

Students Union Council Report

Orientation for Students – Orientation Programme “Youth – Towards a Better Self and Society” was organized for the II- and III-year students, on 18th and 19th July. Mr. Nedunchezian, Rev. Fr. Isidore, Former Director of St. Joseph Charity Institute, Adaikalaburam, Rev. Fr. Benjamin De Souza, Legal Cell Tuticorin Diocese, Bishop’s House, and Rev. Fr. Ubertus Parish Priest, Cruzpuram oriented the students .



Freshers Meet – The Freshers- I UG Students entered the portals of the institution on 27th July 2022. A formal welcome was given to the students by their department students. They went on a campus tour and was followed by general instruction and orientation by the Principal Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Heads of the Departments and Vice-principals.

Students Council Election – Representatives to the Students’ Council were elected through e-voting, Google form platform on 28th July. All the II- and III-year students cast their vote. Out of 8 nominees in the regular stream three were elected to the council, and out of 5 nominees in the SSC stream, three were elected to the council.

The Students' Council Inauguration - The Students Council Inauguration of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, was held on 3rd August 2022. Rev. Sr. Dr. M.S. Rubha, Principal, Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi was the Chief Guest. The elected office bearers to the Students Union, assumed office in the investiture ceremony led by Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. A. S. J Lucia Rose. Representatives N. Jordan Ruth Mitra, president, T. Snowlin Ramani, Secretary, A. Anitha Absara, Vice president J. Britney Thirsha, President (SSC), K. Bharani Lakshmi, Secretary (SSC), S. Snowfar, Vice president (SSC) undertook pledge along with the Presidents of clubs and forums. The theme of the year, "Gratitude", was showcased through dance and narrative performances. The Chief Guest in her address insisted on the need for gratitude and steps to be successful to the students. Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Dr. A. Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations graced the occasion.



Independence Day - St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi, celebrated India's 75th Independence Day on 15th August, with great élat at 8.30 a.m. Chief guest Dr. SDR. Ponseelan, Chairman, SDR and ABI group of companies, Thoothukudi, hoisted the flag, with the parade of the NCC cadets. Principal Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose administered the oath and students took the pledge to up hold honour and integrity. In his address the Chief Guest urged the students to do their best and feel proud to be Indians. Patriotic songs, speech and dances, brought the stage alive with passion and love for the motherland. Prizes were distributed for the freedom fighters parade display. Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Dr. A. Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations graced the occasion.



Motivational Talk - "Igniting Inspiration" - a Motivational talk, was organized on 16th August 2022. The Speaker of the programme was Rev. Fr. Jegath Gaspar Raj, Founder Tamil Maiyam Organization, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The presenter gave real life instances and inspired students with his power packed, scintillating speech. He extolled the greatness of Tamil language and significance of Thoothukudi. He insisted on the need for empathy and gratitude. Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Principal Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Dr. A. Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations graced the occasion. The programme was organized by the Students Council members and its representatives. The programme came to an end with the College Anthem.



The Platinum Jubilee Inauguration

The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi was celebrated with great enthusiasm and exuberance on 17th August 2022. It began with the Holy Spirit Mass celebrated by Most. Rev. Stephen Antony, Bishop, Diocese of Thoothukudi. This was followed by the Inauguration of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Mr. S. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, State Minorities Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, was the chief

guest. Most Rev. Stephen Antony, Bishop, Diocese of Thoothukudi, was the Guest of Honour. Dignitaries Rev. Sr. Ladisca Mary OSM, Former Superior General, Congregation of Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary, Tiruchirapalli, Rev. Sr. Peregrina Mary OSM, Correspondent, St. Bastin's Matriculation High School, Papanasam, Thanjavur District. Rev. Sr. Dr. Mary Joyce Baby OSM, Provincial, Maria Natchathira Province, Palayamkottai, felicitated. The Chief Guest in his address highlighted the essence of living and significance of womanhood. He then unveiled the model of the Platinum Jubilee Pillar Edict to be erected reflecting seventy-five years excellence in education. Rev. Sr. Kenzie Mary, Mother Superior, Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Kulandai Therese, Deputy Principal graced the occasion. A cultural feat representing seven stages of life, was presented through dance, drama and singing. Well-wishers of the college made the event jubilant with their presence. The Platinum Jubilee Inaugural ceremony ended with the college anthem.



Teachers Day – The Students Council members organised the Teacher's Day celebration with great pomp and show. The campus was beautifully adorned with decorations and meaningful quotes. The faculty were led by the College Band to the Auditorium. Students gave a spectacular feat of programme of dances, enactment, singing, poetry recitation and games. The retiring faculty were honoured with crown and gifts. Dr. Stella Beatrice Nirmala, Head of the Department of Commerce addressed the students to respect parents



Graduation Day - St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi organised its 41st Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, 24th September 2022 in its campus. The event began with the academic procession led by the academic dignitaries Chief Guest, Dr. R. Baskaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tirunelveli, Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Dr. A. Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations and the Heads of all the Departments. The ceremony started with the invocation followed by *Tamil Thai Vazhthu*. Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose welcomed the gathering and presented the

Annual Report for the academic year 2021-2022. The Chief guest Dr. R.Baskaran, delivered the Convocation address. He exhorted the students to increase their self-confidence and insisted on the responsibilities they owed to their parents. The Heads of various departments presented their candidates and the Chief Guest distributed the diplomas. The Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose administered the pledge and the graduates undertook it. The Principal then dissolved the Graduation Ceremony. On behalf of the student community, Ms. Jesintha Jocelyn proposed the Vote of Thanks. The ceremony came to an end with the National Anthem.



Talentia -2022-23 - The Talent search show was organized for the I year students on 26th October 2022. Dance – Western and Classical, Elocution – English and Tamil, Mono-acting, Singing and Instrumental were the events conducted. Best performing students were given prizes. Deputy Principal Dr. Kulandai Therese and Union Council members organized the event.

Marian Art Fest -2022', the Inter-department Cultural competition was organized from 15th to 17th December 2022. Guests of honour, Mrs.A.Chandra Alex, Bharathanatyam Dancer and Instructor, Natiyalaya Dance School, Thoothukudi, Mrs.Mira Ben Rodrigo, Pianist and Instructor, Lia School of Music, Thoothukudi, and Mr.K.S.Thangasamy, Actor and Director, inaugurated the mega event. Students actively participated in the 29 Solo, Duet, Trio and Group events. Sr.Flora Mary, Correspondent, Servite CBSE School, Maravanmadam presided over the Valedictory function and distributed the prizes. The department of English Regular won both the Overall Shields for individual and Group events. Department of Physics won the Runner up Shield for Individual, and B.Com SSC for Group events. Rev.Sr.Dr.C.Shibana, Secretary, Rev.Sr.Dr.A.S.J Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev.Sr.Dr.Kulandai Therese, Deputy Principal, Rev.Sr.Josephine Jeyarani, Director, Self-Supporting Courses graced the occasion.



Republic Day was commemorated on 26th January. Chief Guest Mr. R. Thilahar, Assistant General Manager, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, Thoothukudi Main Branch, hoisted the flag. Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose, principal administered the pledge. Patriotic fervour songs were sung and dance was performed.

Pongal celebrations were held on 13th January 2023. Dr. M. Theradi Mani, Dean of Agriculture and Research Institute, Killikulam was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Hepsibah Theradi Mani graced the occasion. Folk dances, traditional games and sports of Tamil Nadu were special features. Students made sweet pongal and shared with joy.



Platino Fiesta an Intercollegiate Cultural Competition was organised in view of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 1st March. Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, Principal Arulanandar College, inaugurated the function, in the presence of Rev.Sr.Dr.C.Shibana, Secretary, Rev.Sr.Dr.A.S.J Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev.Sr.Dr.Kulandai Therese, Deputy Principal, Rev.Sr.Josephine Jeyarani, Director, Self-Supporting Courses and Dr. Punitha Tharani Controller of Examinations. About 24 colleges, with 800 participants participated. V.O.C College Thoothukudi won the overall shield. The second and third place was bagged by Nesamoni Memorial College, Marthandam and MDT Hindu College, Tirunelveli.

College Annual Day was celebrated on 21st March, 2023 in a grand manner. Prof.Dr.N.Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli was the chief guest. Rev.Sr.Dr.F.Mary Joyce Baby was the Guest of Honour. The programme was held in the august presence of Superior, Rev.Sr.Kenzie, Secretary, Rev.Sr.Dr.C.Shibana, Principal, Rev.Sr.Dr.A.S.J. Lucia Rose, Director Self Supporting Courses, Rev.Sr.Josephine Jeyarani, Deputy Principal, Rev.Sr.Dr.Kulandai Therese and Controller of Examination Dr.Punitha Tharani. Rev.Sr.Dr.C.Shibana, the Secretary welcomed the gathering. Rev.Sr.Dr.A.S.J.Lucia Rose, the Principal presented the Annual Report. Retiring faculty and Non-Teaching staff completing 25 years of service were felicitated and honoured. Prof.Dr.N.Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, the chief guest in his address appreciated the institution for it's infrastructural and academic growth. Rev.Sr.Dr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Provincial, the Guest of Honour addressed the outgoing students motivating them to forge ahead with optimism in their career. Academic and Non- Academic prizes were awarded to the students. This was followed by a cultural extravaganza. Songs were rendered by the Marian Orchestra. Dances of the World, English Play - 'Souls at Mercy' and Tamil Tableau - 'Women in the Bible' were represented spectacularly.



Valedictory ceremony on 30th March 2023 at 11.30 a.m in the college auditorium. Dr. P. Bala Shanmuga Devi, Principal, A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for women was the chief guest. Final year students from various department, clubs, and forums read out their activities as Minutes for the academic year 2022-2023.



Farewell to Teachers by outgoing students and Students farewell to mark their memories in their Alma Mater were celebrated on 1st April 2023.

Initiation ceremony was held on 19th April 2023 in front of Lotus Matha Statue at 8.45 a.m. The outgoing students both UG and PG were initiated to serve the society with Marian motto and values. Students offered prayers to Mother Mary for her continual guidance in their future endeavours. Principal, Rev.Sr.Dr.A.S.J. Lucia Rose, Director Self Supporting Courses, Rev.Sr.Josephine Jeyarani, Deputy Principal, Rev.Sr.Dr.Kulandai Therese led the ceremony. Students took a solemn oath of loyalty to their Alma Mater.

