



St. Paul's Messenger

Department of Education and Media

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Provincial's Message

Ente Priyappetta Koodapirapukale,

Prayerful Christmas and New Year greetings to you!!

We say good bye to 2018 and welcome 2019!

Say good bye to 2018 with contentment and welcome 2019 with full of hope. Our good deeds are the measures of contentment. A positive vision of life is the indicator of Hope. Contentment will give us self esteem and hope will guarantee peace. With Contentment, Hope, Self esteem and Peace let us welcome the New Year 2019.

I want to share with you the reflections of a talk which I listened during our zonal gathering regarding Christmas. 'Christmas invites us to experience the Presence and Power of Jesus.' We experienced the Presence and Power of Jesus during 2018 Christmas. We shared the Joy of Emmanuel. God is with us. He is always present among us. When we experience His presence in reality, we will become another Christ. The power of Christ will work through our deeds. In other words, when we do our service with the presence and power of Jesus, we become another Christ for them. Therefore let us take a different dimension for our service we plan to do in 2019. A dimension, which is more appropriate to a Religious!

Let us look into some of the preparations and activities we do before and after Christmas.

1. Renouncing the delicious and nutritious food like meat, milk, egg or fish
2. Reciting one Rosary extra
3. Making more visits to Blessed Sacrament
4. Making a manger for Child Jesus with small prayers
5. We decorate the chapel, house, and the road side
6. We used to have grand Christmas lunch
7. We make home visits and refreshing trips during the Christmas vacation.

During New Year time we may make many resolutions for our spiritual and active life. Shall we make some better resolutions based on the above usual activities?

- As we took a decision to give up meat, fish, milk and egg for our diet during December, can we decide to invite some poor people who are abandoned and can we give food to them on main feast days?
- Along with extra Rosary, and other special prayers that we did for the preparation of Christmas, can we think of abstaining from acting or speaking with our ego and jealousy in 2019? When we behave without ego and jealousy, our community will be happier to have our presence.
- After making our home visit or relaxing Christmas trip can we visit a family of a terminally ill person to pray with him or her?
- We decorated our well-built house and made beautiful crib for the Christmas; can we make a visit to our Special School at Jettihundi and Fit Home at Hallikkerehundi and contribute generously for the wellbeing of the inmates of these institutions? And shall we think of constructing a house for a homeless? Two or three communities together also can take up this challenge!

These actions are something simple, but something different! Through these actions we can present the Presence and Power of God to our brethren. A meaningful Christmas and New Year Gift!!

I wish that the New Year 2019 be different but meaningful for everybody especially, we CMI Religious.

Once again I wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God Bless us! Emmanuel!! ■

Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, CMI
Provincial

1. Province Gathering – Follow up of Fr. Prior General’s Visit

As a follow up of Fr. Prior General’s canonical visitation, the members of the province came together on 08 November 2018 at Carmel Bhavan, Mysuru. The action plan which was prepared by the Strategic Planning Committee was presented in the meeting ■



2. Province Day Sports – Youthfulness Beyond Time

Province day sports meet was conducted on 21 November 2018 at Pushpashram, Periyapatna. Volleyball, throw ball, cricket, cards and caroms matches were there. Mysore zone became the overall champions ■



3. Provincial Plenary Meeting

The Provincial Plenary Meeting was held on 28 & 29 November 2018 at Carmel Bhavan, Mysuru. 33 members were present. Rev. Fr. Dominic Vas OCD - Director, Dhyavanava, Mysuru gave orientation talk ■



4. CMI MISSION YEAR 2018-2019 – Let His Vision be Our Mission

(1 October 2018 to 31 October 2019)

In view of the CMI Mission Year, we the CMI Mysurians enthusiastically inaugurated the Mission Year in our province during the plenary sessions of the province on 29 November 2018, with our Eucharistic community at Mount Carmel Church.

Fitting together with that we arranged an exhibition which gathered hundred articles, Doctoral theses and handy crafts of our Rev. fathers and brothers ■

5. CMI Mysuru Retreat Preachers' Meet – Compelling Competitors of the Word of God

Under the banner of pastoral ministry, a fruitful come togetherness of our Retreat Preachers was taken place. Prayer, Discussions, Experience Sharing and Future Plans were the main programs of the day ■



6. ABIDE 2K 18 MYSURU - CMI PARENTS' MEET

We celebrated Vocation Day in our province. In connection with that we called on a parents' meet of our aspirants, regents and college going brothers in the province ■



7. Brothers' Sports Meet – Tap on the shoulder

In preparation for province day brother's sports meet was organized on November 10 & 11 at St. Mary's Carmel House, Koppa. There were volleyball, basket ball and cricket matches. Brothers staged cultural programs. It was an entertaining experience and brothers deserve all the appreciation and encouragement. Congratulations brothers...! ■



8. First Profession - On His Foot Steps

On 08 December 2018 at Devagiri Church, Kozhikkode three brothers - Mejo Jose Pampilly, Nirmal Rosh Veliyath and Albin Edamanassery made their Vestition and First Profession. Dear young brothers hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes to you. Welcome to the Mysuru fraternity...! May the good Lord be your guide and love...! ■



9. Ordination – To the Altar of the Lord

Our three deacons are raised to the altar of the Lord as priests on the following days: Dn. Jobins - December 27, Dn. Shibin - December 29 and Dn. Shan - December 30. We are proud of you and rejoice with you dear Fathers...! Congratulations and best wishes..! ■



10. Aspirants, Koppa

Greetings from Fr. Rector and community!

This is Christmas season..... And Jesus is the reason for the season....Wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

An English proverb is very apt to articulate what we are at this point of time. And it goes like this, “There is strength in unity”. We feel ourselves strong and all the more united with immense potentialities and talents. There is harmony in our thoughts and deeds. We are proud to say that we are moving ahead in prayer, studies and all other activities with one heart and soul. Of course, the season of Christmas brings more joy and dynamism to lives. And the open secret is that we began well in the first place our preparation to welcome baby Jesus into our hearts with a memorable advent.



We feel happy and enthusiastic to share our achievements. On the 28th of September Mysore district sports meet was held and like every time brothers participated eagerly and bagged many prizes. Especially, Bro. Alfin got 3rd price in long jump and won everyone’s appreciation. Needless to say this competition was really tough and challenging. In the district level cultural competition which was held on 28 November Bro. Sebin got 3rd price in the category of ‘pick and speak’ speech competition and was awarded a cash prize of Rs.900. On the 16th of December there was a meeting organized for the parents of brothers who are under formation till regency at provincial house. This meeting was super successful in understanding and deepening our call to religious life. Now we are intensely preparing ourselves for the upcoming examinations beginning in the month of February ■

11. Social Work Department News

Christmas Celebration at Jettihundi

Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. Soaking in the spirit of Christmas, the tiny tots of Christ Health and Wellness Academy, Jettihundi and children from Fit Home, Hallikerehundi celebrated the festival on 15 December 2018 with gaiety. St. Thomas Education Society and St. Joseph’s Charitable Institutions collaborated the Christmas Eve celebration on the day. The entire campus was festooned with colourful streamers and balloons. The brothers from Bogadi

brightly decorated the hall like a bride. There was the Christmas Crib decorated with lamps, toys and flowers in one corner of the hall. Fr. Provincial, Vicar Provincial, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, our special children & their parents, children from Fit Home, Hallikerehundi and other dignitaries were present for the Christmas program. The Chief Guest of the day Dr. Preeti T. Thomas from All India Institute of Speech and Hearing gave a beautiful inspiring message to the community telling CMI sets a perfect example of secularism through the celebrations.

Then cultural programs started with the prayers to Almighty. Everybody prayed for the permanent existence

of love and peace in this violent-torn world. The cultural items were both in English and Hindi. Christmas Celebration got various performances exhibited by our differently abled children and kids from Fit Home, Hallikerehundi. There were melodious carols presented by small kids and a group of sisters who danced beautifully dressed up in the attire of the fairy tales.

The spree of the celebration came to an end with a scrumptious fest on food and cakes that added on to the fervor of the festivity.



Shalege Ondu Mane

“WE BELIEVE IN A WORLD WHERE NO FAMILIES EVER HAS TO LIVE ON THE STREETS.” Imbibing a true spirit from it, St. Paul’s Province, Mysore is implementing this project with a high support from our institutions by extending full or partial help to the deserving poor people. A big challenge in the community is people living on the streets or in sub-standard housing. The program helps rural communities with basic building needs such as homes, and shelters. The program through its ‘Homes for Change’ initiative builds durable structures for impoverished families, at no cost to the recipients. Because a home brings a sense of security, a foundation for the whole family under this project we have helped many needy families. We have built 1 house completely and handed over the key to the families. We’re supported by our own institutions that help to raise money to fund our vital work for vulnerable families.



Money distributed to 12 families



Kodagu District in Karnataka is one of the major regions which were affected by the flood where the loss of life and property was the most. A large mass of land has been submerged under water due to the flood where villages were found. St. Joseph Charitable Institutions (SJCI) with the support of CEVA had done relief work to compensate the loss of life and property to some extent. The organization had done the relief works under several phases which made it easy for the organization to provide relief to the victims.

The flood destroyed the residences of some of the villagers and also ruined agricultural activities and cattle were flown away in the flood. People got homeless and lost their livelihood and jobs. The stagnated water in the fields made it impossible to do agricultural activities. Considering all these problems, SJCI

identified the most affected 26 victim families and distributed money to these families for their renovation works. Now, renovation works of these houses have been started ■

12. Chavara Kalotsav - 2018

Well organised Chavara Kalotsav inter-school cultural competition was held on Nov 17 & 18 at Christ School, Bogadi. 460 students from 9 schools participated in the Kalotsav. It was a two days program with variety of competitions such as dance, skit, pencil sketch, quiz, speech, solo song, etc. It was a display of great vision, strong commitment,

systematic planning and meticulous implementation. The Kalotsav helped to grow the talents and skills of the children for better and brighter future. The program was organised by St. Thomas Education Society with a well co-ordinated effort of the entire management, staff and students of Christ School, Bogadi and the good will of the people ■



13. Bharath Matha, Koppa

Sports Meet

Four of our PU students were selected to participate in the state level athletic meet. Alfin Majo, Prashanth, Shashank and Madappa participated.

In the High School section, Ashwin Prasad won the individual championship in the district level sports meet held at Mysore.



IT Quiz

In the Government Sponsored IT Quiz, eight of our PU students were selected at the divisional level and four moved on to the district level.

Talents Day

Talents Day Celebrations were conducted over a week long program. The students displayed their inherent talents in various categories like: pencil sketch, collage, quiz, essay writing & dance.

In competitions like flower arrangement, rangoli, fire free cooking and veg carving, the creativity and enthusiasm of the participants were beyond description.

Prizes were distributed to the individual winners as well as the overall champions in different sections.



Health Awareness Program

On 26 September, A health program was organized for the High school students. Dr. Abdulla created awareness about the spread of diseases caused by Mosquitoes. A team of doctors assisted him in answering various questions of the students and also gave them an opportunity to answer a questionnaire.

October 2nd

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated with a religious prayer and was followed by "SHRAMADHAN" whereby students not only cleaned our school campus but also went in a procession to clean up our river Kaveri. The SI of Bylakkuppe and the local environmentalists also encouraged them by their presence.





Sports Day

11th & 12th of October were book-free days for our students and the school sports began with the lighting of the Olympic flame with the torch brought in by the Sports Leaders. On 11th there was a colorful march past competition and the games of volleyball, throw ball, basketball and ball badminton were conducted. The fluttering flags and the vibrant best of the children made these events memorable.

The athletic events and the throws conducted on 12th showed the same level of sportsmanship spirit. Individual winners and overall champions were awarded with medals.

Orientation Program

Towards the progress of teachers St. Thomas Education Society organized a one day training program on 24 October. Mr. Saif Ulla Khan, an eminent resource person from the company "Talk to Us" enthralled the teachers with his innovative ways to develop our students. He focused on the soft skills needed to make children more adaptable to the changing needs of our society.

Kannada Rajyotsava

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated in a befitting manner. Speeches and cultural programs marked the event. Our Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Jose T. J. addressed the gathering. Sweets were distributed to all the students.



Birthday of Rev. Fr. Principal

Due to unavoidable circumstances, our principal's birthday which was on 8 November could be celebrated only on 13 November. The highlight of his birthday was Mr. Doddanna, who was our principal's former teacher. The decorations and cultural events ensured that the festivities were not dampened by the delay.



Children's Day

Preparations for the Children's Day began a week earlier with teachers making themselves free amidst their busy schedule to practice for some cultural



programs. Children's Day dawned with all teachers lovingly welcoming all the students and the student representatives were honoured on the stage. The songs & dances of the teachers mesmerized the students. The sumptuous meal completed the Children's Day celebration.



Prathibha Karanji

Prathiba Karanji for the Primary and High School students saw the name of Bharath Matha resounding in the locals. Our students brought accolades in various events like action song, poem recitation, clay modeling, light Music, quawali and quiz.



Health and Hygiene

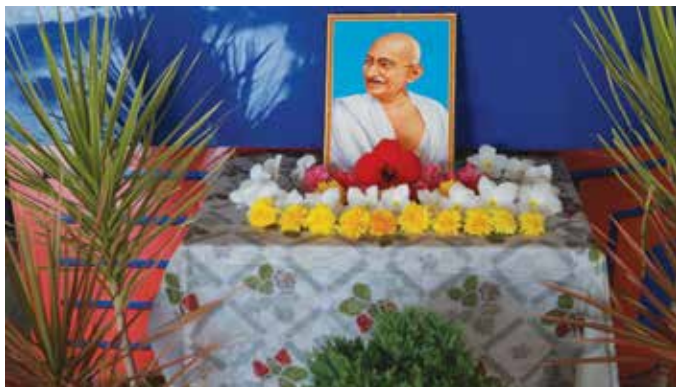
Health and Hygiene was emphasized upon by conducting classes for the boys and girls separately to maintain cleanliness and sanitation. Rev. Fr. Thomas, Rev. Sr. Sini and medical supervisor Mrs. Shalini gave the students information about the biological and psychological changes that occur during adolescence ■

14. Christ, Bogadi

Events of October

Gandhi Jayanthi

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated on 2 October 2018.



Educational Trip to Mumbai

Five days educational trip to Mumbai was organized for high school students from 4th October 2018 to 9th October 2018.



Competitions

Solo dance for grades I - IV and solo song competition for grades V - X students were conducted on 27 October 2018.



Staff Orientation Program

One day staff orientation program was conducted on 31 October 2018 by St. Thomas Education Society. Mr. Saif Ullah Khan was the resource person of the day.





Events of November

Chavara Kalotsav - 2018

St. Thomas Education Society, Mysore organized inter - school cultural competitions 'Chavara Kalotsav - 2018' on 17 and 18 November 2018 in our institution. About 460 students from 9 schools participated in all the events. Our school became the champions.

Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated on 20 November 2018. Ms. Smitha Devang delivered the speech on the day's importance.



Trip to KRS

One day trip was organized for KG students on 23 November 2018 to KRS and Sachidananda Ashram.



Kannada Rajyotsava

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated on 23 November 2018. Disha C of grade X gave a speech about importance of the day.



Events of December

Periodic Test

Periodic Test - III test was conducted for KG to X students from 1st to 8th December 2018.

Essay Writing Competition

Essay writing competition was held on 13 December 2018 for the HPS and HS students.

Flower arrangement competition

Flower arrangement competition was conducted on 17 December 2018 for HPS and HS students.

Christmas celebration

Christmas celebration was conducted on 18 December 2018 ■

15. Christ, Hassan

Kannada Rajyotsava

The November was welcomed with Vibrant Celebrations. Christ School, Hassan celebrated 'Kannada Rajyotsava' with great enthusiasm. The guest of the day was Mr. Girimani Shyam Rao. Principal Rev. Fr. Freison K. Thomas inaugurated the celebration. The Chief Guest spoke about the beauty and simplicity of Karnataka. He also highlighted that ongoing generation should respect the native language. The students put a scintillating performance to depict the rich culture and heritage of Karnataka.

Sports Day

On 2nd and 3rd of November, the Annual Sports Day was held. The sports meet began with house wise march past followed by carrying the olympic torch by the school leaders and sports leaders. Finally Rev. Fr. Shoby, the administrator lit the torch and marked the opening of the sports.



Children's Day

'Children's day' was celebrated on 14 November with great zeal and fervor. The Program was presided over by the Principal Rev. Fr. Freison K. Thomas. The program

commenced with an invocation dance and followed by songs and dance performances by the teachers.



Annual Day

Christ school, Hassan celebrated its annual day on 15 December 2018 at the school premises. The school was decorated elegantly amidst great fest, vibrancy and elation. His Excellency, Most Rv. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya was the Hon'ble Chief Guest. Among other dignitaries present were Rv. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial, St. Paul's Province Mysore and President, St. Thomas Education Society, Mr. Rudresh, EO, DDPI Office, Hassan, Rev. Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI and parent representative Dr. Malini. The talented students presented mesmerizing cultural events such as dances, plays, however everybody enjoyed cultural functions ■



16. Christ, Hunsur

Vedic Maths Workshop

Vasista Eduventures had conducted a Vedic Maths Workshop for students at Hunsur on 5th November 2018. Developing mental abilities of students and teaching short-cut techniques of maths, were the aims of this workshop. 11 of our students utilized this chance by participating in it.

Children's Day

"The children of today will make the India of tomorrow", the dream of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the base to our Children's Day celebration. Fancy dress competition

was the first event to begin this celebration. Teachers had conducted various fun games for students and made the whole day colourful. Celebration was concluded with the cultural programs by the teachers.



Chavara Kalotsav - 2018

“Chavara Kalotsav” was a great experience for teachers and students. This was a great opportunity to know about the schools of St. Thomas Education Society. Our students have awarded first prizes in junior level solo song and solo dance competitions.

Karate Championship

National Karate Championship-2018 was conducted on 17 November 2018, and 15 of our students participated. One of our students was awarded with the golden medal in individual *kumite*. All others were awarded with silver and bronze medals and certificates.

Hunasuru Habba

Mr. H. Vishwanath, MLA of Hunsur Taluk, took the initiative to celebrate the Hunasuru Habba, with the participation from all the departments. We were invited to present a tableau on this festival. Our presentation was well appreciated by the guests and the people of Hunsur. Our school got first prize from Education Department and third prize from Taluk Panchayat.



Green Day

Kindergarten kids were the stars on the Green Day, to spread the message of eco friendliness and love towards

nature. On 24 November teachers of kindergarten took the initiative to celebrate the Green Day. Different types of vegetable carving were presented on this day ■



17. CJS, Arkalgud

Prathibha Karanji

The cultural extravaganza and talent show of High School and Primary School of the entire Arkalgud taluk were held at Christa Jyothi School in October. Nearly three thousand students and teachers have participated in it. The event was a great success. The MLA, DDPI, BEO and so many guests were present throughout the day. We welcomed and arranged all the programs systematically. It was a great chance for us to spread the wings of our school throughout Arkalgud.





Sports Day

The Sports Day and Children's Day had been celebrated with great joy in the campus on 14 and 15 of November. Students were cheered up to feel at home. The entire faculty showed great enthusiasm in hosting the event.

Talent, Talent.... Talents

Kumari Srushti of X STD and Kumari Manonja of VII STD of our school had participated in the State level Karate tournament conducted by Department of Public Instruction, Karnataka and won the second and third prizes respectively. Also Harsha D. L. of VII STD has participated in the state level sports meet representing Christa Jyothi School. Hats off dear students!!!

Chavara Kalotsav 2018

Our students and teachers participated in the Chavara Kalotsav with splendid spirit of competition. Our students have won many prizes. Christa Jyothi School ranked into 5th place on total point. Congratulations!!!!!!

Apart from these special events, we have conducted updating programs for the faculty, parents meeting for all classes, monthly co-curricular activities, literary and cultural competitions for all classes and special fancy dress competitions, dance, speeches and rhymes for kindergarten which are prepared directly by parents ■

18. Christ College, Srirampura

Workshop on Interview skills

A workshop on interview skills was organized for the final year degree students of Christ College on 20 December 2018. The resource person was Prof. Sen. B. Mathews from Kristu Jayanthi College, Bengaluru. The aim of the workshop was to prepare the students for placements.



A Manger in the Campus

Our scholastics in association with Christ College hostel boys prepared a beautiful eco-friendly crib in the campus which calls the attention of all who visit our campus in this Christmas season.



Psyquest 2k18

The Department of Psychology, Christ College Mysuru, organized 'Psyquest 2k18', a state level workshop on 21 December 2018 at the college auditorium. The topic of the workshop was "Young People and Mental Health in the Changing world". Students from 12 colleges participated in the workshop and inter collegiate collage and quiz competitions were held in connection with Psyquest. The resource persons for the event were Dr. Elizabeth Daniel (MA, M.Phil, PhD, Professor and consultant JNCARSR & Govt. of Karnataka) and Dr. Dushad Ram (MBBS, MD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology JSS Medical College, Mysuru) ■



19. Health Desk

Fr. Joseph Angadiyath is unwell and on and off to hospital for the medical care. Now he stays at Carmel Bhavan for further medical assistance. We wish him good health...! ■

20. Prayerful Homage

Let us prayerfully remember the reposed soul of Mr. Mathew Mukulath (67), beloved elder brother of Fr. Devasiachan Mukulath who was called to eternal rest on 24 November 2018. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. Devasiachan and the bereaved family members ■

21. “Nadedu Banda Daari”

History of St. Paul’s Province, Mysore (Part 7)

**Pushpashram, Periyapatna
Saga of A Rose among the thorns**



Quality of Gens

It was always the desire of the early fathers of the province to mission the villages. They were such wonderful souls that they wanted to spread the Good News of the Lord to everybody especially the poor and the unprivileged. In the early history of our province we find urgency among the fathers to reach to the village people. Education was one of the effective and relevant means they found to meet their goal.

The phenomenon of branching

He set another parable before them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater

than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.” - Mt. 13:31-32.

Branching from the sprout is a sign of life. The archetypal of image of tree branching, giving shelter, shade and fruit is very much Biblical too. History tells us that ‘Pushpashram’ was an offshoot of St. Mary’s Carmel House, Koppa. It was Fr. William being the superior of St. Mary’s Carmel house, Koppa let the ‘Pushpa’ offshoot to sprout.

Lead Kindly to ‘the Light’...

People of periyapatna both public and elite persistently requested our fathers to start a school similar to that of Bharahmatha, Koppa. Our veteran priests responded to their request as a call from God. They had the

strong conviction that, “today’s children are tomorrows citizens”. Lighting a lamp of knowledge in the hearts of the children was the best thing they could do for tomorrow’s society. Thus on 26 June 1976, under the leadership of Fr. William Aranjanilyil, prefect of St. Mary’s Carmel, Koppa, an English Medium Nursery was started at Periyapatna¹. We got permission to start the Primary School on 18 November 1977. Every step was patronized by Fr. Frederick Mundathanath, the then Regional Superior and Rev. Fr. Barnabas, Secretary for Education.

Tilling and Toiling

As in the process of planting, early works were tilling the soil. Fr. Joseph Xavier Manjappilly was assigned to for this task, he entered in to the mission in 1976. He stayed at Koppa and looked after the new mission. In those days of bare minimum transport facility, depending on the public conveyance, he travelled 20 kms up and down every day to take care of the new mission. The service of CMC sisters in the early stage of new mission was beyond telling. They too made a great sacrifice by travelling all the way from Koppa to Periyapatna to conduct nursery classes.²

Blessings of the Mother Church

The school had a humble beginning in a rented house at ‘Pete’. A year later it was moved to a more spacious building near to the bus stand. It was the school and residence of the priest in charge. The priest’s room was used as living room and chapel with temporal partition. The first Holy Mass in this room was offered by Bishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy, then bishop of the diocese of Manathavady. Thus we can say the mission in Periyapatna had the paternal blessings of the mother Church at the very beginning of its journey.

‘Saradha’

Would you believe it? The first name of the school was ‘Saradha Nursery’. Beautiful piece of inculturation..! There were 36 children and two staff members in the first year.

“He found the field and bought it”

And Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and in his joy he went and sold all he had and bought that field”. (Mt.13:44). As the word of God says, on 8 October 1978 Fr. William found three acres land on the Periyapatna Anechoukur road where the present school is situated. The foundation stone was laid in this land on 12 July 1978 by Mr. Shivappa, the then Municipal Chairman of Periyapatna, in the presence of the sisters

¹ Mr. Ali Mohammed, Mr. B.S. Anand L I C, Mr. P.U. Shivappa and Mr. K. Mallappa the then municipal chairman were our main supporters in the beginning of our School.

² The CMC Sisters, Sr. Jobitta and Sr. Annie James also travelled from Koppa to Periyapatna to conduct the Nursery classes. Sr. Jobitta who was the first Nursery and Primary School headmistress served the institution for 21 years.

and a few of the public in a very humble way without any pomp or procession.



Replacing and Replanting

With the hard work of Fr. Xavier a new school building was ready to use within a year. The class rooms were ready and the new school building was blessed on 9 January 1979 by His Excellency Rev. Dr. Jacob Thoomkuzhy and was inaugurated by S. R. Vijay, the then Deputy Commissioner of Mysore. The blessing day was coordinated with the first school annual day celebration which gave colour and style to the occasion. It has to be remembered with insight and introspection that there was big support in the early days from the public and they turned up in big numbers to witness the event.³

Pushpashram

Fr. Joseph Xavier bought and registered another four acres of land in his name for the *ashram*. A building was ready by the year 1980 in the new land and it was blessed by Fr. Frederick on 2 October of the same year. Fr. Xavier managed to organise two sponsoring agencies to fund for the supply of water facility for both Ashram and School. He could do so by the recommendation of Rev. Dr. Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Bishop of Manathavady. Fr. Xavier rendered a selfless service and a solid foundation both to the school and the house by way of establishing basic facilities with great commitment and sacrifice. Later he moved to Tarikere to take care and uplift the new mission.

‘Jaarg Father’

In the year 1983 Fr. George Kalambukatt, who had completed his studies, makes his entry to the mission not knowing it would be for a life long journey. Through his long association with the people they started calling him, ‘Jaarg Father’...! He joined the community as a member as well as the school staff. He succeeded Fr. Xavier as headmaster and worked for the development of the station and the school for thirteen years. Our School was upgraded to High School on 13 August 1984 and we got the permission order dated 16 July 1985. Permanent Recognition certificate was issued on 31 March 1992 and Linguistic and Religious Minority certificate on 24

³ A noble man, Mr. Joseph, arranged the *panthal* for the meeting on his own initiative and expense. We place on record his selfless service and pray for his eternal bliss.

February 1994. During this time Fr. Amatus was the prefect of the house and Fr. George Kalambukatt succeeded him as prefect in 1985. Fr. Philip Chemmattakuzhy was the prefect from 1987 to 88 and later Fr. Kalambukatt became prefect again from 1988. We purchased another two more acres of alienated plot of land adjacent to the school land opposite to the village road and behind the colony. Fr. George Kalambukattu built the teachers' quarters there.

Water and Manure

The school was upgraded to P.U. College in 1993-94 and Fr. George Kalambukattu was the founding principal. He constructed the first floor over the Primary School and another wing with the ground and first floors near the main road. In the Ashram also he constructed the first floor with a chapel during the period of Fr. Thomas Vithayathil, as the Provincial. This is mainly to facilitate to accommodate the aspirants who were doing the P.U. course in Pushpa College. Fr. Joseph Edakery and Fr. Varghese Kelampampil did their regency in Periyapatna, teaching in the School in the year 1987-88 and 1991-92 respectively.

Nurturing

During the time of Fr. George Puthiyedath as the principal he built the second floor for the school building near to the road wing. Cycle stand, the school compound wall and the foundation of the PU College also was constructed by him. Fr. Joseph Achandy, who followed Fr. George as the principal, continued the phase of growth to greater heights. Fr. Joseph Achandy worked hard for the development of the station. His major contribution was the construction of the P.U. College building with compound walls on the front and back sides. On 2nd May, 2005 Fr. Achandy was transferred to Hunsur as the Prefect of our House Anugrahalaya and continued teaching in Pushpa School. Fr. Sibichen Paul Marangolil followed Fr. Achandy as the principal who was followed by Fr. Augustine Paimpallil.



Cutting and Pruning for growth

Fr. Jose Panampuzha became the Principal as the successor of Fr. Augustine in 2005, and became the prefect of the house after Fr. Mekkara from 11 May 2006. Fr. Jose brought a number of developmental programs both academic and structural to the school. His hardwork and good will put the school in a fast moving phase. A lot of renovations and maintenance were done in Pushpashram and in the School. A small apartment to the section of kitchen was added for more facilities in the house. The gate of the entrance of our house is altered with a new one. In the school the verandah is being enclosed with parapet and grills for safety and security. Strength of the School rose from humble 36 students in the nursery to 2107 students and 61 staff members in the roll. Extracurricular activities such as music, dance, karate and spoken English facilitated the School curriculum.

Resilience against 'Thunderstorm'

In 2014 Fr. Sebastian Panampuzha was given charge of the school. He took up the duty with at most dedication and goodwill. He worked to the best of his abilities for the holistic development of the institution in spite of all

the odds. On the face of oppositions, struggles, crisis from all the corners Fr. Sebastian showed great courage and resilience. After Fr. Sebastian Fr. Antony Akkappilly, Sr. Usha CMC and Fr. George Puthiyedath were the principals respectively. Challenge and crisis are part of growth irrespective of person or institution. So was the story of Pushpa School in many ways. Pushpa School had to undergo crisis after crisis for about continuous six years. There were occasions that many of our priests, sisters and members of the staff had to undergo long days of physical suffering and psychological trauma. While the accusations and allegations remains stranded in the judicial and legal juggling one needs to put the trust in the good God who delivers justice and truth in his time.

New leaf new hope

With once again Fr. George Kalambukattu as the principal and Fr. Shoby Kozhipallan as the administrator, momentum for CBSE syllabus got more organized. While the old PUC building was used for CBSE the necessity for more rooms saw rising of a new building for the same purpose. The new syllabus received the necessary permission in 2018 from the board by the relentless and combined effort of

the Secretary of St. Thomas Education Society and the school management. Fr. George Kalambukattu being on the helm of the institution Pushpa Educational Institution is on the path of resurgence by the charismatic support of Fr. Raju Kanjarathinal and Fr. Jibi panachikal.



Prefects who were guiding forces of Pushpa Institution

- Fr. William Aranjaneyil
- Fr. Xavier Manjapilly
- Fr. George Kalalmbukattu
- Fr. Philip Chemmattakuzhy
- Fr. James Mekkara
- Fr. Joseph Achandy
- Fr. Roy Poopillil
- Fr. Jose Panampuzha
- Fr. Sebastian Punnanchira
- Fr. Johnson Attuchalil
- Fr. Raju Kanjirathinal

Principals who guided the school

- Fr. Xavier Manjappilly
- Sr. Jobita CMC
- Fr. George Kalambukattu
- Fr. Joseph Achandy
- Fr. Sibichen Paul Marangolil
- Fr. Augustine Paimpillil
- Fr. Jose Panampuzha
- Fr. Sebastian Panampuzha
- Sr. Usha CMC
- Fr. Antony Akkappillil
- Fr. George Puthiyedath

Story of Pushpashram is like a story of a tree of cedar planted in fertile soil, grown strong, pressed to bleeding by the thorny bush but grew in to strength by the adversaries. We believe in due time history will vindicate the soothing shade and the nurturing branches Pushpa tree had spread to generations of the people of the land ■



Happy
New Year