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**Behold the  
handmaid of  
the LORD**

*Congratulations*  
*Diamond*  
*&*  
*Golden Jubilee*



**A TRIBUTE OF LOVE TO OUR DEAR  
DEPARTED SR. LIZY K.V.**



***Sr. Lizy K Varkey FMA***



Born : 13.06.1970  
Professed : 23.05.2000  
Died : 07.07.2023

*Those who walk uprightly enter into  
peace; they find rest as they lie in death.  
(Isaiah 57:2)*

**Province of the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Bangalore**

**MAY SHE ENJOY THE BLISS OF PARADISE THROUGH  
THE LOVING MERCY OF GOD**





## EDITORIAL...



Holy Mother the Church gives us four months of the year precisely to remember our Blessed Mother - May, August, September and October. Mary to whom Jesus entrusted John and through him, each of us, needs the care of a loving mother like her, to travel with us in this world that is too deceitful. In the History of the church we have a great number of saints who advocated the protection of Mary on life's journey to safe guard themselves from the enticements of the evil one and for blessings for the success of their undertakings. Taking into consideration the struggles and troubles that individuals and the world at large is facing, how much more do we need to cling to this powerful and loving mother to come to our aid? In the light of the full revelation, the church brings forth Mary prophetically foreshadowed in the victory over the serpent to our first parents after their fall into sin. From the earliest times the faithful sought the intercession of the Mother of God for protection and to safe guard themselves from the perils and to help them in need. As true children of this mother, let us not only have recourse to her in times of need but let us ask for the grace and strength to emulate her in our daily lives. Mary was there at every whisper for help in the life of St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello and she will never forsake us when we call her with trust and love. As we will have recourse to the rosary beads, contemplating on the mysteries of Jesus Christ our saviour and Lord, let us pray for peace especially in the war stricken and troubled parts of the world.

"The roll of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfilment of the elect" Vatican II.

Sr. Teresa Thomas FMA

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## ANGAMALY

### World Drug Day 2023

Drug abuse and illicit trafficking continue to pose a significant threat to individuals, families, and communities worldwide. The consequences of drug abuse are far-reaching, leading to deteriorating health, broken relationships, and a loss of productivity. In order to raise essential awareness about the devastating effects of drug abuse, every year June 26 is celebrated as the International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

On the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse, an orientation class by Mr. Bijoy



Srambical, Director and Counsellor of Paravur counselling Centre was organised for the students of B. Ed College at around 9.30 a.m. on the theme **“People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention”**, emphasising the importance of removing obstacles without any discrimination towards drug abusers, thus providing the necessary help to ensure their physical and mental health. He spoke on the bad effects of the drug abuse and of the significance of treating drug users with respect and empathy placing a high priority on prevention, and acting with compassion.

Also, he emphasised on the importance of using respectful language and fostering non-judgmental attitudes in order to combat stigma and discrimination towards drug users.



A quiz programme was conducted for the students on the day's theme and the prizes were distributed. At the end of the programme the students pledged to strengthen their fight against drugs. It was an informative and inspiring programme for all present.

## World Environment Day 2023

The world environment day was observed both in our school and B. Ed. college, this year's theme being '**Solutions to plastic pollution**' focusing on beating plastic pollution. A short



programme was conducted highlighting the importance of caring for the earth, our common home given as a gift to us by our Heavenly Father. It was a great opportunity for the students and all of us to rethink our interaction with our environment and become aware of the great need of preserving our environment most importantly by making it plastic free. As part of the celebration, the students of B.Ed. College planted few ixora plants in the campus going green.

## Convocation ceremony

A convocation ceremony holds a very important place in every student's heart. It is that day in the academic life of the students when all the hard work, dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm pay off. On 10 August 2023, the 1st convocation ceremony was organized in the auditorium of Auxilium College of Education, Angamaly though few batches have already passed out earlier years. The celebrations started



with the academic procession which consisted of 50 graduates wearing scholar's robe and



cap, dignitaries and the faculty members led by the junior students holding the College flag and finally gathering in the Auditorium. Students of first year invoked God's blessings through a prayer song.

Sr. Geny Joseph, the Vice Principal of the College, in her welcome address said, "Teaching is an art which involves the human mind and

spirit! You are formed as teachers to create a wonderful career for yourselves with a vision to be men and women for and with others". The graduation ceremony led by Sr. Annie Thoppil, the manager of Auxilium institutions, Sr. Mercy Abraham, the principal and the faculty

members included roll call, distribution of certificate of merit, oath and valedictorian address. In the convocation address Sr. Annie Thoppil, the chief guest congratulated all the outgoing students.

She spoke on the preventive system, the legacy left behind by Don Bosco. She explained his unique style of educating the young. She also exhorted them to love the profession as a teacher, and the need to dispel darkness and bring light to the society by being dedicated and committed educators and thus making a difference in the lives of their students entrusted to their care. The Convocation Ceremony came to an end with a formal vote of thanks, delivered by one of the junior B.Ed. students expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries, management, teaching and non-teaching staff for their significant



contribution in making the event successful. The function ended with the National Anthem.

## Freedom is not free

We celebrated the twin feast, the Assumption of our Blessed Mother and 77th Independence Day marking 76 years of freedom in Independent India. In our campus, Independence Day was celebrated with great

enthusiasm and respect. The Programme started at 8.30 a.m. with the students of both B. Ed. College and School donned in their house uniforms, all set for a colourful march past. The School band led the March past towards the well decorated flag mast. The tricoloured flag was hoisted by Sr. Thoppil Annie and she addressed the gathering evoking in the audience the spirit of love and respect for the nation. She also spoke on the importance of the attainment of the liberation that each of us need to attain from within like our blessed Mother who was assumed into heaven, body and soul. This was followed by a series of inspirational speeches by the students that highlighted the significance of Independence Day and the struggles faced by our freedom fighters. The speeches emphasized the role of education in shaping a responsible and progressive society. In line with the patriotic theme, magnificent cultural programme was organized.

The students presented awe-inspiring performances encompassing mass drill by the School Students, aerobics by the college students, patriotic songs that depicted the essence of freedom, unity and national pride. A range of creative competitions such as, patriotic song and dance were conducted. These competitions provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and express their love for the nation. The programme culminated with vote of thanks.

At the end sweets were distributed to the students. Indeed, it was a day of joy, a day to love and respect our country and to remind ourselves the need to make it a better place for Indians to live and experience the freedom, peace and Unity in Diversity.

## VAZHICAL

### The Pride of Auxilium

Our Scout and Guide Master Mr. Mohandas was awarded '**The best and long-standing Scout and Guide Master in the Educational District of Neyyattinkara on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**'. He has worked as Scout and Guide Master for more than 13 years. He is still working in Auxilium Vazhical, continuing his mission of training the children to be the best in their performance. He is a master of values and goodwill, training them to be good and honest citizens of the country with love and service.





He received this award because he proved to be a worthy Master in his work field of Scout and Guide. Hats off to you! Dear Mohandas Sir, "Your School is Proud of you."

### **We Rejoice at their Dedication and Service**

July 3, 2023 our School Teachers Mr. Mohandas, Mrs. Neslin, Mrs. Ashna and Mrs. Anlet were honoured for their service in the School as Scout and Guide Masters.

They were awarded and appreciated, for their admirable dedication and service in bringing our School to be the best Scout and Guide School in the Educational district of Neyyattinkara. The School acknowledges their dedication and commitment.



### **Seminar on Legal Welfare**



On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July from 10 am to 1 pm we had legal welfare class for all our staff members formal and non – formal, handled by Mr. Noble, Dr. John and Advocate Shaijbal.

There were also teachers from other schools, 35 of them in all. At 11.00 am they were served tea and snacks. The teachers who came from other schools provided lunch for all. "It was a very enriching and profitable seminar" and was considered to be a good chance for all to associate and interact with teachers from other schools.

## Marian Month celebration

Auxilium Higher Secondary School Vazhichal honoured the Blessed Virgin Mother during the month of Mary from July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>; through various activities animated by students and teachers with love, enthusiasm



and zeal, as they presented the items on Mary, decorated and venerated her on the school stage. It was a great privilege for our students of different religion to know more about our Blessed Mother and to cultivate a filial love and devotion to her. They entrusted each and every member of the School, praying for the intentions of the Province and of the School as they prayed the Hail Mary thrice during every assembly. They and their parents were extremely happy and contented at the various animations done in the school to encourage the children in their growth and development.



## Independence Day celebration

Auxilium High School, Vazhichal celebrated with much pride and love the 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our nation. The honorable Adv. Mr. Shaijubal; Neyyattinkara legal service society member, Dr. Mohanan; Rukmani memorial nursing home director and Fr. Xavier Shine the Parish Priest of Little flower Church Vazhichal were the guests of the day. At 8.30am the National flag was hoisted in the presence of the dignitaries and which was followed by the March past, salute and messages of the invitees.

The various programme of the children added colour and beauty to the celebration of the day. The different programmes that were well-presented proclaimed their love for the nation and it energized their desire to rise for the betterment of the nation. The scouts and guides proved to be true to their duties. Many parents including the educating community members were present for the day's animation. After the ceremony, sweets were distributed to all.

## Congratulate our students for their best performance

Auxilium High School Vazhichal takes pride in its 2 award winners in the Agricultural and Nature preserve Quiz conducted by the Ottasekaramangalam Grama Panchayat, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Ansa Jose won the prize for High School section and Rojan Selvam won the prize for UP section. We congratulate the prize winners and encourage more students to partake in the care of the nature, its growth and sustainability.



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## KATTAPPANA

### Marian Month at Auxilium School

On 15<sup>th</sup> July the students, teachers and sisters of Auxilium, Kattappana, began the Marian Month. The entire month was animated by the students of different Classes.

The X STD students were privileged to be chosen to animate on the first day. Around 09.45 in the morning the representatives of Class X took the statue of Mother Mary in procession and placed it in the beautifully decorated niche

which we had prepared for it. After garlanding the statue, Sr. Saly, the Manager spoke about the role of Mother Mary in the life of every youth who enters the portals of a Salesian Institution.

She exhorted us to grow in our love and devotion to Mary, who will be a tender Mother to us if we remain as her loving children. Next Aan Saju from Class X spoke on how Marian devotion started and grew in the Catholic Church, and the different titles with which Mary is honoured.

It was followed by the singing of a Marian hymn by the students of Class X. Sr. Sophy, the Principal recommended that the students and staff come and pray to Mother Mary during the intervals and other convenient moments, all through the entire month, dedicated to her.

## KUNNAMANGALAM

### World Environment Day Celebration 2023

We the Auxilium Nava Jyoti Kunnamangalam family planned and organized various events to express our love towards mother earth in this academic year. The school faculty decided to continue our journey in making our school plastic free campus. School collaborates with **OISCA INTERNATIONAL CALICUT CHAPTER**, its president Mr. P. Chandrashekar and other

**THINK GREEN!  
GO GREEN!**



faculty members Mr. Sathish Kumar and Mr. Sathish were honoured on the stage. Their presence and their valuable words inspired each student to increase their love towards mother earth. On this occasion we planted around 25 trees in the school campus this year.

We also propagated a plastic free campus with the theme “**Beat plastic pollution**”. In-order to arrive at it our students stood together by participating in a rally against plastic pollution organized by Kunnamangalam Grama Panchayat on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

This was followed by selection of few students from class 6 above to participate in the craft and speech competition conducted by **CWRDM** (centre for water resources development and management) to bring out something new from plastic wastes and help them to **reuse** it. The staff members were encouraged to celebrate this day with green colour dress code to remind us to “**GO GREEN AND KEEP CLEAN**”.

Sisters, teachers, staff and students together planted various plants to ensure green surrounding which would bring about a bubbling joy to our mother’s heart. We increased our love towards our MOTHER EARTH, million thanks to all who inspired our students and faculty to be promoters in saving EARTH.

## **AUXILIUM WELFARE CENTRE BANGALORE**

### **World Environment Day**

5th June 2023 saw the celebration of world environment day in Auxilium School - Bandapura. The students gathered to get a deeper understanding of the need for conservation of the environment along with understanding of the theme of this year’s celebration “**Beat plastic pollution**”.

The students were also explained the different types of plastic in use, along with information of its recycling, in the classes. Around 1000 plants were distributed to the students to encourage them to participate in preserving nature in and around their houses as well. A follow up programme of the same is planned where the students will report the growth and care of the plant every month and at the end of the year there will be awards for the best performers. The students displayed exhibition on the effects of plastic pollution which they worked on during their summer vacations.

The exhibition showcased the ill effects of plastic on air, marine life and the ecology. They exhibited great enthusiasm about saving the environment and the exhibition showcased the same.



## School Elections and Investiture Ceremony

Auxilium School not only teach subjects but also life lessons- skills that make students, a responsible part of the country. One such important lesson is the responsibility of choosing a



good leader by casting votes. The school encourages this, in the form of school elections where the students' representatives are seen canvassing for their candidature and campaigning. This is similar to what they see in actual life and this

simulation helps them, in being a responsible adult in the future. This was followed by school election which was held on 9th June 2023, in the school campus where the students, cast their vote and the best suitable candidate was chosen by the students for the academic year 2023-2024. The results were announced on 12th June 2023. Student representatives were introduced to the school and the investiture ceremony was held on 14th June 2023.

The students took the oath to serve the school to the best of their abilities and to prove themselves worthy of being responsible at various levels. The chief guest, Mrs Anitha, the Sub Inspector of Police, KR Puram, praised the efforts of the students and spoke to them of the importance of such events in the school.

## International Yoga Day



Auxilians actively participated in the International Yoga Day on 21st June 2023. All the students were asked to participate in the mass yoga session that was conducted in the school. The children enthusiastically formed lines and were quick to take positions to complete Suryanamaskars and Asanas that were taught to them. The students were explained the benefits of slowing down in the fast-paced lives that they lead. They were also explained how these Asanas benefited in improving their concentration and health in the long run.

### International Day against Drug Abuse

Addiction being rampant, keeping the students informed of the dangers of addictions is more important than ever. To highlight the ill effects of drugs and alcohol on the well-being of people, the students of Media club presented a short programme during the assembly, on 27th June 2023. The students through the skit showed how the consumption of such illicit drugs potentially harm them and destroy their lives and that of their families. The students then raised awareness in and around the campus covering few villages around the school – namely Avalahalli, Chennaganahalli and Bandapura through flash mob and street play.



### Scouts and Guides - camp and Tritiya Sopan exams

The scouts and guides which had been active in our school, attended their **Tritiya Sopan exams** that was conducted from 23 June 2023 to 27th June 2023 at Doddaballapur, Karnataka. The scouts and guides underwent training to make them equipped to be better scouts and guides.



The Camp concluded with the scouts and guides writing their exams. They were awarded their certificates in the camp. The scouts and guides came back having gained lots of experience on camping, basic first aid knots and lashings etc.



The students' performance was well received as they went about creating awareness among the people. This gave them the opportunity to understand the difference they can make in one's life as well as those of people around them.

### **Seminar on Mobile Addiction**

The students of class 9 and 10 attended a seminar on career guidance and mobile addiction by Bro George (Montfort Brothers) in the school campus. They were informed of all the career choices that are available to them post Tenth class.

They were also guided about the ill effects of mobile usage and the detrimental effect it has on the minds of the young. They were informed of on how to beat the addiction which seems to plague all the kids of present age. The children walked out wiser having learnt how to recognize addiction to phone and how better to combat it.

### **Kindergarten Alphabet Day (consonants and vowels)**



The kids of kindergarten celebrated 'vowels and consonants' day which allowed the students to better grasp the concept of vowels and consonants. It was an interactive session where kids put on a show highlighting the difference between the vowels and consonants.

### **Noble act of extending help**

One of the students of Auxilium – Mohammed Farhan of class ten met with a disastrous road accident which left him in a ruptured manner. Doctors advised series of complicated surgeries which not only added sorrow to the parents but left them in financial crisis. The staff and students remember Farhan every day during assembly prayers. They came forward to contribute their mite and offered rupees three lakh towards the medical expenses. There are many frequent and friendly visits made by the sisters, staff and students of class ten which helps Farhan to get back to his normalcy.



### **MARADIYUR**

#### **World Environment Day in the school**

On June 5<sup>th</sup> the World Environment Day was celebrated on a grand scale in our school. During the morning assembly the students and staff of Blue group animated the entire school



and drove home the theme of the day “**Beat Plastic**” there was a dance drama which emphasized negative effects of the misuse of the earth resources and how we need to preserve nature. Then two classes together planted a shady tree along with their teachers in our campus.

It was followed by the Quiz Competition on environment. There was drawing competition

based on the theme of the day and a debate for and against plastic. All the winners of the competitions were gifted with beautiful flower pots. Children were very happy and all of them took a very serious pledge that they will love and respect mother earth and preserve her green and beautiful.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June in continuation of the world Environment Day we had an animated morning assembly. Soon after the School assembly we went for the rally to our neighbourhood with lots of placards and slogans by the students of Std VI to X. In our small village Urukoppe which is at the back of our convent, the students staged a dance drama bringing out the negative effects of the unlimited use of plastic. The villagers were highly appreciative of our initiative to create awareness on eradication of plastic.



### NCP level World Environment Day



The theme "Beat Plastic" was taken very seriously by all the NCP groups. Most of the groups had rally in their own villages; they prepared placards and said slogans, gave awareness programmes, cleaned their surroundings, public parks, and had nature meditation. They also had a Quiz and debate for and against plastic and few

other competitions were held. All the children were very happy that they have done their duties to mother earth.

### World Yoga and music day

Yoga Day was celebrated in a very meaningful way. It began at 8 AM. Our PT Master Mr. Raju had prepared the children well in anticipation for the Yoga Day to make this day a grand success. The meaning of Yoga was explained and how it synchronizes the mind, body and soul was explained to the students. Mr. Siva Ram and his son master Chirad the international award winners for Yoga came in the morning and they inaugurated the Yoga Day. Master Chirad has entered into Ginners record with his amazing performance in Yoga.

He performed various very difficult exercises for our children with much ease. At the end of the Yoga Day since it was also the World Music Day the children sat in same yoga posture and listened with much devotion and fervour to the prayer song " Bless the Lord oh my soul" being played. The yoga trainer awarded our ten best students of Karate with medals.

### **Election of the school leaders and Investiture ceremony 2023-24**

On 19<sup>th</sup> June we had the election, the students of STD. IX and X were asked to contest in it. The candidates did the canvassing and the election took place at 2.30 PM in their own classes. Children from Std IV on wards participated in it. They elected SPL, ASPL, sports leaders, group leaders, health and hygiene leaders, discipline leaders and cultural leaders. 3<sup>rd</sup> July was a great and memorable day for our school as we had the investiture ceremony.



Mr. Ajai Kumar D N Sub inspector of Bylakuppe was the chief guest of the ceremony.

The school band welcomed him at the school gate and accompanied him to the stage escorted by the elected leaders. Leaders made their solemn oath and they were conferred with their insignia by the chief guest, manager, principal and teachers.

The Sub inspector was very happy to be part of this beautiful event. He spoke on "how the good leaders must lead others" and he assured that he and his team are ever ready to help us at all levels.

### **Cultural Fest in the school**

On 21<sup>st</sup> July, we had Cultural Fest in our school in view of the selection for the Cluster level cultural competition. The cultural fest began with a beautiful prayer dance and Sr. Elizabeth our animator inaugurated the fest and in her inaugural speech she emphasized on the purpose of this festival and the learning that takes place through this festival. The sisters and teachers were the judges for the items. There were many individual and group computations and lasted for two days. Most of the children participated and won prizes. They were all content and happy and returned home with lot of satisfaction.



## SECUNDERABAD Half a day with God

**“Begin each day with God. It will change your priorities”** Confident of these words, on 20<sup>th</sup> June, students of V and VI had half a day with God in the morning, while those of VII and VIII had in the afternoon, and those of IX and X had on 24 June in the morning. All the sessions were animated by the coordinator of Catholic Charismatic Renewal group, Mr. Varghese Ittira, Mr. Sam, the coordinator of Youth United for Christ, and his team. Though they were Catholics, they preached and animated everything without specifying any religion. All were comfortable to participate in it. The topics that they focused on were: moral values and their importance in life, culture of life, effects of media. All these topics were in connection with God and His kingdom. Through many activities, action songs and puzzles the resource persons helped the students to think and reflect about one's life. The students appreciated these moments since the topics were thought provoking and knowledgeable. The animators of these days also were contented to share their talents with the students to help them experience God and the realities of life.



## Investiture Ceremony

The budding leaders of Auxilium School, Secunderabad, pledged to make their actions a legacy, on 28 June 2023, when they were honoured during investiture ceremony, when they officially took up the responsibility to discharge their duties responsibly for the good of the school and of their co-students. To mark this occasion, Sri Madhukar Naik, IDES, CEO of Secunderabad Cantonment Board, was invited as the chief guest and Sri. Bhaskar Rao, the President of Trimurthy Colony, was the guest of honour, who were accompanied to the stage along with the Principal, Sr. Sangitha and Sr. Anusha by the former leaders.



The programme of the day started with prayer and lighting of the lamp, followed by the welcome address to the Chief Guest. Then, the school pupil leader Shawn Nathan and assistant school pupil Jessica were conferred with badges and sashes by Honourable Chief Guest and our principal

followed by the pinning of badges by the staff to other leaders representing different groups. The student's council took the pledge to hold the school motto of Together for a better world and to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities and abide by the rules and regulations of the school. Our esteemed chief guest addressed the students by appreciating the school for the quality education in training the young minds and for the values imparted to the students and also for the commitment of the staff and management in forming the mind and heart of the young students. The principal Rev. Sr. Sangitha in her speech thanked the honourable chief guest for spending his time with them and congratulated all the newly elected cabinets and the staff for making the ceremony a successful one.





At the end our former leaders and the newly elected leaders thanked the principal and the staff for their continuous support, guidance and for the trust entrusted on them in developing their talents. The ceremony was concluded with the national anthem.

### **The first bag less day**

From the past few years the government of Telangana was recommending the schools to keep up once a month bag less day, which has to be educative without the usual curriculum from the text books. On 19 August, the third Saturday of the month, Auxilium school Secunderabad conducted the first bag less day of this academic year. Though the full strength was not present, the overall presence was commendable. On this day various competitions



were animated: culinary, recitation for primary and elocution for high school. The students from classes III to X were encouraged to participate in the culinary competition. Nearly 200 students were enthusiastic in it. The participants had to prepare the dishes from home and bring it to school. There was variety of snacks/ meals/ eatables, presented creatively by the students. The competition was open to the staff also. Sr. Sangitha, the Principal, was enthusiastic in taking part, along with three teaching and three non-teaching staff. It was a moment of excitement.



The chefs from Indian Institute of Hotel Management were invited to judge the items. They tasted and examined each and every dish, enquired the participants regarding the ingredients and judged every item critically.

In the second half of the same day, story/poem recitation competition was organized for the primary students. Many children came forward with interesting stories or poems and performed excellently well. Simultaneously elocution competition was organized for the high school students. In this group too, the young orators put forth their talents of public speaking with confidence and conviction.

On the whole the first bag less, day was very active and educative. The staff and students were excited and vibrant. This informative, experiential and enlightening day without books, pens and boards was beneficial.

## VADUVANCHAL

### Guest Lecture - Drugs Use Impact in Youth

On 06th July 2023 Vaduvanchal Auxilium Technical Centre conducted a session on Drugs usage in Youth. We invited Mr. Johnson Thozhuthunkal (Retired Head Master of Assumption School Sulthan Bathery) who was welcomed and introduced by one of our staff Mrs. Alice Peter. The session was a media presentation which was of great help to our



students. He gave them a deep awareness about the drugs, of its chemical contents and the diseases caused by drugs, highlighting the harmful effects of drugs in youth. He also narrated some real-life experiences of drug abdicators. The session was very informative and useful to our students. After his talk, students clarified their doubts and discussed about the drug issues in their local community. Finally, Sr. Sheeja Jose gave a small gift to him as our gratitude and love. The session ended with a vote of thanks given by Manjusha, one of our Staff.

### Guest Lecture - Sex Education

On 06th July 2023, Vaduvanchal Auxilium Technical Centre conducted a session on "Sex Education". Mr. Gopinath PK was the Resource person [Anusha RM (PLV) Taluk Legal Service Committee, Sulthan Bathery] for the session. 45 students were present for the session.



Mrs. Manjusha introduced and welcomed Him. He started the session by explaining what is sex, what are the supporting organs, sex related diseases, how to keep our organs clean etc. The session was very informative and useful to our students. After his talk, students clarified their doubts and discussed all

the sex related issues. The session ended with a vote of thanks given by Mrs. Alice Peter.

### Guest Lecture -Personal Hygiene

A guest lecture session was arranged on 7th July 2023 at Auxilium Technical Center, Vaduvanchal. Dr. Vineeth T A was the resource person. Mrs. Alice Peter, our Facilitator introduced and welcomed the doctor. 45 students were present for the session. He handled the session with media presentation. He explained how to keep the body clean, the importance of drinking



water, over usage of paracetamol, etc. After doctors' talk, students clarified their doubts. Students were very happy. The doctor was presented with a small token of gratitude by the Managing Director Sr. Anita Thomas. Mrs. Manjusha gave vote of thanks.

## GUNTUR

### ICSE School -Investiture Ceremony

On July 12<sup>th</sup> July Auxilium ICSE School Guntur, had the leaders' investiture ceremony. It began with a short prayer and the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The school leaders and the class leaders were filled with confidence and courage as they marched towards the dais. Mrs. Koteswaramma, the chief guest of the day pinned up the badges to the SPL and ASPL. Sr. Bridget Jacob the principal of Auxilium ICSE School pinned up the badges to the



school ministers. Other house captains and the class leaders had their badges pinned up by other sisters and the class teachers respectively. Mrs. Koteswaramma spoke about the life of sacrifice and discipline to the students. Other guests of the day Mr. David and Mrs. Divya Prasanna, parents of our students spoke encouraging words to the leaders and the other students. The celebration came to an end with National Anthem and clicking of a group photo of leaders with the guests of the day.

### ICSE School -Plantation week



As part of conserving the creation, Auxilium ICSE School Guntur had the plantation week from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> of August. All the children, teachers and parents collaborated to realize the dream of having a school garden. Children learned to appreciate the mother earth with its beauty as they planted the saplings which were sponsored by their parents. Those were the happy moments of togetherness along with the nature.

## **DIAMOND AND GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

### **AT THE SACRED HEART PROVINCIAL HOUSE, BANGALORE**

The INK province was blessed with one Diamond and seven Golden Jubilarians this year. We thank God for their presence in our province and their valuable contribution to the growth of the provinces of Madras and Bangalore.

The province's representatives were around the Lord with the Jubilarians in the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> August in the Provincial House chapel for the vigil service conducted by the AWC community and felicitation that followed it on the stage. It was in fact an evening that marked the 50 years completion of the FMA lives of the Golden Jubilarians as they made their first religious profession on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> August 1973 in the Novitiate Chapel, the present AWC. The greetings of the provincial Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil and each animator of the communities to every Jubilarian with gifts and embraces were indeed moments of nostalgic feelings and manifestations of a large family gathered together in joy and love. The cultural programme and festal songs by the various centres of the city were magnificent and appreciative.

5<sup>th</sup> August held the flag of the Congregation high as the sisters were once again at the feet of the Lord in the well decorated chapel to raise our voices and hearts to Thank God for our Jubilarians. The meaningful prayer service conducted by the Kottiyam community elevated our minds and hearts once again to the giver of life, to thank Him for the call extended to each of us especially these Jubilarians and His faithfulness and mercy bestowed upon each of them all through these 60 and 50 years.

The Holy Mass at 10.30 was presided by Rev. Fr. Ponthokkan Bosco SDB and 16 concelebrants from far and near. The Jubilarians renewed their religious vows, an affirmation of their total dedication to the Lord and people especially to the young in various places and communities. The Magnificat sung by the Jubilarians made them to glorify the Lord along with Mother Mary who leads guides and enfolds them each day in her mantle.

The felicitations and the stage programme and the sumptuous meal served to all the priests' relatives, friends and well-wishers were praise worthy. The relatives of the Jubilarians extol the friendly atmosphere reigned in the Provincial House campus on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023. A word of special thanks to Rev Sr. Lucy Rose and all the organizers of the Jubilee

**ALL GLORY TO GOD AND PRAISE TO OUR MOTHER AND HELP**









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## BANGALORE PROVINCIAL HOUSE

### Youth meet

Sr. Mary Rani, the Coordinator for youth Ministry of SHC started off in earnest her mission among the young people of the locality by organizing a youth animation programme on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Over 69 young people were present from the working areas of FIDES including the skill trainees. Rev. Fr. Anil D' Souza, SDB, Director of Yuva Spandana, Ajjanahalli, the resource person of the day conducted a number of games through which he communicated



many values particularly the value of responsibility. In fact, the Purpose of the day was to make the young people aware of the importance of their youthfulness and what role they could play to bring about change in the society. Fr. Anil made the sessions alive and interesting through his inimitable style and the young

people were excited and participated actively and enthusiastically. At the end of the programme Sr. Rani, met some of the village youth and encouraged them to be regular for their monthly meeting and assured them of her full support in all their activities.

### Grandparents' day

The elders of SHC were felicitated by the community with respect and honour coupled with fun and frolic. The animator and other senior sisters garlanded them as a mark of thanks to all that they have done and are doing in the community.



Some sisters, claiming the elders to be their formatters or animators in different communities desired to be photographed with them. The good qualities and specific God given gifts of the elders were recounted by all, making them feel good and happy. As Elijah donned Elisha with his mantle...a sign of passing on his spirit to his successor, the younger ones were asked to receive the shawl from the elders, as a sign of transferring their spirit along with their blessings. We concluded with the gifting of nuts to the elders by the community animator, which they shared with all.

### **A rare community**

SHC with over 30 members on roll – some only on roll, some others weekend members, is a unique community of super seniors, seniors, seasoned juniors and fresh juniors who are accompanied by a young, simple and humble animator. We have a wonderful fellowship of people from North, South, East and West. One among these is often mistaken for a foreigner with her fair skin and snow-white hair. Benedict XVI replica she seems to some people. Her passion is for chicks, ducks and rabbits. Her hard work and luck at her age is blessed by God all the time. All the eggs she keeps for hatching brings forth chicks and that is her pride and joy. Her morning, afternoon and evening trips to the kingdom of the fowls to see whether all the inmates are in place, well fed and given their due, is noteworthy. Another group resembling Zaccheus of the Gospel are running around with the broom, the duster and the laundry linen. They are at the keyboard, at the laundry stone, on the verandas...running the Olympic race to keep the house in order. Wheel chair is cast aside but the walking stick cannot be replaced by some who are wedded to it. The silent speechless one, the oldest is teased and poked from all sides creating laughter and fun for all specially in the dining hall.



The limping group is there moving around all the time without sticks. One tiny little one, bent low in humble service from morn to night reminds all to practice humility as this is the virtue required for happy living. A hidden violet, a white or gray figure, is seen in the garden, in the dormitory, in the kitchen...with the mobile in the pocket, reciting rosary or listening to talks. Before and after a big meeting, she is found traversing from the dining hall to the store

cupboard, setting right every item used by the visitors. The cutlery territory is in perfect order with none missing. Every item is back in its place, clean and spotless. There is another lean and bony angel who moves around faster than a rocket...seeing to every sick person's need without making her presence felt. The caring Nightingale is at the side of the sick and ailing members of the community with her gentle touch and perfect remedy. Her passion is for the garden and when she is in touch with the plants, she forgets all the rest of the programmes of the community.

Another group is found before the Lord, interceding for all. In spite of all the ailments ...no complaints, no groaning, and no fuss. They are punctual at every community moment giving their share of contribution and setting an example to the younger ones. The main spring of the wheel is seen all over, an angel in disguise, satisfying every need of every member of the community. Never an expression of anger, irritation or tiredness is seen on her face! Always serene and serious about her job! God knows from where she gets the stamina to embrace the home affairs, the cultivation, the field, the kitchen, the animal husbandry, the visitors, the conveyance department, water and power sources of the house, the lay collaborators...Oh God what a lot of work is embraced by this little one! No one can measure the sacrifices involved in her mission in this unique community!

The SDB caretaker is too preoccupied and busy handling the various tools in the process of preparing breakfast...favourite dishes, liked and desired by the chaplains of the community. She is at their service without fail in sun or rain or gloomy weather. All look forward to the Provincial's good night for they are sure of getting some nuts or chocolates received as gifts from someone. The oldest is the first to put out her hand to receive her share. Thus, goes on the wonderful community trying to imitate MORNESE and becoming generators of life and love.

## Marian night



During the Marian month the Youth Ministry coordinator kept everyone on their toes through her initiatives to honour Mary. The **"Marian Night"** was indeed fantastic. Well prepared items and initiatives by Sr. Florence and Sr. Nirmala with the guidance of Sr. Mary Rani tickled the minds of the sisters, novices and young people with questions on Mary galore. Hail Mary was sung in different languages. "Guess" the song from the tune, quiz

on Mary and the saints, assembling the figure of Mary from cut pieces, guessing the author of the verses etc. went on for over an hour. At 8 pm Sr. Lucy Rose gave the final message thanking everyone and recommending all to talk to Mary daily and draw down many blessings. Everyone got a medal and the winners a rosary each. Thanks to the organizers and the participants for without them the "Marian Night" would have turned out to be "Silent Night".



## Living notice board

The youngsters in the three groups of the community were moving high and low hunting here and there. Guess, for what? In search of costumes! One spent more than three hours stitching a dress of Mother Mary as she wanted to act as Mother Mary. Finally, at the appointed time three living notice boards appeared, one representing Our Lady of Fatima, another Our Lady of Knots, and the third with

varied Marys from other nations...From the oldest to the youngest were involved. Who will get the maximum marks was the next query? The super seniors too were involved and different Marys appeared on the scene. The mark giver was in a fix and gave equal marks for all the three groups.

## Birth centenary celebration of sr. Nancy Pereira

Mr. Raju a great devotee and disciple of Sr. Nancy Pereira remembered and celebrated the birth centenary of Sr. Nancy on 17 August 2023 instead of 14 August, the real date of birth. Raju was working with Sr. Nancy in FIDES for some years and imbibed her spirit and commitment. Through her guidance and support he began a school in his village and today it has grown into Degree College. The school has achieved not only name



and fame but is proving to be a standard institution with excellent academic performance of the students. He is so grateful to Sr. Nancy for the training he received, and the values inculcated - love for the poor, devotion to Mother Mary, spirit of service, hard work etc. He feels so much indebted to her and to the sisters.



As Sr. Nancy helps him even now by granting him many favours, he is keen on keeping up the spirit he has received from her in his school as well as making her known to all. He expressed his sentiments of love and gratitude by celebrating her birth centenary here in the provincial house, so that all the sisters could participate. He spent a lot of money for the flowers in the chapel, 100 roses to be placed on her tomb and 100 candles to be lit and providing lunch for about 200 people. His love for Sr. Nancy was expressed in his lavish giving.

He brought all his teachers and 5 deserving students from each class for the celebration. They were 100 in all. The celebration began with the festal mass followed by a video on Sr. Nancy which he had prepared on Sr. Nancy. After the celebration of the Eucharist, he felicitated the Provincial, the Animator, the ex-provincials and Sr. Alice. Lunch was served for all, including FIDES staff and ex-staff from Ulsoor. Raju's gratitude and love for Sr. Nancy and the Salesian Sisters can never be measured by any human standards. We her sisters did not remember but Raju remembered the birth anniversary of Sr. Nancy. He speaks about her with so much love, turns to her when in need of anything specially money. His Institution is growing step by step and he believes that it is Sr. Nancy who stands by him at all times. The photo of Sr. Nancy stands prominently at the entrance of his school and by the side of his

chair in his office. Her look seems to inspire him and he turns to her when in need.



Rector Major's Strenna 2023 has become a reality in this case when we see a layman carrying on the mission started by Sr. Nancy. Raju is indeed the yeast acting in the Salesian style and bearing fruit in his little village. Sr. Nancy's spirit lives on through her staff!

## WYRA-KHAMMAM

### Inauguration of the Marian month

On 15<sup>th</sup> July, the Community and the inmates of Auxilium Seva Sadan began the Marian month fervently. The sisters and the children gathered around the decorated statue of Our



Blessed Mother and prayed the Rosary devoutly with singing and offered it for the various intentions. Animator Sr. Annakutty spoke on the importance of having deep devotion to our Blessed Mother and the practices given for each week. Everyone wrote and placed their personal intentions too. Marian devotion was spread by praying the rosary with various initiatives, goodnight talks, narrating and enacting the Marian apparitions, miracles etc.

### Yoga day



Yoga day was kept up on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Sr. Annakutty our animator, through her inspiring instruction boosted the children on the need of doing Yoga in order to create a healthy mind in a healthy body. Under the guidance of Sr. Shantha the children practiced different yoga and asana and they were excited to do so. It is also decided to continue this practice of Yoga in a regular basis so as to improve their physical and mental power and grow in a disciplined manner.

### Fresher's day cum inauguration of the boarding

This year the community is blessed with sixty children in our boarding. The active, welcoming and friendly presence and the TLC given by Sr. Annakutty, Sr. Alice and

Sr. Shantha bore fruit in making the house once again full. Soon the children got inserted to the new life and the campus became more active and livelier.

Fresher's day cum inauguration of the groups was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June. A meaningful prayer service was animated by Sr. Shantha. Everyone was excited and vying with one another to display their talents either individually or in groups. During the oath taking ceremony the groups' the leaders and the members promised to abide by the rules and regulations of the boarding, ensuring their integral growth. The



children enjoyed the "Pani Puri" a delicious item.



### World environment day

Keeping in mind "To live the integral ecology as a dream of life" according to Laudato Si, the World Environment Day was kept up on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Through the inspiring instruction given by Sr. Annakutty our animator around sixty of our Auxilium Boarding children were made aware of the need of creating a clean and green environment, plastic free and pollution free campus, thus protect the common home.

The importance of sharing and caring for one another is also stressed. Sr. Shantha conducted Drawing competition on the theme. Various proposed activities are to be conducted during the course of the year.



## GUDUVANAHALLI

### Laura Statue Placed



There was a beautiful ceremony on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 of the blessing and installing of the statue of Blessed Laura Vicuna in the house as Navajeevana is dedicated to Blessed Laura Vicuna. Rev.Fr. Chacko our Parish Priest after the ceremony exhorted us to imitate and seek her intercession on a daily base. The young people promised to imitate her virtues.

### Grandparents' day

On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 we had the "Grand Parents Day" in our Centre. The Elders from the age of 75 years and above were invited. Accordingly, 18 grand Parents from Guduvanhalli and Koramangala Villages arrived for this event. They were welcomed with flowers, kumkum and song. The Sisters and the girls conducted 6 games and all were given the prizes as First prize a blanket, second prize a bed sheet and the third prize the towel.



Thereafter they had a Video Presentation to make them laugh and how they could take care of their Grandchildren in this present situation. The girls presented a lovely Cultural Programme. Sr. Jacintha gave the message on the beauty of God and heaven through a story. After a tea party they left the place happily thanking for this day's celebration.

## VARAKKAD

### Investiture ceremony 2023-24



**“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul, Dream big, for every dream precedes the goal”.** The investiture ceremony was held on 1st July 2023 at Auxilium School, Varakkad to encourage and rekindle leadership qualities in the young prodigies. The student council for the session 2023-24 was formed. Students were chosen for the school post and house posts. The Investiture Ceremony successfully inducted the newly elected and selected members of



the school prefectural board on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The ceremony started by lighting the lamp, which signifies the removal of darkness and continuous upward movement of the flame denotes a path of wisdom and divinity. The newly formed council – School Pupil Leader and Asst. School Pupil Leader along with Sports Leaders, House Captains, Vice- House Captains and Prefects were honoured by the Honourable Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Sunny Thomas,

Manager Sr. Lisy Jose, Principal Sr. Sangeetha Sebastian and DREAM District Coordinator Mr. Aji Thomas. Sr. Sangeetha Sebastian, the Principal administered the Oath of allegiance to the newly appointed Board of students’ council, who swore to serve their Alma Mater with utmost sincerity and to the best of their abilities. Rev. Fr. Sunny Thomas inspired the students with his motivating and encouraging message on how to become responsible and effective

leaders. Sr. Lisy Jose, the Manager felicitated and congratulated the newly honoured leaders. The zeal of the council was reflected in their confidence and dedication to execute their work. The school management and staff, without doubt believe in these young leaders to protect and consolidate the values and ideals the school stands for.

### **International anti-drug day 2023: -**

International anti-drug day was celebrated at Auxilium School on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The students exhibited the posters on ‘Say No to Drugs’ in the different areas of the school. During the assembly a short skit on the importance of eradicating drugs from the present society was presented by the high school students. In the afternoon an awareness session was conducted by Mr. Aji Thomas, the DREAM District Coordinator, psychologist and social worker. The



students from classes V to X participated in this session. Mr. Aji Thomas explained to the students very clearly how it could destroy their health, mental power, family life and future life itself. He encouraged the students to prevent alcohol and drug related incidents. He gave them the tips to be alert to the traps available around and suggested methods to prevent themselves from falling in it. The seminar attracted a significant attention among the students



and faculty members. The entire session was an interactive session and the speaker clarified many of the queries raised by the students. The feed backs from the staff and students

were very much encouraging. At the end of the session the entire school took the Oath against drug abuse.

## BANNERGHATTA

### Welcome to new superior



A warm welcome is the universal language of love. On the 27th of May 2023 the community of Nirmal Jyothi heartily welcomed Sr. Lizy C. D the newly appointed animator of the Nirmal Jyothi Convent, Bannarghatta. On this auspicious day the atmosphere of the Nirmal Jyothi convent and ITI Institute was filled with joy and jubilation as they invited the superior with a welcome speech and different activities. All wished

that her stay as animator in Nirmal Jyothi be filled with joy and inspiration.

### Foundation day August-5

The candidates beautifully depicted the first profession scene of the first sisters of the congregation. It was an experience for all the candidates in knowing the humble beginnings



of our congregation with 11 sisters. The candidates were excited in wearing the habits for the enactment. It was a cherished moment for all of us in recalling and commemorating the beautiful event of our congregation.



## Investiture ceremony

The Nirmal Jyothi ITI held its annual Investiture Ceremony on August 08, 2023 to formally appoint the student leaders for the upcoming academic year. The chief guest for this occasion Mr. Lazarus Lepcha HOD of Journalism Department in Loyola Degree College was escorted by the college correspondent Sr. Lizy CD who adorned the elected leaders with their respective badges and sashes, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities entrusted to them. This was followed by oath of the student leaders who pledged to uphold the values and ethos of the institution. Sr. Praveena Madhavan the principal of the Nirmal Jyothi ITI delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the significance of leadership, teamwork and commitment. She urged the student leaders to be role models and contribute positively to the college community. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks.

## Welcoming candidates for the training

The community of Nirmal Jyothi convent was truly delighted to welcome 15 young and vibrant girls from 7 different states of India for the contact period of candidates. The community warmly welcomed them and assured accompaniment on their meaningful journey towards religious life. Sr. Lizy the superior introduced to the candidates Sr. Lucy Michael as the assistant, who will be their guide and exhorted them to remember that this is a time of growth and self-discovery. She said to them "Your unique journey is important to us, and we are here to listen and assist every step of your vocational journey. May your this initial formation be filled with learning, reflection, and a search for a deeper call to follow Jesus in the path of Salesian life". Welcome dear candidates.



## Youth from Manipur

On 14th August 3 boys and 7 girls of the same family from Manipur came to Nirmal Jyothi. The elder brother was put in Chitradurga Don Bosco for his Degree studies, and the other two boys of 9th and 5<sup>th</sup> classes were put in St. Jude's parish boarding near SMVT Railway station



Bangalore. Among the 7 girls 3 of them are doing 4 months course and 4 of them are attending 1-year course. Their parents sent them here with much hope. The community meets all their needs. They are very grateful to us for accepting them and placing them in different educational institutions for their continuous studies. We wish and pray may they have a golden future.

## A month with Mamma Mary

**“To love Mary is to be drawn into the beauty of her humility, the tenderness of her motherly care, and the purity of her heart.”**



A month with Mary, we the Sisters, Candidates and the hostel girls had a lovely time in honouring our B.I. Mother. In the Marian month the competitions held in honour of the Virgin Mary were unique ways to know her significance in our Salesian traditions. These competitions provided individuals with opportunities to showcase their talents

while expressing their love and devotion to Mother Mary's message of love. We had different competitions on Our Blessed Mother to know her better and to increase our love and devotion to her.





Recitation of 'Hail Mary' in different languages, Various Apparitions, Quiz on Mary in groups, Names of, Marian Popes, Doctors and Saints, Puzzles on Our Lady, Matching the Our Lady's apparitions and places. Drawing the picture of Mother Mary creatively. Good nights on different aspects of Our Lady- a competition among sisters: The conclusion of Marian month was well planned and exhibited wonderfully well by Sr. Lucy and Sr. Saritha. The Marian night began with the praying of Rosary by all the girls and sisters. At the end prizes were distributed to all the winners. Sr. superior with a short and thought-provoking good night wound up the one-month celebration. They were really memorable days for everyone in the campus as we prayed the Holy Rosary devotedly from 15th of July to 15th of August. The love and devotion we inculcated during these days will linger on in our hearts as well as in the recipients.



## PALLURURUTHY

### Permission obtained to start ISC

The Auxilium English Medium school which re-opened on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 after the summer holidays had the joy and blessing from the Lord as we got the permission from the CISCE (Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations) to begin the XI and XII std. A Holy Mass was offered in thanksgiving for this long-awaited grace and gave good publicity for our ISC classes and equipped the class rooms. These classes started on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, with an inaugural session. Rev. Fr. C. M. Joseph. SDB from Don Bosco, Palluruthy gave the inaugural message. The sisters, staff and students of the entire school rejoiced and thanked the Lord for this special blessing. We have begun the sessions in computer Science and Bio-Maths. In the days to come, we hope to start more sectors for higher Education.



## Investiture Ceremony



With the full conviction that to-day's students are tomorrow's leaders and rulers, we had the Investiture ceremony for assuming the Leadership and to train them to be responsible leaders. It was

held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at our Auxilium School campus. The ceremony started by the lighting of the lamp which signifies the removal of darkness and the continuous upward movement of the flame denotes a path of wisdom and divinity. The newly elected leaders were honoured by the chief-guest Mr. Manoj, sub-Inspector of Police, Palluruthy and our special Guest, Rev. Dr. Thomas Vazhapilly, Bishop emeritus of Mysore. They motivated the students and their inspiring words helped them to live their vision for the achievement of their goal by performing their duties with full dedication. They reminded the students that they are the torch bearers of all the values that the school stands for and urged them to take the responsibility with commitment and integrity.



## Colour's Day – the Red

This is a special feature of this year for K.G. (Kindergarten) Students, under the leadership of Sr. Shiji Abraham as the School Principal. It was indeed fantastic and capturing the attention of everyone to see all the K.G. students - more than 100 of them - and their teachers, all dressed in red for this unusual ceremony in our school hall, fully decorated with red balloons and other red glittering streams and glowing stars for their performance. Everyone was taken up with their innocent and attractive presence with beautiful smiles.

## Blessing of the New Chapel in the neighbourhood, belonging to our parish

We had the blessing of a new chapel under the patronage of St. Theresa of Child Jesus for which we joined hands with our parish priest and other parishioners. We blessed and thanked the Lord for the love and interest expressed by all concerned to make known Christ and his kingdom.

## SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

### Installation of the Animator and Novice Mistress and Initiation of the Candidates to the Novitiate



On May 23, the Sacred Heart Training Centre was re-inaugurated with the Installation of the Animator and Novice Mistress, Sr. Thresia Augustine. The Installation ceremony began with a short introduction by Sr. Nirmala Mummudi during which Sr. Thresia approached the altar with a lighted lamp. During the prayer service Mother Provincial asked all of us to extend our hands and implore God's blessings on Sr. Thresia as she was to take up a new mission in the Novitiate. It was followed by the installation of Sr. Thresia as Superior and Novice Mistress by Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil, Mother Provincial. This ceremony was followed by the solemn and memorable ceremony of the Initiation of the seven Postulants to the

Novitiate after a period of spiritual retreat for a week animated by Fr. James Matthew, SDB. The ceremony began with the prayer service animated by the sisters in which the Postulants were officially accepted to the Institute by Mother Provincial with the reception of the medals. The prayer service concluded with the official entrustment of the Novices to the Novice Mistress, followed by felicitation and high tea. The presence of all the sisters of the three communities and the junior sisters of the retreat added to the joy of the celebration.



### Marian Month

On 14th July in the evening the community of Novitiate had inauguration of Marian month with the theme "A Life-giving Presence with Mary". The statue of Our Lady was beautifully decorated in the chapel. Rosary was animated by the novices with various initiatives. Prayer moments were made meaningful by placing our names near Our Lady as a symbol of total surrender to her maternal presence and to imitate her virtues in our lives so that



we may generate life in and around us. Throughout the month different competitions such as Marian quiz, Marian apparitions, dress like Mary, Enactment 'Mary in the life of Don Bosco', Elocution, composition of Marian songs etc. to help the novices to acquire knowledge on Mary and thus grow in filial love for her.

### **Silver Jubilee of the Novitiate and Golden Jubilee of Rev. Sr. Pauline D'Silva**

The most awaited day of the Sacred Heart Training Centre arrived on August 16, 2023, after a period of spiritual preparation for almost a month praying for the different batches of the novitiate community members in the past 25 years. It was a memorable twin Jubilee celebration, 25 years of the existence of the Novitiate and the 50 years faithful self-giving to God and His mission by our dear Sr. Pauline D'Silva. At 6.30 pm, the celebration began with a short introduction followed by entrance procession led by Sr. Pauline and 2 Novices with lighted candles. The Holy Eucharist was officiated by Rev. Fr. Alex Kalathikattil SDB the Rector of Viswadeep. He was surrounded by six con-celebrants. During the Homily, Fr.



Alex stressed on the faithfulness of God in the lives of His people, the commandments of Love of God and one another and the need to be clothed with God's compassion. The Eucharist was concluded with a note of gratitude to God and to one another expressed by Sr. Thresia Augustine and Sr. Nirmala Mummudi. Our gratitude goes to God and Mother Provincial for re-opening the Novitiate during the Jubilee year. After mass, during the cutting of the cake, the Novices sang **the Felicitation song composed by them "Here's a home for all in the Sacred Heart of Jesus"**. Mother Provincial felicitated Sr. Pauline with a Shawl and the community gifted her with a statue of our Lady. The community rejoiced with her and with all the sisters and novices who passed through this novitiate, for the wonders God and our Blessed Mother accomplished in and through her and through this Novitiate. May all those who enter the portals of this Novitiate be blessed abundantly.

## MITTAPPALLY

### Environmental day



**“Be the change, make the world green.”** The environmental day was celebrated with love and enthusiasm by the students and the staff of Auxilium Vidya Niketan School, Mittappally. On June 27 the students with the help of the teachers decorated the notice boards artistically. On June 28 the students came up with a surprising programme on saving the Mother Earth. They depicted the importance of being the change in the world through dance, speech, and composition of songs. The correspondent Sr Clara Rayalu spoke about the urgency of planting trees and caring for the nature. The celebration was crowned with the planting of saplings in the school premises brought by the students themselves.

### Peace rally

The community participated in the peace rally that was held on July 30 in showing the solidarity for the state of Manipur. It was organized by the Muslims of the Banaganapally locality. It was heart touching to see many people especially the women participating in the rally irrespective of religion. The priests, different denomination pastors and lay people spoke about the necessity of supporting the state of Manipur particularly from the part of the government. Sr. Selvi also expressed her views with regard to the issues happening in the state.



### Investiture ceremony and orientation day

The Investiture Ceremony for the new academic year was held on July 31. We commenced the ceremony with the lighting of the lamp and a meaningful prayer service animated by class X students. A welcome dance was performed by the students of class III. This was followed by the introduction and felicitation of the chief guest- Fr Jeevan SDB. Later, the student council came forward marching towards the dais. Then each member of the council was introduced and honoured as leaders of the school with sashes by the chief guest Fr Jeevan and the correspondent Sr Clara.



The oath taking ceremony was led by the principal Sr Nirmala, during which the leaders expressed their desire and readiness to follow the rules of the institution and to assume their responsibilities to the best of their ability. The chief guest Fr Jeevan congratulated the newly appointed school leaders and exhorted them to excel in their duties and studies. This was followed by the orientation session by Fr Jeevan SDB – half day for the students and half day for the teachers. The morning session was animated for the students from Std. IV to Std. X. The topics dealt were: value of education, goals and aims,



stress management, good friends and toxic friends and positive thinking. The students participated very actively in the sessions and in the games conducted for them. It was indeed an enriching experience for all the students.

The afternoon session was organized for the teachers. The topics touched upon were- Teachers training, New Educational Policy and Don Bosco's method of education- Preventive System. He highlighted these aspects through games and group discussion. The session was an eye opener for the teachers, especially to be aware of the New Educational Policy, to be creative in imparting the knowledge and to carry out the pedagogy of Don Bosco.

## **KOTTIYAM**

### **Teachers' orientation programme**

Auxilium School Kottiyam provides high quality orientation programme to prepare teachers to become highly efficient and effective in giving all round formation to the students. As part of it, this year it was conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. It was a three-day session.

The first day session was oriented by Mr. Binumon V.R., the principal of Adarsh Vidhya Kendra and the next two days Sr. Margaret Mathai an efficient guide of the Salesian Sisters of Bangalore Province. The teachers were given more knowledge about competency-based education and method of leading a joyful classroom learning. Teachers' were equipped with different perspectives of understanding levels, creativity and teaching skills. After the three day programme the teachers were enthusiastic to take up the new Academic year 2023-24 with much zeal and enthusiasm.

### **Investiture ceremony**

Investiture ceremony marks the transition from being ordinary students to becoming representatives of the school through a strict voting system. The criterion to be a candidate was decided by the school authority and the election process was perfectly executed by the media club of the school. It was purely a virtual voting system. On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, the Investiture ceremony was inaugurated by the chief guest Mr. Sahel, the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kottiyam. The function was orderly animated by the school group. The elected leaders were adorned with badges. It was a proud moment for the students and they were deeply motivated by the inspirational words of the Chief Guest. The school management wished good luck and all the best to carry out various activities of the school during this academic year 2023-24.

### **Marian month and Independence Day**

During the Marian month Auxilium School Kottiyam tried in a special way to keep the Mother of God present in our hearts with a love shown in affectionate devotion to her. We dedicated a month from July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup> to the Blessed Virgin Mary and each class got the opportunity to animate the assembly in various art forms. Each day the statue of Mother Mary was well decorated and placed on the stage in the pavilion and she was adorned with fresh flowers. The conclusion of the Marian Month, on 14<sup>th</sup> August, the feast of the Assumption of Mary was clubbed with the Independence Day celebration. A beautiful stage programme crowned the day and sweets were distributed to all the students and a tea party for the staff.



## A short biography of Sr. Lizy K.V.

On July 7, 2023 on the First Friday of the month at 2.30 am from 'Caritas' hospital Kottayam, Kerala our dear Sr. Lizy Varkey belonging to the Province of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bangalore took flight to heaven. She was surrounded by the nurses and Sisters of the Community of Auxilium Puthuppally to which she belonged.

She was born on 13 June 1970 at Thodupuzha, belonged to the parish of St. Thomas Church, Mylacombe. Mr. Ouseph Varkey and Bridget Varkey were blessed with 10 children and they brought them up disciplined and God-fearing. Her father was a farmer and mother a House wife. Both of them were pious, hardworking, sincere and generous. Sr. Lizy recalls: "my father was very punctual for family prayers and he used to guide the prayers at home. He was fond of priests and religious and always talked about his experience with us. He was very strict with us at the recitation of the prayers and demanded from us discipline. He had great desire to send his children to priesthood and religious life." She continues "I learned from my family to have great trust and faith in God even in the midst of problems and difficulties. At home I had great devotion to Blessed Mother Mary and St. George."

She did her studies in Government school. She was fond of playing games. In the school she developed her talents of music, games, learned how to mingle with the children of different religion like Hindus and Muslims. The teachers helped her to study well and develop her ability to sing, and play games etc. Since she studied in Government school, she had no opportunity to discern her vocation and nobody inspired her for it. She joined the Institute after completing her Degree and worked as a trainee in a company before joining the congregation. In the year 1996 -1998 she joined the Aspirantate and did her Postulancy in Auxilium Welfare centre, Bangalore. She did her Novitiate in 1998-2000 in Sacred Heart Training Centre, Bangalore. Everything was not rosy for her; she says that during the 2nd year of the novitiate she had hard time even to the point of doubting her vocation. "The fruit of these struggles helped me to overcome the difficult situations of life in the community.

I learned to visit the families and listened to their problems. I enjoyed the Prayer moments like Eucharist and Adoration and able to experience the love and peace of the Lord," wrote Sr. Lizy. After her profession, she completed her degree. She also did Diploma Course in Social Work. The Second Novitiate was the Golden year of her life, she said. The 40 days of retreat helped so much to love Jesus in the Eucharist, enthusiasm to read and assimilate the Bible, understood the real meaning of silence, and fasting, the importance of a good confession, to recite the Rosary meaningfully etc. She could make her meditation and personal prayer without distraction and sleep.

She is very grateful to her Superiors and formators who guided her in her spiritual growth especially her Novice Mistress, Second Novitiate Mistress. She felt that she was happier and stronger in her vocation when she made her Final profession.

She began her service in the communities as a teacher and in charge of catering in Kottiyam, Kerala. She carried out her services in various communities as teacher, Catering, assistant, Sacristan, in-charge of Youth Pastoral. In most of the communities she served as Economer. Even in the last House in Puthuppally she was carrying out the service as Economer.

She was feeling a sort of uneasiness for some time and consulted the doctors and was under medication. Since she was getting weaker and losing weight, towards the end of 2021 doctor advised an MRI scan which confirmed that she had cancer in the last stage. Shoulder bones were already affected and cancer had spread to lungs, throat etc. She underwent chemotherapy after which doctor found a little change. After receiving the Anointing of the sick in May, there was slight improvement. Sr. Lizy hoped for a cure with the medication. The whole province was praying for her, sought the intercession of Sr. Nancy Pereira and received prayers from different Centres for a miraculous cure. From June 2023 once again her condition was worsened and was admitted in the hospital. Last week once again she was administered Anointing of the Sick, prayers were intensified. Sr. Lizy hoped for a cure and wanted to live, battled for life to live for the Lord. The Lord had a different plan for her and took her to Himself alleviating her sufferings.

Her companions and other Sisters testify that she was a simple Sister, adjusting with any one and any situation. She was an endearing person, committed in her service. Sr. Lizy's selfless service to the families of Trivandrum diocese together with other Religious from 2006- 2010 is commendable. The fisher folk of Puthiyathura remember her with love and gratitude for her relentless work done visiting the families and the bond of relationship she established among them. The women and children of the locality also were benefitted by her service. She was a gentle soul, lover of the poor. Whatever responsibility was entrusted to her, she accomplished it with dedication and commitment.

We are in deep sorrow at the untimely passing away of one of our Sisters. We are sure that we gained one more intercessor in heaven. Dear Sr. Lizy we commend your soul to the embrace of the Merciful Father and offer our fraternal suffrages. Intercede for the many urgent needs of the Province and pray for many vocations to our Province and to the Church.

**Thank you dear Sr. Lizy**

**Your absence will be a void, yet you will live forever in our hearts.**

**WE THE JUBILERIANS THANK YOU DEAR MOTHER PROVINCIAL AND SISTERS FOR  
THE WONDERFUL CELEBRATION YOU HELD FOR US**



**THANK YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR  
FAITHFULNESS AND  
ACCOMPANIMENT  
ALL THROUGH OUR LIFE'S  
JOURNEY  
MOTHER MARY, WE PRAY YOU,  
TO CONTINUE TO BE OUR  
MOTHER, TEACHER AND GUIDE  
TILL THE END**



**MOTHER MARY,**  
**WE PRAY THAT YOU LEAD INDIA TO THAT**  
**FREEDOM -TO LIVE AS CHILDREN OF GOD**  
**WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF COLOUR OR RACE,**  
**RICH OR POOR,BIG OR SMALL, MALE OR FEMALE;**  
**--- AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE HUMAN**  
**FAMILY WHO HAS THE SAME DESTINATION AS**  
**YOURS - TO REACH THE ABODE OF THE FATHER**  
**AND LIVE ETERNALLY.**



**MAY THE PEACE THAT JESUS CAME TO**  
**ESTABLISH REIGN IN ALL PARTS OF MOTHER**  
**INDIA**

**MAY INDIA RISE TO THE REAL FREEDOM OF**  
**BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERLINESS**