



St. Paul's Messenger

Department of Education and Media

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Provincial's Message

Priya Koodapirappukale,

The vocation recruitment is over and both aspirants' houses have become active after summer vacation. Both houses have less number of new aspirants compared to previous years. We can find out many reasons for the shortage of candidates such as, nuclear family, lack of motivation, parent's disinterest to send children to seminaries, influence of mobile phone, etc. All these reasons are very valid. But remember, we do not have control over them. Therefore, we must look into this problem of decline in vocation with a different perspective.

The Rectors of the minor seminaries mention about the different attitude and different life style of the young generation. We call them 'New Gen' and conclude that it is difficult to train them. We should be proactive to the challenges thrown in front of us through their 'New Gen Behaviors'.

Let us look into the background of this New Gen Behaviors. We are getting the young candidates from the families which are undergoing rapid changes. The families are struggling to cope up with the fast changes happening in the society. Agricultural families are disappearing! The resonating sound of evening family prayers from the Christian families are no more an experience for our ears! Twenty years back, early morning, children were forced to go to church. Today, they are forced to go for tuition or school early in the morning. On Sundays church activities had more importance and our social needs were fulfilled through the participation in different associations of the parish. Whereas today, immediately after the morning Mass the family has to go for many social functions like betrothal, wedding, baptism, first Holy Communion, house warming, family trips and so on. Prayer culture and Religious culture have become name sake activities in the family life. Communication through the smartphone has become a necessity for the children than the food and drink. They learn adventures from the smartphone and try them without reality check. Thinking about future is alien in the psyche of young generation. Respecting elders and listening to the elders are not a good value for them. Instinctual and reactionary responses are the hallmark of smartness today. When we get candidates from such background, naturally they will show the new gen behaviors. It is not their fault!

Rectors and trainers tell us that the candidates are asking for models and want to be clearer about the major mission of our religious life and religious existence. With their observation within one year, they come to a conclusion that the present way of religious life propagates the 'mission of institution' and not the mission of 'being with the poor' and 'proclaiming the God's Word'. They also acclaim that they joined the congregation to serve the people, to pray more and to preach the Word of God. During the seminary formation they get an impression that the congregation's major thrust is for the institutions. They don't see a better chance for their initial interest like serving the poor and preaching the Word of God. This opinion may be biased or imbalanced or incorrect. However, this is one of the reasons we get from the exit interview conducted with the candidates who leave the congregation. When the vocation is declining drastically we cannot neglect this opinion of the candidates.

We are facing the challenge in vocation in two ways: 1. There are very less vocation, 2. Difficult to sustain the vocation among the candidates who have joined the congregation. The second challenge is more serious. To sustain the vocation of our young aspirants we need to challenge them with the opportunities available in our day to day mission apostolate, which can increase their interest in religious and priestly life. Their initial and pure interest to help the poor and preach the Word of God to be strengthened by the role models of our religious members, communities and institutions. All of us should show more interest in those missions along with our mission of education. Through education we are forming a value based generation. Along with this powerful mission we all have to make a paradigm shift in our social service and pastoral ministry. Let all religious and priests work for all the three mission of pastoral ministry, teaching and social work with equal importance. There should be visible and countable live examples from all individuals, communities and institutions. If not, the young candidates will experience a vacuum in fulfilling their expectation of their future ministry. They will not be able to find meaning in remaining in the congregation.

We have to make a change in our understanding of the problem of today's vocation and training. More importantly we have to make a change in the style and understanding of our emphasis of different missions.

Remember! We have a responsibility to inspire our young brothers in the right path. Or we will become the agents of deterioration of our religious congregation. The Almighty God called us to be the light of the world and salt of the earth. We all have to show the light to our young brothers. We have to give them the taste of religious life. In this season of Apostles let us redefine our mission, toiling for all the three missions together: Pastoral, Social work and Education with adequate importance.

God bless us all ■

Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, CMI
Provincial

2. Here I am Lord....

Bro. Sinto Karottumalayil offered himself totally and completely to the Lord on 25 May 2019. In the final profession ceremony Fr. James Mekkara preached a homily of significance and relevance. Congratulations Sinto...! Welcome to the St. Paul's fraternity....! ■

3. Abide 2k19 - Scholastics' Parents Meet

22 of May 2019 was a day of happiness and joy to the province. Parents of nine scholastics came to Carmel Bhavan for the Parents get together. Fr. Provincial in person led the meeting with meditation, prayer and reflection. The parents had the opportunity to listen to different councillors and the various apostolates they are involved in. Fr. Dr. Thomas Parayil added more quality to the gathering with his class on "Happy Family Life". Fr. Binu Kudukanthadathil interacted with the gathering inspiring them with the message, "Contributions of a family in priestly life" ■

4. To Serve - Superiors' Meet

Superiors meet was held on 21 June 2019. 18 members (Superiors, Prefects, Directors and Rectors) participated in it. The meeting was characterized by sharing by superiors and common discussions. The day stamped a powerful message in the members - "together we grow" ■



5. Ascend of the Mount Carmel

Bros. Alan Wilson Kattakkayam, Aswin Majo Pambackal, Sebin Wilson Thuruthiyil and Selbin Wilson Thuruthiyil entered novitiate at St. Thomas Novitiate House, Marikkunnu. A great bold decision to be with Him, to preach the Good News and to heal the sick....! Congratulations dear brothers...be assured of the prayers of the Carmel Family....! ■



6. Chill - out

Scholastics gathered at Carmel Bhavan and Bogadi school campus to relax, rest and repose on 22 and 23 of May 2019. Fr. Provincial celebrated Kannada Mass and Fr. Jinosh gave an input session on the life style of a religious. Fr. Provincial led the brothers to a sharing session. The day had a grand finale with sports, games and a lot of fun ■



7. "R" for remarkable - Fr. Dr. Reji Punnolil

Indeed Fr. Reji is remarkable...! From finance to doctorate in Philosophy/Counseling from Louisiana Baptist University, USA....! Wait for more surprises....! Well done... Congratulations...! ■

8 "German Minister" - Fr. Jose Vellappanattu

Fr. Jose Vellapanattu is raised to the position of a councilor of CMI Delegation in Germany. As gets in to the new role we wish him every success for a committed service....! ■



9. Practice...Practice...Perfect

Br. Swaroop Vattavayalil at Carmel Bhavan and Br. Nibin Mundanadackal at Jnanamandira, Bogadi are doing their practical training. Occasion to put in to practice their gifts and talents for the community.....! Wish you brothers a successful, fruitful and rewarding time....! ■



10. 'Fishers of Men'

Fr. Jinto Plakkootathil is appointed as the vocation promoter of our province. Challenging job for a daring man...! Fr. Jinto...sing and swing young minds to the charisma of Christ....! All the good wishes...! ■



11. Press the Refresh Button - Appointments and Transfers

- Fr. Thomas Kalapurackal - St. Joseph Vaz Nivas, Goa
- Fr. Jose Thekkemuriyil - Sacred Heart, Shanivarasanth
- Fr. Renny Malana - Shanthi Nilaya, Hallikerehundi
- Fr. Mathew Arichirakunnel - Carmel Bhavan, Mysuru
- Fr. Dinu Impalil - Christa Sadana, Kandali
- Fr. Binu Kannarambel - St. Mary's Carmel, Koppa
- Fr. Shanu Kunnumpurath - Siddhivihara, Mysuru
- Fr. Pratheesh Kolliyil - Aspirants House, Koppa
- Fr. Titto Puthuva - St. Mary's Carmel, Koppa
- Fr. Tom Kunnumpurath - Pushpashrama, Periyapatna
- Fr. Kuriyakose Kallattil - Anugrahalaya, Hunsur

"Keep your best wishes and your biggest goals close to your heart and dedicate time to them every day. If you truly care about what you do and you work diligently at it, there's almost nothing you can't accomplish." - Melchor Lim ■

12. Aspirants, Jnanamandira

Welcome to Jnanamandira (Temple of Wisdom)

"You did not choose me, but I chose you" (Jn. 15:16)

This year CMI St. Paul's Province, Mysore is blessed with fourteen vocations. Aspirants arrived at Jnanamandira on 18 May 2019 and they were warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Provincial along with Fr. Rector and community. Young, dynamic and enthusiastic aspirants have begun their journey to the altar.



Academic Year Inauguration 2019-20

Academic year 2019-20 was inaugurated by Rector, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Thevrkunnel CMI by lighting the lamp on 10 June 2019. "Everyone has creativity, bring out your creative thinking in all activities that you do," quoted Rev. Fr. Rector in his inaugural address. All brothers received lighted candle from Fr. Rector as a symbol of growth and knowledge.

Welcome Dear Regent

Bro. Nibin Mundanadackal has been appointed at Jnanamandira to carry out his regency. The Jnanamandira household very warmly welcomed the regent to their midst. Hope and pray that, the creativity and enthusiasm of our brother will facilitate the growth of our young buds...

Farewell to Fr. Kuriyakose

Rev. Fr. Kuriyakose Kallattil, who had been a vital part of Jnanamandira for the past few months has been transferred to Anugrahalaya, Hunsur. The Jnanamandira family wishes Fr. Kuriyakose the very best for his future endeavours ■

13. Aspirants, Koppa

We the Aspirants of St. Mary's Aspirants House, Koppa have started this year with enthusiasm. We are six in number - Three First years and Three Second years. Even though we are less in number we are strong in unity and enthusiasm. We are making use of all the opportunities provided in our school. We request all of you to keep us in your prayer ■





14. Strong Foundation for Sweet Home - Arkalgud

On 09 June 2019 at 4 pm, on the feast of Pentecost, Fr. Provincial laid foundation for the new residence for fathers at Sevasadan, Arkalgud. The occasion was graced by provincial councilors and many fathers of our province. The project is expected to be completed on a speedy phase. We wish *Seva Sadan* our prayer, presence and support.....!

15. Social Work Department News

Palliative Care Unit: St. Joseph's Charitable Institutions with a great support and funding by South Indian Bank (SIB), Mysore is going to establish an emergency department to identify chronically ill, older, adults in need of palliative care, home care and hospice services in different villages. With great funding from South Indian Bank Mysore, the organization procured a Bolero Ambulance with all facilities for the Mobile Palliative Care Services.



Palliative Care Survey: St. Joseph's Charitable Institutions as a pilot project in the emergency department, conducted a survey in 8 villages in Jettihundi & Hallikerehundi. The organization formed a committee under the leadership of Fr. Renny Malana, and the survey program was directed by Mr. Jomon Joseph, the Program Coordinator. Bros. Prince Ponpuzha, Vipin Mathoor, Amal Thazhathetupuram and Dencin Karikkattil took part in the survey from 16 May 2019 to 20 May 2019.

The primary aim of the survey in 8 villages was to identify chronically ill elder patients in need of palliative care, homecare and hospice services and to link such patients to these services who are at the end of life. During the survey, the team identified 21 patients for the palliative care services in the villages who are vulnerable because of strained caregiver systems, limited decision capacity and financial resources.



English Access Micro Scholarship Program, Mysore

World Environment Day Celebration at Christ School, Thandavapura & Bharatmatha PU College, Koppa

The Access students from Christ School, Thandavapura and Bharatmatha PU College celebrated World Environment Day on 05 June 2019 with great zeal & became aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of people and economic development throughout the world. Many events such as poster-making, debate, slogan writing, essay writing, quiz, etc. were held on the theme of 'Save Earth' and 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. The celebration of this day provides them with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by students, in preserving and enhancing the environment. The chief guest Mr. Ranjithkumar Singh from CSA, Bangalore highly praised the performances of the students. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the chief guest appealed the students and the teachers to adopt green ways of life ■



16 High Fly.....! - SSLC & PUC Results

2018-19 SSLC Result:

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Bharath Matha, Koppa | - Result - 99.4% |
| 2. Christ, Bogadi | - Result - 100% |
| 3. Christ, Hassan | - Result - 100% |
| 4. Christ, Thandavapura | - Result - 100% |
| 5. CJS, Arkalgud | - Result - 97.7% |
| 6. Pushpa, Periyapatna | - Result - 98.7% |
| 7. SH, Shanivarasanth | - Result - 90.3% |
| 8. St. Thomas, Gonikkoppal | - Result - 100% |

2018-19 PUC Result:

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Bharath Matha, Koppa | - Result - 86% |
| 2. Sacred Heart, Shanivarasanth | - Result - 88% |

"Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a lamp"....! Right vision, bold decisions, combined effort and commitment resulted in high rankings.....! The management, staff, students of all the schools need pat on the shoulder both of great appreciation and encouragement for greater heights....! ■

17. Chavara Health and Wellness Academy, Jettihundi

Our Differently Abled Children at Jettihundi

There are 16 differently abled children in our center at Jettihundi. They are beautiful gifts of God. We care for them, nurture and nourish them, whereby we give them human dignity and identity which otherwise they may not find anywhere else. People from different walks of life and members of our province visit them and spend time with them every now and then which indeed is a great joy to those children. Let us keep those children and all the people involved in this ministry in our prayers ■



18. Bharath Matha, Koppa

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2019-20

Every new day is a good opportunity to begin afresh, leaving behind failures, false hopes and repentance. On 3 June, the institution opened its gates to the students, ushering in a new academic session. The morning assembly was conducted ceremoniously by readings from The Bible, The Quran and The Bhagavad Gita. It was followed by prayer service from the second PUC students under the leadership of brothers. This year a bunch of new faculty members got admitted to the Bharath Matha family, and they are Fr. Titto Puthuva, Fr. Pratheesh, Sr. Dhanya, Mrs. Lincy Xavier, Mrs. Jaimol, Mr. Philip, Mrs. Ruksana M. H., Mrs. Cynthia Selvie and Mr. Susheel Tom Jose. Fr. Jose P. J., the Principal welcomed the students heartily and insisted them through a trajectory of accepted norms and behavior.

Environment Day Celebration

We, the Bharath Matha family as a whole, celebrated the World Environment Day on 06 June 2019 with full vigor and enthusiasm. The celebration started with a special morning assembly dedicated to environment day. Fr. Titto, the Vice Principal gave a thought provoking speech on the importance of protecting and cherishing the environment. Later, saplings were distributed to the students from the management to invoke the habit of planting trees and protecting the environment. After the assembly the children in groups went to the school garden and planted the saplings. To mark the day, the school organized a procession to Koppa town to exhort the importance of planting more trees in our surroundings. Students raised slogans and displayed placards regarding different environmental issues.



Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of Bharath Matha composite P.U. College for the academic session 2019-20 was held with a great pomp and dignity in a special ceremony at the open stage. The event was presided over by the Principal Fr. Jose P. J. After the assembly the office bearers of Primary, High School and P.U. sections were escorted to the stage by the school band. They were florally welcomed by Fr. Titto and Fr. Pratheesh to the stage. The program commenced with lighting of lamp followed by invoking the blessings from God. The elected leaders' posters were erected on the stage. The Principal Fr. Jose P. J. administered the oath to the student council. Donning to the mantel of accountability, they also pledged to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities and also to uphold the school motto ■



19. Christ, Bogadi

School Reopening - 27 May 2019

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your path straight.' Narrating excerpts from the Bible by Ms. Merlyn Christabel, Staff coordinator, on behalf of management, principal and teachers welcomed students back to school on the first day of assembly and brought home the points in the form of prayer that all students, staff and institution are safe in the hands of God Almighty.



To be A Christite....!

By the grace of God, we are blessed with 305 new admissions so far this academic year. Parents prefer our school because of the importance given to character formation, academic excellence and co-curricular activities. Nine teachers joined Christ family this academic year. Hearty welcome to all the new comers to the temple of learning.


A Great Moment with Scientists

Students of class VIII, IX and X had an opportunity to participate in the 'Science International Session' at 'Vijnana Bhavan', Mysore University Campus on 01 June 2019. Our students had a great exposure towards modern techniques of science and had an active interaction session with various scientists of India.

Grade X Results 2018-19

Excellence in academics is the hallmark of any good institution. We are happy to share the details of the commendable performance of our students of Grade X. This is the 9 consecutive year of securing 100% result for Grade X. **Megha Y (97.40%), Abhay Raj H.N (96.80%) and Snehal Saju (96.60%)** are the school toppers. **Megha.Y (97.40%)** is one of the toppers of Mysore division. Hearty congratulations to Megha Y. The students who excelled in various streams securing 100 marks are **Abhay Raj H.N. (Maths), Srushti.M (Social Science) and Disha C. (English)**. All 72 students of Grade X passed in flying colours where 17 students secured above 90%, 35 students above 80% and the rest with high first class brought laurels to the Institution.











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Congratulations dear Christites. You came out with flying colours

**100 %
Result**

 MEGHA Y 97.40%	 ABHAY RAJ H N 96.80%	 SNEHAL SAJU 96.60%	 ROHAN J 96.00%	 ANU V SWAMY 95.40%	 SRUSHTI M 95.40%
 MITHUN H R 93.80%	 DHANUSH M 93.80%	 DISHA C 93.60%	 RUCHIR ROHAN TRIMURTHY 93.20%	 VIKAS T 92.80%	 RENU P SULAKHE 92.40%
 HAMSAVARDHINI M 92.00%	 SAHANA ABRAHAM 92.00%	 PRAGNA S 91.60%	 IMPANA M G 91.00%	 JANHAVI R V 90.20%	

World Environment Day

Environment Day was celebrated on 6 June 2019 in the school campus. Students created awareness about the Environment Day in the assembly through their speech on various issues of environment and the solutions in different languages, that is, English, Kannada and Hindi.

Students presented a melodious song describing the beauty of nature. Principal Rev. Fr. Jinosh. V. Mathew motivated the students to take active part in conservation of environment. Class rooms and notice boards were decorated with sketches, painting, slogans, and collage giving different messages about the importance of environment. The day was made remarkable by planting few saplings in the school campus ■



20. Christ, Hassan

“Excellence is not an Act but a Habit.” The school has sustained strong progress towards achieving educational outcomes. Success and achievement were unfolded when our 58 students of class X who appeared for AISSE in March 2019, the VII batch passed with 100% quality result.

The new academic year commenced for class 8 to 10 on 08 May, 1 to 7 on 20 May and Nursery, LKG & UKG classes reopened on 27 May where the pupils walked spirited in to the school and they were warmly welcomed at the school assembly.

On 25 May, an orientation programme was organized for the higher section students as well as for teachers.

Environment Day was celebrated with a special morning assembly. The Principal Fr. Freison K. Thomas and Rev. Fr. Shoby, Administrator planted a sapling of mango in the school Premises. Our school launched an extensive plantation program, classes from 7 to 10 participated in the procession on awareness Program “Conserving Nature”. Our Students distributed around 300 saplings to the people and planted saplings around the city. All our students were highly enthusiastic to make it a big success ■



21. Christ, Hunsur

Back to School

Academic year 2019-20 has begun on 20 May 2019, Monday. The teachers welcomed the students wholeheartedly to the School. Students invoked the presence of God through a short prayer during the assembly and Principal addressed the staff and students. Staff and students were requested to learn and practice the moral values and to focus on the academics. Kindergarten students have begun their classes from 3 June 2019.

New Play School

This year we have started the Play School and they were welcomed by the Kindergarten teachers on 10 June 2019, Monday at 10.00 am. The blooming buds were welcomed with a balloon to the Play School.

ICSE Board Inspection

ICSE Board had instructed our school for the inspection as part of affiliation. Mr. Rajan and Mr. George were appointed to inspect the school separately. Mr. Rajan had visited the school on 27 and 28 of May 2019. Fr. Joseph Philip N., Fr. Biju Pallurathil, Fr. Dinu, Fr. Kuriakose and Fr. Jiby were present on these days to help and support in the completion of inspection. Mr. George had visited the school on 6 and 7 of June 2019. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial, met both the inspectors and they assured in giving a good report of inspection.



World Environment Day-2019

Christ School, Hunsur celebrated the World Environment Day on 6 June 2019. Mr. George, ICSE Council member and a dedicated agriculturist, delivered good message to students in developing greenery around our campus. He planted a champak sapling in the campus and asked a student of 1 standard to take care of the sapling. As part of World Environment Day 67 saplings of different varieties were planted around the campus ■



22. CJS, Arkalgud

Teachers Orientation Program

The teachers orientation and updating program was organized in the school on 27 May 2019. The training session aimed at providing information and interpretation of the Service Rules of the St. Thomas Education Society and other relevant matters to gear up the staff for the opening of the new academic year. It was a day long schedule. The new faculties of Christa Jyothi School were given cheerful welcome on this occasion.

New Academic Year !!!!!!! New Beginning.

The Academic year 2019-20 was inaugurated on 30 May 2019 in Christa Jyothi with all color, cheer and glory. It

was a creative one and harbinger of the future. In the key note address, the Principal presented that Christa Jyothi stood for the quality education and advised the students and faculty members to display scientific temper, creative thinking and meticulous planning to visualize the dreams of the academic year. Students have put up variety programs which project the happiness of learning. On the same day the birthday of our Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Joseph Varghese was celebrated.



SSLC Result 2018-19

Christa Jyothi School has come out with splendid performance in the previous SSLC Examination. Kumari Megha M. M. and Kumari Shrushti H. G. have scored 617 and 616 respectively and bagged 2nd and 3rd places in the Taluk. Hats off to you dear students.



World Environment Day Celebration

This year's Environment Day was celebrated in our school meaningfully. The theme of the year 'beat the air pollution' was very well projected. The Chief Guest of the day Mr. Ramaswamy, a renowned agriculturist, planter and environmentalist, advised the students with the advantages and methods of protecting green earth. On the occasion students were given hundreds of tree saplings to nurture and partake in save earth campaign ■



23. Christ College, Srirampura

Faculty Development Program

The faculty development program of Christ College, Mysuru for the academic year 2019 - 2020 took place on 07 June 2019 and 08 June 2019.

The faculty development program played an integral part in the college's efforts to produce well trained educators. The programme helped the faculty to get exposure from various mentors and professionally trained expertise.

On 7 June 2019 Provincial Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese K. J. was the resource person of the day. He shared his ideas on belief in God, seeing God within one's self and sharing it among each other and other social issues faced by students like drug addiction, relationship issues, lack of motivation, inferiority complex, etc. He motivated the faculty to get away from the conventional notion of teaching while understanding students and their ways. He illuminated everyone on how the mind is important to integrate both the body and soul and how to improve our approach to students with an extra awareness of the EPIC patterns of students. (Experimental, Pragmatic, Instinctive, Communicative).



conducted for the faculty to develop and build interpersonal relationships amongst each other which also play a key role in the success of the institution ■

On 8 June 2019 Mrs. Reeba John Sathish from IBM and Mrs. Edwina Periera, an Academic trainer shared the dais as resource persons for the day. They collectively shared views on various topics including team work among students and teachers and going for the extra mile in every task. They insisted that every teacher should understand each individual student and their own individual problems so as to build better rapport. They motivated the teachers to identify how each individual will be strong in different quadrants of the brain and channel our teaching methodologies. Further they shared thoughts on how to give and receive feedback.

During both the days of the faculty development program there were various activities such as coin activity, passing the ball, skit etc.

24. Christ, Thandavapura

Orientation Program

Orientation program for the teachers was conducted on 24 May 2019. Rev. Fr. Joseph Philip N., Secretary of St. Thomas Education Society Mysuru, explained the Service Rules of St. Thomas Education Society. Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese. K. J. President of St. Thomas Education society and Provincial of St. Paul's Mysuru, gave a valuable session on skill development for the teachers.

Inauguration of New Academic Year 2019-20

Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success. Our new academic year was inaugurated with the blessings of God Almighty on 27 May 2019.

World Environment Day

The Environment Day was celebrated to raise global awareness about the significance of a healthy environment leading to a positive and safe environment for all. Environment Day was celebrated on 06 June 2019 with the active participation from our students of LEO CLUB by planting saplings.

100% SSLC Result 2018-19

People who succeed have momentum. The more they succeed, the more they want to succeed and the more they find a way to succeed. Similarly our school secured 100% SSLC result for academic year 2018-2019 which is a continuous centum success.

Building Development

As we are successfully progressing in our academics, our school building is also getting progressed by constructing roofing for multipurpose usage ■



25. Pushpa, Periyapatna

Honoring the SSLC Toppers

Pushpa School Management and staff honored the SSLC Toppers of the year 2018-19. Rev. Fr. Ignatius Muthu, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Periyapatna was the chief guest of the day. Rev. Fr. Raju, the Manager, Principal Rev. Fr. George K. V. and all the teachers and students were present and congratulated the SSLC stars of our Pushpa family.



Re-Opening Day

Both State and CBSE Schools were re-opened on 27 May. The new academic year 2019-20 began with prayer service. There were reading from the Holy Books of all the religions. Fr. Principal wished all the success for the coming academic year.



World Environment Day

On 06 June we celebrated World Environment Day in a meaningful way. The students spoke about the importance of the day. There was a skit by the 9 and 10 grade students and it gave awareness to the students regarding the need of safeguarding our environment. We planted few saplings in our school campus ■



26. Health Desk

Fr. Thomas Kunionthodath - There is a steady improvement in Fr. Thomas' health after completing 4 chemotherapy. In couple of weeks he will undergo a minor surgery. We shall place him in the soothing and healing hands of Jesus the Healer. You will be alright dear Fr. Thomas.....!

27. Prayerful Homage

Let us prayerfully remember the reposed soul of Fr. Mathew Thekkekara (79), beloved brother of Fr. Jose Thekkekara who was called to eternal rest on 07 April 2019. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. Jose Thekkekara and the bereaved family members.

Let us prayerfully remember the reposed soul of Mrs. Elsy Manuel (60), beloved sister of Fr. Baby Thazhathedath who was called to eternal rest on 04 June 2019. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. Baby Thazhathedath and the bereaved family members ■



28 “Nadedu Banda Daari”

History of St. Paul's Province, Mysore (Part 9)

I. ANUGRAHALAYA “Thou shall be a Blessing”

God said to Abraham, “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you; and all the families of the earth will be blessed through you.” (Gen. 12:2)

Blessings...showers of blessings...that is what everyone seeks in life. Abundance of blessings...! Abraham was chosen by God to be a blessing to generations. In the New Testament Jesus sends his apostles to be a blessing and bless others. He said to be a blessing is the hallmark of Christian mission - He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven - and Salvation - Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34).

Anugrahalaya (Temple of Blessings) was doing just accomplishing this great Christian commandment from almost 4 decades.

A Blessing in Disguise

A blessing in disguise means something that seems unlucky at first, but results in something good happening later. That is just the story of Anugrahalaya. We have to remember ever with gratitude Fr. Anastasius, who chose the land and gave leadership to purchase it in the year 1983. For a long time ‘this blessing’ remained in disguise without clear vision so much so planning and execution. Fr. Jose Thachil was deputed to look after the land. Being stationed at Gonikoppal it was quiet hard for him to come all the way to Hunsur. But with a genuine missionary spirit he could do it and thus he built a farm house in the land. Fr. John Veliamparbil gave his service to this station for one year.

Break the Shackles

By the year 1994 it was enough and more time to this place to break the shackles. It happened through the person of Fr. Joseph Parathapilly. He enters the space in 1994 with young energy and enthusiasm. Because of his hard work and commitment he could do some basic things for the centre. New electrical line, renovation of the farm house in to a residential building, putting up of a church building, telephone connection, alienation of one acre land and construction of an approach road to the residence were the many blessings Fr. Parathahpilly brought to the centre. The new church was blessed by the then provincial Fr. Thomas Vithayathil.

For the people and with the people

Making a road through marshy land is always very hard and difficult. The land at the centre was always marshy. But Fr. Joseph with the help of good will people made a road to the residence which was a much needed requirement. Fr. Joseph received help from Kanichai Tile Works. They provided 50 loads of waste tiles to fill up the road line by just paying 7000 penny. Considering the fact that this happened in mid-nineties Fr. Joseph's work was remarkable which goes into the history with gratitude. Fencing the boundaries and building the gate are the results of Fr. Joseph's hard work. Fr. Joseph invited Holy Family sisters from Palakkad province to this mission who began their service during the time of Fr. Romulus. With their help medical clinic and people's health care services were carried on at the centre.

Go Green time

To make the property more greener Fr. Romulus put up a bore well. With the hard work of Bro. Joy chirackal who was doing regency there Fr. Romulus developed a

coconut farm during the years 1996-99. This made the land look much greener and over the years it yielded better fruit. Fr. Romulus started some sort of social work by way of providing tailoring training skill development schemes for girls. Fr. James Mekkara who succeeded Fr. Romulus as the prefect had to travel every day to take classes at Periyapatna. This time he paid his attention to plant fruits trees like mango, suppotta and plantains and cash crop like arecanut. Rev. Fr. Johnson Attuchalil also served in Anugrahalaya. He continued all the social work programmes like tailoring training scheme for the girls.

Further Emphasis on Social Work

Fr. Joseph Achandy came to Anugrahalaya in 2005. Understanding the dilapidated stage of Anugrahalaya building he made a fruitful attempt to construct a new house. Under the guidance of the then Provincial Fr. Antony Moolamattam he took initiative to construct the residence with the monetary help from Rev. Fr. Amal Naduvilledath's Parish in USA. Fr. Antony Kariyil, the prior general laid the foundation stone. This centre was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. Austin Kalapura, the general councillor for social work.

Light of Knowledge

As if light at the end of the tunnel there Anugrahalaya started to turn on the light of knowledge in the year 2013. The then provincial council decided to put up an ICSE school at the centre. Fr. Joseph Orappankuzhimattathil and Fr. Jiby Panachickal started getting ready the papers and other procedural things for the new enterprise. It was big hassle to clear the necessary documents and papers. In spite of the difficult twists and turns the movement for a new school was carried on.

threat. Along with Fr. Joseph Orappankuzhimattathil in the beginning and later with Fr. Binu Kudukkamthadathil as the prefects of the house worked hard for the overall development of the school.

Fr. Joseph Orappankuzhimattathil after a very successful and committed service to the entire institution moved to N. R. Pura on 23 of April 2017. Two days later Fr. Binu Kudukanthadathil with his dynamism and collaborative spirit took up the leadership of the house.



Anugrahagala Aalaya

Year 2018 was a year of blessings for the house. With the arrival of Fr. Jinto Enchikalayil all the refresh buttons were pressed, new vision and mission. Fr. Johny Koikara replaced Fr. Binu Kudukkamthadathil as the prefect of the house on 28 of May 2018. On 31 of May foundation stone for the new school building was laid. The growth and development of the infrastructure along with academic excellence at the school had steady and fast growth. On 25 of February 2019 the new school building was completed, blessed and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who is the source of all blessings and graces. Definitely Anugrahalaya is on march to greater heights on every day.....!



Calm and steady wins the race

On 10 of February 2016 Fr. Thomas Ayankudy (Jr) took up the responsibility of the relatively new mission of the school. Being a newly ordained priest everything was new for him. Obviously it would have been very hard for him to come in to terms with new conditions, situations and above all to the new role. But his was a temperament even adverse situations would submit, surrender and give way. In every challenge he found an opportunity than a

God's Purpose

Once almost abandoned place becoming a light to the nations is the story of Anugrahalaya. An amazing and incredible history to be admired. It just tells us that when life is difficult and when everything turns bad, always remember that, even a turtle can finish a race as long as he never gives up. God has a purpose for every struggle, a reason for pain and a reward for being faithful. So, don't give up....! ■

II. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, BANAVARA

“Vana Kusuma”



Compassion to Mission

“When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Mt.9:36). Jesus’ compassion for the lost is a reflection of His incredible love, which makes Him a most attractive character.

Compassion literally means “to suffer together”. It is sympathy with an active response. “We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer”, says Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The saying is proverbial: “People do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Our mission in Banavara begins with compassion, compassion of early fathers for the diaspora Christians.

“Shepherds for the sheep”

“Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jere 3:15).

God is always faithful in delivering His promises. The diaspora Christians at Siddalingapura and surrounding areas were raising their hearts and praying to God to deliver them a shepherd to take care of their spiritual needs. God heard their sincere prayers through the person of Fr. Fabian Chakiath. In the beginning of 1980’s Fr. Fabian was living at our Shanivarasanthe house. With a listening heart he knew the need of the diaspora Christians at Siddalingapura area. His heart was moved

with compassion. Like the Good Shepherd he decided to gather ‘sheep’, attend to their needs and work for their integral growth.

In union with Church

Love for the Church and faithfulness to her is one of the characteristics of a genuine missionary. It comes from a deep love for the Lord based on a genuine spirituality. Concrete expression of this spirituality is loyalty and love towards the hierarchy.

Fr. Fabian and his conferrers met His Excellency Sebastian Valloppilly, Bishop of Tellicherry and briefed him about the Banavara Christian community and his willingness to serve them. The bishop graciously gave them necessary permission to administer sacraments for the people.



First 'Ecclesia'

Ecclesia or Church means 'gathering'. A gathering in the name of Jesus makes a church not necessarily a building. So we may say there was strong church at Banavara but there was not a strong building to gather. Thus they gathered in a temporary building and started to worship from 3 of July 1983 - day of St. Thomas, the Apostle - great missionary movement on the day of the greatest missionary of the Indian Church. On 25 September 1985 the new chapel was blessed by Fr. Edmund and the fathers started saying mass regularly on Sundays and other days of obligations. People responded to this initiative with enthusiasm and devotion.

BCC to a Parish

Within two years this Basic Christian Community grew enough to become a parish under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Rathapillil, the then Superior of SH Carmel Sanivarsanthe. So His Excellency Bp. Sebastian Valloppilly raised the chapel to a Parish on 19 March 1985 and Fr. Joseph Rathapilly was appointed as the first Parish priest and the parish was named after St. George.

People's Movement

Initiative and leadership of Fr. Joseph and the support of the people resulted in the construction of a parish hall blessing of which took place on 28 April 1986 by Fr. Gabinus Petta, the then Provincial of St. Paul's province, Mysore. Fr. Anastasius rendered a great help in the construction work. During that time fathers from Koppa were looking after the station and taking care of the pastoral needs of the people.



Fond memories

Mr. Varghese who worked hard for the construction work as well as other development work in the land deserves our gratitude and prayer. The timber for the construction of the church was obtained from Mannarkad Pappachan by the efforts of Mr. Varghese. Mr. Varghese in his old age was admitted into the old age home at Mysore run by the Sisters of the Poor and he died there. May the Lord reward him with eternal bliss.

Further growth

Fr. Rathapilly was succeeded by Fr. Joseph Parathapilly who toiled hard to get electricity supply, phone connection and to drill the first bore well. These movements and

growth steadily continued and progressed to different ways in the following years. Over the time a number of people dedicated their life for the growth and development of this community. They include priests, sisters, brothers and people of God.

Many of our fathers who were in charge of this station worked hard to develop cultivation of coffee and rubber in this station. As the land is fertile for every kind of fruits and vegetables varieties of cultivations were experimented here.

At present the station and the parish is looked after from the Shanivarsanthe community as the veteran Fr. Joseph Achandy being behind the wheels.



Vanakusuma

Compassion, Passion and Mission is the story of this station. Over the years the station has contributed a lot for the people of the place, by en large to the diocese and the Church. Keeping the faith and traditions, love and devotion the *Vana Kusuma* spreads its fragrance to its Lord and the Shepherd ■

III. JNANAMANDIRA, BOGADI

Sparrows Nest

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Prov. 9:10).*

Jnanamandira means abode of wisdom. Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord and rightly from the year 1990 it has been beginning place of wisdom to all the aspirants of St. Paul's Province, Mysore. To everyone who has passed to through this abode of wisdom, whether they are still in the congregation or in the larger world, Jnanamandira is nostalgia - a home feeling. It is a fond memory to cherish, golden time to remember and she is like a loving mother to be thankful.



Sparrow's Nest

“Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God”(Ps. 84:30). This verse of the psalmist was characteristic Jnanamandira. Since the province came to existence a formation house was always in the thoughts and minds of the authorities. Because of financial constraints and other hurdles this essential need remained as a dream. Absence of a well-planned infrastructure for formation put the early training of the aspirants in to jeopardy. Until 1990 the province kept on shifting formation from house to house mainly Thandavapura, Carmel Bhavan, Cutino's house (present Carmel Bhavan Annex), Christa Sadana, Kandali, Periyapatna...etc. Finally the 'sparrow found a home for her young'. It was the vision and mission of Fr. Thomas Kunionthodath as the provincial materialised the purchase of this land on 1 February 1988. In the early days Fr. Antony Moolamattom worked as engine behind most of the procedures of the deal and execution.

Pump house to Formation house

Going back to early memories there was a pump shed when we purchased the land. Early beginners used this simple little shed as a temporary shelter. Many a times shades of the existed jackfruit trees were the gathering spaces. The land was fertile with a very good water source. Apart from vehicles in Gaddige road most of the surroundings were quiet silent. Backyard of the present house was practically a bush. Nearby village houses were traditional thatched houses and a few were with old Mysore tiles. In every way it was village with lot of lush green all over. In these settings the foundation stone for the Aspirants' house was laid on 6 August 1988 by the Provincial.



Retrospective Reflection

Before the construction was completed and officially blessed, aspirants moved from other temporary study houses to the unfinished Jnanamandira. The early batches had very hard and challenging days to face. Periodical electricity failure, water shortage, inconsistent kitchen staff and adverse weather conditions were a few of them. Having shower at the Bogadi-Gaddige road under the public hand pump under the cover of night were challenging experiences. Fetching water from the same hand pump to the daily uses in the house was never failing memories. Relying on the untimely fully packed village buses to go to respective colleges was hard indeed. But in spite of all the hardships the fact that aspirants in general maintained a high level of academic standard and discipline is a retrospective reflection for posterity.

Completion and Continuity

In a speedy pace the building was completed and blessed on 6 February 1990 by Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the Bishop of Mananthavady. As with many of our early buildings Mr. Ramu was the contractor. He and his son Santhosh put extra interest to complete the building at the earliest. Jananamandira as a dream come true was also looked as bright star for the future. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy was appointed as the rector of Jnanamandira and he became the first rector too. Fr. Thomas gave a much vibrant, enthusiastic and optimistic leadership to the young brothers.

Path of Growth

In the path of growth and development successive rectors gave charismatic and best leadership to the formation house. In the year 1995 Fr. Silvin Manjaly built the fish tank, piggery and a cowshed. In 2001 Fr. Emmanuel gave leadership to the construction of compound wall and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the work was completed during his tenure as rector and remaining portion was completed by Fr. Johny Koikara later. During Fr. Johny's time 1 acre of land was demarcated and set apart for *Atmadarshana*.

Fr. Amatus Kallarackal spent many years of his holy life in this house which makes Jnanamandira very special.

Hundreds of sparrows have successfully spread their wings from this nest. They are flying around the world pecking the leaf of Jesus' peace and love. The nest is still with little sparrows of the province, Fr. Anumon on the hub giving them warmth and strength ■



IV. SIDDHIVIHARA

Christ College, Sreerampura
Temple for Higher Realization



Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:26-27)

The Vedic shanthi manthra from Isha Upanishad says, “Om Poornam-adah poornam-idam; Poornaath poorna-mudachyate; Poornasya poorna-maadaaya; Poorna-mevaa vashishyate” meaning, “everything in this universe is complete and infinite. Anything created out of something that is complete is also complete. When something is removed from this infinite universe, infinity still remains.” The truth of reality is so close to us yet far from our understanding. In fact it is a realization which happens in an individual in unison with the entire creation.

The Vision, Mission and Action

It is said, “Good leaders have vision and inspire others to help them turn vision into reality. Great leaders have vision, share vision, and inspire others to create their own”. Fr. Thomas Kunionthodath desired for a multi-purpose centre in the province. As the provincial he turned his desire in to a vision and then in to action.

Thus 5 acres of land was purchased beside Mysore - Mananthavady road with the vision of a national centre for higher learning dedicated to the service of the Catholic Church in India. The centre was envisaged to give special training to the formation personnel emphasizing integral growth of the person. Thus ‘Siddhivihara’ was born with a high vision, meaningful and relevant mission and a clear action policy.

Malpans of Mysore

It was the vision of two *malpans* that gave birth to our congregation. In the beginning of Siddhivihara also we see two great souls - Fr. Thomas Kunionthodath and Fr. Bastin Parangimalil. Fr. Joseph Angadiath laid foundation stone for the prestigious project on 6 December 1991. It was inaugurated on 29 March 1993 by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the Bishop of Mananthavady. Thus the vision turned in to a great mission for action. Fr. Kunionthodath became the founding director of the centre. As the visionary and first director of the centre he put his heart and soul in to the planning of the centre. He made sure that the centre starts running on wheels with programmes and activities. Once the infrastructure was completed and most of the facilities were organised he was succeeded by Fr. Varghese Kelamparapil to make the centre more flourished and established.

Lush Green Ambience

Siddhivihara was a very attractive place because of many reasons. It had a beautiful campus of four acres of land. The atmosphere was conducive for *UPASANA* (reflection and prayer) with its pleasant climate and serene surroundings. *SHRAVANA*, *DHYANA*, *MANANA* & *LAYANA* were the main wings of Siddhivihara building. The institute had the required infrastructure for providing integral training for the participants. Beautiful green and spacious quadrangle with a back ground of flowers on four sides was a unique feature of Siddhi which made the atmosphere more ecological. Meaningful well designed chapel, equipped audio-visual room, solar water, TV hall, class rooms, library and halls for yoga and recreation were provisioned. For physical exercise there was a good play ground. The coconut yard with fruit trees made the walk around the compound more leisurely, relaxing and joyous.



Devopasana

After five years of preparation with retreats and short term courses in 1998 Fr. Bastin Parangimalil in consultation with Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath and Fr. Thomas Ayankudy designed a one year diploma course in formative spirituality by name 'Devopasana'. As the name suggests beautifully the thrust of the course was 'wholeness and integration'. Quality of the course, expertise of the resource persons and ambience of the centre made the course very popular and prestigious. Most of the courses were of high demand because of the subject content and also of the resource persons of national and international reputation. It was open for priests, nuns and brothers. Each year there were around thirty participants for the course. Thus Siddhivihara grew to a national centre for human wholeness. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy was the long served director at the centre followed by Fr. Amal Naduviledath, Fr. Abraham Vadakemuriyil, Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy, Fr. Joshy Cheruparambil and Fr. Biju Palluruthil. Each of them contributed their might with their unique gifts and talents.



Inevitable Change

Change is an inevitable reality. The time came for Siddhivihara to go through the least wanted but inevitable change. By the year 2016 there was drastic decrease in the number of participants for the course. This new development had nothing to do particularly with the centre or the course but it was the beginning of a new trend or phenomenon in the ecclesial sector. Draining of foreign donors to religious institutions, difficulty of generating money from internal resources, feasibility of short term courses made the one year diploma courses to loose demand. From the part of the institution it became impossible to run the institution without some kind of meaningful and timely initiatives. Thus the provincial council made up their mind to take up the much difficult, in a way painful but necessary decision of changing the centre in to an education institution of higher learning.



Christ College

On 23 March 2016 Mysore University development chairman and the members of his council came to the centre for inspection. All the governing body members of St. Thomas Education Society were present on the occasion. After a detailed inspection and verification they ended their duty on high appreciation giving the members a positive feel. On 30 July 2016 Mysore University gave official recognition to the new educational institution. Thus Christ College, Mysore was born. On the same evening Fr. Santhosh Srayil, the then provincial blessed the renovated and remodelled building and dedicated it to the Most Sacred Heart of

Jesus. The blessing was preceded by Holy Mass which was attended by number of fathers, nuns, brothers, friends and benefactors. On the 1 of September 2016 new classes started for the graduation students. Fr. Biju Palluruthil, Fr. Shoji Thekken and Fr. Suraj Kottayil worked together like a unit right from the beginning of the transition. It was their commitment and dedication which lifted up the institution to a much sought out college in and around Mysore. The charismatic and dynamic role of three college going brothers of the province along with the priests needs special mention. Christ College, Mysuru is marching to the future with much demanded academic courses like B.A, B.COM, B.CA, B.BA and B.SC.

Sangama

According to Indian wisdom *Jnana* (knowledge), *Bhakthi* (devotion) and *Karma* (Work) are the three paths of realization and liberation. One can reach higher levels of consciousness through any of these paths. But the basic condition to achieve the goal is total dedication to one's choice of path. From this perspective Siddhivihara, though has moved from '*devopasana*' it has not potentially abandoned its vision of realization because, higher education is yet another path of realization namely '*jnanopasana*'. In spite of the difference of emphasis of each of the paths ultimately they arrive at the supreme

consciousness, which is *moksha* or heaven. Siddhivihara has been through the transforming process and it has stood hardest times of test. Gaining confidence from expertise of experience it is galloping to the future with innovative courses, programmes, activities and academic excellence. Siddhivihara a great '*Triveni*' Sangama of *Jnana-Bhakthi* and *Karma*

*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up, do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the
wasteland. Isaiah 43:19 ■*



*Wishing you all
Blessed Feast
of St. Thomas the Apostle*

