

### **Students' Council Report 2018-2019:**

The academic year 2018-19 began on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for II UG, III UG and II PG students. The college commenced for the first UG students on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The members of the college administration addressed the students, about the rules of the college. The heads of various disciplines briefed about their departments. The College commenced for the first PG students on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

St. Mary's constitutes a Students' Council Union which acts as a liaison between the students and the management. The student council elections were held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The II UG and III UG students cast their e-votes in the presence of the members of the Administration, Students' Council Advisors Ms. T. Mary Manonmani, Dr. S. Mary Baptista Janet, Ms. A. Amora, Ms. K. Karthika Rohini, Dr. Anne Devotta, Ms. A. Nirmala Shirely, Dr. S. Bulomine Regi and the members of the Election Committee. Ms. S. Minmini III B.Com was elected as the President, Ms. R. Rathisha, III B.A English as Vice President, Ms. T. Shalini, III B.A History as Secretary, Ms. H. Angel, III B.Com (SSC), as President of self-supporting courses, Ms. K. Deekshitha III B.Sc Microbiology (SSC) as Vice President of self-supporting courses and Ms. J. Abinaya III B.Sc Mathematics (SSC) as Secretary of self-supporting courses.

The college celebrated the Valedictory of 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year with the holy mass by Rt. Rev. Bishop Jude Paulraj (Bishop, Tirunelveli Diocese), followed by cultural fest. Dr. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Principal, Servite Arts and Science College for Women, Thogaimalai and Dr. S. Gowsalya, Counsellor, St. Mary's College were the chief guests.

The investiture ceremony of the Students' Council Union was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The office bearers of students' council union, along with the representatives of students' body, presidents and secretaries of various associations, clubs and forums assumed office in the presence of the chief guest Dr. Rev. Sr. Mary Gilda, Principal, Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi.

'Talentia 2018' was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for the I UG students as a platform to exhibit their talents.

72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Ms. Latha Freeda Joan, Lecturer in Medical Entomology, Thoothukudi Medical College, hoisted the National Flag.

Teacher's day was celebrated on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Students expressed their affection and respect for the teachers by distributing saplings. Dr. R. D. Thilaga, Head of the Department of Zoology addressed the students.

Journey of Empowered Marians (JEM) Programme was conducted from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 for the outgoing UG students. A variety of skill development programmes like Cookery, Photography, Cell Phone Service, Folk dance, Photoshop, Soft Skills, Life Skills and Aerobic Dance programmes were organized. Well qualified instructors gave training to the students.

The season of Advent was spiritually observed. A Christmas Sales was organised on 15th December 2018, Mr. J. Singarayan Vaz. Rtd. Divisional Manager, National Insurance Company, Nagercoil and Mrs. Xavier Immaculate Usha Retd, Teacher inaugurated the sales. Profit from the sales was distributed to St. Joseph's leprosy home, Lucia differently abled Center and Home for the Aged.

Christmas Day was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. Rev. Fr. Julians Marian Joshi, Correspondent, St. Thomas Matriculation School, Thoothukudi delivered the Christmas message on the joy of loving, sharing and caring. Rev. Fr. Benjamin De Souza, Director, TMSSS, Thoothukudi was the guest of honour. Christmas gifts were shared with the less fortunate twenty five school children.

In order to reinforce the significance of the Tamil culture and tradition, the harvest festival, Pongal was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the college premises. Mr. Rajendra Boopathy, Head of Korampallam River Farmers Union and Mrs. Rajathi, Founder of Morning Star Social and Educational Society were the chief guests. The traditional ethnic games like Uri Adithal, Hop Race, Hide and Seek, Kaai Maraithal and prominent folk dances like Thappattam, Oyilattam and Karakattam were performed by the students.

In view of 'National Voters Day' competitions like Rangoli, Snake and Ladder Game were conducted for the students on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Voters' Day oath was taken by the students.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Republic Day was celebrated Dr. Major. P Prabakaran, Retired Associate Professor of Economics, Aditanar College of Arts and Science, Tiruchendur hoisted the flag and addressed the gathering.

The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Meet was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 with great zeal, excitement. Mr. M. Tamilselvan, ICC, an Olympian and Recipient of Arjuna Award and Mr. S.D. Ponseelan, President, Tamil Nadu Amateur Weight Lifting Association were the chief guests. More than 10 inter-departmental games were organised and the department of Economics won the overall championship and the department of HR Commerce bagged the overall shield for athletic events. On the eve of sports meet, different cultural events like Aerobics, Kondathattam, Sila aattam, Lezim and Kazhiyal were performed by the students.

The Marian Art Fest 2018-19, an inter departmental cultural competition was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Dr. Chandra Pushpam, Senior Announcer, All India Radio, Tirunelveli inaugurated the fest and Ms. Sivakami, Principal, Government Music School, Thoothukudi gave the valedictory address. 15 solo events, 2 duet events and 7 group events were conducted and 41 judges were invited. The department of English bagged the Over All shield for group events and the department of Commerce for individual events.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 Dr. Santhose Baboo., Registrar, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli gave the graduation address and distributed the degree certificates to 905 young Marian graduates.

71<sup>st</sup> Annual Day was celebrated on 2019 Dr. C. Pandiammal, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tirunelveli was the Chief Guest, Dr. C. Vasuki, Principal, Wavoo Wajeeha Women's College of Arts and Science, Kayalpatnam was the Guest of Honour.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Valediction of the Students' Council was held. Dr. A. Suruliandi, Controller of Examinations, Mononmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli was the chief guest. Students council, clubs and forums ended up their activities for the year 2018-19 by reading the minutes of their respective council, clubs and forums.