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EDITORIAL



We are in the Season of Lent and Holy Mother Church invites us to meet Jesus in a very special manner. Holiness is just living with Jesus in a remarkable and effective way. All the circumstances that are offered to us, are chances to be with and for Jesus.

May our encounter with Jesus be one that generates joy. John the Baptist encountered Jesus for the first time in the womb of his mother when our Blessed Mother met her in their home and the scripture says that John leaped for Joy. May our encounter with Jesus each day lead us to fill ourselves with joy all through this Lent.

The second, three persons – the three kings who came to the crib at Bethlehem, to pay homage to the Infant

Jesus. King Herod had requested them to return to him after finding the newborn king, but on encountering Jesus they were told to return by another way. May each time we encounter



Jesus all through the Lent and beyond be chances to walk another path which the Holy Spirit will inspire us to follow a new way from former ways. Thus, we will walk through a safe and meritorious path to holiness to which we are called in a special manner.

The third person I present to you is Nicodemus. The scripture says, he came to Jesus by night because he was afraid of the society in which he lived. The encounter that Nicodemus had with Jesus during that night, generated strong faith and courage in himself to see the God Man in Jesus. After the death of Jesus Nicodemus goes to the authority to ask for the body of Jesus, no more fear but love and affection for Jesus generated the needed courage to do the needful.

May this Lent fill us with joy, change of heart and courage to be with Jesus and for Jesus.

Sr. Teresa Thomas

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AUXILIUM SEVA SADAN – WYRA

The closing of the Centenary of the FMA presence in India was solemnized at Auxilium Seva Sadan- Wyra.

The celebrations of long-awaited day in the annals of FMA presence in India began by welcoming Rev. Fr. Thomas Santiago, SDB Provincial of St. Joseph Province Hyderabad, Fr. Salagala Rajesh SDB, The Provincial Secretary, Fr. Carlo SDB, Rector of Don Bosco Wyra and his community along with their boarders, and Sisters from SMI Convent, Wyra.



Sr. Prameela welcomed everyone and gave a brief description of the event. Fr. Thomas Santiago lowered the centenary flag and declared the centenary year closed. It was followed by Holy Eucharist celebrated by 6 Salesian Priests. Sr. Deepthi gave introductory words for the Holy Eucharist. In his homily Fr. Thomas Santiago emphasized the Intervention of Mary in the FMA Institute. He appreciated all the good being accomplished by every Salesian Sister for the poor and down trodden. He invoked the Blessings of the Almighty as we launch out into the second century.



The Holy Mass was followed by colourful cultural musical dance - drama titled "Dreamers and Doers"- which gave awesome conclusion of the day. Sr. Annakutty, the Superior thanked the Salesian Provincial and the Salesian Community for their whole - hearted support and collaboration in the mission. She felicitated Fr. Santiago, Fr. Rajesh and Fr. Carlo with a shawl. The family celebration ended with a family meal. At the end of the day we say with hearts full of

Gratitude "it's the work of Mary."

MARIA NIKETAN – CHANDUR

Maria Niketan Telugu Medium School organized past-pupils meet on 11th December 2022. The campus was full of life, noise, colourful and a lot of excitement. 250 past-pupils turned up. The gathering was held with a proposal from the management to the core group members of Past-pupils unit to have a past-pupils gathering in order to mark the 150th year of foundation of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the centenary year of the arrival of the first missionaries to India. The core group members contacted the past-pupils as many as possible and collected the fund to celebrate it. There was a lot of co-operation from all the past-pupils.

Everything was well planned and executed by the core group members: prayer, programme,



food, accommodation etc. Rev. Sr. Jayanthi Boyapatti, the provincial councillor and animator of Secunderabad community was invited to be the Chief Guest, Rev. Sr. Prameela Sundhari Pulapati was the resource person of this day. The kuthuvillakku was lit by Sr. Bala Savarimuthu, Sr. Jayanthi Boyapatti, Sr. Prameela Sundhari Pulapati and Sr. Kirankumari Jupudi and past-pupil's representatives. Sr. Bala Savarimuthu, addressed the

gathering and welcomed them to Maria Niketan. Sr. Jayanthi Boyapatti gave a short message recommending them to have value based and disciplined life and to teach the same to their children. Sr. Prameela Sundhari Pulapati gave an inspiring talk on the responsibilities of past-pupils. She also shared the story of foundation of our Institute and arrival of our missionaries. She exhorted them to build responsible citizens in their families. One of the past-pupils offered a pencil sketch of Don Bosco's image, done by her son. It was a great moment for this proud Mother.



There was a touching moment where all the past-pupils stood up and bowed their heads before all the sisters and expressed their gratitude. Some of the past-pupils performed solo dances and group singing. Some of them shared their beautiful experiences. They recalled all the sisters and the lay staff who worked in the school and expressed their gratitude to the Salesian Sisters for their services. Two batches offered Rs.25000/- to do Charity in the name of Past-pupils to the poor. They met their own friends, recalling the old memories. After a fraternal meal. All dispersed thanking and greeting each other.

CHARITY DAY

We the Management of Maria Niketan School EM School, Chandur, on celebrating charity Day made Food Donation and groceries as Christmas Gifts to Nirmala Jyothi Special School, Nalgonda an Orphanage run by FCC Congregation. Christmas is a feast of love and sharing, so Sr. Kiran Kumari the Principal and the Management had the noble idea of giving food donation and groceries as Christmas gift. The FCC Sisters expressed their appreciation and joy for the visit paid to them.



AUXILIUM KATTAPPANA

Auxilium School Kattappana organized Christmas programme on 22nd December 2022. On the last day of the students' term examination, everyone gathered in the open square for the celebration.



Fr. Abin Abraham, the Parish Priest, St. Mary's Jacobite Church, Puttady, Idukki, was the Chief Guest. He gave an inspiring Christmas message while inaugurating the celebration. Sr. Sheela Jacob, the Manager Sr. Sophy Joseph, the Principal, School Parent Representative Mr. PJ Xavier, Mrs. Manju Maria Jose, the Staff Secretary, and other teachers

and students were present. Students from Kinder Garten to Higher Secondary celebrated Christmas with carols, cake cutting and welcoming Santa Clause. There were little Santas from lower classes to add colour to the celebrations. The skit conveyed the message of joy, love and sharing; the values to be followed during the Season. A beautiful Christmas crib was prepared by the teachers and students of Green House.



Christmas celebration for the teachers was organised on 23rd December 2023 in the morning. All the teachers and non-teaching staff took part in the programme. It was a joyous experience for the staff to sing songs, share and exchange gifts and celebrate Christmas in unity. During Christmas Season the students were asked to bring various gifts



i.e. food grains, cakes, rice, provisions, soap and cleaning materials, Biscuits etc. They were very happy to distribute these items to the two centers, Old age home 'Akasaparavakal' at kattappana and another old age home at 'Akasaparavakal', at Nariyampara. Students, sisters, and teachers spent valuable time with their inmates and gave them Christmas message and programme and made them very happy.

NSS Camp

The National Service Scheme Unit of Auxilium School Kattappana held a seven-day residential camp at Murickattukudy Govt. High School from 26th December 2022 to 1st January 2023. Programme Officer Mr. Nithin Thomas and 48 volunteers with the assistance of the teachers and Sisters organized the camp. The camp was inaugurated by the local tribal king Raman Rajamannan of Kozhimala, Idukki. Panchayat President Mr. Suresh Kuzhikkattu, School PTA representatives, officials and representatives from Local Self Government took part in the inaugural ceremony. The theme of the camp was "Light".



The students performed a street play on the main Road of Kanchiyar with the theme "make known the public the bad effects of Drugs and its bad effects".

The School Manager Sr. Sheela Jacob, Principal Sr. Sophy Joseph, Sisters and other teachers



assisted the volunteers. They organized awareness programmes, public cleaning works, cultural programmes and other community works. All the activities and programmes were organized in a way to help the students to develop their social and personal skills. The concluding ceremony was held on 1st January at 2.00 p.m. All the students were very happy that they had participated in this camp and were a bit sad to depart from the camp to their family as they enjoyed the company and service together as one NSS unit.

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

The school Annual Day Celebration, 'Spectra-2023' was held on 14th January 2023. The school management, staff and students had started their preparation for the event before many months. After the welcome speech, the school report was presented in a creative way by the principal.



The programme was inaugurated by Adv. Dean Kuriakose, Member of Parliament, Idukki. Fr. Anil Eapen, Parish priest, St. Pauls Malankara Church presided over the function. Mr. Mobin Mohan, one of the popular young writers and recipient of Kendra Sahithy Academy Yuva Award, was the keynote speaker. Ward Councillor Mr. Shaji Koothodiyil, School Manager Sr. Sheela Jacob, Principal Sr. Sophy Joseph, Parent Representative Mr. PJ Xavier, Staff Secretary Mrs. Manju Maria Jose and School Pupils Leader Diya Joseph were present.

After the inaugural ceremony, the students from Pre KG to Higher Secondary presented cultural programmes. The local Television Channel HCN telecasted the live programme. Various cultural programmes like dance, skit and music, demonstration of martial arts, skills



and extra-curricular activities were performed on the stage. The programme ended at 8.30 p.m. A Special programme was presented to mark the centenary year of the presence of Salesian Sisters in India. All the parents were very happy and grateful to the management and teachers for preparing so well the students and for their wonderful performance as well.

DON BOSCO FEAST AND CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Auxilium school Kattappana celebrated Don Bosco Feast and Centenary celebration of the presence of the Salesian Sisters in India. Fr. Jose Kochuputhenpurayil MSFS of St. Joseph's Church, Kattappana celebrated the mass. He gave a beautiful sermon on Don Bosco's life.

He highlighted his special love and devotion to our Blessed Mother and love for the young with the motto "Give me souls take away the rest". Fr. Jose also highlighted the valuable contribution of the Salesian sisters in our motherland India especially in Kattappana and thanked them.

Soon after the mass we had a short cultural programme and prize distribution for the various competitions conducted during the academic year. Sr. Sophy Joseph the Principal gave a short message on Don Bosco, his love for the youth and the poor. At the end sweets were distributed to all the students and snacks were given to teaching and non-teaching staff. The day ended with a joyful and happy note.



AUXILIUM – GAVARAVARAM

Auxilium Gavaravaram won 100 Prizes in the inter school competitions held at Mandal level organized by the Rotary Club of Koyyalagudem branch. It's indeed a memorable win as the FMA – PCI celebrates its Centenary. The competitions were conducted from 16.12.2022 to



30.12.2022. The students proved to be the best among all the schools of Koyyalagudem Mandal. They bagged all the first prizes in games, sports, curricular and extracurricular activities.

On 31.12.2022, the prizes were distributed to the students by the Mandal Revenue Officer Mrs. Nagamani and the ZPTC Mrs. Dasari Srilakshmi, in the presence of the members of Rotary Club. It was indeed a day of great joy to bring home one hundred prizes. We congratulate the students, staff and the management for the century win.



SANKRANTHI CELEBRATION

12.01.2023: Sankranti celebrations at Auxilium Gavaravaram began with pomp and vigour. The ethnic wear of staff and students created a festive atmosphere in the campus. The celebration began with the evaluation of the Edu – Rangoli competition. The students, class wise, were given one-hour time to draw the important diagrams from their lessons and to decorate them with Rangoli colours. All of them took part in the competition with sportive spirit and did their best.

The Primary students were blessed with bogi – fruits by their parents and teachers. It's a unique blessing given to the children during the Sankranti celebration. The arrival of the decorated bull (Gangireddu) and Haridas captured the attention of everyone in the campus.



The students were taught during the celebration to give alms to Haridas. The students shouted unanimously "Happy Sankranthi" as the boiled milk overflowed from the new earthen pot, a symbol of prosperity and blessing. The students of high school performed the cultural Sankranthi dance around the Sankranthi pot. The celebration came to an end as the sweet and sumptuous Pongal dish was served to all the students, parents and well-wishers, who came to part take in the celebration.

PAST PUPILS' MEET

On 14th January, the portals of Auxilium School Gavaravaram, rejoiced as it welcomed 72 past students from the nine batches of class 10. The event commenced with lighting of the lamp by the Correspondent Sr. Jaculine Selvi, Sr. Maria Rajeshwari, Province Councillor for youth Pastoral, Sr. Madhuri Panem, Principal of Maria Nivas School-Nandigama and the representatives from the past pupils.



The invited guests Sr. Maria Rajeshwari and Sr. Madhuri presented the significance of FMA India centenary year and the Strenna 2023 respectively. The past pupils were overjoyed to visit their alma mater and spontaneously recollected while sharing their sweet memories of the sisters, teachers and their friends.

The past pupils' unit was initiated with the election of six Office Bearers: Mr. Akhil as the president and Miss. Devi as the vice – President. Sr. Devamani, the Principal of Auxilium – Gavaravaram spoke to the Office Bearers on



the importance of their role as past pupils and more specially as leaders of the past pupils' unit. The staff and the other past pupils congratulated the newly elected Office Bearers. At the end a group photo was taken and a sweet Pongal dish was served to all.

AUXILIUM VADUVANCHAL

GRATITUDE DAY CELEBRATION

On 24th January to acknowledge and appreciate the School Management, and to develop a constant feeling of gratitude and a sound consciousness of God's boundless favours, Auxilium School Vaduvanchal celebrated a day of gratitude.



Eager and excited to vent out their devotion, and thankfulness towards the Management, the students of 4th and 5th invoked the blessings of God with a prayer dance. The most laudable part of this endeavour was the active participation of the students in the various items of the cultural events. This celebration motivated the students to articulate their feelings at every step to express



their love, intimacy and deep sense of gratitude towards the sisters, teachers, parents, helpers and peers. This ethical gesture was indeed a gratifying experience which filled the hearts of everyone with joy and contentment. Prizes were distributed to all the winners of various competitions held in the school during the past months.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



Like every year, Auxilium School Vaduvanchal, celebrated Republic day with great pomp and splendour. Since this was the 74th Republic Day, the school decided to celebrate the occasion by performing the various school Co-curricular activities (ECA).



The School Management invited Fr. Benjamin Pampackal as the Chief Guest for the event. The Republic Day function started at 9 'o'clock in the morning with the school band accompanying the Chief Guest and unfurling the national flag. Evin Jojo of Std. VII gave a speech on how Republic Day is important to every Indian and several other events too were displayed. The Chief Guest gave a brief message on the reasons of Indians celebrating Republic Day and all the students were inspired by this. The program ended joyfully and the School Principal extended her gratitude to all the staff and students who performed beautifully.



KARUNAPURAM

A get together of all the formees of -8 men congregations and 7 women congregations- was organized on 11th December at *Holy Land*, Karunapuram. There were about 250 formees. The aim of this get together was to have a seminar on Synodality and to celebrate Christmas together. It was organized by the Rector of Diocesan Major seminary and the Rector of Mill Hill Seminary, Rev. Fr. Bala Showry and Fr. Bhaskar MHM respectively.



Rev. Fr. Bala Showry, the Rector of Major Seminary gave the inaugural talk on Synodality. Mr. Rupesh and family (Jesus Youth) from Fatima Nagar were the resource persons of the day. They invited all of us to become FOOL (Focused only on Lord). The MC of the programme was Bro. Cohen from Major Seminary and Ms. Maria George our Postulant. After the presentation there was interactive session and some of them asked questions to clarify their doubts after which there was carol singing and cutting of cakes. At 7.30 p.m. with Vote of Thanks we concluded the programme and returned home happy and contented.

PROGRAMME FOR ALL THE FEMALE CANDIDATES

The Sisters of Sacred Heart Home, Karunapuram organized a programme for all the female candidates of Karunapuram zone on 26th January. 66 participants from 6 congregations participated enthusiastically in it which was animated by the Jesus Youth team from Hyderabad. The session and group discussions led by Mr. Vinay enlightened on the importance of our call to become missionaries while the personal testimonies of their team members emphasized on the essence of deepening the personal relationship with God mainly



through personal prayer, Word of God and Holy Eucharist which are also the first 3 pillars of Jesus Youth. The energy of the exuberant audience was at its peak during the ice - breaker, action songs and games. Also, a flash mob was presented by the Salesian candidates who thrilled the viewers. The program which was started with praise and worship concluded blissfully with the Eucharistic Adoration. Sr. Thresia Augustine FMA, Animator of Sacred Heart Home delivered the Vote of Thanks. Our postulant and former Jesus Youth National full timer, Miss Maria George helped in coordinating the programme.

AUXILIUM KUNNAMANGALAM

THE CHRISTMAS BELLS IN AUX NAVA

The feeling of Christmas was created in Auxilium Nava Jyoti school Kunnamangalam on 9th of December.

The magnificent celebration was held in our school auditorium.

The ceremony began at 9:30am when jingle bells



resounded in the hall. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kallathil the Chief Guest of the programme highlighted the true meaning of Christmas and congratulated the students for their enthusiasm in raising funds for charitable purposes. All the students and the faculty members were very happy and enthusiastic. After which various programmes like carol competitions and the performances of different sections were organized one after the other. One of which was the performance by a group of students and teachers presenting a beautiful play on the theme of Christmas.



Then the manger Sr. Molly Joseph gave a message on Christmas and enlightened each little heart. The arrival of Santa cheered up everyone in the hall. Along with all this the principal Sr. Lincy George wished everyone a very happy Christmas and thanked everyone for their co-operation and collaboration.

From 20th onwards the students were motivated to share what they have with the poor, as a response the students came forward with sufficient provisions such as Atta, sugar, rava, cake and so on. They made this Christmas a meaningful one by distributing provisions to more than 70 families. The generosity of our students made the people happy and contented.



RENEWAL OF PROMISE OF THE SALESIAN CO-OPERATORS



One of the surest signs of the Salesian family is the air of homeliness and of joy that circulates around us. With those same feelings we the members of Kunnamangalam community welcomed about 16 Salesian co-operators who were inspired by Don Bosco and his works and wanting to know and imitate this great personality. On 18th February at 3:30pm we gathered as one family at the table of the Lord and took part in the Eucharistic celebration and the renewal of the promise presided over by Rev.Fr. Martin (SDB) and gave a convincing

message to "be humble and God will exalt". Soon after which we shared the fraternal meal.

Then we joined together for a short meeting in which Sr. Alphonsa expressed her sentiments of gratitude to everyone and the meeting was continued by Mr. Roby Alex who shared his idea on the concepts of the presence of God, he also helped other members to know the Strenna of the year and gave brief explanations. All of them appreciated and thanked him for his spirit of family that always reigned among the members.



AUXILIUM VAZHICHAL

FEAST OF BL. LAURA VICUNA



Auxilium Marianikethan celebrated the feast of Blessed Laura Vicuna. The days of preparation was animated in the school. Good morning was given about Blessed Laura Vicuna. The feast day was celebrated with various programs like song, drama etc. On the feast day a message was given by the Manager Rev. Sr. Rosa Challamkattil. She spoke about

the holiness of this saint. Later the children were shown the movie of Blessed. Laura Vicuna.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO

Auxilium Marianikethan celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco our Father and Founder. The day began with the celebrations. We honored St. John Bosco with different programs like drama, songs, and presenting to them the sayings of Don Bosco and the devotions of Don Bosco. Rev. Sr. Challamkattil the Manager spoke about the saying of Don Bosco "God sees you". At the end of the celebration they were given sweets.



AUXI KIDS FLOWER SHOW 2022-2023



Auxilium Maria Niketan had organized the AUXI KIDS FLOWER SHOW 2022-2023. The teachers had informed them earlier so they planted a plant at home watered them and took care of them and they brought on this day. The day began with the prayer song. It was inaugurated by Rev. Sr Rosa Challamkattil the Manager she

spoke about the importance of the nature and told the parents to inculcate in their children the love for the nature. Later the children performed variety of programs with the help of their teachers and parents. The management and the teachers appreciated all the students and parents for making this day very creative and memorable.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Auxilium Maria Niketan celebrated the Christmas on 22 December. The celebration began in the afternoon with a prayer song. The message was given by Rev. Rosa the manager of the school. She spoke about the virtue of sharing that when we receive a help, we have to do the same to others and she narrated a story. There were parents' past pupils and the core group members. There was also competition like living crib, Carols by different groups. Each group presented their items creatively. There was also a message given by the students through a skit. There were also dance performances from different classes which made the day colorful and joyful. It was great joy for us that there were many past pupils present for the celebration. Their presence made us happy and gave lot of energy and enthusiasm for other students.



GRADUATION CEREMONY 2022-2023



Auxilium Marianikethan organized the graduation day on 24th February. 28 students of class UKG was honored. The program began with the prayer song. The guest of the day was Rev. Fr. Joby Muttathil, in his inaugural address he spoke about the importance of education and he congratulated the students of class UKG for their success. After which the students were with the cap and the certificate. Felicitation was given by Rev. Sr. Rosa Challamkattil, Sr. Annie, Sr. Alice, and Sr. Smitha. The children performed various programs. It was also a time for them to express their talents. We also honored the winners of various activities and gave them prize. It was a day of joy and togetherness. There were many parents who came to encourage their children for this great day. The management expressed their sincere gratitude towards the teacher's parents and students who collaborated to make this day beautiful and very creative.

VISIT TO THE ORPHANAGE

The students of Auxilium had great joy of celebrating Christmas with orphan children in



Kattipara near Vazhichal which is run by the Sisters of St. Ann's. The children themselves offered lot of things to give in the house. On 22nd December some students were taken along with staff to the particular place and to visit them. This is the orphanage for the specially challenged children. Our children gave some programs like Skit, Dance and Song.

The children in the orphanage were very happy to see our children. It made our children to have the virtue of sharing. It was a time of Joy and sharing.

THIRUTHIPARAMBU

INITIATION OF CO-OPERATORS UNIT IN THIRUTHIPARAMBU

The Co-Operators Unit which had seen its initiation on 22nd September 2019, with 15 aspirants, finally became a full-fledged one on the 6th of February 2023. The Corona virus had its repercussions on our fledgling Co-operators unit as it was not possible to have meetings for two years after its initiation. Once the corona virus was abated, the Unit started to have its regular meetings and it added strength too. Of the 15 initial aspirants, 3 of them dropped out due to various reasons and 12 of them



committed themselves totally on 6th of February. It was a great and joyful day for our Co-operators both those who were taking the promise and for the six aspirants who are getting ready to make their promise in the coming year.

Mr. Alexander Mendez, the Provincial Co-Ordinator from Vaduthala, turned up with 4 others to receive the promise of

the 12 aspirants who were making their promise. Three Co-operators turned up from Don Bosco College, Mannuthy and one from Don Bosco Bhavan. Fr. K.D Joseph SDB celebrated the mass at 3.30 p.m. during which they took the promise. Fr. K.D Joseph, in his homily explained to the Co-Operators their origin and their duty to be a light in the world. The jubilant crowd was then treated to a sumptuous tea by us and all the guests congratulated our Co-Operators for taking the step to join their rank. It was indeed a very wonderful moment for all.

MITTAPALLY

Auxilium Vidya Niketan Mittapally conducted a scientific day on 10th – 11th of February followed by workshop on Robotics, Rocketry designing mechatronics and telescope view to



see moon and sun. It was a wonderful event in the annals of Auxilium Mittapally. SPARC team from Yeleswaram came to animate these two days. Mr. Sai Sandeep the chairman and Sai Pradeep the CEO along with their team explained to children of various schools and colleges. Around 10 schools and colleges turned up for the workshop. On the 1st day 250 students were present and on the second day 380 students.

District fire officer of Kurnool Mr. Avinash Jayasimha and MEO of Banaganapalli Mandal Mrs. Swaroopa Rani were chief guests for the inauguration of scientific incubator centre for the first time in Nandyala district of Rayalaseema area. The two chief guests appreciated the management for accepting to introduce advanced technology to the students who are in rural area. MEO herself felt to go back 30 years and study this subject as it was explained in a very interesting way.



We are not providing quantity education; we are providing quality scientific education to each & every young mind throughout the globe. Our mission to enrich the young minds in the way of New scientific technologies like Robotics, mechatronics, electronics, engineering, astronomy and many more topics by SPARC INCUBATION HUB.

Aim to fabricate Engineering advanced topics from 5th standard onwards...SPARC Scientific incubation hub Collaborated with Auxilium Vidyaniketan to synergies & synthesizes the scientific innovations in young minds. New scientific incubation hub innovator project carried out by Auxilium Vidyaniketan with support SPARC FOUNDATION.



PROVINCIAL HOUSE

We the sisters at Provincial House Bangalore, INK Province had the privileged to have the World Coordinator of Salesian Co-operators Mr. Antonio Boccia with his wife, Mrs. Francesca Oliva- herself a Co-operator, FMA- SDB General Coordinators- Sr. Lucrezia Uribe FMA. Bro. Dominic Nguyen SDB, South-Asian General Coordinator in India Mr. David Swamikanu Anthuvan, and Fr. Gilbert Choondal SDB Coordinator in India. They arrived at about 11.30 am. They were welcomed at the entrance draping them with shawls by M. Provincial and Councillors after which we had a photo taken together in front of the Sacred Heart.



They also visited FIDES (Family Integral Development and Education Scheme) where, various Social works are carried out. They were taken to Sr. Nancy's Museum whose cause for Sainthood was proposed by the Institute. They were taken up by the marvellous work done by Sr. Nancy Pereira.

After a delicious Lunch prepared in Italian and Indian style, they departed with pleasant memories of having visited our House.

Province Gratitude Day 2022-23

19 February – The day began with a beautiful, meaningful, creative celebration of a Prayer Service by Vaduvanchal Community at the end of which everybody pledged to live Vocational Fruitfulness by the strict observance of the Holy Rules, avoiding negative criticisms, jealousy, gossip, and above all living fraternal charity in all its details. A copy of this was handed by the Vice Provincial to Sr. Lucy Rose the Provincial.





During the Prayer the Animators carried the names of their Houses were carried in procession while a commentary was read and placed in the places allotted for it. The Councillors and Mother Provincial carried beautiful roses and placed them at the feet of Our Lady. Starting from the 1st Provincial of

INK Province each one was remembered and prayed that the Lord may bless each one copiously.

The solemn Eucharist began at 11am as the Animators carried a placard with the name of their House and placed it in the sanctuary where the places were allotted. The 3 themes practiced for a month in preparation for provincial Community Day - Vocational fruitfulness, Missionary Synodality and Integral Ecology were offered symbolically while a commentary was read. Councillors and M. Provincial carried lighted candle followed by the celebrant Fr. Shalbin Kalanchery SDB, the Vice Provincial INK Bangalore. In his homily began referring to the Gospel of the day the main theme being love your enemies. He then commented particularly on the theme – Synodality illustrating how Jesus practiced the same with his disciples. Jesus asks us to go higher than what the scripture says and suggested 3 things: Good action, Bless and Pray.



After the Mass, amidst singing a cake was cut and as it was the birthday of Fr. Shalbin, greeted him with a birthday song followed by sumptuous Lunch in typical Karnataka style served on banana leaves with a variety of items. Praise be to the Lord for his bountiful blessings on us.











Thank you

HAPPY GRATITUDE DAY

**WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE LET US
WORK TOGETHER IN CHEERFULNESS FOR
SAVING SOULS**

FIDES - CHILDREN'S DAY AND CULTURAL FEST



On 4th December 2022, FIDES along with the support of Staff and few youngsters organized Children's day and Cultural fest for the children from different areas. Children from Ramaiah Colony, Water tank, M.R. Layout, Chinnagenahalli, Safal and

Kondaspura enthusiastically participated in the program. The honourable Chief Guests were Sr. Rosy Lopez the Directress of CDEW, Mrs. Jyothi a teacher at Auxilium School, we also had Mr. Nagaraj and Mr. Bhaskar Reddy, they have been supporting FIDES by providing fruits and vegetables for the tuition children and for Feed a mouth program.

THOPE

The Don Bosco's feast was celebrated in a grand manner at Thope parish. For one-week youth and children had different competitions. On 26th January we had Youth day partook by around 50 youth. An inspiring message about confession was given by the parish priest, then proceeded with the ice breaking session, various games were conducted for them. With the sharing of snacks, we closed the gathering. 27th January we had the inaugural mass. On the 28th was a procession wearing the crown and a scarf with Don Bosco's sticker. 29th was the culminating day with a solemn celebration of the feast of Don Bosco participated by the parishioners.



PALLURUTHY

GRATITUDE DAY CELEBRATION

It was a God given day to express our sincere thanks to each one of us. Students performed stage items which gave adding color to the day.



CENTENARY DAY CELEBRATION



It was a heartfelt need for all of us to thank our Lord together with Mother Mary, St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello for the wonders that He worked in our mother land India. We had fervent Holy Mass by Bishop of Ernakulum His Excellency



Joseph Kariyil. This was followed by a short cultural programme expressing our thanks through dance and songs by our students and teachers.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We had a wonderful Christmas celebration regardless of caste, creed and religion. All of us welcomed Babe of Bethlehem whole heartedly with carol singing and dance.



ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMME



An anti-drug awareness programme was organized by our students along with the teachers to eradicate drug abuse among youth. Students went in rally holding a placard saying 'no to drugs'. They all gathered together near Palluruthy police station and performed street play for the purpose of prevention of intoxication and total destruction of intoxication from the society. Sub-Inspector of police Mr. Manoj sir appreciated the children for their effort to make known the people to be aware of the evil of drugs.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

The programme began with a prayer song and the tiny tots dressed up with graduation robes and caps and performed different activities like music, dance and sharing their experiences which was appreciated by all gathered. The Chief Guest Mr. V.A Sreejith, Chairman, Education - sports standing committee, Kochi Municipal corporation, in his convocation address complimented the graduates on their achievements, also congratulated the teachers for their dedication and hard work in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities. It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for not only the little ones but also for the parents and the teachers as they witnessed their children receiving their KG Graduation Certificates from the Guest.



GUDUVANAHALLI

FIRST ANNUAL DAY

The first annual day of Auxilium School Guduvanhalli was held on 31st January 2023 on the feast of Don Bosco. The chief guest and parents were welcomed in a traditional way with sandal paste and Kumkum. The programme began at 4.00 pm invoking the blessing of God, and Sr. Mary Padmini rendered a warm welcome to all on behalf of the Management. The parents had the joy of sharing their experiences of the gradual development seen in their child since joining this school. The school annual report was presented by Sr. Mary Padmini. Mrs. Bharathi the member of the Bangalore Rural CWC the chief guest of the day highlighted the role of mamma Margaret in the life of Don Bosco and exhorted the parents to take



responsibility in the educational growth of their children. Mr. Thilak the Panchayat Member and Mrs. Suma the head Nurse of the government hospital Vijayapura, the special guests motivated the parents to work together with the management in working for the increase of strength of the school and they were happy to see the children speak good English and the various activities undertaken by the school growth of the kids. The second part of the programme

was the cultural items by the little kids consisting of dances, action songs, rhymes, skit on the theme of the day *"Run, Jump, Yell but; do not sin"*. The prize distribution added more joy to the kids as they all received prizes for their participation in all the competitions all through the year. All returned home with joy filled hearts and smiles and thanking God for this day.

BEGINNING OF THE FIRST ORATORY

4th December 2022 was a significant day as we began the first Oratory, in the nearby Koramangala village. 24 children turned up on the first day and we considered it as a symbolic number - 24th Mary Help of Christians and we named it after Mother Mazzarello "Main Oratory". Sr. Jacintha the animator gave a few instructions to the teachers and the children to be kept in mind that the official language in this gathering would be Kannada since there are children from the Government schools and those who are regular on every Sunday would be given a prize at the end of the year.



SPORTS DAY

“Sports not only build character but also serve as great teachers and motivators.”



27th January 2023 was a sportive day for the Auxilians of Guduvanhalli. The sports day was commenced with a short prayer and lighting of the lamp. About 10 competitive sporting activities were conducted for the children like filling the bottle, musical chair, blasting the balloon, eating the

biscuits, lemon and the spoon, sack race etc. The kids enjoyed a lot and participated vibrantly in all the games. The main aim was to create awareness on the importance of sports, fitness and health as it helps them to develop their social skills and to set up positive relationships for life.

CELEBRATING DON BOSCO'S FEAST WITH ORATORY CHILDREN.

The feast of Don Bosco was celebrated with the oratory children of Koramangala village on 4th February 2023. There were about 33 children gathered. The animation began with a short prayer to God and imploring his blessing upon them and their families. A new action song in Kannada was taught to them, which they enjoyed to the core. As these children hail from



Hindu background, they were not familiar with Don Bosco and so Sr. Jacintha narrated the life of Don Bosco the lover of Youth quoting short incidents from his life. The Children listened with opened ears and showed eagerness to know more about him by raising questions. Followed by the talk, around 9 different games were conducted for

them wherein all the children took active part in all the games. At the climax prizes were distributed by Sr. Jacintha for all the children. All departed having been amused with variety of games and prizes.



WARANGAL

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



On 8 December 2022 we celebrated the feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this great day of the school, students and the staff expressed their love and devotion to our Blessed Mother by putting up a programme with dance and songs. At noon the episode of Bartholomew Garelli was enacted by the students and every one prayed 'Hail Mary' devoutly.

In the afternoon Charity Day was conducted in the school. Staff and students enthusiastically put up small stalls to collect some money which will be used for charitable purposes. Sisters also did their best.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Suppose Christmas was celebrated in the school on 23.12.2022. Students presented the Christmas message in a creative way. The Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Raja Reddy the parish priest explained clearly in a simple style the meaning of Christmas celebration. Relishing piece of cake, students concluded the celebration.

SANKRANTHI CELEBRATION

On 12 January 2023 we had Sankranti festival celebration in the school. Children were in colourful dresses. In the morning we conducted Rangoli competition as the part of the



celebration. Children participated very actively and decorated the campus. In the afternoon Pongal was cooked, Children sang and danced around the fire. Finally shared the Pongal with staff and students.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

On 31 January 2023 we celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco in a very grand scale. Our students performed various programmes honouring Don Bosco. We also conducted various competitions for students. Sr. Crocetta spoke to them who is Don Bosco and how we are responsible to become holy and great.



AUXILIUM – MAHENDRA HILLS

ANNUAL DAY CUM CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2022-23

Auxilium High School, Secunderabad celebrated its 28th Annual day cum Centenary celebrations on 6th February, 2023 at 5 p.m. amidst great delectation, reverberating and exaltation. The distinguished chief guest Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Kulandai Swamy, general secretary of Telugu Catholic Bishops conference commission for education, Guest of honour



Ms. Sahithi Amba, the president of past pupils association of our school, our special guest Fr. U. Julian, the parish priest of Auxilium Church, Mahendra Hills and Mr. Yellappa sub – inspector of thukaram gate police station, Our correspondent superior Rev. Sr. Jayanthi, our principal Rev. Sr. Sangitha were escorted by our colour party troop on to the dais.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by our honorable dignitaries. Rev. Sr. Jayanthi Our correspondent and Superior extended a warm welcome to dignitaries and the gathering present. The cultural event was set rolling by the stage opener dance followed by Prayer dance evoking the blessings of God almighty. Rev. Sr. Sangitha Our



principal made the audience witness the school's annual report highlighting the prominent features of the school, the achievements in academics and co-curricular activities for the year

2022 -23 from an eagle's view. On this spectacular evening our esteemed guests were felicitated and honoured with a bouquet, shawl and Centenary memento as a token of gratitude for rendering their valuable time for us. They were awestruck with the talent and skill revealed in each performance. There were feet tapping dances, side – splitting skits fortified with a skit based on Salesian sisters and their Selfless services in educating the poor and needy. The climax of the centenary celebrations



enraptured the audience with the theme dance. The cultural programme was followed by the proposal of vote of thanks. The event came to close with the National Anthem as a tribute to our Nation.

Charity fete



“Charity is not a favour; it is our responsibility towards the underprivileged”. With this sentiment, the Principal Sr. Sahaya Sangita Rani declared the Charity Day opened on 10th December 2022, with a short prayer. The students organized a food fest cum fun fair on its ground. The food fest was marked with the active participation of the students who enjoyed the mouth-watering, summery and tasty delicacies to their hearts content which were prepared by their own friends and parents.

The fete was a grand success and created a huge impact in students mind and had the learning experience in understanding virtues of charity, sympathy and empathy provided through enjoyment for the students along with inculcation of sense of helping others. The amount collected was Rs/- 2, 03,720. Thanks to our Staff and Students for their cooperation.

Bharath Scouts and Guides investiture ceremony Cum Semi Christmas Celebration

On 22nd day of the Twelfth month, the smartly dressed students stood in a horse shoe formation around the flag. The ceremony began with the singing of the prayer song after which the colour party hoisted the Bharat Scouts and Guides flag. The students gave Scout/Guide salute and sang the song and took the Scout Guide oath. The oath taking



ceremony was led by Master Mohan Rao and Mrs. Lakshmi bai, patrol leader and the badges and scarfs were distributed by Sr. Jayanthi our Correspondent and Sr. Sangitha our Principal along with the Physical Education Teachers Mr. Ganesh and Mrs. Swarna. The ceremony was concluded with a song sung by the Scouts and Guides.

This memorable event is followed by Semi Christmas celebration in all its joy and happiness. The school wore a festive look with bells, stars, Crib and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Children performed a beautiful play on the Nativity of Christ with Carols and dances. Our beloved Correspondent Rev. Sr. Jayanthi gave her valuable message of inculcating the spirit of giving and sharing. Rev. Sr. Sahaya Sangita Rani announced the most awaited results of the Carol Singing and Crib competition. Everyone left the campus with Cakes in hands, wishing each other 'Happy Christmas'.



BANNERGHATTA

Celebration of the feast of Bl. Laura Vicuna - 21.01.2023



Our Institute celebrated Bl. Laura Vicuna's feast today. Laura Vicuna's group animated the morning assembly well. The students conducted a skit on the life of Laura Vicuna and motivated the students through her life message. Finally, Sr. Praveena, the Principal gave the festal wishes to the students and congratulated the group for animating it well. She invited Sr. Rosy Malayatty the newly joining member of the community who gave a message to the students. The students were very happy to celebrate the feast and took group photos for the memory of the event. After that, the students watched a short film on Bl. Laura Vicuna.

Celebration of the feast of St. John Bosco - 30.01.2023



Nirmal Jyothi Institute celebrated the feast of Don Bosco on 30th January. We celebrated Don Bosco week in a solemn manner. Students presented some cultural items group-wise and had a quiz competition. All the students studied the quiz and participated in the Quiz competition group-wise. On the feast day Don Bosco group presented the life of Don Bosco. We conducted Sports and various art competitions for all the students.

Certification of Batch 2, 3 students of Tech Mahindra Foundation - 04.01.2023



Nirmal Jyothi Institute conducted Certification of 2nd & 3rd batch students of Administration Group. The Guest of the day was Mr. Thej Kumar the Manager of Karnataka Bank. He gave a meaningful message for the students. He was very happy to have come for the program, the students were also happy to get the certificates. In total, 25 students received the certificates. 2nd & 3rd batch students of Tech Mahindra Foundation were happy to come to the college. They enjoyed the program. At the end, Alumni students gave the gift to the institution. The alumni shared their experience about the 4 months Course on Office Administration and Tally. It was a proud moment for Nirmal Jyothi.



News from VTC Vaduvanchal

Christmas Celebration on 22.12.2022

Auxilium Technical Centre celebrated Christmas on 22nd December. 30 students were present for the celebration. We invited our Salesian family Sisters with a carol song accompanied by Santa clause dance. Our Christmas programme began with a prayer dance by the students.

Sr. Shirley Joseph, the Managing Director of Auxilium Centre gave the Christmas message, "We must be peacemakers". Students gave cultural programme. Mr. Anurag one of our students delivered Vote of Thanks. The students bought a Cake which was shared by all.



GRADUATION DAY

Graduation day and Parents' engagement day was joyfully celebrated in Auxilium Technical Center Vaduvanchal on 03rd Feb. 2023. Twenty-Five students and 20 Parents were present for the event.



Mr. Vinod Antony - Ambalavayal Village Extension Officer was invited as the Chief Guest. The programme began with a prayer dance. The day was inaugurated with the lighting of the kuthuvilaku by the dignitaries. Mr. Vinod Antony gave a short message to our students and he was very happy about Auxilium

family and the Courses conducted for the youngsters. After the inaugural address Mr. Vinod Antony, Sr. Shirley Joseph, and Sr. Miriam distributed the certificates to the students. The students performed different cultural programmes like fusion song, dance, group song etc. Then some of our students shared their experience through a short skit.



*The
Season
of
Lent*



**LIVE
LENT**
With
LOVE

Prayer

Sacrifice

Fasting

Reconciliation

Lent

Penance

Almsgiving

*“Because of the increase of iniquity, the
love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)*



**2nd February feast of the
Presentation of the
Lord
And
World Day of
CONSECRATED LIFE**

Many are called but few are chosen (Mt.22:14)

Dear Father, I definitely consecrate
my body to You, to do Your will,
and not my own will. I want to love,
trust, and obey You. I pray that You
will enable me to live here on earth
in such a way that when I stand
before You in Heaven,
I may hear You say,

***“Well done, good and faithful servant!
Enter into the joy of your Lord!”***

