus, who was buried, had indeed risen!

As we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reflect on the profound encounter between Mary Magdalene and the Risen Savior. Heartbroken and weeping outside the empty tomb, Mary did not recognize Jesus at first. The Resurrected Lord tenderly asked her, “Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Thinking He was the gardener, she pleaded with Him—until He spoke her name, “Mary”. At once, she knew it was her Lord. Overwhelmed with joy, she cried out, “Rabboni!” (meaning “Teacher”) and reached to hold Him. But Jesus said, “Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to My brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to My God and your God.’” “In this divine moment, Jesus chose Mary Magdalene as the first messenger of His Resurrection—entrusting her with the sacred duty of evangelization. Thus, she became not only a devoted follower but also the first woman disciple commissioned by Christ Himself to proclaim the Good News.

Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus in Glory!

Death is swallowed up in Victory,

The grave is broken, Victory is Won!!

Truth never sleeps—Justice never dies.

For Truth lives, and Justice reigns eternal!"

The Resurrection of Jesus calls us to face life's challenges with courage and hope! By rising from the dead, Christ shattered the chains of fear and opened the way to true freedom. At first, even His disciples were afraid—hiding behind locked doors like ordinary people. But when they encountered the Risen Lord, everything changed. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they boldly proclaimed: 'Jesus Christ is Lord! He has risen from the dead, just as He said!

The disciples boldly proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God wherever they went. Filled with courage, they embraced suffering rather than hiding from it, enduring hardships with unwavering faith. Though lies and injustice may seem like obstacles in our lives, they will ultimately come to nothing for truth and righteousness prevail.

In His Thirty-three years on earth, Jesus did only good. He spoke out against injustice, confronted wrongdoing, and fiercely declared the equality of all people. He taught humanity how to live with compassion, integrity, and love. Most importantly, He lived what He preached and preached what He lived a life of perfect consistency.

The religious and political authorities of the time the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, and Romans believed that by crucifying Jesus, they could silence His teachings and end His influence. But they were gravely mistaken. Though He was crucified, died, and was buried in a borrowed tomb, His resurrection ignited a fire that spread faster than ever before. Like a seed buried deep in the ground, Christianity after Jesus' resurrection took root, grew, and flourished into a mighty tree, spreading its truth and grace across the earth.

Whenever we courageously stand for truth and righteousness whenever we raise our voices against injustice for the oppressed and the broken, we too may face harsh judgment, persecution, or even the

threat of death. There will be moments when fear tightens our throats, when darkness seems overwhelming.

But remember this: Just as Christ triumphed over the cross, His resurrection assures us that no sacrifice made in His name is in vain. When we stand against evil, we share in His suffering—but we also share in His victory. The world may try to silence us, but God will raise our cause, just as He raised His Son.

Dear sisters, the same power that brought Jesus back from the grave is at work in you. Every act of faith, every cry for justice, and every step taken in love is a seed planted for eternity and in God's time, it will rise—unstoppable, unshaken, and radiant with His glory.

The 'stone' covering the cemetery within our stony or lifeless hearts must be overturned in our lives so that we may fully rejoice in the joy of Jesus' Resurrection. Indeed, those who help us turn over this stone—our well-wishers, congregation administrators, the constitution and rules of our congregation, general team resolutions, the Superiors of the convent, senior sisters, formators, and spiritual directors—are instruments of grace. They open the tombs of our hardened hearts, calling us to deep reflection and transformation. Through their guidance and God's mercy, may we embrace this resurrection with faith and gratitude. Let us, therefore, die to our old sinful ways and thoughts, rising anew from our past into the renewed life Christ offers.

As members of the Religious Gonzaga Family, let us strive to cultivate relationships rooted in true love, reflecting the sacred bond we share in Christ. In our communal life, may we mirror the perfect unity of the Triune God and the Exemplary of the Holy Family, fostering a spirit of Serenity, Harmony and Peace.

After the Resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles—empowered by the Holy Spirit—performed miracles and wonders, igniting faith in countless hearts and drawing others to follow Christ's true path. Dear Sisters, let us too embrace our sacred calling with renewed zeal, dedicating ourselves wholly to the Mission and Ministry of the Apostolate, the very foundation and legacy of our Congregation. This mission is not merely our duty but the breath of our spiritual life—a divine mandate to proclaim the Risen Lord. Let us step forward with courage: into every street, every home, and every heart, carrying the light of the Resurrected Jesus. Let us sow the seeds of Peace and Harmony of Jesus within our community and families.

Having Journeyed for over 250 years, the Gonzaga Congregation has faithfully borne witness to Christ through our life, deeds, ministry, and sacred mission. With unwavering devotion, we continue to uphold the values of Truth, Mercy, Equality, and Fraternity—beacons of light that adorn both our Church and our beloved Congregation.

May the wounded yet glorified hands of the Risen Lord bless each of us abundantly. May our hearts and community be filled with the Peace, Harmony, and Radiant Joy only He can give.

In every encounter, may those we meet and all whose lives we touch experience the true and transformative joy of Christ's Resurrection. Let our lives bear witness to this miracle!

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen—He is Risen indeed!!

Gonzaga Daughter in Fellowship with Francis of Assisi



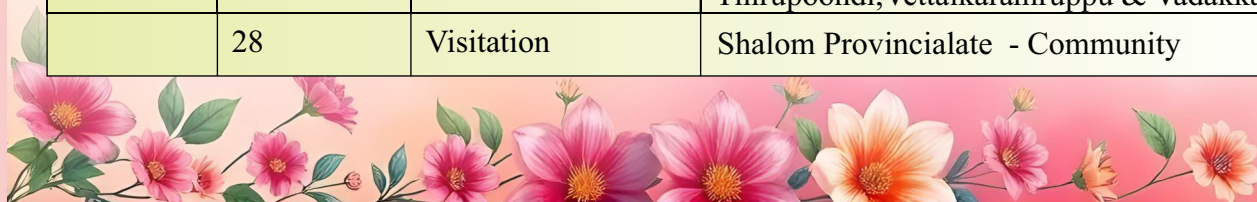
Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG
Superior General
Gonzaga Generalate

Superior General's Engagement

MONTH	DATE	PROGRAMME	PLACE
April 2025	01-02	Visitation	Ansaldo provincialate
	03-04	Visitation	St. Aloysius Provincialate T.Vadipatti
	07-08	Visitation	—
	10	Renovated building Inauguration	Vakkampatti
	22 - 31	Visitation	Rome, Mantova, Messina Castronova and Padova

May 2025	02-05	Cannon law Meeting	Rome
	05-10	UISG	Rome
	11-15	Visitation	Germering, Prein & Wein
	16	First Vows	Novitiate Tindivanam
	17	Golden jubilee	Generalate- Pondy
	19	Final vows	Cathedral -Pondy
	20-23	Election &Chapter	Michael Ansaldo Provincialate-Gunadala
	24-27	Election &Chapter	St. Aloysius Provincialate -T.Vadipatti

May-June	28.05 To 01.06.2025	Election &Chapter	Shalom Provincialate – Tindivanam
	04-06	Team meeting	Generalate
	09-10	Visitation	Kallakurichi,Agarakottalam,Melnariappanur, Karanur,Thensiruvalur,Olagankathan. & Villupuram
	11-12	Visitation	Mugaiyur (St.Louis, St.Joseph) Odiyathur,Vettavallam,Gengapattu & Katpadi
	14-15	Felicitation to the new team	Generalate
	16-17	Visitation	Cuddalore, Krishnakuppam,Thangalkarai,Pandiyankulam & Sathiyamangalam
	18-19	Visitation	Pullichapallam ,Vizhuthamangalam,Seenivasa nagar, & Madurantakam(St. Louis,St. Joseph's Convent)
	20	Entrance day of theNovices	Tindivanam
	21	Patron feast celebration	Generalate
	23-25	Visitation	Infant Jesus ,Shanthi Home, Sacred Heart, Kurusukuppam ,Uppalam, Thippiraipettai,Oulgaret,Moolakolam, & Villianur
	26-27	Visitation	Panagudi, Sethiyathope, Thirupoondi,Vettaikaraniruppu & Vadakkalur
	28	Visitation	Shalom Provincialate - Community



Generalate



On January 11, 2025, St. Joseph Girls' Government Aided Higher Secondary School, Suramangalam, celebrated its 63rd Annual Day. During the celebration, Mrs. S. Jaculin Selvi, who retired after having served the institution for 36 long years, was given a fitting farewell. The event was attended by notable dignitaries, including Rev. and respected Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, Rev. Dr. K. Revathi, and Rev. Sr. Celine, along with staff, students, and families. It began with a traditional Kumba Aarathi and a classical dance, followed by messages from the invited guests. Mrs. Selvi was honoured for her invaluable contributions, especially her leadership in organizing science exhibitions. The event featured vibrant student performances, award distributions for academic and extracurricular excellence, and the presentation of the Annual Report by the Headmistress and Assistant Headmistress. Mrs. Selvi expressed her gratitude to the school community, and the program concluded with a vote of thanks. Special recognition was given to Rev. Sr. Uthariya Mary and Rev. Sr. Sahaya Clementine for their leadership in the school's success.

On January 14, 2025, the Superior general and team took part in Pongal celebration at our parish was a beautiful and meaningful occasion, where our sisters took a leading role in honouring the traditions and values of this harvest festival. With great care and devotion, they prepared the traditional sweet Pongal, a dish that embodies the spirit of gratitude and joy. The entire community came together to offer prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for the abundant blessings of a plentiful harvest. It was a



moment to reflect on the significance of the land that nourishes us and to express our deep appreciation to the farmers - the true backbone of our society - whose tireless efforts ensure that we are sustained

On January 15, 2025, the Superior General and her team made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mazhai Malai Madha at Acharapakkam. This visit marked a special occasion as it was the first time that the newly elected Mother General and team came together to offer our heartfelt

thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary for the trust and responsibility bestowed upon us in leading the Congregation.

On January 21, 2025, the drafting of the resolution and recommendations progressed with great care and attention. We were fortunate to have Rev. Bro. Jeyaraj, SHJ, joining our team during this important phase. His involvement proved to be pivotal, as he not only assisted in drafting both the resolution and recommendations, but also ensured that they were crafted with the utmost clarity and precision, reflecting the core values and objectives of the Congregation.



The presence and guidance of Rev. Bro. Jeyaraj, SHJ, helped us to have the right focus during this period of transition. He took special interest to summarise the final report to be submitted to the Vatican. The Congregation is grateful to Rev. Bro. Jeyaraj for his deep understanding of the issues and the clarity which he summarised and presented the final document.

On January 23, 2025, the Superior General visited the Shrine of Our Lady at Konankuppam along with good number of our sisters. Our sisters participated in the Holy Mass, offered special prayers for the well-being of our Congregation and for peace in the World. The day concluded with the recitation of the Rosary, marking a moment of profound devotion and thanksgiving for the blessings received through the intercession of Periyannayagi Madha. This visit was not only a personal act of faith for the Superior General but also a public reaffirmation of the religious community's commitment to spreading the message of love, peace, and hope. The visit was an expression of devotion and gratitude, prayer and reverence and it was indeed moment of deep spiritual experience and commitment.

On January 31, 2025 Rev. Mother General took part in the 16th Annual Sports Meet held at Gonzaga College, Kathampallam, focusing on the theme 'The Thrill of Victory Meet 2K25.' The event featured exciting competitions, such as 100m and 200m races, relay events, in which students displayed exceptional skill and a strong competitive spirit. The vibrant student body also showcased their talents through captivating dance performances and an impressive human pyramid, symbolizing their unity and energy. In recognition of their accomplishments, outstanding athletes and sports players at State, District, and University levels were honoured with medals and certificates for their remarkable performances. Congratulations to Rev. Mother Noel Rani, the Secretary, Sr. Dr. Glitta Sumangali, the Principal, and all the faculty members for their dedication and support.



On February 6, 2025, Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, the Superior General, Sr. Pappathi, General Councillor and Sr. Shalini, Secretary General participated in the inaugural ceremony of



the newly built Bon Secours Mother House in Chennai. Our Superior General presented a traditional lamp to the Mother General of Bon Secours, symbolizing the light of Christ. Our sisters, then visited and were impressed by the new facilities provided in the newly built Mother House of the Bon Secours Congregation.

On February 12, 2025, the Superior General along with Rev. Sr. Pappathi General councillor, Sr. Shalini, Sr. Kiruba and Sr. Vijaya had the privilege of meeting the benefactors from Germany and thanked them for their generous support to the students at St. Francis of Assisi orphanage in Kurusukuppam. As a token of gratitude and appreciation, the Superior General honoured them with shawls and mementos.



On February 15, 2025, St. Joseph Matriculation School celebrated its 56th Annual Day. The event was presided over by Very Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG, Superior General of the FSAG



Congregation. Rev. Sr. M. Celine, FSAG, Provincial Superior, was the Chief Guest, and Thiru. A. Ismail, DEO, and Rev. Sr. L. Arul Vimala Rani, were Guests of Honour.

The celebration began with a warm welcome followed by vibrant cultural performances by students, including dances promoting environmental care and pet love, a "Cinderella" drama, and a Tamil play on justice. Martial arts displays and tributes to high-achieving students added to the excitement. The Annual Report showcased academic and extracurricular milestones, including a 100% pass rate in the 10th exams. Dignitaries delivered inspiring speeches, and the President announced the school's upcoming upgrade to a Higher Secondary level. During Prize Distribution, achievers in academics and sports were honoured with shields, medals, and certificates. The event concluded with vote of thanks, School Anthem and dinner for all.



On February 20, 2025, the Superior General, accompanied by the Provincial of Madurai, had the honour of meeting Rev. Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., the Superior General of the Jesuit Order, along with 20 Major Superiors of various religious congregations. This gathering facilitated for a meaningful exchange on the mission and spirit of each religious community. Our Superior General eloquently shared the inspiring ministries of our sisters in serving the marginalized, and the sharing was appreciated by one and all

present. This significant day strengthened our bonds with fellow religious congregations.

We also had the privilege of meeting Shri M.K. Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, to express our gratitude for his visionary decision to cancel the TET pass certificate required to appoint teachers in our schools. This move opens new opportunities for aspiring educators and enriches the State's educational landscape.



On February 22, 2025 The Annual Day Celebration of Little Flower English Medium High School, Nagari was held at 5.30 pm. The Chief Guest, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG, Superior General, inaugurated the event with the lighting of the lamp, joined by other distinguished guests including Rev. Sr. Pauline Sagaya Rani (Provincial Superior in-charge), Rev. Sr. Pappathi, General Councillor, Rev. Sr. Mathi Margaret, Rev. Sr. Celine Hilda Mary, Rev. Sr. Rajeshwari, Rev. Sr. Mary Stella (Correspondent), Reverend fathers and other dignitaries. During the Annual Report, Rev. Sr. Usha, the Headmistress, highlighted the academic achievements, laurels brought by the students



through various sports and curricular activities and the contributions of the committed teachers of the school. Prizes and certificates were presented to the students who brought honor and glory to the school through their achievements. The Superior General appreciated the dedicated efforts of the staff, achievements of the students and selfless services of the sisters. She also encouraged students to be motivated and to cultivate a sense of belonging to the school and thanked the parents. It was indeed a celebration of academic excellence and display of discipline.

On February 23, 2025 The Silver Jubilee celebration for six of our sisters was held at the Generalate. It was a moment of gratitude, joy and unity. The day unfolded with a prayer service led by the next generation of sisters, offering thanks to God's boundless grace and benevolence. The six Jubilarians were honoured for their 25 years of faithful service. Their unwavering dedication and the divine protection they experienced throughout their journey were beautifully acknowledged.



A candle procession followed, symbolizing the light of Christ and the sisters shared their journey of faith. The Eucharistic celebration was presided

over by Rev. Fr. Balraj, SDB, Episcopal Vicar. His poignant reflections touching upon the beauty of religious life and his greetings to the Jubilarians made the celebration a memorable one.

The Superior General and the Provincial, felicitated the jubilarians, expressing heartfelt appreciation for their deep sense of belonging to the congregation commitment to religious life and contributions to the institutions and communities they served. The celebration concluded with a grand dinner during which the joy and gratitude of the day continued to resonate. The Silver Jubilee celebration was an inspiring occasion for the junior sisters to commit themselves to God and to the Congregation.

On February 24, 2025, the Superior General, accompanied by a team of sisters, travelled to Andhra Pradesh to meet Sr. Mathi Margaret, Sr. Rosali, and Sr. Jeyaseeli who were in need of medical treatment and support. The Superior General's presence was a beacon of hope for these sisters, offering both emotional and spiritual strength. The visit of the Mother General conveyed the message of her personal care, concern and support to sisters who suffer from various health issues and complications and also to tell them that they should not feel that they are alone. She spent time with every sister, listened to their problems and requests and assured them of continued care and support, asked them to spend more time in prayer, placing their trust and faith in God and Mother Mary. She also assured them that the entire Province and the Congregation will offer prayers for them.

SACRED SPARKS:

On February 26, 2025, our administrative team was blessed by an inspiring session led by Rev. Fr. J. Vimal Dass, Director, St. Joseph Hospital, Omalur. Drawing inspiration from John 19:25–27, he reflected on Mother Mary's faithful witness at the Cross, urging us to mirror such commitment in our leadership and ministry.

Fr. Vimal shared seven key leadership principles:

1. Visionary Leadership – Ignite and inspire others, lead change, and share a unified vision.
2. Seeing the Big Picture – Think strategically, like Bishop Prunier, who laid transformative foundations in Salem Diocese.
3. Synergy – Team unity, fuelled by the Spirit, transform the impossible into possible.
4. Kenotic Spirituality – Embrace self-emptying, servant leadership modelled by Christ.
5. Institutional Interest First – Prioritize the collective mission over personal gain.
6. Risk-Taking – Bold leadership demands courage, as seen in Barack Obama's journey.
7. Persistence – Stay committed, resist distractions, and never abandon your calling.

This session reignited our passion to lead with purpose, serve with humility, and be faithful witnesses to Christ's mission.

On February 28, 2025, The 51st Annual Day Celebration was a grand and inspiring event, presided over by our President, Rev. Mother Thressa Gnanamani, Superior General, as the Chief Guest, and Rev. Sr. Celine, Provincial Superior, as the Guest of Honor. We were also honoured by the presence of Rev. Fr. Mathai Muthu, Parish Priest, and Mr. Prabu, RITE, SI, as special invitees.



The event commenced with a prayer song, followed by the Annual Report presented by our Principal, Rev. Sr. Arockia Mary, highlighting the school's achievements and progress. The audience was enthralled by a series of cultural performances, where students showcased their talents, creativity, and dedication.

On March 01, 2025, the First Graduation Ceremony of St. Joseph College of Arts & Science for Women was held with solemn dignity and pride, in the college auditorium. This historic occasion marked a golden milestone in the journey of the institution, celebrating the long awaited academic achievements of its first batch of graduates.



The event was presided over by Prof. Dr. R. Jagannathan, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University, Salem, conferring degrees to 39 graduates. It was a moment of pride for both the Institution and the parents. The occasion was blessed and honored by the gracious presence of Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, President of the Institution, and Rev. Mother G. Raja Mani, former Superior General, both of whom have been pillars of guidance and support in the growth of the college.

On March 08, 2025, Women's day was celebrated at our social work center Ezhuchi Maiyam, Pullichapallam. Rev. Mother. Thressa Gnanamani, The Superior General was the chief guest for this celebration. Around 200 women from pullichapallam and from six surrounding villages participated in the event. Rev. Fr. Arockia dass, the parish priest of Therkunam, Rev. Fr. Maria Soosai, Parish priest of Pennadan, and Mr. Jayasankar, the village President were invited as the special guests. In order to make the day special and make the women happy, cultural programs were given. Guests greeted the women and encouraged them to understand the need for women empowerment. The Chief Guest Rev. Mother Thressa Gnanamani in her speech motivated the women and advised them to be aware of the reality of their life. She pointed out that women are equal to men and therefore every woman should think high of herself and cultivate self-respect and also respect for all women in society. She announced the good news that she would arrange vehicle facilities for them from next year onwards to reach the center from their villages so that they reach safe without any difficulties. All the women were happy and thanked the Mother General. The celebration concluded with fellowship meal sponsored by the Mother General.



On March 10, 2025, the Mother General, accompanied by her team, convened the meeting of the Provincials of Shalom, St. Aloysius and Michael Ansaldo Provinces. The discussion

primarily focused on the preparations for the upcoming 10th Provincial Chapter, with particular focus on the norms to be followed at the 31st General Chapter for the election of delegates. The General shared her intention to personally visit each Province to gain a comprehensive understanding of their financial status. The Mother pointed out the need for potential transfers within the Provinces.



On March 19, 2025 The Feast of St. Joseph was celebrated with remarkable devotion and heartfelt reverence. After the Sacred Eucharistic celebration, our Superior General graciously honoured the sisters from neighbouring communities, adorning each one with a shawl and presenting a

bouquet as a beautiful gesture of appreciation and love.

At the Generalate, the atmosphere was filled with joy and gratitude as we marked this special occasion with a ceremonial cake-cutting, a meaningful tribute to our Superior General's leadership and dedication. The celebration continued with a sumptuous breakfast and lunch, shared in an ambiance of fraternal affection, gratitude, and unity.



On March 24 ,2025, Mother Gnanamani, the Superior General, delivered an inspiring speech, appreciating the dedication of parents, students, and teachers. She acknowledged parents as the

foundation of the school and motivated students with a story, emphasizing that small actions lead to great achievements. She urged them to strive for excellence and encouraged teachers to continue nurturing students with dedication, reinforcing the idea that persistence leads to success.

She highlighted the evolving role of technology in education and the responsibility of teachers in inculcating societal values. Envisioning a future where learning extends beyond traditional methods, she emphasized creative

approaches like singing and dancing. In her concluding speech, she appealed to everyone to be role models, to be responsible students to face challenges of the future.



On March 25, 2025 A half-day motivational session for the general team members was given by Archbishop Most Rev. Francis Kalist. The Superior General warmly welcomed the Archbishop with a shawl and bouquet. Sr. Shalini, the Secretary General, led the opening prayer, setting the right tone and ambiance for the session. The session by the Archbishop focused on leadership qualities, spiritual



renewal, and fostering unity within the congregation. It was an inspiring and enlightening experience for all.

The Core of Leadership: Prayer, Prayer, Prayer

Archbishop Kalist emphasized that prayer is the foundation of leadership. Without it, no administration can flourish. Through prayer, leaders align with God's will and lead with wisdom and compassion. In his talk, the Archbishop highlighted the following:

Developing the Right Attitude

He urged everyone to cultivate a proper mindset rooted in service, humility, and openness to growth.

Building a Community of Communion

The Archbishop insisted that the communities are built on acceptance, love, and unity.

Prioritizing the Welfare of the Congregation

He stressed that the human dignity of every individual sister should never be overlooked. A true leader advocates for each person's care and spiritual growth.

Transparency, Accountability, and Unity in Ministry

Leaders must be honest, confidential, and united. Even in difficulty, unity must never be lost. Integrity and trust are essential in ministry.

A Call to Action

While concluding, the Archbishop called for renewed commitment to prayer, fraternal love, and spiritual renewal - a new Pentecost - to take the Congregation forward.

Vote of Gratitude

Rev. Sr. Revathi, the General Councillor, appreciated and profusely thanked the Archbishop Kalist for his inspiring and motivating talk and guidance given for the growth and welfare of the sisters. Some



sisters expressed their gratitude on-line to the Archbishop, mentioning the deep impact his talk had made in their personal life.

On March 30, 2025, Ms. S. Gethsiyal, a talented young girl from the marginalized Washerman community, was presented with a laptop by the Superior General. Ms. Gethsiyal, the daughter of Mr. Sebastien and Mrs. Amalavorpavam, always demonstrated remarkable determination to overcome the challenges faced by her community. This generous gift is a powerful gesture, not only supporting her academic ambitions but also highlighting the importance of providing equal opportunities to those from disadvantaged sections of the society. The laptop will be an essential tool in her pursuit of higher education, enabling her to access critical resources, engage in research, and complete her academic work with greater ease. It stands as a symbol of hope and empowerment, fostering her growth as she strives to break barriers and build a brighter future, not only for herself but also for others in her community.



On March 31, 2025, Ansaldo MHSS, Chetpet, celebrated its 17th Annual Day titled "Annual Gala" with grandeur and elegance on 31st March 2025. Rev. Mother, the Superior General had the delightful opportunity to witness this vibrant celebration. The event was marked by a synchronised and spirited band performance, colourful cultural showcases, and powerful dramatic presentations in both English and Tamil that truly captivated the audience. Achievers in academics, catechetics, and various other fields were proudly honoured on the stage. Special appreciation to Rev. Sr. I. Velanganni, the Correspondent, Rev. Sr. G. Abiya Marthal, the Principal, and the entire team for their dedication, meticulous planning, and commendable efforts in making the event a grand success.



Short Visit to Michael Ansaldo Province - A.P

12.3.2025 - Mylavaram, Sulanagar

13.3.2025 - Bandalaguda and meeting with the Cardinal, Begumpet.

14.3.2025 - Karunapuram, Motakondur, Chinnapuri.

15.3.2025 - Gunadala, Manginipudi, Nambur.

16.3.2025 - Podalakur, Rapur, Dakkili.

17.3.2025 - Nagari, Pitchatur, Avadi

The Superior General, along with Rev Sr. Pappathi General Councillor and Rev Sr. Pauline Procurator General firm their commitment to fostering unity and understanding within the Congregation, embarked on a distinguished short visit to the Michael Ansaldo Province Andhra Pradesh. Her purpose was twofold: To engage in meaningful interactions with the dedicated sisters who serve with profound devotion, and to personally assess the present conditions and needs of the province.

Upon her arrival, the Superior General and team was warmly welcomed by the local community, who expressed deep joy and gratitude for her visit. This momentous occasion offered a rare opportunity for the sisters to come together in dialogue, sharing their experiences, aspirations, and challenges. The Superior General listened attentively to the sisters, offering words of encouragement and spiritual guidance, while also expressing her admiration for their tireless commitment to the mission.

Throughout her visit, she took time to visit various facilities and ministries, immersing herself in the daily lives of the sisters and the people they serve. With a discerning mind, she carefully observed the unique circumstances of the province, recognizing both the strides that had been made and the areas that could benefit from further attention and support. Her visit was not only a pastoral one but also a strategic one, aimed at ensuring that the province is well-positioned to continue its work of compassion, education, and service in the years to come.

The atmosphere was one of mutual respect and reverence, as the Superior General's presence reaffirmed the shared mission that unites all members of the Congregation. Her visit, rich in prayer, reflection, and collaboration, underscored the importance of solidarity and the enduring strength of the Congregation's work in the region.





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MOTAKONDUR



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BANDALAGUDA



CHINNAPURI



BEGUMPET

On 13 March 2025, the newly elected General Team of our congregation — comprising the Superior General, General Councillor, and Procurator General — had the honour of meeting His Eminence, Cardinal Antony Poola. In a gesture of respect and gratitude, the team felicitated the Cardinal with a shawl and bouquet

During this meaningful encounter, the General Team introduced themselves and shared the congregation's vision, charism, and mission, with special emphasis on the dedicated service of our sisters in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Their transformative efforts in uplifting communities were warmly acknowledged.

Cardinal Poola expressed deep admiration for the sisters' compassionate and selfless work, recognizing the lasting impact they have made. He offered a heartfelt blessing to the new leadership and encouraged continued dedication to the mission, urging the congregation to serve with even greater vigour and effectiveness.

The meeting concluded with renewed inspiration, strengthened by the Cardinal's affirmation and support, which will continue to guide and motivate our mission.



Spiritual Journey

Silver Jubilee Spiritual Renewal Course

From January 21 to February 15, 2025, we celebrated 25 years of religious life with a spiritual journey that began with a pilgrimage to Kolkata, followed by a renewal course led by Jesuit Fathers.

1. Human Development (Feb 5–7) Rev. Fr.

Arulappan, SJ, emphasized how internal and external forces shape personality, highlighting that emotional maturity and spiritual growth come through self-awareness and multisensory perception.

2. Religious Vows (Feb 10–12)

Rev. Fr. Masilamani, SJ, reflected on the transformative power of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, calling us to renew our commitment to simplicity, purity, and faithfulness.



3. Non-Violent Communication (Feb 13–15)

Rev. Fr. Jerome, SJ, introduced compassionate, respectful communication that emphasizes understanding feelings and needs over judgment.

4. Gratitude and Conclusion

We thank Rev. Mother Thressa Gnanamani, Rev. Sr. Celine, and the Jesuit Fathers for this spiritually enriching retreat, which deepened our connection with God and renewed our vocational commitment.

8-Day Retreat at Jesuits' Dhyana Ashram, Calcutta

January 26 – February 2, 2025

Led by Rev. Fr. Xavier Thomas Inigo, SJ, the retreat offered a time of deep spiritual reflection, focusing on each participant's 25-year journey of faith and their relationship with God.

Highlights:

- **Day 1: God's Creation** – Reflected on Genesis and God's call to figures like Abraham, Moses, and Mary, inviting personal reflection on His call in our lives.
- **Day 2: God's Unconditional Love** – Meditated on God's steadfast love and our call to conversion through Scripture.
- **Day 3: Sin and Forgiveness** – Reflected on the Fall and the need for God's mercy and forgiveness.
- **Day 4: The Early Life of Jesus** – Explored Jesus' humble beginnings and His role as the promised Messiah.
- **Day 5: The Ministry of Jesus** – Focused on His baptism, ministry, and the role of the Holy Spirit in our mission.
- **Day 6: Call to Vocation** – Revisited our initial call to religious life and renewed our commitment.
- **Day 7: The Suffering of Jesus** – Reflected on His passion and how we share in His redemptive suffering.
- **Day 8: The Cross and Resurrection** – Embraced the hope and new life found in Jesus' resurrection.

Conclusion:

The retreat ended with penitential service and Holy Mass on February 3, 2025, leaving participants spiritually renewed and more deeply committed to their vocations.

From March 13-17,2025 a healthy mind and a healthy body are the founding stones of a prosperous life. We, the tertians, had the privilege of attending practice cum lectures on “Yoga, Mudra, Acupressure and Acupuncture” given by Rev. Sr. Jebamalai from March 13th to 17th. The sessions provided valuable insights into the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of the practices. We started each day with warm-up exercises and prayers, followed by learning various Mudras and their benefits, including Varna, Surya, Chinh, and Prana Mudra, among others.



We learned that our body is connected to the following five elements of the Universe:

- Thumb – Fire
- Index Finger – Space
- Middle Finger – Space
- Ring Finger – Earth
- Little Finger – Water

Along with breathing exercises and Aasanas, we explored Acupressure and Acupuncture, focusing on healing points, particularly in the Heart and Small Intestine channels. We also practised acupressure and learnt that we were gifted “Sujok” rings to improve blood circulation. This program deepened our understanding of maintaining a healthy body and a happy mind. On behalf of the tertians, Sr. Nandhini proposed the vote of thanks, with a conviction to care for our bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

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We are grateful to our Mother General for this enriching experience and to Sr. Jebamalai for her insightful guidance. Thank you, Sisters, for your love, care and support.

From 25 to 29 March, 2025 We are deeply grateful to God for His countless blessings over the past 50 years. Our sincere thanks to the Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani for the opportunity to attend the seminar at NBCLC, Bangalore. The spiritual centre radiated Christ's presence throughout the well-organized 6-day course. Eighteen sisters from seven congregations and one priest participated in the seminar on “Ageing Gracefully with a Purpose: Psychological Perspectives.” Topics included psycho-spirituality, inner healing, and therapy. Bro. George Palackal, SG, highlighted the journey from despair to integrity through purpose, gratitude, and spiritual growth. Fr. Stephen Muthu, SJ, emphasized personality development through self-esteem, compassion, and transforming thoughts. Sr. Violet, FSAG, encouraged replacing "retired" with "revered," stressing inner security and trust in God. Bro. Mani described ageing as a new stage of opportunity and reflection. We thank our congregation for enabling us to be part of this meaningful jubilee celebration.



Formation Desk

*On the 2nd of February 2025, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a special gathering was organized for a group of parish girls at Manginapudi. This meaningful event was designed to provide spiritual enrichment and vocational inspiration to the young girl participants. During the gathering, motivational talks were delivered by Rev. Sr. Pasala Mariama, Asst. Superior General. She shared personal stories and profound experiences from her own vocational journeys. These testimonies were aimed at encouraging the students to reflect deeply on their own lives and to consider the possibility of joining our religious congregation in the future.

The session spanned approximately an hour and a half and was filled with engaging discussions, heartfelt sharing, and moments of reflection. Following the talk, the group participated in the celebration of the Holy Mass, which added a deeply spiritual dimension to the day. The event concluded with a time of fellowship, during which tea and snacks were served, allowing the participants to interact more informally with me and among themselves. As a follow-up to this enriching experience, two more meetings have been planned for the same group of 22 girl students in the months of March and April, providing ongoing opportunities for spiritual growth, vocational discernment, and deeper engagement with the congregation.

On February 18th 2025, Rev. Sr. Pasala Mariama, Asst. Superior General had the privilege of visiting the DGM Congregation, where the Nirmala Sisters are deeply committed to their mission and service. During this visit, she also had the pleasure of meeting Fr. Michael, whose warm welcome added a personal touch to the experience. She felt this as an ideal occasion to connect with the students, and she was grateful for the chance to engage with them directly.

She spent about half an hour in meaningful conversation with a group of 35 bright and inquisitive girls from the 10th class. The interaction was lively and engaging, touching upon their studies, aspirations, and daily experiences. It was heartening to witness their enthusiasm and confidence as they shared their dreams and hopes. The time spent with them offered valuable insights into their world and left a lasting impression on her. It was not only an enriching exchange but also a genuinely uplifting experience that she will cherish for a long time.

On 3-4 March, 2025. The program mentioned above was held at Vellankanni 70 formators from different Religious Congregations participated in the program. The event started at 9:00 am with a



prayer on 3rd March. Fr. Periyannayagam, President of TNPCRI, welcomed everyone. Sr. Saral SCB presented and approved the previous meeting's minutes and introduced Rev. Fr. Selvakumar SDB, the resource person.

Fr. Selvakumar discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in religious formation, urging formators to guide young minds responsibly. While AI offers knowledge, he stressed the importance of discernment and continuous learning. He suggested tools like digital storytelling, interactive sessions, and real-life applications to engage youth effectively.

Miss Natasha from the Vatican spoke on the Church's view of AI, addressing ethics, education, and rights. She outlined six key AI principles: transparency, inclusion, accountability, impartiality, reliability, and security. She emphasized that true wisdom comes from the human heart, not machines. The session also covered AI-powered multimedia tools and their safety features. Sr. Verona FSJ proposed the vote of thanks, appreciating the opportunity for growth and learning. The two-day session on AI was enriching and helped the participants to understand the use and benefits of AI.

Education Desk

India's education system is on the brink of a significant transformation in 2025. However, the pace and depth of change will depend on how effectively key stakeholders—such as the government, educators, technology companies, and communities—address the challenges at hand and capitalize on emerging opportunities. Bridging the gap between urban and rural education, enhancing access to technology, and aligning education with the needs of the modern job market are crucial focal points for development.

In this context, the FSAG Academic Forum has introduced a new initiative aimed at strengthening all levels of our education system. Our 31st General Chapter calls on each of us to engage with renewed vigor and enthusiasm to serve the wider community.

TANCEAN – MEET

On 4 January, 2025 TANCEAN Higher Education Meeting was held at Stella Maris College, Chennai, focusing on quality in higher education. Our participants are Sr. Dr. Jona, Sr. Dr. Dayana, Sr. Dr. Recline, Sr. Reetha, and Sr. Regina.

Prof. Dr. Xavier Magimai Raj, Head, Dept of Commerce, Loyola College, delivered the keynote address on “Quality Initiatives in Our Colleges,” covering topics like Catholic institutional dynamics, teaching and evaluation, student-centered learning, research, technology, governance, and future trends.



Dr. Naveed Ahmed, National College of Arts, Lahore shared strategies on curriculum review, faculty development, active learning, assessment, and ethical values. Rev. Dr. Swaminathan, St. Joseph College, Tiruchirapalli summarized the session, emphasizing collective responsibility and commitment to quality. The event, coordinated by Rev. Fr. Antony Samy, reinforced collaboration and innovation as pillars of higher education advancement.



Gonzaga Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kathampallam

On March 24, 2025 the graduation ceremony at St. Gonzaga Matriculation Higher Secondary School, **Kathampallam** was organised. It was a grand celebration of academic and extracurricular achievements. The Evangelization Co-Ordinator graced the event, inspiring graduates by her

presence and message. Winners of various competitions were felicitated, each receiving heartfelt applause and recognition from the audience. The atmosphere was filled with joy and pride as families, friends, and faculty cheered the graduates.

St. Aloysius Nursery & Primary School, Vettavalam

On March 29th, 2025, Mother Thressa Gnanamani had the pleasure of joining the management, staff, and students in celebrating the 17th Annual Day and Graduation Ceremony for the UKG and V standard students of St. Aloysius Nursery & Primary School, Vettavalam. She was deeply impressed by the display of their abundant talents, goodwill, and skills through their dance, drama, songs, and physical activities. A heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Sr. Ranjitha Mary, the Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Arockia Nathiya, and all the teachers for their dedicated service in elevating the institution to new heights.



Evangelization

On February 7, 2025, a spiritually enriching Gospel Outreach Program was held at Moolakulam, in Shalom Province. Twenty-five devoted men and women from Villupuram district gathered to



participate in this meaningful event. The program was led by Rev. Sr. Jebamalai Mary, the Evangelization Coordinator, who offered and guided the intercessory prayers at Moolakulam. The program was graced by the presence of several esteemed leaders, including the Province Coordinator, Rev. Sr. Dennis, and Evangelists Rev. Sr. Caroline, Rev. Sr. Viyagulam, Rev. Sr. Ezhil, and Rev. Sr. Anistha. Each played a vital role in leading prayers and facilitating the event.



On February 8-9, 2025 The Vacation Bible Classes were held in Tindivanam, organized by TNBCLC. Our congregation, consisting of nine sisters, participated actively in the event. Over a hundred people, including lay

people and other religious sisters, attended the meeting, which was chaired by Rev. Fr. Stanislaus. Representing the Aloysius Province were Rev. Sr. Pown and Rev. Sr. Magdalene. From the Ansaldo Province, Rev. Sr. Sofi and Rev. Sr. Jeyarakkini took part, while Rev. Sr. Viyagulam, Rev. Sr. Stella, and Rev. Sr. Suseela represented the Shalom Province. Rev. Sr. Jebamalai, the Evangelization Coordinator, also participated in the event.

On March 1st, 2025, about 25 devoted women gathered at Siluvaipalayam, Sub-station of Krishnankuppam Parish to learn and spread the Gospel. On the following day, 16 persons Mathana Gobalapuram, took part. Sr. Amirtha Isabella, who had mentored and trained both groups for over two months, played a key role in preparing them for the spread of the Gospel message. Each day, after their



tasks, Sr. Amirtha Isabella led them in spiritual formation to equip them to live and spread Gospel. Sr. Dennis, the Provincial Superior, and Sr. Charles, the Province Coordinator, supported the mission, fostering a collaborative environment. At the end of the training, the members made sacred vows during the Holy Mass on 1st March at Siluvaipalayam and on 2nd March at Madhana Gopalapuram, dedicating themselves to the preaching of the Gospel. The organisers remain grateful to the Mother General for this enriching experience and to Sr. Jebamalai for her insightful guidance. Thank you, Sisters, for your love and support

On March 30, 2025, a spiritually enriching one-day Lenten retreat was held at St. Arokiya Matha Church, Vayampatti, Tiruchy Diocese. It was led by Rev. Sr. Jebamalai, the Evangelization Coordinator along with Sr. Lilly Puspam, Sr. Alphonsa, and Sr. Motcha Pushparani. Around 200 participants attended the retreat which was marked by moving prayers and deep reflections.

The retreat began at 10:00 am with the Rosary, invoking Mother Mary's intercession, followed by silent contemplation on Jesus' sufferings. The morning session was focused on gratitude, highlighting God's enduring mercy and guidance. The afternoon session at 2:00 pm focused on sin and its consequences, drawing on scriptural examples and urging participants to seek God's forgiveness. This was followed by the Stations of the Cross, meditating on Christ's Passion. The retreat concluded with the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. James. The day offered a powerful time of renewal, reconciliation, and grace, inspiring all to grow in faith and embrace repentance and gratitude during Lent.



Social work, Social action & Health Care Desk



On January 25, 2025, the Tamil Nadu Migrant Alliance organized a panel discussion addressing the challenges faced by inter-state migrants in Tamil Nadu. Representatives from 23 NGOs participated, highlighting the causes of migration and the daily struggles migrants encounter. Fr. Louis Prakash offered high praises for Rev. Sr. A. Anthuvan Reclin, Head and Assistant Professor at Gonzaga College, and the II-

MSW students for their commendable humanitarian service—most notably, their efforts in repatriating the body of a deceased migrant to his hometown in Chhattisgarh. Six sisters from FSAG also made significant contributions, adding depth and insight to the discussions. The event fostered networking among Civil Society Organizations and highlighted the need for compassionate, collaborative approaches to support migrant communities.



From December 5, 2024, to January 6, 2025 a Micro Skillpreneurship Programme on “Dehydration of Fruits and Vegetables” was held from December 5, 2024, to January 6, 2025, at the DAWN Centre, T. Vadipatti, empowering over 35 women with hands-on training in food dehydration and preservation. Participants learned to prepare health-focused malt powders like ABC Malt, Beetroot Malt, Red Banana Malt, and P3

Malt, as well as millet-based products such as laddus, cookies, brownies, and masalas. To support their entrepreneurial journey, they received MSME ZED Certificates, Udyam Registration, and FSSAI Licenses. Special thanks were extended to Rev. Sr. Arockiamary Simon, Director of DAWN Centre, for her continuous efforts in empowering women. Sponsorship Program by Caritas Diocesana Bergamasca Fondazione





On March 16, 2025, a Women's Day gathering was held to honor the girls supported by the Gonzaga sisters through the sponsorship of Caritas Diocesana Bergamasca Fondazione Diakonis Onlus, Italy. Out of 44 sponsored students, 24 girls and their mothers attended, sharing personal stories, struggles, and dreams. The gathering was graced by the inspiring presence of Superior General Mother M.

Thressa Gnanamani, who delivered a powerful message encouraging the girls to stay focused on their ambitions and assuring continued support for their empowerment. Gifts were distributed, and the event concluded with a fellowship meal and prayers. Special thanks were extended to the sponsoring foundation for its ongoing commitment to empowering underprivileged women.



Message from St. Joseph College of Arts & Science for Women - Pagalpatti



National Service Scheme (NSS): From January 18 to 24, 2025, NSS organized events including health and hygiene awareness campaigns, tree plantation drives and rallies in adopted villages. A good number of students and staff participated in all the events.

Career Guidance Program: On February 10, 2025, at our college Auditorium, Mr.V. Shanmuganathan, Centre Manager at T.I.M.E, spoke on government competitive exams, providing insights and valuable information to students.

* **Nurture to Raise Program:** On February 12, 2025, the Placement Cell of our college hosted another career guidance session in which Rev. Fr. James Amalraj Daniel from JD Academy of Excellence addressed the students.

***Placement Drive Training:** On February 18, 2025, Mr. A. Karthick, Multimedia Trainer at United Soft Tech, led a session on interview preparation and self-presentation.



*** Training and Placement Drive:** On February 20, 2025, Er. Nelson, AJR, Head of Engineering and Technology at Genesis Technology, explained the interview techniques and presentation skills needed for the students to shine well during job interviews.

*** Outstanding Results:** Our College Campus Placement Drive on February 26, 2025 was an amazing success! Three esteemed companies—Genesis Technology, United Soft Technology and Pranav Solution Pvt. Ltd., visited our campus, resulting in 100% placement of our final-year students.

Ramzan Celebration: On March 27, 2025, our college organised Ramzan celebration, highlighting the values of peace, unity, and generosity. Dr. G. Khaleel Ahamed Aalim Nooranqadhiri Rabbani, Government Kazi, spoke on the significance of Ramadan. Guests of Honour included Mr. Muhammad



Nijami Bilaali and Mr. Muthu from Mother's Motivational Trust. The celebration featured the distribution of date fruits and refreshments to symbolize Iftar, fostering a spirit of togetherness.

GONZAGA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE FOR WOMEN,

The Christmas Celebration 2024 was held on December 24 at Gonzaga College, organized by the Fine Arts Club. Students, faculty, and dignitaries gathered to celebrate the spirit of love, joy, faith, and hope of Christmas. The event began with a prayer song, lighting of the Christmas lamp, and a welcome address by Dr. John Dayana, Vice Principal. Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, Secretary, delivered an inspiring Christmas message followed by an encouraging speech from the Principal, Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, emphasizing the importance of love, hope and sharing.



The highlight of the event was the cultural performance by students from various departments, featuring songs, dances, and skits that brought the Christmas spirit to life. Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Jesudass, Parish Priest of Kathampallam, shared heart-provoking message on Christmas. The program also included prize distribution to honor student achievements. Ms. Shakthi Devi, Head of the CDF Department, delivered the vote of thanks, and the event concluded with the National Anthem, spreading festive cheer and unity.

Ms. T Valli, Assist. Prof. Dept. of Biochemistry

On 17th February 2025, the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with ACCA, conducted an orientation programme featuring Mr. Sudheesh Sharma G (Lead Consultant & Director, Global FTI, Bengaluru) and Mr. Mukesh Hari, an ACCA-qualified finance professional. The event saw the active

participation of 190 students. Ms. M. Preethi (III Commerce) welcomed the gathering, Ms. J. Susan Merlin Gracia introduced the speakers, and Rev. Sr. Dr. A. John Dayana, Vice Principal, addressed the students. Mr. Sharma outlined the ACCA curriculum and its global career prospects, while Mr. Hari shared his professional journey, highlighting the course's practical relevance. A lively Q & A session followed in which students clarified doubts about certification, eligibility, and career opportunities. The session provided valuable insights into ACCA and its role in shaping successful careers in finance and accounting.



GRADUATION DAY

Graduation Day was held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., with 544 graduates and their parents in attendance. The event began with an academic procession by dignitaries and department heads. The ceremony was officially opened by Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, Secretary. Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, Principal, welcomed the gathering and presented the annual report for 2023–24 and 2024–25.



The Chief Guest, Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder & Vice Chancellor of VIT, Vellore, delivered the Graduation Day Address, emphasizing women's and children's education, alumnae contributions, and the college's role in rural women's empowerment. Department heads presented the graduates, and degree certificates were awarded by the Vice Chancellor of Periyar University, Salem. Certificates in absentia were distributed by Prof. P. Shanmugapriya. The graduates took a pledge, led by the Principal, to use their knowledge for society's betterment. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

Ms. P Shanmuga Priya, Head dept of Commerce

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Region - North India

On 14th January 2025, the Regional House in Linch hosted a vibrant Pongal celebration, uniting the Linch, Mehsana, and Pahadiya communities. The event honored Tamil culture and expressed gratitude to farmers. The Carmelite Sisters graced the occasion, adding warmth to the celebration. The venue was beautifully decorated with rangoli, sugarcane, and traditional Pongal pots. Sisters from all three communities prepared the Pongal dish in true Tamil tradition. A moment of thanksgiving followed, appreciating the farmers' hard work and their role in providing daily food. The Pongal was then joyfully served and enjoyed by all. The highlight of the event was the traditional Gummiaattam dance, where everyone joined in a joyful circle dance, enhancing the festive spirit. The celebration concluded with a delicious meal and heartfelt thanks to the Regional Superior, whose support made the event a memorable and meaningful one for everyone involved.



– Sr. Daisy- Regional Secretary, Linch

**Freedom in mind, Faith in words, Pride in our hearts and Memories in our souls.
Let's salute the nation on Republic Day."**



On this historic day marking the birth of the world's largest democracy, St. Joseph's School, Basauni initiated the celebrations on 26 January, 2025 at 8 a.m. We proudly welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, District Councilor, along with Rev. Fr. Peter Singarayan and Rev. Sr. Mary Jansi, led by the School Band. Mr. Krishna Nanda greeted the guests.

SPL Ayush Kumar (Class VIII) invited the Chief Guest to hoist the flag, followed by a respectful parade inspection and a creative

P.T. drill with paper pom-poms. The Chief Guest praised the school community for the inspiring program. Sr. Mary Jansi expressed gratitude, and the event ended with blessings and distribution of sweets.

- Staff and Students, Basauni, St. Joseph's School.



On 01st February 2025, Nirmal Hriday School organised its Annual Exhibition and Picnic. It was a day filled with creativity, fun, and community spirit. The event began with a morning assembly, followed by the inauguration of the exhibition by the Principal Sr. Raji. Over 200 parents and 400 students admired and appreciated the impressive student projects and artwork. The celebration continued with a lively on-campus picnic, filled with games, activities, and treats. Parents praised the school's efforts and Sr. Raji's leadership. The event was a great success, showcasing student talent and strengthening school community bonds.

– **Sr. Raji - Principal, Ahmedpur.**

On 16th March 2025, the Region celebrated Women's Day with a meaningful event in Linch, promoting empowerment, unity, and hope. Mrs. Anju, the village Sarpanch, was the Chief Guest, with Rev. Fr. Velakkanni, SJ, and Rev. Sr. Joys Rani, FSAG, as Guests of Honour, adding inspiration and significance to the occasion.



Rev. Sr. Nirmala, FSAG, Regional Superior, welcomed everyone and shared the Congregation's mission focusing on women's upliftment through education, skill training, and self-employment. She also announced the upcoming English medium

school and tailoring programme, encouraging community involvement. Sr. Daisy, Sr. Mary Matha, and the Candidates ensured the event's success. About 60 women participated in a vibrant programme featuring fun games, a cultural performance, and prize distribution. Each woman received a special gift, and the event ended joyfully with tea and snacks, leaving a lasting sense of unity and hope.

Shalom Province- Tindivanam

On December 23rd 2024 Our St. Francis Assisi orphanage at Kurusukuppam celebrated Christmas with joy and fun at our home. All the children and staff took part in it. Fr. Anthony Samy was the chief guest. The event began with a prayer song, and Mrs. Meenu Mercy served as the emcee. Ms. Prathiksha welcomed everyone, and Sr. Elizabeth introduced the program and honored the guest. Children performed various activities including a group dance, classical dance, and a Christmas skit on the birth of Jesus. The chief guest spoke about the significance of Christmas. Santa Claus added fun by dancing and distributing sweets. Mrs. Sofia Lawrence delivered the vote of thanks, and lunch was served to all.



On January 25th, 2025, our orphanage children went on an educational tour to Chennai. The day began with the Holy Eucharist, a visit to the Christmas Kudil, and a special Mass praying for the students to write their exams well. At Vandalur Zoo, after enjoying their packed breakfast, the children explored and enjoyed seeing rare animals and birds. Lunch was served at Sangeetha Hotel. Later, at the Birla Planetarium, they discovered fascinating facts about space, stars, and planets. The tour ended



On 6th December 2024. A one-day counselling program was conducted by Sr. Usha Devi and Sr. Mary Dayana at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Eraiyur. About 400 students participated in the session which was aimed to guide students academically, emotionally, and socially.

The day began with a warm welcome by Rev. Fr. Joseph Raj, Principal, during the morning assembly. Sr. Mary Dayana delivered an inspiring talk on Children's Rights, encouraging awareness and responsibility among the students.

Sr. Usha Devi led group counselling for 10th to 12th standard students, focusing on academic stress,



time management, and exam preparation. Her practical tips on study techniques and goal-setting were well-received.

Sr. Mary Dayana handled a motivational session to boost students' confidence ahead of public exams, emphasizing perseverance and a positive mindset.

Individual counselling was also provided for students needing personal guidance, addressing concerns like academic pressure, family issues, and career choices. These sessions created a safe space for open sharing and personal support.

The day concluded on a positive note, with students expressing gratitude and enthusiasm. The sessions were impactful, instilling confidence, motivation, and self-awareness.



St. Aloysius Province- Vadipatti Alumni Meet Report, December, 2024

Alumni Meet 2024 at St. Joseph's Girls Higher Secondary School, Suramangalam, Salem
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them."(Mat 18:20)

Alumni Meet, where past and present blend,
Old friendships rekindle, and stories extend.

Through laughter and love, memories shine,
St. Joseph's spirit, forever divine. The Alumni Meet 2024, St. Joseph's Girls Higher Secondary School, Suramangalam, Salem was held on 22nd December 2024. The Alumni Meet was a grand success with 215 alumni participating. The event began with a spiritual Kumba Arathi, creating a reflective atmosphere that emphasizing the school's core values of faith and service. Sr. Catharine Priya welcomed the gathering, followed by a vibrant welcome dance by the students of the school.



Headmistress Sr. Sagaya Clementine highlighted the vital role of alumni in shaping the school's future. A heartfelt sharing session allowed alumni to reflect on their journey and inspire current students. Sr. Maria, an alumne, spoke about the lasting impact of the school and encouraged alumni to actively support its growth through mentoring and involvement.

The meet beautifully bridged generations, reinforcing the enduring bond of the Josephite Community.

- Sr. F. Catharine Priya, FSAG

On 19th December, 2024 A day is filled with joy and happiness. Yes, it is the day where all Josephites were enthused with full of Joy and Happiness. A suppose Christmas day was celebrated in our school, in order to enter the mood of Christmas. The event was graced by our esteemed Chief Guest Mr. James, Member of the Rotary Club, Rev. Fr. Charles, Rev. Fr. Rex the Parish Priest and Asst. Parish Priest of Suramangalam, Rev. Sr. Uthriyamary our Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Sagaya Clementine, Headmistress., Teachers and Students. Finally, the Christmas event ended so beautifully with the Santa Claus dance and cakes were distributed to all the staff & students. Our Headmistress appreciated the program team and the students for their outstanding performance.



- Sr. B. Pauline Gracy, FSAG



On March 19, 2025, The 10th Chapter preparation meeting for St. Aloysius Province took place at Vadipatti. Sr. Jebamalai Mary, the Evangelization Coordinator, played a key role in shaping the discussions and emphasizing the importance of evangelization in the Province's mission. The meeting focused on aligning the Province's spiritual and practical goals with the changing world. Sr. Jebamalai Mary's leadership ensured that evangelization remained a central focus in the planning. The meeting set the foundation for a unified vision of faith, service, and outreach for the future of the Province.

Michael Ansaldo Province, Gunadala

From January 31 to February 8, The Gunadala Lourdu Matha Festival is a deeply cherished event for all the sisters of the Michael Ansaldo Province, especially within the provincial community. The nine days of Novena, drew us into a profound experience of God's grace and the loving intercession of Our Blessed Mother. We were blessed to actively participate and extend our support to the Shrine in various meaningful ways: offering blessings in the old church, decorating the altar, joining the parish cultural program, performing the welcome dance, and presenting the Aarati during the Feast Day Eucharistic celebration. Our joy was shared by sisters from other communities and postulants from Podalakur, whose presence and support added to the spirit of unity and devotion.



“There is something incredibly nostalgic and significant about the annual cascade of autumn leaves.” In the same spirit, St. Joseph's English Medium High School celebrated its Annual Day with great enthusiasm and grace. The event was graced by Rev. Sr. Pauline Sagaya Rani, Provincial Superior Incharge, as the Chief Guest, along with Rev. Sr. Mathi Margaret, Rev. Fr. Prasanth, Rev. Fr. Thumma Santhosh, Mr. Kumara Reddy Garu, SI, and Mrs. Mahathi Laxmi, MEO, as Guests of Honour. Their

grand entrance with the school-band added a ceremonial flair. The Annual Report was presented,

highlighting the year's achievements. Prizes, medals, and certificates were awarded to students for their excellence in academics, sports, discipline, and punctuality. The celebration concluded with a vibrant cultural program, featuring music, dance, skits, and mimes, showcasing the remarkable talents of our students.

On March 29- 31, 2025. “The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

This guiding principle set the tone for our 10th Province Chapter preparatory meeting, held at the Provincialate Rev. Fr. Mathew, OFM, Cap., Provincial Minister of the Trichy Province, served as the resource person, while Rev. Sr. Pappathi, General Councillor, coordinated the event. 55 of our sisters



participated in the meeting. This meeting marked a crucial first step in ensuring the success of our endeavours, outlining key considerations that guided our initial planning and discussions. In this meeting, the focus was on happy religious life, finding resources for the province to stand on its legs, and modernizing the administration of the institutions.

Myanmar Province

On 28th March 2025, Myanmar was struck by a devastating earthquake, registering a magnitude of 7.7 on the Richter scale. The tremors caused significant damage across various regions, leaving destruction in their wake. The Mandalay Diocese was among the worst affected areas, where several Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (FSAG) communities suffered notable losses.

In particular, the communities in Mandalay, Meikthila, and Tharsi witnessed the collapse of



numerous sacred statues and visible structural damage to the convent buildings. The physical destruction mirrored the emotional impact on the sisters and the local faithful, who faced the aftermath with courage and prayer.

Moved by the urgency and gravity of the situation, Sr. Maria Eulalia, Provincial Superior, accompanied by Sr. Elizabeth Htwe, Provincial Procurator, undertook a pastoral visit to each of the affected convents. Their presence brought



interfaith compassion, Sr. Maria Eulalia and Sr. Elizabeth Htwe extended their outreach beyond their own communities. They journeyed to nearby Buddhist villages, many of which were among the most severely affected. There, with hearts open and hands full, they offered essential supplies and monetary donations to the victims—regardless of faith or background.

Their actions exemplified the true Franciscan spirit—a spirit of love, service, and solidarity with the suffering. In moments of profound loss, they became beacons of hope, bringing comfort not only through material support but through their presence, prayers, and unwavering commitment to the dignity of every human life.

This moment of tragedy has revealed, once again, the strength and compassion that define the mission of our sisters. Through faith in action, we continue to reflect the light of Christ in a wounded world.



not only leadership and guidance but also deep spiritual solace to the communities reeling from the quake's impact.

Among all, the Yamethin region bore the most severe destruction. The parish church was extensively damaged, and much of the area was left in ruins. The devastation was both physical and symbolic, as sacred spaces were reduced to rubble.

In a remarkable act of Christian charity and

Chosen in Spirit: The Sacred Journey of Michael Ansaldo

Messina: The Sacred Cradle of Divine Providence

Before Michael Ansaldo answered the call to spiritual service, his soul was shaped by the divine providence of Messina, a city whose beauty and sanctity prepared him for a life of profound spiritual devotion. Messina, where the Tyrrhenian Sea kisses the shores and the mountains stand as silent witness to eternity, became the holy birthplace of his divine vocation. Here, in this sacred place, the eternal dance of creation - earth, sea, and sky - revealed to Ansaldo the profound harmony of God's will.

In Messina, the very air was infused with the scent of salt and citrus, while the streets whispered ancient truths of divine wisdom. The city became more than a geographical location - it was the crucible where Ansaldo's soul was first awakened to the truth of God's grace. Born on September 29, 1739, to Emmanuele Ansaldo and Maria Anna Gaudio, Ansaldo's early years in this holy city formed the foundation for his divine calling to a life of service, grace, and eternal love.

MESSINA

The Divine Invitation: Michael Ansaldo's Sacred Novitiate

At 15, Michael Ansaldo experienced a profound awakening - a divine summon to dedicate his life to God. Answering this call, he and his elder brother, Joseph Maria Ansaldo, officially entered the Society of Jesus on January 15, 1754, at the Novitiate in Messina under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Simone Castiglia, SJ. This decision was not merely a change in direction but a complete surrender to divine providence, embracing the Jesuit way of life.

The novitiate marked the beginning of Michael Ansaldo's spiritual formation - a period of purification, prayer, and reflection. Through trials and disciplines, his connection with God deepened, strengthening his resolve to serve humanity wholeheartedly. As a Jesuit Scholastic, after Novitiate, Michael Ansaldo was sent to do philosophical and theological studies as preparation for ordination and perpetual vows.



First Profession and Academic Formation

On January 16, 1756, Michael and Joseph made their first profession pronouncing the Perpetual Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. In 1758, Ansaldo began his rhetorical studies, followed by three years of philosophical studies (1759 – 1762). He then commenced his theological training in 1763 at the Audiores Theologiae Cursus Maioris. In 1765, both the brothers pursued their first year of theology at Massimo College in Palermo. While Michael continued his studies there until 1767, Joseph completed his second and third years in Messina.



Intellectual and Spiritual Formation

Jesuit scholastics are known to pay serious attention to their studies with discipline, prayer, and devotion, offering their academic pursuits as acts of sacrifice for the Greater Glory of God. As mastery of classical languages - Latin, English, French, and Spanish - was essential, Ansaldo, known linguistic aptitude, excelled in these languages.

Following the principles of the Ratio Studiorum, young Jesuits engaged in

rigorous academic training, including “loud reading” to enhance comprehension and retention. Through perseverance and intellectual rigor, Ansaldo achieved academic excellence, embodying the Jesuit ideal of uniting knowledge with faith in service to God. His journey through the novitiate and beyond instilled in him a profound spirit of obedience and humility, shaping him into a devoted servant of Christ, committed to the mission of the Society of Jesus.

NOVITIATE – PALERMO

The Sanctification of Grace in Michael Ansaldo's Life

For Ansaldo, grace was not a mere theological concept, it was the essence of his existence. It was through God's unmerited favor that Ansaldo was sustained, strengthened, and sanctified. Divine grace became the living principle by which he ordered his life, and through it, Ansaldo experienced a profound union with God, a continual immersion in the love and mercy of the Creator.

The Jesuit principle of cura personalis - the care for the whole person - was not only a philosophical idea but a spiritual truth that Ansaldo embodied in his life. He saw the image of God in every individual, and through God's grace, he sought to serve and uplift others with a heart full of compassion, humility, and divine love. Ansaldo's life was a manifestation of truth and grace is not something we merely receive, but something that we must pour out to others as a reflection of God's infinite love.

The Virtuous Life of Service: Ansaldo's Sacred Mission in Faith and Society

Ansaldo's life was a profound manifestation of Christian humility and service. His divine calling was expressed not only in the life of prayer but in every act of charity, love and service. He devoted himself to the spiritual nourishment of others, offering not only knowledge but also divine wisdom and guidance rooted in God's love.

As an educator and guide, Ansaldo motivated those entrusted to him to learn the art of living in grace and sharing the same with grace and humility. For Ansaldo, the greatest act of fulfillment was not in seeking self-glory or status, but in embracing a life of service to others, manifesting Christ's love through humble service. In his unwavering commitment to live the virtues of Christ - compassion, charity, and self-sacrifice - Ansaldo became a living vessel of divine love, an instrument of grace in a world that was in need of healing.

The Spiritual Echo of Divine Grace

Ansaldo's life, marked by grace, service, and divine humility, left an indelible mark on all who encountered him. Through his example, he demonstrated that grace is not merely an abstract concept, but a transformative power that takes root in the heart and flows outward into the world. His life became a living reflection of the love of God, inspiring others to recognize and embrace their own divine vocations.

Ansaldo's legacy continues to resonate as a powerful call to those who seek to live lives of faith, devotion, and service. Through his example, we are reminded that divine grace is not confined to the past but continues to work in our lives today, inviting us to embrace our own unique vocations with humility and love.

Conclusion

The life of Michael Ansaldo, born in Messina on September 29, 1739, is a divine testament to the transformative power of grace. From his early years in the sacred city of Messina, to his sacred response to God's calling to enter the Jesuit novitiate, Ansaldo's life exemplified the essence of divine vocation - an unwavering commitment to God's will, an embrace of grace, and a life of humble service to others. Through his legacy, we are reminded that true greatness does not lie in worldly achievement, but in the life devoted to love, grace, and service to the divine. Ansaldo's life calls us to reflect on the grace that is present in our own lives, inviting us to recognize that we too, have a divine calling - one that leads us to fulfillment not through human accomplishments, but through a life lived in obedience to the will of God, marked by grace, humility, and devotion. The influence of a good teacher can never be erased.

To be continued.....



Feast Day of Our Sisters



May



S.No.	Ad.No	Name	Date
1.	613	Sr. S. Malarkodi @Anastasia	02
2.	687	Sr. T. Reetha Mary	22
3.	812	D. Rita Mary	22
4.	894	Sr. M.Reetha Mary	22
5.	580	Sr.A.Sagaya Mary	24
6.	702	Sr. Sagaya Rani	24
7.	807	Sr.K. Jancy Sagaya Mary	24
8.	822	Sr.V. Ethalpet @Arul Sagaya Ethelpet	24
9.	896	Sr. A. Sahaya Rusmi Pappa	24
10.	658	Sr. S. Jona Maria Selvi	30
11.	581	Sr. S. Gnanammal	Holy Spirit

June

S.No.	Ad.No	Name	Date
1.	618	Sr. A. Antony Maria Jansi	13
2.	876	Sr. K. Antoniammal	13
3.	954	Sr. P.Antoniammal	13
4.	968	Sr. P. Antonyamml (Vellai Roja)	13
5.	857	Sr.G.Jasmine	15
6.	361	Sr.M. Louisa	21
7.	437	Sr.A. Anthony Gnana Mary @ Gnana Mary	21
8.	508	Sr. T. Josephine Aloysius Povaneswari	21
9.	839	Sr. S. Sebastin Louis Sumathi	21
10.	834	Sr.S.Mary Lathika Vijai @ Aloysiya Mary	21
11.	1028	Sr. J. Gnanamani	21
12.	259	Sr. V. Baptista Mary	24
13.	770	Sr. A. John Dayana	24
14.	315	Sr.A. Mary Pauline	29
15.	571	Sr. T. Indra @ Mary Pauline Indra	29
16.	411	Sr. S. Irudaya Mary	Sacred Heart
17.	509	Sr.L. Irudaya Mary	Sacred Heart
18.	708	Sr. R. Irudaya Rani	Sacred Heart
19.	1035	Sr. Irutheya Delphine	Sacred Heart

HEARTY

CONGRATULATIONS

"International Women's Day was celebrated in Tirunelveli district, where the Singapenne Award was presented to social service workers by the Global Law Foundation. This award recognized the dedication of our sisters, particularly their care for the mentally ill and their efforts to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the home. On this occasion, "Osanam Anbu Illam" of ours at Nanguneri was honored with the "Singapenne Award" at the Tamil Nadu level. Rev.Sr.Marthammal from Ozanam Anbu Ilam, Nanguneri, participated in the ceremony and received the award."

The Congregation is proud of the services of our sisters at Nanguneri. Hearty congratulations to one and all at Osanam Anbu Illam.



Rev. Sr. Marthammal

First Vows



Dear Sisters,

Today, as you make your first profession of vows, we stand with you in awe and gratitude, marvelling at the beautiful journey you have embraced. This moment is a profound expression of your love for God, your unwavering faith, and your commitment to a life of prayer, service, and compassion.

Your "Yes" is not just a vow, but a radiant witness of God's faithfulness and grace. As you take this sacred step, may you always feel His presence guiding you, nurturing your hearts, and deepening your love for Him and His people. The road you have chosen is one of selfless love, and through your vocation, you will touch lives, heal wounded hearts, and bring light to the world in darkness.

Know that you are held in prayer by all who walk with you in spirit, and we rejoice with you as you begin this beautiful chapter. Your first profession is a testimony to the divine love that calls each of us, and it will inspire others to hear and respond to their own call with courage and confidence.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you with His peace, joy, and strength, as you surrender your heart entirely to Him. And as you live out your vows, may His love pour through you, touching the lives of all whom you serve.

GOLDEN JUBILEE



"To bring good news to the poor, to set free the oppressed" Lk. 4:18

 **Invitation** 

"Accompanying the Poor, in the Light of Christ and in the Footsteps of our Founder"

Golden Jubilee

With profound joy and gratitude to God, We, the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (FSAG), extend our invitation to you to cherish the blissful moments and share in the joyous celebration.

Eucharistic Celebration Presided by
Rev. Fr. A.J. Philomindoss
Procurator
Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore

May
Saturday 17 11.00 a.m
2025

FSAG Generalate - No.6, St. Ange Street, Puducherry 605 001.

Gonzaga daughter in fellowship with Francis of Assisi


Mother. M. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG
Superior General & Team

Dear Beloved Sisters

Congratulations as you turn 50 in the Congregation !

YOU are our GOLD!!

Fifty years of devoted service is a remarkable journey of grace, sacrifice, and faith. Your steadfast commitment to God has not only shaped your own life but deeply impacted the Church and the Community around you.

As you celebrate this milestone, know that your love and dedication continue to inspire both your fellow Sisters and the younger generation.

May this Jubilee be a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewed strength. Your life of faith is a shining witness that will continue to guide and inspire for years to come.



FINAL PROFESSION



"To bring good news to the poor, to set free the oppressed" Lk. 4:18

Invitation
*"Accompanying the Poor, in the Light of Christ
 and in the Footsteps of our Founder"*

FINAL PROFESSION

We, the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Puducherry,
 With hearts overflowing in gratitude and joy to the Almighty,
 most humbly and graciously invite you to join us
 in celebrating a moment of divine grace
 to honour with us these cherished blessings,
 and to partake in the profound joy of this sacred occasion.

Eucharistic celebration will be solemnized by
MOST. REV. DR. FRANCIS KALIST
 Archbishop of Puducherry - Cuddalore

May 19 6.15 a.m
2025

Immaculate Conception Cathedral
 204, Mission Street, Puducherry - 605 001.

Gonzaga daughter in fellowship with Francis of Assisi

Mother. M. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG
 Superior General & Team

Dear Loving Sisters

With heartfelt joy and reverence, I congratulate you on the joyous occasion of your Final Profession. Today marks the fulfilment of years of prayer, discernment, and devotion as you give your life fully and surrender totally to God. In embracing your vocation, you become a living witness to His boundless love, mercy, and grace.

Your profession is more than a promise—it is a powerful testament to a life surrendered to God's will. Through your example, you inspire others on the path to holiness.

May Christ's love strengthen you daily, and may His peace and grace guide you always. You are in our prayers as we celebrate this beautiful milestone in your journey.



NECROLOGY

We offer our sincerest condolences to our dear sisters and the members of their bereaved families who have lost their beloved ones this February. May we unite in prayer, entrusting the departed souls to the Lord's eternal care, and may He bring peace, strength, and solace to those mourning their loss.

Mr. S. Gnanabaranam	- Father of Rev. Sr. Merlin Thesala, FSAG (Jhajjar-Haryana)
Mrs. Rigo Mary Souris	- Cousin of Rev. Sr. Agnes Earnest Vimala, FSAG
Mr. Jebamalai	- Father of Rev. Sr. Anjala Mary, FSAG
Mrs. Elizabeth Rani	- Mother of Rev. Sr. Baska, FSAG
Mr. C. Joseph	- Maternal Uncle of Rev. Sr. Rex
Mr. Arul	- Father of Rev. Sr. Lourdu Mary
Sr. Mary Clarita	- Sister of Rev. Sr. Irene.
Mr. Shanmugam	- Brother in law of Rev. Sr. V. Josephine
Mr. Aruldass	- Brother of Rev. Sr. Josepheen Mary
Mr. Antonyswamy	- Father of Rev. Sr. Vijaya rani
Mrs. Jothimani	- Sister in-law of Rev. Sr. Alphonse



REV. SR. I. AMALAJOTHI

Date of Birth : 15.10.1956

Place of Birth : K. M. Kottai

Parents : Mr. Ignatius Manickam, Mrs. Lilly

First Vows : 23.05.1977

Final Vows : 20.05.1983

Age : 69

Apostolate : Teacher

Ministries at : She was a faithful servant who touched countless lives through her ministry in places like Rapur, Venkatagiri, Olagankathan, Thensiruvallur, Karanur, Vettavalam, Odiyathur, Infant Jesus Convent, and Sugantham. Her love, compassion, and unwavering commitment to God's work brought light to many hearts.

Though she is no longer with us, her legacy of faith, kindness, and service will live on. She ran her race with grace—Heaven has gained a beautiful soul.

Eternal life : 26.02.2025



REV. SR. A. JAMES MARY

Date of Birth : 15.02.1953

Place of Birth : Chettiyapatty, Dindigul

Parents : Mr. Arockia Samy, Mrs. Savarinayagam

First Vows : 24.05.1975

Final Vows : 20.05.1981

Age : 72

Apostolate : Social Worker / Teacher

Ministries at : She is no more—but her spirit lives on, gently woven into the fabric of every place she served: Thalaiyuthu to Dharapuram, Puducherry to Tindivanam, Nanguneri to Gunadala. In Uppalam's quiet mornings, Podalakur's humble streets, and Manginipudi's breeze-kissed shores, her presence lingers. In Begumpet, Mylavaram, Sulanagar, Nambur, and Sugantham, she didn't just pass through—she gave, she healed, she loved. Though her footsteps have stilled, her legacy echoes in every life she touched. A soul so selfless never truly leaves us.

Eternal life : 22.03.2025



Wishing the Superior General and the team

