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“அஞ்சாதீர்கள், இதோ, எல்லா மக்களுக்கும் பெரும் மகிழ்ச்சியுடும் நற்செய்தியை உங்களுக்கு அறிவிக்கின்றேன்”. லூக்.2:10

அன்பார்ந்த அன்னையர்களை, சகோதரிகளை!

நற்செய்தியாக பூவுலகு வந்த பூபாலன் இயேசுவின் பிறந்த நாள் வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றேன். வானதூதர் அன்று, ‘அஞ்சாதீர்கள்’ - அமைதி, வளமான வாழ்வு, பேரொளியைக் காண்பீர்கள் என்ற ஆறுதல் செய்தியைக் கொடுத்தார். ‘எல்லா மக்களுக்கும்’ - அகில உலகம் முழுவதற்கும் இயேசுவின் பிறப்பு ஒரு நற்செய்தி, வேறுபாடன்றி எல்லாரும் சொந்தம் கொண்டாட உரிமை என்ற செய்தியைத் தந்தார். ‘பெரும் மகிழ்ச்சி’ - ‘மெசியா’ என்னும் மீட்பர் எல்லாருக்கும் விடுதலைக் கொடுப்பவராக பிறந்திருக்கிறார் என்ற மகிழ்ச்சியை அறிவித்தார்.

‘நமக்காக பிறந்திருக்கிறார்’ - தந்தை கடவுள் அன்பு கொடையாக தம் மகனை தரணிக்குத் தந்தார். இறைமகன் மனிதனானதால் கடவுளின் பிள்ளைகளாகும் புனித உறவு மலர்ந்தது. ‘அப்பா’ என்று உரிமையுடன் அழைக்கும் புதிய உறவு உறுதி பெற்றது. இம்மானுவேலாக நம்மோடு இருக்க ஒரு குழந்தை கன்னி மரியின் மகனாக நமக்காக பிறந்திருக்கிறார்.

இயேசு பிறந்த செய்தி இடையர்களுக்குத் தான் முதன் முதல் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது. இடையர்கள் மகிழ்ச்சி செய்தியைக் கேட்டவுடனே அங்கிருந்து விரைந்து சென்றனர். ஆண்டவரை முதன் முதல் மண்டியிட்டு ஆராதித்தனர். வானதூதர் கூட்டம் நற்செய்தி கொண்டு வந்த தூதருடன் சேர்ந்து ‘உன்னதத்தில் கடவுளுக்கு மாட்சி உரித்தாகுக! உலகில் அவருக்கு உகந்தோருக்கு அமைதி உண்டாகுக!’ என்று கடவுளைக் புகழ்ந்தது.

இடையர்கள் மனிதர்களுக்கு தூரமானவர்கள், ஏழைகள், நாற்றமடிப்பவர்கள், தீண்டத்தகாதவர்கள். ஆனால் இறைவனுக்கு நெருக்கமானவர்கள் எளிமையின் அடையாளங்கள், தாழ்ச்சியின் வடிவங்கள், அப்பாவிகள், குழந்தை மனம் கொண்ட இடையர்கள் ஆண்டவரை ஆராதித்து விட்டு தாம் கண்டதையும், கேட்டதையும் வழிநெடுக போற்றி புகழ்ந்து கொண்டே சென்றனர்.

இவர்களே ஆண்டவரைப் பற்றி அறிவிக்க உலகுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட முதல் அப்போஸ்தலர்கள். சமுதாயத்தால் புறந்தள்ளப்பட்ட ஏழை எளிய இடையர் குல மக்களை மையத்திற்கு கொண்டு வந்து தனது உடனிருப்பை வெளிப்படுத்தினார். இடையர்களும் மனிதர்களாக மதிக்கப்பட வேண்டும் என்ற உயர்ந்த செய்தியை தந்தார். மாக்களாக நடத்தப்பட்ட மனிதர்கள் இயேசுவின் பிறப்பால் மாண்புபெற்றனர்.

பாலஸ்தீன் நாட்டின் தென்பகுதியில் எருசலேமுக்குத் தெற்கே சுமார் 8 கி.மீ தூரத்தில் பெத்லகேம் உள்ளது. இயேசு பிறந்த பெத்லகேம் குகைக்கு சுமார் 2 கி.மீ. தூரத்தில் மிக்தால் ஏதர் என்ற இடத்தில் சமவெளியான புல்தரை இருந்தது. அது ரூத்தின் நிலம் என்று அழைக்கப்பட்டது. போவாசு அங்கு தான் விவசாயம் செய்தார். பிற்காலத்தில் விளைச்சல் இல்லாமல் புல்தரை ஆயிற்று. அங்கு இடையர்கள் ஆடுகளை மேய்த்து வந்தனர். அந்த சூழலில் தான் இயேசுவின் பிறப்பு செய்தி இடையர்களுக்கு அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது. தற்போது இங்கு அரேபிய இன இஸ்லாமியரும், கிறிஸ்தவர்களும் வாழ்ந்து வருகின்றனர். எனவே அரேபிய மொழியில் அவ்வூர் பெயித் சாகோர் என்று அழைக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.



அன்றைய இடையர்களுக்கு மட்டுமல்ல இந்த நற்செய்தி இன்றும், நாளையும், எல்லா காலங்களுக்கும், எல்லாருக்கும் அறிவிக்கப்பட்ட நம்பிக்கைச் செய்தி. இதனை ஆண்டு தோறும் கொண்டாடி மகிழ்கிறோம். இறைமகன் இவ்வுலக வரலாற்றில் மனிதராகப் பிறந்தார், வளர்ந்தார், வாழ்ந்தார், பாடுபட்டார், இறந்தார், உயித்தார், மீண்டும் வருவார் என்ற மறையண்மையை ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் திருப்பலியில் கொண்டாடி வருகின்றோம். ஆனால் இயேசுவின் உண்மையான மதிப்பீடுகள் இன்னும் வாழ்வாக்கப்படவில்லை. இன்றைய சமுதாயத்தில், நம்முடைய வாழ்வில் பல முரண்பாடுகள் உள்ளன. பணம், பதவி, பட்டம் மட்டுமே மனித வாழ்வின் உயர்வான மதிப்பீடு, பெருளாதார உயர்வு தான் உன்னத வாழ்வு என்ற ஒரு சூழல் உள்ளது.



தீவிரவாதம், வன்கொடுமை, போர், நில ஆக்கிரமிப்பு, மதகலவரத்தால் மக்கள் படும்பாடுகளையும் மற்றும் உடல் நலமின்மை, பிரிவினைகள், வகுப்பு வாதம், தனிமை, மனிதரை மனிதர் வெறுத்தல், தன்னலம், ஒருவரையொருவர் கெடுத்தல், வஞ்சித்தல் போன்றவைகளால் மக்கள் படும் இன்னல்களையும் மற்றும் ஏழைகள், அனாதைகள், கைவிடப்பட்டவர்கள், தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்கள், ஒடுக்கப்பட்டவர்கள், புலம்பெயர்ந்தோர் போன்றவர்கள் பூமியில் புகலிடம் தேடி அலைவதையும் பார்த்து பரிதவிப்பார். மனம் வேதனைப்படுவார். ஏற்கெனவே நாட்டின் நிலையை, மக்களின் மனநிலையை, ஏழை எளியவரின் இழிநிலையை கண்டு இரத்தவியர்வை கொட்டியவர். தீமையையும், சாவையும் வெற்றிக்கொண்ட ஆண்டவர் இந்த கழலில் 25.12.2023 பிறந்த நாள் கொண்டாட வரும் போது.....

ஆபிரகாம் சோதோமுக்காக ஆண்டவரிடம் மன்றாடினார். இறுதியாக பத்து நீதிமாண்கள் மட்டும் இருந்தால் அழிக்காமல் விடுவீரோ! என்று கேட்க, கடவுள் அந்த பத்துபேரை முன்னிட்டு அழிக்காமட்டேன் என்றவுடன் அபிரகாம் மனம் நொந்து பேச்சை முடித்துக்கொண்டார். அதுபோல் இயேசு பாலன் நம்மைப்பார்த்து கேட்பார். நாம்.....

'நல்லார் ஒருவர் உளரேல் அவர் பொருட்டு எல்லார்க்கும் பெய்யும் மழை' - மூதுரை 10 என்ற பாடல் வரிகளுக்கேற்ப நல்லோராகிடவும் ஆண்டவர் விரும்பும் நீதிமாண்களாகிடவும் இயேசுவாக மாறிட வேண்டும். அவராக வாழ்ந்திட வேண்டும். அவருக்கு உகந்தவர்களாக செயல்பட வேண்டும். இயேசுவாக பிரதிபலிக்க இயலாவிட்டாலும் தாழ்ச்சியை ஆடையாகவும், எளிய மனதை மார்பு கவசமாகவும் கொண்டு வாழ்ந்த இடையர்களைப் போலாவது குறைந்த பட்சம் வாழ முயற்சி செய்ய வேண்டும்.

அன்று இடையர்கள் பெற்ற மீட்பு செய்தியை இன்று தேவையில் இருக்கும் ஏழை எளிய மக்கள், நமது நிறுவனங்களில் பணி புரிபவர்கள், நம்மை கழ்ந்து வாழும் மக்கள், நம்மையே நம்பி இருக்கும் ஆதரவற்ற காப்பக குழந்தைகள், மாணவர்கள் பெற வேண்டும் அவர்கள் மத்தியில் இயேசு வாழ்வாக்கப்பட பணிபுரிவோம். அவர்களின் நலனில் அக்கறை கொண்டு, வளர்ச்சியில் உடனிருப்போம். இயேசு மனிதராக நம்மோடு இணைந்து வாழ செயல்படுவோம். கடவுள் நம்மீது காட்டும் பேரன்பில் சிறிதளவாவது பிறருக்கு கொடுப்போம். நம்பிக்கையும், மகிழ்ச்சியும், அமைதியும் இயேசுவின் பிறப்பில் அனைவரும் பெற்றிட வழிசெய்வோம். முயற்சி செய்வோம்.

இயேசுவின் பிறப்பு நம்முடைய வார்த்தைகளில் உண்மையாக்கப்பட்டவும், வாழ்வு பணிகளில் உயிரோட்டம் பெறவும் சிந்தித்து செயல்பட நம்மை அழைக்கிறது. கடவுளிடமிருந்து பெற்ற கொடைகளுக்கு நன்றி கூறுவதோடு அவற்றை மற்றவர்களோடு பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளும் தாராள உள்ளமும் வேண்டும் என்று குழந்தை இயேசு கிறிஸ்மஸ் அன்பளிப்பாய் கேட்கின்றார்.

கிறிஸ்மஸ் பெருவிழா,

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and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

2024

Dear Superiors and Sisters

It makes me immensely happy to offer you ALL, hearty Greetings on the occasion when the Almighty was born in the shape of a tiny Baby called Jesus!

The Angel on that Silent Night declared...

“Be not afraid” - The Angel declared to the Shepherds that they would find peace and prosperity!

“To all the People” - All, irrespective of the diversity, have the right to celebrate the Birth of Jesus !!

“Great Joy” - The Angel proclaimed the happy tidings that the 'Messiah, a Saviour' was born to liberate all !!!

“The Messiah is born for us” - God the Father gave us His only Son as the precious gift to humanity. At the birth of the Son of God as a Baby, the holy relationship of becoming the Children of God bloomed and the right to call Him as “Father” became established for eternity. In order to be with us i.e. Immanuel, a Baby was born as the Son of Mary.

The tidings of the birth of Jesus was announced first to the Shepherds, who after hearing this, went in haste to Bethlehem. They knelt down and worshiped the Lord! “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased'” (Lk 2 : 14).

The Shepherds were, for the people of higher societal order, those to be kept at a distance since they were economically poor, stinking with the smell of the sheep and defiled. But they were the ones close to God, the icons of simplicity, and the simpletons. The Shepherds with the mind of a child, after adoring the Lord, “returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen” (Lk 2: 20).

Those were the first apostles who were sent to proclaim the Lord who in turn brought the ostracized Shepherds from the peripheries to the center of the societal order and manifested his presence with them and proclaimed that the Shepherds also have the right to be treated with dignity. Human beings who were treated as beasts, attained their dignity at the Birth of Jesus.

Bethlehem is located at the southern part of Palestine, 8 KM, to the South of the city of Jerusalem. 2 KM away from the cave where Jesus was born, was a plain with pastures called, Mikthal Ether. It was considered to be the Land of Ruth and it was there, Boas was cultivating Wheat. In due course of time, due to non-farming, it became a pasture to the cattle. The message of the Birth of Jesus was announced to the Shepherds when they were tending their flock of sheep on this land. At present the Muslims and Christians live here. Therefore, it is called in Arabic 'Beith sahor'.

The happy news was announced not only to those Shepherds but also to the whole of humanity of all ethnicity and all times. This we commemorate, re-enact and celebrate every year. At every Eucharist, we celebrate the mystical fact that the Son of God was born in human History, grew up, lived, suffered, died, came back to life and will come again. However, the values of Jesus still remain just theories and have not become events of daily life. In the current societal scenario one can easily trace contradictions between what we belief and profess and what we practice. There exists today a situation where wealth, status and titles are regarded as the highest human values and only economic prosperity defines the dignity of human life.



He who comes to live with us, will suffer observing Terrorism, Human Abuse, War, Terrorism in the name of Religion, Ill Health, Social Division, Loneliness, Hatred against each other, Selfishness, Deceiving the Other as well as the deplorable conditions of the Poor, the Orphans, the Abandoned, the Suppressed and the Oppressed and the Migrants. He has already shed his blood observing the state of the Nations, and the appalling state of living of the People from the lower strata of the society of his time. When, the Lord who won over evil and death, comes to celebrate his 2024th Birthday...

Abraham prayed to the Almighty for the city of Sodom. However, when Abraham asked God whether He would spare the City of Sodom if there were only Ten righteous persons in it, and when God promised him that he would not destroy the city if He were to find at least Ten persons, Abraham concluded his arguments with God. In the same way, the Baby of Bethlehem will ask us. We...

"If there were to be one righteous person, it will rain for the sake of that person" (Jiu 10). In order that all will become good and righteous persons, all should become not only like Jesus but also Jesus. Even if we cannot reflect Jesus, let us live as the Shepherds who clothed themselves with humility and girded themselves with simplicity as their armor.

The message of salvation that was given to the Shepherds must be made available today to the poor, to those who serve in our Institutions, those who live with us, the Children who live in our Homes and the Students. Let us serve in a manner that Jesus may be made tangible to them. Let us strive that Jesus may live with us as a human being. Let us take efforts to share at least a bit of the love that we offer to the Almighty. Let us endeavour that all may enjoy, in the Birth of Jesus, hope, happiness and peace.

We are called that the Birth of Jesus may made a reality in our lives and may be enlivened through our life and service. Jesus born in Bethlehem asks from us as the Birthday Present the attitude to be grateful to God for all that we have received from God and the generosity to share with others.

May the Festivity of the Birth of the Baby of Bethlehem...

Grant Happiness to our Hearth and Heart!

Grant Peace to the Nations and World!

Grant Hope to all those who await the Good News!

Grant us the Prosperity to celebrate with purity of Heart!

May through the intercession of Mary

The Blessing of Baby Jesus fill the whole Earth!



*Hearty Greetings & Wishes at the Festivity of Nativity
the Beginning of the New Year 2024!*



Yours in Christ

Sr. Rajamani

**Rev. Mother G. Rajamani, FSAG
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Generalate

“Gonzaga Lay Collaborators fest”

On 10 November 2023, the Vazhvagam shrine was in festal mode and the traditional decorations added beauty to the celebration. The day started with, eucharistic celebration at 11.30 am. Rev. Mother G. Rajamani, welcomed Most. Rev. Thomas presided by Paulsamy, Bishop of Dindigul honoring with shawl and bouquet. Along with General and Provincial administrative team members, Rev. Fr. Xavier Rak, and Rev. Sr. Gracy, Evangelization councilor, welcomed the gathering. Then the mass started with the candle procession along with the candle procession. Five of the lay collaborators welcomed Bishop, celebrants, and the participants, with Poorna Kumba Harathi, and lighting of the lamp. After the homily, the lay collaborators, made their oaths, and the oath promise was received by Rev. Mother Rajamani, in the presence of everyone. Then, the Bishop said confirmation prayer followed by the Holy Spirit Song, and the collaborators signed in their



bond paper. At the end of the eucharistic celebration, Rev. Sr. Dennis Mary, Provincial councilor of Shalom Province, proposed vote of thanks and honored them with shawl. The day came to an end with grand agape and presenting a memento.

CRI Pondicherry - Cuddalore

Annual Day and Christmas Celebration

The Annual Day and Christmas celebrations of the Religious working in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore was held at the Petit Seminaire Higher Secondary School campus on 10 December 2023. Around 400 Religious gathered together as a family to thank God for the year-long blessings of God and to celebrate their religious commitment.



The Programme began with a prayer dance followed by a special prayer and blessing of the statue of Infant Jesus and the crib by Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist, the Archbishop of Pondicherry – Cuddalore.

Fr. Nithiya the CRI President welcomed the audience especially the Superior General Rev. Mother G. Rajamani and highlighted the Human

Rights, linking with the birth of Jesus and the obligations of the religious to re-live the incarnational message of Christmas. Most Rev. Francis Kalist delivered the Presidential Address focusing on the commitment of the Religious towards the poor and the marginalized.

Along with all the representatives of all the Religious Congregations of the Archdiocese, the Archbishop and the Episcopal Vicar Fr. Balraj SDB cut the cake while the Santa Claus danced and distributed sweets...

Sr. A. Salomi Rani, Secretary General, Puducherry



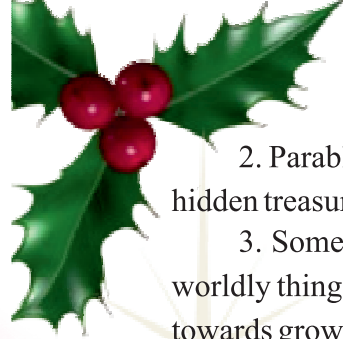
Annual Retreat

On the Eve of 28th September 2023 we 35 Sisters began the Annual Retreat and Rev. Sr. Ann Christila Priyadarshini introduced Rev. Fr. Dolphin Sequeira SDB, the Preacher, to the gathering and the preacher welcomed each one of us and divided the Sisters into 5 groups and he gave the responsibilities especially to conduct the prayers everyday creatively. The Annual Retreat started with the theme “Health and Wellness”. The full inner meaning of the topic completely unfolded the real understanding that health and spiritual growth are very essential for religious life. In order to prove this the preacher began to teach us some Varmas and important exercises to get rid of our physical illness. During these days we were stimulated to think about our past experience and to go to the roots of our

Congregation. In order to get back to our culture the following points were given for reflection.

1. We are called for a higher life and when we realize the will of God, we can experience that our very being is something special. So, we have to empty ourselves before God and always accept our weaknesses.





2. Parables of mustard seed, pearl and yeast emphasizes to surrender everything in order to get the hidden treasure.

3. Sometimes we are living in the reel world rather than real world, because we accumulate the worldly things. When we reflect and realize on the past and find ourselves nowhere and then we journey towards growth in life. If we fail to reflect on the past experience and don't realize, then that life would be sheer waste; the history which is not reflected on, will repeat itself in our lives. St. Theresa of Avila said that we have to see Jesus within us after receiving the Holy Body/ Blood because it's only after receiving the Holy Communion we become a living tabernacle. We are wounded people and we need healing. We have to see everyone beyond their body.

Jesus saw the harlots and their prostitutes beyond their body; when people wanted to stone her and when Jesus said that only those who have not committed any sin could stone her. We are called to open our inner eyes to help the people around. We are called to be followers of Jesus and in order to be followers of Jesus we should understand the purpose of living. "Individual commitment" in a group effort to achieve the goal is what makes a teamwork a company work, a society work, a civilization work." We should follow certain steps to achieve success in our teamwork i.e. we should be...

- Prepared
- Synchronized
- Unfiled
- Engaged
- Common goal oriented
- Focused
- Dedicated



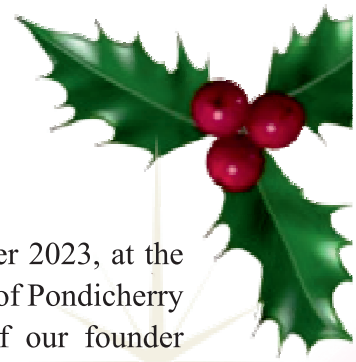
When Jesus healed a paralytic man, many people believed in him and began to follow him. We are also paralyzed in many ways:

- ✠ When we fail to think positively
- ✠ When we refuse to help others
- ✠ When we fail to understand others
- ✠ When we discourage ourselves to do the ministry
- ✠ When we give more importance to our desires etc.

The parable of the Prodigal Son, Lost Coin and Lost Sheep tell us the real happiness. When we surrender ourselves fully to God as we are, then we can feel the real happiness. Reconciliation means going back to God by being free from our own weakness.

Soon after the talk we had the Sacrament of Reconciliation which was deeply meaningful. On 1 October 2023, we renewed our vows during the holy Eucharistic celebration. Our Annual Retreat came to an end with the profound gratitude to everyone. Rev. Sr. Chella Regina Mary proposed the vote of thanks. On 2 October 2023, we went to Ooty for sight-seeing. We expressed our sincere gratitude our Mother General and her Team for arranging this spectacular and beautiful place for the Annual Retreat.

**Sr. A. Rushmi, Sr. M. Reetha Mary
Pagalpatti & Sugantham**



All Soul's Day

All Souls Day Holy Mass was celebrated on 2 November 2023, at the Parish Church by Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist the Archbishop of Pondicherry & Cuddalore. The commemoration of heavenly birthday of our founder Servant of God Michel Ansaldo made this celebration a special one. In his homily, the Archbishop mentioned about the importance of All Souls Day, recalling the feast of All Saints Day on the previous day.

He mentioned about the three categories of Church. They are the Victorious Church, the Suffering Church and Pilgrim Church.

1. Victorious Church: This is the Church where the righteous people in the Church lived their lives in the righteous way and glorified God by their lives and they are raised to status of sainthood.

2. Suffering Church: This is the people who lived their lives here on earth and did not change their evils ways of live and died. Because of their sins, they were not able to reach God. So, we consider them as the Suffering Church. They cannot do anything for themselves.

3. Pilgrim Church: All the people living in the world who are journeying towards God comprise the Pilgrim Church. The Victorious Church and Pilgrim Church should offer prayers for the Suffering Church every day. They are waiting for our prayer to attain heaven and to be with God. Death is a mystery and it is very difficult to understand. One does not know when and how one's death will occur in one's life. We will never know about it. Everyone who journeys in this world will die one day. Our faith is that Jesus rose from the dead. When we live with him, we also go through death and will rise with him and live with him forever.

We know about birth and death very well, because we witness everyday that is happening in and around us. But to know about our resurrection is difficult. We die but we have never seen someone who rose again. But sometimes we can understand this mystery. When we pray for the dead people, when offer Holy Mass for the departed souls, we believe that they go to Christ.

After that, all the Sisters in the Generalate visited both the cemeteries at Uppalam and prepared the graves well. Rev. Fr. Rayappan the Parish Priest of Uppalam blessed all the graves and prayed for the departed souls. All the Sisters in Pondicherry, participated in this celebration and prayed for all their respected Superiors and Sisters who passed away.

Feast of Ansaldo - Cottage Day

On the Feast Day of our Founder, Servant of God Ansaldo, Rev. Fr. Rosario the Parish Priest and Fr. Peter Rajendren the Spiritual Director together celebrated the Holy Mass in the Provincial House. In his homily the Parish Priest cited the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep; so also, the Sisters, work hard for them,



sacrificing their lives for them, leading them. So how are you going to pay back for their goodness to you? It is by earning good names by their lives they can payback for their goodness to them. It is by studying well, it is by learning good qualities and by living good lives that they can payback for their goodness to them. The opportunities that they enjoy here, the Children outside do not get them.



The Sisters from the neighbouring Communities also participated in the celebration. Soon after the Holy Mass, all of us gathered before the image of our Founder Servant of God Ansaldo and cut the cake and happily enjoyed the moments. The Vice-Provincial Superior wished all the Hostel Children and gave them some directions for their lives. All the Children were wished by the Sisters and were all given sweets and thus the celebration came to an end with short prayers.

Sr. A. Salomi Rani, Secretary General, Puducherry

Training Experience At IVDP

The creation of a Women's Self-Help Group (SHG) transcends mere individual formation; it marks the genesis of a new society. Our placement in the IVDP for a Three-month Training was indeed a privilege, providing invaluable practical knowledge crucial for initiating SHGs in our local context.

Collaborating with dedicated IVDP Staff, we delved into SHG dynamics, gaining insights and tips that shaped our understanding. The initial 15 days involved Field Visits to observe group meetings, assess savings, and understand loan processes. Extensive Village Visits revealed the meticulous process of forming new groups, showcasing noticeable transformations in the lives of SHG members and fostering a systematic approach.

The subsequent fifteen days were dedicated to software exploration, encompassing data entry, day book maintenance, and loan procedures. Additional time spent in the Office allowed for the systematic absorption of wealth of knowledge. Our participation in Cancer Awareness Programmes underscored the importance of humanity in society.

Understanding procedures and attending monthly review meetings enriched our perspective, aiding in adopting ideas, methods, and overcoming obstacles in forming new groups. The experience also included learning the intricacies of applying for loans from the Bank.

Interacting with the SHG Members unveiled a genuine concern and sympathetic approach towards those facing financial difficulties. The willingness of SHG Members to include individuals in need, extending access to credit, and supporting each other in times of financial strain reflected remarkable humanitarian values. The foundation of mutual trust and financial transparency emerged as crucial for societal development.





The commitment and dedication exhibited by IVDP Staff, coupled with inspiration from the Founder of the Organization, who not only earned respect for contributions to society but also led a meaningful life in service to others, left a lasting impression on us. Learning from such exemplary figures served as a motivating catalyst for contemplating our own SHG placement in the future.

We express our gratitude to the Superior General for selecting us for this training opportunity and extend sincere thanks to our Provincial Superiors for their unwavering care and support throughout this transformative Three-month journey. We are committed to applying the knowledge and values gained for the betterment of our Congregation, ensuring that the experiences from IVDP will shape our future ministry.

Sr. Y. J. Angel Jansi Rani, Sr. S. Parisutha Nithiya and Sr. C. H. Uma, Krishnagiri

A Journey with St. Francis

With sincere gratitude, we tertians express our thanks to our beloved Mother General and the entire team for granting us the opportunity to undertake a four-month intensive spiritual course at the Franciscan Institute of Spirituality, India (FISI) in Bangalore.

Spiritual Formation:

During our stay at Shanthi Sadhana Institute of Spirituality, we immersed ourselves in regular prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and Lectio Divina. The Eucharist and Marian devotion enriched our faith experience, complemented by monthly recollections on Franciscan themes and sacraments of reconciliation.

Academic Formation:

The course covered Sacred Scripture, Old and New Testament Spirituality, the spirituality of Francis and Clare, religious life, media education, eco-spirituality, Vipassana meditation, and Charism sharing with various congregations. Interactions with Fathers and sisters from different Franciscan families fostered harmony, while enjoyable moments, games, and recreations provided balance. Delving into St. Francis's letters, exploring religious vows, studying Psalms, understanding the divine office, and familiarizing ourselves with Pope Francis's encyclicals enriched our academic journey.

Human Formation:

The four-month course instilled values of community life, love





for Jesus, ecological sensitivity, simplicity, and encouragement to develop personal gifts. Director's meetings and dialogues with students, accompanied by staff, contributed to our human growth.

We express our deep gratitude for the multifaceted journey of spiritual, intellectual, and fraternal growth.

The library, rich with Franciscan books, aided our assignments, resumes, and thesis writing. We appreciate the experiences and knowledge gained during this transformative period.

Our stay at Shanthi Sadhana, Institute of Spirituality, was unforgettable. We thank the Mother General and her team for this golden opportunity.

Sr. Jeslin, Sr. Jyothi, Sr. Pastina, Sr. Nisha, Bangalore, FISl

Formation Desk

“The vocation is truly a treasure that God places in the hearts of some men, chosen by Him and called to follow Him in this special state of life. I am pleased to provide a summary of my recent activities for the past three months from Formation Desk.

From October 9th to October 15th, 2023, I facilitated Major and Minor Prophets classes for 1st-year novices at Tindivanam. The novices actively participated in the sessions, and assignments were given to enhance their understanding of the topics. The Major and Minor Prophets classes served as a valuable opportunity for the novices to deepen their religious knowledge and spiritual insight. I am confident that the knowledge gained during these classes will contribute to their personal and spiritual Development.



On October 17th, 2023, I, on behalf of the SuperiorGeneral, along with Generalate community sisters, Sugantham community sisters, Animation center community sisters, Geriatric home community sisters, shalom province community sisters from Pondicherry attended the Funeral service of Rev. Fr. Swamiji Louis. He served as the caretaker, spiritual director, and mentor of our congregation. We paid tribute to his mortal body, expressing gratitude for his dedicated service.

On October 18th, 2023, I, along with the General Procurator, General Secretary, and Superior of Generalate community, attended the housewarming ceremony of Pavithram (Geetha Bakery) on behalf of our congregation, we offered prayers for the family Member and Blessed them. We presented gifts and our best wishes to mark the occasion.

On October 20th, 2023, the General Procurator and I participated in the Function at Infant Jesus cottage Pondicherry. Our Adopted Daughter Mrs. Motcham and her husband, Mr. Joseph from Belgium

generously presented beautiful dresses to the cottage children. We congratulated the students on their cultural performances and thanked the Motcham Family for their unconditional love and support.



On November 5th, 2023, Sisters of the Presentation Congregation celebrated the closing ceremony of their

founder, Servant of God Joseph Louis Ravel, in the cathedral of Coimbatore Diocese. On behalf of the Superior General, I participated, wished, and congratulated the General Team Members during the Eucharistic celebration. St. Aloysius province Provincial, Province Procurator, Province Secretary participated in the Eucharistic celebration and wished them.

I am pleased to report on my participation as the Chief Guest at the Annual Day of St. Michael's Matric Hr. Sec. School in Valapady on November 9th, 2023. In the morning, I had the privilege of delivering a motivational talk to the dedicated teachers of St. Michael's Matric Hr. Sec. School. The theme of my address was "Today's Teachers Make Tomorrow's Nation." I emphasized the vital role that educators play in shaping the future of the nation



through the education and guidance they provide to the students. The session lasted approximately 2.30 hours, allowing for an in-depth exploration of the responsibilities and impact of educators. Later in the evening, I addressed the gathering as the Chief Guest for the Annual Day celebrations. It was heartening to witness the vibrant cultural activities staged by the students, showcasing their talents and creativity. I took the opportunity to congratulate the students for their remarkable performances, highlighting the importance of such events in fostering holistic development and a sense of community.

I participated in the Evangelization meeting for Lay Collaborators Mass held at Vazhvagam-Vakkampatti on November 10th, 2023. The event was organized by the General Evangelization councilor, in collaboration with the Province Evangelization Councilors, General, her Team, and Provincials from Shalom and Aloysius Province. During the meeting, I had the opportunity to address the laity present, emphasizing the responsibilities they bear as Catholics in association with our congregation in doing the Evangelization Ministry.

I am delighted to share my insights and experiences from the seminar on the Synopsism of Missiologists and Ecclesiologists, held at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute in Bangalore from November 14 to 16, 2023. The seminar, focusing on the theme "Church and Mission," proved to be a highly beneficial and engaging conference. Distinguished speakers from various Dioceses shared their perspectives, drawing inspiration from the teachings of Pope Francis. The discussions encompassed a wide range of topics, including the influence of Pope Francis' encyclicals in the context of Vatican Council II, the new ecological vision, synodal church and mission, human fraternity, and the eco-social vision outlined in "Laudato Si," "Fratelli Tutti," and "Laudate Decum." Renowned speakers provided profound insights into the theme of "Church and Mission." The seminar proved to be a profoundly useful and enriching experience for me. The diverse perspectives shared by the speakers and the interactions with 130 religious participants contributed to a deeper understanding of the intersection between missiology and ecclesiology's. Sr. T. Arockia Mary from our congregation attended this seminar along with me. I extend my sincere gratitude to our Superior General for providing me with the opportunity to participate in this national seminar.

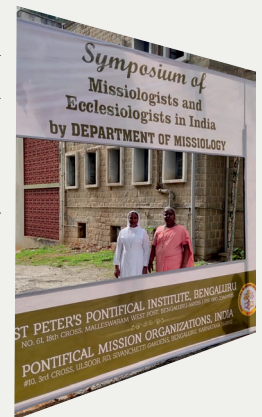
On 21st Nov 2023 I participated in the Novices day celebration, along with Generalate Community. The Novices Day celebration coincided with the Presentation of the Mother Mary day, adding special significance to the event. We extended our heartfelt wishes to the novices on the occasion and took the opportunity to congratulate the Novice Mistress and Assistant Novice Mistress, presenting them with shawls as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service. The novices presented captivating cultural

programs that showcased their talents and creativity. We took pleasure in enjoying their performances and expressed our admiration for their efforts. As the Chief Guest of the Day, I delivered a meaningful message to the novices. I encouraged them on their journey, emphasizing the importance of their commitment and dedication to the religious life.

On November 23, 2023, on behalf of our Superior General, myself, the General Secretary, and sisters from the Generalate community, visited Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist on the occasion of his birthday. We presented a shawl and a bouquet to Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist as tokens of our appreciation and warm wishes. Our greetings were extended on behalf of the Superior General, and we conveyed our heartfelt wishes for his well-being and continued success. To add a celebratory touch, we expressed our best wishes through felicitation songs, acknowledging his remarkable leadership and shepherdship.

I am happy to share a report on my participation in the retirement function held on November 25, 2023, at St. Joseph Girls Hr. Sec. School, Suramangalam, honoring the retirement of Sr. I. Arokia Mary, Sr. N. Lourdu Mary, and Mrs. Hamsa. I expressed sincere appreciation for their unwavering commitment, dedication, hard work, and knowledge-sharing, which significantly contributed to uplifting the students to a high level of academic and personal development. On behalf of the Superior General and Team, I felicitated Sr. I. Arokia Mary, Sr. N. Lourdu Mary, and Mrs. Hamsa, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to the school over the years.

I am pleased to attend on the National Conference Cum Workshop held from December 4 to December 7, 2023, on the theme "Priestly and Religious Formation in India Today in the Light of Pope Francis' Vision." The event was organized by St. Peter's Pontifical Institute in collaboration with the Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies-Chennai. Insights were shared on psycho-spiritual formation, providing a better understanding of vocations in today's scenario. Eight of our sisters actively participated in this National Seminar. Notably, our congregation had the highest number of participants among various congregations, including Fathers, Sisters, and Brothers. Out of the 600 participants, our sisters played a vital role in representing our congregation at the seminar. The National Conference Cum Workshop proved to be a valuable platform for delving into the challenges and opportunities of priestly and religious formation in the context of Pope Francis' vision. Our sisters' active participation and significant presence were commendable, reflecting our commitment to staying informed and engaged in discussions that shape the future of religious life.



08-10.12.2023, I went to Nagawara to meet postulants of Shalom Province. I conducted the class on "Religious Vocation" to the Postulants. The sessions would surely be helpful to the candidates to strengthen their religious vocation in our congregation. I had personal talk with the postulants. They were very happy for being the formees of Mother Gonzaga.

11-14.12.2023, I went to Gunadala, Andra Pradesh to Meet Aspirants and Postulants of Michael Ansaldo Province. 11-12.12.2023, I met the Aspirants and postulants Candidates and had personal talk with them. Classes were conducted to them on God's Call, Our Mission and Religious Vocation. All members, including juniors and candidates, actively engaged in various activities, demonstrating their genuine interest in becoming daughters of Gonzaga. On December 13, I facilitated an Emmaus Experience by providing juniors and candidates the opportunity to mingle together. During this session, one junior and two candidates paired up to walk and talk, sharing their vocation and life experiences. This experience reinforced their commitment to their respective vocations and provided mutual motivation. The participants engaged in beautiful and meaningful conversations, discussing their vocations and life journeys. The exchange of thoughts and experiences served as a source of inspiration, reinforcing their dedication to their vocations and missions. All seven juniors actively participated in the discipleship class, where they delved into the practical aspects of living as disciples of Jesus. This engagement reflects their eagerness to grow in their spiritual journey. The juniors showcased their talents by presenting a wonderful Christmas program. Their active involvement in the program reflects their creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication to communal activities. The events and activities conducted demonstrate the strong commitment and active participation of the juniors and candidates in fostering the Gonzaga spirit. The Emmaus Experience and discipleship class provided them with opportunities for reflection, sharing, and mutual encouragement.



I visited Shalom Province 13 Juniors on December 18-19.12.2023, and conduct classes on discipleship. The aim of these sessions was to guide and assist them in understanding how to live as disciples of Jesus. The classes on discipleship were designed to help the junior sisters deepen their understanding of what it means to live as disciples of Jesus. Emphasis was placed on practical aspects of discipleship and

how it relates to their religious life. During the visit, I engaged in personal talks with the junior sisters, offering guidance and support. The discussions were centered around examining their vocation, strengthening their religious life, and fostering a deep connection with the Gonzaga Spirit. The teachings of our patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, our Father Francis Assisi, and our Founder Servant of God Michael Ansaldo served as a foundational framework for the discussions, encouraging the junior sisters to root themselves in the spirit of Gonzaga. The visit and classes on discipleship in Shalom Province were a meaningful opportunity to connect with the junior sisters and provide them with valuable insights into living a life devoted to Jesus. The personal talks and guidance aimed to support their examination of vocation and enhance their commitment to religious life.

I thank Shalom Provincial, Michael Ansaldo Provincial, Vice Provincials, and Formators for arranging the Juniors and Candidates meet in the province Level. I express my gratitude for the warm

welcome and participation of the junior sisters during this visit. I appreciate the formators for their enthusiastic involvement and dedication in the formation ministry to foster the candidates in the values and mission of Mother Gonzaga.

Warm greetings and heartfelt wishes to you on this joyous Christmas season! As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may your heart be filled with the warmth of His love and the blessings of the season. May the magic of Christmas bring you peace, the joy of the season fills your heart, and the unconditional love of the Child Jesus surround you and your loved ones. Sending prayers for a Christmas filled with moments of joy, love, and gratitude. May the coming year, 2024, be filled with blessings, prosperity, and endless opportunities for growth in our Religious Life.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blissful New Year! -2024

Rev. Sr. M. Thressa Gnanamani, Assistant Superior General

Education Desk

Education Commission Meet

Education is a vital aspect of human life, playing a crucial role in shaping individuals and societies. The impact of the education services provided by the Congregation is far-reaching, contributing to the empowerment and upliftment of individuals and communities. To ensure the imparting of high-quality education, we have revisited the FSAG Education Policy, Guidelines and Rules to ensure consistent behaviour and decision-making across the Congregation. The FSAG Education Desk conducted the Commission Meeting on 18 November 2023 at 05:00 PM. The meeting commenced with a short prayer led by Sr. Mathi Margaret, the Education Councillor of Michael Ansaldo Province. Following this, the General Educational Coordinator, Sr. Dr. A. Antony Maria Jansi, warmly welcomed all the members of the Education Commission, demonstrating a strong dedication to ensuring the effective implementation of educational policies and guidelines. During the meeting, Sr. Jansi emphasized the importance of filling vacant positions and urged all Education Coordinators to consult with the President of our Congregation. Additionally, she stressed the significance of developing a future plan for admissions in the next year. The meeting was attended by the Provincial Superiors, Sr. Emelda Glothin Queeni of Shalom Province, Sr. Pauline Sagaya Rani of Ansaldo Province, as well as all the Education Coordinators and Commission Members.

Academic Facility Exploration

Rev. Sr. Dr. Antony Maria Jansi visited these institutions in order to assess the overall quality of education, the effectiveness of teaching and learning, and the general well-being of the Students and Staff.

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1	01.12.2023	St. Joseph High School	Begumpet
2	05.12.2023	St. Louise De Gonzaga High School	Puducherry
3	05.12.2023	St. Sebastian Primary School	TV Nagar
4	06.12.2023	St. Joseph High School	Oulgarpet
5	06.12.2023	St. Francis Assisi High School	Kurusukuppam
6	07.12.2023	St. Mathiyas H.S.S & St. Xavier's P.S,	Uppalam
7	07.12.2023	Sacred Heart of Jesus High School	Puducherry

The physical environment of the Schools was found to be clean, well-maintained, and conducive to learning. The Classrooms were organized and were equipped with necessary learning materials. The School grounds were tidy and safe for Students to move around. The teaching and



learning process was observed to be effective, with Teachers demonstrating good knowledge of the Subject and engaging teaching methods. If the leadership team and Staff were found to be dedicated and committed then the School would be marching towards success.

Based on the Visits the following recommendations are suggested for the Schools:

- ★ Need to balance academic and extracurricular activities, providing Students with a inclusive education.
- ★ Continued professional development for Teachers to enhance teaching and learning practices using Audio Visual Aides.
- ★ Strengthening of systems for Student well-being, including mental health support.
- ★ Further engagement with parents and the wider community to enhance the overall impact of the Schools. There was a clear sense of teamwork and collaboration among the Staff, and the leadership team demonstrated effective decision-making and strategic planning.

May I appreciate the dedication and commitment and teamwork of the Correspondent and Headmistresses with limited sources. The commitment of the Schools to providing a high-quality education and ensuring the well-being of its Students and Staff was evident throughout the inspection.

Swearing-in and Commencement Ceremony

On 16 October 2023, Sr. Dr. A Antony Maria Jansi, the General Educational Councilor, participated in the inauguration of the multipurpose activity rooms and staircases at Gonzaga Matric Hr.



Sc. School at Kathampillam. The following Day, on 17 December 2023, she attended the Twelfth Graduation Day at Ansaldo College of Education in Chetpet.

Consortium Meeting:

The Urimai Meetpu Core Group Meeting took place on 9 November 2023, at St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School in Madurai. Twenty-five members, including Secretaries from all Minority and Non-minority Institutions, participated in the meeting. The group developed plans to involve all Institutions and formulated strategies to advocate the rights and benefits from the Government for the Students being educated in our institutions.



CCBI and CBCI Meetings:

CCBI Strategic Planning 2023: Tamilnadu Regional Workshop

The Strategical Planning 2023 for 2028/2033 of CCBI took place at Jeevan Jyothi Ashram in Coimbatore between 13 – 15 November 2023. The Workshop was attended by representatives

including 9 Bishops, 17 Religious, 17 Commission Members, 17 Laity, and 6 Youth. Most Rev. Nazarene Soosai, TNBC Secretary General, welcomed the gathering, and Rev. Fr. Charles Leon, Coordinator of the Core Team of Strategic Planning, provided an introduction to CCBI SP and the Objectives of the Regional Workshop. The Inaugural Address was delivered by Most Rev. George Antonysamy, the President of TNBC.



archbishop of Madras-Mylapore,

During the sessions, Rev. Fr. Joe SJ discussed "Introducing Strategic Planning," emphasizing the importance of embarking on a new planning journey, nurturing dreams, and focusing on the big picture for 2033. He highlighted the significance of planning in moving forward and ensuring equal rights in the Church, as well as the collective dream of Commission to Parishes and the national implementation process.

Rev. Fr. Joe also outlined ground rules for the group work, encouraging stakeholders to bring their knowledge, experience, values, beliefs, and imagination to the table and to listen with an open mind and spirit. He then discussed the planning framework, emphasizing the importance of identifying problems and devising solutions from a positive starting point.

The session also included discussions on Objectives, KPIs, and the Activity Plan Matrix. At the end of the session, Rev. Fr. Charles Leon facilitated a group review, encouraging participants to share their ideas and thoughts for the future steps. The participants expressed their satisfaction and optimism for the journey of the synodality of the Mother Church, envisioning new dreams for establishing God's Kingdom.

National Symposium on Catholic Education for the Leaders in Education

The CBCI Office for Education and Culture organized a National Symposium on Catholic Education for the Leaders in Education between 23 – 25 November 2023, at St. John's Medical College Auditorium in Bangalore. The event was attended by Sr. Dr. A Antony Maria Jansi, the General Educational Councilor, Sr. A. Jebamalai Mary, the Shalom Province Educational Councilor, and Sr. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, a Commission Member. Participants from various Congregations across India took part in the Symposium, which featured highly relevant sessions and distinguished speakers.



His Eminence Oswald Gracias commended the initiative of bringing everyone under one umbrella and prompted introspection on whether Catholic Educational Institutions are still pioneers and creative in the present day. The Symposium covered a wide range of topics, including challenges in the Indian social and education milieu, exploring the universal and particular identity of Catholic Schools, implementing the NEP 2020 in the higher educational ecosystem, and the relevance and effectiveness of Catholic Education Policy.





Other topics included Policies and Curriculum Frameworks of Education in India, the Impact of Higher Education Directives on Institutions, ensuring the educational rights of institutions through policies and legal provisions, and the emergence of educational technology such as AI, AR, VR, and mobile.

The symposium also involved region-wise planning, proposing a framework to be followed in every Congregation and Institution. Attendees expressed that the Symposium provided positive energy and hope for their future ministry, enabling them to move forward with renewed optimism.

Meeting to assess and address the issue:

Sr. Dr. A. Antony Maria Jansi, the General Educational Councillor, engaged in several important meetings and discussions that aimed to evaluate various educational initiatives and collaborate on potential solutions. On 16 October 2023, Sr. Jansi met the IVDP Director at the IVDP Office in Krishnagiri to evaluate the Training Programme. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to collaborate and undergo training, while also requesting continued support from IVDP.

Additionally, on 3 December 2023, Sr. Jansi participated in a discussion at the Michael Ansaldo Province with Sr. Pauline, the Provincial Superior, Sr. Mathi Margret, the Education Councillor, and the proprietors to evaluate the Education Ministry of the Province and explore alternative proposals for Motakondur and Bandlaguda.

Further, on 11 December 2023, Sr. Jansi visited St. Michael School, Thumbal in St. Aloysius Province, where she met Sr. Celine, the Provincial Superior, Sr. Agnes Rani, the Vice-Provincial Superior, Sr. Arul Vimala Rani, the Education Councillor, and other Sisters. The meeting involved in-depth discussions, declarations, and clarifications by Sr. A. M. Jansi to ensure the smooth administration and development of the Institution. These meetings and discussions reflect the commitment to evaluating and advancing educational initiatives for the benefit of the Institutions.

Sr. Dr. A. Antony Maria Jansi, General Education Councillor

“Gonzaga Lay Collaborators Oath Taking Fest”.

The training sessions for the 41 lay Collaborators of the Gonzaga Congregation, who have completed a year of training in the Gospel mission started on 9.11.23 at 9.00 AM. Mr. Regis from Madurai inducted them into the training sessions with the presence of the central Gospel Mission



Coordinator Sr. Rani and three other Provincial Mission Coordinators Sr. Rani and three other Provincial Mission Coordinators, recapping the past one year training they had received. He prepared them to reevaluate and to make review of the trainings they had received. After the Lunch, Rev. Fr. Xavier Raj the Parish Priest and Rev. Fr. Nathan (Holy Cross Congregation) animated the Eucharistic Adoration and administered the Sacrament of



Reconciliation. In the evening between 6.00 - 7.00 PM, rehearsal for the following day Programme and song practice were conducted at St. Mary Magdalene-shrine.

On 10.11.23 the house “Vazhvagam” shone in festal attire with traditional decorations: Banana Planets at the entrance, twinkling serials around the house, colorful rangolis, and festal tents.

Happiness flowed in the hearts and faces of the people. The Guests, and special invitees flocked for the celebration. At 11.30 AM the Superior General, Rev. Sr. Rajamani welcomed Most Rev. Thomas Paulsamy, the Bishop of Dindigul honoring him with shawl and presenting a bouquet. Along with the General and Provincial Administrative Team, Rev. Fr. Xavier Rak the Parish Priest, and High Officials and Councilors. Sr. Gracy, Ansaldo Provincial Gospel Mission Councilor welcomed the gathering. Then the 41 Lay Collaborators marched in procession to the altar of the Lord holding candles in their hands and sandal and saffron on their forehead, followed by the reverend Sisters, Priests and the Bishop-the Chief Celebrant.

Five of the Lay Collaborators received the Bishop with the “Kumba Arathi” to preside over the Eucharistic celebration. Accepting their reception the Bishop along with the Mother General of the Congregation, lighted the traditional oil lamp. (Kuthuvilakku). Sr. Sagaya Mary, the Aloysius Province Councilor read the mass introduction and the Holy mass continued. In the Holy Mass as Sr. Rani called out the names of forty-one Lay Collaborators, who came forward and took their seats. And the Superior Mother General received their promise of oaths in the presence of Most Rev. Thomas Paulsamy. The confirmation prayer followed by the song to the Holy Spirit, the lay collaborators signed their Letters of Oath on the altar and handed them over to the Superior General. At the end of Holy Mass Sr. Dennis Mary Salom-Provincial Gospel Mission Councilor thanked everyone in hierarchy with a shawl: The Bishop, the Vicar General and Administrator of the Diocese, Holy Cross Fathers, the Parish Priest, and other dignitaries. Having made the group photo, a memorable souvenir everyone joined in the fraternal agape.

The thanksgiving and concluding ceremony began at 3.00 PM, as the Lay Collaborators gathered together at Vazhvagam sang a song to the Holy Spirit and prayed.

Sr. Sagaya Mary-Provincial Gospel Mission Councilor welcomed everyone.

Rev. Mother G. Rajamani - the Superior General,

Rev. Sr. M. Thressa Gnanamani - the Assistant Superior General

Rev. Sr. A. Antony Maria Jancy - the General Education Mission Councilor,

Rev. Sr. S. Emalda Glodin Quini - the Provincial Superior, Salom Province,

Rev. Sr. M. Celine - the Provincial Superior, Aloysius Province

Then the trainer Mr. Ragis, Coordinator, Sr. Rani, and all the Lay Collaborators were honored with shawl and sweets. At the end Mrs. Velankanni thanked everyone on behalf of the Lay Collaborators. And the day ended with a high tea.

Sr. D. Rani, General Councillor, Vakkampatti

“Founder’s Day”



On 03 November, we celebrated the memorial day of our Founder, Father Michael Ansaldo as the Cottage Children's Day. From 5.15 to 6.00 AM in the morning we had a prayer service and we thanked the Lord for the benefits our Congregation received through Father Michael Ansaldo. And also we thanked God in prayer for all the Superior Generals and their team members who have led the Congregation and those who worked in the footsteps of our Founder.



The cultural programmes started at 10 O' clock. The distinguished Guests Rev. Fr. Pitchaimuthu, the Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Basilica, Rev. Mother. Theresa Gnanamani, the Asst. General, Rev. Sr. M. Maria Stella, General Counsellor, Rev. Sr. Violet Clemencia, the Provincial Counsellor, Mr. Murugaiyan, CWC Member, joined in our joy and delivered messages.

Seeing the Children's Growth in Faith and Development in Education, Morals and Arts, every one praised and encouraged the Children. Our Sisters and the Parish Council Members, Mariyayinsenai, Lay Franciscan, Cluny Sisters, Sisters Disciples also participated. Prizes were awarded to the Children in recognition of their various Skills.

The 12 O' clock Mass was specially offered for our Congregation in the Sacred Heart Basilica. In the prelude to the liturgy and in the Sermon Rev. Fr. Pitchaimuthu explained the work and life of our Founder and the life, work and sacrifice of our Sisters. At the end of the Mass Father said that, “In the process, Father Michael Ansaldo is to be elevated from being Servant of God to Ssinthood and pray for it and give testimony to the benefits received through his intercession”.



After the Holy Mass, everyone was given a special feast at the Thiru Iruthaya Andavar Cottage. We thanked God for travelling along with us today, and everyone left happily.

Thiru Iruthaya Andavar Cottage, Puducherry.

“Meeting for Policy Making”

Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga- Pondicherry.

Place : Shalom Provincialate, Tindivanam

Date : 26.11.2023

Participants : 11 MEMBERS

Guided by : Rev. Fr. Sebastin Vanathayan, SDB,

Organiser : Rev. Sr. Maria Stella, General Councilor.



A meeting for Policy Making was organized by Rev. Sr. Maria Stella the General Councilor. Accordingly the Province Councilors for Social Work and Health Ministry from three Provinces and

along with their Commission Members were invited for the meeting. Rev. Fr. Sebastin Vanathaiyan, SDB was the advisor at the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting after invoking the presence of God Sr. Violet Clemencia introduced and welcomed Father, and Rev. Sr. Maria Stella honoured him with a shawl.



In the first session father mentored us about the meaning, goal, aim and principles of policy. He also emphasized the purpose of making policy and the time and duration. He cleared the doubts of the Sisters very meticulously. In the second session he also oriented how we need to make policy based on our Constitution and Charism and how the policy of the Congregation should get along with Government norms. In the third session Sisters were organized into team province vice and were asked to discuss about the present status of the Health and Social Ministries, the strength and challenges, and the way forward to improve the ministry. After working in their respective group, each group presented their workouts. End of the day Sr. Arockia Mary thanked Rev. Fr. Sebastine, SDB, his expertise and guidance. The team also thanked Sr. Maria Stella for her strenuous effort to make this meeting a useful and effective one.

Sr. M. Maria stella, General Councilor, Chennai, Pattinapakkam


Workshop on Recent Trends In Research Activities of Chemical Sciences

The Workshop on Recent Trends in Research Activities of Chemical Sciences was conducted on 28 August from 11.30 AM to 3.30 PM by PG Department of Chemistry, Gonzaga College of Arts and Science for Women, Kathampallam, Elathagiri – 635 108, Krishnagiri – Dt, Tamil Nadu, India. Dr. K. Thirumoorthy, Assistant Professor, Saveetha School of Engineering, Chennai, India, and Dr. R. Jude Vimal Michael, Assistant Professor and Asst. Dean of Research, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thirupattur, India, were the Resource Persons for the Workshop.

The Programme commenced at 11.30 AM with a Prayer Song by the Students from II M.Sc Chemistry. Mrs. L. M. Manimagalai, Organizing President and Asst. Professor of Chemistry welcomed the participants. Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, Secretary delivered the Presidential Address. Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, the Principal delivered the Inaugural Address. The technical sessions started following the felicitation of the Resource Persons by Sr. A. John Dayana FSAG, the Vice-Principal. The Resource Person for Session- I, was introduced by Mr. R. Sakthivel, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. The eminent speaker Dr. K. Thirumoorthy continued the Session-I sharing about PET Waste as Feedstock for the Synthesis of Highly Efficient Heterogeneous Fenton Catalysts for the Degradation of Organic Pollutants in a Continuous Reactor.

Mrs. V. Karthika, Assistant Professor of Chemistry introduced the Resource Person for Session- II. The Resource Person was Dr. R. Jude Vimal Michael. In his session, he elaborated about





Empowering a Sustainable Future: Exploring Electrocatalytic Hydrogen Production and DSSC Applications. At the end of each session, the participants had discussion with the Resource Persons to clarify their queries. The Workshop was concluded with a Vote of Thanks given by Mrs. P. Jaishree, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. 200 participants registered through the Google Registration Form for the Workshop. More than 170 participants have participated through Google Meet and also in YouTube live streaming. The feedback link was posted in the Google Meet chat box and around 100 participants responded the feedback.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN MATERIALS (NCRAM – 2023)

PG & Research Department of Physics, PG Department of Chemistry and Department of Biochemistry organized National Conference on **Recent Advances in Materials (NCRAM 2023)** that was conducted on 21 & 22 September 2023. The Programme initiated at 10:00 AM and went on till 03:00 PM.

Dr. Marylin D'Mello, SERB - National Post Doctoral Fellow (NPDF), Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bangalore, **Dr. Srinivasan Krishnan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore, **Dr. G. Devanand Venkatasubbu**, Associate Professor, Department of Nanotechnology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, **Dr. E. K. Girija**, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Periyar University, Salem, **Dr. R. Thangappan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Energy Science and Technology, Periyar University, Salem were the Resource Persons of these days.

The **Day 1** Programme commenced at 10:00 AM with a prayer song. Welcome Address for the Conference was delivered by **Dr. R. Dhinesh Kumar**, Convener **NCRAM 2023** & Assistant Professor of Physics. Inaugural Address was delivered by **Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG**, the Secretary, Presidential Address for the Conference was delivered by **Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG**, the Principal. The Programme was felicitated by **Rev. Dr. A. John Dayana, FSAG**, the Vice-Principal. The Keynote Address was given by **Dr. Marylin D'Mello**. The Programme officially started with the technical session.

Mrs. L. M. Manimegalai, Assistant Professor of Chemistry introduced the Resource Person for **Session – I**. The Speaker **Dr. Marylin DMello** spoke on **Metal-Organic Frameworks: From Design to Promising Gas Sensing Materials** most promising in present and for the future in the advancement of technology in various fields.

The introduction about the Resource Person for **Session - II** was given by **Dr. G. Anbarasu**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. **Session – II**. The Speaker **Dr. Srinivasan Krishnan** discussed on **Metal Complexes of Hydrazide-Hydrazones - Study on Structural Diversities and Application as Single Source Molecular Precursors for Low Temperature Synthesis of Metal/Metal Oxide Nanoparticles**.

The introduction about the Resource Person for **Session - III** was given by **Dr. N. Chitra**, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry. **Session - III** and the eminent speaker **Dr. G. Devanand Venkatasubbu** shared on **NanoHeal: Advancing Wound Care with Nanomaterial-Based Patches**.

Day 2 started with the technical **Session – IV**. The introduction about the Resource Person for **Session - IV** was given by **Dr. M. Manivannan**, Assistant Professor of Physics. The eminent speaker **Dr. E. K. Girija**, spoke on **Smart Materials for Advanced Biomedical Applications**.

The introduction about the Resource Person for **Session - V** was given by **Ms. R. Thanal**, Assistant Professor of Physics. The speaker **Dr. R. Thangappan** delivered the Lecture on **Advanced Electrode Materials for Electrochemical Supercapacitors**.

At the end of each session the participants discussed with the Resource Persons to clarify their doubts. The Valedictory Address was given by **Dr. R. Robert**, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of Physics, and Government Arts College for Men, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. The Webinar was concluded with the Vote of Thanks given by **Mrs. V. Karthika**, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Chemistry. More than 300 participants participated.

TECHTRA 2K3 NATIONAL TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

The Department of Computer Science and Applications conducted the Symposium named TECHTRA 2K3 for the year 2023-2024 on 27-09-2023. The session began with its registration conducted by the Association at 9.00 AM. Ms. G. Shanthini, Senior Project Engineer in WIPRO Limited, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest.

It began with the auspicious note of invoking the Almighty in the form of a Prayer Song sung by the Students and the the Kuthuvilakku was lit by the dignitaries. The Convener Ms. P Meena, Head of the Department of CS welcomed the gathering. Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, the Secretary, Rev. Dr. EGlitta Sumangali, FSAG, the Principal, Rev. Dr. A John Dayana, FSAG, the Vice-Principal addressed the gathering by highlighting the achievements by the Students of the Department and appreciated the efforts made by the Department to improve their skills. She motivated the Students to participate in all the events. Her speech made the Students think outside the box.

Dr. T. Rajalakshmee, the Organizing President of the Symposium introduced the Chief Guest Ms. G Shanthini, Senior Project Engineer in WIPRO Limited, Bengaluru. She addressed the gathering by explaining about the development of communication skills and recent trends in Computer Science. She motivated the Students to become Software Engineers. The Symposium started with its technical sessions at 10.45 AM. The following events like, Web Design, Papira (Paper Presentation), Ghost Zen (Debugging), Quizee Fuzz (Quizz) & Tech Music were part of the Symposium.

The Valedictory Session started at 2.30 PM. Valuable feedback was given by the participants from other Colleges. The winners of events were honoured with awards and prizes by the dignitaries. Ms. A. A. Sharon Aswini, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The National Symposium concluded with the National Anthem.





“Seventh State Level Competition-2023”

Natural Yoga Association Yoga Sports Development

Natural Yoga Association Yoga Sports Development hosted the Seventh Yoga Day. It was held on 14 October 2023, at Gonzaga College of Arts and Science for Women at Kathampallam. The State-level Competition began at 10:00 AM, with an Inaugural Ceremony. The participants were welcomed by the Principal, the Vice-Principal, the Organizer, and the Staff members of Gonzaga College. The Organizer and our College held a variety of competitions in which many Schools, Yoga Centers, and College Students competed. Yoga, Yoga Rhythmic, and Yoga Champion of the Championship took place on Gonzaga Play Ground; Drawing Competition, Essay Writing, Creative Writing were conducted in the Old Library; Singing, Short Film, Video, Thirukkural Speeches were organized in Classrooms; Solo and Group Dance took place in the Auditorium. Every competition was judged

by the Staff Members of the Gonzaga College of Arts and Sciences for Women. Participants enthusiastically engaged themselves in the Seventh State Level Competition. The prize distribution ceremony marked the last stage of the competition. Every participant in the competition gained three spots, and those who performed well received their awards from the dignitaries. The prize distribution announcement was delivered by Saranya Deepika, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

PG Department of Commerce and Business Administration

National Seminar on 16.10.2023

PG Department of Commerce organized a National Seminar on 16 October 2023 on “Entrepreneurship & Artificial Intelligence”. The Seminar started with a Prayer Song and the Lighting of the Lamp. Ms. P Shanmugapriya, Head & Asst. Professor, PG Department of Commerce welcomed the gathering. Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani FSAG, the Secretary delivered the Presidential Address. Rev. Dr. E Glitta Sumangali FSAG, the Principal, delivered the Inaugural Address. Ms. A Geetha Head & Asst. Professor, Department of Business Administration, introduced Resource Person, Dr. J Anthony Gruze Thangaraj Professor & Head, Post - Graduate Department of Commerce, Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain First Grade College, Kolar Gold Fields. Session-II: Ms. D. Chitra, introduced the Honorable Keynote Speaker, Dr. S. Mohandass, the Principal in Deputation & Head (i/c) Department of Commerce, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore. Technical Session-III: Paper Presentation Session – the Students presented their Papers. The Seminar was very useful for the Students and the Faculty and they gave the full information on “Entrepreneurship and Artificial Intelligence”. The sessions were very useful and lively. Totally 291 Students and Staff from our College and other Colleges attended the Workshop. The Vice-Principal, Rev. Sr. A. John Dayana, FSAG delivered the Valedictory Address that highlighted the points about the Seminar. Certificates and cash prizes were given to the prize winners of the paper presentation by the dignitaries. As the conclusion remarks the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr.V. Karthikeyan, Asst. Professor in Business Administration & Organizing President. The Seminar successfully ended with the National Anthem.

Webinar

PG Department of Commerce III B. Com CA & II M. Com Students attended 'Mastering Data Analysis through SPSS' (Online Mode) on 19 – 20 October, 2023 jointly organized by Nirmala College for Women, Autonomous, Coimbatore, Gonzaga College of Arts and Science for Women, Kathampallam & St. Vincent Pallotti College, Bangalore. Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, welcomed the gathering. On 20 October 2023, Rev. Dr. A John Dayana, the Vice-Principal recapped last session before the class began. Resource Person Dr. S Sivashankari, Associate Professor, Bioinformatics, Nirmala College for Women, Autonomous, Coimbatore, touched the key points that are included in the Webinar on Nature of Data Analysis, Objectives of Data Analysis, Analysis of Data with Statistical Tool, Importing the Data from SPSS Package to Excel Sheet, Hypothesis Testing Steps, Hypothesis Testing Terminologies, Correlation and Regression, Descriptive, Input Data and Data Preparation Nature and Types of Data. This Webinar was very informative to the Students.

VALEDICTORY PROGRAMMEME OF ESDP TRAINING

On 27 November 2023, at 12:00 PM, the Valedictory Programme began with a Prayer Song and Thamizhthai Vaazhthu. The Principal, the Vice-Principal, the Chief Guest, and the Convener lit the lamp as a symbol of completion. Ms. Susan Merlin Gracia, Student, ESDP Training, delivered the Welcome Address. Mr. A. Ravi Kumar, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO Guindy, Chennai, discussed the ESDP Programme.

Mr. P. Nicola Prakash, Head District Resource Centre for Panchayats, Krishnagiri, and Mr. Jaganath, Director of INDRSETI, KRP Dam, Krishnagiri Dt., delivered Felicitation Address. Both individuals made the pupils to apply the methods that they learnt during the Training Session that they may to become entrepreneurs.

Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, the Principal, presented the Presidential Address in which she encouraged and motivated the Students with her speech and expressed her hope that they would visit our College as Chief Guests in future. The Vice-Principal Rev. Dr. A. John Dayana, FSAG addressed the Students, inspiring and uplifting them with her inspiring words.

Mr. Saravanan, Lead District Manager, Indian Bank, and Mr. Prasana, the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Krishnagiri District, addressed the closing remarks. They discussed the ideas for starting a business and how they might support the Student in the future if the Student is interested in launching a business.

The certificates were presented to the ESDP Training Students by all the dignitaries. The cultural event began, with ESDP Training Students doing dance and singing songs. The ESDP Training



Students provided feedback, stating that they learned a lot throughout the training and that it was helpful and useful to them. Ms. P. Amutha, Student, ESDP Training, concluded the presentation with a Vote of Thanks. Ms. Susan Merlin Gracia, ESDP Training Student, functioned as the choreographer. EDC members organized the entire Programme.

Sr. John Diyana, the Vice-Principal, Kathampallam



St. Joseph College of Arts and Science for Women, Pagalpatti

SJC – MUSINGS

National Symposium in English Studies

The Department of English successfully organized the National Conference on Social & Psychological Dimensions of Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in Literature (NCSPD-2023) on 11 October 2023. The Conference aimed to showcase the perspectives of experts, researchers, academia, and Students, celebrating equality, diversity, and inclusivity in literature. The event featured 3 Keynote Talks, 35 Oral Presentations, and drew approximately 200 participants from various Colleges.

The Conference was inaugurated by esteemed Guest Speakers Dr. J. Jehoson Jiresh and Dr. S. Sneha Sri, along with the Chair Person Ms. N. Bharathi, Rev. Sr. Nirmala, Mother Superior, Rev. Sr. Dr. Antony Maria Jansi, the Secretary, Rev. Sr. Reetha Mary, Administrator, Dr. A. Ameer Baig, the Principal, and Rev. Sr. Regina, the Vice-Principal. Distinguished Delegates, Professors, and Dignitaries from various Colleges, Universities, and Institutes also graced the event with their presence.

Dr. J. Jehoson Jiresh, Assistant Professor at the Department of English and Cultural Studies, School of Arts and Humanities, Christ Deemed to be University, Bengaluru, delivered an impactful speech on "Discourse on Empowerment and Democratization: A Literary-Cultural Critique." Dr. S. Sneha Sri, Assistant Professor at the Department of English, Periyar University, Salem, explored the theme of "Psychosocial Concepts in Children and Young Adult Literature."

The session was concluded by Prof. N. Bharathi, the Session Chair, who provided an insightful overview of the Research Papers presented by the Researchers. The participants engaged in fruitful interactions, enjoyed the lectures, technical sessions, and the beautiful campus, fostering a collaborative and enriching environment.

International Conference on Computer Application

The International Conference on Recent Trends in Computing and Analytics, ICRTCA 2023 (Hybrid), took place on 12 October 2023, at St. Joseph College of Arts and Science for Women. Hosted by the Department of Computer Science and Applications at St. Joseph College, Salem, the Conference served as a platform for academicians, researchers, and delegates to share insights and expertise on the practical application of technology.

Over 150 Students from various Colleges participated in the Conference, which commenced at 10.00 AM with a Prayer Song and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Dr. R. Umadevi, Associate Professor at the School of Science Studies, CMR University, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, delivered a compelling presentation on Cloud Computing and its impact on E-learning Resources, using real-life examples to illustrate key concepts. Her focus on research and intellectual property rights (IPR) provided thought provoking insights for all attendees.

Following this, Dr. J. Santosh, Assistant Professor at the Department of Computer Science, British Applied College, Umm Al Quwain, UAE, conducted a captivating session on Machine Learning and its future, utilizing a projector connected to Google Meet to engage the audience.

The Conference concluded with a Valedictory Session, during which certificates were distributed, and a group photo was taken. Mrs. G. Arutjothi expressed gratitude to all participants before the event concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The Conference fostered valuable knowledge exchange and networking opportunities for all involved.

International Colloquium on Commerce

On 13 October 2023, the Department of Commerce hosted the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Commerce and Management. The esteemed Resource Persons, Dr. R. Hariharan, Assistant Professor at CHRIST University, Bangalore, Karnataka, and Dr. P. Karthika, along with Dr. P. Viswanathan, were honored by our respected Secretary, Administrator, and Principal. The Conference proceedings were officially released by all the dignitaries present, marking the commencement of the event.

A total of 84 Students from Commerce Department, 171 Students from various Colleges, 2 Research Scholars, and 8 Faculty Members from different Districts and States participated, resulting in a total of 265 attendees. The diverse representation added significant value to the Conference, fostering an environment of knowledge exchange and collaboration.

International Convention on Mathematics

On 25 October 2023, the Department of Mathematics proudly hosted the First International Conference on "New Trends in Applied Mathematics and Statistics" (ICNTAMS – 2023), inspiring Students to delve deeper into the subject matter. The Conference attracted approximately 200 Students from various Colleges, with around 50 Students presenting Papers in a hybrid mode.

The Conference featured distinguished Resource Persons, including Dr. J. Ravi, Associate Professor at the School of Management Studies, REVA University, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, who delivered an extensive presentation on "Qualitative Research in Mathematical Sciences." Additionally, Dr. P. Balamurugan, Assistant Professor of Statistics at the Department of Statistics, Govt. Arts and Science College, Salem-7, elaborated on the topic "Applications in Statistics," while Dr. Phool Miyan, Assistant Professor at the Department of Mathematics, College of Natural and Computational Science, Haramaya University, Ethiopia, Africa, presented an in-depth discussion on "Semi-group Ideals and Commutative of Prime Near Rings with Derivations" via online mode.

The Conference not only provided a platform for knowledge exchange but also embodied the motto of the College, "Education, Excellence, and Transformation," by nurturing an environment of academic growth and collaboration.



Fluency Development Programme

An Intensive Spoken English Workshop took place in our Gonzaga Auditorium from November 6 to November 8, 2023, with sessions commencing at 9:30 AM each day. This Workshop was specifically designed for all the First-year Students and was led by the esteemed guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Dr. Kennady SJ. The active participation of all the Students contributed to the

development of their spoken communication skills, fostering an accessible learning environment as an essential foundation for intensive spoken communication.

During the Workshop, the Speaker illustrated various types of sentences in an easily understandable manner. The Students were organized into groups to create different types of sentences, followed by a session where he presented instructional videos. The subsequent session focused on story creation, where he also displayed pictures and encouraged Students to craft their own stories. This interactive approach allowed Students to showcase their creative abilities and engage in practical application of the skills they were learning.

The Workshop also included an engaging activity where Students were tasked with finding nouns in the Auditorium and using them to construct meaningful sentences. Following this, the next session focused on story creation, during which he presented pictures and encouraged Students to craft their own stories. The Students then had the opportunity to share and perform their own creative works.

To conclude the three-Day Workshop, the Students expressed their gratitude by honoring the Resource Person, Rev. Fr. Dr. Kennady SJ, and delivering a Vote of Thanks.

Founder's Legacy Remembered

On the 3rd of November 2023, a heartfelt tribute was paid to our esteemed Founder, the Servant of God Rev. Fr. Michael Ansaldo, at our College. Sister Rusmi eloquently highlighted the noble qualities of our Founder, and as a mark of respect, our esteemed dignitaries, including the Secretary, Administrator, Principal, Staff, and Students, honored his memory by laying flowers at his portrait.

Diwali Festivities

On 10 November 2023, the Fine Arts Club of St. Joseph College of Arts & Science for Women, Pagalpatty, Salem Campus, organized a Deepa Oli Celebration at the Gonzaga Auditorium. The Programme commenced with the lighting of Deepa Oli lamps by Students dressed in traditional attire, who offered prayers for the well-being of their families, friends, and relatives, wishing for a vibrant and joyful life for all.

The celebration included a range of engaging events, such as identifying songs from background music, deciphering lyrics, recognizing songs from images, and participating in humorous dialogue and connection-based activities. The Students actively participated in these events, contributing to the festive atmosphere and enjoying the celebrations to the fullest.

Overall, the Deepa Oli Celebration was a grand success, spreading joy and fostering a sense of community among the Students and the Faculty of the College.

Ayudha Pooja – Rituals

On 23 October 2023, our campus came alive with the vibrant celebration of Ayudha Pooja. All the St. Joseph institutions brought their vehicles to the College campus, creating a lively and festive atmosphere. On this special day, the supporting Staff meticulously cleaned and adorned their tools, vehicles,



and instruments. They also lit incense sticks and offered flowers, fruits, and other traditional offerings as a mark of reverence. Mother Superior Sr. Nirmala led prayers, expressing gratitude for the invaluable support provided by these tools and vehicles in our daily lives.

Ayudha Pooja served as a joyous occasion for us to come together and express our deep appreciation for the tools and instruments that play a vital role in supporting our livelihood. It was a time for reflection, gratitude, and seeking blessings for success and prosperity in all our endeavors.

FDP – Academic Enhancement Programme for the Faculty

On 17 November 2023, a Faculty Development Programme was conducted under the guidance of the esteemed Rev. Sr. Dr. Antony Maria Jansi, the Secretary of our College. The session covered various essential aspects such as Strategic Planning and Student Development. Sr. Jansi engaged with the Faculty, discussing the vision and aspirations for our College, encouraging us to share our perspectives on the future of the Institution.



The session also delved into activity planning for the Academic Year and provided valuable guidance on the significance of documentation. After a productive lunch break, the Staff members were organized into four teams, each assigned with different responsibilities. Each team was tasked with setting two goals, and for each goal, framing two objectives. The group secretaries were then responsible for presenting the data derived from this exercise.

The Programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Mrs. Kanimozhi at 3:30 PM, marking the end of a fruitful and insightful day of professional development.

NSS – YRC Social Impact Initiative

On 1 December 2023, the NSS Unit - I of St. Joseph College of Arts and Science for Women, Pagalpatty, Salem, observed World AIDS Day with a series of impactful initiatives. The primary objective of the Programme was to create awareness on the symptoms, causes, and preventive measures related to the HIV/AIDS virus, which has tragically claimed numerous lives. The NSS organized a spirited rally, showcasing the dedication and commitment of our Student community, with over 70 NSS Students and volunteers participating.

The rally, aimed at spreading awareness about the HIV virus, was inaugurated by Mr. Sugukumar, Sub-Inspector of Police, Suramangalam, Salem, and was graced by the presence of esteemed individuals including Rev. Sr. Dr. Antony Maria Jansi, the Secretary, Rev. Sr. Reetha Mary, the Administrator, Dr. A. Ameer, the Principal, Rev. Sr. Regina, the Vice-Principal, and NSS Programme Officer Sr. Rusmi.

Our NSS volunteers actively engaged in disseminating crucial information, firmly believing in the power of the younger generation to sensitize others and preventing the spread of the HIV virus. The rally route was thoughtfully planned to cover significant locations within the local community, ensuring

maximum visibility and impact. Led by our NSS Students, the enthusiastic participants marched through the streets, holding banners, placards, and posters conveying vital HIV/AIDS awareness messages. Their slogans and chants resonated in the air, capturing the attention of onlookers and emphasizing the urgency of the cause.

Together, we are making a significant impact in raising awareness about the HIV virus, and we remain steadfast in our belief that our collective efforts will pave the way for a brighter and healthier future for our Nation. Let us continue to stand united in our resolve to create a healthier India, spreading the message of awareness, prevention, and support.

Human Rights Day Advocacy

"Human Rights are not privileges conferred by the Government; they are every human being's entitlement by virtue of their humanity."

On Human Rights Day, our College observed a significant event organized by the AICUF unit. Under the guidance of our Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. Antony Maria Jansi, FSAG, and our Administrator, Rev. Sr. T. Reetha Mary, FSAG, along with our Principal, Dr. A. Ameer Baig, and our AICUF Coordinator, Rev. Sr. A. Sabeethi Sangeetha, FSAG, Teachers and Students came together for a pledge-taking ceremony.

The ceremony, originally scheduled for 10 December 2023, was rescheduled to 8 December 2023, at 10 AM. The pledge was a powerful and symbolic gesture, and it was concluded in a peaceful and meaningful manner. This event served as a reminder of the importance of upholding and advocating for Human Rights, reaffirming our commitment to promoting equality and dignity for all.

Empowerment Alliance - Sponsorship

The IVDP Programme was held at Gonzaga Auditorium on 18.12.2023. There was a grand welcome to the Chief Guest Mr. Kulandai Francis, Founder and President of IVDP. The Welcome Dance was performed by the Students. All the Students came in uniform sarees which was sponsored by him. The 50 Students who received financial help gave photo frame portraits and poetry as expression of their gratitude. Secretary Sr. Dr. Antony Maria Jansi spoke on IVDP Organization and expressed her gratitude for their help. The Chief Guest was impressed and he spoke about the activities of his Organization. Thanks to God the almighty for such good people and their benevolent activities.

Festive Christmas Cheer

Christmas was celebrated on 18 Dec 2023. The Choir girls sang beautiful Carols. Sr. A. M. Jansi gave a beautiful message on Christmas Day. A meaningful skit based on the real meaning of the birth of Christ was enacted by the Students. The Principal gave a thought provoking message on Christmas.

Finally Christmas cake was cut and we shared our joy and happiness with everyone.

Sr. T. Reetha Mary, the Vice Principal, Pagalpatti



Merry Christmas



Ansaldo College of Education, Chetpet

ACE CHRONICLES: A BLEND OF CREATIVITY, ACADEMIA, AND EMPOWERED VOICES

Commencing Tradition: Founder's Day Celebration at our College

Founder's Day holds immense significance in our College, providing a space for the community to gather and pay tribute to the visionary behind the Congregation and those who have contributed to its growth. The fervour of celebration was palpable as our College commemorated Founder's Day with great enthusiasm on 3 November 2023.

The Programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr. Anand Selva Kumar, our Physical Director. This was followed by a soulful prayer song by the College choir, seeking God's blessings. Our Principal, Sr. Dr. K. Revathi, presented a captivating history of Servant of God Michael Ansaldo and the remarkable development of the Congregation.

In line with the spirit of the Founder and in honour of the 18th year of the College, a special gesture unfolded. The Management invited and honoured 18 widows, embodying the values of compassion and community. The vent concluded with a gracious vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Neppolian.



Brushstrokes of Creativity

Ansaldo College of Education recently hosted a vibrant painting centered on the theme, "Nurture the Nature," on 4 October 2023. The event was skilfully organized by Mrs. Josena Anitha, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Academic Triumph

On 9 October 2023, our First Year Student Teachers demonstrated their intellectual prowess in a Quiz Competition hosted by our College. The event, which took place at the Shakespearean English Resource Centre at 2.30 PM, focused on the theme of Nature and the environment. Student Teachers actively engaged themselves in the competition, showcasing their knowledge. The entire Programme was thoughtfully planned and executed by Mr. Neppolian, Asst. Professor of Biological Science.



Empowering Voices

On 27 November 2023, a thought-provoking debate on the theme "Importance of Fitness," unfolded at the Educational Technology Centre of ACE. This engaging event was skilfully organized by our First Year Students, aiming to enhance Public Speaking Skills and promote articulate expression of thoughts and opinions among participants.



Sr. Revathy, Principal, Chetpet



St. Aloysius Gonzaga - North Region

Retreat in Netrang, Gujrat

Our life is a journey; we must travel with a deep consciousness of God. 1 Peter 1:18.

Annual Retreat was held at Netrang in the Narmada District on 15 November 2023, for the Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga from the North Mission area of Gujarat and Rajasthan together. We were there to embrace God's Word and began our Retreat. The Retreat Preacher, Rev. Fr. Sanjay, skillfully led us on a spiritual journey for all six days of the Retreat, attentively highlighting the significance of Christ. Every speech that explored the heart of discipleship and made connections between the call of prophets in both the Old and New Testaments was incredibly inspirational. Our Retreat Preacher guided us all on the first day of our journey. Our life is a journey; we must travel with a deep consciousness of God. The day we began our journey our Retreat Preacher led all of us in the footsteps of Jesus and as we journeyed deeply moved by these Reflections.

- Seeking the presence of the Lord.
- What is the kingdom of God?
- Challenging our convictions and rectifying our thoughts.
- Total obedience to God in our lives.
- Little things grow and in God's hand small gifts multiply.
- Call of Discipleship.
- Our Vocation.
- We need to have a balance sheet in our life.
- The three key elements of Emotions.
- In attentional BLINDNESS.
- Reframe Life Transformation

In addition, to encourage us to think on our callings, our Rev. Fr. Sanjay, the Retreat Preacher, also underlined the importance of staying in a positive balance in our lives and being attentive of others. He explained to us that life transformation was looked at through the lens of perspective reframing and that every conversation was so timely given the circumstances that it inspired us to keep our firm resolve to give our life to God. During the Retreat, we were led in prayer to a deeper level of experience that was facilitated by a poignant message on compassion.



Rev. Fr. Sanjay has been a great support for the six days. His insightful teachings and commanding presence of God led our whole self in abundant growth in our lives and inspired us to consider how valuable God's call is to each and every one of us. And that each discussion was so relevant to the times and they encouraged us to follow them by placing strong commitment and offering our lives to God. The Retreat ended with a moving speech on compassion that fostered a profound experience that brought us closer to God through prayer.



For his help the last six days while we traveled with the Lord, we appreciate Rev. Fr. Sanjay. We were inspired to reflect on how precious God's call is for each and every one of us. If we try to find our fulfilment in worldly pleasures, we fail to search for the discipleship key where we have lost it. The life of Simon Peter makes this very evident, because Jesus is nothing more than God's experience, and the disciple discovered the secret to his life in him. Rev. Fr. Sanjay, who led our Retreat, provided the most excellent and real-life examples. The Jubilarians told the younger generation:

- Look to Jesus,
- Listen to Jesus
- Learn from Jesus

These lovely words summed up the reason for living a life of mindfulness as true disciples of Christ—to encounter situations, deal with feelings, and consider the consequences of our actions. Due to human nature, we tend to see things from our own perspective and place the blame on other factors. However, as we draw closer to God's experience, everyone will realize that we must alter the three types of determinations by using a variety of inspirational examples.

- Genetic Determination
- Psychic Determination
- Environmental Determination

Reflecting on our callings, Rev. Fr. Sanjay the Retreat Preacher urged us to be conscious of others and to keep a balance sheet in our lives. He informed us that the exploration of life transformation will help us grow, and every failure is an opportunity for growth. At last, on the final Day, everyone's heart was moved by the contemplation of the compassion that our Mother Mary embodies. She had total faith in the Lord. Hence, let us accept the grace of our Mother Mary's love and firmly establish ourselves in God's love, giving ourselves over to His control. Fr. Sanjay the Retreat Preacher pushed us to consider our callings and emphasized the need to maintain a positive balance in our lives as well as practice mindfulness toward others.

We are grateful to our Rev. Fr. Sanjay for his assistance throughout the six days as we journeyed with the Lord. His invaluable presence and insightful speeches conducting Adorations, Rosary, and spiritual activities helped us.

In this spirit of gratitude, it's our privilege to thank our Most Rev. Sebastin, the Bishop of Baroda and we also thank Rev Fr. Joel, Fr. James, and Fr. Susheel for their arrangements. We also thank our Superior General, the Assistant General, Councillors, and The North Coordinator for setting this impactful Retreat.

Sr. Roja Jyothi, Gujarat

Annual Concert - “Festa Melodia”

St. Joseph's School Annual Concert “Festa Melodia” was held on 8 November 2023 at 3.00 PM. It started with the lighting of the Lamp.

Children showcased their talents with their variety of ideas which deeply impressed all the viewers of the day. It was graced by Rt. Rev. Louis Mascarenhas, the Bishop of the Diocese of Allahabad as the Chief Guest of this “Festa Melodia”. He enlightened and appreciated their



performance. All the Programmes have been highlighted and also emphasized the meaning of the “Theme”. A ton of messages were carried by the Spectators. It was a highly appreciated Programme.

The Chief Guest of the day appreciated the hard work of the Principal Rev. Fr. Raymond D'Souza, effort and continuous supports of Sr. Daisy (the Vice-Principal), Sr. Carmel Steffi (Junior Coordinator), Sr. Divya Priyadarshini (Coordinator) and the dedication, innovative ideas of the Teachers.

Whole ambience was filled with light and fragrance of Joy, and the Students were awarded for their Academics. (CBSE Toppers of Classes 10th and 12th, 100% Attendance and the Class Toppers of the Year) by the Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. Reginald D'Souza (VG).

It ended with the National Anthem.

Sr. A. Daisy, Kazipur

Shalom Province - Tindivanam

International Federation Of Social Work (I|sw)

27th Asia Pacific Regional Conference
Waterfront Hotel, Cebu city, Philippines.
Date: Nov 4 – 10, 2023.

The Celebration is a historical event in the world, as the Philippines Association of Social Workers (PASWI) celebrated a significant milestone with its Platinum Jubilee National Convention in Cebu City, Philippines, commemorating 75 years of unwavering dedication to professional excellence and social welfare. This historic Jubilee brought together more than 1500 social workers across Asian countries, united by a common purpose and dedication to the field of social work. The aim is to discuss the progress at the halfway points towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The events highlighted the pivotal role of social workers in translating the SDGs into a real meaningful impact within local communities.

As I am perusing my Ph.D. in Social Work, the research activities required to be present in the Conferences and publish the finding in the reputed journals. On 1st June 2023 I submitted an abstract

titled “Psycho Social and Economic Issues Among Unorganized Women Workers in the Delta Region of Tamil Nadu, India”. My study respondents were Women laborers engaged in the fisheries and coal manufacturing industries. I collected data (survey) from five villages, namely China Avudaiyar Kovil, Anthoniyarpuram, Sebasthiyarpuram, Mallipattinam and Peravurani. These villages are located in the remote area and need to face changes in identifying the respondents for collecting data.

On 30th September, the abstract was accepted for the poster presentation at the IFSW- PASWI Asia-Pacific Conference. On 29th October I submitted the final poster for presentation. On 2nd November I started my first International Journey from Thanjavur and on our auspicious Founder's day (3rd November) I arrived in Cebu City, Philippines. On 4th November 2023, I participated in the Pre-Conference workshop on 'Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation & Rehabilitation – Social Work Perspective' with more than 100 social workers from various countries.

The 27th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on “The Sustainable Development Goals Halfway Points: Social Work's Contributions to Social Development”. The inaugural function started on 5th November 2023 followed by a Keynote Address by eminent speakers from various parts of the globe. More than 27 Nations participated, and it is noteworthy to mention that I am one among the 5 Indians whose paper were accepted and invited to present in this historic event. Starting from the first day of the conference, there were many foot falls to listen to the research findings of my study. My research guide, Dr. Anand Jerard Sebastine also encouraged me while explaining about the facts of Women in the unorganized sector. Dignitaries from different countries listened and observed my explanation. They discussed, clarified and raised many questions based on my research. I was able to justify the findings of my study and this has given me a lot of insight that will be more useful for publication in the reputed journals and for my thesis.

As this was my first exposure outside India, it has become a great learning experience to find out the culture and practices of different nations. Philippines, a country as such, has a majority of Catholic Christians. I was amazed by the way they welcomed me and the hospitality given to me as a nun. I got recognition for my poster presentation with a medal and certificate of appreciation signed by the Regional President of IFSW-Asia Pacific Region, President APASWE and National President PASWI. I was proud to express everything as a Franciscan Sister of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

First and foremost, I fold my hands and thank the Almighty God for all his blessings rendered to me. I would like to give my whole hearty gratitude to our Superior General Rev. Mother. G. Rajamani, who has been a great support in my religious journey, and encouraged me to live a meaningful religious life. And also I would express my gratitude to our Provincial Superior Rev. Sr. S. Emelda Glodin Quini for her sisterly love and care. In addition, she always walks with me in my joyful movement and painful situation.



And I would like to thank my professor Dr. A. Anand Jerard Sebastine for all his guidance and support from the beginning of this research work. I would like to thank Rev. Fr. Alphonse Jesu, The Missionaries of the Poor, Talisay city, Cebu for accommodation and loving care.

Last but not the least, I would like to render my gratitude to our Congregation Sisters for the prayerful support and blessings.

Sr. Mary Dayana, Thanjavur

St. Aloysius Province - Vadipatti

“Managing Information System - A Tot Programme”



Ice Breaking Session:

Sr. Liceax Therese, Director of Vidiyal, eased the participants with a group game. Everyone was given a number and asked to actively participate in the game. All the participants were happy to play the game with much enthusiasm. The game gave self-introduction of everyone and created a rhythm for the session.



First Session:

Fr. Beschi, Programme Coordinator, NCN, introduced the topic with a story of Sheep and Shepherd. He focused on the information, we receive every minute. Information varies. Most of the time we are confused about the information the authenticity of which is questionable. We need to analyze and actualize the information which can serve our vision and mission of the NGO.

The second point he discussed was on the role of information in the present world. Personification of information leads to failure. Our youngsters are carried away by wrong notions of information and act accordingly. It's a business in the present scenario. However we need to manage the information system. A real focus on our part is to poster a qualitative progress by avoiding quantitating time in the excessive usage of Media especially Mobile Phones.

Second Session:

Sr. Liceax Therese, Director of Vidiyal, took up the session with an action song. A human being does activities of all the animals except his/her. The importance of a human being is portrayed and the responsibility of building a vibrant society is the ideal for every organization. We need to cut off the animal nature from us and to form matured and human society. The respect for others, nature and animal are to be inclusive in our activities. The change must start from us.



Fr. Beschi continued his talk about perspectives of people. The participants were divided into four groups. Each group was asked prepare a study about the perspective of ours and the society with regard

to the Children, Youth, Adult and Elders. After the group discussion they reported. We found from the discussion that our perspective is positive and the society's perspective is negative in all the groups. The lesson was clear that we always carry out, "I am Right" concept and foster the concept in others. Let us change our perspective and go with the free mind to the society or to the field.

Evaluation:

Sr. Liceax Therese conducted an evaluation session. All the participants shared their experience in the day. They could play like Children and to be active throughout the sessions. Though they were different heads and intellectuals, they could take everything positively. Moreover, they changed their mind set and adopted a new perspective in life in the NGOs.

Lunch:

A delicious Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian meal was served and the programme ended effectively.

Sr. Liceax Therese, Steel Plant, Salem

Ansaldo Province - Gunadala

Children's Day Celebration

We, the Management and Staff of Little Flower School and Junior College, Mylavaram, celebrated Children's Day on the 14th of November. The Teachers presented cultural programmes, including skits, dances, and singing, to entertain the Students. G. Rahul from 10th Class was chosen as the Chief Guest of the day. Various games and competitions were conducted for the Children, and winners were awarded by Sr. Mathi Margaret, the Correspondent, and Sr. Sophia. Sr. Maria delivered an inspirational speech about Children's Day. With the grand dinner, we concluded the celebration.

On 18 November 2023, the Governing Body Meeting of ACCEIAP and CCMEIAP took place at Maris Stella College, Vijayawada. The Meeting was led by Most Rev. Dr. Poola Joseph Raja Rao, the Bishop of Vijayawada, and Fr. Stanislas SJ, the Provincial of Andhra and Telangana, along with Fr. V.K. Samy, Fr. Bosco, and Fr. Sagaya Raj SJ. Approximately 50 religious individuals participated in the Meeting, addressing challenges in the education field. Sr. Mathi Margaret and Sr. Subathra from Mylavaram Convent participated in it. "Education as a Powerful Tool" was the theme of the discussion. It is a part of the Church's mission, emphasizing the need for networking, outreach, and commitment. Government adviser Rev. Fr. Madhu Bala from Guntur Diocese highlighted the process of submitting issues to the Chief Minister, such as Property Tax, Minority Certificates, and Donations. The Meeting concluded with the selection of the Members of the Governing Body.



Little Flower School and Junior College, Mylavaram

St. Aloysius Province – Myanmar



Novices' Day Celebration

“Every flower blooms in its own time.”

As of November 21, 2023, Novices' Day was commemorated with a Thanksgiving Mass led by Rev. Fr. Victor Khun Myat, SDB.

The Provincial Superior, Sr. Maria Eulalia, and the Vice Provincial Superior, Sr. Alice Mary, actively engaged in discussion with the Formators. The Novices expressed their respect and joy by adorning them with flower bouquet and presenting memorable gifts.

Later in the afternoon, a brief performance involving the Aspirants added an artistic touch to the celebration. The day concluded with a delightful seafood dinner, contributing to the overall happiness of the event.

Sr. Anna, Province Secretary, Myanmar



Obituary



Mr. Milan Fernandus nephew of Sr. P.Alexia Mary – Sugantha – 15.10.2023

Mrs. Vanathai Mary beloved Mother of Sr. S. Aloysia Mary – Pahadiya – 24.10.2023

Mr. Gotru Rajesh Younger brother in law of Sr. P. Swarna Kumari – Meshana – 29.10.2023

Mrs. Fathima Sagaya Rani Younger Sister of Sr. F. Jesintha Francis – Sugantha – 10.11.2023

Mr. K. Santiagudass Uncle of Sr. Josephine Mary Stella & Sr. Augustine Sagayam – 21.11.2023

Mrs. Mercy niece of Sr. Isaac – Generalate – 23.11.2023

Mr. Antony Samy uncle of Sr. M. Santhana Mary – Kathampallam – 03.12.2023

Mrs. Agnes beloved Mother of Se. Vinoliya Mary – North – 08.12.2023

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Feast Days of Our Sister

January

S.No.	Admn.No.	Name	Date
1.	283	Sr. A. Edward Mary	02
2.	912	Sr. R. Juliet Cindrella	05
3.	871	Sr. A. Sabesthi Sangeetha	20
4.	301	Sr. I. V. M. Mariammal @ Ildafonsus	21
5.	357	Sr. T. Agnes	21
6.	681	Sr. M. Agnes Auxilia	21
7.	761	Sr. V. Agnes Earnest Vimala	21
8.	315	Sr. A. Mary Pauline	25
9.	571	Sr. T. Maria Pauline Indra	25
10.	075	Sr. F. Pauline Myint Myint	25

February

1.	850	Sr. J. Arul Jayanthi	04
2.	1073	Sr. A. Arul Nivetha	04
3.	889	Sr. A. Lourdu Mary	11
4.	989	Sr. B. Lourdu Amala Sindhiya	11
5.	560	Sr. M. Juliana	16

March

1.	1050	Sr. S. Belsi	07
2.	341	Sr. S. Josephine Mary	13
3.	408	Sr. F. Josephine Mary Stella	19
4.	451	Sr. V. Susaiammal	19
5.	627	Sr. K. Revathi @ Josephine Theresa Revathi	19
6.	899	Sr. C. Susai Mary	19
7.	859	Sr. E. Joys Rani	25
8.	253	Sr. M. Anicia Mary	25
9.	907	Sr. A. Jenitha Mary @ Celine Jenitha Mary	Easter
10.	1031	Sr. K. Prema Jyothi	Easter