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FREEDOM: THE CHOICE TO BE TRULY FREE

August is a month that invites us to reflect on freedom. As we celebrate our Independence Day and rejoice in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, two powerful images come before us: a nation that fought courageously for freedom and a woman who freely surrendered herself to God's will. Both remind us that true freedom is not merely the absence of chains, it is the freedom to choose what is good, meaningful and life-giving. Independence was not won cheaply; it is earned through the sacrifices of many generations.

Since 1947, we have inherited a nation where freedom of expression, fundamental rights and human dignity are values to be protected and cherished. We celebrate this freedom with pride.



But there is another question we must ask ourselves today: Are we truly free? The chains of slavery have disappeared, but new and invisible chains have emerged. Among the most powerful are our addictions to screens, social media, gaming, endless scrolling, short videos and the constant need to be connected. The very

devices designed to serve us can quietly begin to rule us. We like to believe that we control our smartphones. Yet, a single notification can interrupt a conversation, one reel can turn into an hour, and a quick check can become endless scrolling. Gradually, the phone stops being merely a tool we use and begins to shape where our attention, time and thoughts go. Technology has given us the extraordinary freedom to learn, create, connect and make a difference. But freedom is not the ability to choose endlessly; it is the ability to choose wisely. When algorithms decide what captures our attention, apps compete for our time, and notifications influence our moods, we need to pause and ask: Are we using technology or has technology begun to use us? Being digitally

free does not mean rejecting technology. It means refusing to become its slave. The greatest act of independence today may be surprisingly simple: putting the phone away when you choose to do so.

It is choosing to listen instead of scroll,

to think instead of react,

to create instead of merely consume,

to meet people face-to-face instead of living entirely through a screen.

It is having the courage to say,

“I decide how I spend my time. I decide what deserves my attention. I decide who I want to become.”

Mother Mary, whose Assumption we celebrate this month, offers another beautiful lesson in freedom. Her “yes” was not forced. It was a free and courageous choice. True freedom does not mean doing whatever we want; it means having the inner strength to choose what leads us towards truth, love, responsibility and our fullest potential. Our attention and time are among the most precious freedoms we possess. Let us not surrender them cheaply.

This Independence Day, let us celebrate not only the freedom our nation fought and sacrificed for, but also the personal freedom we must consciously claim each day. Freedom begins when we refuse to let a screen dictate our attention, an algorithm shape our choices, or a notification interrupt what truly matters.

So, let us break the invisible chains. Put down the device when it begins to control you. Look up. Be present. Think deeply. Question wisely. Create boldly. Connect meaningfully. And, above all, live fully. Because true freedom is not merely the freedom to access everything, it is the freedom to choose what deserves our time, our attention and our life.

Sr. Rajendran Thimena Celine



TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

Every vocation is shaped by trials, and religious life is no exception. Moments of uncertainty, community tensions, and spiritual dryness are not signs of failure but invitations to grow. When embraced with faith and trust in God's providence, these challenges become stepping stones toward deeper commitment and authentic holiness.

Community life, while enriching, often brings together diverse personalities, perspectives, and experiences. Misunderstandings and differences are inevitable, yet they become opportunities to cultivate patience, forgiveness, humility, and selfless love. It is in these ordinary moments that Christ's love is lived most authentically.

Religious life also unfolds within a rapidly changing world. Misunderstanding, criticism, and the demands of contemporary culture can test one's fidelity. Rather than weakening the vocation, these realities invite consecrated persons to witness the Gospel with courage, integrity, and compassionate service.

Faithfulness, combined with openness to the signs of the times, keeps religious life both relevant

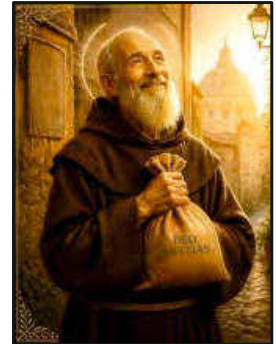
and prophetic. Equally challenging are spiritual dryness, when prayer seems empty and God's presence feels distant. Such moments are not the absence of grace but a deeper call to trust. They purify intentions, strengthen perseverance, and lead to a faith rooted not in feelings but in unwavering commitment. Challenges, therefore, are not obstacles to religious life, they are its refining fire. Through prayer, perseverance, and trust in God, every trial becomes an opportunity for transformation, enabling consecrated men and women to bear joyful witness to hope, faith, and love in today's world.



Sr. Anthony Samy Caroline

COMMUNION WITH THE DIVINE

Saint Felix of Cantalice stands as a shining example of how an ordinary life, lived with extraordinary faith, can lead to deep communion with God. Born in 1515 in Abruzzi, Italy, to a poor but devout family, Felix spent his early years as a shepherd boy and field worker, never attended school and received little formal education, he possessed a profound wisdom that came from prayer, hard work, and a heart completely surrendered to God. From his childhood, Felix loved spending his free time in prayer. While tending sheep in the fields, he often lifted his mind and heart to God, developing a deep spiritual life. His strong faith, simplicity, and gentleness attracted many people. Felix joined the Capuchin Order as a lay brother. His superiors entrusted him with the humble task of begging for food and necessities. Day after day, he went around collecting alms for the community. Some people welcomed him generously, while others turned him away. Yet Felix greeted everyone with a warm smile and his favourite expression was “Thanks be to God.” The food and gifts he received were often shared with those who were even poorer than himself. He had a special love for the needy, the sick, and the forgotten. He visited prisoners, comforted the suffering, and encouraged everyone he met to trust in God and show kindness to others. He believed that every task, however small, was important in the eyes of God. His friendship with Saint Philip Neri further enriched his spiritual life, and together they inspired many through their love for God and humanity. One of the most cherished traditions about Saint Felix recounts a mystical experience in which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and placed the Infant Jesus in his arms. This extraordinary grace reflected the purity of his heart and his deep devotion to Mary and her Son. The fame of his goodness spread throughout Italy. People admired his humility, wisdom, and joyful spirit. Although materially poor, he was rich in faith and love. His life demonstrated that holiness does not depend on education, wealth, or status but on a sincere relationship with God and loving service to others. Saint Felix died in 1587 after a lifetime of faithful service. He was later canonized by Pope Clement XI and is honoured as the Patron Saint of Capuchins and children. His life continues to inspire Christians around the world. The message of Saint Felix of Cantalice remains relevant today, that daily work matters to God, that kindness can transform lives, and that true joy comes from trusting in the Lord. His example reminds us that love can flourish even in the streets among the poor and that a humble heart can become a dwelling place of divine grace. Through his life, we learn that communion with the Divine is found not only in great achievements but also in simple acts of faith, gratitude, and love.



Sr Gnanapragasam Putti Mary

PROVINCE HIGHLIGHTS

A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL AND PREPARATION FOR PERPETUAL PROFESSION

The Second Novitiate – Second Phase was a grace-filled journey of renewal, discernment, and immediate preparation for Perpetual Profession. It offered a privileged time for five young sisters three from the Mumbai Province and two from the Chennai Province to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their Salesian identity, and embrace their vocation with renewed conviction.

On 14 April 2026, Sr. Prem Kumar Josephine Keerthana and Sr. Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu of

the Chennai Province left for the Sacred Heart Home Novitiate, Nashik, where they were warmly welcomed by the Novitiate Community. The programme was formally inaugurated on 16 April with the inspiring theme of the Wedding Feast at Cana, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead. The inaugural session, animated by Sr. Meenakshi D'Silva, Provincial of the Mumbai Province, invited the sisters to rediscover the beauty of Religious Life



through the Word of God and Salesian spirituality. Emphasizing gratitude, hope, self-awareness, and trust in God's providence, she encouraged them to renew their passion for their vocation and for the young. One of the most profound experiences was the retreat at Igatpuri (17–21 April), which created created space for silence, prayer, and reflection and a deep encounter with God's unconditional love and mercy, renewing the sisters spiritually and personally.

The following formation programme offered a rich and holistic preparation for perpetual commitment.



Sr. Asha Linette D'Silva – Prayer, Mission, and Community Life (22–23 April) Drawing from the Constitutions, Scripture, and the Letters of St. Mary Mazzarello, Sr. Asha emphasized the harmony of prayer and mission, inviting the sisters to deepen their relationship with God and community life.

Sr. Priscilla Travasso – Canon Law and Religious Life (24–25 April)

Sr. Priscilla presented key aspects of Canon Law, helping the sisters understand the responsibilities and lifelong commitment of religious consecration.

Sr. Kalyani Subramanyam – Salesian Spirituality (26–29 April)

Her sessions on St. Teresa of Avila, Don Bosco, the Rector Major, and the rites of Perpetual Profession strengthened the sisters' Salesian identity and sense of belonging.

Sr. Priya Tauro – The Evangelical Counsels (30 April–1 May)

Relating the Preventive System to the Evangelical Counsels, Sr. Priya inspired the sisters to live Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience with greater conviction.

Sr. Sunita Moteghar – Inspired by the Founders (2–3 May)

Reflecting on the lives of Don Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello, Sr. Sunita encouraged the sisters to imitate their faith, zeal, and love for the young.

Sr. Roseline Pereira – Inner Healing (4–6 May)

Through prayer and reflection, Sr. Roseline guided the participants on a journey of inner healing, fostering emotional and spiritual growth.

Sr. Santana Pereira – Fidelity in Religious Life (7–9 May)

Her sessions on fidelity, the dignity of women, and the prophetic role of women religious inspired the sisters to embrace their vocation with courage and authenticity.

Sr. Josephine Fernandes – Liturgy (10–12 May)

Through practical and interactive sessions, Sr. Josephine deepened the sisters' appreciation of the richness and beauty of the Church's liturgy.

The participants were also guided through meaningful sessions on inner healing, enabling them to surrender personal wounds to Christ and grow in emotional freedom and maturity. Reflections

on fidelity in Religious Life, the prophetic role of women religious, and the dignity and mission of women in today's Church broadened their vision and strengthened their commitment. On the Vigil of St. Mary Mazzarello, the Chennai Province sisters animated the Eucharistic Adoration in gratitude for the gift of formation.

The evening cultural programme became a joyful expression of appreciation to the Novitiate Community for their generous hospitality, accompaniment, and fraternal support throughout the programme. This second Phase proved to be a truly transformative experience. It nurtured spiritual depth, emotional maturity, greater understanding of the Salesian charism, and a renewed appreciation of the Evangelical Counsels and the lifelong commitment of Perpetual Profession.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE JAWADHI HILLS

The Juniors' Summer Course 2026 held at Don Bosco Tribal Development Society, Jawadhi Hills, was a unique opportunity for the 17 junior sisters of the INM Province to experience mission beyond the walls of a classroom. The programme combined formation inputs, village exposure, interaction with tribal communities, prayer, reflection, and community living, enabling the sisters to gain a deeper understanding of the realities of the people among whom they are called to serve.

The course began with the inaugural address of the Provincial, Sr. Devadoss Margaret, who reminded the sisters of the missionary dimension of the Institute and the need to live the spirit of *Da Mihi Animas Cetera Tolle*. Through the various sessions handled by resource persons Fr. Andrews Raja, SDB, Fr. Amala Vinodh, SDB, and Dr. Anuradha Rose, the sisters reflected on the relationship between prayer and social commitment, the importance of contributing to society through one's abilities, and the need to equip oneself with the necessary skills to serve the poor and marginalized.

The sisters visited several villages including Pulikontravazhi, Seramarathur, Odamangalam, Amatankollai, Erumaiyanur, Vallithathankottai, and Narthamarathur. Through family visits and interactions with the villagers, they came to know the living conditions of the people, their struggles, aspirations, and resources. The sisters also witnessed the issues such as migration, educational challenges, lack of adequate health facilities.

Particular attention was given to resource mapping and understanding the strengths and needs of each village. Under the guidance of Fr. Amala Vinodh, the sisters learned to identify the resources available within a community and to view development not only in terms of needs but also in terms of possibilities. The daily sharing sessions helped them analyze their observations and gain a deeper understanding of community development. The reflections shared by Fr. Vinodh on biodiversity, traditional seeds, agriculture, and ecological responsibility further deepened their appreciation for creation.

The visits to the model villages of Vallithathankottai and Narthamarathur helped the sisters witness the impact of sustained developmental efforts. Improved hygiene, better educational opportunities, water management initiatives, agricultural development, and reduced migration reflected the gradual transformation that can take place when people and institutions work together.

The programme also provided opportunities to appreciate the richness of nature and culture in the Jawadhi Hills. Trekking to Mel Sepli and Keel Sepli, the visit to the ancient cave structures, the observatory at Alangayam, and the interactions with people living in remote settlements enabled the sisters to understand the unique geographical, cultural, and historical features of the region. The sisters had the joy of going to Beeman Falls and went for boating during a short outing. On the 13th the Feast of St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello was celebrated with devotion and joy, inspiring the sisters to imitate her simplicity, love for God, and dedication to mission. Throughout the Novena to Mary Help of Christians the sisters were prepared for the feast with meaningful and practical goodnight thoughts as given from the Centre. The recollection day on the 22nd, with two sessions on integral growth and being other-centred, helped the sisters prepare spiritually for the renewal of vows. The summer course culminated with the renewal of vows of the temporarily professed sisters. The experiences of village life, interaction with the people, formation sessions, community sharing, and prayer enriched their understanding of mission and strengthened their commitment to serve God and His people with greater generosity.

The junior sisters express their heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Devadoss Margaret, the Provincial, and her Council for organizing this unique Summer Course. They sincerely thank Fr. Amala Vinodh, SDB, and the community of Don Bosco Tribal Development Society, Jawadhi Hills, for animating the programme and for their generous hospitality, accommodation, and accompaniment. Special thanks to Sr. Susai Josephine Rani and Sr. Chinnappan Gracy Fatima for their patient guidance and support, Sr. Alphonse J. Isabella Mary for her valuable insights and encouragement, Sr. Chinnayagam Mary Sheela and the Deepam community for their warm hospitality, generosity, and loving care throughout their stay.

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF PERPETUAL PROFESSION AT POLUR

The 25th of May 2026 marked a historic and grace-filled occasion for the INM Congregation as Sr. Prem Kumar Josephine Keerthana and Sr. Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu joyfully professed their Final Vows, offering their lives completely to the Lord in perpetual commitment. The sacred celebration took place at Polur, a community that is currently commemorating its centenary year, making the event even more meaningful and memorable. The day began with a spiritually enriching Morning Prayer led by Sr. Cherayath Anna Rani cantered on the theme “*The Vine and the Branches*,” the prayer service emphasized the sisters’ intimate union with Christ. As a symbolic gesture of God’s unconditional love, the sisters carried a heart symbol and an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, reflecting their lifelong commitment to remain rooted in His love.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was held at the Sacred Heart Church, Polur. The ceremony commenced with a warm introduction by Sr. Sagaya Lourdhu Nathan Akila, and Sr. Mathalen Cruz served as the Master of Ceremonies. A graceful entrance procession began, led by the Scout girls followed by the sisters making their Final Vows



accompanied by their parents, the Provincial, her Councilors, the priests, and the main celebrant, Most Rev. Bishop Sagaya Raj, Bishop of Thanjavur Diocese. Sr. Kanickai Raj Tamizharasi introduced the candidates to the faithful gathered in the church. As part of the traditional welcome, the sisters received sandal paste and kumkum. Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, Provincial of INM, pinned the brooches on the sisters, symbolizing their total dedication and lifelong commitment to God.

Following the homily, Sr. Prem Kumar Josephine Keerthana and Sr. Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu pronounced their Perpetual Vows in the presence of the delegate of the Superior General, Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, Provincial of INM. The official witnesses were Sr. Antonyraj Christina, Vice Provincial, and Sr. Kunnathu Anna, Provincial Bursar. The sisters then signed the profession documents on the altar, sealing their covenant with God. Filled with gratitude for God's unconditional love and mercy, the perpetually professed sisters joyfully sang the Magnificat and received the Holy Bible from Mother Provincial, Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, signifying their commitment to live according to God's Word.

In his inspiring homily, Most Rev. Bishop Sagayaraj reminded encouraged the sisters to remain grateful always, recognizing that God is ever faithful. He urged them to value Christ above all worldly attachments and reminded them that religious vocation is a precious gift from God. Acknowledging the challenges of consecrated life, he encouraged the sisters to persevere with faith and trust. The celebration concluded with a felicitation ceremony. Most Rev. Bishop Sagaya raj honored the sisters with shawls and gifts, while the Parish Priest extended his congratulations and blessings. A group photograph captured the joy of the occasion, after a festive meal was served to all the guests. The delicious food and warm hospitality added to the joy and fellowship of the celebration. Mother Provincial personally met the families of the newly professed sisters and thanked them for generously offering their daughters in service to God. In turn, the families expressed their gratitude and affection toward Mother Provincial and the congregation.

Sr Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu

BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF THE MAZZARELLO MULTIMEDIA ANIMATION CENTRE (MMAC)

With hearts full of gratitude, the INM Province joyfully inaugurated and blessed the Mazzarello Multimedia Animation Centre (MMAC) on 13 June 2026. The ceremony took place during Province Assembly I, convened in preparation for the forthcoming Provincial Chapter, and was attended by Sisters from communities across the Province. Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, INM Provincial, formally inaugurated the Centre, and Rev. Fr. Maria Arockiam Kanaga, SDB, former South Asia Regional Superior, blessed the centre. The occasion marked a significant milestone in the province's ongoing commitment to evangelization and communication in the digital age. The program began with a brief, meaningful prayer service in which the sisters entrusted the new Centre and its mission to God. Following the blessing, the MMAC was dedicated to the service and glory of the Lord, invoking divine guidance for all who will use this space for education, communication, and evangelization.



Province Media Coordinators Sr. Rajendran Thimena Celine and Sr. Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary offered heartfelt thanks to God and to all who contributed to the project. They described the Centre as the beginning of an important initiative in media literacy and animation, a platform that will equip Sisters and young people to become effective, joyful communicators of the Gospel in today's digital culture. A joyful note of gratitude was especially expressed to Mother Provincial Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret for her vision, leadership, and encouragement that brought this dream to fruition. Appreciation was also extended to the Provincial Bursar and the Councillors for their continuous accompaniment, guidance, and constructive suggestions throughout the project's development. The province Media coordinators thanked everyone whose support made the successful completion of the MMAC possible.

Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary

THE INTENSIVE COURSE ON ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) organized an Intensive Course on Organization and Administration of Catechetical Ministry from 08 to 13 June 2026 at Shanti Sadan, Benaulim, Goa. The programme was conducted under the theme “Revamping Parish Catechesis in the Diocese.” Catechetical coordinators, priests, religious and lay collaborators from



various dioceses across India participated in this enriching programme with the objective of strengthening and renewing catechetical ministry in the Church. From Chennai province Sr. Anita and Rekha also participated in it.

The course commenced with the arrival of the participants on 08 June 2026. Each day began with Lauds and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, fostering a spirit of prayer and communion among the participants. The liturgical celebrations were

enriched through the active participation of delegates from different dioceses and congregations, reflecting the unity and diversity of the Church in India. The academic sessions were led by eminent resource persons, particularly Fr. Vijay Machado, Executive Secretary of the CCBI Commission for Catechetics, and Fr. Gilbert Choondal, SDB, who shared their rich experience and expertise in catechetical ministry. The programme began with an orientation on Faith Formation in the Context of Synodality, emphasizing the importance of walking together as a listening and discerning Church. Participants were introduced to innovative approaches in Youth Catechesis through the use of YOUCAT and DOCAT employing dialogical methods that effectively engage young people.

A significant part of the course focused on Sacramental Catechesis, particularly the preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, highlighting practical pastoral methods for effective catechetical formation. The sessions further explored the organization of Parish Sunday Catechesis, Adult Catechesis, and the systematic planning of parish catechetical programmes to ensure continuous faith formation for all age groups. One of the most enriching aspects of the course was the introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools in Catechesis. Participants were

trained in the practical use of AI for lesson planning, content creation, and enhancing classroom engagement while maintaining fidelity to Church teaching. These sessions opened new possibilities for integrating modern technology into evangelization and catechetical instruction.

The programme also included group workshops and presentations, enabling participants to collaborate, exchange pastoral experiences, and develop practical catechetical models suitable for their respective dioceses and institutions. These interactive sessions encouraged creativity, dialogue, and mutual learning. Another important dimension of the course was the training on organizing catechist formation programmes, pre-natal and pre-baptismal catechesis, and the effective administration of diocesan catechetical offices. Participants gained practical knowledge on maintaining registers, preparing reports, coordinating catechetical activities, and exercising responsible leadership in catechetical ministry.

To complement the academic sessions, the organizers arranged a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Sé Cathedral, Agnel's Tomb, and St. Joseph Vaz Church at Sancoale, followed by an evening visit to Benaulim Beach. This provided participants with an opportunity for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and appreciation of Goa's rich Christian heritage. The final day concluded with sessions on the responsibilities of Catechism Coordinators, the organization of catechetical offices, an interactive question-and-answer session, and programme evaluation.

The course concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the organizers, resource persons, liturgical coordinators, and all participants for their active involvement and valuable contributions.

Sr Wilson Anitha / Sr Adaikalam Rekha

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER: CORE GROUP AND COMMISSION MEETING

Core group and commission meeting in preparation for the Provincial chapter took place on 06.06.26 with a meaningful Morning Prayer, followed by the Holy Eucharist solemnized by Rev. Fr. Xavier Packiam, SDB former rector of Don Bosco Egmore. In his insightful homily, he reflected on the theme "Blessed are you" Moving from Communion, from Private Fidelity to Missionary Interdependence, drawing inspiration from the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1–12).

Fr. Xavier unfolded his reflection through four significant phases. *Phase I: Surviving – From Fear to Trust*, based on the Beatitude of the Poor in Spirit, invited the participants to reflect on their search for safety and security and to deepen their trust in God. *Phase II: Belonging – From Isolation to Communion*, inspired by the Beatitudes of the Meek, the Merciful, and the Peacemakers, challenged the sisters to move beyond their comfort zones and become true



missionaries of communion. *Phase III: Self-Initiating – From Duty to Mission*, rooted in the Beatitude of those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness, highlighted the call to vocation, discernment, and attentiveness to the signs of the times. *Phase IV: Interdependent – From Private Fidelity to Prophetic Communion*, based on the Beatitudes of the Peacemakers and those Persecuted for Righteousness, encouraged the participants to live their fidelity joyfully through contemplation of the Word of God and availability for God's mission.

During breakfast, Sr. Devadoss Margaret expressed gratitude to Fr. Xavier Packiam for his enlightening reflection, which set the tone for the day's proceedings. She also announced the appointment of Sr. Anthony Raj Christina as the Moderator of the Provincial Chapter and the assembly gathered once again before the Eucharistic Lord for a meaningful time of Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament was solemnly exposed by Sr. Provincial, and the adoration was prayerfully prepared by the Chapter Moderator, Sr. Anthonyraj Christina. This sacred hour enabled the sisters to place themselves before the Lord in openness and trust, listening attentively to His voice and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, so as to enter the Chapter journey in a spirit of faith, discernment, and mutual listening.

Inspired by the Chapter theme, "Blessed are you..." With the prophetic power of the charism, missionaries of communion together with young people, the assembly reflected on the Beatitudes as the true identity card of every disciple, meditating deeply on the eight Gospel blessings and their relevance for Salesian life and mission today. The adoration also included a symbolic offering of three significant elements that sustain and guide the Salesian vocation. Sr. Devadoss Margaret offered the Holy Bible, affirming that the Word of God is the living voice that continually calls, forms, and renews the community. The sisters were invited to move beyond a superficial familiarity with the Bible and enter into a deeper, prayerful, and transformative encounter with the Word.

Sr. Anthonyraj Christina offered the Preparatory Document for General Chapter XXV, entrusting to the Lord the entire journey of preparation. The document invites the Institute to read its reality with honesty, recognize signs of hope, and identify areas that call for renewal. The offering expressed the desire to approach the document with faith, wisdom, and courage, responding joyfully to the call of the Salesian Charism.

Finally, Sr. Yettukuri Alphonsa offered the Constitutions, recalling the responsibility of preserving the freshness of the original inspiration received from Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. The sisters were invited to read them not merely with their minds but with their hearts, allowing each article to challenge them to renew their fidelity to consecrated life, community living, and mission. At the conclusion of the Adoration, each participant came forward in procession to receive the touch and blessing of the Eucharistic Master. The entire experience became a profound moment of prayer, reflection, and spiritual preparation, as the sisters entrusted

the Provincial Chapter journey and the forthcoming General Chapter XXV to the Eucharistic Lord.

Following a group photograph, the sisters proceeded to the hall for the inaugural session. The programme commenced with a warm welcome by Sr. Susai Josephine Rani. As a gesture of appreciation, the Provincial, Moderator, and the councillors heading the various commissions

were felicitated with shawls. In her introductory address, Sr. Devadoss Margaret presented the theme and objectives of General Chapter XXV. She highlighted three significant milestones that form the backdrop of the Chapter journey: the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Institute, the canonization of Sr. Maria Troncatti, FMA, and the three-year preparation towards the 150th anniversary of the First Missionary Expedition. She then introduced the three nuclei of the Preparatory Document. The first nucleus,



centred on the question, “How do we live today the grace of unity as a prophetic force?”, invited reflection on communion as a prophetic witness. The second nucleus, “Missionaries of Communion,” challenged the participants to consider “How do we express prophetic power and communion today?” The third nucleus, “Together with Young People,” emphasized the importance of creating family-like environments in our communities and rekindling missionary zeal among the young. The Provincial exhorted the sisters to draw inspiration from the Beatitudes, described as the source of life, and to embrace courageous and creative fidelity. She invited everyone to renew their charismatic commitment and rekindle their missionary passion. Participants were then encouraged to engage in personal reading and reflection on the handouts provided, which included biblical and ecclesial texts related to the Chapter theme.

Before the group discussions commenced, Sr. Anthony Raj Christina explained the methodology of Conversation in the Spirit, outlining its three stages: Speak and Listen, Make Room for Others, and Build Together. The Core Group and Commission Members then met with their respective commissions to share insights from their personal reflection, plan their work, and begin drafting the questionnaires. Following lunch, the participants continued their study of the Preparatory Document and collaboratively worked on framing the questionnaires. During the General Assembly, the heads of the various commissions presented the modalities and methodologies they intended to adopt in preparing for the Provincial Chapter.

Sr. Susai Josephine Rani, Head of the Formation Commission, shared a brief overview of the study of relevant documents and the recommendations that emerged. Sr. Chinnappan Gracy



Fatima presented the discussions on Initial Formation, emphasizing the need for greater attention to the formation of novices. Sr. Alexander Amali reported on the deliberations of the Youth Pastoral Commission, which focused on the identity of the FMA educator, lay collaboration, and human rights. Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi highlighted the work of the Salesian Movements Commission, particularly

the animation of sisters and young people. Sr. Ambrose Jayaceli presented the plans of the Salesian Family Commission and informed the assembly that the members were preparing questionnaires for the Salesians, Past Pupils, and Salesian Cooperators.

Representing the Social Ministry Commission, Sr. Mahimainadhan Sathiyavani shared the commission's plans, as Sr. Alphonse Isabella was attending a meeting in Shillong. Sr. Kunnath Anna presented the proposals of the Administration Commission and outlined the process of preparing study questions.

During the discussion that followed, Sr. Devadoss Margaret reminded the commissions to incorporate questions related to the deliberations, including themes such as Integral Ecology. Sr. Alexander Amali raised the question of including educational and other institutional policies in the study process, and it was agreed that the questionnaires would be framed in harmony with the policies currently in force. Sr. Yetukuri Alphonsa Maria observed that the Provincial Chapter 2026 would be the 17th Provincial Chapter, noting that the first Provincial Chapter was held in 1934. Concluding the session, Sr. Devadoss Margaret informed the assembly about the forthcoming General Assemblies to be conducted in the Chennai and Vellore Zones. Participants would be assigned according to their years of profession. She encouraged the commission members to work with dedication and enthusiasm, reminding them that the questionnaires should be completed by 20 June and reviewed on 27 June.

The day concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Sr. Tarcisus Sagayamary. Sr. Devadoss Margaret expressed her gratitude to Sr. Anthony Raj Christina, Moderator, and to the sisters of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for their generous service and organization. In turn, Sr. Anthony Raj Christina thanked the Provincial for her inspiring presentation of the Chapter theme. The meeting concluded with a prayer. As the participants dispersed, the members of the Core Group and the various commissions expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the meaningful beginning of the preparation journey towards Provincial Chapter 2026 in view of General Chapter XXV.

Sr. Anthonyraj Christina

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly in preparation for the forthcoming General Chapter was held at Mazzarello Convent, Kodambakkam, on 13 June 2026. Sr. Antonyraj Christina FMA, the Vice Provincial and Moderator of the Assembly, guided the participants and coordinated the proceedings with dedication and meticulous care, ensuring the fruitfulness of the gathering. The Assembly brought together the sisters, lay collaborators, and students in a spirit of prayer, reflection, communion, and shared responsibility for the mission of the Congregation.

The programme commenced with a solemn Eucharistic Adoration, creating an atmosphere of recollection and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. During the prayer service, the Holy Bible, the General Chapter Document, and the Constitutions were reverently offered, symbolizing the participants' commitment to God's Word, the Church, and the mission of the Institute. This was followed by a photo session, after which Sr. Alphonse Mary J. Isabella FMA, the Provincial Councillor, warmly welcomed the participants.

The first session, animated by Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga, SDB, focused on "The Beatitudes: Charter of the Kingdom and Charter of Evangelical Radicality for Religious." The presentation offered a profound reflection on the Beatitudes, highlighting their relevance to consecrated life and their significance for the contribution of the Indian FMA community to the XXV General Chapter. The theme of the General Chapter, "Blessed are you... With the Prophetic Power of the Charism, Missionaries of Communion Together with Young People," was presented as a call to rekindle the missionary passion that characterizes the charismatic identity of the FMA family.

An inspiring presentation on "The Prophetic Power of the Charism" was delivered by Sr. Devadoss Margaret FMA, Provincial. She emphasized the enduring relevance and vitality of the Salesian charism in contemporary society. Rooted in the spirit of Mary, Don Bosco, and Mother Mazzarello, the Beatitudes were presented as a lifelong formative horizon that guides vocation, mission, and accompaniment of young people. At noon, participants engaged in fruitful group discussions, reflecting on the question: "How do we live today the grace of unity and the prophetic force of the charism that makes us joyful missionary disciples?"

A thought-provoking session on “Missionaries of Communion” was animated by Sr. Anthonyraj Christina FMA. She highlighted the call to foster unity, fraternity, and collaboration within the Church and society. The afternoon sessions began with a presentation by Sr. Susai Josephine Rani FMA, Province Secretary, on “Co-responsibility in the Shared Mission,” emphasizing the importance of collective participation in the educational and evangelizing mission of the Church. This was followed by a session by Sr. Johnson Irene Towel FMA, General Coordinator, on “Together with Young People,” which reflected on accompanying the younger generation with attentiveness, hope, commitment and renewed missionary zeal.



The Assembly concluded with an inspiring address by the Mother Provincial, who encouraged the participants to move forward with renewed enthusiasm, fidelity, and commitment to the Salesian mission. The programme came to a close with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Sr. Solomon Kalai FMA, Principal of Auxilium Academy, Kodambakkam.

Sr Anthonyraj Christina

TEAM MEETING

Provincial council and Team Meeting was held on 7th June 2026 at Mazzarello Home, Kodambakkam. The meeting served as an important occasion for reflection, sharing, evaluation, and planning for the various sectors of the province. The day commenced with a meaningful prayer service was conducted by Sr. Arul Pragasa Mary, invoking the guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit. During the prayer service, special intentions were offered for Mother Provincial, her Councillors, Team Members and the newly appointed team members, that they may work together in unity and discern God’s will in their mission and ministry.

The Master of Ceremonies for the day was Sr. Adaikalam Rekkha, who coordinated the proceedings with grace and efficiency. Sr. Johnson Irine Towle, the General Coordinator of the



Province. Delivered the welcome address. Rev. Mother Provincial Sr. Devadoss Margaret. In her inspiring introductory address, she highlighted eight essential pillars that support team work and explained in detail their importance for effective teamwork and successful mission of leadership. The 8 aspects she stressed upon are: Open and Transparent Communication, Commitment, Dedication,

Trust and Mutual Respect, Clearly Defined Roles and Responsibilities, Shared Accountability, Collaboration and Coordination, and Positive Organizational Culture.

Mother Provincial emphasized that these values are indispensable for building strong teams and fostering effective collaboration within the province. She also encouraged every participant to share their insights and experiences regarding these pillars, creating an atmosphere of active participation and mutual learning. Her motivating talk energized the participants and set a positive tone for the rest of the meeting.

Following the introductory session, the participants gathered for a group photo session, capturing the spirit of unity and collaboration that marked the occasion. After a short break, representatives from the different sectors were invited to present their sector reports highlighting their best practices, achievements, challenges, significant events, and future plans. The presentations were made in the presence of Mother Provincial and the Provincial Councillors. The Formation Sector was represented by Sr. Soosai Josephine Rani and Sr. Gracy Fatimta. The Mission Ad Gentes report was presented by Sr. Wilson Anita and Sr. Adaikalam Rekkha. The Vocation Pastoral report was presented by Sr. Sebastian Vimala, Sr. Alexander Amali, and Sr. Joseph Victoria. The Social Communication Sector was represented by Sr. Rajendiran Thimena Celine and Sr. Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary.

Sr. Gabriel Mariammal presented the report on Human Rights. The Salesian Cooperators Sector was represented by Sr. Joseph Jackulin Anthony. Ms. Shruthi presented the report on behalf of the Past Pupils Sector, while Sr. Isabell Sirumalar shared the activities and future plans of the

VIDES Sector. The Social Ministry Sector was represented by Sr. Mahimainathan Sathiyavani, Sr. Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu, and Mrs. Jyothi Priya Sam. The presentations provided a comprehensive overview of the vibrant activities carried out across the Province. They also offered opportunities for evaluation and reflection. While many commendable initiatives and achievements were highlighted, it was acknowledged that there remains scope for further growth, innovation, and improvement in all sectors. In the afternoon session, participants assembled according to their respective sectors. Initially the provincial councillor responsible for the sectors was present and later the sisters and lay collaborators engaged in fruitful discussions regarding future plans, priorities, and strategies for strengthening their respective ministries.

At the end of this session, the General Coordinator gave critical feedback over the presentation done in the morning and also provided important guidelines regarding the preparation and submission of sector reports. She stressed the importance of effective coordination, timely communication, proper documentation, and collaboration among the various sectors to ensure greater efficiency and impact in the province's mission. Each sector coordinator subsequently submitted their sector reports and photographs to the General Coordinator for documentation and future reference. The gathering strengthened the bonds among the team members and renewed their commitment to work together in fulfilling the mission entrusted to them. The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Sr. Mahimainathan Sathiyavani. She expressed sincere appreciation to Mother Provincial, the Provincial Councillors, the General Coordinator, all presenters, and every participant for their valuable contributions and active involvement in making the meeting a fruitful and successful event.

Sr Johnson Irine Towle

THE PRINCIPALS, HEADMISTRESS AND TEACHING SISTERS MEET

With the vision of Saint John, "Education is a matter of the heart." the meeting of the Headmistresses, Principals, and Teaching Sisters was held on Saturday, 27 June 2026, at St. Mary's Convent, Vellore. Nearly sixty sisters participated in the meeting with great enthusiasm, zeal, and a spirit of expectation. The sisters were warmly welcomed by Sr. Amali Alexander the Academic Coordinator, and the superior of St. Mary's.

The programme commenced with a prayerful invocation to the Holy Spirit, led by Sr. Maria Louis Isabel Sirumalar. Sr. Joseph Victoria, Academic Coordinator of the Province, extended a heartfelt welcome to Provincial, Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, expressing gratitude and appreciation for her loving concern, guidance, and constant support for the well-being of the sisters and the educational mission. As a gesture of affection and esteem, Sr. Anthony Raj Christina, Vice Provincial, honoured the Provincial with a shawl, while Sr. Amali Alexander presented her with a gift. In her introductory address on the theme, "Embracing New Beginnings: The Power of Transformation and Collective Growth," Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret inspired the participants to

embrace change with courage, renew their commitment, and move forward together in building vibrant educational communities. Her thought-provoking reflections encouraged everyone to begin afresh with hope and determination.

The resource person for the day was Dr. P. Sivaji Rao, M.B.B.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Government Pentland Hospital, Nodal Officer for Mental Health Vellore. He was warmly



introduced to the gathering by Sr. Amali Alexander, the Academic Coordinator. In his enlightening sessions on the topic "Adolescent Turmoil: Distress or Uncertainty?", Dr. Rao with the PowerPoint presentation explained the remarkable changes that take place in the adolescent brain and how this influence behaviour.

He elaborated on common mental health concerns among adolescents, including depression, anxiety disorders, emotional instability, and behavioural challenges. He also emphasized the importance of early identification and careful observation, encouraging educators to be attentive, compassionate, and supportive while accompanying young people through this crucial stage of life. Recognizing stress as one of the major challenges affecting today's youth, Dr. Rao devoted considerable time to discussing its causes, various forms, consequences, and practical strategies for stress management. He introduced different coping mechanisms that can help young people develop resilience and emotional balance. His sessions equipped the participants with valuable insights and practical approaches to foster maturity and become more effective educators capable of bringing about positive transformation in the lives of young people. He reminded the sisters that education is not merely about academic excellence but also about guiding students to become responsible, honest, and conscientious citizens who are aware of both who they are and what they are called to become. At the conclusion of the sessions, Sr. Malarvizhi proposed vote of thanks to the resource person for his enriching presentations and the valuable guidance he offered.

The final session of the meeting was conducted by the Province Academic Coordinators, Sr. Amali Alexander and Sr. Joseph Victoria, who clearly explained the revised educational norms and guidelines finalised by the Province. This interactive session provided an opportunity for the Headmistresses and Principals to seek clarifications and arrive at a common understanding on several important matters. Among the topics discussed were the organization of retirement celebrations, educational excursions for teachers, and the inclusion of parental consent in the

school handbook regarding the publication of students' photographs and videos on the Province's YouTube channel and other media platforms.

The meeting proved to be fruitful, enriching, and inspiring, strengthening the unity and commitment of all the heads of the educational institutions as they are prepared to face the challenges of the coming academic year with renewed confidence and collaborative spirit.

Sr. Amali Alexander and Sr. Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha

VIDES GENERAL BODY MEETING

The VIDES General Body Meeting 2026 was held on 28 June 2026 at Little Flower Convent, Pallikonda, bringing together representatives from all the VIDES units of the Province for a day dedicated to prayer, formation, fellowship, reflection, and strategic planning.

The programme commenced with the registration of participants, followed by the solemn blessing of the newly renovated hostel Refectory for the Little Flower Home for children and the Dormitory for the Girls' wing. The gathering was then prayerfully ushered into the day through a meaningful prayer service animated by the members of MIC, Tirupattur, invoking God's abundant blessings upon the participants and the mission of VIDES.

The members of the Arni VIDES Unit extended a heartfelt welcome to the gathering and felicitated the Most Rev. Dr. Margaret Devadoss, FMA, Provincial of INM Chennai, together with all the participants. In her inspiring keynote address, Mother Provincial eloquently emphasized the essence of volunteerism, inviting every participant to deepen their commitment to the service of society, especially the poor, the marginalized, and the underprivileged. She urged the volunteers to embrace their mission with compassion, generosity, and unwavering dedication. Her enlightening message rekindled the missionary spirit of the gathering and inspired everyone to carry forward the VIDES mission with renewed zeal and hope.

Following the group photograph and a brief tea break, the first formation session was facilitated by Mr. Jesu Vinoth Kumar, Founder, Director, and Well-being Officer of Vaanam Foundation. Drawing from his extensive experience in voluntary service and community development, he offered profound insights into volunteer leadership, social responsibility, and meaningful community engagement. His interactive presentation, enriched by practical experiences and thoughtful responses to the participants' questions regarding the VIDES apostolate, proved both enlightening and deeply motivating.

The second session was conducted by Mr. Venkatesan Vilvanathan, who guided the participants through simple yoga practices and therapeutic asanas aimed at promoting physical, mental, and

emotional well-being. His practical demonstrations encouraged everyone to adopt healthy lifestyle habits conducive to holistic growth and inner harmony. A delightful lunch was served, after which the Erode VIDES Unit animated lively games and a joyful sing-song session, fostering an atmosphere of fraternity, enthusiasm, and team spirit among the participants.

Provincial Rev. Dr. Margaret Devadoss, interacted with Local VIDES Coordinators (sisters). She appreciated them for their dedicated service and encouraged them to remain positive, proactive, and mission-oriented. She particularly emphasized the importance of identifying and motivating new volunteers who could collaborate effectively in extending the outreach of VIDES to the poor, the marginalized, and the underprivileged, thereby strengthening the province's commitment to social transformation through volunteer service.

The afternoon programme resumed with important communications, updates, and reminders presented by Sr. Maria Louis Isabel Sirumalar. Subsequently, Sr. Emily presented the action plans and proposed projects for the coming year, outlining future initiatives and encouraging every VIDES unit to collaborate actively and participate wholeheartedly in fulfilling the vision and objectives of the movement. The day reached its spiritual culmination with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev.Fr.Antony Suresh the parish priest of St.Thresa's Church, Pallikonda. The participants offered heartfelt thanksgiving to God for the abundant blessings received throughout the day and renewed their commitment to the charism and mission of VIDES. The meeting concluded with tea and fellowship, leaving every participant spiritually enriched, intellectually empowered, and deeply inspired.

Sr Isabel Sirumalar

INTER SECTOR MEETING

The Inter-Sector Meeting was held at Auxilium Home on 21 June 2026. It was organized by Sr. Rajendran Selvarani and Sr. Arockiasamy Celine Mary, the Province Youth Pastoral Coordinators. The programme commenced with a prayer, invoking God's blessings upon all the participants and seeking His guidance throughout the day's deliberations. Sr. Wilson Anitha warmly welcomed the gathering and encouraged everyone to make the best use of the opportunity to strengthen collaboration among the sectors for the more effective realization of the Province's mission.

The introductory session was animated by Sr. Ambrose Arockia Jayaceli, who highlighted the significance of inter-sector collaboration in fostering unity, coordination, and shared responsibility in the mission. She emphasized that the collective efforts of the different sectors enrich the apostolic work of the Province and enable a more effective response to the needs of young people and the wider community.



The first animation session was conducted by Fr. Selvaraj Varaprasadham, SDB, Psychologist and Assistant Professor at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, on the theme “Exploring the Mindset of Today's Young People.” Through engaging activities, interactive discussions, and multimedia presentations, he offered valuable insights into the lives of contemporary youth. He explained the various factors shaping their mindset, including social media, technological

advancements, family dynamics, peer influence, and societal expectations. The session helped participants gain a deeper understanding of the aspirations, strengths, struggles, and emotional challenges faced by today's young people. It also inspired the sisters to accompany them with greater empathy, understanding, and pastoral sensitivity.

The second session focused on “Understanding the Language of Today's Youth.” Fr. Selvaraj Varaprasadham emphasized the importance of active listening, building trust-filled relationships, and adopting communication styles that resonate with young people. He presented practical strategies for educators, animators, and pastoral workers to accompany youth in ways that are relevant, supportive, and empowering.

The Eucharistic celebration offered a meaningful opportunity to thank God for the gift of the shared mission and to pray for wisdom, strength, and renewed zeal in serving the young. In the afternoon, delegates from the various sectors presented reports on their activities, achievements, challenges, and future plans. The presentations were made by Sr. Thimena Celine (Social Communication), Sr. Rajendran Selvarani (Youth Pastoral), Sr. Wilson Anitha (Catechetics), Sr. Sirumalar (VIDES), and Mrs. Anita (Integral Ecology). Each representative highlighted the initiatives undertaken in their respective sector and explored possibilities for greater collaboration and effectiveness in carrying out the Province's mission. Following the presentations, the General Coordinator Sr. Johnson Irine Towel, synthesized the proceedings of the day. She appreciated the dedicated efforts of all the sectors and encouraged every sister to carry out her responsibilities with commitment, accountability, and missionary enthusiasm. She also stressed the importance of timely documentation and submission of reports to facilitate effective coordination, planning, and evaluation.

Sr. Arockiasamy Celine Mary

FORMATORS' MEET

The INM Province Formators' Meet was held on 17 July 2026 at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi, in the presence of Sr Devadoss Margaret, Provincial. Coordinated by Sr Susai Josephine Rani, Formation Coordinator, the gathering brought together 15 Sisters serving in formation houses and Superiors accompanying junior Sisters. The day began with the Holy Eucharist, animated by Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima, Superior of Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi, and presided over by Fr Chinnappan Antony Raj, SDB. The symbolic offering of soil, seed, water, and a sapling during the entrance procession beautifully represented the nurturing mission of formation. In his homily, Fr Antony Raj reminded the sisters that God's immense love is the greatest force shaping every vocation.

A joyful celebration followed, marking the 60th birthday of Sr Devadoss Margaret, our Provincial. The Sisters expressed their prayerful wishes for God's continued blessings upon her life and ministry. Before the formal sessions, Sr Susai Josephine Rani animated a Eucharistic Adoration on the theme, "*At Oneness with Christ, Like the Vine and the Branches.*" The Sisters reflected on remaining united with Christ and allowing themselves to be formed by the Lord before forming those entrusted to their care. In her inaugural address, Sr Devadoss Margaret presented an overview of *The Constitutions of the daughters of Mary Help of Christians: A Journey of Holiness in Everyday Life* – Edited by Sr Yvonne Reungoat and Sr Piera Cavaglia. She emphasized that the Constitutions are the concrete expression of the Institute's charismatic project and a sure guide



toward holiness in everyday life. Sr Susai Josephine Rani then offered guidelines for the group study and sharing sessions. The participants were divided into three groups to reflect on selected articles of the Constitutions concerning the General Principles of Formation,

Acceptance into the Institute, Temporary Profession, and Ongoing Formation. Through study, dialogue, and reflection, the groups identified strengths, challenges, and concrete action plans for the coming year.

During the General Assembly, each group presented its findings on Contact Period Candidates, Aspirantate and Postulancy, Juniors' initial Formation, and Ongoing Formation. In her concluding remarks, Sr Devadoss Margaret encouraged the Superiors to accompany the formees and junior Sisters with love, attentiveness, and consistency, fostering growth in prayer, self-awareness, and vocational commitment. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Sr Anandaraj Jaya Shanthi, Superior of the Community of Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur. She expressed gratitude to Sr Devadoss Margaret, our Provincial, for her guidance and enriching input, and appreciated the Formation Coordinator for her planning, animation, and coordination of the meeting. The Formators' Meet renewed the participants' commitment to deepen their fidelity to Christ and the Constitutions, and to accompany those entrusted to their care with greater dedication and creative fidelity to the Charism.

Sr. Susai Josephine Rani

CATECHETICAL COORDINATORS MEET

The Catechetical Coordinators' Meeting was held on 18th July 2026 at Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur. The programme began with a prayerful atmosphere, bringing together catechetical coordinators from various communities. Sr. Anandaraj Jayashanthi, superior, welcomed the participants and delivered the introductory talk on the importance of teaching Christian doctrine. She highlighted eight important aspects that every catechist should keep in mind while carrying out the ministry of faith formation. Sr Wilson Anitha Arockiam, the Province Catechetical Coordinator, who explained the objectives of catechesis. She encouraged the coordinators to remain committed to their mission of nurturing the faith of children and helping them grow as disciples of Jesus.



The next session was animated by Sr Adaikalam Rekha, Province Catechetical Coordinator, who spoke on organizing Sunday Catechesis. She provided practical guidelines, useful tips, and effective tools for planning and conducting catechism classes engagingly and systematically. In the afternoon session, Fr Innasi Augustine SDB, delivered an inspiring talk on Evangelization,

Catechesis, and Liturgy. He clearly explained the meaning and relationship between these three essential dimensions of the Church's mission.

He concluded by emphasizing that every catechist should foster encounter Christ with conversion of heart, witnessing to the Gospel, and evangelization, as these are the pillars of an effective catechetical ministry. The Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr Innasi Augustine crowned the day's programme, strengthening the participants in their commitment to the Evangelizing ministry.

Sr Wilson Anitha Arockiam/ Sr Adaikalam Rekha

LOCAL MEDIA COORDINATORS' MEETING

The Local Media Coordinators' Meeting was held on Sunday, 12 July 2026, at Our Lady's Convent, Chetpet, bringing together 18 sisters from various communities. The gathering reflected their shared commitment to strengthening communication and promoting the Church's mission through the effective use of media.



The programme began with a photo session followed by the meeting followed by a prayer, invoking God's guidance and blessings upon the media ministry. Sr. Amala Nayagi warmly welcomed the participants, and the introductory address was delivered by Sr. Maria

Doss Amala, Superior of Our Lady's Convent, Chetpet. Rev. Fr. Franklin, SDB, Provincial Secretary addressed the gathering, inspiring the sisters to use media as a powerful instrument of evangelization. He emphasized the importance of communicating with responsibility, creativity, and professionalism, especially in preparing meaningful reports that reflect the mission and life of the communities.

Rev. Sr. Thimena Celine, Province Media Coordinator, animated an enriching session on the Church's teaching regarding social communication. She presented key Church documents, including *Inter Mirifica*, *Communio et Progressio*, and *Aetatis Novae*, highlighting their relevance in today's digital world and encouraging the sisters to be authentic and effective communicators

of the Gospel. Sr. Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary Province Media Coordinator communicated important guidelines for Local Media Coordinators, the responsibilities of local coordinators, annual reporting procedures, media documentation, timely submission of news and photographs, and best practices for promoting the province's media initiatives through various digital platforms. The participants actively engaged in group discussions and collaborative activities throughout the day. Each group presented its reflections and suggestions, followed by a fruitful evaluation session that led to practical action plans for strengthening media ministry in their respective communities. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Sr. Vasantha Priya, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary

MEDIA ANIMATION FOR VELLORE ZONE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

PALLIKONDA, Vellore, July 25, 2026 — Nearly 90 Media Club students from the Vellore Zone, along with Media Club teacher coordinators from the Chennai Province, participated in a Media Club Orientation Programme on July 24, focusing on media literacy, responsible digital citizenship, creativity and leadership. The programme sought to equip young people to engage critically and responsibly with the rapidly changing digital landscape and to use media as a means of promoting positive social transformation.

Fr. Jayanth Rayan, an expert in media studies and visual communication, led an interactive session titled "See, Think, Act: Decoding Media Messages." He explained how media messages can shape perceptions, attitudes and consumer choices, and urged students to verify information before accepting or sharing it. Encouraging the participants to develop critical thinking skills, Fr. Jayanth called on them to become discerning media users capable of navigating an increasingly complex digital environment. In another session, "From Media Consumers to Changemakers," he encouraged students to use media creatively and ethically to promote positive change in society. He urged them to view media not merely as a source of entertainment but also as a means of building hope, promoting truth and contributing to meaningful transformation in their communities.

At the same time, Media Club teacher coordinators shared experiences of running Media Clubs in their respective schools in the presence of Province Media Coordinators Sr. Rajendran Thimena Celine and Sr. Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary. The exchange provided an opportunity for participants to discuss challenges, share best practices and explore ways to strengthen collaboration among schools. Sr. Celine, Province Media Coordinator and Head of the Department of Visual Communication at Auxilium College, guided the teachers on their role as mentors and animators in forming responsible digital citizens and creative communicators. Fr. Jayanth later addressed the educators in a session titled "Empowering Teachers to be

Changemakers," highlighting their responsibility to accompany and guide young people as they navigate the digital world.

Sr. Mathalen Mary conducted team-building activities that fostered collaboration, active participation and enthusiasm among the participants. During the afternoon session, Sr. Celine

presented the Media Club Functioning Modalities, outlining a structured framework for organising and sustaining Media Clubs. She explained the responsibilities of coordinators and student



leaders, methods of planning and documenting activities, and strategies for developing communication skills, leadership, teamwork, digital literacy and creative expression. The session also introduced practical ideas for workshops and year-long activities aimed at engaging students and strengthening their media-related skills.

The programme concluded with school-wise action planning, during which each institution presented its roadmap for Media Club activities for the academic year. The initiative reaffirmed the vision of Media Clubs as formative spaces where young people can develop into informed, ethical and compassionate communicators and use their creativity and digital skills to contribute meaningfully to society.

Sr. Rajendran Thimena Celine

PAST PUPILS FEDERATION MEETING

The INM FMA Past Pupils Meeting was held on 11 July 2026 at Sncha Dccpam, Sathuvachery, Vellore, bringing together Past Pupils for a day of fellowship, reflection and renewed commitment. The meeting began with prayer and a service led by the Past Pupils of Auxilium Higher Secondary School, Katpadi, followed by the welcome address by the Polur Unit. The programme was organized under the guidance of Sr. Francis Jeyamani and Sr. Salas Silvia, Province Delagates and Ms. Eshwaran Sree Shruthi, President; Ms. Sahaya Divya, Secretary; and

Ms. Pramila, Counsellor. It was presided over by Rev. Sr. Ambrose Jayaceli, Province Councillor for the Salesian Family and Principal of Auxilium College.

Sr. Francis Jeyamani explained the structure and mission of the Union, Federation and World Confederation of Mornese Past Pupils of FMA and shared details of the forthcoming Salesian Family Meet for the INM and INT Provinces, scheduled from 18–20 August 2026 at Kodambakkam, on the theme *“Walking Together as the Salesian Family: To Be a Prophecy and a Gift within the Church in the Context of India.”*

Federation President Ms. Sree Shruthi presented the year's achievements. The Federation has 13 local units, 2,590 enrolled members and 381 active members. Major initiatives included the Federation Meet at Spring Valley, participation of four Past Pupils in the 8th International Congress in Rome, and the Eco Care Walkathon, which brought together more than 1,000 participants. The monthly online Meet and Greet sessions continue to strengthen alumni bonds.

The keynote address by Rev. Sr. Ambrose Jayaceli, on “I Am Blessed,” invited the Past Pupils to rediscover their self-worth and dignity through the Beatitudes. Her message centred on four



simple yet powerful words “Thank you, I forgive you, Sorry, and I love you”, reminding everyone to extend these words not only to others but also to themselves. Sr. Jeyamani later presented the Statutes, Norms and Identity of the

Mornese Past Pupils, using Wangari Maathai’s inspiring hummingbird story to emphasize that every small contribution matters.

The afternoon focused on amendments to the Statutes, unit-wise action plans and Dream Projects for 2026–2027. Plans included a Mental Wellbeing awareness rally and seminar, a digital E-Magazine, and the finalization of the Past Pupils VIPs and Resource Persons Directory. Questionnaires for the Provincial Chapter 2026 were also distributed. The day concluded with inspiring testimonies from seven senior Past Pupils, who gratefully acknowledged the formative influence of their Alma Mater and Salesian education in their lives.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Mary Immaculate Higher Secondary School, Tirupathur Unit. The gathering was not merely a reunion, but a celebration of gratitude, identity, achievement and renewed commitment—carrying forward the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello through lives of service and hope.

Sr. Francis Jeyamani

COUNSELLING COURSE FOR TEACHERS

A two-day Teachers' Counselling Course on "Stress Management and Adolescent Turmoil" and "Emotional Intelligence" was held on 31 July and 1 August 2026 at the Library Seminar Hall, Auxilium College (Autonomous), Katpadi. The programme was organized by the FMA Youth Ministry Team, Chennai Province, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, Auxilium College, with around 38 teachers and 48 Psychology students participating on the first day.

The workshop, organized by Sr. Rajendran Selvarani and Sr. Arockiasamy Celine Mary, featured experts including Dr. Shivaji Rao, MBBS, DPM, Psychiatrist and Nodal Officer, District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), Vellore Dt, Sr. Thimena Celine, HOD of Visual Communication, Auxilium College, Ms. Angel and Ms. Haripriya, Asst Professors, Department of Psychology, Auxilium College, Katpadi and Fr. Selvaraj.V-SDB, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur.



The sessions explored adolescent mental health, stress management, digital wellness, resilience, counselling, emotional intelligence, and classroom management through interactive activities, discussions, and case studies. Participants gained practical tools such as the STOP and REST techniques, along with strategies for emotional regulation, healthy coping, effective communication, and building supportive relationships with students. The programme also highlighted the importance of self-awareness, empathy, resilience, and responsible digital habits in promoting students' well-being. The course concluded with the presence of Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi, Provincial Councillor for Youth Pastoral, who encouraged participants to understand themselves better and manage their own emotions as well as those of others. Certificates were distributed, followed by a photo session and vote of thanks. The enriching programme equipped teachers with practical skills to become more emotionally aware, resilient, and compassionate mentors for young people.

Session 1 – Adolescent Turmoil: Dr. Shivaji Rao explored the physical, emotional, and psychological changes of adolescence, distinguishing normal adolescent behaviour from mental health concerns. He highlighted issues such as anxiety, depression, ADHD, eating disorders, substance abuse, and self-harm, stressing early identification and timely intervention.

Session 2 – Stress Management and Mental Well-being: Dr. Shivaji Rao in this session focused on the causes and effects of stress and practical ways to manage it through exercise, adequate sleep, relaxation, and positive thinking.

Session 3 – Digital Wellness: Sr. Thimena Celine in this session stressed on the impact of excessive screen use and social media on mental health was examined. Participants were encouraged to cultivate digital balance and responsible technology use while maintaining meaningful offline relationships.

Session 4 – Resilience and Coping Strategies for Teachers: Ms. Angel & Ms. Haripriya the resource persons introduced practical strategies for strengthening resilience and emotional well-being, including mindfulness, relaxation, positive thinking, time management, and self-care.

Session 5 – Inside Our Emotions | Fr. Selvaraj V-SDB helped the Participants to explore emotions as “messengers” rather than enemies. Through an interactive activity, they learned to recognise emotions such as fear, anger, sadness, joy, guilt, and love—the first step towards emotional regulation and balance.

Session 6 – The Art and Heart of Counselling: Fr. Selvaraj V-SDB again in this session demystified counselling, highlighting it as a supportive process for self-understanding, problem-solving, and better decision-making. Emphasis was placed on confidentiality, empathy, active listening, and non-judgmental support.

Session 7 – Counselling Principles for Effective Practice: Fr. Selvaraj beautifully explored in this session emotional development, attachment, and the ABC model of Cognitive Behaviour Theory, helping participants understand how experiences and interpretations influence emotions and behaviour.

Session 8 – Emotional Intelligence in Education: Teachers learned practical emotional, regulation tools such as STOP – Stop, Take a break, Observe, Proceed wisely and REST – Recognize, Explore, Slow down, Transform. The session emphasized that while situations cannot always be controlled, our responses can be.

The workshop equipped teachers with practical tools to understand adolescents, manage stress, regulate emotions, build resilience, and create healthier relationships and classrooms. At the valedictory session, Provincial Councillor for Youth Pastoral Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi

was honoured with a shawl and gift. In her concluding message, she encouraged participants to know themselves deeply in order to manage their own emotions and understand others better. She then distributed the Counselling Course Certificates, followed by a photo session and vote of thanks.

Sr.Rajendran Selvarani & Sr.Arockiasamy Celine Mary

A GRACE-FILLED BEGINNING: FIVE YOUNG HEARTS SAY “YES” TO GOD

From 21–23 July, the aspirants and postulants participated in a three-day retreat animated by Rev. Fr. Pinto, SDB, Rector of Don Bosco, Polur. As they began a new chapter of belonging to Christ and Mary, the retreat offered them a time to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern His call, and take their first steps towards a life of joyful consecration.



On 24 July, hearts filled with joy and gratitude, four aspirants from INM and one from INT officially stepped into postulancy by receiving the Postulants' Medal from Sr. D. J. Margaret, Provincial of Chennai (INM). The celebration was graced by Sisters from Auxilium College, Auxilium Care Home, and St. Mary's Convent, together with young people who joined in their joy. The ceremony began with a prayer service. Entering in procession with lighted candles, the aspirants symbolically expressed their desire to carry the light of Christ and walk this new path with faith, courage, and hope. Receiving the Postulants' Medal marked more than a ceremony—it was a sign of belonging and a promise of deeper commitment to Christ, trusting that Mary would accompany and guide them throughout their journey. The newly admitted postulants were warmly congratulated by the entire community. With grateful hearts, the five young women thanked the Mother Provincial and all gathered for their prayers, love, encouragement, and support.

RETURN TO THE ROOTS, FORWARD WITH FAITH: A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

Project Mornese 2026 was one such journey, a pilgrimage of faith, memory and vocation that brought together 33 Daughters of Mary Help of Christians from 11 Provinces and four continents. Organised by the Institute's Formation Sector, the project invited us to rediscover the living roots of our Salesian identity and to renew our commitment to becoming, with Mary, a presence that generates life today. Sr. Perianayagam Martina, Sr. DeRose Amala, Sr. Madalimuthu Lidwin Mary and Sr. Perianayagam Auxilia from Chennai Province were privileged to participate in this enriching experience, accompanied by Sr. Nilza Fátima de Moraes, General Councillor for Formation. We were guided by Sr. Jeanette Palasota, coordinator of the project, together with the animators and chaplain Fr. Paul Raj Irudayaamalraj, SDB.

Rome – At the Heart of the Church: The journey began in Rome, where visits to the Generalate, St Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs of St Callistus, Assisi and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart opened the participants to a deeper appreciation of the sense of belonging to the Church and the Salesian Family.

Turin – Walking in the Footsteps of Don Bosco: In Turin, Colle Don Bosco and Chieri, where the participants traced the journey of Don Bosco, his childhood struggles, discernment and courageous response to God's call. The symbolic placing of keys bearing the images of Mary Help of Christians and Don Bosco before Mary. Inspired by the tradition of Mother Mazzarello, the gesture expressed the participants' desire to entrust their lives and mission to Mary, echoing the prayer: "Do whatever He tells you."



Mornese – Where the Charism

Comes Alive : The heart of the journey was Mornese, the home of St Mary Domenica Mazzarello. Visits to Mazzarelli, Valponasca and the Collegio, together with prayer, reflection and the study of Mother Mazzarello's letters, brought alive her simplicity, courage and deep union with Christ. Her words echoed strongly: "Courage; let Jesus be all your strength."

The unexpected passing of Sr. Alfonsine Roy, FMA, brought sorrow to the group, yet also deepened their experience of sisterhood, prayer and hope. She remained lovingly remembered throughout the journey.

Nizza – Faith That Becomes Mission: At Nizza Monferrato, the participants reflected on the hardships and resilience of the early FMA community. Mother Mazzarello’s words offered a lasting challenge: “The Congregation belongs to Our Lady... but you must do your part.” Her witness called them to unite trust in Mary with courage, responsibility and generous service.

From Roots to Renewal: The Project concluded in Rome with prayer, thanksgiving and a creative presentation on the life of Mother Mazzarello, dedicated to Sr. Alfonsine. The final Good Night by Mother Chiara Cazzuola, reflecting on the faith of St Maria Troncatti, left the participants with a powerful challenge to trust Mary more deeply.

Project Mornese was a journey from memory to mission, from roots to renewal and from inspiration to action. The encounter with Sisters from different parts of the world strengthened their awareness of the richness of the Salesian charism and its creative expression across cultures. The four Sisters returned to Chennai Province with renewed gratitude for their vocation and a deeper desire to live the courage of Don Bosco, the simplicity of Mother Mazzarello and the trusting heart of Mary Help of Christians, bringing life, hope and joy to those entrusted to their care. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Sr. D. J. Margaret, Mother Provincial, the Provincial Council, the animators and the Sisters of the Province for this precious opportunity to return to the roots and renew themselves in faith.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Silver Jubilee Celebration of Sr M. Paul Mary, Sr Kasu Sleevea Showrilu, and Sr Alexander Lilly Rose was joyfully celebrated on 24th May 2026 at Auxilium English Medium School, Columbuthurai, Jaffna. The celebration was carefully planned and organized by Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the Delegate, with the collaboration and support of the Superiors and Sisters of the communities in Sri Lanka. The day began with a meaningful Morning Prayer at the Auxilium Chapel, animated by Sr Amirthasingam Nirosha. During the prayer service, the Jubilarians offered cross as the symbolic offering. The Jubilarians, Sr M. Paul Mary, Sr Kasu Sleevea Showrilu, and Sr Alexander Lilly Rose, also offered lighted candles as a sign of gratitude for the gift of faith and for their twenty-five years of faithful life lived in the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

Following the Morning Prayer, the Jubilarians were greeted with a song and a message of appreciation. Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala thanked each of them for their generous and dedicated service and adorned them with a badge. She also extended her feast-day greetings to all the Sisters on the occasion of Mary Help of Christians and presented each Sister with a commemorative medal.

Later in the morning, the Sisters, the staff of Auxilium English Medium School, the young people from the Omanthai Community, and a few students of the school assembled in the main hall for the cultural Programme.



The Jubilarians received a warm welcome with garlands, traditional Aarathi, and a special brooch presented by Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala. The Programme commenced with a beautiful prayer dance performed by the students of Auxilium English Medium School, followed

by a variety of cultural presentations by the sisters, teachers, and a special message from Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala highlighting the unique qualities and contributions of each Jubilarian. The Community Sisters expressed their affection and appreciation by presenting gifts to the Jubilarians. At the conclusion of the Programme, Sr Alexander Lilly Rose delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the celebration.

The Holy Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by His Lordship Rev. Dr. Justin Bernard Gnanapragasam, Bishop of Jaffna, together with his secretary Fr Terrance. In his inspiring homily, the bishop reflected on the faith-filled journey of the Jubilarians and He emphasized the importance of living the three evangelical vows poverty, chastity, and obedience and encouraged everyone to remain faithful disciples of Christ according to God's plan. A festive lunch was served sharing moments of joy, fellowship, and thanksgiving. Following lunch, Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala gathered the Sisters and expressed her sincere gratitude to everyone for their generous contribution, collaboration, and commitment in making the Silver Jubilee Celebration a memorable and grand occasion. Their Silver Jubilee was truly a celebration of faith, gratitude, service, and steadfast commitment to God and His people.

RECTOR MAJOR'S PASTORAL VISIT: JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN SRI LANKA

The third day of the pastoral visit of Fr. Fabio Attard, Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco, unfolded on Saturday, 16 May 2026, as a vibrant celebration of faith, gratitude, and renewed commitment to the mission in Sri Lanka. Fr. Fabbio Attard SDB, the Rector major, Fr. Roshan Miranda the provincial of the vice province of St. Joseph were welcomed with garland and with the traditional Kandian Dance by the youth at Negombo. All the former provincials of Sri Lanka, the priests, religious, the formees and the lay faithful also participated eagerly.

The occasion was historic because it commemorates the celebration of 70 years since the Salesians first began their mission on the island of Sri Lanka, the pearl of the Indian Ocean and a journey that started precisely from Negombo. The celebration also marked the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, a spiritual landmark for countless faithful.

The Jubilee Holy Mass was solemnly presided over by the Rector Major and large number of representatives of the Salesian family participated in it. Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the delegate of Sri Lanka, Sr Arulanandu Arockia Mary, the animator of Auxilium, Sr Moraes Susan, Sr Anthonipillai P. Arul Malar, Aspirants, candidates and Salesian Sisters from Thirukkivil, Colombo- Slave Island and from Omanthai- Vavuniya were present for this great historical event. At the entrance procession of the Holy Mass the young people depicted the situation of today's youth, preventive system and accompaniment of the Salesians in the path of the holy founder Don Bosco creatively.



In his homily, Fr. Fabbio Attard reflected on the life of Saint John Bosco, presenting him not only as a founder, but as a living inspiration. He recalled how Don Bosco himself came from a poor and humble background, worked tirelessly, and grew into a holy priest fully dedicated to the salvation and education of poor and abandoned young people. The Rector Major emphasized the transforming power of education and personal formation. Addressing the young people, he encouraged them to study with dedication, cultivate their talents, and become responsible and compassionate citizens capable of serving society and lifting up those in need.

Fr. Fabbio Attard then met the various groups of the Salesian Family: the Salesian Sisters, ADMA members, Salesian Cooperators, Salesian parents, benefactors, past pupils, and staff members serving in different Salesian institutions. In his message, the Rector Major reflected on Don Bosco's vision of the Salesian Family as a united spiritual movement, called to live communion while serving young people, especially the poorest. He stressed the importance of collaboration, shared responsibility, and fidelity to the charism. A brief but meaningful dialogue followed, allowing participants to express their questions and reflections in a spirit of openness and fraternity. Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala, the delegate gave an Introduction about the presence of the Salesian sisters, the number of the houses, and the various missions the sisters are able to embrace in different parts of Sri Lanka in the spirit of St. John Bosco and St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello and she thanked for bringing the blessings of St. John Bosco.

Sr. Anthonipillai P. Arul Malar

ONLINE MEETING OF LOCAL MEDIA COORDINATORS

On 16 June 2026, an online meeting was held for all the Local Media Coordinators FMA- Sri Lanka for the year 2026–2027. The meeting commenced with an opening prayer led by Sr. Rohini Ganesh, invoking God's guidance and blessings upon the participants and our media mission. Following the prayer, Sr. Susi Mamani, the Media Coordinator for Sri Lanka, addressed the participants with a reflection based on the Message of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for World Communications Day.

She emphasized the Pope's invitation to promote a style of communication rooted in truth, charity, and peace. Quoting the Holy Father, she encouraged the coordinators to strive for “a different kind of communication, not to use aggressive words, the importance of fostering peace through the way we look at, listen to, and speak about others, rejecting all forms of communication that contribute to conflict, division, and the “war of words and images.” Sr. Susi also provided guidelines regarding the preparation of Vibrations and reminded the coordinators of their important responsibility in documenting community activities, maintaining accurate reports, and systematically preserving media archives for future reference.

The participants then reviewed the annual calendar and shared valuable suggestions for media animation during the year. Particular emphasis was given to organizing awareness programmes for parents and teachers on the responsible use of mobile phones and digital media in the education of children. It was also proposed that each community celebrate a Media Day to promote greater awareness and appreciation of social communication. Furthermore, participants recommended providing media formation programmes not only for young sisters but also for all those interested in media, enabling them to use communication tools more effectively in the mission of education and evangelization. The gathering was a meaningful opportunity for reflection, planning, and

collaboration, strengthening the commitment of the Media Coordinators to promote responsible, ethical, and mission-oriented communication in our communities.

Sr. Susi Mamani

PREPARATORY SESSION FOR THE XXV GENERAL CHAPTER- SRI LANKA

With hearts filled with gratitude to God and renewed enthusiasm for the Salesian mission, the GC XXV preparatory Meeting was meaningfully organized at the Sacred Heart Novitiate building, Negombo on 29 June 2026. The gathering brought together nearly sixty-five participants including Sisters, youth, ADMA and EC members for a spiritually enriching day of reflection, communion, and sharing centered on the vision of the XXV General Chapter under the theme: "Blessed are you...(full) With the prophetic power of the charism, missionaries of communion together with young people." The entire atmosphere of the day reflected the spirit of synodality, fraternity, and joyful missionary discipleship inspired by Don Bosco, Mother Mazzarello, and the Gospel Beatitudes.

The day commenced with the beautiful morning prayer conducted by Sr W. Fernando Anne Nimesha as we celebrated the feast of Saints, a solemn Holy Eucharist celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Sathiyathas Saram, SDB. Fr. Sathiyathas invited everyone to renew their fidelity to Christ and become joyful witnesses of the Gospel in today's world. He emphasized that every Christian, especially every Salesian educator is called to live the Beatitudes concretely through humility, mercy, service, compassion, and missionary love toward the young. Following the Holy mass, a solemn moment of eucharistic adoration was prayerfully animated by Sr. Alexander Lilly Rose, presenting the Bible, the Preparatory Document and the Constitution, and invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance for this journey. Before the official session a group photograph was taken.

The Delegate, Rev. Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala welcomed everyone, A hymn to the Holy Spirit opened the session, and Sr. Anthonipillai Perera Arul Malar introduced and welcomed Rev. Fr. Kanaga Maria Arokiam, who joined via Zoom. After greeting everyone, he began his talk on the theme "Beatitudes – A Roadmap Toward a New Paradigm of the Kingdom." To launch the preparatory journey, he unpacked each Beatitude in light Salesian charism. Following this, our Provincial, Rev. Sr. Devadass Margarete, also connected via Zoom greeted everyone, she opened her talk on the preparatory work, focusing on the first nucleus, "The Prophetic Power of the Charism - reflecting on the personal experience of the Grace of Unity — in personal life, community, and mission and identifying where this grace gives rise to joy and prophecy.

After a short break for refreshments and fellowship, the participants engaged in a prayerful group sharing." Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala, our Delegate, then presented the second nucleus, "Missionaries of Communion (examining the quality of fraternal bonds within my community

and pinpointing where a move toward deeper, more genuine communion is called for), which centred largely on community living.

Post lunch, there was a brief musical performance by the younger sisters, after which Rev. Sr. Alexander Lilly Rose addressed the second nucleus, "Together with Young People" (evaluating how shared responsibility is distributed within the educating community, FMA members, laity, families, and young people and determining the steps needed toward a genuinely shared mission). This portion focused on the educating community and the value of lay collaborators.

Rev. Sr. Fernando Mary Ann spoke on the third nucleus, "Missionary Passion" (reigniting missionary zeal by starting from the real, lived situations of the young people we encounter, acknowledging the challenges of our era, and the responses Salesian charism offers), she presented it in meaningfully highlighting growth of the mission.

After all the presentations, Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala conducted an interactive evaluation session centered on the day's programme. Special gift was given to Sr Varghese Mary who successfully recited the Beatitudes by heart. Then, the young people present at the gathering shared their personal reflections and experiences from the day. They expressed gratitude for being included in the Chapter preparatory process and shared their desire to participate more actively in the Salesian mission and educational communities.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Social Media Day

The Media Club organized social media Day on 30 June 2026 at Auxilium Matriculation School, Anmarudai. The programme was organized to create awareness among students about the responsible and safe use of social media. Students from different classes participated in it. The programme aimed to improve digital literacy, creativity, communication skills, and online safety awareness among students.

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The club conducted an online drawing competition. Students actively participated and produced creative content that promoted positive values and social awareness. This occasion provided them with the opportunity to use social media wisely, identify false information, protect their privacy, and communicate respectfully in digital spaces. The club also encouraged teamwork, leadership, and innovation. The Social Media Club helped students develop confidence, creativity, and digital skills while promoting the safe and ethical use of social media.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony was held with great enthusiasm and solemnity on 25 June 2026 in the school premises. The programme was graced by Rev. Fr. Paul Velankanni, Parish Priest of Kozhappalur, as the Chief Guest, School Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Auxilia, and Principal, Sr.



Rekha. The newly elected student leaders were formally invested with their badges and entrusted with their responsibilities.

The principal administered the oath of office and encouraged the student leaders to carry out their duties with sincerity, discipline, responsibility, and a spirit of service. In his inspiring address, Rev. Fr. Paul Velankanni emphasized that true leadership is rooted in honesty, humility, service, and self-discipline. He urged the young leaders to lead by example, uphold moral values, work for the welfare of their fellow students, and become responsible citizens with a commitment to serving society. His motivating message inspired the students to carry out their responsibilities with dedication and integrity. The ceremony encouraged the students to develop leadership qualities, responsibility, discipline, and a spirit of service. The programme concluded successfully with the active participation of the students and teachers.

Muthamizh Vizha

Auxilium Matriculation School, Anmarudai, celebrated Muthamizh Vizha with great enthusiasm on 7 July 2026 to promote love for the Tamil language and culture. The programme was graced by Mr. Raman, Tamil Pandit from ACS Matric Higher Secondary School, Irumbedu, as the Chief Guest. The celebration featured a variety of programmes including drama, debate, dance, and patriotic songs from different classes.

Through their creativity, confidence, and originality, the students beautifully expressed their love and patriotism towards the Tamil language. In his address, the Chief Guest emphasized the importance of reading, writing, and speaking in one's mother tongue. He urged the students to cherish Tamil, preserve its rich heritage, and give due importance to their mother tongue in their daily lives. The celebration concluded on a joyful note, leaving the students and the audience inspired to value, promote, and take pride in the Tamil language and culture.



Sr Adaikalam Rekha

Inauguration of Parish Sunday Catechism

ARNI

The inauguration of the Sunday Catechism for the academic year 2026 was held joyfully on 28 June 2026 at Arni Parish. A total of 68 boys and girls enthusiastically participated in the inaugural celebration. The theme chosen for this year's catechism was "மறைக்கல்வி – வாழ்வின் ஒளி" (Catechism – The Light of Life), inspired by the message "Jesus is the Light." The programme began with a meaningful prayer service, inviting everyone to seek God's blessings for a fruitful year of faith formation. The celebration was enriched with a beautiful dance performance that expressed the joy of following Christ, while a thought-provoking drama on the Parable of the Ten Virgins reminded everyone to remain spiritually prepared and faithful to the Lord. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Mangalam David delivered an inspiring inaugural address. He encouraged the children to grow in faith, cultivate good values, and participate faithfully in Sunday Catechism every week. He also reminded the parents and children that catechism plays an essential role in forming a strong



Christian life rooted in the teachings of Jesus. The programme concluded with the distribution of snacks to all the children, creating an atmosphere of joy, fellowship, and gratitude.

Sr Savarimuthu Stella Rani

Teachers' Orientation Marks a Fresh Start for Academic Year

Teachers from the three St. Joseph's institutions convened at St. Joseph's Convent for their yearly Orientation Program. After a meaningful prayer service, the resource person, Rev. Sr. Roseline Sagayarani, gave a persuasive presentation on "The Mindful Classroom Begins with You." She helped teachers develop patience, presence, and awareness so they could be better mentors to their students.



Correspondent Rev. Sr. Kanickaraj Tamizharasi, in her inaugural address, urged educators to lead the students with a mother's love, reminding them that their profession is a divine service. Furthermore, the program honored two recently appointed leaders, Rev. Sr. Pacianathan Mary Rita (Junior Assistant, St. Joseph's Girls HSS) and Rev. Sr. Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha (Principal, St. Joseph's Matriculation), with shawls and seedlings. Rev. Fr. Victor, Rector of Don Bosco ITI, Polur, celebrated the holy eucharist with special prayers for teachers and pupils. A group photograph was captured.

St. Joseph's Girls HSS Celebrates International Yoga Day

On 19 June 2026, St. Joseph's Girls' Higher Secondary School, Arni, celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm. Headmistress Rev. Sr. Jeyaseeli Dharmalingam and senior teacher Mrs. Roja Sengol were the program's guests. Mrs. Devaki, the physical education teacher, gave them a hearty welcome. Students from Classes VI to XII demonstrated a variety of yoga poses, highlighting the significant advantages of yoga for mental health, physical fitness, and a healthy lifestyle. Everyone was inspired by the young participants' graceful and disciplined performances.



Headmistress Rev. Sr. Jeyaseeli Dharmalingam urged pupils to engage in yoga and emphasized that consistent practice improves focus, fosters mental and physical well-being, and opens the door to a contented and well-rounded life. The inspiring session came to an end with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Devaki.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of St. Joseph's Matric Higher Secondary School, Arni was held on 22 June 2026. The Yellow House teachers organized the program well. The ceremony began with a



grand procession led by the school band, followed by the SPL, ASPL, House captains, sports captains, class leaders, Guides, Scouts, Cubs, Bulbuls, JRC, and NSS students. The event commenced with a solemn prayer service and was followed by a warm welcome address.

Mr. Parry P. Babu, BBA, Vice Chair of Arni Municipality and District Council Secretary, was the

Chief Guest of the day, Mr. E. Appu (a) Rajadurai, BE, Appu Silk House, Arni, was the Guest of

Honor, Both the dignitaries were honored with a shawl and a memento by the Correspondent Sr. Kanickairaj Tamizharasi and the Principal Sr. Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha. The highlight of the program was the taking over of leadership: the School Pupil Leader (SPL), Assistant SPL, House Captains, Sports Captains, Class Leaders and leaders of various student associations were invested with badges.

The newly elected leaders took an oath, pledging to uphold the values of the school with integrity, responsibility and commitment. Mr. Parry P. Babu, BBA, while addressing the students, highlighted that true leadership means serving others with humility and fairness. He encouraged students to work as a team and always lead by example. Mr. E. Appu (a) Rajadurai, the past pupil spoke about leadership through hard work and self-discipline. He advised students to be honest, confident, and responsible in carrying out their duties.

Rev. Sr. Kanickairaj Tamizharasi addressed the gathering and spoke about value-based leadership. She emphasized discipline, service and compassion, and motivated students to lead with love, faith and responsibility. The Principal, Sr. Jaya Sunitha, addressed the gathering and encouraged the student leaders to lead with love, faith and courage. She appreciated the efforts of the Yellow House teachers and congratulated the newly elected leaders. The ceremony concluded on a patriotic note with the National Anthem.

International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 19 June with great enthusiasm. After the morning assembly, the programme began with an introduction to yoga and its merits. A few students demonstrated various yoga asanas such as Uttanasana, Urdhva Hastasana, Ardha Chandrasana, Vrikshasana, Utkatasana, Balasana, Paschimottanasana, Padmasana on the stage and all the students actively performed along with them. The celebration helped students understand the importance of yoga in maintaining physical and mental health.



World Social Media Day

World social media Day was observed on 30 June 2026. The Media Club teachers organized the activities of the day. Students enacted a meaningful skit highlighting life before and after the arrival of mobile phones. They beautifully portrayed how people were happy, caring, and spent quality time with one another before the arrival of social media.

They also showcased, in contrast, how people have become highly addicted to mobile phones after the arrival of social media, paying less attention to relationships and surroundings. Through this enactment, students clearly conveyed the impact of social media on human life and emphasized the importance of using it wisely. The program



aimed to create awareness among students about the positive and negative impacts of social media in daily life. Principal, Sr. Jaya Sunitha appreciated the teachers and students for their excellent performance and meaningful presentation.

Sr. Mahimainathan Jaya Sunitha

St. Joseph's Matriculation HSS, Arni - Parents meet

The Parents–Teachers Meeting was held at St. Joseph's Matriculation School from 7 to 10 July 2026 for all classes: Std. VI–VIII (7 July), Std. IX–XII (8 July), Std. I–V (9 July), and LKG–UKG (10 July).

The programme began with a prayer, followed by a warm welcome to the Correspondent, Sr. Kanickaraj Tamizharasi, Principal Sr. Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha, Chief Guest Mrs. Usha, Counsellor, parents, and members of the Alcoholics Anonymous Association (AAA) from Vellore and Kanchipuram.

Students presented a meaningful skit on SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being and SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy, highlighting healthy food habits, water conservation, saving electricity, and responsible use of resources. The Correspondent reflected on the Rector Major's Strenna, "Do Whatever He Tells You," Drawing inspiration from the Wedding at Cana and

Mother Mary's virtues. She encouraged parents to Look, Listen, Choose and Act in responding to their children's needs. Mrs. Usha addressed the importance of strengthening parent-child relationships through understanding, encouragement, and emotional support. Members of AAA sensitized parents to the harmful effects of alcoholism on individuals and families.

The principal highlighted school rules, discipline, and expectations, seeking parents' cooperation for the holistic development of the students. The Media Club students introduced the school's YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website. The meeting concluded with parents sharing valuable feedback and suggestions, followed by a vote of thanks and the National Anthem. The gathering fostered a strong sense of partnership, responsibility, and shared commitment to the holistic growth of the students.

Chess competition – Arni zone

On 14 July 2026, St. Joseph's Matriculation Higher Secondary School had the privilege of hosting the ARNI Zone Chess Competition. Students from various schools in the ARNI Zone participated enthusiastically in the event. The competition was conducted in three categories: Under-11, Under-14, and Under-17 for both boys and girls.

The participants displayed excellent concentration, strategic thinking, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Students performed remarkably well and secured prizes in different categories.

Prize Winners:

Under-11: R. Pragatheesh, Y. Pratheeksha and Rickson Nino of Std. V

Under-14: R.S.Thirumurugan of Std VI and P. Abundantia Mary of Std VIII

Under-17: R. Gowshika of Std IX and Aravindh S.of Std X

The winners were awarded certificates in recognition of their excellent performance and achievement in the competition. They were appreciated and congratulated for bringing laurels to the school.

Kalvi valarchinaal – Kamarajar Birthday

On 15th July 2026, our school celebrated Kalvi Valarchi Naal to commemorate the birth anniversary of Karma Veerar K. Kamarajar, the Father of Education, under the guidance of the Tamil teachers. The programme commenced after the morning assembly. It began with a brief introduction to the life and achievements of Kamarajar, highlighting his valuable contributions to education and the welfare of children. Students delivered speeches in Tamil on his life, leadership, simplicity, honesty, and selfless service to the nation. They also explained the educational schemes introduced during his tenure. A few students recited Tamil poems in praise of the great leader.

Students of Class VIII enacted a meaningful skit portraying K. Kamarajar as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and highlighting his active participation in the Indian freedom struggle. The performance effectively showcased his dedication to the nation and his commitment to the development of education. At the end of the programme Sr. Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha, Principal, appreciated the efforts of the Tamil teachers and congratulated the students for their excellent performances. She encouraged the students to follow Kamarajar's values of simplicity, honesty, discipline, hard work, patriotism, and service to society. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Forming Young Hearts for God: Group Inauguration at St. Joseph's Convent

With hearts of faith and surrender, the boarding children and Sisters gathered on 30 June 2026 at St. Joseph Convent, Arni, for the inauguration of the boarding groups. The children were joyfully organized into seven groups: Marian, Peace, Salesian, Missionary, Jesus, Laura, and Angel. Student representatives introduced their group symbols, mottos, and pledges, expressing their commitment to live Christ-like values. The Superior encouraged the children to remain faithful to their group values and grow in love, discipline, unity, and faith, becoming witnesses of Jesus in their daily lives. The evening concluded with a special blessing, followed by the distribution of sweets and gifts. Filled with joy and renewed enthusiasm, the children began their journey with a firm commitment to “do good to themselves and to others.”



A New Dawn of Leadership: St. Joseph's Girls HSS Celebrates Investiture Ceremony

This memorable moment of Investiture ceremony unfolded on July 8, 2026. St. Joseph's Girls Higher Secondary School, Arni, held its solemn and enthusiastic Investiture Ceremony, setting a dignified tone for the occasion, the newly chosen student leaders marched in a majestic procession alongside the Chief Guests. A serene prayer service and a beautiful prayer dance invoking God's blessings followed, creating an atmosphere of reverence and grace. The Chief Guest, Rev. Msgr. Dr. I. John Robert, V.F., Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Chetpet, offered special blessings for the school's centennial celebrations. As the leaders took the oath of office and received their formal responsibilities, the core virtues of discipline, integrity, and service were strongly emphasized.



Rev. Sr. Samala Elisa Rayappan, FMA, delivered a motivational speech that deeply inspired the young leaders to pursue excellence in all their endeavors. Expressing gratitude for the effort behind the event, Headmistress Dr. Sr. Jeyaseeli Dharmalingam extended her sincere thanks to everyone involved. The program drew to a meaningful close with Mrs. Geetha's Vote of Thanks, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who attended.

St. Joseph's Convent Inaugurates Second Preparatory Year for Centenary

With hearts filled with wonder and gratitude, St. Joseph's Convent, Arni, joyfully continues its journey towards a century of God's grace and protection (1928–2028). On 8 July 2026, the three schools gathered to launch the Second Preparatory Year of the Centenary Jubilee under the theme: "With Mary journeying towards the Centenary, under the Protection of St. Joseph."



The celebration began with the lighting of the traditional Kuthu Vilakku, symbolizing God's guiding light throughout the century. Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi, Superior, presented the three-year themes and action plans, inviting Sisters, teachers, students, staff, and workers to embrace the journey with gratitude. Chief Guests Msgr. Rev. Fr. I. John Robert and Sr. Samala

Elsa Rayappan FMA shared inspiring messages, followed by the symbolic planting of Centenary saplings by the dignitaries, school heads, teachers, and students. As the saplings take root, St. Joseph's Convent moves towards its Centenary with faith, hope, joy, and thanksgiving for a century of God's abundant grace.

Leading with Purpose: RCM Girls Elementary School, Investiture

RCM Girls Elementary School celebrated its Investiture Ceremony on 1 July 2026, welcoming its newly elected student leaders and cheerful Bulbuls in a grand procession led by Chief Guest retired BEO Mr. Purushothaman and Correspondent Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi. The Student Council, Peace Group, and Eco Group leaders took their oaths and received their sashes.

Mr. Purushothaman inspired the young leaders to become caring and responsible citizens, while Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi blessed them for their new responsibilities. The school gratefully acknowledged Mr.



Purushothaman's ₹10,000 donation to support students in need. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem, as the young leaders stepped forward with joy, responsibility, and a commitment to lead by example.

DHARMAPURI

Teachers and Student Leaders' Collaborative Orientation for the New Academic Year

The academic year 2026–2027 began with full vigour and renewed enthusiasm as the institution welcomed its faculty members for a Staff Orientation Programme on 6 June 2026. The programme served as a meaningful platform for reflection, inspiration, and preparation for the journey ahead, enabling educators to begin the new academic year with clarity of purpose and dedication. Rev. Fr. Suresh Alexander SDB, INT, through his insightful address, emphasized the significance of the Preventive System as a timeless and effective educational practice. He

explained that prevention is always better than correction and that creating a nurturing, disciplined, and supportive environment helps students develop into responsible and confident individuals.

Rev. Fr. Suresh Alexander SDB reminded the staff that education extends beyond academic instruction. Teachers are called to be mentors, guides, and companions in the lives of their



students. He stressed that every educator carries the noble responsibility of recognizing and valuing each student as a unique individual endowed with talents, dreams, and immense potential. Highlighting the institution's commitment to holistic education, he encouraged the staff to foster relationships built on trust, respect, understanding, and empathy. By being attentive to the needs of students and creating opportunities for their growth, educators can positively influence their intellectual, emotional, social, and moral development.

The orientation programme also inspired the teaching fraternity to embrace innovation, collaboration, and lifelong learning while remaining steadfast in the values and mission of the institution. The session provided fresh motivation to work together to begin the academic year, creating an atmosphere where students feel welcomed, supported, and empowered to achieve their best.

Students' Leadership Orientation Programme

Fr. Suresh Alexander, SDB, INT, resource person of the Students' Leadership Orientation Programme, conducted the sessions on June 12 with great enthusiasm and insight. Through inspiring talks, interactive activities, and practical examples, he encouraged the young minds to develop a positive perspective towards life and mould themselves into responsible, disciplined, and confident individuals. His various interactive sessions, such *self-worth* encouraged students to understand that every individual is unique and valuable. Activities and discussions helped them

appreciate their strengths and develop a positive self-image. The session on *Discipline* was highlighted as the foundation for personal growth, academic success, and effective leadership.

Students learned how discipline in daily routines, time management, and responsible behaviour to achieve long-term goals. The session on *Self-confidence* through positive affirmations such as



"I Can Do It," "I Am Capable," and "I Believe in Myself." and real-life examples encouraged students to overcome fear, face challenges with courage, and trust in their abilities. A dedicated session on goal setting guided students to identify their dreams and aspirations. They learned how to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) goals and action plans to achieve success with determination and consistent effort.

Students enthusiastically participated in all activities and demonstrated a positive attitude towards personal development.

Sr Sebastin Amalorpava Mary

ERODE - MARIALAYA

Community Inauguration

The Community of Marialaya, Erode started new journey with inauguration of the community on 16.06.2026. The inauguration emphasized the values of unity, faith, service, and mutual support. The annual plan was prepared by the Animator, Rev. Sr. Vedhanayagam Catherine Viji, and was distributed to the community sisters. The community, with one mind and heart vowed together to work for the poor and abandoned children entrusted to our care and to become tangible witnesses to the abounding Love of God.

Sr Vincent Priyadharshini



Feast of Gratitude to Mother General: Deepam, Jawadhi Hills

Jawadhi Hills, 21 April 2026: The feast of Gratitude to our Mother General was joyfully anticipated and celebrated at Deepam, Jawadhi Hills. The Community Sisters had a month-long journey of reflection on the life and virtues of St Maria Troncatti. The themes for the weekly Lectio Divina were: St. Maria Troncatti as Mother, Missionary, and as Artisan of peace. The Educating Community members were prepared spiritually for this special occasion.

The sisters also animated the Auxilium Matriculation Students and Deepam Hostel Girls by sharing episodes from the life of St Maria Troncatti during the good morning and goodnight talks. These moments helped the children and the young people appreciate her missionary zeal, simplicity, courage and dedication to God's people.

The Educating Community members were invited to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration, which was presided over by Fr Philip Stephen, OSFS. The theme chosen for the celebration was "Be Missionaries everywhere." During the introduction to the Holy Mass, symbolically seeds, clay, herbs, candles, and a basket were offered the life and mission of St Maria Troncatti.

In his homily, Fr Philip Stephen appreciated the Salesian tradition of celebrating the feast of Gratitude to the Mother General. He highlighted the significance of this celebration as an



expression of love, gratitude, and communion with the Mother General, who guides and animates the Institute. He also recalled the life of St Maria Domenica Mazzarello, emphasizing her simplicity, joyful spirituality, deep faith and missionary enthusiasm, which continue to inspire the

Salesian Family today. The celebration concluded with a festive and sumptuous lunch shared among the Sisters and the members of the Educating Community.

First Summer Camp for the Deepam Oratorians

The first-ever Summer Camp for the Deepam Oratorians, Jawadhi Hills was successfully conducted from 01 to 05 May 2026 organized by Sr Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela with the aim of “Growing Joyfully Together in Love, Learning and Values.”

A month before the camp, Superior Sr Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela met the parents of three nearby villages and motivated them to encourage their children to participate actively and to create



awareness about the importance of formative programs for the holistic development of children. There were 40 children from Gunikanthur, Kuriyanur, and Jamunamarathur. Although attendance varied from day to day, the camp witnessed enthusiastic participation of twenty children attended

regularly and participated in all four days of the program. Each day began with a short prayer, invoking God's blessings and guidance for all the activities. This was followed by half an hour of basic yoga exercises, during which the children learned simple postures and breathing techniques that promote physical fitness, discipline, and concentration.

With the aim of shaping their character and nurturing good citizenship, the following classes were also organized. They were taught spoken English, helping them improve their communication skills and confidence. Sessions on moral values encouraged the children to and cultivate good values for life, and nurtured also desire to care for the Nature. Every day snacks and meals were also provided for the students. The camp also included a variety of games and recreational activities, creating a joyful atmosphere and fostering teamwork, friendship, and leadership among the participants. Through these activities, the organizers were able to better understand the pulse of the children and the local community.

To appreciate the dedication of the children who attended regularly and participated wholeheartedly, special prizes such as school bags, tiffin boxes, and water bottles were distributed at the end of the camp. The Summer Camp proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience

for the children. As the first initiative of its kind for the Deepam Oratorians, it laid a strong foundation for future programs and reflected the committed efforts of the community.

Group Inauguration Ceremony

On 23 June 2026, the Group Inauguration Ceremony commenced with a prayer led by Sr Maria Prakash Kanimozhi. The hostel girls were divided into four groups: Don Bosco, Maria Mazzarello, Dominic Savio, and Laura. Each group prepared its motto and promises and enthusiastically came forward to take the oath and proclaim its motto, reflecting a spirit of unity, commitment, and teamwork.

Addressing the gathering, Superior, Sr Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela delivered an inspiring message, urging the girls to remain faithful to their promises and to cultivate the habit of doing good at all times.

Drawing examples from the lives of Don Bosco, Maria Mazzarello, Dominic Savio, and Laura Vicuña, she encouraged the students to imbibe their virtues and live according to the values



represented by their respective groups. At the end of the programme, a group photo was taken with each group. As a token of encouragement, Sr Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela distributed pencil pouches and sweet wafers to all the hostel girls. The ceremony concluded on a cheerful note, marking a meaningful beginning to the group's activities for the year.

Jawadhi Hills Evening Study Centres Celebration of Kamarajar Birthday - Skill Day

On 21 July 2026, the Evening Study Centres of Jawadhi Hills joyfully celebrated the Birthday of Perunthalaivar K. Kamaraj as Skill Day, in the true Salesian spirit of nurturing the gifts and talents of every young person. Inspired by the educational vision of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, the celebration sought to help the children recognize that every talent is a gift from God to be developed for the good of society.

The programme commenced with a prayerful tribute to Perunthalaivar K. Kamaraj, honouring his selfless service to the nation and his invaluable contribution to the advancement of education.

The students offered flowers with deep respect and gratitude, remembering his vision that every child, especially the poor and marginalized, should have access to education. Sr. Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela then enlightened the students by presenting the inspiring life of Perunthalaivar K. Kamaraj, fondly known as the "Kingmaker" and the "Education Father of Tamil Nadu." She highlighted his exemplary leadership as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu from 1954 to 1963, emphasizing his simplicity, honesty, humility, and unwavering commitment to the education of poor children.

She explained how the opening of thousands of schools and the introduction of the Midday Meal Scheme transformed the lives of countless children, giving them the opportunity to study with dignity. His life of simplicity and service became a powerful inspiration for the young minds.

Adding to the celebration, Miss Anbarasi, a student of Class IX, eloquently shared the inspiring story of Kamarajar, encouraging her fellow students to cultivate values of hard work, perseverance, integrity, and selfless service. As part of Skill Day, the students enthusiastically participated in various talent-based activities such as drawing, poetry recitation, essay writing,



storytelling, and other creative performances. These activities provided every child with an opportunity to discover and express their unique talents. In the Salesian spirit, the programme affirmed Don Bosco's conviction that every young person possesses seeds of goodness and immense potential, and Mother Mazzarello's belief in educating through love, joyful presence, and personal accompaniment. After the celebration, the students resumed their regular evening studies with renewed enthusiasm.

They returned home with joyful hearts, enriched by the inspiring life of Kamarajar and encouraged to pursue education with dedication while developing their talents responsibly.

Inauguration of the Evening Coaching Classes

The Evening Coaching Classes for the children of Kuriyanur and Jamunamarathur began with a short prayer, seeking God's blessings on the Social Development Sector. Special prayers were offered in thanksgiving for the permission and encouragement given by Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, Provincial, and Sr. Alphonse Mary J. Isabella, Social Development Coordinator. The benefactors, students, and teachers were also remembered in prayer.

Rev. Fr. Anthony Cruz Robert addressed the children with an inspiring message, encouraging them to make the best use of this opportunity by studying diligently and enriching their knowledge. He then blessed the children and the classrooms.

The students were organized into groups for effective learning: Group I comprised girls from Standards X to XII, Group II included girls from Standards III to VIII, while the boys were



coached separately. The girls from Deepam Hostel also joined the Evening Coaching Classes. The students then settled into their respective classrooms, and the teachers commenced the coaching sessions.

The programme concluded on a joyful note as Fr. Anthony Cruz Robert distributed pencil kits to all the students, followed by lollipops, bringing smiles to their faces and marking a meaningful beginning to the new academic initiative.

After a fruitful evening of learning, the children returned home happily, carrying with them new knowledge, joyful memories, and renewed enthusiasm for the days ahead.

Sr. Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela

Investiture Ceremony



Our Lady's Matriculation Higher Secondary School conducted its Investiture Ceremony on 20 June 2026 with great pride and enthusiasm. The programme began with a prayer, followed by a warm welcome address. The occasion was graced by Rev. Sr. Amala Doss, Correspondent, as the Chief Guest. In her inspiring message, she emphasized the importance of leadership, responsibility, discipline, and selfless service. Her words encouraged the young leaders

to lead by example and contribute positively to the school community.

A significant moment of the ceremony was the oath-taking by the School Pupil Leader, Assistant School Pupil Leader, House Captains, and other student office bearers. As they received their badges, they accepted the responsibility of serving the school with sincerity, commitment, and integrity. The badges symbolized not only authority but also the trust that the school has placed in them. The ceremony also witnessed the inauguration of various school clubs, opening new avenues for students to explore their talents, develop leadership skills, and actively participate in the life of the school.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving everyone inspired and hopeful. The Investiture Ceremony marked the beginning of a new chapter of leadership, teamwork, and service, reminding every student leader that true leadership lies in serving others with dedication and excellence. Principal, Sr. Arockiaswami Celine Mary, congratulated and appreciated the office bearers and the teachers for their tireless efforts and dedication in making the event a successful one.

Sr. Arockiaswami Celine Mary

Bible Day Celebration

Auxilium Higher Secondary School celebrated Bible Day with great zeal on 24 July 2026. The theme for this year's celebration was "Beatitudes", based on the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–12).

The program commenced with a solemn Bible Procession led by Sr Mariadoss Amala Mary, the correspondent carrying the Holy Bible, Sr Joseph Jackulen Anthony, the headmistress with garland and the teachers with roses proceeded towards the decorated altar before the stage.

After placing the Holy Bible on the altar the teachers took arathi.

Mrs Selvi Joseph welcomed the gathering followed by theme presentation: The Beatitudes by Vith standard students and class presented the parables creatively highlighted the values of humility, mercy, peace, kindness, and righteousness taught in the Beatitudes.

The performances encouraged everyone to live with love, compassion, and faith.

The Chief Guest Sr Mariadoss Amala Mary shared an insightful message on how students can practice the Beatitudes in their daily lives. The headmistress also appreciated the efforts of the teachers and students in making the celebration meaningful and inspiring. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and the Marian anthem.

The Bible Day celebration was a memorable event that strengthened our spiritual values and reminded us to follow the teachings of Jesus by being humble, merciful, and peacemakers. The day featured a blend of spiritual reflection, creative performances, and student-led presentations.



Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony and inauguration of groups and clubs of Auxilium higher secondary School was held on 18th June 2026 with great enthusiasm and dignity. The Correspondent Sr Mariadoss Amala Mary and the Headmistress Sr Joseph Jackulen Anthony pinned the badges and presented the scarf to the leaders. The event marked the formal appointment of the newly elected student council members, who pledged to uphold the values and traditions of the school with dedication and sincerity.



The Chief Guest Superior, Sr Mariadoss Amala Mary graced the occasion and delivered an inspiring address to the students. The speech highlighted that true leadership is about serving others with integrity, working together as a team, and having the confidence to make the right decisions. The address motivated the students to lead by example and fulfil their responsibilities with dedication and commitment. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the students inspired and motivated to carry out their responsibilities with confidence and dedication.

World Drug Day

World Drug Day, observed on 25 June 2026, was marked at Auxilium Higher Secondary School with an awareness programme to educate students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy, drug-free life. The theme for World Drug Day 2026 was “The evidence is clear: invest in prevention.” The programme began with a special assembly, where the resource persons Mr Sagayanathan Ramachandran and Elagoven Govinthasamy from Udavum Karangal, social service organisation emphasized the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of staying away from harmful substances and promoting a healthy lifestyle. An awareness talk helped the students to understand the physical, mental, and social



consequences of drug addiction. Posters, slogans, and a pledge against drug abuse highlighted. The students actively participated in the activities and pledged to spread awareness among their families and friends. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Sr Joseph Jackulen Anthony the headmistress. The event created awareness among students and reinforced the message that prevention, education, and collective responsibility are the keys to building a drug-free society.

Sr Joseph Jackulen Anthony

Fatima Matriculation School

A Dawn of New Beginnings: Induction Ceremony

A note of promise and renewal reverberated through the portals of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, on the morning of June 2, 2026. On behalf of the Educational Institutions of Fatima, the Correspondent Sr. Antony Raj Christina hosted the solemn Induction Ceremony for the newly appointed staff members of Fatima Matric Hr. Sec. School and Auxilium Academy, ushering in the 2026–2027 Academic year with hope and spiritual grace. The event commenced with the invocation of the Holy Spirit through a heartfelt song, followed by a prayer surrendering all the Teaching Sisters and lay staff to divine guidance. The Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Christina, warmly welcomed everyone present, while the event was highly elevated by the presence of the Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, the Provincial. Sr. Jeyamani, new Principal of Fatima school was

introduced to the faculty. Moving forward into their new roles, the newly appointed staff members were invited to take a solemn oath of commitment to educate the children in the



Salesian style of preventive system and to care for the children's holistic formation and be committed to the ethics of their teaching service. Provincial Sr. Margaret, handed over the lit lamps to the new Principal and teachers who in turn placed the lit lamps at the feet of Our Blessed Mother, the Help of all. These lamps, signifying divinity and knowledge, represented the faculty's shared resolve to walk safely and wisely through the upcoming year under her protective mantle. With expectations looming large, Mother Provincial Sr. Devadoss Margaret blessed and empowered the staff with her motivating speech. A few of the key elements of her speech includes

- Catalysts for Change: The Teachers as Mentors are vested with the power to help the youth navigate life's challenges.
- Resilience and Empathy: Both the teachers and students must remain resilient while striving to empathize with one another.
- Chiselling Potential: Tutors are called to identify individual student's talents and chisel them to perfection.

The inspiring day drew to a close with a final prayer and a group photograph.

Shaping Tomorrow: Teachers Unite for a Transformative Orientation Program

Embracing evolution and renewed strength, the educators of Fatima Mat. Hr. Sec. School, & Auxilium Academy (ICSE), and Our Lady's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chetpet together on May 29, 2026, for a dynamic, day-long Orientation Program. Designed to gear up faculty members for the upcoming 2026–2027 Academic year, the event paved a lucid pathway toward educational excellence. The session commenced with a warm, encouraging welcome by the Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Christina.

The Resource person of the day Mrs. Meera Ranganathan, an eminent educationist and a staff trainer of Tata Educational Institutions. She meticulously guided the teachers through advanced, practical teaching strategies.



The core message of the orientation was centered on fostering harmonious and highly responsive classrooms. The mantra for dedicated mentorship is to be deeply consistent in both personal beliefs and professional efforts. Mrs. Meera Ranganathan beautifully reminded the teachers that they are fundamentally “the builders of culture and relationships” a sweet yet profound responsibility.

To channelize this educational energy effectively, the program highlighted six foundational principles:

1. Developing strong social-emotional skills.
2. Refining the manner in which we teach.
3. Encouraging healthy social interaction.
4. Enhancing collaborative teamwork among faculty.
5. Building active partnerships with families.
6. Redefining Classroom Dynamics

Moving beyond abstract theory, the seminar was driven to actionable, day-to-day classroom management techniques. The Resource Person also stressed the critical difference between Active learning and Activity- based learning, leaving the teachers with four life-long reminders to maintain an optimal learning environment:

1. Instill conscious discipline.
2. Display a visible learning outcome in teachers themselves.
3. Be entirely fearless in organizing.
4. Follow consistent routines to create a clear mental image of expectations for the students.

The session came to a meaningful close with a gallery walk on the essentials learnt during the day. The take-away was child-centric approaches coated with love and dedication. The photograph clicked together speaks volumes of the teacher's enthusiasm to face the academic year with competence.

Leaders on the March: Investiture Ceremony

In pursuit of orderliness, discipline, and responsible discipleship, Fatima Matric Higher Secondary School, Kodambakkam, celebrated its solemn Investiture Ceremony on June 12, 2026. Along with the Chief Guest, Dr. Ezhilan Naganathan, MBBS., MD., a former Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, the Correspondent, Principal, Sr. Jeyamani, the newly elected student Leaders were welcomed by the Guides of Fatima with guard of honour and the leaders majestically marched towards the stage to swear the oath to be the leaders of their respective groups.

Dr. Ezhilan Naganathan, MBBS., MD., a former Member of the Legislative Assembly. While conferring the titles and sashes upon the student leaders, fondly shared his personal connection to the Salesian family, proudly identifying himself as an alumnus of Egmore Don Bosco, Chennai. In his inspiring keynote address, he urged the newly appointed leaders to look beyond themselves.



His speech revolved around a powerful call to serve their peer students with compassion and dedication, emphasizing the vital importance of giving back to the society that shapes individuals into achievers. Accompanied by the school Correspondent, Rev. Sr. Antony Raj Christina, and the Principal, Sr. Jeyamani, the Chief Guest formally initiated the student officials into their roles of service. The presence of the Auxilium Academy Principal and the community sisters bestowed blessings upon the leaders and added glow to the meaningful celebration.

Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders: Inauguration of Clubs and Movements

The Curricular and extra-curricular activities play a pivotal role in moulding the young minds of today into the perfected leaders of tomorrow. Providing a platform for this holistic development,



Clubs and Associations help channelize the vibrant energy of students toward constructive growth. Marking the commencement of a brand-new chapter of student engagement, the grand Inauguration of the Clubs and Movements at Fatima Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Kodambakkam,



took place on 19th June 2026. The event was graced by Rev. Sr. Solomon Kalai Gnani, the Principal of Auxilium Academy ICSE, who served as the esteemed Chief Guest and it commenced with the solemn lighting of the traditional lamp and a heartwarming prayer, invoking blessings for the academic year ahead. Following this, the Chief Guest was warmly welcomed and honoured with a traditional shawl and bouquet, officially setting the day's proceedings in motion.

The members of various clubs took the stage and through their creative and dynamic presentations, each group unfolded its unique motto, core aims, and planned activities for the academic year 2026 -2027. It was indeed a spectacle to behold, reflecting the dedication and meticulous planning of both students and the staff in charge. The audience was treated to an insightful showcase of a diverse array of clubs, each highlighting its unique characteristics:

- Marian Club
- Guides, Bulbuls, & Bunnies
- Senior NGC (National Green Corps)
- Junior NGC (National Green Corps)
- YSM (Young Students Movement)
- Human Rights Club
- Peace Club
- Junior Red Cross
- RSP (Road Safety Patrol)
- Media Club
- NSS (National Service Scheme)

The assuring presence and enthusiastic participation of every single member served as a powerful, convincing call to the rest of the students and their peer group friends to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to their respective clubs. The inspiring program drew to a fitting end with the entire gathering standing in unison for a solemn, proud singing of the National Anthem, leaving everyone motivated to make a difference in the community.

68th Annual Sports Meet

The 68th Annual Sports Meet of Fatima Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kodambakkam, was celebrated on 4 July 2026 with vibrant energy and enthusiasm. Students, parents, staff, alumni and well-wishers came together to celebrate sportsmanship, teamwork and excellence.

The event began with prayer and a ceremonial Guard of Honour for Rev. Sr. (Dr.) Devadoss Margaret, FMA, Provincial of Chennai. Mrs. Manju Varalakshmi, Inspector of Police, T. Nagar, hoisted the School Flag.

The colourful March Past, Sports Oath and Olympic Torch ceremony set the tone for a day of spirited competition. Rev. Mother Provincial officially declared the Meet open with the symbolic release of five doves representing peace, hope and aspirations.

The campus came alive with spectacular mass drills, colourful formations, athletic events and thrilling relay races. Karate demonstrations highlighted the importance of self-defence, while special games for teachers, parents, Past Pupils and staff added to the festive spirit. Mrs. S. Louis Sharmila, Advocate, Madras High Court and alumna, inspired the students to dream big and pursue excellence.

Green (Preethi) House emerged as the Overall Champion with 346 points, also winning the March Past Championship. Shakthi House was the Overall Runner-up with 323 points, followed by Shanthi House (317) and Jyothi House (212). The Meet concluded with the lowering of the flag, Vote of Thanks and National Anthem, leaving everyone inspired by the spirit of discipline, perseverance, teamwork and healthy competition.



Sr. Francis Jeyamani

St. Thomas the Apostle: Patron of India - Province Feast at Kodambakkam

The Feast of St. Thomas, patron of the INM Province of the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco (FMA), was celebrated with prayer, gratitude and joyful fellowship at Mazzarello Convent,

Kodambakkam. The feast holds special significance as it marks the Province Feast, and an important celebration for the Diocese and Salesian priests.

The day began with Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist. During the Mass, Mother Provincial offered a beautifully decorated map of the INM Province, symbolizing the Salesian Sisters and

the entire Province family—students,

teachers, parents, Past Pupils, Salesian

Cooperators, VIDES volunteers and

benefactors. A special Prayer of Consecration

entrusted the Province to Jesus through the

intercession of St. Thomas. Later, Mother

Provincial and the sisters visited Perambur to greet Salesian priests celebrating their Diamond, Golden and Silver Jubilees of religious life.

The evening brought everyone together in joyful fellowship. A festive meal, lively games and spontaneous dancing created an atmosphere of Salesian joy, unity and simplicity. The sight of Mother Provincial joining the sisters and staff on the dance floor beautifully captured the spirit of the celebration. It was truly a blessed day of faith, gratitude and togetherness, celebrating the gift of our Province and the people who make its mission come alive.



Sr Putti Mary

Vigil Eve of The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the grace-filled evening of June 11, 2026, the FMA community of Kodambakkam gathered together along with Mother Provincial, Sr. Devadoss Margaret on the feast eve of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for a deeply moving vigil service. A soul-stirring drama based on the theme, "The only everlasting love comes from the Sacred Heart of Jesus," became the emotional center piece of the evening, from which we began the evening.

In an atmosphere of deep reverence and reparation, the community then brought the "fractured pieces of humanity" and placed them into the specific wounds of Christ. Contemplating the anatomy of the Sacred Heart—the crown of thorns, the pierced side, and the burning flames—the sisters offered up the anxieties of modern youth, the wounds of a broken world, and the silent fatigues of daily community life.

It was a profound moment of total surrender, an acknowledgment that His pierced heart is the only mirror of our world and the only power that can heal, restore, and make us whole. Grounded in the Word of God from the Letter to the Ephesians, the community prayed to be deeply "rooted and established in love," begging for the grace of Salesian cheerfulness even when the thorns of daily duty press hard.

The vigil reached its glorious crescendo as the community stood in unison to sing the Magnificat, joining their voices with Mary, Mary Help of Christians, whose Immaculate Heart always beat in perfect synchronicity with her Son's. Fervent intercessions were raised for our Holy Father, our Congregation, and global FMA communities, particularly those enduring conflict and suffering.

The evening concluded with a solemn prayer of surrender, leaving a lingering, beautiful echo in the hearts of all present: a renewed commitment to remain a joyful, united religious family, safely hidden within the Sacred Heart and eager to be a living extension of His healing mercy to the world.

Sr Standly Andrew Mary Margaret

NANDAMBAKKAM

Certificate Distribution Ceremony for Tailoring and Computer Students

A Certificate Distribution Ceremony was organized on 22 June 2026 at Nandambakkam Marialaya to recognize and appreciate the tailoring and computer students who successfully completed their training programs. The event commenced with a warm welcome to the chief guests, Sr. Mahimainadhan Sathiyavani and Sr. Kanikairaj Sharmila. An introductory speech highlighted the importance of recognizing the students' achievements and encouraged them to continue learning and developing their skills. The program featured a variety of cultural performances, including dances, songs, and poems. The chief guests addressed the gathering and motivated the participants to strive for excellence in both their personal and professional lives.

Certificates were distributed to all the eligible tailoring and computer



students who had successfully completed their respective courses. The recipients received their certificates with great enthusiasm and pride. The ceremony served as an opportunity to appreciate their hard work, dedication, and commitment. The faculty members and organizers congratulated the students and expressed their sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the successful organization of the event. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by a group photograph and refreshments.

World Environment Day Celebration

The World Environment Day was celebrated on 5 June with great enthusiasm, reaffirming its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable living. The celebration aimed to create awareness about the urgent need to protect our environment and inspire students to become responsible custodians of nature. The programme was graced by the esteemed presence of our Chief Guests, Sr. Mahimainadhan Sathiyavani and Sr. Kanikairaj Sharmila, whose participation added significance to the occasion. The event commenced with a warm welcome address, followed by vibrant cultural performances, including a dance and a song, setting an inspiring tone for the day's celebrations.

An awareness session highlighted some of the most pressing environmental concerns of our time, including climate change, pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and water scarcity. The chief



guest speech emphasized that safeguarding the environment is not merely a responsibility but a shared commitment that requires the active participation of every individual. Students were encouraged to

adopt sustainable lifestyles and become advocates for environmental conservation within their families and communities.

The celebration featured a variety of meaningful and action-oriented activities. A tree plantation drive symbolized the institution's commitment to creating a greener future, while a campus cleanliness campaign promoted the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

Students also participated in an environmental awareness seminar, recycling and waste management awareness programmes, poster drawing and slogan writing competitions, and student speeches and cultural performances that creatively conveyed powerful messages on environmental protection.

The enthusiastic participation of the students reflected their growing awareness and concern for environmental issues. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to protect and preserve nature by adopting eco-friendly practices in everyday life and inspiring others to do the same.

The celebration served as a meaningful reminder that every small action contributes to a healthier planet. By nurturing environmental consciousness among young people, the institution continues to foster responsible citizens dedicated to building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for generations to come.

Sr Tharcius Sanci

AUXILIUM HOME -VYASARPADI

Community Inauguration

On 7th June the newly formed community of Auxilium Home, Vyasarpadi gathered for a short and meaningful prayer service to welcome one another. During the service,



Superior Sr. Puliyani Lucy offered a lamp and all the members of the community pledged to collaborate with her. Committing to co-responsibility and mutual communication through a calm, honest exchange regarding our respective sectors and personal journeys we resolved to make this community an

element of peace, a bond of unity, and a source of joy. The memorable evening concluded with each member receiving a shawl and chocolates, followed by a sumptuous dinner together.

Don Bosco Primary School celebrated Kalvi Valarchi Naal and its Investiture Ceremony on 15 July, commemorating the birth anniversary of K. Kamaraj, the “Kalvi Thanthai.” The newly elected student leaders took their oath of office and received their badges and scarves from Fr. John Alexander, Administrator, Don Bosco Centre, along with Sr. Puliyani Lucy, Superior, and Sr. Innasi Malarvizhi, Headmistress.



Addressing the young leaders, Fr. John Alexander congratulated them and encouraged them to carry out their responsibilities with dedication, loyalty and commitment. To honour Kamaraj's contribution to education, the school also conducted speech competitions and distributed prizes to the winners. The celebration concluded as a joyful blend of leadership, learning and inspiration, encouraging the young leaders to serve with responsibility and purpose.

Group Inauguration

With meticulous preparation, the children of Nirmala Boarding, Vyasarpadi, celebrated their Grand Group Inauguration on 30 June, launching three groups: Laura, Jesus and Our Lady. The



celebration began with a prayerful welcome, as the children received *kumkum* and sandal paste on their foreheads before entering the chapel. Each group proudly presented its unique initiative, motto and symbolic representation, followed by a solemn oath of commitment. Under the guidance of Sr. Innasi Malarvizhi, Youth

Pastoral Coordinator, the children portrayed theme and responsibilities of their respective groups. The celebration concluded with an inspiring message from Sr. Puliyani Lucy, Superior, who encouraged the children to embrace unity, responsibility and collaboration, reminding them that true strength lies in growing and working together.

On 16 April, 96 boys and girls from Our Lady of Consolation Church received the Sacrament of Confirmation after careful preparation under the guidance of Sr. Kanikairaj Shermila, Parish Catechism In-charge, and the catechism teachers. Most Rev. Dr. George Antony, DD., Archbishop of Mylapore–Chennai, administered the sacrament and engaged the candidates with thoughtful questions during his homily, to which they responded with confidence and clarity. The newly confirmed children expressed their gratitude to the Archbishop, priests, sisters, catechists, parents and parish community for accompanying them in their faith journey. Congratulations to Sr. Kanikairaj Shermila and the catechism team for their dedicated service in preparing the children to receive this precious gift of the Holy Spirit.



Sr. Lucy Puliyani

PALLIKONDA

Kalvi Valarchi Naal and Investiture Ceremony

Little Flower Aided Elementary School, Pallikonda, celebrated Kalvi Valarchi Naal and its Investiture Ceremony on 15 July 2026, commemorating the birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar K. Kamarajar. The celebration beautifully combined patriotism, education and leadership. The programme was presided over by Mrs. Senthamizhal Rajendren, with Rev. Sr. Gloria Navaneetham Samuel, Superior and Correspondent of Little Flower Schools, as Special Guest. The prayer service was led by Rev. Sr. Gloria Rani Pathinathan, followed by a warm welcome from Rev. Sr. Isabel Sirumalar Maria Louis, Headmistress. The highlight was the impressive march-past by the young leaders, accompanied by rhythmic drum beats by Master S. Tamilselvan Sekar. The newly elected leaders took their oath and received their badges and scarves, pledging to lead with discipline, integrity and service. A vibrant cultural performance portraying the life and ideals of Kamarajar, along with his inspiring maxims and student speeches, brought alive his vision for education and nation-building. Addressing the



gathering, the Chief Guest encouraged the young leaders to follow Kamarajar's example of simplicity, humility, perseverance and selfless service. As a distinguished past pupil, her presence added special meaning to the celebration. The programme, efficiently coordinated by Mrs. Anjalai Arputham, concluded with the Vote of Thanks and National Anthem. The celebration left the young leaders inspired to lead not by position, but by responsibility, compassion and service.

Sr. Isabel Sirumalar Maria Louis

POLUR

Triple Blessings Ceremony

A joyous and grace-filled occasion marked the history of our community on 25 May 2026 with the celebration of the Triple Blessings Ceremony. The event was presided over by Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, FMA, Provincial of Chennai Province, in the presence of Rev. Sr. Anna K., Provincial Administrator, and the Provincial Councillors. The ceremonies were solemnly blessed by Rev. Fr. Sagaya Francis Pinto, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Polur.

The day witnessed the blessing of three significant milestones:

1. Blessing of the New Convent Building

The celebration commenced with the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed convent building. Rev. Fr. Sagaya Francis Pinto invoked God's abundant blessings upon the house and its residents through special prayers and the sprinkling of holy water. The new convent stands as a symbol of faith, commitment, and the mission of the Salesian Sisters to serve God and His people. The gathering expressed gratitude to all the benefactors, well-wishers, and workers whose generous support made the construction possible.



2. Blessing of the Our Lady Statue and Niche

A beautifully installed statue of Our Lady and its newly built niche were blessed by Rev. Fr. Sagaya Francis Pinto. He entrusted the community, students, families, and parishioners to the loving care and protection of Mother Mary.

3. Blessing of the New Bus Shed

The final ceremony was the blessing of the newly constructed bus stand. Recognizing its importance and its necessity for the convenience and safety of students, Rev. Fr. Sagaya Francis Pinto offered prayers seeking God's protection for all who would use the facility. The bus stand will serve as a valuable infrastructure addition, enhancing accessibility and comfort for the community.



Auxilium Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Polur

KG Graduation Day Celebration

The Kindergarten Graduation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy on 7 April 2026. The occasion marked an important milestone in the lives of our young learners as they completed their kindergarten journey and prepared to step into primary education. Mr. Sudhakar Elangovan, BRT, Cheyyar Educational District, consented to be the Chief Guest for the function. His presence added significance to the celebration and inspired both students and parents. The programme commenced with a solemn prayer followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance through knowledge. The Welcome Address warmly set the tone for the day's festivities. The children captivated the audience with their delightful dance performances. A special Congratulations Dance was presented to celebrate the achievements of the graduating students. The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of graduation honours in which the young graduates proudly received their graduation certificates amidst loud applause from parents and teachers. A memorable feature of the event was the three-act play on "Tinker

Bell", which showcased the creativity, confidence, and talents of the children. The colourful costumes, lively



performances, and engaging storyline made it the highlight of the day and won the appreciation of everyone present. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and congratulated the students on their achievement. He appreciated the efforts of the school in nurturing young minds and encouraged the children to continue learning with curiosity and confidence. The programme also included a heartfelt Thanksgiving speech and song delivered by the UKG students, expressing gratitude to their teachers, parents, and school for their guidance and support. The celebration concluded with the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all those who made the event a grand success. The KG Graduation Day was a memorable and joyous occasion, filled with pride, excitement, and cherished moments for students, parents, and teachers alike.

Sr Cherayath Anna Rani

Sacred Heart Elementary School: Investiture Ceremony & Kalvi Valarchi Naal Celebration

The Investiture Ceremony of Sacred Heart Elementary School, Polur was held on 15 July 2026 at with great enthusiasm and dignity. The occasion was celebrated along with Kamarajar's Birthday (Kalvi Valarchi



Naal),making it a memorable day for the entire school.

The programme began with a prayer, followed by the welcome address, the Chief Guests, Mr.Ponnusamy Siva Kumar(BEO)the block educational officer and Mr.Duraisamy Isac , an EX-Army officer, graced the occasion. Sr.Fernando Amutha the correspondent and the headmistress presided over the function and encouraged the students to become responsible, disciplined, and dedicated leaders. The newly elected student leaders were honoured with badges and sashes.

They took the oath pledging to perform their duties with sincerity, honesty, and commitment. The celebration of Kamarajar's Birthday (Kalvi Valarchi Naal) highlighted the importance of education and paid tribute to the great leader's contribution to educational development. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

Group Inauguration

The Sacred Heart Convent, Polur, inaugurated the groups of the High School Boarders on 7 July 2026 in a joyful and meaningful atmosphere. The programme began with prayer led by Sr. Cherrayath Annarani, Youth Pastoral Coordinator. The groups creatively presented their themes, showcasing their talents, confidence and teamwork. The inauguration emphasized unity, discipline, cooperation and personal growth, encouraging the boarders to actively participate throughout the year. Sr. Fernando Amutha, Superior, inspired the students to remain committed, responsible and united. The programme concluded with gratitude to all who contributed to its success.



Opening of the Three-year Preparation for the Centenary Celebration (1928-2028)

With hearts filled with gratitude, the Salesian Sisters of Sacred Heart Convent, Polur, inaugurated the three-year preparation for their Centenary Celebration (1928–2028) on 6 July 2026. The celebration began with a solemn Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Msgr. M. John Nicholas, Vicar General of the Diocese of Vellore, and concelebrated by Salesian priests, in the presence of FMA sisters, educators, Past Pupils and parishioners. The Eucharist was a thanksgiving for 98 years of God's providence and faithful mission at Polur. A creative historical

presentation recalled the journey of the convent from its humble beginnings to its mission in education, formation, healthcare and the holistic development of young people, honouring the pioneering sisters, benefactors and collaborators who shaped its legacy.

The highlight of the celebration was the unveiling of the Centenary Logo by Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, Provincial of INM, followed by the blessing of the new flag stand and the ceremonial handing over of the Centenary flag to the youth. A thanksgiving prayer and vibrant cultural dance brought the celebration to a joyful close, expressing gratitude for the past, enthusiasm for the present and hope for the future as the community journeys towards 2028 in the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

Sr Mary Sujatha

MIC - TIRUPATTUR

Community Inauguration

The Community Inauguration was joyfully celebrated on June 2, 2026, with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev.Fr.Praveen Peter, Principal of Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. The celebration began with an introduction, during which the Animator, Sr.Anandaraj Jaya Shanthi,

and ten community sisters processed to the altar carrying lighted candles. This beautiful gesture symbolized their commitment to reflect the light of Christ in the world and their willingness to serve God and His people.

In his homily, Fr. Praveen Peter emphasized community communion as the foundation of joyful living. He reminded everyone that unity is not about sameness but about standing together through life's challenges. Just as a bundle of sticks cannot be easily broken,



a community rooted in communion transforms adversity into strength. Joy shared is multiplied, and burdens shared are lightened.

Before the Our Father, each sister received a coloured ribbon extending from the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, placed at the center of the altar. The ribbons symbolized the sisters' surrender to Christ and their unity in Him despite their diverse gifts and talents. Just as ribbons of different colours emerging from one source create beauty, the community grows stronger by embracing its diversity. The meaningful symbols and the Eucharistic celebration inspired the sisters to begin this new journey with faith, unity, and renewed dedication to their mission. The celebration concluded with thanksgiving and prayers for God's blessings upon the Animator and the community sisters.

TIRUPATTUR - MAZZARELLO HOME

Inauguration of the Community

The Community Inauguration began in a spirit of gratitude and faith with the prayerful invocation, "Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good." The day was solemnly and meaningfully initiated through a well-prepared Morning Prayer service animated creatively by Sr. Sebastian Elizabeth, the Superior. The central theme guiding the entire celebration was "Unity in Diversity." As a powerful symbol of unity and shared commitment, a lamp was carried around the altar while prayers were offered for one another. The community gathered in prayer, asking God to help each member become an instrument of peace, harmony, and unity within the community and the entire educational mission. Following the Morning Prayer, the Eucharistic Celebration was solemnly presided over by Fr. Renigo SDB (INT Province). In his homily, he reflected deeply on the theme "Unity in Diversity," emphasizing the richness of different cultures and backgrounds. He encouraged the community to live in mutual respect and harmony, appreciating each other's uniqueness, especially in service to young people.



It was a grace-filled moment where everyone experienced God's presence and a sense of closeness with one another. As a gesture of love and unity, they joined hands with each other and prayed to build a united, peaceful, joyful, beautiful and harmonious home for the new academic year. The

inauguration concluded with renewed enthusiasm, spiritual strength, and a shared resolve to foster unity in diversity in all aspects of community life and mission.

Orientation Programme for Teachers

The Teachers' Orientation Programme for the Mary Immaculate Elementary School was organized at the beginning of the new academic year with the theme, "Every Day is a New Beginning" at Mazzarello Home, Tirupattur. The programme aimed to inspire teachers to begin the year with renewed enthusiasm, dedication, and a positive outlook. Seventeen teachers participated in the orientation Program. The resource person for the programme was Fr. Renigo SDB, the Head, Department of Psychology at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. He delivered an inspiring talk on the theme "The Purpose of Living Our Life as a teacher." He emphasized that teaching is not merely a profession but a noble vocation that shapes the lives of Children. During his session, Fr. Renigo highlighted the essential qualities every teacher should cultivate:

- Being loving, approachable, and compassionate.
- Believing in and trusting students.
- Accepting others with a positive attitude and learning to let go of negativity.
- Building healthy and meaningful relationships with students, colleagues, and parents.

He also insisted on taking care of oneself to care for others. He shared practical insights on goal setting and the importance of developing different types of attention required for effective teaching and learning:

- Focused Attention
- Sustained Attention
- Selective Attention
- Alternating Attention
- Divided Attention

He explained that these skills help teachers remain attentive, organized, and effective in meeting the diverse needs of students. He concluded by encouraging everyone to overcome challenges with love, courage, patience, and commitment, reminding them that a teacher's influence extends far beyond the classroom. The orientation programme was highly enriching, inspiring, and thought-provoking. It motivated the teachers to begin the academic year with renewed energy, a sense of purpose, and a commitment to nurturing students with care and excellence. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the correspondent Sr. Sebastian Elizabeth, Head Mistress Sr. Amaldoss Alphonsa and the resource person for availing such a golden opportunity and to all the participants for their active involvement.



Parents Meet for Hostel Girls

A Parents' Meet was organized for the Hostel Girls on 14.06.2026 to strengthen the relationship between parents and the hostel administration. The meeting commenced at 12 noon with a warm welcome by Roseline the Third year student. Sr Sebastian Elizabeth the Superior addressed the gathering and highlighted the Hostel's commitment to ensure safety, well-being, and academic



hostel life and academic support.

success of the hostel residents. Sr. Irene Novila the Hostel Warden presented the hostel rules and regulations. Parents interacted with the management, sharing their feedback, concerns, and suggestions regarding

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the parents for their active participation and continued support. The event strengthened the partnership between the management and parents in fostering a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for the students.

The Hostel Warden Sr. Novila Irene along with the third year Hostel students organized a Fresher's Day for the first-year hostel students providing them an opportunity to showcase their talents. The programme began with a welcome address by Vency, the third-year student who greeted the freshers and encouraged them to actively participate in hostel activities.



Senior students extended a warm welcome to the newcomers and wished them a memorable Hostel life. The highlight of the event was the cultural performances by the first-year students. They displayed their creativity and confidence through energetic dance performances, melodious singing, expressive poetry recitations, and impressive drawing presentations. Their performances reflected their enthusiasm, artistic skills, and team spirit. Sr. Sebastian Elizabeth the Superior appreciated the participants and encouraged them to make use of the opportunities to develop their skills and talents and to excel in their studies. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Superior, Warden Sister and to all the Sisters, senior students, and all the participants for making the event a grand success. Fresher's Day served as a wonderful platform for the first years to express their talents, gain confidence, and to begin their hostel life with enthusiasm and lasting memories.

Sr Antony Sheeba

ST. MARY'S CONVENT – VELLORE

Inaugural Celebration

The Inaugural Celebration of the new academic year was held on 17 June 2026 at St. Mary's Women Empowerment Vocational Training Centre, Vellore. The programme began with a prayer service, followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Sr. Amali Alexander, Animator of the Community.

In her inspiring inaugural address, she encouraged the young women to embrace love and hard work as the two essential values for achieving success in life. She motivated the students to be disciplined, dedicated, and committed to their personal and professional growth. The young women actively participated in all the programmes with great enthusiasm and joy, making the celebration meaningful and memorable. The inaugural function concluded with a vote of thanks, invoking God's blessings for a fruitful and successful academic year.



Sr. Sebastian Vimala

St. Mary's Nursery and Primary School - Vellore

LKG Children arrival and Parents' Meeting

The LKG children and their parents were warmly welcomed with sandal paste, kumkum, smiley emojis, and sweets for the parents meet. The program began with a short prayer. The management, parents, and guests were welcomed, followed by the Principal's address to the gathering. Important instructions regarding the academic year, school procedures, and student welfare were shared with the parents. The class teachers and subject teachers introduced themselves to the parents. An interactive session was conducted during which parents' questions and concerns were addressed, and all doubts were clarified. The program concluded with a vote of thanks. After the meeting, parents met the respective class teachers for further clarification and discussion regarding their children's classroom activities and routines.



UKG to V Std Parents Meeting

The Parent's Meet was conducted successfully on 16th and 17th June. The program began with a prayer service, invoking God's blessings on the gathering. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Gifta Priya Manohari Counsellor in community health and Development, Bagayam Vellore-1, was warmly welcomed along with the parents and teachers. The Principal, Sr. Anthony Samy Caroline, addressed the gathering and provided important instructions and guidance to the parents regarding the academic year and the welfare of the students.

Mrs. Gifta delivered an insightful talk on safeguarding children and emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy and loving relationship between parents and children. Her speech was informative and well appreciated by all those who were present. Mrs. Christina explained the school rules and regulations in detail, helping parents understand them clearly. She also clarified the doubts and questions raised by the parents. Many parents shared positive feedback and offered valuable suggestions for the growth and development of the children. Their participation reflected their interest and commitment to their children's education. The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Geetha, she expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, parents, teachers, and everyone involved in making the event a success.



Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony was held on 23 June 2026 with great dignity and enthusiasm. The Chief Guest, Fr. Richard Pereira, and the Guest of honour, Sr. Amali Alexander, were warmly welcomed with sandal paste and kumkum. The school band added grandeur to the occasion by playing melodious and harmonious tunes. The ceremony began with the march-past of the School Pupil Leader (SPL), Assistant School Pupil Leader (ASPL), House Captains, Class Leaders, and Volunteers, who marched with discipline, dedication, and pride. The traditional lighting of the kuthuvilakku marked the formal commencement of the programme. A prayer service and a classical dance performance invoked God's blessings and created a serene atmosphere. The gathering was welcomed with respect and warmth.

As the drumbeats echoed through the venue, the student leaders marched forward to take their oath of office. The ceremony commenced with an opening prayer led by Sr. Amali Alexander. The Principal, Sr. Caroline, addressed the student leaders and administered the pledge. Following this, Fr. Richard Pereira questioned the newly elected leaders regarding their commitment to their



responsibilities, to which they confidently responded, “Yes, we do accept”. The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour then conferred the scarves and badges upon the student leaders. The students felt honoured and delighted to receive these symbols of leadership and responsibility. In her address, Sr. Amali Alexander appreciated and encouraged all the leaders, urging them to serve with sincerity, dedication, and integrity. The

programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, followed by a group photograph session. The ceremony was a memorable occasion that celebrated leadership, responsibility, and service, inspiring the young leaders to carry out their duties with passion and commitment.

St Mary's: The Birthday of kamarajar



St. Mary's Nursery and Primary School, Vellore, commemorated the birth anniversary of K. Kamarajar on 15 July with enthusiasm and reverence. Organised by the guidance of Mrs. Christina and Mrs. Geetha, the celebration was graced by Chief Guest Mrs. Jenny Early Star. Through dances, drama, songs, and speeches, the students

portrayed Kamarajar's life, achievements, and enduring values, particularly his contributions to education and social welfare. The Chief Guest encouraged them to embrace his simplicity, humility, dedication, and determination. Principal Sr. Anthony Samy Caroline appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers. The programme concluded with a meaningful reminder: “The true aim of education is to develop both intelligence and character.”

Bulbul and Bunny Investiture Ceremony

St. Mary's Nursery and Primary School celebrated the Bulbul and Bunny Investiture Ceremony on 17 July with enthusiasm and pride. The event began with a grand march past by the Bulbul and Band girls, followed by a prayer and welcome by Mrs. Geetha and Mrs. Christina. A meaningful mime by the Bunny children highlighted cleanliness, care for plants, and love for nature. The students took their oath and proudly proclaimed their motto: "Smile Always and Do Your Best." Chief Guest Sr. Catherine Juliet, BFA Wood Badge Holder and music faculty at Kalai Kaviri, inspired the young leaders to perform every task with dedication and responsibility. Principal Sr. Anthony Samy Caroline appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers. The celebration concluded with a joyful pledge to "Do Every Little Thing in the Best Manner," inspiring values of leadership, service, discipline, and care for creation.



Bible week celebration

St. Mary's Nursery and Primary School, Vellore, celebrated Bible Week with joyful hearts and enthusiastic participation. Each day highlighted a Christian virtue: Love, Faith, Hope, and Forgiveness, helping children discover how God's Word can shape their everyday lives. From the UKG to all the classes, the students kept alive the entire week through prayers, dances, dramas, action songs, Bible quotations, and creative performances. The grand finale featured UKG children dressed as angels, a moving presentation on Abraham, and a parable-based action song. Mrs. Anusha and Mrs. Veronica were warmly welcomed as resource persons. Mrs. Veronica inspired the children to embrace faith, forgiveness, mercy, and compassion, while Mrs. Jenny Star added joy each day by teaching Bible-based action songs. The week concluded with the powerful call: "Love one another as I have loved you." It was a joyful journey that helped the children not only learn the Word of God, but live it through love, prayer, and kindness.



Sr. Anthony Samy Caroline

Hands on Training

The Library of Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, organized a Hands-on Training programme on “Enhancing Research Skills with Academic Search Elite” on 1 April 2026 for all faculty members. The session was facilitated by Dr. Periyasamy Pradeep R., Training Manager – South India, EBSCO Information Services & IEEE Xplore Digital Library. The programme provided practical exposure to advanced academic databases, effective search strategies, research discovery tools, citation support, and scholarly resources. The interactive training enhanced the faculty members' ability to access high-quality research literature, thereby strengthening the institution's commitment to research excellence and academic innovation.

Education World India Higher Education Rankings 2026–27

Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, added another milestone to its journey of excellence on 25.04.2026 by securing the 16th position among Private Autonomous Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu in the Education World India Higher Education Rankings 2026–27 (EWIHER). The rankings were based on extensive field interviews with more than 2,100 stakeholders representing India's higher education sector. This prestigious recognition reflects the institution's unwavering commitment to quality education, academic innovation, student development, and institutional growth. The management congratulated the faculty, students, and administrative staff for their collective efforts in achieving this distinction. The college was also invited to participate in the Education World India Higher Education Rankings Awards 2026–27 held at The Grand, New Delhi, Vasant Kunj.

Capacity Building Programme – English for Effective Teaching

A Twelve-day Virtual Capacity Building Programme on “English for Effective Teaching” was organized for junior faculty members from 11 to 23 May 2026. The programme featured expert resource persons specializing in English Language Teaching who conducted engaging and practice-oriented sessions designed to strengthen classroom communication and pedagogical effectiveness. The training covered essential aspects such as introducing a topic, briefing learning outcomes, positive communication for task-based teaching, activity-based teaching

strategies, effective methods of complimenting, intervening and correcting learners, as well as pronunciation and vocabulary development. The programme significantly enhanced the participants' confidence and competence in delivering learner-centred and effective classroom instruction.

Dr. Sudhagar, MLA of Katpadi Constituency Visits the College

Dr. Sudhagar, MLA of Katpadi Constituency, visited Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, on 20 May 2026. During his visit, he interacted with the management and faculty members, appreciating the institution's consistent contribution to women's education and academic excellence. The interaction provided an opportunity to discuss the college's educational initiatives, community engagement, and future developmental plans, reaffirming the institution's commitment to empowering young women through quality higher education.

On Campus Interview

On 27 May 2026, 160 students who successfully completed a three-month employability training programme conducted by the KMSSS Tech Mahindra Foundation participated in an On-Campus Recruitment Drive organized at Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore. Leading recruiters, including Vleads – Chennai, Allzone Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd. – Vellore, and Lazi Digital Services – Vellore, conducted the placement process. The recruitment drive provided students with valuable career opportunities while showcasing the effectiveness of the institution's industry-oriented training initiatives and sustained commitment to enhancing graduate employability.

Parents' Meeting

Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, organized the Parents' Meeting – 2026 for the parents of Second and Third Year Undergraduate and Second Year Postgraduate students on 29 June 2026. The meeting was conducted separately for Shift I at 12.30 p.m. and Shift II at 4.30 p.m., ensuring the participation of parents from both shifts.

The programme was held under the patronage of Dr. (Sr.) Mary Josephine Rani A., Secretary, with Dr. (Sr.) Arockia Jayaceli A., Principal, serving as the Convenor, Dr. (Sr.) Amala Valarmathy A., Vice Principal, as the Co-Convenor, and Dr. G. Abi Beulah, Deputy Vice Principal, as the coordinator. The Deans of Shift I and Shift II coordinated the respective sessions.

The Secretary and the Principal warmly welcomed the parents and emphasized the vital role of a strong partnership between parents and the institution in fostering students' academic excellence, character formation, discipline, and holistic development. The gathering was briefed on the college's academic achievements, quality initiatives, student support services, placement opportunities, and co-curricular activities. Parents were also informed about academic

regulations, attendance requirements, examination procedures, and the importance of continuous mentoring and counselling.

The meeting provided an interactive platform for parents to engage with the management, clarify their queries, and offer valuable suggestions for the betterment of the institution.

Department-wise interactions enabled parents to discuss their wards' academic progress, attendance, discipline, and overall performance with the faculty members. The enthusiastic participation of parents reflected their trust in the institution and reinforced the shared commitment of the college and families towards nurturing responsible, competent, and value-oriented graduates.



Students Orientation Program – IGNITE 2026

Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, in collaboration with the Agaraadhi Foundation, organized "IGNITE 2026", a Students Orientation Program, on 15 June 2026 for the newly admitted first-year students of Shift I. The programme, themed "Learn, Lead and Grow Towards Your Future," was designed to inspire students as they embarked on their higher education journey and to equip them with the mindset and skills needed for academic and personal success.



The programme was organized by Dr. N. Kumari, Dean of Student Welfare, Dr. V. Sugantha Kumari, Dean of Sciences, and Dr. R. H. Kalaiselvi, Dean of Humanities. The orientation featured an engaging team of resource persons comprising Mr. Venkat Deva, Founder and Managing Director of Agaraadhi Foundation and Vedhams SkillConnecta Pvt. Ltd., along with master trainers Mr. Melvin Deepak S. K., Ms. Asha, and Ms. Roseline from Vedhams Academy, Bengaluru. Through interactive sessions,

motivational activities, and practical insights, the speakers encouraged students to develop self-confidence, effective communication, leadership qualities, teamwork, and a positive attitude towards learning. The programme created an inspiring environment for the freshers, enabling them to understand the expectations of college life, adapt to the academic culture, and embrace opportunities for holistic development. It marked a meaningful beginning to their journey at Auxilium College, motivating them to pursue excellence with confidence, responsibility, and purpose.

Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, organized the Student Induction Programme (SIP 2026) from 17 to 19 June 2026 for all first-year undergraduate students of Shift I and Shift II. The three-day induction programme was centred on the theme SAGE – Socializing, Associating, Governing, and Experiencing, aiming to facilitate a smooth transition from school to college by introducing students to the institution's academic culture, values, and opportunities.

The programme was conducted under the chief patronage of Dr. (Sr.) Mary Josephine Rani A., Secretary, with Dr. (Sr.) Arockia Jayaceli A., Principal, as the Patron. Dr. (Sr.) Amala Valarmathy A., Vice Principal, and Dr. G. Abi Beulah, Deputy Vice Principal, served as Co-Patrons. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sabarmathi A., Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and Dr. Sangeetharani R., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Separate sessions were organized for Shift I and Shift II, coordinated by their respective Deans. The induction programme familiarized students with the college's vision, mission, academic regulations, support services, examination system, code of conduct, clubs, associations, extension activities, and placement opportunities. Sessions also emphasized value-based education, personal development, effective learning strategies, and responsible citizenship.



Interactive activities, orientation sessions, and student engagement programmes encouraged the freshers to build meaningful relationships with their peers and faculty members while fostering confidence, discipline, and a sense of belonging. The Student Induction Programme laid a strong foundation for the students' academic journey, inspiring them to become competent, compassionate, and socially responsible individuals.

Sr Joseph Mercy Buela

Welcome Ceremony

The Yercaud-Mornese community joyfully welcomed Sr. Cyril Elizabeth and Sr. Sujitha Jayaseeli on 28 May 2026. The welcome was arranged by Sr. Chinnappan Philomena Rani, Sr. Jasmine Julia, and all the workers. The sisters were welcomed with sandal paste and kumkum as a symbol of respect and affection. The community then gathered in the church, where the newly arrived sisters lit the candle and joined in a short prayer, asking God's blessings on their new mission.

*Community Inauguration*

The Community Inauguration of Mornese, Yercaud, was prayerfully celebrated with the theme "New Wine, New Year, New Hope." Inspired by the Gospel message, "Do Whatever He Tells You" (John 2:5) on 01.06.2026, The new community with Superior Sr. Chinnappan Philomena Rani, Sr. Jasmine Julia Sr. Cyril Elizabeth and Sr. Sujitha Jayaseeli. experienced a moment of prayer, surrender, and renewal, entrusting community and the mission to God's loving guidance.



New Academic Year Inauguration

The new academic year for the boarding students was prayerfully inaugurated on 04.06.2026 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, celebrated by Fr. Francis Cammilus, SDB, invoking the guidance and blessings of the Holy Spirit. During the Mass, the students offered the lamp, symbolizing the light of the Holy Spirit, praying that He would enlighten their minds, strengthen their hearts, and guide them throughout the academic year. The celebration concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving, entrusting the students, staff, and the entire boarding family into God's loving care for a year filled with wisdom, faith, and hope.



Inauguration of the Groups

On the joyous feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, community had the inauguration of the Committed Groups, bringing together sisters, staff, and youth committed to living the Gospel values in the Salesian spirit. The celebration began with a traditional welcome, followed by a symbolic procession into the chapel. The Marian Group carried flowers, the Salesian Group carried lighted candles, and the Peace Group carried incense, creating a prayerful and festive atmosphere. The highlight was the meaningful enactment of the Eight Beatitudes. Jesus' teachings were presented alongside the challenges faced by young people today, with the exemplary life of St. Maria Mazzarello. Before the pledge, the members invoked the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance.



Sr. Jasmine Julia, Local Youth Pastoral Coordinator, animated the prayer service, while Sr. Elisabeth Cyril received the pledge and pinned the brooch on each member as a sign of commitment and belonging. The words of Mary, "Do whatever He tells you," became the guiding inspiration for the group. The celebration concluded with prayer, group photos, a festive dinner, and joyful recreation. Sr. Jasmine's Good Night Thought encouraged everyone to pursue holiness by following the example of their patron saint.

Tamil and Sinhala New Year**EPPAWALA**

On 10 April, the institution celebrated the Sinhala and Tamil New Year with great joy and enthusiasm. The programme commenced with the traditional welcome of the guests, Fr. Milroy Francis and Sr. Alice Mathew, with betel leaves by the children, followed by Sr. Arulnesan Mariya Jenatnayaki welcoming them with kumkum and sandal paste. The celebration continued with a prayer, the lighting of the lamp, welcome speeches in Sinhala and English, a welcome song, and a cultural dance by the children. New Year messages and blessings were delivered in Sinhala by Fr. Milroy Francis, Sr.



Alice Mathew, in English by and in Tamil by Sr. Arulnesan Mariya Jenatnayaki. Children, parents, teachers, and Sisters participated in the traditional milk-boiling ceremony, praying for God's blessings and a prosperous New Year. The children also took part in various New Year customs, including seeking elders' blessings, feeding family members, oil anointing, and offering betel leaves and coins at the well. The celebration concluded with the sharing of snacks, surprise dance performances by the young girls, and traditional games for parents and children. Parents appreciated the programme by sharing their feedback. The event ended with the National Anthem, followed by mutual greetings and blessings as everyone departed joyfully.

Sr. Arulnesan Mariya Jenatnayaki

JAFFNA***Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebration***

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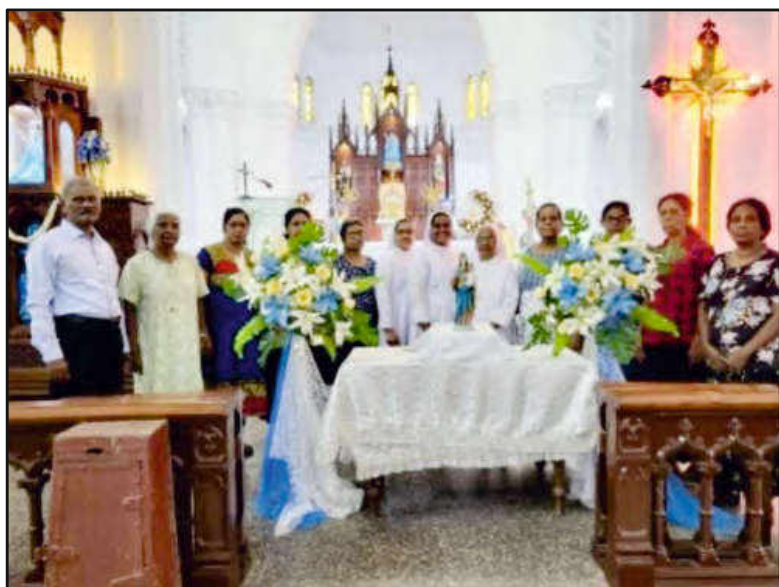
In keeping with tradition, the children also exchanged money and paid their respects to God, honouring cultural and religious practices. The celebration was filled with fun activities, including games, songs, and dances, which brought immense happiness to everyone present. The children actively participated and enjoyed every moment of the event. Miss Bavananthi addressed the gathering and explained the significance of celebrating the



Sinhala and Tamil New Year together. She highlighted that such celebrations foster unity among people and encourage respect for different religions and traditions. Overall, the celebration was a joyful and memorable occasion, filled with happiness, cultural appreciation, and unity.

Feast of Mary Help of Christians

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A Journey of Faith and Unity: Inauguration of Community

The new community officially began its journey with Sr. Pazhayattil Annie as Superior, together with Sr. Varghese Mary and Sr. Don Bosco Swingle Jerida. The sacred atmosphere was beautifully prepared with a cross and a traditional lamp placed on the altar, symbolizing Christ as



the centre of their community life and service. The ceremony began with a solemn procession, accompanied by the hymn “*Here I Am, Lord.*” With hearts united in prayer, the sisters entrusted their new community to the Lord, asking Him to fill their home with His presence, strengthen their bond of unity, and guide them in their daily mission of service.

Each sister held a uniquely coloured ribbon, symbolizing her distinct, God-given personality, gifts, and vocation, while holding the Constitutions in the other hand, representing their shared commitment to live their consecrated life faithfully. One by one, they offered themselves anew to God and to the mission entrusted to them as they sang “*Bind Us Together, Lord.*” With one heart and one mind, they prayed for the grace to grow in

communion, to support one another in love, and to become a source of light, hope, and joy to all whom they encounter. Thus, the new community commenced its journey, placing its life and mission into the loving hands of God and seeking to be a living witness of unity, faith, and joyful service.

A Celebration of Faith and Hope

The community had the privilege of participating in the annual feast celebration of St. Anthony’s Church, Passaiyoor, on 12 and 13 June 2026. The celebration brought together priests, religious sisters, seminarians, and thousands of faithful from different parts of the Diocese of Jaffna. On the evening of 12 June, the community participated in the Vespers and solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Very Rev. Fr. Josephdas Jebaratnam, Vicar General of the Diocese

of Jaffna. The celebration was followed by Eucharistic Adoration, inviting the faithful to deepen their faith in the Real Presence of Christ and to place their complete trust in God.

A moving testimony enriched the reflection. The preacher narrated the story of a wounded pregnant woman who, despite being abandoned by her husband and facing a life-threatening childbirth, placed her complete trust in God. Inspired by the words of Psalm 91, “He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge,” she surrendered herself to God's care. Against all expectations, both mother and child survived. Her testimony became a powerful reminder that God remains a refuge and source of strength even in the darkest moments.

On the following morning, 13 June, the community returned to Passaiyoor for the solemn Feast Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Bernard Gnanapragasam, Bishop of Jaffna. In his homily, the Bishop reflected on the life and mission of St. Anthony of Padua, highlighting his deep love for Christ, his zeal for proclaiming the Gospel, and his unwavering dedication to God's Word. He reminded the faithful that St. Anthony's greatest miracle was his wholehearted commitment to preaching and living the Gospel.

St. Anthony's Church, Passaiyoor, one of the historic churches of the Diocese of Jaffna, has remained a powerful symbol of faith and hope, even through the painful years of Sri Lanka's civil war. The feast once again transformed the church into a vibrant gathering place of prayer, devotion, and thanksgiving. The two-day celebration renewed the community's faith and strengthened its commitment to witnessing Christ through daily life and service. The faithful returned with grateful hearts, inspired by the example of St. Anthony to become messengers of faith, hope, and the Gospel. May St. Anthony continue to intercede for the community and lead all people ever closer to Christ.

NEGOMBO

ADMA Pilgrimage

On 24th April, six members of the ADMA Group undertook a pilgrimage to Subuwath Arana, Seeduwa, accompanied by Sr. Arockia Mary FMA and Sr. Ann Imeshika FMA. The group travelled by hired van for a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere suitable for reflection and spiritual renewal. The pilgrimage was specially organized in connection with the 157th Anniversary of ADMA, celebrated on 18 April 1869, and during the gathering Sr. Ann Imeshika transmitted the official message from the ADMA General Coordination Sr. Lucretia and Sr. Alice Mathew, Coordinator for Sri Lanka. The message recalled that ADMA was founded by Don Bosco in Turin to promote devotion to Mary Help of Christians and to unite members in prayer, centred on Jesus in the Eucharist and Mary Help of Christians, calling them to imitate Mary in openness to God and service, especially to the poor and young, and reminding that ADMA today has grown into a worldwide movement present in over 50 countries with about 800 local groups, entrusted with

being a family of faith that supports unity, holiness, and witness in daily life. The spiritual program of the day included the recitation of the Holy Rosary, a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, and a priestly blessing for all participants, followed by the sharing of the anniversary message and the distribution of a souvenir image of Mary Help of Christians. The group also experienced joyful



fellowship over refreshments, strengthening bonds of unity and friendship. The pilgrimage concluded in a spirit of gratitude, with all members returning home spiritually renewed and encouraged to live their faith more actively in everyday life.

The program included Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Holy Hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Blessing by a priest for all participants and Sharing of the ADMA anniversary message and finally Distribution of a souvenir image of Mary Help of Christians. The

group then shared a joyful fellowship time with coffee and snacks, strengthening unity and fraternity among members.

Easter March

On April 21st, 2026, we gathered to commemorate the victims of the 2019 Sri Lanka Easter bombings, remembering with deep reverence those who lost their lives in the tragic attacks. This annual remembrance continues to unite the nation in prayer, reflection, and solidarity. A large and solemn gathering marked the occasion, bringing together His Excellency Brian Udaigwe, Apostolic Nuncio of Sri Lanka, His Eminence Malcolm Ranjith, along with Monsignors, Bishops, diocesan and religious priests, members of various congregations, and a great number of lay faithful reflecting the shared faith, resilience, and hope of the people.

The commemoration began at Maris Stella College with Eucharistic Adoration and a time of deep silent prayer for the departed souls. This was followed by an interreligious dialogue and prayer service, with meaningful contributions from Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, and Muslim leaders, emphasizing unity, peace, and justice among all communities. One of the most powerful moments of the day was the silent march with prayer, which is faithfully undertaken every year. Now in its 7th year, this sacred procession has become a strong symbol of our collective grief, unwavering faith, and determined call for truth. In silence, yet with hearts crying out to God, the

walked together seeking justice for the victims and for our Catholic community. This march stands as a reminder that while we pray for the eternal repose of those who perished on that Easter Sunday. The solemn Rosary procession then led to St. Sebastian's Church, where during the Eucharistic Adoration, prayers were offered for the victims and for healing, faithful reconciliation, and peace in the nation. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Parish Priest of St. Sebastian's Church, followed by a fellowship meal shared by all participants, strengthening the bonds of unity and compassion. This remembrance stood as a powerful witness to faith, unity, and an enduring commitment to peace.

Easter, Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebration with Oratorians

The Easter and New Year celebration with the Oratory children was held joyfully, bringing together 58 children from three centres on 30th of April 2026. The program started with a prayer, followed by a traditional welcome for Sr. Arulanandu Arockia Mary and Sr. Susan Moreas with flowers and betel leaves. The children actively

participated in dances and games, including balloon passing, musical chairs, and pot breaking, creating a lively and happy atmosphere. Sr. Susan Moreas delivered an inspiring message on faith, presenting St. Carlo Acutis as a role model for young people. The celebration concluded with the distribution new shirts and food parcels to each child, along with tea and biscuits. The day ended with evening prayer, a “Good Night” thought on living with God, and a short film titled “Hope”, highlighting the of importance of nurturing love.



Poya Day Programme

The Poya Day programme was held on 1st May 2026 with the participation of ten children. The children were warmly welcomed and provided with Nestomalt and biscuits. The registration process was carried out efficiently by Dusheni. The programme began with an input session conducted by Sr. Arockia Mary. She highlighted three important aspects of the day: firstly, the significance of the month of May, which begins with Workers’ Day and the feast of Saint Joseph, the patron of workers. Secondly, she emphasized that May is the Marian month, encouraging the children to develop the habit of praying the Rosary daily. Thirdly, she spoke about the tradition

and belief that the patron saints of their villages visit homes, bless families, and provide for their needs, inspiring the children to grow in faith and trust.

This was followed by lively action songs, through which the children were also taught to pray short prayers in a joyful manner. The importance of family prayer was also stressed. After a short coffee break, Aspirant Dusheni shared her personal vocation story, encouraging the children by her witness. She also introduced them to the life and mission of Saint Maria Troncatti, inspiring them to be open to God's call. The children actively participated in all the sessions with enthusiasm and joy. The programme concluded with the praying of the Rosary together, after which the children shared lunch and returned to their homes happily.



Sr Sahayaseelan Kajana

25th Death Anniversary of the Benefactor Mrs. Martha Jayakody

Our community prayerfully commemorated the 25th death anniversary of Mrs. Martha Jayakody, the beloved mother of our benefactor, Don Kingsley Jayakody. The occasion brought together prayer, remembrance, and service in honour of her memory. The day began with the celebration of the Holy Mass, during which special prayers were offered for the eternal repose of Mrs. Martha Jayakody. As a tribute to their mother, Miss Chandrika Jayakody, together with her husband, Mr. Briyan, organized a charitable programme for twenty-five disadvantaged families in the area. Each family received a package of provisions along with a cash of Rs. 500.

The programme commenced with a prayer service, Sr. Arockiamary and Sr. Susan warmly welcomed the guests with Ponnadai and garlands. Aspirant Dusheni



delivered the welcome address in Sinhala, expressing appreciation for the generosity shown towards families in need. Following the distribution of provisions and financial assistance, a beneficiary spoke on behalf of all the recipients, thanking the benefactors for their thoughtful support. Mr. Briyan also shared a few words and expressed his appreciation to the sisters for organizing the programme.

The benefactors later spent time with our Oratorians, sharing joyful moments. The gathering was a beautiful expression of remembrance, compassion, and fellowship. As the programme concluded, the families returned home with grateful hearts and renewed hope. May the Lord grant eternal rest to Mrs. Martha Jayakody and abundantly bless all who serve those in need with generous hearts.

NOCHCHIYAGAMA

Play market 2026 St. Sebastian preschool

On 8th may 2026, under the able leadership of the Principal of St. Sebastian Preschool, Sr. Ganesh Maria Rohini, the staff, children, and parents joyfully celebrated the opening of the Play Market today. On the previous day, the parents came together with great enthusiasm to clean and decorate the premises and lovingly prepare the little shops for their children. Their remarkable unity, cooperation, and wholehearted support in making the event a grand success were deeply appreciated by all.

The chief guest, Sr. Irudayaraj Lourdu Mary, warmly congratulated the Principal, staff, and parents for their



dedicated efforts and officially inaugurated the Play Market. The little vendors eagerly sold the items displayed in their shops with great joy and confidence, making the entire event lively, meaningful, and memorable. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, creating a day filled with happiness, learning, and togetherness.

The Historic Visit of the Rector Major to Nochchiyagama Community

The visit of Fr. Fabio Attard, Rector Major, to the Don Bosco Nochchiyagama community on 17–



18 May 2026 was a joyful and memorable occasion for the sisters, children, and the entire Salesian Family. The Rector Major was warmly welcomed on the evening of 17 May with a vibrant traditional Kandyan dance, beautifully organized by the Salesian Fathers. The cultural welcome created an atmosphere of joy and fraternity, followed by a friendly supper shared with the Salesians and sisters. The following morning began with community prayer at the Don Bosco Chapel. The Rector Major then visited the sisters' community for breakfast, where Sr. Lazer Maria Nirmala, Delegate, and Sr. Irudayaraj Lourdu Mary, Community Animator, welcomed him with a *ponnadai*, garland, and sandal paste. The children added their own joyful touch, lining the entrance with balloons and cheerful greetings. Their heartfelt English welcome song during breakfast was a particularly touching moment. The visit continued with a short programme at Don Bosco Hall, followed by the solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the parish church, concelebrated by the Rector Major, Fr. Roshan Miranda, Salesian Provincial, and several Salesian priests. The celebration was a grace-filled moment for the entire community. Before departing for the Provincial House in Negombo, the Rector Major blessed the newly renovated grotto, bringing a fitting spiritual conclusion to his visit. The Rector Major's presence left the Nochchiyagama community with joy, encouragement, and renewed enthusiasm for its Salesian mission.

Sr. Ganesh Maria Rohini

Growing in Faith, Marian Devotion and Salesian Spirit

The Auxilium Centre, Omanthai, experienced a season of spiritual renewal and joyful accompaniment of young people through its Trimonthly Recollection and the inauguration of the Marian, Don Bosco, and Mother Mazzarello Groups. On 1 May, the community held its Trimonthly Recollection on the theme “Remain in My Love” (Jn 15:5), inspired by the reflections of Fr. Augustine Vallooran.

The day included Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, and moments of reflection on prayer and the Constitutions, inviting the community to remain rooted in God’s love and bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The day concluded with Eucharistic Adoration and a special Marian initiative, during which the community and inmates prayed the Rosary together. Each day, one girl was chosen to carry the statue of Mother Mary in procession and welcome her into her decorated room, fostering a beautiful sense of faith, unity, and maternal closeness.



Group Inauguration

On 24 June the inauguration of the Marian, Don Bosco, and Mother Mazzarello Groups for the young girls took place solemnly. Through prayer, the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana, group slogans, oaths, songs, and the presentation of the patrons’ images, the girls were encouraged to grow as Good Christians and Honest Citizens. The groups embraced inspiring mottos: Marian – “Do Whatever He Tells You”; Don Bosco – “Sing, Jump, Play, but Do Not Sin”; and Mother Mazzarello – “Love and Share.” The celebration concluded with a joyful fellowship meal, cultural performances, and theatre, strengthening friendship and community spirit. These initiatives reflected the Salesian community’s commitment to nurturing faith, fostering joyful relationships, and accompanying young people towards responsible and hope-filled lives.

The world environment day celebration

Holy Rosary Pre-School in Slave Island, Colombo, celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2026. The theme for the day was "One Earth, One Future." Before the main event, the children



spent one whole week in preparation. They did beautiful drawings and handwork, helped clean the school, and planted new plants to learn how to care for nature.

On the day of the celebration, the children dressed up creatively using beautiful items from nature. They also held flashcards with lovely, inspirational sentences about protecting the earth. Sisters in charge of the school, the parents, and all the children started a special walk together.

They walked from the school entrance to the children's park in the same lane, happily shouting their message, "One Earth, One Future,." At the park, the children were very happy to take a special promise to protect nature. It was a wonderful and joyful day that taught the children how to be true guardians of our planet.

Sr. Pratheepan Dopinsiy

Special Assemblies Planting Values, Inspiring Young Hearts

The months of June and July were marked by a series of meaningful Special Assemblies at Auxilium English Medium School, Jaffna, providing students with opportunities to learn, express themselves, and grow in confidence and responsibility. Each class presented a distinct theme, reflecting the school's commitment to holistic education and the formation of responsible, compassionate and confident young citizens. The little ones of LKG and UKG delighted the audience with their lively Storytelling session. Through their innocent expressions and imaginative narratives, they demonstrated how storytelling can nurture creativity, communication skills and a love for learning.



Grade 4 presented an informative programme on Road Rules, highlighting the importance of road safety, discipline and responsible behaviour. Grade 5 explored the themes “Planet” and “How Seeds are Dispersed?”, connecting classroom learning with the wonders of nature. The students of Grade 6 delivered a thought-provoking presentation entitled “Be a Home Environment Hero.” Their message encouraged everyone to recognize that environmental responsibility begins with simple choices and actions within the home and extends to the wider community. The assemblies also provided an opportunity to celebrate student achievement. Students who excelled in the Chess Tournament were presented with certificates, recognizing not only their performance but also the qualities developed through the game—patience, concentration, perseverance, strategic thinking and sportsmanship.

These Special Assemblies were more than routine school gatherings. They became platforms where knowledge was shared, creativity was expressed, talents were recognized and values were strengthened.

They reflected the educational vision of Auxilium English Medium School: to educate the whole person by nurturing both the mind and the heart. Through every story narrated, safety lesson shared, environmental message presented and achievement celebrated, the students took another step towards becoming responsible citizens, compassionate leaders and bearers of hope for a better world.

Food Festival Celebration

The Food Festival Celebration of Auxilium English Medium School, Jaffna, held on 3rd July 2026, was a memorable occasion that filled the school with joy, creativity, and the spirit of togetherness. Students participated with great enthusiasm, transforming the event into a wonderful celebration of food, culture, and learning. With the loving guidance and support of their teachers, the students prepared and presented a variety of delicious food items. Their creativity, teamwork, and dedication were clearly reflected in the way they prepared, arranged, and presented their food stalls. Through this experience, students developed an appreciation for different food traditions while learning valuable skills beyond the classroom. The Food Festival Celebration 2026 became a beautiful reminder that education comes alive through meaningful experiences. It strengthened friendships, created unforgettable memories, and encouraged students to discover their hidden talents.



SPOTLIGHTS OF ARUWYE

State Level Children Parliament Training Programmes

ARUWYE organized two State-Level Children Parliament Training Programmes on 29 April and 8 May 2026 in the INM Province, with active participation from students representing ANCP Centres across Chennai, Tiruvallur, Nandhambakkam, Michaelpuram, Thiruvannamalai, Salem, Erode, and Vellore districts. The programmes focused on democratic values, child rights, leadership, environmental responsibility, and active citizenship through interactive and experiential learning. Students explored the structure of ANCP and the Indian



Government and took on parliamentary roles such as Prime Minister and Ministers, gaining practical insight into parliamentary functioning.

Mr. Thenpandian, Advocate and Child Welfare Chairperson, Tiruvallur, and Mr. Paul Thomas facilitated the sessions on governance, leadership, civic participation, and addressing community concerns. Students actively discussed local issues such as sanitation, water scarcity, and environmental challenges and learned to draft petitions to approach local authorities. Rallies, creative chart activities, and awareness campaigns on child rights, peace, environmental protection, and Reduce–Reuse–Recycle further enriched the programmes. The initiatives successfully nurtured confidence, leadership, teamwork, civic awareness, and social responsibility, empowering children to become active and responsible citizens.

Summer Camp

The ARUWYE Summer Camp 2026 concluded successfully with a vibrant Closing Ceremony held on 30th April 2026. The camp was filled with energy, creativity and joyful learning, providing children with a platform to explore their talents and build confidence. Throughout the camp, participants actively engaged in a variety of activities, including health and hygiene awareness, creative arts, cultural performances, games and life skill sessions.

The closing ceremony was graced by Sr. Kirupa and Sr. Augustine as the Chief Guests. Sr. Isabella, Director, ARUWYE delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging children to grow with confidence and use their talents positively.



The event witnessed the presence of staff, children, and community members, making it a memorable celebration. Overall, the summer camp created a positive and enriching environment, helping children learn, express and enjoy their holidays in a meaningful way.

TCS 10K Run at Bangalore: Inspiring Support by Ms. Deepti

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Deepti for her valuable support towards the TCS 10K Run held in Bangalore. Her enthusiastic participation and encouragement towards a noble cause truly reflect compassion and social commitment. We sincerely appreciate her kindness, dedication, and willingness to be part of this meaningful initiative. Such support and involvement inspire us to continue our mission with greater strength and hope. Thank you, Ms. Deepti, for standing with us and making a positive difference in the lives of many.



Women's Skill Training and Certificate Distribution

ARUWYE successfully conducted the UWC Free Skill Training Programme and a Women's Tailoring Training Programme in May 2026, promoting women's empowerment through vocational skills and livelihood opportunities. A total of 70 women received certificates for



completing courses in Tailoring, Jute Bag Making, Hand Embroidery, and Beautician Skills, while 20 women completed the specialized tailoring training in drafting and stitching.

The certificate ceremonies featured inspiring testimonies, a beautician ramp walk, and exhibitions of the participants' creations, including garments, embroidery, jute bags, purses, and other

tailoring products. The participants demonstrated remarkable creativity, confidence, and practical skills gained through the training. Rev. Sr. D.J. Margaret, Provincial of Chennai Province and President of ARUWYE, encouraged the women to use their skills for self-employment and financial independence. The programmes concluded with the distribution of certificates, leaving the participants with a renewed sense of achievement, dignity, confidence, and hope for a self-reliant future.

Environment Day

ARUWYE commemorated World Environment Day 2026 with a series of impactful programmes that engaged children, youth and women in environmental awareness and sustainable action. At the Evening Study Centers, children celebrated the theme “One Earth, One Future” through sessions on waste segregation, composting, water conservation, energy saving, plastic reduction and tree plantation. These activities encouraged them to adopt eco-friendly habits and become responsible environmental stewards within their families and communities. Simultaneously, women from East Namachevayapuram participated in a special programme at Nungambakkam Railway Station Park, Chennai, where they planted trees and distributed saplings to the public, raising awareness about environmental protection, cleanliness and the preservation of natural resources.



Quest Youth learners at the ARUWYE Career Connect Centre marked the occasion through interactive discussions, creative activities, and a debate on “Economic Development vs Environment Protection,” which encouraged critical thinking on sustainable development. The “Voices of Nature” activity enabled participants to creatively express environmental concerns from nature's perspective, fostering empathy and

responsibility towards the environment. Discussions on Green Future Initiatives inspired youth to promote sustainable lifestyles through water conservation, waste management, reduced plastic use, and tree planting. Collectively, the celebrations strengthened environmental awareness, community participation and a shared commitment among children, youth, and women to contribute towards a cleaner, greener and more sustainable future.

End Child Labour, Ensure Every Child's Future

On 12th of June 2026, ARUWYE Evening Study Centres conducted a Child Labour Awareness Session to educate children about their rights and the importance of education. Children learned that every child has the right to study, grow in a safe environment, and be protected from child labour and exploitation. They were also informed about the CHILDLINE 1098 toll-free helpline to report any child labour or child protection concerns. The session concluded by inspiring children through the success stories of great leaders and encouraging them to continue their education and become responsible citizens.



Navigator Training of Trainers (TOT) – Quest Alliance

Mrs. Jyothi Priya and Mrs. Ashmi represented ARUWYE at the Navigator Training of Trainers (ToT) organised by Quest Alliance in Bengaluru from 15 June 2026 to 19 June 2026. The five-day

residential programme strengthened their capacity to deliver learner-centred employability training through experiential learning approaches. The training covered key areas such as rapport building, learner psychology, learner mobilization strategies, facilitation techniques, curriculum planning using the MyQuest platform, meaningful transition, career readiness and the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Green Curriculum into training delivery.



The facilitators also gained practical exposure through classroom observation at SAFA Foundation, case study analysis, collaborative group activities, reflective discussions, and teach-back sessions that enhanced their facilitation and communication skills. The programme provided valuable

insights into learner engagement, employer verification, market scanning and sustainable practices, equipping the facilitators to strengthen programme delivery and enhance learner outcomes at ARUWYE.

International Yoga Day

On 21st June 2026, ARUWYE Evening Study Centers conducted a Yoga Awareness Session to educate children about the importance of yoga for maintaining a healthy body and mind. Children actively practiced various yoga asanas, breathing exercises, and meditation under the guidance of their teachers, improving their flexibility, concentration, and self-discipline. The session encouraged students to adopt yoga as a daily habit to reduce stress and lead a healthy lifestyle. Children actively participated and pledged to practice yoga regularly at home and in their study centers for their overall well-being.



Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness conducted in Ayanavaram and Korukkupettai



On 26 June 2026, Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) awareness initiatives were successfully conducted in Ayanavaram and Korukkupettai to strengthen community awareness and promote child protection. At Ayanavaram, a Community Awareness Program brought together residents to understand the realities of human trafficking, its prevention, and the importance of safeguarding children and other vulnerable individuals. Participants were provided with an AHT Mini Booklet containing essential information, preventive measures, and important helpline numbers. The session encouraged community members to remain vigilant, report suspicious activities and actively contribute to creating a safe, trafficking-free environment. On the same day, an AHT Street Play Training was organised for the already established Children Ambassador Group in Korukkupettai, with enthusiastic participation from 30 children. The training equipped the young ambassadors with knowledge on human trafficking, child protection, and effective community awareness strategies through creative street play performances. By strengthening their communication and advocacy skills, the program empowered the children to become peer educators and change-makers, enabling them to spread awareness, educate their communities and play an active role in preventing human trafficking.

Drug-Free Today, Healthy Tomorrow

On 26th June 2026, ARUWYE Evening Study Centers conducted a Drug Abuse Awareness



Session to educate children about the harmful effects of drugs and substance abuse on individuals, families, and society. Children actively shared their observations about drug abuse in their communities and learned how addiction affects physical health, mental well-being, education, and family life. Teachers encouraged students to spread awareness among

their parents, relatives, and neighbours about leading a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. The session inspired children to become responsible citizens and promote safe, healthy, and child-friendly communities.

Online Hackathon for Quest Learners

An Online Hackathon was conducted by Mrs. Jyothi Priya on 29 June 2026 to strengthen Quest learners' job search and employability skills. The session introduced learners to various online job portals and demonstrated effective job search techniques. Learners registered their profiles on leading job portals such as Indeed, LinkedIn, Naukri and Work India to improve their access to employment opportunities. They also gained knowledge on verifying the authenticity of employers before applying for jobs. Practical guidance was provided on professionally communicating with HR representatives through calls and emails during the recruitment process. Overall, the session enhanced learners' confidence and equipped them with practical skills to conduct safe and effective online job searches.



Induction Programme

An Induction Programme was conducted on 30 June 2026 for the Quest learners to formally welcome them to the training programme. The session was addressed by Director Sr. Isabella, who encouraged the learners to make the best use of the opportunities provided and stay committed to their learning journey. The programme introduced learners to the course structure, training expectations and the importance of active participation. Learners were also familiarised with the various skill development modules and placement support offered through the programme.



Following the orientation, the learners were taken on an ARUWYE campus tour, where they were introduced to the organisation's facilities, departments and learning environment. The session concluded by motivating learners to build confidence, enhance their employability skills and work towards achieving sustainable career opportunities.

