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JESUS THROUGH MARY

“TO PRAY THE ROSARY
IS TO HAND OVER
OUR BURDENS TO THE
MERCIFUL HEARTS OF
CHRIST AND MARY,
HIS MOTHER.”

- Pope St. John Paul II -





SR. CELINE JACOB FMA

**Hearty Congratulations to the New Visiting
Councilor from India**

EDITORIAL



We have every reason to rejoice as we are at the commencement of this new era of our Institute. Mother Yvonne Reungoat has very successfully completed her 13 years of service. We the province of Bangalore raise our hearts to God for her and all that she was to all her daughters world over and us in a special manner, for her guidance and visitation. We implore God's blessings upon her as she journey forward in His service.

As a province we welcome our New Mother General, Mother Cazzuola Chiara and congratulate her, we pledge our loving loyalty and fidelity to the Institute. May she be supported by the Spirit of God to guide and lead the Congregation in the footsteps of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, as she travels forward with Mary our Mother our other and Teacher.

Sr. Celine Jacob, one of our own is the new visiting councillor from our Nation. We are proud of you dear Sr. Celine. May you be successful in all your undertakings as you carry out the various tasks that will be entrusted to you. We your dear sisters will be at your side with unceasing prayers to support in your mission.

We implore the Lord to bestow upon you health and grace as you journey on. May our Blessed Mother mantle you from all harm to body and soul and may you be filled with joy, peace and grace that God alone can bequeath.

Sr. Teresa Thomas FMA
Editor



PALLURUTHY

Reminiscences of PV Sindhu 2021 Olympic double medallist by Sr. Rosily Thekkenath



One of the first parents I met after I took charge of the Auxilium School Secunderabad in the year 2009 was Mr. Ramana, the Arjuna awardee. He came with his beloved daughter P V Sindhu who was a student of Auxilium School Secunderabad. Ramana gave me a brief introduction about his daughter and told me that Sindhu could not attend the academic class daily as he had enrolled her in Pullella Gopichand sports academy. It gave me lots of joy to accompany this budding star and do all I could in order to make her dream come true. A girl of determination and courage Sindhu wanted to be a winner always. Obedience and respectfulness especially towards her teachers was part and parcel of her life. She cherished every value we proposed with lot of interest and earnestness. Sindhu could not attend the class daily specially when there were the rigorous practices and various national and international matches. We gave her all support including full attendance. Her friends were so good that before their teachers could ask they would complete Sindhu's notes. Each time Sindhu reached the school with her hard earned prize we had a celebration during the assembly which boosted her to greater heights. Ramana always told me that it was because of the tremendous support from the school Sindhu was able to win even tough matches. Though

Sindhu was not regular to school whenever she was in the class we found her much focused and very attentive in her studies as she was in her badminton. One day she told me that her dream was to reach as far as the Olympics and secure a Medal. Sindhu realized her dreams in her maiden Olympics itself. Sindhu, a 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist, on August 1st secured a bronze after a straight – game won over world No 9 He Bing Jiao of China in the bronze play-off held in Tokyo 2020 Olympics to become the second Indian and the country's first woman to win two Olympic medals. When Sindhu was in class X as the time came for the Board Examinations she had a Match in Malaysia. Naturally my thought was that she would opt for the Board examination of course with the thought that our usual 100% may not go down. But to every one's surprise Sindhu



said that she preferred going for the match than appearing for her first Public examinations. We send her with all our blessings.

Competing with the Malaysian player Sindhu stood atop the podium to receive the gold Medal and after that victories match as she returned when the public exams were already completed. I started few days of intense coaching for her with the help of other subject teachers and got her ready for the instant exams in June. Sindhu was much focused and most cooperative and earnest

that she fetched a distinction in her class X Board exams. Till the year 2016 Sindhu always returned to the school to show me her hard earned trophies and we maintained a loving relationship with each other. I proudly recall that great moment in my life as Sindhu and her parents invited me to share the stage during the grand reception in Hyderabad as she returned to India as the Rio Olympics silver medallist. Sr. Mini Lyon and I participated in that grand event. It was a rare moment and our hard work really rewarded.

KARUNAPURAM

Marian Month



Don Bosco said, "Have great devotion to our Blessed Mother and you will see what miracles are..." The Marian month had begun on 14 July with a rosary animation, combined with various initiatives. There was lot of enthusiasm and fervour in the community as each day was new with divergent manoeuvres. We the candidates were divided into three groups like Mother Mazzarello, Don Bosco and Laura Vicuna, as we are 16 candidates from North to south of India and 3 sisters. We had various

competitions like Shrine preparation with waste material, Word maze, what's wrong Search. Com, Advertisement, singing competition, signature etc and every Sunday we had quiz on our Blessed Virgin Mary. There was also a holy rivalry among the groups to be a best group of our Lady, which enkindled still more the ardour. We had also a Marian outing to Singaram, (a small village close to Karunapuram) where Mother Mary shed

tears. It was a wonderful experience, where the community experienced the presence of our Blessed Mother. Activities of the Marian month concluded with Marian Night on 13 August, with more initiatives in creative ways. Sr. Theresia, the

animator of our community, distributed the gifts to all the winners and we the candidates thanked the sisters for being so energetic and creative to bring us more closely to our Blessed Mother.

VARAKKAD

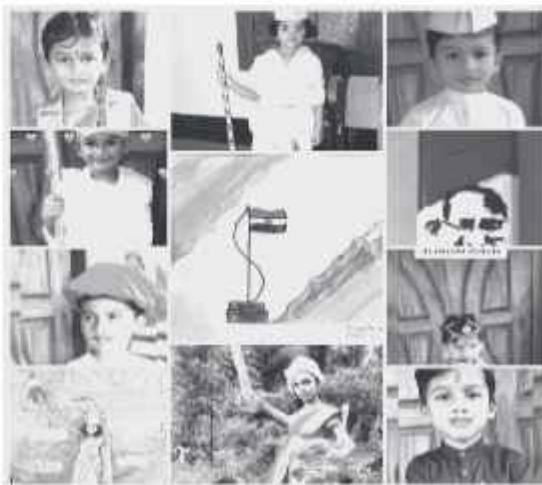
First Communion: The auspicious day dawned inviting us to begin a joyful thanksgiving celebration on 15th August 2021 in St. Joseph's Church Varakkad, along with parishioners for the gift of 13 First Holy Communicants. It was a day of rejoicing for the 13 First Holy Communicants. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration by Fr.

Philip Chennattu the parish priest. Six boys and seven girls were prepared by Sr. Salomi Jacob. The children along with their parents made the entrance procession colourful. They were assisted well by the sisters and catechism teachers to pray and ask Jesus to help them to keep their innocence always in their lives.



Independence Day celebration

A remarkable Independence Day celebration was held at Auxilium Varakkad on 15th August 2021. Sr. Anita Joseph the Manager of the school hoisted the flag in the presence of few teachers, students and parents. As a sign of loyalty to the country there was virtual patriotic dance, song and Fancy dress competition from each class. Sr. Anice Joseph the principal gave necessary information to the class teachers and leaders of the school. It was once again an opportune moment to reflect on what remains of the legacy of the anti-colonial struggle that led to India's deliverance from colonial rule.



Onam celebration

It was indeed a joyful day for all the people in Kerala as we celebrate our national feast Onam. The virtual celebration marked its beginning by seeking the blessings of Almighty God. The students along with their parents hosted Onam celebrations online and executed it wonderfully. The melodious onappattu and dance by few students added glitter to the programme. Each class teacher gave guidance to the students. There were various competitions. We thank the teachers and students for their efforts to make this celebration a memorable one.



VAZHICHAL

Independence Day cum feast of Assumption



We had three days preparation for this great feast. The animation helped us to increase our love for Mary. Our Lady was decorated with flag colour saris, on the feast day in a special way. She was honoured as she is Mother of God, born sinless, Her most extolled role in the work of redemption and the disciple par excellence. Now she is given the ultimate privilege of being assumed into God's presence. The prayer animation in the morning made us reflect that we too are called, chosen and destined to be with Jesus. Mary's assumption therefore is a sign and source of hope for us. We need to recognize in Her the model of purity, innocence and trust. As we celebrate the final journey of Mary to the fullness of promise

of grace, we know that God will fulfil every one of His promises to us and raise us to glory along with Mary. We had a very fervent recitation of the Rosary in the evening.

Another event took place today in our campus was the Independence Day, the principal Sr. Smitha invited all the LKG children and their parents to participate in the celebration. Prior to this event, she had informed the parents to come with various prepared little programmes. They were welcomed with balloons, sweets and biscuits. She selected few of them to be dressed as leaders of the nation like Gandhi, Nehru, Dr. Radhakrishnan, and Tagore and so on. Few came prepared for items like songs, dances and fancy dress etc. It was very interesting to see those little ones giving speeches. The parents were delighted to see their children on the stage for the first time. Thus the Independence Day celebration was really wonderful.

First Communions

Sr. Smitha Thomas prepared 22 children for 1st Holy Communion. She took the classes online as

direct contact with them was not possible due to Covid 19 pandemic. Towards the end she went to Chettikunnu sub-station and prepared them for a week. All the sisters took turn to go with her as it was also the church feast. Confessions for the parents and children were fixed for 28th August. Sr. Smitha and Sr. Dixy remained there for the whole day. As Sr. Smitha prepared the parents and children for confessions, Sr. Dixy decorated sanctuary with flowers and prepared vases. On the 29th, 22 children received Jesus for the first time. It was a great celebration. Sr. Smitha's online catechism classes had good response from the children as they were eager to receive Jesus.



The parish priest was highly appreciative of her hard work and zeal. The parents of the children were very grateful to her for preparing their children for this event.

SECUNDERABAD NAVAJEEVANA

Independence Day Celebration



August 15th was a memorable Day at Auxilium Navajeevana Secunderabad. Our children prepared with great interest for the Independence Day celebration. Mr. Sunil Gulati, one of our benefactors (Donor) was the Chief Guest. The programme started at 11 AM with a short prayer for our country, our leaders and for the whole world asking the Almighty God to bring to an end the pandemic Covid – 19. It was followed by cultural programme by our children. The Chief Guest Mr. Sunil gave his message speaking to the children about the importance of being free – freedom to ask for what they need, freedom to express their feelings, freedom to help each



other etc. He highlighted the sacrifices undergone by the leaders of our country in order to obtain freedom for our country. He asked them to be grateful to God and to Navajeevana Home who cares for them by providing all that they need. He told them to express freely to the sisters their positive and negative experiences inside the campus and outside. The programme was concluded by the message given by Sr. Mary V.J. the Directress. She thanked the Chief Guest Mr. Sunil for accepting the invitation to preside over the function. She also thanked everyone for the beautiful programme. It was followed by distribution of snacks brought by Mr. Sunil.

Onam celebration



On 21.08.2021 we had the Onam celebration in our Home at Auxilium Navajeevana Secunderabad. All the children together with the staff gathered

around the flower design, an expression joy and the symbol of Onam festival. It was prepared by our children with great enthusiasm. The Directress Sr. Mary V.J. explained in brief the story behind this festival. Normally we celebrate at our centre most of the national, local and religious festivals. Our children remind us about it much earlier. The feast was highlighted by enacting a scene from the life of Mahabali. There were varieties of items prepared by the children and staff. The sumptuous vegetarian meal was served to all present, thus sharing the joy and happiness of the day.

Girl child day



The "Girl Child Day" was celebrated in Bhoiguda, Secunderabad in a grand scale. Since the schools had re-opened, the celebration was kept up on 12.09.2021 at 11.30 am. The chief Guest was Mrs. Hima Bindu, one of our benefactors. The chief Guest was welcomed in the Indian style. There was cultural programme bringing out the situation of Girl Children in India today. If given chance how they can shine in the society and

become leaders who can bring a change in the family, society and even the nation. The chief Guest spoke on the importance of education. The programme was concluded with the message of our Animator Sr. Mary V.J. She through the narration of an incident of an ordinary simple village girl, who became an IPS Officer, brought out the importance of having a goal and working hard with determination and courage to attain it.

Different competitions were conducted for the children in view of the "Girl Child" day celebration – group singing, solo singing, quiz, puzzle, storytelling, Rakki making competition on apparitions of Mother Mary etc. Prizes were distributed to the winners and to all those who participated. Our children studying in Auxilium Mahendra Hills were also invited and they too participated in the programme. Thus the "Girl Child" Day was celebrated in a fitting manner.

KATTAPPANA

"Avid" for English language

The suggestion of Sr. Rosy Lopez, responsible for CDEW to every community, to make their Panchayath "literate" was taken to heart by the community of Kattappana. Since our Panchayath

is almost illiterate, we decided to make the children of our parish "Avid" for English language. Sr. Marietta had found many of the candidates who come for the NTTC course allergic to English

language. Hence she has volunteered to give coaching in the basics of English to the students of Classes V - VIII of our parish, and make them "Avid" for English language. At the invitation of Fr. Anil Eapen, the Parish Priest, seventeen children of the parish have registered and Sr. Marietta Kaidathara has started one hour of online coaching from 10.09.2021. These children are from English as well as Malayalam Medium Schools.



GUDAVANAHALLI

August 5th – a day, we Salesian sisters turn our eyes and our gaze towards Mornese, the place very dear to every F.M.A. It is the foundation of our Congregation. We recall that the community is animated by the Spirit, founded on the charism of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello and is guided by Mary Help of Christians. Totally dedicated to the education of the young people in the missionary spirit, we realize we are not just remembering the past with nostalgic feelings, we are certain that those marvels of grace which we contemplate are also present now, becoming real in our own times. We rejoice and thank the Lord for our Institute that continues to work for us and through us. We also remembered all our sisters who professed on this day especially those who are entering into the golden year of their profession. As Sr. Susie Paul entered the golden year of her profession today, during the Morning Prayer she offered a lighted candle symbolizing her years of dedication and fidelity to the Lord. And there was an introduction to the Holy Mass. Sr. Jane Lewis and Sr. Susie Paul who celebrate the anniversary of their profession brought to the altar variety of fruits which symbolized their loving commitment in the Institute and joyful service rendered to various missions entrusted them. Thanking the Lord for the gift of these sisters we participated in the Holy Eucharist.



Laudato si celebration

On 4th October 2021 at the conclusion of Laudato Si month, all the community sisters, girls and workers had a beautiful prayer service on the theme "The Lord of creation" with variety of initiatives. The points greatly highlighted were:

- Creation speaks not only of the beauty of God but also of His power and majesty and contemplating on the universe gives us an awesome feeling.
- All that has been created is a gift from the Lord to the humankind.
- In psalm 104 the psalmist reflects with wonder and awe on the origin of the earth. It is the review of the Genesis reminding us about all things that have come from the hands of God.



- We are part of this world which God made and which He loves so dearly.
- As we wonder at God's marvelous work of creation, let us become the co - creators in caring, nurturing and promoting His creation.

Thereafter there was a presentation of the exhibition "the best from the waste" prepared by the girls under the supervision of the sisters. The waste materials - the plastic bottles,

plastic containers, thermo coils, dry branches, newspapers etc. were made use for preparing those beautiful Craft works. This was followed by the well prepared cultural programme consisting of dances, songs, action songs, skits based on "Nature ". The onlookers were enchanted by the creativity manifested by the young people and we were convinced that through this one month of awareness the young would certainly - protect, guard, promote and nurture nature on their turn.

KAMANAHALLI

City youth find a home at Auxilium Kamanahalli

Our passion for youth and their welfare is at its heights as we encounter one by one the city youth. "I was sent to care for the city youth and the time has come after the lockdown to meet them, listen to them, counsel them share their life and our life with them". 14 October 2021 was a joyful day for Sr. Alice, Sr. Shyla and Mr. Santhosh as they expected 10 youngsters to gather in Auxilium. Five turned up each with their own stories of life. They were Bala, Michael, Veena, Kavya and Jeresha. We began our encounter with an



interactive session when Mr. Santhosh asked the young people to share 3 positive and 3 negative moments in their life in the past year. Everyone spontaneously shared what they had experienced. In fact, all of them had something to share. The sharing gave a ray of hope to them, to know their worth, and how they are blessed even in uncertainty. They spent few moments chatting, joking and teasing each other with the “spit cup” brought by Mr. Santhosh, a new invention which was to be marketed by him as the producer wanted him to take up the sale since he was very smart and adept in it. The mystery revelation of the “spit cup” is yet to come perhaps at the next meeting.

The session continued with Mr. Santosh's recommendations drawn from his own life experiences. He spoke to them about the importance of respecting and loving their parents; to feel the sense of belonging to the family, to speak when and if needed, importance of 3 Ps (Peace, Prayer and Patience) in one's life etc. He shared his personal experience and touching incidents from his life with great emotional impact to convince the young people of the importance of holding on to the family and to one's parents especially the mother whatever may be the negative experiences of one's life.

Sr. Alice intervened with a leaflet on “Auxilium Youth Movement” presenting the vision, mission, objectives of AYM and the characteristic of Salesian Youth Spirituality. They were to read and understand the ‘what and why’ of youth gathering in the Salesian Style. She contributed her views to the points shared by Santhosh. Later Santhosh asked them to share what they had gathered for their life from the sharing. Few shared their understanding and appreciation of the time spent together. Bala wanted such get together once in fifteen days. And all supported his wish. Bala read a story about a donkey and

each one was asked to interpret the story. Jeresha and others commented on the story according to their understanding. Sr. Alice informed about the meeting to be held on 24th to elect the leaders of Karnataka Youth Group. All were willing to participate.

As Michael was a silent individual and was afraid of talking in public he was teased a lot by Santhosh and he was asked to take charge of the next meeting. With wit and humour he encouraged Michael to speak up. The animators wanted him to overcome his fear and shyness and acquire leadership qualities.

Finally Sr. Alice ended with a thanksgiving prayer. The participants seem to have the desire to build themselves up as a team and achieve something worth in life. Each one was asked to bring one more youngster for the next meeting so that other youngsters who are in need of accompaniment of the elders will find a home in Auxilium. We want Auxilium Youth Movement to grow and expand and reach out to many more young people who are waiting for an ear that will listen to their problems, a shoulder to lay their heads on, a heart that will understand them and a voice that will address their difficult issues of life.



Troubled youth find solace in Auxilium Navajeevana, Kamanahalli

Sr. Alice and Sr. Shyla with their lay collaborator Mr. Santhosh are busy the whole day listening, counselling, sharing life stories with the youngsters, boys and girls who are in need of a listening ear and a loving heart to understand their painful situations and problems of daily life. Kamala (name changed) cannot accept her step mother and does not feel loved and cared for. She desires to receive baptism; she does not want to marry the boy whom the parents are proposing. She wants a job as she completed her graduation and so on. A list of issues are to be tackled.

We prayed the rosary in her house and talked to the parents to know the reality. We brought her to our house and she stayed with us for two days following all that we were doing. When asked how she feels in Auxilium, she said "I am too comfortable". One day the parents were invited to come, they came and we sat and spoke to the three of them, making Kamala understand the problem and find a solution. Santhosh spoke strongly about the respect and love she should show to her parents who love her so much. After a long chat with her she said "Give me time" to change. We are waiting and praying for the day of reconciliation and peace in the family.

Another youngster had fallen miserably in life and she shared courageously and openly how she had erred and now desires to change and become another person and find meaning in life. She is helped by Santhosh who gave her a job and trained her for it. He is meeting most of her expenses as there are lot of problems in the house.

A third youngster has big problem with regard to relationship with his girl friend and finds hard to let go and find peace. Hours of talking and listening and prayer are done by Sr. Alice and Santhosh. He is yet to be reconciled and find



peace. He is becoming stronger and learning many values for life through his interaction with us. The mother is with us in this accompaniment through her phone calls and even visiting our home.

Another is all in a mess and we have to unwind the knots and liberate her. It is hard. She was seated on the same seat with Sr. Alice one day. After few minutes of silence she turned to Sister and asked "Can I talk to you?" 'Sure' came the immediate answer from Sr. Alice and thus began a relationship of love. She needed a shoulder to lean on. Sister told her not only one shoulder but four she would give. After a day or two she landed up in Auxilium. She was prepared to stay on even late at night to share and find an answer to her disturbed mind. She fell in love with our home and us including our benefactor and friend Santhosh. We have learned only the top of the ice berg so far. We have to discover what is deep down the ocean.

The 14 young ladies between the ages of 17 – 21 from Bihar are our cross and the crown.

They have their own contribution in making us experience how difficult it is to accompany the young. Every day we have one situation of conflict and resolution with one or the other. It is fun at the same time tiring, and discouraging. The Lord is with us and we are up and responding to every situation with faith and courage. Their behaviour and changing moods are pin pricks of our daily life. But the transformation visible on their faces and in their lives is comforting and

encouraging to go ahead in our accompaniment. They are our joy and our cross. The love enjoyed by the boys of Valdocco is also seen here...we love them and they love us so much that they do not want to go back to Bihar. All of them want to stay on here. It is a pity that our house is a cave with little space to accommodate all. The Bihar government is happy and content with our formation and their response to our service that they want to send 30 girls next year.

First communion



At 26 Jesus enters his heart for the first time. He is the son of an army man and a convert from Hinduism. Mother is a good catholic. However, in his younger days he was denied the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a catholic. Sr. Alice had to enter into his life to prepare him to receive the sacraments. As he is working in the IT Company he had to find time to come to Auxilium

Navajeevana for the classes. He did it and today he is happy. The parish priest was so good that he had a separate mass only for the family. We participated and with our presence we gave joy to the little family. The happiest person was the mother who was waiting for this day when her two sons will belong to the Lord.

It's their day

Little deeds of thoughtfulness are sufficient to make someone happy. No one had ever celebrated the birthday of the girls from Bihar. They had never experienced the joy of cutting a cake or someone singing for them a happy birthday. Mr.

Santhosh made their birthday a memorable day in their life. He bought the cake, made them cut it and share it with all, bought a watch as a gift and gave them a new experience of what it means to be accepted, appreciated and recognized as



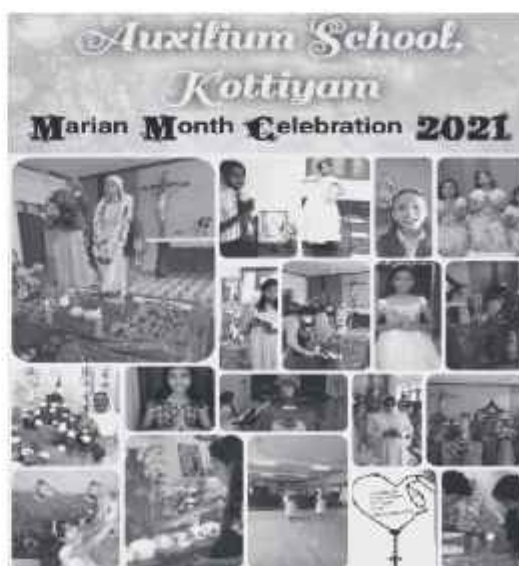
individuals. Although the old self is there deep within, they are grateful, they have changed for the better and they are looking forward to a new life with our help although they are orphans or semi orphans, wounded and abused in their early life. They have not experienced what love and care is. Such celebrations and the expressions of our love to them in little and big ways are conquering their hearts. Each one is a number

among the hundreds in the government homes of Bihar. Here they are no more numbers but persons with dignity and an identity of their own and they receive respect, love and attention from their mentors. They are attentive to the greeting, to the smile, to the blessing, to the pat we give them daily as they move out to the college or work place.

KOTTIYAM

Independence Day and Marian Month conclusion

The presence of our Blessed Mother has played important role in the lives of the students in Auxilium. The preparation of Marian Month was in high spirit from 15th July to August 14th 2021. Children from KG classes onwards animated the morning assembly. They expressed their love for our Blessed Mother in different ways such as preparation of video with various creativities to manifest their love for Mary and the day of Mary was animated by the Teachers through animation of the school assembly on that day. Besides this, they decorated Mother Mary's statue well with colourful flowers and carried her in procession



to the Chapel with hymns of love and homage, offering prayers for the whole world especially for the Auxilians and their families. The message was given by the Principal Sr. Jancy Augustine.

Motherland was honoured in a splendid manner

online. The National Flag was hoisted by Rev. Monsignor Jesudas of the Kottiyam Priest Home. Varieties of colourful online programme went on, even honouring the Olympic medallists of India through the video presentation.

Onam Celebration



The Festival of Kerala, Onam was celebrated in a grant way at Auxilium on virtual platform. The programme was arranged class wise in lower classes and section wise in Middle and High school. There was whole hearted participation of the children in the entire programme and encouraging and enlightening message of Sr. Jancy Augustine, the Principal of Auxilium gave grace to the celebration. On 18th the staff members gathered at Auxilium, in which the manager Sr. Anita Thomas and the administrator Sr, Mary Mathew greeted them with short messages. They were happy and delighted in sharing the Onam special and snacks prepared by the sisters as they shared their happiness of togetherness. On the day of "Thiruonam" a short video was prepared by the online programme committee with lots of creativity and love and was posted to various groups.

Teachers Day celebrations

The birthday of Dr. Radha Krishnan, which is commemorated as the Teachers day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in order to express our gratitude to all our Formators, Guides and Teachers. The SPL Agnima Varnan, with full support and collaboration of the classes from UKG to XII, prepared a befitting programme as a tribute to the Teachers. They expressed their love and gratitude to their beloved teachers through their songs, dances, paintings and drawings which they posted in the WhatsApp group class wise. A video was specially prepared to thank the teachers for their selfless service in which Sr.

Anita Thomas, the manager and Sr. Jancy, the principal greeted them.



AUX FLAIR 2021



Two days, 14th and 15th September are to be marked in red letters in the life of Auxilians that will be remembered with love 'The Aux

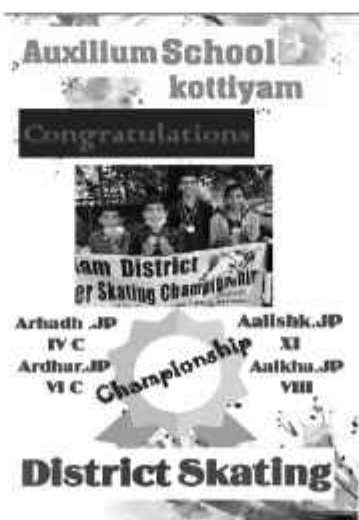
Life in the local church

Rosary Animation in the Parish: The Rosary Month was fervently kept up and was celebrated with much love in Nithya Sahaya Matha Church, Kottiyam with lots of creativities under the vibrant and enthusiastic guidance of Fr. Amal Raj the Parish Priest. During the weekdays the Rosary animation was done by the lay people, unit wise and on Sundays the animation was entrusted to various religious Institutions. On

Flair 2021' online arts festival. The chief guest of the day was Mr. Sasankan Mayyanadu, The Actor, Comedian and Screen writer who works in Malayalam films. The entire programme was presided over by Rev. Fr. Amal Raj, the Parish Priest of Nithya Sahaya Matha Church, Kottiyam. The Inaugural function was followed by various competitions of different categories conducted in Zoom platform. It paved a way for them to explore their talents. They contributed their best in the festival and the winners were announced the very next day and were awarded with little prizes.

10th October 2021, we the Salesian Sisters animated the Rosary in front of the grotto of our Blessed Mother, outside the Parish Church, with the faithful gathered there to express their love and gratitude to our Mother and to pray for the entire world. It was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Thus we were together, interceded with our Mother for the world that is suffering at various levels.

LAURALS TO AUXILIANS



CHAMARAJAPET



On August 5th we celebrated the profession anniversary of our sisters, Sr. Alice Chacko, Sr. Teresa and Sr. Lilly. We thanked God for these our sisters and honored them. It was a day of rejoicing for them and we participated in their joy and gratitude to God acknowledging the wonders God has worked in them and through them. They re-committed to be joyful and self giving without counting the cost and to become worthy daughters of Mary Help of Christians. We recognized and appreciated them growing gracefully

Independence Day

Auxilium Navajeevana, Chamrajpet celebrated Independence Day in the midst of pandemic and lockdown. We could not just ignore the importance of the day without acknowledging the freedom struggle and the leadership of Gandhi and the others who continue to inspire the present generation. Children of Rainbow and Center did various cultural programmes in order to mark the event a colourful one. Prizes were distributed for the winners and exhorted everyone to strive to become true Indians by living a virtual qualified life.



Marian Month was concluded on this day. The one month of practice called us 'to be true imitators of Mary. Her presence was felt everywhere and we lived this month in her company. Mary was invoked at all times, her statues were decorated and placed in different parts of the house and we prayed constantly Hail Mary's. It was an enriching month with thought provoking good nights. Mary was here, there and everywhere. In our ongoing journey we need to love her, trust her, imitate her, listen to her, asking her advice in every step we take, consult her in every decision we make, begin the day with her, and make her known and loved in all the ways.

Onam celebration



The spirit of Onam is the happiness of people. We celebrated Onam in the Rainbow Home with floral bed, variety of dishes and dance particular to this feast (Thiruvathira) The dramatic presentation caught the attention of everyone especially the children. It was said that Mahabali defeated

the gods and took over the three worlds with his humility. He lost himself but gained the hearts of his people. He is remembered and honored because of the choice he made in order to protect his subjects.

Teachers' day cum season of creation



Teachers' day cum season of creation was celebrated. Children a cultural programme to mark the day. The invitees Mrs. Manjula Telegade the Future coordinator of National Rainbow Programme heightened the importance of teacher's presence in each one's life. Sr. Sherly and Sr. Nirmala gifted a plant each to the staff and to the invitees for nurturing, protecting, and safe guarding the environment. There was a discussion on the importance of preserving the creation of God. It was an enriching day.

Gandhi Jayanthi



Truth, nonviolence, Sarvodaya and Sathyagraha, the four pillars of Gandhian slogan echoed in Auxilium Navajeevana on his birthday. The meaningful celebration consisted of quiz, essay writing, composing and singing, and honoring his picture with flowers and lights. The message of peace and non-violence was highlighted in the day's instruction. A chart was prepared with ways and means of practicing peace and non-violence in our home. It was well appreciated.

We have a mother



Election of Mother General created ripples in the Salesian world. We rejoiced and thanked God for His choice Sr. Chiara Cazzuola as our Leader cum Animator. Children learned to pronounce the name correctly and shouted out with joy and happiness. She is the chosen vessel of God and channel of His blessings to establish His Kingdom in the FMA world. Welcome Mother and we assure you our prayerful support in shepherding the Institute.

BANNERGHATTA

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Joseph

On 21st August the community decided to go for short pilgrimage. As it is the Year of St. Joseph the community went for a pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Church at Anekal, Bangalore which was nominated by the Archbishop as a Shrine to honour St. Joseph during this year. We spent time in prayer invoking the help and protection of St. Joseph. We said the prayers in honour of St. Joseph and also to obtain the plenary indulgence given for visiting this Church during this year. The Parish priest who is a Jesuit invited us to their Theologate – 'Jnana Jyothi' – which was nearby for a cup of tea after which we returned home. It was indeed a refreshing experience as we were able to breathe the fresh air of the villages away from the city and spent time in the company of each other in a relaxed manner.



Inauguration of the Academic year



In the afternoon of 6th September, the students and teachers of ITI gathered together once again for the inauguration of the new academic year. Fr. Balaraju SJ our Parish priest was the chief guest. The function began with the lighting of the Indian lamp by the chief guest and the other dignitaries. During his speech the chief guest encouraged the students to make use of the opportunities provided to gain a skill-based knowledge in the



different courses offered by the Institute. Besides he stressed the importance of acquiring good values and principles which will help them to be good and honest citizens in today's society. The students expressed their joy and happiness with a short cultural programme of dance and songs. We hope the students profit by the chances given for acquiring skills and become useful and responsible individuals in the society.

Teacher's day

On the 6th September the students of ITI celebrated the Teacher's Day in the well decorated hall in a creative way. There were songs, dance and speech honouring the teachers in an atmosphere of spontaneity and simplicity. The students conducted games for the teachers

and gave them prizes. Sr. Crescentia gave a short message to the teachers and the students. At the end the teachers were given a small gift each as a token of appreciation by the Management. Finally the teachers were invited for a tea party.

Celebration of the Season of Creation



The 'Season of Creation' programme began on 1st of September with the practices sent from the CDEW office. The practice of each week enabled us to deepen the knowledge and the importance of nature and how to take care of the same. Besides, the community had also actively involved in nurturing the kitchen garden with vegetables of different kinds. The community was able to share some of their vegetables to the neighbouring communities as well. On



the last day of the conclusion of the season of Creation the students of ITI brought few fruit trees and planted the same in the campus. The students also have taken the initiative to make the campus plastic free. A short video on how we are organizing and carrying on with our vegetable garden was prepared to send to the CDEW office. All of us were happy to have done something to make our campus better and also to have some home-grown vegetables.

Month of Rosary in the parish



The month of the Rosary was well kept up in the community and in the parish as we join the ward members daily for the recital of the Holy rosary in the parish Church. This year we were not going to the families due to the Covid pandemic and our ward members were happy to come and pray the Rosary together daily at 6.00 p.m. in our Parish Church. Each day the members pray for 3 families of the ward and were well animated by the Parishioners themselves. At the end of the Rosary the Word of God was read and a short anecdote or a miracle of Our Blessed Mother was narrated by the sisters or our Catholic girls

of the hostel. The parishioners appreciated the same and all were eager to show their love and devotion in this manner.

In the community the rest of the sisters prayed the Rosary along with the inmates with different initiatives. On 31st the entire group came together and had a procession around the villages of the Parish as the Parish priest had announced. Thus, we were happy to spread devotion to Our Lady as well as deepen the knowledge of different shrines in our country where miracles have happened through the intercession of Our Lady.

HASSAN

Blessing of the foundation stone



On 5 August, 2021 while the institute solemnly entered into the 149th Anniversary of the foundation, we the community at Joseph Nagar rejoiced at the beginning of the new presence at Kandali - a dream come true! Rev. Fr. Tom, CMI blessed the rented house, in the presence of all the sisters. Sr. Lizy C D and Sr. Mary Joseph were warmly welcomed to the new house. Later, in the afternoon, the Foundation stone was laid for the new convent building in the land situated 18 KM away from the present

convent. Mother Provincial Sr. Celine Jacob and Sr. Sally Abraham, the Provincial Bursar, Rev. Fr. Alwyn D'Souza - Parish Priest of Joseph Nagar and the engineer graced the occasion. Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio Fernandez SDB, the Rector of Don Bosco ITI - Hassan blessed the Foundation Stone in the presence of the dignitaries and the community sisters while Mother Provincial laid the foundation stone. We thanked God for this singular gift and placed at His Divine feet all the plans and dreams for this new venture.

Teachers' day in the school



St. Joseph's School – Joseph Nagar celebrated the Teachers' Day on 6th, September. During the lovely cultural programme the students expressed their love, gratitude and admiration for

the teachers. The management offered them each a good gift set and a sumptuous tea party. The teachers were happy and contented.

A visit by the judiciary

On 11 October 2021, a team of officers from the judiciary and their associates visited Auxilium Snehalya boarding at Joseph Nagar. The team members were Smt. Prathibha D.S, a Civil Court Judge, Mr. Ravi Shankar K.S, president of the Lawyers Association, Alur, Mrs. Jayasree, a Government representative from Alur, Mr. Satish, Health Inspector from Alur and six other persons of the group. Their sole interest was to give awareness on legal matters especially on Mental Health, Rights of Children, Child Marriages, POCSO related matters, awareness on good touch and bad touch and other related



matters to the children. Children were very much attentive to the group as they elaborately spoke about the above matters. They appreciated and thanked the team for the insights they received.

BANGALORE AUXILIUM WELFARE CENTER (AWC)

Teacher's Day Celebration



A day of togetherness was only a dream until the Auxilium Family at Auxilium School, Bangalore reunited to celebrate Teacher's Day on 4.09.2021. Covid- 19 had put a halt to all gatherings and celebrations, and therefore this celebration came at an apt time to meet and greet each other and most important to appreciate our dear teachers for all their efforts, perseverance and hard work. Grade IX students did their part to bring the wishes of all our smart little ones. The day was also an important landmark in the history of Auxilium as the block for Pre- University was inspected on that very same day.

The event at Sr. Nancy Memorial Hall started with welcoming every teacher in typical Indian style. Rev. Sr. Mini Leon the administrator graced the occasion with other sisters of the community. The

party was filled with songs, dances and games. It was a total fun filled package. Our dear Sr. Maria Rajeshwari made sure that some essence of value building was incorporated alongside of the entire frolic. Games taught us to have fun and also learn few values such as problem solving, communication skills, thinking creatively and so on. Students performed mimes, sang songs and danced that made us also tap our feet to their tunes. It was indeed a significant and festive day for all teachers. Celebration brought back the vivid experience that we teachers enjoy being a part of the Auxilium Family. We move ahead with this extra vigour with a feeling of unity, committed to give our best to our dear children. The event ended as we received gifts and relished the delicious snack.



BANGALORE SACRED HEART TRAINING CENTRE

Community and apostolic experience

From 4th to 26th September 2021 we, the 2nd year Novices set out for community experience. 3 of us were sent to Hassan and 3 to Chamrajpet. It was an eye opening and new experience for each one of us. We added some new pages to our life experience and attained virtues which we have seen practised in our respective communities. We were indeed glad to have our community experience at our YAR centres. The communities where we were gave us full freedom to explore ourselves and to know better about community life and about the mission by involving us in all the community moments and in the apostolate. We had practical experience of Salesian assistance by being present with the girls at all moments such as study, games, gardening and in refectory. The experiences of giving good night, participating in the lively recreation were the best moments in which we forgot ourselves and got

involved in singing and dancing together with all the sisters and children. Then we were also given opportunity to teach the children of various age groups. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic the children were not going to the school and we had to occupy them whole day with classes of various kind. The sisters of the respective communities accompanied us in all of these experiences. We understood that lot of mission await us and we need to prepare ourselves adequately in order embrace it. All these different experiences also strengthened our determination to continue to follow the Lord in the Salesian family. We are very grateful to the novitiate community for giving us this opportunity. We remain ever grateful to the community sisters of Hassan and Chamrajpet who taught us by their very lives and for taking care of us as their little sisters.



"Laudato si day"

Mother Earth sustains and nurtures us from birth to death. We are entrusted to take care of her. Everyday is the mother earth day-dedicated to take care of our Earth-family. On 4th October, we celebrated "Laudato si day" which was preceded by a month long preparation for 'season of creation'. It was the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si Anniversary year and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. In keeping up this day, we had an amazing experience and real touch with the nature. We began the day with our Morning Prayer and meditation in the garden with the theme based on "Earth – our Common Home". During the day we had cleaned the surroundings, planted trees, sowed the seeds of maize and prepared our lunch in the garden collecting the fresh vegetables and greens from our own garden recalling the olden days of our

fore fathers. We have taken care of our poultry and gave a day off to our workers. As Hildegard of Bingen wrote in her "De Operatione Dei", "The earth is at the same time Mother.....mother of all that is natural.....The earth forms not only the basic raw material for humankind, but also the substance of the incarnation of God's Son..... Natural world as God's creation, charged through and through with His beauty and His energy; entrusted to our care, to be used by us for our benefit, but not to be mingled or destroyed."

Everyone felt contented that we have taken small steps in beautifying our World and making use of its resources properly and resolved to take care of the mother earth. We thank our community sisters for taking this initiative and it was a beautiful experience. We exist because Mother Earth exists.





Brain waves of a Millennial!

#4.Theme: Diligently Delicate

(Scene: Community day! All the sisters were busy with preparing the surprises (gifts prepared by the community members to surprise their superior) for the upcoming Community day. All are trying to sneak out from their busy schedule to surprise the animator! Hardly two weeks left for the celebration. All are on their toes. The bell goes for evening prayer..... all are gathered for supper)

Sr. Sophia: Dear sisters, we need to plan for the upcoming youth meet. I notice you all, caught up in your busy schedules. So, we will postpone the planning till then. By the way I see some of you dosing during prayers. Kindly take good rest! If you are too tired, take a nap during the day when you can. Don't let the chapel become a dormitory! *(Says it with a wink and a smile,*

Sisters all burst out in roars of laughter giving vent to their imagination!)

Sr. Grace: (The vicar) Superior, can you give us early Good night these days!

Sr. Sophia: Oh! Yeah dear Vicar! You'll be held responsible if our sisters work overnight!

Sr. Zeora: Oh No sister! Sr. Grace doesn't trouble us at all!

Sr. Sophia: She always makes me feel better and comfortable!

(Meanwhile, a frenzied Sr. Dashy hits the sister

next to her. The sister almost collapsed but by her reflexive instinct held on to the leg of the chair. Neither of them felt embarrassed as if it is customary. Sr. Sophia the animator noticed such crude manners several times but felt mortified to correct. Sr. Gently was serving into her plate, so elegantly, while lively Sr. Zeora rushed up for a plate, as she had to exchange with Sr. Gladys for assisting the boarders! But the sister in front seems to move like a snail! There was slight and silent tension between these two)

Sr. Zeora: (mutters out) Oh God! How long is she taking to dish up? (Tries to push a little signaling emergency)

Sr. Gently: Oh dear sister, you seem to be in a hurry!

Sr. Zeora: Yeah sister, it's my turn for assistance this week!

(Relieved as if she waited to explain her need in this crucial moment, but no sooner than she inhaled as if a thunder struck her)

Sr. Gently: So what! Were you taught good manners? Why such a rush and push? (She continued to lecture while the rest of the community were edgy)

Sr. Zeora: (Humiliated said) sorry sister! Please take your own time. (Mumbled in mind..... Is she going to serve for a lifetime? Oh goshhhhh)

Sr. Gently: Nowadays, sisters are so inconsiderate of the other; she sniffed (hinting at Sr. Zeora)

(We can feel the heat waves coming out from both.)

Sr. Zeora: With a deep sigh, served a little

food and gulped in two full mouths and ran for assistance.

Sr. Dollor: *(The administrator)* was keeping the fruit. Sisters, I bought the seasonal fruit custard apple, enjoy them! *(So saying she just drops the fruit basket onto the table accompanied by a louder noise that would have wakened the dead!!!)*

Sr. Grace: (who was serving just then, jumped her heart out) Psh! Good heavens!!!!

(While Sr. Grace glances in utter shock at Sr. Dollor, she just exchanges with a smile, unaware of the mishap. Sr. Grace serves her favorite dish pepper water on the usual flat plate that she spilled all around, especially on Sr. Gladys' immaculate robe as she reached the table, but neither of them noticed, except one. When Sr. Gladys entered, none of the dishes were covered nor the spoons removed, she just serves her cold dish up with a cold heart, but was least disturbed by the appearance as it might be the routine)

Sr. Gladys: Oh! These girls are such fussy pots! They do not want to eat yesterday's leftovers.

Sr. Dollor: Is it? You should serve them just the same; no matter whether they eat or throw!

Sr. Grace: Then why to serve? We can throw it in the bio gas plant. Isn't it?

Sr. Dollor: How can we do that, Sr. Grace? We need to force them to eat.

(Meanwhile Sr. Zeora runs in, saying)

Sr. Zeora: Sr. Dollor, the leftovers got spoiled, and children can't eat, what shall I do?

Sr. Dollor: Who said that? It is good, so tell them to eat, sister

Sr. Grace: What???? Please put it in the bio gas plant!!!

(Sr. Dollor grumbles, walks in rage towards the girls to lash out at them, while superior and the vicar exchanges looks. All the girls seized by fear eat silently, with nausea. Animator goes to the dining hall of girls and eats the spoiled food, requesting the administrator to do the same. The latter realizing the mistake immediately shows a sign to throw it.)

All the sisters finished their supper and reached the recreation room. On the way some hit each other. Some out of habit without even asking for an excuse ran in first pushing the other who was slowly entering. Sr. Sophia was noticing all these and decided to remind them today. All pulled the chairs with an ear splitting noise while the last one enters with a bang of the door)

Sr. Sophia: Keeping her poise and composed nature begins the good night with the following Zen story.....

A horse came galloping quickly down the road. It seemed as though the man had to go somewhere urgently.

Another man, who was standing alongside the road, shouted, 'where are you going?' and the man on the horse, replied,

"I don't know! Ask the horse!"

(The sisters sat glued to chairs, with great attention for the story to complete, and then superior with a witty smile tells)

Sr. Sophy: That's all, the story is over! Our bad habits are like this horse running wild, without knowing the destiny; we just ride on in triumph. Tomorrow being the commemoration of Don Bosco, our founder, I would like to remind you all of the beautiful Prayer that we used to say once upon a time. Can anyone guess!

Sr. Zeora: *(jumps out in excitement as she remembers it all)* Yes sister, I do! Oh Dear Don Bosco, pray to God for me and obtain the grace of efficacy of words, delicacy of conscience and zeal for the salvation of souls! *(Her face was lit, expecting appreciation)*

Sr. Sophia: Good, I am sure all of you remember it. I would like to focus on the second line, delicacy of conscience. Add along with it delicacy in all we carry out! I hope after sometime I won't hear the cracking sound or ear-aching sounds nor dashing others or tumbling down while we pass from one place to another. (The sisters seem to have realized by now and begin to reflect seriously on how they have not been delicate so far!)

Sr. Sophia: *(With an angelic smile looks into each one's eyes and tells lovingly)* Let us begin anew. Let's become aware, let us be diligently delicate. As women, we are to be envied for this innate ability which has vanished to some extent! Just as Mahatma said 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth makes the whole world blind and toothless' so are we without delicacy hitting and dashing breaking our legs and heads, we might even lose our teeth. *(All smile)* Good night sisters, sleep well!

Your Zeora (the little one!)



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