



INtercoM

News from the Province of Chennai

INM Extraordinary Visitation 2020

SALESIAN PROVINCE OF ST. THOMAS APOSTLE Chennai (INM), India



My dear confreres,

Greetings to you from Citadel! In this special **March 2020** issue of **INtercoM**, we have in our hands (in printed format probably for the first time) all the INM presences (Canonical and non-canonical), with a brief history of each presence, as recorded by the Extraordinary Visitor, **Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga SDB**, in the recently concluded Report of the **INM Extraordinary Visitation**. In the March 2020 Circular, we had a taste of the History of the INM Province. In this issue of INtercoM, all of us can get to know a little more about the **various types of Mission that we Salesians do in all our INM presences**.



As the Salesian World is fully immersed in GC28, we ponder on the words of **Father Stefano Vanoli**, Moderator General Chapter 28, who in his pre-Chapter 'good night' on 15 February 2020 at the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians said, "We are in Valdocco, we are from Valdocco" not as a mere statement, but also as a reminder to all the participants, that it is indeed **a return to Valdocco after 62 years!** The General Chapter 28, with its significantly 'biblical 07' week-duration, with the 242 Capitulars, representing the 7 Regions, comprising of 66 nationalities engaged in active youth ministry in over 130 countries, is intensely seeking answers to the question "**What type/kind of Salesians for the young people of today?**" till it concludes on 4th April 2020. GC 28 is expected to be a General Chapter that will provide **renewed strength of purpose to the vocation and charismatic identity of Don Bosco's disciples**.

On Tuesday 18 February, the **Rector Major's Report on the State of the Congregation** was broadcast live on the ANS Facebook page [the 1st time this has happened in the History of the Congregation]. "What is the Status of our beloved Congregation?" found its response in "**The visibility and credibility of our consecrated life has diminished: it is a weakness and also a permanent challenge, which is faced with faith and courage:** the more than 400 novices who begin Salesian life every year are a gift that confirm that our Congregation has not lost its loyalty," according to Father Artime. He highlighted the educative-evangelising work of the Congregation involving families in the accompaniment of the young with the availability and a fruitful exchange of confreres among the Provinces. However, he also reminded the assembly that there is **no shortage of challenges and appeals** and "as a Congregation we feel an active part in the Church, in union with Pope Francis, always ready to accept his indications as highlighted in the recent Synods on the family and young people."

This issue of INtercoM assumes significance in the light of the above, serving as an inspirational instrument for each one of us, knowing that we are still following faithfully in the footsteps of our Founder Don Bosco's Charism as long as we work for the poor and marginalized in our society.

As we sit down to plan for our summer ministry and summer camps in all our presences, let us continue to keep in mind our explicit call for the deserving youth as we strive to make them good and upright citizens for a better tomorrow! Wishing you a successful completion of the 2019-2020 academic year and may our Blessed Mother, Help of Christians, guide and protect us from all danger!

Yours affectionately in Don Bosco,

Fr. Dominic Matthews SDB

EDITOR

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INM CONFRERES BIRTHDAYS of MARCH, APRIL & MAY

MARCH

- 01 P Thomas George Savari
S Arockia Berdouil Raj
- 02 P Savari Lourduraj
- 03 P Paul Mark
P Anand Adaikalasamy
- 04 P Philominathan Sagayaraj
P Lourdusamy Suresh Kumar
- 05 P Jeyaraj Joseph
P Rathinasamy Kirubagaran
- 06 P Cereda Francesco - VG
P Susai Lourdusamy
- 07 P George Edwin
- 09 D Antony Pushparaj
- 10 S Clement Arokioraj Sebastin
- 11 P Paulraj Johnson (AFE)
- 12 P Thaddeus Gregory
- 13 P Knackiraj Sitrarasu
- 15 S Arockiadoss Leo Joseph
S Sagayam Muthu
- 16 P Vaniapurayil Vikrant
P Mariasosai Adaikalasamy
- 18 P Arokiam Amirtharaj
- 19 S Xavier Christopher
P Joseph John
- 22 L Das Joseph
- 23 L Neethiappa Arulappan
P Ambrose Daniel
- 24 P James Bernard
- 25 P Xavier Lionel
- 27 P Durairaj Vincent
- 28 P Robert Sagayaraj Antony (Tony)
- 29 P Kolandaiswamy Adaikalalaraj
P Arokiasamy Tharsius
P Soosairathinam Antonysamy
- 30 P Muthuraj Sebastian
S Franklin Amal
- 31 P Amalanathan Richard John
S Robinson P. (in INT)

APRIL

- 01 S Darwin J (in INT)
- 02 P Susai Arockiadoss
P Amaladoss Mathew Rajan
- 03 S Michaelraj Pushparaj
- 04 P Thomas Amalraj
P Arulanandam Alphonse
P Mani Lazar Isidore
P Savariappan Charles
- 05 P David Jesumanickam
P FernandoJohn Vigilius
S Arulanantham Lourdu Joseph
- 06 L Celestine Nathan (AFE)
- 07 P Panackel Joy
- 09 P John Adaikala Raja
- 10 P Sagayaraj Dominic
S Dominic JeromeCyril
- 11 P Joseph FranklinAlphonse
- 12 P Kadaplackal Abraham (KV)
- 16 P Vettical George-VV
P Babu Pushparaj
- 17 P Pottackerry Anthony
L Savarinathan Anandaraj
P Balasamy Philip Louie
- 18 P Swamikannu Stanislaus
- 22 P Paul Raj Irudayaamalraj
D Philominsamy Jerome
- 23 P Antony Christy Lourdunathan
S Jayasimmon G.L.
- 24 P Vanathian Sebastian
- 26 S Arumainathan Jerry
- 27 P A. FrancisVincent(UPS)
- 28 P Joseph Andrews
P Anthony Lourdusamy (in UPS)
S Francis Xavier A (in INT)
- 29 P Kodadala Jayaprakash
S Chinnappan Arul Neethi Manickam (in INT)
- 30 P Francis Peter

MAY

- 01 P Prabu Joseph
- 02 P Kondaveeti Rajanna
P Tamizhselvan Antonymuthu
P Devadoss Rozario
S Anto Sagayaraj
S Alok Tete
- 03 S Arokijaraj Joseph Raj
P Singarayar Bharathi
S Susai Isaiyas
- 04 P Vellanganny Mark
S Selvaraj Monoharan Leo
- 05 P Gandhi Kallarasan
- 06 P Maria Ashok Kumar
S Johnson Tony. A (in INT)
- 07 P Jayaraj Gilbert
- 08 P Emareddy Mathias
- 09 D Gnana Xavier
S Christu Yesu Raj
- 11 D Chinnappan Sekar
- 12 P Santhanam John Wilson
- 15 P Thomas Sathinathan
S Peter Alexander (in INT)
S Lokesh K. (in INT)
- 16 P Nicholas Saul
- 18 P Pathi Robert
- 19 L Sigamani Antony
P Vallabaraj Jerome
S Arockia Anbu
- 21 P John Sankar
- 23 P Kasi Sagayaraj
- 24 P Gnanamani Prasath
P Masilamani Jayaraj
P Paulraj Williams
P Sundaram Victor
S Gabriel Paulraj. C
- 25 S Kolas Periyanyagam
- 26 P Maria Louis. M
P Correya Cassius
- 27 P Adiroopanathan Mariasusai (AFE)
- 30 P Felix Arulappan
S Ananda Prakash Kumar (in LKC)
- 31 P Valan Arul
P Inniyasi Robert







History of the House

The Salesians came to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the invitation of the Bishop of Port Blair, Rt. Rev. Alex Dias, sfx. The first Salesian, Rev. Fr. Arul Raj, landed in the Andaman on 6th February, 1997, to work in the Diocese of Port Blair and stayed at Mathura parish to assist the parish priest. The Bishop wanted the Salesians to take up three areas of missionary work in the Diocese, namely: Parish Pastoral ministry, Establishment of a Technical School for the welfare of the youth and to co-ordinate the Youth Apostolate of the Diocese, by a Salesian. In September 1997, Fr. Patrick Alphonse came to the Andaman and stayed at Mathura. In August 1998, the Parish of Mathura was divided into two Parishes namely Ferrargunj and Wimberlygunj. The Bishop entrusted the parish of Ferrargunj to the Salesians by a written contract for 10 years. Fr. Patrick Alphonse took up the responsibility as the Parish Priest of Ferrargunj on 16th August 1998 and Fr. Arul Raj as the Assistant Parish Priest.

In the year 2005, the Salesians branched into social work and organized the people into Self Help Groups. The technical school was begun as a response to contain the alarming situation of the youth who were 75% school dropouts. With the assistance of COMIDE, in 2003, a 2-wheeler workshop for boys, at Lalpahar was begun in the land bought in 2001 by Fr. Patrick Alphonse along with a tailoring institute at Ferrargunj. In the post tsunami scenario technical education received a boost in funding through the German Government projects. In 2012, an English Medium School was initiated on the CBSE pattern at Lalpahar itself while the technical school has been scaled down to driver-training for the youth at the same venue. On June 2019, the English Medium School got itself affiliated to ICSE pattern. It is the first ICSE school in the whole of Andamans and the Chennai province as well.



The Salesian Community

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| Fr. Patrick Alphonse | - Rector/Correspondent | Fr. Charles Grace | - Administrator/Vice Principal/YMC |
| Fr. Fernando John Vigilius | - Vice Rector/Parish Priest | Fr. Charles Savariappan | - Director: DISHA |
| Fr. Deva Anbu Joseph | - Principal | Br. Nichodim Tete (Disciple of Jesus) | - Teacher |

DON BOSCO MISSION – SAGAI, BAGALUR

—21st & 22nd September 2019—

This parish was separated from Hosur parish and established as an independent parish in 1998 with Fr. Michael Thomas as the pioneer who began the work operating from a rented facility. He then purchased the plot at Choodapuram and setup the residence and a small hall which served for about 5 years as the chapel. Later, in 2006, the parish was blessed with a Church in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians through the instrumentality of Fr. Kuriakose. The modest parish consists of 75 Catholic families.



Due to the closing of the ABL industrial unit, about 15 Catholic families went back to their home towns and hence the numbers have now further dropped. At present there are 52 catholic families at Bagalur, & 8 families at Berigai, 8 families at Kanagondapalli and 6 families at Attur. The parishioners are of lower middle-class families. Their faith life is just satisfactory.

Don Bosco – Sagaya Annai Graphic Arts Institute had its start in the year 2008. It was started as an extension of SIGA, Chennai. Since there wasn't sufficient scope for growth in the parish sector, the regional superior, during the extra ordinary visitation, had proposed to have additional programme/service in the campus. Thus, it was decided to keep the first year SDC boys of SIGA to coach in communication skill, spoken English and other life-coping skills. In the second year they go back to SIGA itself. At the later stage the local students joined the institute directly instead of applying to SIGA. Thus, until 2019 the house has processed twelve batches.

Since 1998 the Salesian Community at Bagalur existed as a new presence. Later it was attached to Don Bosco community at Dharmapuri. In 2015, the community was made into canonically erected house Fr. Provincial installed Fr. Lawrence sdb as its first Rector of the Bagalur Mission.



The Salesian Community

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| Fr. Varaprasadam Lawrence | - Rector/Parish Priest |
| Fr. Thomas George Savari | - Vice Rector/Principal/Administrator/YMC |
| Br. Tyron Baron | - Dean of Studies |
| Fr. Edward Michael | - Principal (Lent to Dharmapuri Diocese) |
| Br. Arulanantham Lourdu Joseph | - Practical Training 2 |
| Br. Chinnapparaj Thominic Naveen Christy | - Student: B.Sc. Physics Year 3. |

DON BOSCO SHRINE AYANAVARAM

05th & 06th October 2019



History of the House

Don Bosco Shrine, Ayanavaram was bifurcated from Perambur and erected as a parish on 4th December 1966. In the beginning the church was a small hut including 150 families. The present church of Don Bosco was built and blessed on 16th July 1978. The Parish celebrated the Silver jubilee of the church in 2003. Villivakkam, SIDCO Nagar and Thiruvalluvar Nagar (T.V.Nagar) were the three sub-stations of this parish. Now, Villivakkam and SIDCO Nagar Sub Stations are bifurcated as separate parishes. At present T.V. Nagar is the only Sub Station of this parish with 200 registered Catholic families and 10 Basic Christian Communities (BCC). Earlier the Parish also looked after the Chapel at ESI Hospital. The Parish has about 1100 Catholic families hailing from different economic backgrounds and this has produced 16 Priests, 4 Brothers and 4 Nuns to the Church.

The Don Bosco Matriculation School was started in the year 1974 as a Primary School by the Parish of Don Bosco Shrine and run by Salesians of Don Bosco. The school was upgraded as Matriculation School in June 2004 and into a Higher Secondary School in 2015. Following the charism of the Founder Don Bosco, it offers integrated education based on the triple pillars of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness. The school aims at developing the character and personality of each pupil, imparting sound education through wise training. Though the school is a minority educational institution primarily for Catholics, it also admits other deserving children irrespective of caste and creed. Moral instruction to every student and Christian Doctrine to Catholics form an important part in the character formation of the pupils. There are at present 450 children studying in the school. These children are primarily admitted based on their socio-economic conditions and the preferences are given to the poor Catholic children. Many poor children are also given fee concession in order to manage their school fees.



The Salesian Community

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| Fr. Maria Louis | - Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent |
| Fr. Stanislaus Swaminathan | - Vice Rector/Asst. Parish Priest |
| Fr. Maria Ashok Kumar | - Principal/Asst. Parish Priest |
| Fr. Anto John Jagadish | - Administrator/Asst. Parish Priest |

DON BOSCO TECH CAMPUS – BASIN BRIDGE

29th & 30th September 2019



History of the House

St. Joseph's Industrial Training centre stands tall today due to the advice of the then Archbishop of Madras - Mylapore, Dr. Louis Mathias SDB and Mgr. Mederlet who in 1951 identified the extensive plot of land near Basin Bridge called the "Harness and Saddle Factory" as ideal spot for an industrial school due to its proximity to major industrial installations. After persistent hard work the desired land was procured for the exchange of Shenoy Nagar land that Salesians had originally purchased as the locale for a technical school. A fine carpentry workshop, a mechanical workshop (1951), a section for art and printing (1952) were soon setup along with a boarding. A compound wall was erected and the Provincial office also moved in. The Aspirant Coadjutors who had remained for about two years in Tirupattur came over to Basin Bridge with their staff. The Printing Press grew and in 1968, it was shifted to Kilpauk, as SIGA Press.

The Central Government recognition to the Technical School was secured for trades such as Fitter & Turner (1973), Welder & Machinist (1977), Electrician & Draughtsman (1981), Electronic Mechanic (1987), Data Preparation and Computer Software course (1995), Mechanical Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (1997), Computer Operator and Programming Assistant (COPA) (1998). Besides these formal courses mentioned above, Non-Formal courses such as Machine shop operation, Carpentry and Cabinet Making have also been conducted in the interest of the school dropouts and for those with very little of formal schooling.

Don Bosco Youth Centre: The Don Bosco Youth Centre was started in 1952. It is a boon to neighbourhood. It has trained hundreds of young people in Don Bosco's way. The young people who benefitted from DBYC are grateful and attached to the centre. At present we have 380 boys, who attend this centre every day from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mary Help of Christians Parish: Fr. Paul Bazgier Sdb was the first parish priest. He held the office from 1953-1965. In 1952 (01-12-1952) the parish got separated from the Choolai, St. Andrews Church, Fr. Jacob Karimil sdb took charge in 1965. In 1966 a small chapel of St. Anthony was built at V.O.C Nagar. On the 18th March 1967 a site for the new church

was chosen and the building work started. On the 19th March 1968 the new church was inaugurated. Today the Parish is a small community of 620 poor Catholic families and continues valiantly to bear witness among a very vast crowd of non-Catholics.

Don Bosco Social Service Society (DBSSS): Don Bosco Youth Centre has been serving the youth from the urban slum pockets of Pulianthope. Initially the DBSSS engaged itself in helping the poor of the locality during natural calamities like floods and fire accidents with relief works. Between 1976 and 1980, DBSSS imported skimmed milk powder, baby food, clothes and medicines for free distribution to the local poor. DBSSS was then known as ‘Kamadenu’. The activities of DBSSS were carried out from the new building at Dr. Ambedhkar Nagar inaugurated on April 14, 1985. In the year 1984 a team of FMM (Franciscan Missionaries of Mary) sister, joined hands with us and began working for the betterment of the people of the locality. The society has given special attention to the empowerment of Women, children, and the youth.

The rename of “Don Bosco Technical Campus” was a recent phenomenon in 2010, due to the fact of offering a wide range of professional advanced skill training in collaboration with the leading Industries. This State-of-art skill training makes the youth qualified for a decent, dignified and sustainable livelihood. It is a brand name with umbrella term which includes all skill training under one banner in this campus namely the Polytechnic college, St. Joseph’s ITI and Industrial linked training Co-operations.

The Salesian Community



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| 1. Fr. Johnson Antony | - | Rector/Secretary/Director: DBSSS/Carpentry |
| 2. Fr. Joy Kurian | - | Vice Rector/ Parish Priest |
| 3. Br. Arokiasamy Velangany | - | Administrator |
| 4. Fr. James Bernard | - | Principal: Polytechnic/Dean of Studies |
| 5. Fr. Vincent Kabilai | - | Director: DBYC/YMC |
| 6. Fr. Sagayaraj Perianayagam | - | Asst. Director: DBICA |
| 7. Br. John Henrick John Antony | - | Practical Training 2 |
| 8. Br. Daveethu Praveenkumar | - | Student: DME Year 3 |
| 9. Br. Sanjay Bilung (INC) | - | Student: DEEE Year 3 |
| 10. Br. Samir Kongari (INN) | - | Student: DEEE Year 3 |
| 11. Br. Praveen Turkey (INC) | - | Student: DME Year 2 |
| 12. Br. Ajith Murmu (INC) | - | Student: DME Year 1 |
| 13. Br. Elias Majhi (INN) | - | Student: DEEE Year 1 |
| 14. Br. Robin Ekka (INC) | - | Student: DME Year 1 |
| 15. Br. Uttam Murmu (INC) | - | Student: DEEE Year 1 |

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH - BROADWAY

24th – 26th October 2019

History of the House

Until 1843, catholic families of Broadway had to go to St. Mary's Co-cathedral for masses and services. A chapel of 67' x 36' was built in 1850 (the present St. Anne's convent) for housing the masses. On 3rd December 1866, the present St. Francis Xavier's church was constructed and sanctified with Fr. D. Doyle



as the first parish priest. From 1878 to 1929 the parish was administered by diocesan clergy. Fr. Ignatius Muthu SDB, in 1929 took charge as the first Salesian and the church continues to be under the Salesian care till date. Fr. Orfeo Mantovani SDB, the parish priest from 1952 to 1963 ensured the construction of frontal elevation as well as the interior of the church.

Various pious associations build up the faith of the people for decades such as: Legion of Mary (1930), Sodality of Mary Help of Christians (11 February 1937), St. Vincent de Paul Society (1937), St. Camillus dispensary (1947), Parochial board (1950), Magazine: Favours and Graces Received (Tamil & English in 1952), Salesian Cooperators (1954), Campaign for enthronement of Sacred Heart (1958), Sagaya Madha Hall (1960), Catechetical Hall (1979), Dominic Savio Preparatory School (1984), Computer Education (2001), Youth Hall (2000), Clive Battery Substation Social Welfare Activity under SMA sisters (1985), Clive Battery Vailankanni Chapel (2001). Many other facilities and modifications too have been undertaken over these many years by the Salesian Parish Priests who have shepherded the parish from 1928 till now.

The Salesian Community



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| 1. Fr. Sitrarasu Kanickaraj | - | Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent |
| 2. Fr. Maria Louis Lourdusamy | - | Vice Rector/Asst. Parish Priest |
| 3. Fr. Lourduraj Savari | - | Administrator/Vice Principal |
| 4. Fr. Bharathi Singarayar | - | Student: Ph.D. /YMC |
| 5. Fr. Pottackerry Antony | - | Confessor |
| 6. Fr. Vaniapurayil Vikrant | - | Confessor |



OUR LADY OF REFUGE - BROADWAY

— *~* 22nd & 23rd October 2019 *~* —

History of the House

The community of St. Gabriel's traces its antecedent to St. Mary's School in 1839 when it was established with St. Mary's Seminary at Armenian Street, Chennai. In 1906 the school was bifurcated and the Tamil section of the school, under the name St. Gabriel's began functioning under the Diocese of Madras (1839-1906), the Brothers of St. Patrick (1907-1911), the Mill Hill Fathers (1911-1917), the Jesuits (1917-1924) and the Brothers of St. Gabriel's (1924-1929) before finally the Salesians took over in 1929 till the present day. From 1937 onwards, St. Gabriel's School started functioning in its present location in Prakasam Salai. It is a Higher Secondary School since 1979. The school is located adjacent to the three slums of Aasirvathapuram, Valluvar Nagar and B.R.N. Garden in Broadway. Consequently, most students who attend our school hail from the lower-income category families.

To take care of the students and youth of this Broadway locality, the Salesians started an Oratory in 1944. In this same complex, Don Bosco Nursery & Primary School was started in 1958 to support the Oratory. The hostel facilities in this house came much later in 1990. It caters to working men in this city originating from the rural areas of Tamil Nadu. This house twice was the Provincial House of the Salesians of Don Bosco in South India for two periods of time (1937- 1941 & 1954-1967).

At present, the Salesian community at Our Lady of Refuge, Broadway, Chennai, caters to the education of the deserving children of the locality through the Primary School (Matriculation Board) and Higher Secondary school (Government aided Tamil & English mediums) and many youth activities through the daily Youth Centre. Besides these, the institution also provides hostel facilities for the poor and deserving working men from the rural parts of Tamil Nadu.

Now under the patronage of Our Lady of Refuge, the various sectors of this community are making history by transcending centenary, platinum and golden celebrations.



The Salesian Community

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| 1. Fr. Edwin George | - | Rector/Correspondent/Director: Youth Centre/YMC |
| 2. Fr. Gilbert Jayaraj | - | Vice Rector/Headmaster |
| 3. Fr. Paulraj Maniam | - | Administrator/In charge: Primary School |
| 4. Fr. Nithyanandam Moses | - | Teacher/Liturgical Animator |
| 5. Fr. Kurupacheril Antony (KC) | - | Confessor |
| 6. Fr. Vettical George | - | Confessor |
| 7. Fr. Antonysamy Amaldas (IND) | - | Student: Ph.D. |
| 8. Br. Jerome Hendry Saviar | - | Student: M.A. English Year 2 |
| 9. Br. Susai Amalraj (IND) | - | Student: M.A. Philosophy |
| 10. Br. Adahrii Robin Kapani (IND) | - | Student: M.A. Philosophy |

DON BOSCO EGMORE

14th & 15th September 2019

History of the House

DON BOSCO - EGMORE
The seed of this renowned institution was sown on the 1st of July 1958, in the premises of Dominic Savio Preparatory School, Santhome, Chennai with just 8 staff members and 140 students. It was headed by the great stalwart Rev. Fr. Mallon, a dynamic and devoted Salesian. With careful nurture, the school sprouted forth and was granted recognition in March 1959, by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, Mr. A.L. Mudaliar fulfilling the need of a Matriculation School for boys in the city. After a year's growth, the school was shifted to the present premises on Casa Major Road and was renamed



Don Bosco Matriculation and thus its new history began to unfold on the 18th of June 1959. The official opening of the school took place on March 5th, 1960, by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.

Its roots gained firm footing and in 1978, it was upgraded as a Higher Secondary School. From then on, Don Bosco – Egmore, had a steady ascent and successfully reached the pinnacle of glory, radiating golden rays of a history of half-a-century. It was a proud moment when the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi presided over the Parents' Day and Prize Distribution on 31st

January 1976 and also laid the Foundation Stone for the Kindergarten building.

The late Dr. M.G. Ramachandran was the Chief Guest for the School Day in the year 1978. The inauguration of the Primary School building was also inaugurated by him on 26th February 1978. The school has produced some of the best notables of both national and international fame. To address the pressing need for a multi-pronged approach to education, a CBSE school under the title "Don Bosco School of Excellence" was started in the year 2013 equipped with modern amenities and educative ambience



The Salesian Community

Fr. Gregory Devarajan	- Rector/Correspondent	Fr. Balasamy Philip Louie	- Principal: School of Excellence
Fr. John Britto Savarinathan	- Vice Rector/Administrator	Fr. Maria Ambrose Anthonisamy	- Spiritual Director/Councillor
Fr. Gerald Miranda	- Principal: Matriculation School	Br. Arul Prasanth Nathan	- Student: B.A. Sociology Year 3

DON BOSCO YOUTH ANIMATION CENTRE ENNORE

27th September 2019

History of the House



Since 1980, the province under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Benjamin Puthota, was looking for a place in the city suitable for youth animation. In 1981, Fr. Augustine Moolachery, the parish priest of Ennore spotted a picturesque spot nestled on the banks of the Ennore creek, with the Bay of Bengal on one side and placid backwaters on the other. On April 24, 1982, the centre was solemnly inaugurated with Fr. Felix Koikara as the founder-director. Originally, the Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre was visualized as a centre of animation for young people from schools, colleges, parishes and youth groups. It is remarkable to note that the DBYAC is the first Salesian Youth Animation Centre (DBYAC) in India. DBYAC has always attracted the attention of people who sought God in nature and solitude. This place, filled with exquisite greenery, picturesque pathways, backwaters and dazzling trees is an ideal place to relax, learn and pray. This Centre gives accommodation to people of all beliefs and needs who look for a place where they can find a peaceful atmosphere away from the crowd and the noise of the city.

The Salesian Community



1. Fr. Benjamin Selvanathan - Rector/Provincial Delegate: ADMA
2. Fr. Jagadeesh Arulappan - Vice Rector/Administrator/YMC
3. Fr. John Wilson Santhanam - Province Youth Director



ST. MARY'S CO-CATHEDRAL - CHENNAI

—❧ 12th & 13th October 2019 ❧—

History of the House

The History of St. Mary's Co-Cathedral Church, dates back to 17th century (1726). In the beginning, the Armenian Christians had no church of their own. They went to the Catholic churches, built by Capuchin Fathers. Later on, the Armenians got a place in the corner of Armenian Street. In 1712, the Armenians built an artistic church called "Armenian Matha". The Armenian leader K. J. Petras brought lot of property in the name of the church. After his death, he wrote in his will that his money must be utilized for church. This is the only Armenian Church remaining even today.

Adjacent to the Armenian Church, the Catholic Spanish society had built a church in honour "Mary the Queen of Angels".

We could still see a beautiful monumental picture of 1772, depicting Jesus and Mary at the central altar of the church. With the appointment and consecration of Mgr. Eugene Mederlet on 28.12.1928, this church came under the management and pastoral care of the salesian congregation. On 26.07.1935, Archbishop Louis Mathias held Episcopal Chair of St. Mary's Cathedral. Our Rector Major V. Rev. Fr. Ziggotti has visited the shrine on 12.01.1995. In 1956, Rev. Fr. Maggioni was appointed as the first Rector.

The church's belfry is of 1960. Novena to Perpetual Succour was started in 1956. As far as the veneration of St. Antony in this shrine, it is worth recording that the statue of St. Antony in this shrine was brought from

St. Patrick's graveyard in 1934 and the present altar was erected in 1954. Once a flourishing parish with about 350 families, today it has become a small parish with about 61 families. But it has a weekly attendance of eight to ten thousand devotees and therefore St. Mary's is rich in its possibilities.

After 60 years of remarkable services done through St. Mary's, the Archdiocese of Madras–Mylapore handed over St. Mary's Co-Cathedral Church to the Salesians for perpetuity. It is a big milestone in the history of the Salesian Congregation in Tamil Nadu.

The agreement was signed between the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore Rt. Rev. Dr. R. Arulappa and Rev. Fr. John Peter, the Salesian Provincial of Chennai. Ever since 1988, the Salesians run the school and the church with full of activities. Certainly St. Mary's Co-Cathedral Church though the smallest parish of the City, but it attracts the biggest numbers of pilgrims in the new millennium.

The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Pappuraj Antony | - Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent |
| Fr. Y. L. Irudayaraj | - Vice Rector/Principal/Asst. Parish Priest |
| Fr. Thamathiruthuvam Irudayam | - Administrator/Asst. Parish Priest/YMC |
| Fr. Soosairathinam Antonysamy | - Legal Cell |
| Fr. Francis Sebastian | - Legal Cell |
| Fr. Purappamthanam Sebastian | - Confessor |



BECCHI DON BOSCO - KAVARAPETTAI

— *~* 23rd - 26th September 2019 *~* —

History of the House

Don Bosco Theological Centre (DBTC) is owned and administered by the Salesians of Don Bosco of the Province of Chennai. It is situated on the Chennai-Nellore National Highway at Kavrapetta, near Gummidipundi, 44 kms north of Chennai. It forms part of a long tradition of the Salesian Priestly Formation in South India, and continues this important work for the good of the Church in Tamil Nadu and beyond.

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee (1934-2009) of the genesis of Chennai Province in South India, the Province significantly sensed the need for a Theological Institute of its own. After due consultation both inside and outside its domain, with the approval of the Rector Major and his Council, the new Theological Centre started functioning from 5th June 2009 in the premises of the Becchi Don Bosco Studentate, Karayanchavadi at Poonamallee, in Chennai with 12 students. From 3rd June 2010, the Centre was shifted to Don Bosco Kavrapetta, near Gummidipundi, with the theologate Christened “Don Bosco Theological Centre” and the House continued to be called “Becchi Don Bosco”. Don Bosco Theological Centre has been affiliated to the Faculty of Theology of the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, from 12th January 2013.

Ecclesiastically, the jurisdiction of this institute falls under the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, which functions from Chennai [Madras], the capital city of the state of Tamil Nadu.

The Salesians have administered the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese, from 1936 until 1998 (62 years). DBTC thus forms part of a long tradition of Priestly Formation in South India. The new theologate has much pastoral scope as it is surrounded by many villages and rural parishes with many youths who can be the beneficiaries of the week-end ministry carried out by our students



Fr. Bellarmine Fernando

Fr. Antonyraj Victor (INT)

Fr. Bosco Augustine

Fr. Sebastian Antony

Fr. Cassius Correya

Fr. Vallabaraj Jerome

Fr. Felix Suresh (INT)

Fr. Panackel Charles

Fr. Koikara Felix

Fr. Abraham Kadaplackal – K.V.

- **Rector/Secretary**
- Vice Rector/Dean of Studies/Professor
- Principal
- Administrator/Professor
- Registrar/Professor/YMC
- Librarian/Professor
- Liturgical Animator/Professor
- Professor
- Confessor
- Confessor

Students of Theology

Year IV

Dn. Antony Kishore (INM)

Dn. Antonisamy (INT)

Dn. Antro (INT)

Dn. Ashly Steephen (INT)

Dn. Gnana Xavier (INM)

Dn. Jerome Bernard (INM)

Dn. John Paul (INK)

Dn. Sebastin (INT)

Dn. Sekar (INM)

Dn. Simolin Ferk (INM)

Dn. Uday Kumar (INK)

Dn. Joseph Raj (INT)

Year III

Br. Alfred Dinesh Antony Raj (INT)

Br. Arockia Anbu (INM)

Br. Arun Sahayaraj (INM)

Br. Devaraj Jayaraj (INM)

Br. Gabriel Paulraj (INM)

Br. Gabriel Selvakumar (INM)

Br. Irudayaraj Arockiaraj (INT)

Br. Iruthayadhasan Danistanraj (INT)

Br. Santhanam Anantharaj (INT)

Br. Vivek Kumar Richard (INT)

Year II

Br. Albert Nelson Kumar (INM)

Br. Arockia Vincent (INM)

Br. Balasingam Peter (INM)
Br. Christi Plavian (INT)
Br. Dalai Ravi (OPM)
Br. Fidel Thachil (INK)
Br. Jayasimmon (INM)
Br. Jerald Vianneyraj (INT)
Br. Kolas Periyamayagam (INM)
Br. Lio Charles (INM)
Br. Lourdu Anthony Raj (INM)

Br. Mahesh Manoharan (TKY)
Br. Michaelraj (INM)
Br. Oswalte Deva Dass (INM)
Br. Prabu Martin (INT)
Br. Savariyapparaj (INT)
Br. Sunil Jelastin (INT)
Br. Suresh Balu (INM)
Br. Varghese Thomas (VC)
Br. Michael Arockiaraj (INT)

Year I

Br. Alex Rubin (INT)
Br. Amirtharaj John Bosco (INM)
Br. Anandaraj Thairiyathan (INM)
Br. Antony Michael Simons (SDR)
Br. Arokiasamy Anand (INM)
Br. Christuraj Periyamayagam (INM)
Br. Edward Pethal (INM)
Br. Emmanuvel Fernandes (INT)
Br. Ganasekar Nithiyani (INM)
Br. Januarius Lourdusamy (INT)
Br. Jayarathina Madharasan (SDR)
Br. Joseph Palathinkal (VC)
Br. Leo Joseph Arokiadoss (INM)
Br. Maria Fernandes Joseph (INM)
Br. Maria Packia Joseph Raj (SDR)
Br. Martin Sukan Laleth Kumar (INM)
Br. Michael Arulraj (INT)
Br. Roshan Honest Raj (INK)

DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM - KAVARAPETTAI

24th October 2019



History of the House

Don Bosco Anbu Illam, a HOME AWAY FROM HOME (Boys Town), is located at Kavarapattai, 40 km from the city of Chennai. On 14th January 1994, the foundation stone, which was blessed by Mother Teresa, was laid by Rev. Fr. Sean McFerran SDB, the President of WE CARE organization in Belfast. The home was constructed by the director of Anbu Illam, Fr. M. Vincent Xavier SDB through the assistance of Fr. Karl Order SDB the mission procure at Germany with an initial budget outlay of Rs. 168 lakhs to realize the project within two years from 1995-1997. The shelter home thus began to function from 1997 with street children, run-away children, rag pickers, children at conflict with the law, abandoned children, refugees etc.,

As time moved on it became a center for education and skill development. Don Bosco ITI, was initiated by Rev. Bro. Lourdu Raj SDB in the year 1997 as a non-formal technical school for the Anbu Illam boys of the undivided Province of Chennai and Tirchy. Boys belonging to Coimbatore Anbu Illam, Salem Anbu Illam, and Chennai Anbu Illam were sent to Kavarapettai for their non-formal technical education.

The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Jerome Selvaraj | - Vice Rector/Principal |
| Fr. Joseph Franklin Alphonse | - Administrator/Dean of Studies/Professor: DBTC/YMC |
| Fr. Michael Thomas | - Confessor/Spiritual Director: DBTC |
| Br. Joseph Servin | - Practical Training 2 |



RINALDI JUNIORATE - SIGA

17th & 18th September 2019

History of the House

The New Printing School was started in Basin Bridge with just two students; the strength gradually increased to 20 by the end of the year. In those days, printing was not considered an attractive career. Students were not willing to join; they had to be coaxed and, at times, counseled elaborately to take printing. In 1954, the newly acquired machines were installed and a regular course in Printing Technology was designed, with systematic syllabus in theory and practical. A decade later, in the year 1965, students passing out of SIGA were in high demand. Leading newspaper publishers on India like, The Hindu, The Indian Express, the Madras Mail and other Printers and Press owners started recruiting SIGA boys, as more and more students started seeking admission, there was greater pressure on the management to provide better facilities.

By the late sixties, lack of space and the inconveniences experienced by the students, the entire Printing Department was shifted from Basin Bridge to its present location on Taylors Road in October 1968. In 1970, SIGA entered the offset age. A brand-new offset machine was brought from Italy to teach students the art of offset printing. In 1973, SIGA received Government recognition and was affiliated to the State Board of Technical Education. In the year 2003, SIGA received the AICTE approval. Today it is a fully equipped Printing Institute with the state-of-art technology to meet all the requirements of modern printing industry. As on date 4000+ students have been trained and placed in various printing organizations in India and abroad, in particular UAE, Canada, USA, African counties and Australia.



The Salesian Community



Fr. John Christy

Fr. P.T. Joseph

Br. Arunraj Selladurai

Fr. Anand Adaikalasamy

Fr. John Joseph Kuruvachira

Fr. Palackapilly George

Fr. Thomas Amalraj

Fr. Samson Raja

Br. Isaiyas Susai

Br. Arokia John Paul Arockiasamy

Br. Sekar Vikesh Joseph Infanto

Br. Vatholil Ron Joseph (INK)

- **Rector/Secretary/Manager**

- Vice Rector/Principal

- Administrator/Asst. Manager/Director: Youth Centre

- Vice Principal/Warden/YMC

- Confessor

- Confessor

- Confessor

- Student: Ph.D.

- Practical Training 1

- Student: GDC Year 2

- Student: M.A. English Year 2

- Student: GDC. Year 1.



DON BOSCO PROVINCIAL HOUSE – THE CITADEL

— *~* 19th – 21st November 2019 *~* —

History of the House

The first Provincial Office began functioning at the Assumption Church - Vellore in 1934 and then it was functioning from Broadway from 1937-1941 after which it briefly functioned from Tirupattur due to the world war II before returning back to Chennai to the Archbishop's house then located at St. Mary's at Armenian street from 1942. A decade later in 1951-1953 it operated out of St. Joseph's Technical School at Basin Bridge before returning to Broadway Refuge. Due to the busy surrounding there and the presence of cinema houses and the locale being a transport hub, the Rector Major Fr. Aloysius Ricceri recommended shifting it to a quieter environment and eventually the Citadel Studio owned by Joseph Thaliath in 1968 became the INM Provincial House.

The Press which needed expansion from Basin Bridge, moved out and came to be settled as SIGA in 1969. Eventually in 1979,

the Salesian Publications was launched with a new building to house all the Publications of the Province. The Publication Wing along with the Development Office - SURABI moved to the erstwhile Bosco Illam - SIGA boys' hostel as the hostel students moved into their new multistoried home at Rinaldi Juniorate itself in 2012. It was during the time of Fr. Vincent Durairaj as Provincial that the New Provincial House block was constructed. Eventually in 2012, the old Provincial House was razed to give birth to the Don Bosco College of Arts and Design -which was inaugurated on 24th October 2013 - as the Media Wing of DBICA. At the moment, some of the confreres room on the ground-floor are being renovated to accommodate the sick and elderly during their recuperation time in Citadel.

The Salesian Community



1. **Fr. Jose Kochamkunnel** - **Provincial**
2. **Fr. Don Bosco Lourdasamy** - **V.Provincial/Rector/YPD/Delegate: Salesian Family**
3. **Fr. Packia Xavier** - **Economer**
4. **Fr. Dominic Matthews** - **Vice Rector/Province Secretary/Secretary: South India Salesian Society**
5. **Fr. Anbu Francis** - **Provincial Secretary**
6. **Fr. Vellanganny Mark** - **Procure Director/Province Infirmarian**
7. **Fr. John Bernard** - **Administrator**
8. **Br. Das Joseph** - **Liturgical Animator/In charge: Province Archives & Documentation**
9. **Fr. Parthibanraj Soosai** - **Director: Deepagam/YMC**
10. **Fr. Ernest Rosario** - **Director: DBICA/Secretary: DB College**
11. **Fr. Paul Raj Irudayaamalraj** - **Director: Niraivagam**
12. **Fr. Alphonse Arulanandam** - **Director: SURABI**
13. **Fr. David Mariaselvam** - **Editor: Salesian Bulletin/Vice Principal: DB College**
14. **Fr. Amirtharaj Arokiam** - **Editor: Arumbu/Salesian Seithimalar**
15. **Fr. Bosco Periyamayagam** - **Student: Ph.D.**

POPE JOHN'S GARDEN, MADHAVARAM

07th November 2019

History of the House

Rev. Fr. Orpheus Mantovani SDB, on 8th December 1964, he purchased the land in vyasarpadi that was a dumping ground for cinders. The new mission was named as the Don Bosco Beatitude Welfare Centre. He was moved by the poverty of the people and the pitiful condition of the patients with leprosy. As the number of patients with leprosy was increasing and the need arose to separate them from the rest of the poor people in order to provide better care and rehabilitation services for these patients, on 15th December 1965, Fr. Mantovani bought 16.5 acres of land at Chinna Sekkadu village in Madavaram, about 8 kms from the Don Bosco Beatitudes Social Welfare centre at Vyasarpadi. Ten patients with leprosy, symbolically, carried a statue of Mary Help of Christians to this land. The name given to this new place was: "JESUS FRIENDS OF LEPERS". In a short while, 25 patients with leprosy became the inmates. Later it came to be known as "Pope John's Garden".

In order to give more care and attention to these patients, this sector alone was bifurcated from Don Bosco Beatitudes Social Welfare Centre and functions as a separate institute/community. The only requisite for admission to this institute is that one should be suffering from leprosy. In memory of the birth centenary of Fr. Mantovani, the Chennai province started reaching out to the HIV infected children and youth of northern Tamil Nadu. Hence the Don Bosco Rehabilitation and Services for the Children and Youth infected with HIV/AIDS was started in the same campus. The Anbagam, a residential care home, provides comprehensive health care and education to the Children and Youth infected with HIV/AIDS. Added to that in collaboration with CMC Hospital, Vellore, Home-based Care also given to the identified HIV/AIDS patients in different zones (Vellore, Bargur, Villupuram and Kalladurichi).



The Salesian Community

1. Fr. Edwin Vasanthan - Director/Provincial Councilor/YMC
2. Fr. Dominic Sagayaraj - Assistant Director/Professor: DBTC
3. Fr. Arulanandam Devasagayam -
4. Fr. Bharat Chinnappan -

ANAT FARM - MATHUR

01st & 02nd October 2019



History of the House

From the beginning ANAT farm was under the care of Don Bosco Beatitudes Welfare centre, Vysarpadi. It all started with Fr. Francis Sclooz (1971) who was instrumental buying few acres of land at ANAT farm. Bro. Anthony muthu, the administrator of Don Bosco Beatitudes, Vysarpadi was directly following up the works of the farm and purchased some more lands and porambokku land for ANAT farm. On April 2nd 1971 a few acres of agricultural land was purchased in Manjambakkam, a village near Mathur. This is an agricultural farm which was started to support Pope John's Garden and to rehabilitate lepers. This land was bought to meet the food requirements and to occupy the leprosy patients usefully. Fr. Tharcisius Ratnaswamy(1983), purchased some more lands, for ANAT farm. In the beginning there were two families who were the caretakers of the farm. On September 8th 1985 the farm was dedicated to Our Lady and given the name "Arul Nirai Arokia Thottam" (ANAT)

Mr.Arokiasamy, from vysarpadi, fondly called supervisor was directly incharge of the farm. In the beginning Leprosy patients were taken to ANAT farm daily for work. Some new leprosy patient families were also staying in the ANAT farm itself. St.Charles sisters who were helping the leprosy patients accompanied the patients to ANAt farm daily for work. It is a leprosy patients' agricultural training and production farm. Besides farming there were also cattle, sheep, rabbit and fish cultivation were in practice. This farm has an area of 38 acres, out which only 20 acres are cultivable.

In 1974 a small dispensary was started. On 24.2.1986 a new dispensary building was opened and it was known as "Geetha memorial clinic". This dispensary provided health service to the people around the area. There was also evening study centre for the nearby village children. From 2007, Fr. Lawrence susai, the RPO of the programme project for Chennai region, shifted his presence to ANAT farm, from Vysarpadi community and started



taking care of the farm. He operated from ANAT farm in reaching out to the Self-help groups. He remained till 2012 at ANAT farm.

In 2012, the Pope John's garden got bifurcated from Don Bosco Beatitudes, Vysarpadi community. Fr. Vincent Xavier became the Director of ANAT farm. It was attached to Provincial house community. On 8th December 2014, shelter home for Juvenile offenders' home was inaugurated. From then on It serves as YaR Centre. From 2018 onwards, Fr. Francis Bosco, joined community as Migrants ministry director. The Bosco Migrant Services are carried out from here.

The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Francis Bosco | - | Leader/Director: Bosco Migrant Services |
| Fr. Vincent Mariapragasam | - | Director: Young Released Prisoners |
| Fr. Joe Anand Irudayam | - | Administrator/YMC |
| Bro. Britto OMI | - | Practical Training |



DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM – CHENNAI

03rd & 04th October 2019

History of the House

This project was initiated when Fr. Joe Fernandez, SDB, undertook a research study on the rag-pickers of Chennai, in 1979, as part of his studies at Madras School of Social Work, In May 1985, this project was officially commenced by Rev. Fr. John Peter Sathyaraj, SDB the then Salesian Provincial of Madras Province and assigned this work to Fr. M. Vincent Xavier, SDB exclusively to do the pioneering work.

Mannady: Fr. M. Vincent Xavier, SDB, in 1985, under the name, Don Bosco Anbu Illam (A Home of Love), started to rehabilitate the rag pickers, working children and the children on the streets of Chennai, head load workers at Kothawal Chavadi Market & Paris Bus Terminus. He also contacted vagrant boys, runaway boys at Chennai Central Station. He met them in the wee hours of the day and established friendship with them. Initially, the boys addressed him 'child catcher' and used to run away from him. He finally convinced them and established friendship with them. In June 1985, he was able to get a 'one-room house' at 16 Malayappan Street, Mannady, Chennai as a Shelter Home for the rag-pickers, shoe shine boys, and other vagrant children. This was on a piece of land measuring about 20 x 50 at the birth place of Shri Thambu Chetty, attached to St. Francis Xavier Church, Broadway offered by Holy Family Bhajana Sabhya Trust. Here 4 storey building was constructed. Here the community welcomed the vagrant children to stay, to have bath, and to keep their things. They went to work and returned here for night stay etc. Now this place is known as "ASKE Tailoring Centre" - Attitude, Skill, Knowledge, and Employment, where many ladies come to learn tailoring and equip themselves in it.

Park Town: After the erection of a house in Manady link centres were established at Central Station, beach Railway Station, Murugan Theatre, Parry's Corner and Mint. These centres were registered as Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society. The work was slowly expanded and in 1987 the second Shelter Home was started at 23 Kulandai Street, Park Town mainly to cater to the needs of vagrant children loitering in and around Central

Railway Station. At present this is the head office, where we also have the child line office. The coordinators of various sectors work here. In the year 2016 a separate place was assigned for the documentation and a projector is fixed with all the files being maintained here.

Royapuram: In 1991, Semi-rehabilitation Centre was opened at Anna Park, Cemetery Road, Royapuram for Rag Pickers, Station Coolie boys and runaway children. The land for this Centre was leased to Don Bosco Anbu Illam by the Corporation of Madras. There were two unused Noon-Meal Scheme Sheds available. This was the first NGO run Shelter Home, recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu for vagrant children. Here only NGO Forum of Chennai was formed. This was also partially financed by the Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. This place was visited by St. Mother Teresa. This was a shelter home for the boys till 2015. Due to the non-compliance of JJ Act the shelter home is shifted to MKB Nagar DBAI, the present site. At present it is the Regional office of JJ alliance and National DB YaR forum and a home for the Aftercare youngsters, who are working and doing their college studies and ITI. The students who are doing their technical studies to stay here during their holidays.

MKB Nagar: The present Don Bosco Anbu Illam was established in the year 2007. The boys were staying in both the presences (Royapuram & MKB Nagar). In the year 2015 the boys from Royapuram too started staying at the present residence. The house was repainted in the year 2017. The house was registered under the JJ Act in the year 2016. It functions both as Childrens' home and open shelter. The boys staying here were studying in Government school earlier later it was decided to put them in our own Catholic institutions and at present they study in three different Catholic institutions namely: Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, St. Joseph Hr. Sec. School and Good Samaritan primary school. This year (2019-20) we have 58 boys with us taken care by 5 Salesians (3 Priests and 2 Clerics), and two wardens.

Saranalayam: After the approval for the girl's home we built a shelter home for the girls at Pope John's garden within 2 acres of land given by the Provincial council for DBAI. Pope John's garden is a place where leprosy patients are taken care, and also a care home for HIV infected children, which is known as ANBAGAM. The new girls' home was constructed with the help of DB Mondo and the Province. The house was registered under the JJ Act, in June 2019. The girls are taken care by the SMA Sisters. There are four SMA sisters staying in the community two of them help at Pope John's garden, the Superior and the warden stay and take care of the girls at Saranalayam.



The Salesian Community

Fr. Joseph Leo Irudayasamy - Rector/Director/YMC
Fr. Samynathan James Raja - Administrator

Fr. Rajanna Kondaveeti - Councillor
Br. Arokia Doss Antonysamy - Practical Training 2
Br. Britto Vikash Francis - Student: B.Com. Year 2



History of the House

Don Bosco Higher Secondary School: The school had a humble beginning in 1963 in Lourdes Shrine, Perambur. A month later it was shifted to its present location. The school began with Stds VI to IX and slowly it grew from strength to strength. The school took shape with an imposing building in 1967. In 1977 when the 10 and +2 system was introduced, the school was upgraded to a Higher Secondary School. The formation of the heart and mind, a wholesome personality, is insisted upon. Co-curricular activities are encouraged. The PTA was begun already in 1969. The Past Pupil's Association in the school was begun 1972. Today it has the strength of 1710 students.

Don Bosco Nursery & Primary school: The school was started in 1985. It is devoted to the holistic education of its pupils. The School caters to the education of the locality. It is a non-aided private school. It is recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu. It follows the Samacheer (Common) Syllabus. It serves as the feeder school for the Don Bosco Higher Secondary School. Today it has the strength of 346 students.

Don Bosco Missionary Aspirantate: Don Bosco Perambur has been a boarding house from 1980. Then it became a Pre-novitiate. Later it served as an aspirantate for brotherhood vocations. And then a boarding again till 2012. In June 2012 it has been a Missionary Aspirantate for Salesian South India. Today it has 20 aspirants.



The Salesian Community

Fr. Tharsius Arokiasamy - Rector/Correspondent

Fr. Thomas Ettiyil - AT - Vice Rector/Dean of Studies

Fr. Arulsamy Lourdusamy - Headmaster

Fr. Anto Sagayaraj - Administrator/YMC

Fr. Lionel Xavier - Confessor

Br. Leo Gunasekaran - Practical Training 1

Br. Sasikumar Mathew Paramanathan - Student: B.A. English Year 2

LOURDES SHRINE - PERAMBUR

15th & 16th September 2019



History of the House

Fr. H. Hennessey, the parish priest of St. Andrews Church, Vepery, Chennai, built a chapel in memory of the commemoration of the silver jubilee of the proclamation of the dogma of Immaculate Conception at Perambur in 1879 to serve the spiritual needs of the Catholic railway employees residing in the locality. In 1903, Perambur was raised to the status of an independent parish covering a vast area with over 5,000 people and a church that could accommodate only 500 people.

In this background the parish was entrusted to the Salesians in 1928 by the Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore. Fr. Michael Murray sdb, an Irish Salesian priest arrived with a great zeal to take charge in 1953 and the place started humming with a lot of activity. The devotion to Mary spread like wild fire and he initiated the concept of making Perambur a national shrine and a place of pilgrimage. Mgr. Louis Mathias approved the project and thus Chevalier Davis KSG was appointed the architect of the shrine which would resemble the great basilica at Lourdes. Fr. Alfred Mariotta in 1947 acquired the land required for the project and Archbishop Louis Mathias sdb blessed the foundation stone on 8th September 1951. Lower church was completed on 22 February 1954 followed by the completion of the upper church on 11 February 1960. After many developments and additions, on 11th October 2007, a Eucharistic Adoration chapel too has been installed next the shrine to ensure a place for silent adoration and prayer.

In the Leadership of Fr. Joe Andrew, the lower church and the upper church were renovated. A collection of 16 stained glass images of our Lady, 8 on either side, lights up the Marian ambience. At the back, two memorials were newly erected, one to Divine Mercy enclosing the relic of the Holy Cross, and the other to St. Teresa of Kolkota with the relic of St. Alphonsa. Fr. Deva Joe took up in the year 2016 as the Rector and the Parish Priest of this Shrine. Under his leadership the foundation stone for the new stage was blest on 31st August 2019 and the construction work is in progress.

The Salesian Community



Fr. Devapragasam Joseph	-	Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent/ In charge: Primary School
Fr. Paul Kachappilly	-	Vice Rector/Asst. Parish Priest/In charge: English Primary School
Fr. Charles Gaspar	-	Asst. Parish Priest/Administrator
Fr. Praveen Antony (AUS)	-	Asst. Parish Priest/YMC
Fr. Andrews Stephenraj	-	Director: Vazhikatti
Fr. Vettical Abraham	-	Confessor

DON BOSCO, WISDOM TOWN - REDHILLS

15th November 2019



History of the House

Don Bosco Wisdom Town has come into existence as the brain child of Fr. Gerard Nelliytukonam who began it originally as a sports school to facilitate placement of youngsters with suitable sports quota jobs. 6.5 acres of Land having been acquired over the years from 1992 from Mr. Govinda Rao, owner of the popular monthly publication called “Wisdom” and the place has now come to be called “Don Bosco – Wisdom Town”. This land became the home to Don Bosco Matriculation school which was begun in 2006 to support the expenses of the old age home -Jeeva Jyothi. This plot also houses a football pitch with galleries along with Mc Ferran Sports hostel -which in collaboration with sports development authority of Tamil Nadu admitted government sponsored children. This hostel also began to take on boys of non-sports quota from 2011. Now the government project too ceased. In 1998, a 2-acre land bought nearby for 3 lakhs has grown today to be the Jeeva Jyothi Home for the Aged which today houses 100 residents



The Salesian Community

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| Fr. John Peter Suvickan | - Rector/Correspondent/Principal |
| Fr. Angelo Joseph | - Vice Rector/Student: Ph.D. |
| Fr. Arulanandu Mariadoss | - Administrator/Vice Principal/Dean of Studies/YMC |
| Fr. Nelliytukonam Gerard | - Confessor |
| Br. Arokia Piriyan Kupusavary | - Assistant |



ST. BEDE'S - SANTHOME

09th & 10th October 2019

History of the House

Located on the shores of the Marina in Madras, standing distinctly between the Santhome Cathedral on the left and the Russian embassy on the right, the school has nurtured in true Anglo-Indian style the growth and education of countless number of students since its inception in 1907, and its boarding has been home to thousands of Anglo-Indian boys over the last century. Its actual roots go back to sometime between 1820 and 1830, when San Thome Orphanage, (now at St Bede's, Chennai) for poor children of European parentage band Anglo-Indians, was established by a Portuguese - Augustinian friar, Manuel de Ave Maria, Episcopal Administrator of the Diocese of Mylapore. It remains one of the oldest orphanages of its kind in India.

The Salesians of Don Bosco arrived in India in 1906 and Fr. Tomatis took up the responsibility in 1909 as director of San Thome Orphanage. The Salesians lost no time in reorganizing the boarding. Under their management the institution improved in every way, a chapel being one of the first improvements to be made. They provided the boys with new sets of clothes, better food, text books and note books and above all they gave special attention to the spiritual needs of the boys; none of them had yet received Holy Communion. After the reception of the Holy Eucharist a radical change was noticed in the boys. Slowly happiness and contentment radiated on their faces. Within a few years the strength rose to 105.

Fr. Tomatis organized a brass band, a large stage was built, new toilet facilities were provided and a new kitchen was built and all within six years. The performance of the orphans in the scholastic field also improved. Till date thousands of poor boys have experienced holistic care and education, empowered through the unique 'play and presence' of Salesians. Today the St. Bede's campus comprises three schools namely, St. Bede's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School, Dominic Savio Matriculation Higher Secondary School and St. Bede's Academy Senior Secondary School.



In the year 2015 the Centenary auditorium of St. Bede's was built after much difficulty. Now, the auditorium is used for all the important functions and programmes of all the three schools, and used as indoor stadium where students are coached in games such as Badminton and Table Tennis. The auditorium is also hired for several programmes to the Diocese, Government and Lay people. Dominic Savio Matriculation School celebrated its 60th Diamond Jubilee of its establishment in the academic year 2017-2018.



The Salesian Community

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| 1. Fr. Stanley Lawrence Ignatius | - | Rector/Principal: CBSE/Correspondent |
| 2. Fr. Joseph Fernandez | - | Vice Rector/Counselor |
| 3. Fr. Francis Xavier | - | Administrator |
| 4. Fr. Stephen Joseph | - | Principal: St. Bede's Anglo-Indian School |
| 5. Fr. Robert Vincent | - | Principal: Dominic Savio School/YMC |
| 6. Fr. Jesudoss Periyannayagam | - | Liturgical Animator |
| 7. Fr. Parekunnel Thomas (P.D.) | - | Confessor |
| 8. Fr. Vincent Durairaj | - | Confessor |
| 9. Fr. Selva Kumar (INT) | - | Student: Media Education |
| 10. Br. Maria Louis Selvaraj Stalin | - | Practical Training 1 |
| 11. Br. Jerome Arokiasamy | - | Student: B.E. Year 3 |

DON BOSCO BEATITUDES

VYASARPADI

11th, 13th & 15th October 2019



History of the House

Rev. Fr. Orpheus Mantovani, a Salesian missionary from Italy, had the spirit, zeal and the dream of helping the poorest of the poor. His dreams came true when the Archbishop Louis Mathias of Madras-Mylapore, asked him to survey Vyasarpadi area to establish a new parish. After surveying the place, in 1964, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, he purchased the land that was a dumping yard for cinders. He was moved by the poverty of the people and the pitiful condition of the lepers. He converted this land into a living space. The place was overcrowded with the evacuated slum and pavement dwellers from the city and with 20,000 Indians, repatriated from Burma. Moved by the poverty of the people and touched by plight of the incapacitated lepers, Fr. Mantovani founded a Centre that was officially inaugurated on February 2, 1965.

The small sapling that Fr. Mantovani planted has grown into a mighty tree that provides shelter to thousands and thousands of poorest of the poor. The Beatitudes Social welfare centre, as it is called now, has a number of welfare programmes extended towards the orphan and semi-orphan children, juvenile children, poor and unemployed youth, women from poor economic background, poor slum dwellers, poor and abandoned elderly men and women. The centre aims to improve the lives of the poor. The Welfare Programmes help to educate, train and empower the poor of all age groups, 'from cradle to the grave'. This centre is sustained solely by Divine Providence, which is seen through the contribution of generous people from different parts of the world.



“No one has the right to be happy alone” were the inspiring words of Fr. Francis Schlooz, who was the Director of Don Bosco Beatitudes for 13 years, after Fr. Mantovani. This motto of the Institution is being practiced meticulously even today. The Beatitudes Social Welfare Centre includes the following programs for the underprivileged in the locality: Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Don Bosco Nursery and Primary school (Tamil medium), Dominic Savio Boys’ Home and Nirmala Girls’ Home, St. Thomas Home for the Destitute Aged, Rua Day Care Centre, Don Bosco Crèche, Self-Help Groups and WHEAT (Women Health Education Animation and Training Program), Jute, Tailoring Institute, Typing Institute, Don Bosco Youth Centre, Evening Study Centers, St. Camillus Clinic and Our Lady of Consolation Parish.

The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Joe Andrew | - Rector/Correspondent | Fr. John Prabu | - Director: Youth Centre/
Asst. Parish Priest/YMC |
| Fr. Thomas Mariaraj | - Vice Rector/Headmaster/Dean of Studies | Br. Muthu Sagayam | - Practical Training 2 |
| Fr. Johnson Bashyam | - Administrator | Br. Robert Antony Cruz | - Student: MSW Year 1 |
| Fr. Louis Irudayasamy | - Parish Priest | | |

DBRITE - CUDDALORE**12th & 13th November 2019****History of the House**

In the history of Tamilnadu and Puducherry, people cannot forget 26th December 2004. It was the day Tsunami struck and so many people lost their lives, livelihood and meaning in their life. Salesians started the relief and rehabilitation work for tsunami affected people in Cuddalore region on 24th January, 2005. Understanding the pathetic situation of the youth, the Salesians started on 7th June 2005- April 24th 2007 at Periyapet, short term technical course as intervention to enable the youngster to live a better life.

The continuity of this rehabilitation work for tsunami affected youth emerged as DBRITE (Don Bosco Rural Integral Technical Education) at Anayampettai on June 10th 2007 to empower the poor and marginalized rural youth. The technical schools, residential buildings for the management and for the boys were sponsored by JDW Germany. On March 15th 2009 the complete structure was blessed by Rev. Fr. Stanislaus, the provincial and Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj, the provincial Economer and opened by Mrs. Silvia (JDW, Germany). DBRITE is grateful to Fr. Martin Jones SDB and Br. Arullappa SDB the pioneers of this institution for their laborious work and commitment to establish this institution for the welfare of poor rural youth.

DBRITE offers services like technical education (SCVT) with hostel facility, forming and guiding self-help groups, evening study centre, and job placement. Don Bosco Nursery and Primary School was started in the year 2014. By Fr. Ratchagadoss SDB and Bro. Kulandai yesu SDB. At present, there are 211 students with 7 teaching staff, an office assistant, 2 helpers and 3 Drivers

**The Salesian Community**

- Br. Kolandai Yesu Arputhanm - Director/Administrator/Principal: ITI
- Fr. Messiah Emmanuel - In Charge: School/YMC/Social Ministry
- Fr. Andree (INK) - Student

DON BOSCO COLLEGE - DHARMAPURI

29th & 30th October 2019



History of the House

In 1997, then new Bishop of Dharmapuri Bp. Joseph Antony invited the Salesians to care for the Diocesan Youth and to begin some ministry in the diocese. Two years later, Fr. Arul Mariraj SDB began the Don Bosco Matriculation School for the diocese. In 2005, Social ministry taking care of the gypsies, with additional services such as tailoring, self-help groups and career guidance were begun. In response to the decision of the Salesians to reach out to the youth than children via institutes of higher learning, the process to serve Dharmapuri region via an Arts and Science College was begun. In 2008 the Arts & Science college was begun with 4 Salesians, 10 staff and 250 students with Fr. Johnson Anthonisamy as the first Rector and Fr. Varghese Choorackal as the first Principal.

The next year, in 2008, the Teacher Training institute was setup which 5 years later was suspended due to lack of takers. In 2012 the B. Ed college was begun with 5 staff and 85 students which today has 12 staff and 100 students. Now in 2019, the arts and science college functions with 11 Under Graduation courses, 8 Post Graduation courses, research programmes sustained by 5 salesians, 127 staff and benefits 1851 students.



The Salesian Community

1. Fr. Rajkumar Fernando - Rector/Secretary
2. Fr. Jayaprakash Kodadala - Vice Rector/In Charge: B.Ed. College
3. Fr. Samson Shanmugam - Administrator/Professor/YMC/ Student: Ph.D.
4. Fr. Siluvai Muthu - Principal: Arts & Science College
5. Br. Francis Aruldoss - Student: B.Ed. Year 2



DON BOSCO, GEDILAM - MARANODAI

27th & 28th October 2019

History of the House

Maranodai is located at Ulundurpet taluk in Vilupuram district, 3 kilometres away from the western side of NH45. The Gedilam-Marandai mission was started after many visits and studies done by the salesians on 6th July 1996 on the feast of St. Dominic Savio on the invitation of Archbishop Michael Augustine. The bifurcated parish of Maranodai with 9 substations of Irundai parish was handed over to Fr. Sebastian Vincent sdb, the first parish priest. The mission consisted of 12 villages with a Christian population of 3500 scattered over a radius of 25km.

The main population consists of Dalit population and are Agri-dependent for their employment due to lack of government enterprises and factories in the vicinity. Hence the majority have migrated to larger urban centres like Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai etc., seeking employment. Virtually all families live below the poverty line. The RC Primary school at Maranodai was handed over in 1998. It has today grown to self-financed higher secondary school. The higher secondary school was moved to Gedilam campus in 2009. To address the growing need of English medium school, the present Don Bosco Matriculation school was started.

The Salesian Community



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| 1. Fr. Kasi Joseph Arulraj – K.J | - Rector/Correspondent/Principal |
| 2. Fr. Moses D'Souza | - Vice Rector/Parish Priest |
| 3. Fr. Felix Arulappan | - Administrator/YMC |
| 4. Br. Antonysamy Vanathaiyan | - Headmaster/Dean of Studies |
| 5. Fr. Amaladas Jesudas | - Confessor/Counsellor |
| 6. Br. Gnanaraj Arulappan | - Practical Training 2 |
| 7. Br. Govindaraj Samson Rajkumar | - Practical Training 1 |

**DON BOSCO MISSION
JAWADHI HILLS**
30th & 31st October 2019

History of the House

Fr. Angelo Codello, the Italian missionary arrived at Jawadhi Hills from Katpadi after his ministry there, in 1976. Having built many institutions and churches all over the province, he had also laboured in collaboration with “Come Noi” Italian funding agency to bring respite to the poor farmers of North Arcot. Before 1984, he had dug 34 wells, 2 major lakes, 14 smaller lakes, besides constructing a model dairy farm and training youngsters in carpentry, mechanics and farming.

Thus, Jawadhi Hills became a model to be studied by all colleges from all over Tamil Nadu who came to learn from the experience. He also established an agricultural cooperative, an elementary school, a high school, a teachers’ training school and a 20-bed hospital, a post office, a bank etc., Interceding on behalf of the tribals, he contacted government officials and was instrumental in securing government development projects.

A mobile clinic with a doctor was set up in 1984. He also established a reach-out centre at Koviloor. After Fr. Codello’s death in 1990 at Koviloor, other Salesians like Fr. Joy Panckel, Fr. Anthonisamy, carried on the work. In 1997 the Veerapanur centre was set up through the role of the MSW department of Sacred Heart College, where now, in collaboration with Vellore CMC Hospitals, a de-addiction centre-cum-hospital is functioning.

In 1998, Fr. Solomon bought land at Thombareddy and subcentre residential buildings were put up for boardings at Perumalai, Puliur, Veerapanoon and Koviloor. Fr. Anthonisamy was instrumental in organizing people into societies in villages and set up 60 village sangams covering 7 panchayat areas in 3 taluks and 2 districts. Today with collaborative religious like the FMA, Medical Mission Sisters, Sacred Heart Brothers & Sisters, the mission work at Jawadhi is set to reach out to more.



The Salesian Community

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| 1. Fr. Majella Gerard | - Rector |
| 2. Fr. Amala Vinodh | - Vice Rector/Director: Social work |
| 3. Fr. Regan Jude Mariasusai | - Administrator/Parish Priest/YMC/Dean of Studies |
| 4. Br. Martin Edwinraj | - Practical Training 2 |



OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH, JOLARPET

19th - 20th May 2019

History of the House

The Parish of Our Lady of Victories was born on 8th September, 1840 and entrusted to the Salesians in 1930. At present we have 379 registered families in the Parish. They are distributed over Jolarpettai (301 families), Pudur (38 families) and Veppampattu (40 families). 80% of the Catholics are daily wagers, few are teachers and others are employed in Railways. The target group of the Salesian apostolate remains the poor and backward class of the society. Dominated by the railway centered economy of the Jolarpet Junction, the locale is also popular for dependence on agriculture, manufacturing of beedi and incense sticks, carpentry work, dhobis, painters, masonry work, quarry work and leather tanning as well. The Parish and its infrastructure owe its existence to Fr. Francis Guezou SDB, the French missionary who was posted here as Parish Priest. This mission has two-fold ministries namely Educational and Pastoral through Schools and Parish respectively. There are three religious run institutions situated in the Parish. They are St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School, St. Joseph's Women College of Education (B.Ed.) and St. Charles Borromeo Community College.



The Salesian Community

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| Fr. Arulanandam Devasagayam | - | Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent |
| Fr. Isaac Gnanapragasam | - | Vice Rector/Headmaster |
| Fr. Lourduraj Savari | - | Administrator/Asst. Parish Priest/ Youth Ministry Co-ordinator |
| Br. Chinnappan Francis | - | Counsellor: DBHSS |



DON BOSCO CENTRE- KADAMBUR

12th August 2019

History of the House

It was in 2003, during the tenure of Fr. Bellarmine Fernando as the Provincial, Fr. Antonysamy, the Director of Kotagiri made a pilot study in the regions of Thalawadi and Kadambur to start a mission here. In 2004, Don Bosco Vazhikaatti opened its branch in Thalawadi and started the mission under the leadership of Bp. Jeromedhas Varuvel SDB. He is the pioneer and the builder of the mission. His simple lifestyle, frugal living, people-based activities marked the beginning stage of this mission. He has visited every corner of Thalawadi and Kadambur and made our presence felt by people here. Under the Programme Project of the Province, he was able to initiate many SHGs especially for men. The House Chronicles report a variety of activities done by the pioneering team like training in small scale industries, agricultural training, soft skill training for school children, NCLP Project and so on.

In 2005, a 32-acre land was purchased at Kanakunthur in view of training the SHGs in agricultural farming methods. It was primarily for agro-based training of the people and developing an Herbal Garden and making medicines. The land was leased to various SHGs and they maintained the land. After Fr. Jerome, the leadership was passed on to Fr. Vincent Kabilai. It was a short period of one year. Then, a complete six years of service under Fr. Robert Pathi made the presence more sociable and was able to reach out many more villages. During his tenure, the boarding and residence and the Evening Study Centres took a form. The people here still claim that the presence of Don Bosco Boarding was one of the stepping stones for their children's education. Fr. Pitchaimuthu and Fr. Martin had served in this mission for a short term of one year each. This year, Fr. John Joseph and Fr. Arulanandam Neethimanickam are serving here.



The Salesian Community

Fr. John Joseph

- Director / Administrator

Fr. Arulanandam Neethimanickam

- Assistant Director / Dean of Studies / Youth Ministry Coordinator

DON BOSCO COLLEGE KARAIKAL 22nd November 2019

DON BOSCO COLLEGE
(ARTS AND SCIENCE)
THAMANANGUDI, KARAIKAL, 605001

History of the House

In 1999, Fr. Bellarmine Fernando, the Provincial and his Council decided to start D.T.Ed. and B.Ed. programmes at Karaikal. Fr. David Job and Fr. John Louis were deputed to purchase land for this purpose. Over a period of three years 42 acres of land were purchased at Thamanangudy, Nallezhundur village, 12 km from Karaikal on the Kumbakonam road. Fr. Francis Guezou blessed the foundation stone in 2002. The financial assistance extended by Fr. Guezou gave a huge impetus to the growth of this Institution. The new building was blessed and inaugurated in 2005. On 8th November 2005 the D.T.Ed. Course was granted approval after the due Inspection was completed. A few months earlier, on the 12th August 2005, The NCTE had granted approval for the starting of the B.Ed. Course. In 2011, the proposal to start an Arts and Science College was on the anvil. On the 3rd September 2012, the Pondicherry University granted affiliation to the Arts and Science College. The classes began with six Students. The new college was housed in the hostel for girls.

In 2012, Fr. R. Jayapalan asked the community to wind up the D.T.Ed. Programme as there was a steep decline in the enrollment of students in the last few years. Running the course was not viable. In 2017, Fr. R. Jayapalan issued directions to the house council to stop admitting students from June 2017 as running the B.Ed. College with a low enrollment would not be viable. The B.Ed. staff were duly eased out. The stringent demands made by the Pondicherry University for obtaining affiliation in 2016, for the Arts and Science College moved us to approach the High Court of Madras. A favorable court order helped us to obtain affiliation. The student strength in the Arts and Science College has been growing steadily over the last seven years. Today the College boasts of a student strength of 331.



The Salesian Community

1. Fr. Siby Kavilpurayidathil - Rector/Secretary
2. Fr. Satheesh Xavier - Vice Rector/Principal
3. Fr. Emmanuel Antonysamy - Administrator/Vice Principal/YMC
4. Fr. Babu Pushparaj - Student: Ph.D.



MOUNT DON BOSCO - KOTAGIRI

11th August 2019

History of the House

The property of Mount Don Bosco Kotagiri was bought by Fr. Carreno in the year 1946, mainly to serve as a Rest house during summer for the European Missionaries. Slowly it became a study house and a Retreat house. From 1947 to 1953 it served as a Novitiate and from 1961 to 1967 as a Theologate and from 1978 onwards it served as a Novitiate for the Bangalore Province until Chennai province took over in the year 1997.

Immediately it was decided not to start any new institutions until we plant ourselves in the lives of the local people and clergy. In view of that, a people's forum by name Kotagiri Joint Forum for Education was launched comprising of many good willed local citizens, government officials and welfare organizations. We started our Government collaboration works through Tribal welfare works, Ecological works like watershed programmes and assisting the district administration in Educating the Government school children.



Sometime later, Kotagiri Community College was established and started giving Life Skill and Employment Programmes to the poor Drop out youth of Nilgiris. Through the Programme project we were able to start self-help groups in 40 villages and made the people to self-sustain them through their own small savings. Through the empowering programmes we educated the people to tap the Government resources and projects. The tribal welfare works were extended to Kadambur, Talawadi and eventually they became new presences. The youth of the area were initially trained in Kotagiri.



The Salesian Community

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| Fr. Amalan Seraphin | - | Rector / Administrator |
| Fr. Gerard Pinto | - | In-charge: Social Ministry / YMC |
| Fr. Vincent Prabu | - | Youth Director: Diocese of Ooty |

DON BOSCO APOSTOLIC SCHOOL - PANNUR

—  02nd & 03rd September 2019  —

History of the House

Don Bosco – Pannur was begun by the initiative of His Grace Dr. Louis Mathias SDB, the late Archbishop of Madras – Mylapore in 1958 who contributed partly to the realization of this project. The aim of this institute was and is to cater for vocations to the Archdiocese of Madras – Mylapore, Vellore, Bellary, and to the Salesian Congregation. The project was materialized at Pannur as the catholic population needed a catholic school in this locality. Rev. Fr. John Med, the provincial appointed Rev. Fr. Ittyachen Manjil to be the First Headmaster who opened it on 20th June 1958 at the premises of the parish church of Pannur. Later it moved to the 7.38 acres of land to be an aspirantate along with a boarding house. Gradually all the Dioceses except Madras – Mylapore started their own Apostolic Schools and this Apostolic Home catered only to the diocese of Madras – Mylapore and the Salesian congregation.

The Salesians stopped sending from 2008.

Don Bosco Matriculation School: The Tamil medium school celebrated its Golden jubilee on 24th of January, 2009 which was marked by the inauguration of a Matriculation School to address the demand of English medium education. Now we have around 940 students in the school from LKG to VI. XII.

Hostel cum Aspirantate: In 1983, the school completed twenty-five years of its service. As a Jubilee Memorial, Don Bosco Hostel was erected in June 1983 to enhance the strength of the higher secondary school. The income from the hostel was meant to help the apostolic school. The hostel was meant for the boys of any religion provided they could afford to pay the fees as well as abide by the rules of the institution. In the beginning, the hostel could accommodate only forty students. After the construction of separate toilets, kitchen and refectory around 69 boys were accommodated in the hostel. Talented boys from standard IX onwards were admitted in the hostel to keep up the strength.

From the year 1989 onwards, there was a decline in the number of students in the hostel. All those who asked for the hostel were admitted in the school to keep up the number in the hostel. In 1993, Kilachery and Molasur middle schools were upgraded to high schools and hence it was expected to have more day scholars. Hence, in the year 1995 - 96 the hostel was closed on experimental basis to keep the HSS apostolic boys in the hostel. There was not enough strength for the groups in English medium. Hence the hostel was reopened again in June 1996. The number came down to 9 in 2007 - 08 and then gradually increased to 31 in the year 2008- 09 and now there are 48 students this year. From 2018 onwards, we have once again started accommodating the Salesian aspirants and a few aspiring for priestly life. This year, we have 21 Salesian aspirants and 5 aspiring for priesthood from other congregations and dioceses; in total, we have 74 inmates.





The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Jeffrey Gladstone | - Rector/Correspondent/YMC |
| Fr. Mudiappan David | - Vice Rector/Headmaster: DBHSS |
| Fr. Joseph Lourduraj, S | - Administrator/Dean of Studies |
| Fr. Mathias Emareddy | - P: DBMHSS/Liturgical Animator |
| Fr. Kumpiluvellil Louis (KJ) | - Confessor/Counselor |
| Br. Ronald Edwin Royappan | - Practical Training 1 |
| Br. Anthonysamy Soosai Arputharaj | - Practical Training 1 |

DON BOSCO MISSION, PAVUNJUR

27th & 28th October 2019

History of the House

Pavunjur was bifurcated from Thatchoor parish in 1978 and established as a new parish with Fr. Irudayaraj as first Parish Priest. There was a small chapel in the village dedicated to St. John de Britto and at the time of bifurcation a small church dedicated to the Holy family was built along the main road almost a kilometer away from the village. A small presbytery too was built at that time. Pavunjur and Nelvoypalayam had a primary school each in their own villages. It was Fr. Arul Devadas when he was parish priest at Pavunjur brought the elementary school, Pavunjur, to the present location. He also built a chapel at Nelvoypalayam. In 1987 St. Joseph's high school was started and the first batch of students appeared for the 10th exams in April 1994. After the new diocese Chengulput was created, Bishop Neethinathan gave this parish to the pastoral care of the Salesians. On 27th May 2003 Fr. Bellarimine, the provincial of Chennai province took over this parish.

The administration of the aided R.C Primary School and the unaided High School was handed over to the Salesians along with the administration of Holy Family Church, Pavunjur, while the Bishop of Chinglepet will continue to be the manager of the Schools. The Government will pay the Salaries of the teachers of R.C. Primary Schools at Pavnujur and Nelvoypalam while the Diocese will pay the salaries of the teachers of the High School. The parish is entrusted to the Congregation for 30 years. Unless either party gives a notification of withdrawal six months in advance, it will be understood that the agreement is renewed for a further period of 10 years.



The Salesian Community

Fr. Mathew Rajan Amaladoss - Leader/Correspondent/Headmaster/Administrator
Fr. John Sagayaraj - Parish Priest/YMC

DON BOSCO AGRO-TECH, POLUR

21st – 22nd May 2019



History of the House

In early seventies, Rev. Fr. Francis Schlooz SDB, the then parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Polur, bought this land with the aim of training the poor youth of Polur and surroundings in employable skills with the view to job opportunities. Being an agricultural area, it was decided to offer the youth agro-based courses. The Institution officially came into existence in 1986 with some courses beginning to function. In 1988 a canonically established community took up residence with Fr. K.V. Sebastian as the first rector.

It was on 24-08-1989 the ISC state board pattern for Carpentry & Cabinet Making and Electrician courses started with full admission. This was approved temporarily by state government on 4-3-1990. In 1992 it was decided to upgrade the electrician course in to NCVT pattern and hence approval was sought for the same. On 9-9-1992, the DGET temporarily approved the Electrician course 1st unit and again on 22-3-1993 for the 2nd unit. Meanwhile Mechanic Motor Vehicle course of NCVT pattern also was started and the temporary recognition was obtained from the DGET, on 16-9-1993 for 2 units. The permanent recognition order was received on 14-03-1995 for the NCVT pattern and on 7-6-1996 for ISC pattern.

The Salesian Community



- Fr. Paul Mark - Rector/Principal/Youth Ministry Coordinator.
- Fr. John Shankar - Vice Rector/Administrator/Manager (Farm)
- Fr. Arul Valan - Director (DBSARC)/Thurambar Ministry
- Br. Sigamony Anthony - Counsellor
- Br. Joseph Servin - Practical Training 1



SACRED HEART CHURCH - POLUR

31st August & 1st September 2019

History of the House

The Polur mission was begun under the diocese of Pondicherry. In 1877 Fr. Daras acclaimed as the apostle of North Arcot surveyed and journeyed through the 200 villages in the area leading to Fr. Grosborn Louis taking up as the first parish priest of Polur. On June 26, 1928, the Salesian Sisters arrived to take charge of the dispensary followed later by Salesians led by Mgr. Eugene Mederlet the parish priest who arrived in 1930 and continued to serve it even after being appointed as the Bishop of Madras-Mylapore. Fr. Gozzi in 1949 began economic upliftment by sending children to

other boardings, aided students to study to be teachers later in schools of Polur, roping in Military officers to conduct recruitment in-campus etc., It was at this time that farm lands at Arul Nagar and Karaipoondi were also bought. Nearly 60% of the parishioners were converted at this time and were also given free lands in areas where they could settle down in locales such as Villanuova nagar, Martin Nagar, Sagaya Nagar Frs. Villanuova & Francis Schlooz continued such work. Eventually the boarding for 300 boys called Oli Illam was opened in the parish.



In 1982 an extension work began to provide ITI training, the Don Bosco Ticino Farm at Arul Nagar and Rural Women Development Project (providing part time job for 72 animators), a mobile dispensary for the villages, housing projects for the needy, bank loans, cattle rearing, food for work, leprosy patients' rehabilitation etc., were begun at this time.

In 1988 Don Bosco School became a high school and the two elementary RCM schools were begun. Economically, the Catholics of this area are from a very poor background as all are landless agricultural labourers. There are no industries or factories in this area. Typical problems of poverty afflicted areas such as alcoholism, large families, child labour, bonded labour system etc., became the plight of the poor. Most belong to the outcastes who are politically, socially and economically powerless. It is in this context that the mission of Don Bosco Polur takes on a very special meaning.

The Salesian Community



- Fr. Michael Raj - Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent
- Fr. Kirubakaran Rathinasamy - Vice Rector/Headmaster/Dean of Studies/YMC
- Fr. Victor Sundaram - Administrator/Director: VIA
- Fr. Augustine Nathan - Confessor
- Br. Irudayaraj Soosairaj - Practical Training 1

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH TAGORE NAGAR

10th & 11th November 2019



History of the House

The Parish of Tagore Nagar dates back to 1902 when the lands of Tagore Nagar Jeevanandhapuram etc., were bought by the diocese of Pondicherry. The parish was formally erected in 1973 with Fr. A. M. Gnanapragasam being the first parish priest. In 1974 a basic chapel with asbestos roofing was built which in 1984 was converted into a bigger chapel by the parish priest Fr. Inniah. On 24th August, 1982 the parish was permanently handed over to the Salesians with 3 substations and 4500 Catholics. In 1994 Vinobha Nagar substation was erected into a separate parish and handed over to the diocese. To facilitate the surging numbers,

in 2000 a new church was constructed at Thattanchavady. In 2003, the new Parish Church was inaugurated. In 2005, Thattanchavady was made into a separate parish and handed over to the diocese. In the same year land for a cemetery was purchased for the parish which was built up with compound and blessed 5 years later in 2010. In 2010, the New church at St. Paulpet was inaugurated and blessed. In 2013 a new belfry with the statue of the sacred heart of Jesus was blessed and inaugurated, having been funded by a donor at the cost of 25 lacs.



The Salesian Community

Fr. Leo Arockiam - Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent
Fr. Masilamani Jayaraj - Administrator/Asst. Parish Priest
Fr. Arockiadass Susai - Principal/YMC

DON BOSCO BOYS HOME THATTANCHAVADY

11th & 12th November 2019

History of the House

Don Bosco Boys Home was started in the year 1986 for the school dropouts in and around Puducherry and the nearby villages. This home is dedicated for the school dropouts irrespective of caste, creed and colour. It accepts them with an open arm and gives them education, guidance, love, attention and calls for their individual capacity and inclination.

Along with Boys' Home, the Salesians started Don Bosco Transit School in the academic year 2002- 2003 with a limited strength of 100 school dropouts. During the academic year 2003-2004, the strength had gradually increased to 180 boys and later to 210. This Transit School was forced to a close as the Government's new educational policy 'Free and Compulsory Educational Act' (2009) permitted only schools which were recognized by the Department of Education to function. As St. Dominic Savio School started functioning in Jeevanandapuram campus from October 2015, the community along with the boys from Thattanchavady (except the carpentry boys) was shifted to the Jeevanandapuram campus from June 2016.

The Salesian Community



Fr. Maria Arokiam - Rector/Correspondent
Fr. Sebastian Muthuraj - Vice Rector/Headmaster/Dean of Studies/YMC
Fr. Lawrence Susainathan - Administrator
Br. Melkiur Raja Selvaraj - Practical Training 2



DON BOSCO - SAGAYATHOTTAM

03rd & 04th September 2019

History of the House

World War II had brought in its wake severe food shortage all over the country. For the Salesians of Don Bosco in South India, with a number of orphanages, boarding houses and hostels for poor children, getting enough rice to feed their numerous children was a great challenge. Food grains were rationed and it was not possible to get large quantities of grains to meet the needs of institutions. The situation prompted the Salesians to think about having their own rice fields.

It was in May 1948, Fr. Amaladoss Anthonysamy SDB, who was parish priest at Uriyurkuppam, while visiting the villages in the vicinity, came to know that a large stretch of barren land (about 100 acres, in fact), in the village of Pudukesavaram, close to Uriyurkuppam, was on sale. The Provincial, Fr. Joseph Carreño, was informed who called together his council and the decision was taken to purchase all of the 100 acres. The land was registered on 24 May 1948. By the end of the year, another 60 acres were acquired, and then another 49 acres and then 17 more acres were acquired. While the main aim of the purchase was to begin a School of Agriculture, the pioneers hoped that the lands would also supply all the rice the children in their institutions needed.

In 1949, Fr. Angelo Codello, a 36-year-old daring and energetic Italian missionary, was sent there to begin the work. Wells

were dug, lands were levelled and the thirsty fields brought under cultivation. Through innovative methods of water conservation and soil management and a lot of hard work, the arid lands started turning lush green and the barren fields began to bloom. The transformation in the landscape was unbelievable and the people began calling it “SamiyarThottam” (Fathers’ Garden), which was soon re-christened as “Sagayathottam” meaning Mary’s Garden. Slowly Sagayathottam became a model farm and the delicious fruits and the nutritious vegetables from there became the talk of the towns and villages all around. In June 1959 a School of Agriculture was opened by the then Minister for Agriculture Thiru. M. Bhaktavatchalam (later Chief Minister) to train poor rural youth in the basics of agriculture. The impact of the Agricultural Training Institute soon began to be felt in the entire district of North Arcot (today’s Vellore and Thiruvannamalai districts). In February 1976 the two-year-long agricultural training given by Sagayathottam was recognized by the government as an Agricultural Demonstration Maestri Course. In 1988 the agricultural school was upgraded to the Sagayathottam Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (SIARD), offering students two-year government recognized diploma in Agriculture.

A Home for the orphans and destitute boys was started in 1960. Initially these



Listening to the farm labourers in the farm house

children attended the nearby school at Uriyurkuppam, and later in the 1990s the Don Bosco High School was begun which was upgraded into Higher Secondary School in 2011.

Don Bosco College of Agriculture: The Agricultural College, affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), which is rated the best Agricultural University in the country by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), will offer undergraduate

courses (B.Sc.) in Agriculture and related fields. It is also intended to be a centre of research and development in agriculture. The college received its first batch of sixty students on 8th September 2014.

The college motto “Labor omnia vincit”, a Latin phrase meaning “hard work overcomes everything”. The College is a humble tribute to Don Bosco to commemorate the bicentenary of his birth, 1815-2015.

The Salesian Community



Fr. Mariasoosai Adaikalasamy	- Rector/Secretary
Fr. Arokiasamy Arputharaj	- Vice Rector/Headmaster/Dean of Studies
Fr. Robert Alphonse	- Administrator
Fr. Joakim Anthonysamy	- Director: SIARD
Fr. Kamalesh Joseph De Souza	- Warden/Professor/YMC
Br. Alok Tete	- Practical Training 2
Br. Arokia Rogan Xavier	- Practical Training 2
Br. Hamlin Britto David	- Student: B.Sc. Agriculture. Year 2.



DON BOSCO MISSION - THALAVADI

13th August 2019

History of the House

Responding to the invitation of the Bishop of Ooty Rt. Rev. Anantharayar in 2003, Fr. Jeromedhas Varuvel from Mount Don Bosco – Kotagiri began weekly visits to study the Thalavadi area. In the same year the presence was registered with the title Don Bosco Pazhamkudi Makkal Membattu Sangam (Don Bosco Tribal People Advancement Society). Fr. Jeromdhas braving many odds took up the residence at Thalavadi and began a community college and was joined by Fr. Amalan Seraphin. 32 acres of land was bought in Kanakumthur at Kadambur in Sathyamangalam taluk. A training centre was begun at Thalavadi with a Christian base of eight parishes and 6000 Catholics, along with self-help groups, evening study centres, etc., Kadambur with a Christian base of 3 parishes and 2000 Catholics, presence too was established.

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light roof shed was put up in Thalavadi to provide non formal trainings like computer and tailoring. Fr. Jerome started sending the young boys and girls to different educational institutions of Don Bosco to pursue their higher studies. All those who have been helped to study are in a good position in the society today. There were 30 evening study centres in different villages. From 2005 the mission has tracked those with SSLC certificates and 600 youngsters who need some form of professional training and placement have been identified.

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The Salesian Community



Fr. Robert Pathi - Rector / Correspondent / Principal

Fr. Sagayaraj Xavier - Vice Rector / Administrator / In Charge: Social Ministry Youth Ministry Coordinator



History of the House

On the 15th November 2000, Rt. Rev. Michael Augustine, the Arch Bishop of Pondicherry - Cuddalore, declared Thennangudi as a Parish and Fr. Job David as the Salesian Parish Priest. It consists of 17 villages grouped under 14 substations bifurcated from Karaikal Parish. Except Arulmozhidevan substation all the other villages are in Karaikal District, Pondy Union Territory. When the parish was created the chapel of Thennangudi was in a dilapidated condition. A thatched roof house was rented, which served as the presbytery. In 2001, land was bought ¼ km from the old church and a new church building was planned.

By God's grace and the generosity of the benefactors the new church was blessed and inaugurated by the Most Rev. Dr. Anandarayar, the Arch Bishop of Pondy - Cuddalore on the 03rd December 2006, still later 25 acres of land (including a tiled roof house) was bought at Thamanangudi 4 kilometers from Thennangudi for the proposed B.Ed. College. Parish priest and his assistant used the tiled roof house as their residence and kept the house at Thennangudi as the parish office. The parish priest was residing at B.Ed. College and used the temporary structure put up for non-formal technical training as his office. In May 2009 parish priest started residing at the presbytery and now the parish is separate and canonically erected community.

The Salesian Community



Fr. Charles Stephen - Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent

Dn. Ferk Simolin

Fr. John Sankar - Vice Rector/Principal

Fr. Williams Paulraj - Administrator/Asst. Parish Priest/Vice Principal/YMC



DON BOSCO - THIRUKAZHUKUNDRAM

❧ 19th & 20th September 2019 ❧

History of the House

The Mission of Don Bosco at Thirukazhukundram was initiated by Fr. Augustine Nathan who began his ministry in the area as the first parish priest of the new parish bifurcated from the Oragadam parish on June 29th, 2001. In 2002, he began a boarding with 20 boys who were residing with the parish priest which evolved into an established boarding home with 45 students (in 2006), 65 (in 2007), 75 (2008). The boys were initially attending the Government Higher Secondary School as they hailed from economically very poor background and were mostly either orphans or semi-orphans who lacked proper opportunity for study. Just after the tsunami disaster, through a JDW project, a Non-formal Technical Institute was established in 2006 as a response to the need for trained technical manpower raised by the industries that dotted the area. Thus,

trades such as Computer, Carpentry, Two-Wheeler Mechanics in 2006; Handicrafts, Computer, Electrician, Nursing in 2007; Welding, Electrician, A/C Mechanics and Refrigeration and tailoring were added to the portfolio in 2008, besides imparting communication skills to them. About 250 students were trained in these years.

It was on 31st December 2008, that a formal application was submitted to the AICTE for approval of a Polytechnic College. It was approved on 24th August 2009 and on 31st August 2009, the college began functioning by offering Diploma programmes in Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering & Computer Science Engineering.

The Salesian Community

Fr. Lawrence Soosaimary	- Rector/Secretary
Fr. Gnanamani Arul	- Vice Rector/Parish Priest
Fr. Lawrence Nellappatti	- Administrator/Vice Principal/YMC
Br. George Joseph	- Teacher/Warden
Fr. John Joseph Kuruvachira	- Confessor



DON BOSCO SIHARAM, THIRUVANNAMALAI

— 23rd – 24th May 2019 —

History of the House

The Salesian Province of Chennai identified Thiruvannamalai as a significant area of Salesian mission. On 24th May 2003, Rev. Fr. Edwin Vasanthan SDB was appointed to begin a new presence in view of coordinating the activities specifically focused on the welfare and the empowerment of the marginalized people, namely the SC/STs of this region.

On 5th June 2003, the Vazhikaatti Sub- center was started in a rented house at Thendral Nagar, Thiruvannamalai with Fr. Edwin Vasanthan as the Director. The new center was christened as SIHARAM (Salesian Institute for Holistic Advancement of the Rural And the Marginalized). The Diocese of Vellore was kind enough to offer a part of the building at Thendral Nagar, to the Salesians to do their ministry until they find a suitable place of their own.

In February 2005, around 5.02 acres of land in Adaiyur was identified and registered in the name of the South India Salesian Society. The entire negotiation and registration process were coordinated by Fr. Pancras the parish priest of Thiruvannamalai. Msgr. Joe Lourdusamy, the Administrator of the Diocese of Vellore, blessed the foundation stone for the construction of the new building at Adaiyur on 24th January 2006.

Finally, the blessing and inauguration of the new building Don Bosco SIHARAM was held on 17th January 2007 in the august presence of the Bishop of Vellore, Most Rev. Dr. Soundararaju Periyannayagam SDB, DD, and the Salesian Provincial of Chennai, Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Swamikannu SDB. On the 29th January 2007 the Salesians shifted their mission to the new place Don Bosco SIHARAM at Adaiyur. Though the constructions works were still underway, the ministry for the marginalized and vulnerable youth found its continuity



in the new centre with better facilities for Short term Computer course and the Village Animation Programmes.

The Salesian mission at Adaiyur has taken several twists and turns in adopting itself to the new situational needs of the marginalized youth and catering to their growth, by way of professional course (BCA), employment oriented courses (BPO, RETAIL &

MARKETING, HOSPITALITY, ISMO), empowerment programmes (3E-Professional Spoken English Course, SHG's, Evening Study Centres for children) and establishing a state-of-the-art infrastructure (Garment Production Unit) to provide skill training and job placement for rural youth and women in a short span of time to address their social and financial needs.

The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Michaelraj Lazar | - Rector |
| Fr. Arulanandam Perianayagam | - Vice Rector |
| Br. Anthonyamy Vanathian | - Administrator/Ic: Social Ministry |
| Fr. Prasath Gnanamani | - Vocation Promoter |
| Br. Alok Tete | - Practical Training 1 |



DOMINIC SAVIO - TIRUPATTUR

🌀 19th & 20th August 2019 🌀

History of the House

Dominic Savio Boys Home has a proud beginning in the year 1941 on August 15 with four boys. It was started for the purpose of educating the poor in this region. In the year 1934 a group of young Salesians started oratories in various villages in the Tirupattur region, and this place was used to give an informal education to the children of these villages.

A formal school was started in the year 1945 in order to give proper education to the children of the locality. This school was raised to the level of Higher Elementary in the year 1947. By the year 1952 the boys' home was separated from the school and was named Dominic Savio Boys' Home. There were around 200 orphans. Rev. Fr. Paul Bernick was the First Rector of the house and Rev. Fr. Angelo Castelli completed the construction of the Dominic Savio Boys' Home.

From the year 1954 the house started to function separately from the Sacred Heart College. Dominic Savio Boys' Home is a house for poor destitute children. The aim of the institution is to provide good education with good values and turn them into good Christians and faithful citizen. At present there are 106 boys who stay and benefit from this house.



The Salesian Community



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| Fr. David Francis Xavier | - Rector/Correspondent |
| Fr. Sagayaraj Arokiam | - Vice Rector/Headmaster/Dean of Studies/YMC |
| Br. Mariadoss Chinnasamy | - Administrator |
| Fr. Adaikalaraj Kolandaisamy | - Liturgical Animator |
| Fr. Arampulickal Joseph | - Confessor |
| Br. Arockia Dass Lourdusamy | - Practical Training 2 |
| Br. James Elanchizhian Thomas | - Student: MSW (Year 2) |
| Br. Yacop Pichaimuthu | - Student: M.Sc. (Counselling Psychology) |



❧ DON BOSCO – TIRUPATTUR ❧

23rd & 24th August 2019

History of the House

The Don Bosco Higher Secondary School had its antecedents in 1943, to be precise on July 2, 1943, with the foundation of the Sacred Heart Aspirantate in the premises of what is today Sacred Heart College. The Sacred Heart Mat. School shifted to its present site in 1968, two kilometers from the college campus, and changed its name to Don Bosco Mat. School. In 1978 it was elevated to a Hr. Sec. School.

Don Bosco School of Excellence: The Don Bosco School of Excellence came into existence on June 6, 2016. During the first year there were 454 students from Pre-kg to Grade V. There were about 33 teaching staff and 17 non-teaching staff during the first year. In the academic year 2017 – 18, Grades VI & VII were added. The students increased to 975 and the teaching staff strength to 47. In 2017-2018, i.e., the second year of its existence, the school received the approved NOC from NOC from TN State Government. In 2018-2019 Grade VIII was added and the students' strength went up to 1240 and the teachers' strength to 60. In 2019-2020 Grade IX was added the students' strength has reached 1382, with the teachers' strength to 67 and non-teaching to 25 of whom 4 are office Staff. On January 3rd 2019 the school received Affiliation to CBSE – Delhi, following the inspection of the Committee Members in June 2018. On 22nd June 2019, the school received the CBSE school code number, i.e., 46618, which gives the school the legitimate right to enroll all its students in the CBSE educational stream.

Don Bosco Hostel: Don Bosco Hostel was started in 1985, primarily with the intention of accommodating and educating the tribal boys of Yellagiri and Jawadhi Hills. The tribal boys were always given preference to stay and study in the DBMHSS. This year there are 79 boys.



The Salesian Community



Fr. Philip Maria Alphonse Raj

Fr. Abraham Robert

Fr. Jeumanickam David

Fr. Arul Sekar

Fr. Chinnapparaj Desam

Br. Francis Chinnappan

Fr. Appadan Raphael

Fr. Xavier Mattam (IND)

Fr. Sajan George (INN)

Br. Joseph Raj Arokiyaraj

Br. Cruze Tom Siluvai Arulappan

Br. Murusiliyan Mariyanayagam (LKC)

Br. Mariyathas Siyam Royan (LKC)

- **Rector/Correspondent**

- Vice Rector/Principal: DBMHSS

- Administrator/Liturgical Animator

- Principal: DBX/Dean of Studies

- Teacher: DBX/YMC

- Warden: DB Hostel

- Confessor

- Student: Ph.D.

- Student: Ph.D.

- Practical Training 1

- Student: B.Com. Year 1

- Student: B.A. Tamil. Year 1

- Student: B.A. Tamil. Year 1



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH - TIRUPATTUR

— 18th & 19th August 2019 —

History of the House

The Sacred Heart Shrine of the Salesian House, in Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur was the Parish Church for the parishioners from 1934. But as the number of Catholics grew year by year, the need was felt of building a separate parish church elsewhere in the town together with the presbytery. Rev. Fr. M.A. Augustine, was the first parish priest in 1961. The parish church was named under the patroness of Mary Help of Christians and was blessed by His Excellency Dr. S. David Marianayagam SDB DD, Bishop of Vellore on 24th of February 1964.

Fr. J. Amaladossou succeeded Fr. M. A. Augustine. He showed his enthusiasm and zeal in the parish by planning out the Technical Training Centre for the poor Youth of the parish. He found that many of the children were not able to go to school due to poverty. Thus he invented an idea of semi-boarding for the poor children of the parish. He also took special care in the education of these children. He started also a commercial institute (for typewriting and shorthand) for the young boys and girls. He gave final touch to the presbytery and the parish church with his sacrificing seal. He was parish priest for 14 years (1965 – 1979).

Fr. A.T. James succeeded Fr. Amladossou and carried on the pastoral work for six years

and during his regime he formed prayer groups and built a chapel at Bommikuppam. Fr. Maria Arul was the successor of Fr. A.T. James. He was a parish priest from 1985 to 1991. During his time of office as parish priest he built up the belfry and the wayside shrine of our Lady and also a chapel at Soudiyakuppam. Fr. Xavier Rodriguez succeeded Fr. Maria Arul. He was the parish priest from 1991 to 1994. He improved the conditions of the Technical Training School and built a three-storey building for the Technical School. Considering the pathetic condition of the hostel students of Technical Training School he built a hostel building in order to give priority to the poor catholic students.

Fr. V.F. Kuriakose was the successor of Fr. Xavier Rodriguez. He worked here as a parish priest from 1994 to 1996. He carried out his pastoral work by inviting the Family of Nazareth from Italy to Bommikuppam and formed a prayer group with the youngsters. He renovated the parish cemetery with a strong compound wall. Fr. Maria Paul Bosco was the parish priest of this parish from 1996 to 2002. He gave importance to Marian Devotion, the education of the poor children and to work of evangelization around the parish. He built a new chapel at Bommikuppam for the poor people of the

locality. He renovated the parish church campus, by building new compound wall in the place of the collapsed wall during the rainy season and also improved the grotto. Improvements in the seating arrangement in front of the grotto and in other places in the parish campus were the highlights of his pastoral work. He also started CFCA program for the poor children.

Fr. K.V. Sebastian succeeded Fr. Maria Paul Bosco although he remained in the office only for one year (2002 – 2003) he stabilized the Anbiamis which was started by Fr. Maria Paul Bosco. Administratively he was a successful Parish Priest by implementing the Family Card system and regularizing the monthly subscription and so on. He paid special attention to the Liturgy in the Parish, by giving importance to Choir and organizing liturgy in the innovative methods.

Fr. Gerard Majella succeeded Fr. K.V. Sebastian. He was a Parish Priest from 2003 to 2006. During his term of office as a pastor he renovated the Church completely, gave a new look to the grotto by painting the mysteries and also made arrangements with the corporation to lay a cemented road from the main road to the church campus. Fr. Sitrasasu, young and energetic, as he was, in the short span of time he visited all the families in the Parish, rejuvenated the prayer groups in the parish and also gave new face



lift to all the Anbiamis by his systematic organization.

Fr. Adaikalaraj was the parish priest from 2009 to 2012. As an enthusiastic pastor, he systematically planned to visit all the families in the Parish. He had great plans for building up the parish community. He made new family card and updated the entry. This family card is still in use. Fr. Vincent Durairj was the parish priest from 2013 to 2016. As an enthusiastic pastor, he systematically planned to visit all the families in the Parish. He had great plans for building up the parish community. He renovated the Church completely, in view of the jubilee.

Fr. Jesudass Periyayagam was Parish priest from 2016 to 2019. In the three years he renovated the whole campus and gave a new look as we see today with roads and garden. He also renovated the grotto in front of the church near to the GH hospital cleaning the whole place and giving a fresh look.



- Fr. David Job - Rector/Parish Priest/Correspondent
- Fr. Selvamani Sundardoss - Vice Rector/Principal/Asst. Parish Priest
- Fr. Peter Rajamanickam - Confessor/Asst. Parish Priest
- Fr. John Borg - Student: Ph.D/YMC/Asst. Parish Priest



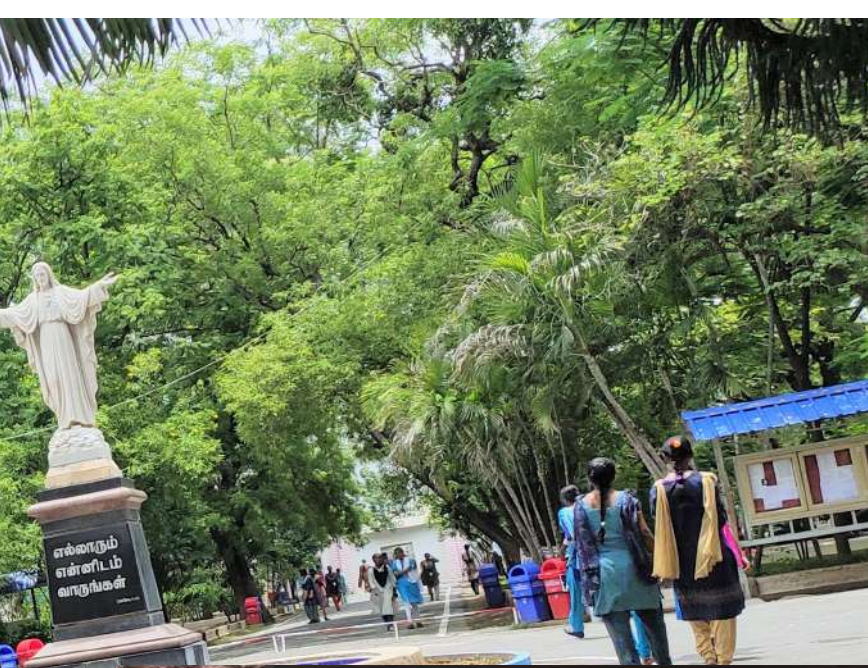
SACRED HEART COLLEG - TIRUPATTUR

— 21st & 22nd August 2019 —

In 1928 Mgr. Eugene Mederlet, then the archbishop of Madras bought the 18-acre plot for Rs. 9000/-. The first batch of novices and the novice master Fr. Joseph Carreno arrived on 11 December 1933. The Marian grotto was blessed on November 1937. On 2 January 1943, the Salesian House became a parole camp for Italian and German confreres working in south India due to the War in Europe. The Sacred Heart Church was blessed on 29 June 1943. The orphanage in the Salesian House was opened in 1942 with 20 children.

On 2nd July 1943 the Salesians gathered and entrusted the province to Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the same day with first batch of 19 Indian aspirants, the first aspirantate was inaugurated. In 1946, Sacred Heart Matriculation School was founded to educate the aspirants. In 1947, there were 190 aspirants. There was also an operational technical school for training in weaving, tailoring, carpentry, mechanics, art and designing. A printing press was added later. In 1950 the technical school was shifted to Basin Bridge, Madras.

25th June 1951, Inauguration of Sacred Heart College took place. Fr. John Med was the Rector, Principal and Correspondent. In 1954, Fr. Joseph Murphy became the principal of the College. Mathematics was introduced in 1954. In 1956 Economics was introduced as a major subject. Pre-university course was introduced and intermediate was terminated. On 25 August 1957, the Rinaldi Hostel was opened by the then Chief Minister Mr. K. Kamaraj. In February 1957, the College auditorium was completed. The high School building was completed in 1960. In 1961 Chemistry was started and in 1968 Physics was brought. In 1971, a new Pre-University Course – Mathematics, Economics and Commerce was opened. The High School building was converted into Jyoti Nivas Hostel in 1971. The Sacred Heart High School was shifted to Don Bosco campus.



In 1979, MSW was started. Autonomous status was given to Social Work and Mathematics in 1987. MCA was started in 1998. In 1999 the College was accredited with 4-star status. In 2006 it was reaccredited with A grade. The autonomous status to entire college was given in 2007. In 2013 the College was re-accredited (3rd Cycle) with A grade. In 2019 the NAAC re-accredited (4th Cycle) with A+ status.



The Salesian Community

Fr. Antonyraj Chinnappan	-	Rector/Secretary
Fr. Maria Antonyraj	-	Vice Rector/Principal
Fr. Gandhi Kallarasan	-	Administrator/Professor/YMC
Fr. Maria Arokiaraj	-	Additional Principal
Fr. Praveen Peter	-	Vice Principal (Shift I)/Controller of Examination
Fr. Theophil Gregory	-	Vice Principal (Shift II)
Fr. Daniel Ambrose	-	Professor/Social Work/Student: Ph.D.
Fr. Joseph Andrews	-	Trainer/An of CBOs/Student: Ph.D.
Fr. Selvaraj Varaprasadam	-	Trainer/Director: Guezou Hostel
Fr. Adukanil Mathew	-	Confessor/Councilor
Fr. Mani Lazar Isidore	-	Director: Murphy Hostel/Student: M.Sc (CP)
Fr. Sathianathan Thomas	-	Director: Rinaldi Hostel/Student: Ph.D.
Fr. Rosario Devadoss	-	Addi. Director: Rinaldi Hostel/Student: M.Sc
Fr. Pannerselvam Roy (INT)	-	Student: M.Sc (CP)
Br. Chinnadurai Lazar	-	Student: MSW
Br. John Casimir Joseph	-	Student: B.A. English
Br. Leo Manoharan Selvaraj	-	Student: MSW
Br. Bijay Mondol (INC)	-	Student: MSW
Br. Firoz Kumar (INC)	-	Student: MSW
Br. Mondol Saurav (INC)	-	Student: MSW
Br. David V (INH)	-	Student: MSW



DON BOSCO MISSION – VEERALUR

25th & 26th August 2019

History of the House

St. Antony's Church, Veeralur is a salesian parish from 1969 onwards. It is a golden jubilee year for the Don Bosco Mission in Veeralur. A zealous Italian missionary Fr. Venantius Villanova SDB, was the first parish priest, after it was bifurcated from Polur parish. Fr. Villanova served the parish for 18 years. During these years, he evangelized the people and catechized them in the Christian faith and created 15 Christian Communities in this area.

After him, Fr. Solomon Kulandaisamy SDB, served the parish from 1988 to 1993. Then Fr. Augustine Nathan SDB, served the mission from 1993 to 1999. He was instrumental in getting the Hospital in memory of Fr. Villanova SDB, and dedicated to Mary Help of Christians. The Religious

Nuns belonging to the congregation of Teresian Carmelites were invited to help out in the medical ministry. Due to some disagreement they withdrew their contract in 1999.

Fr. Edwin Vasanthan SDB, took charge of the parish from 24th May 1999. In 2000, the local ordinary Rt. Rev. Chinnappa SDB, DD, at the request of the Provincial Rev. Fr. Bellarmine SDB, handed over the Veeralur Parish to the Salesians in perpetuity. On 15th June

2001, a contract was made with the Franciscan sisters of St. Joseph (FSJ) to collaborate with the Salesians in social and medical ministries. From then on, they are helping us in the medical ministry.

The Salesian Community



- Fr. Alexander Thomas - Rector/Parish Priest/Administrator/Correspondent
- Fr. Michael Viyakulam - Vice Rector/Asst. Parish Priest/In charge: School
- Fr. Joy Panackel - Confessor/Mission Procurator
- Fr. Bharath Chinnappan



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church – Fujairah UAE

History of the House

OLPH parish Fujairah is the 5th independent Parish came to existence in the UAE. The religious services started in this region way back in 1970's. Under the direction of late Bishop Bernard Gremoli, the Priests from Sharjah Parish, started taking care of the spiritual needs of the Catholics spread around Fujairah.

On 5th February 1992, Bishop appointed Fr. Michael Cardoz, an incardinated priest as Fujairah's first parish priest. The first holy mass was celebrated on Friday 7th February 1992 in a villa which was also the residence of the priest. As years passed, beautiful Church dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and a parish house was built on the land granted by the ruler of Fujairah. The Church was consecrated on 25th October 2002 by Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea in the presence of late Bishop Bernard Gremoli and other priests from the vicariate.

In 2008, Bishop Paul Hinder appointed Salesian congregation from Chennai province India, to administer the parish and the school. Fr. Stanley Ignatius SDB was the parish priest till May 2009 and Fr. Patrick Joji SDB was the parish priest till December 2014. Present parish priest Fr. Sagayaraj Philominathan SDB was installed by Bishop Paul Hinder on 19th December 2014. Fr. Biju George and Fr. Varghese Puthangady have served as Asst. parish priest, Fr. Joy Vathaloor joined the parish in July 2015 and Fr.Devassy Kollamkudy sdb joined in July 2018

Today the parish consists of Fujairah, Kalba, Khorfakkan and Dibba. Holy masses are celebrated in Dibba in rented villa.

The parish is vibrant in all the activities under the able leadership of parish priest Fr. Sagayaraj. The various Prayer Groups, Ministries and Language Communities which are active in the parish help the faithful to grow spiritually better and live in harmony.

Fujairah, with its strategic location will continue to grow. Its population will keep on increasing and Catholics will always be able to use the facilities of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual help and St. Mary's catholic High School.

St Mary's Catholic High School

St. Mary's Catholic High School was established in Fujairah in 2002 to meet the educational demand of the existing international milieu. Having comprehended the need of the place, His Excellency Rev. Gremoli, the Vicar Apostolic Arabia, together with his team, launched the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) syllabus initially, thereafter, to meet the requirement of local Indian population, the CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) syllabus (Delhi Board) as well was initiated. The foundation of the School was laid with the motto "The End Crowns the Work" so as to entrench the mind of the students to begin their academics with lofty thoughts.

The pioneers had a great role in streamlining the curriculum, discipline and infrastructure of the School. Sr. Alessandra was appointed as the first Principal of the GCSE School, who commenced the work with enormous enthusiasm and looked into the various sphere of development of the school. She, along with her administration department, has brought a massive reputation to the School with proper discipline and a higher standard of teaching methodology. The other Principals, who were appointed after Sr. Alessandra, have not only continued to sustain the reputation but also raised the status of the school every year.

In the year 2008, under the guidance of Bishop Paul Hinder, (successor of Bishop Gremoli), the school administration was handed over to the Salesians of Don Bosco. The Salesians of Don Bosco, with their dynamic and creative approach continue to augment the achievements of the School with a firm thrust on discipline and enabling the students to co-exist with the signs of the times. The school continues to grow in reputation together with the dedicated and committed teaching staff.

The Salesian Community

Fr. Philominathan Sagayaraj	-	R/PP
Fr. Arul Sekar	-	P/YS
Fr. Suresh Kumar	-	Vp/A
Fr. Antony Kanichai	-	V/Coordinator: CBSE
Fr. Devassy Kollamkudy	-	Ap



ARULODHAYAM ASHRAM – A. KATTUPADI

— 27th August 2019 —

History of the House

Aruloudhayam ashram was founded by Rev. Fr. Joseph Jaswanthraj who had been dreaming about creating an “Ashram” while he was a young salesian. He made his desire known to the superiors of beginning an ashram. And went ahead buying a piece of land in Acharapakkam in view of starting ashram. God had His own ways. The venue was changed to A. Kattupadi and the foundation stone of ‘Aruloudhayam Ashram’, was laid on 8th September, 1999, the year of Grace, the Nativity of our Blessed Mother and patroness of the ashram, in the presence of his German benefactor, Fr. Peter Kubis and the prelate of the Diocese Dr. A.M. Chinnappa DD, SDB.

The Aruloudhayam ashram was inaugurated on 19th Feb. 2000, in the New Millennium, with a simple prayer service and blessing. Five cottages, a kitchen and 2 thatched kiosks were all that was there. In July on the same year, put up a square block with 6 thatched roof rooms with a small hall, veranda all around and a little garden in the Centre. In 2014 the chapel was renovated into to new look and opened by the Provincial Fr. Jayapalan SDB, and it was dedicated for inter religious dialogue and only one of its kind in Tamil Nadu. Along with dining room and a beautiful landscape work being done for the betterment of the ashram atmosphere.

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| Fr. John Christopher | - | Director/Administrator/YMC/Regional Youth Ministry Director |
| Fr. Patrick Joji | - | Assistant director |
| Fr. Sathish Raj (Vellore diocese) | - | Resource person |



**DON BOSCO ORPHANAGE
VELLORE**
28th & 29th August 2019

History of the House

In 1928, Don Bosco Orphanage began its ministry in Vellore town to cater to the needs of the children of a very backward area. But since the new diocese (of Vellore) needed a place for its Bishop’s house, the present location was identified and foundation stone laid by Fr. Renato Ziggitti sdb, the then Rector Major on 5th January 1955. The boarding was inaugurated in the new location on 11th June 1955 and began housing orphans and semi-orphans, besides the poorest of the locality. This orphanage has also contributed greatly to the Church through many vocations and even 3 bishops. The new township of Katpadi has practically built itself around the Don Bosco campus and today Don Bosco-Katpadi hosts a higher secondary school, a matriculation school, a nursery school besides reaching out to the rural areas around through extension services and evening classes. Thus, the institution reaches out to over 2500 children daily besides housing the 250 poor deserving boys round the year, imparting quality education and forming them as good human beings

The Salesian Community



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| Fr. Francis Sundarraj | - Rector/Correspondent/Liturgical Animator |
| Fr. Arokiadoss Lourdusamy | - Vice Rector/Administrator/Dean of Studies |
| Br. Anandraj Savarinathan | - Headmaster/Provincial Councilor |
| Fr. Samala Sundar Raj | - Principal/Director: Youth Centre/YMC |
| Fr. Balraj Emmanuel | - Confessor/Counselor |
| Br. Lucas Gomes | - Director: T.K. Puram |
| Br. Johnson Arulappan | - Practical Training 2 |
| Br. Chinnappan Paulraj Sebastine | - Practical Training 2 |
| Br. Xavier Britto Leo | - Practical Training 1 |

ST. JOSEPH BOYS' HOME KATPADI 30th August 2019



History of the House

St. Joseph Boys' Home and industrial school was started in the year 1953 by Rev. Fr. Hugh Tuena as a shelter home for the orphans and down-trodden youth of the Vellore diocese. The existing building was constructed with the funds collected by Fr. Tuena. Fr. Frederick Capiaghi was appointed as the first Rector of this institute.

The Industrial school provided technical training (formal and non-formal) in Carpentry, Tailoring, Welding, Electrician, Auto-Mechanic and Brass Band for the school dropouts and poor young boys. Skill training in Carpentry (Certificate course from the State Government of Tamil Nadu) is a three-year programme. The Auto-Mechanic section was opened on December 8, 1976 with fifteen students. To address the rapid growth and demand for this trade, in 1982 a new shed was constructed for this section. In 1981, a formal course with national level certification in Welding was started and was reinforced in 1986 with a new building. In July 1995, a non-formal Electrical trade was started mainly for the school drop-outs, to get trained and make a living as skilled electricians with a capacity to admit eighteen boys yearly. A Tailoring section was opened

in 1980 with an annual capacity for ten boys. Today, the industrial school offers courses in Carpentry, Welding and Tailoring. The Automobile and Electrical courses have been closed due to lack of students.

Don Bosco Institute of Brass Band was started in 1986, with the initiative of Mr. A. Devasagayam, a past pupil and a retired Police Band Master of Tamil Nadu State. This venture began to bear fruit from 1989, when the first batch of students were absorbed into the prestigious "Border security Force" (B.S.F.) of the Government of India. To-date, 140 of the Brass Band students are already inducted into the B.S.F. Permanently. Due to the absence of the Band Master it has to be closed down in 2008.

St. Mary's B. Ed College and Infant Jesus Teacher Training institute were acquired in the year 2009. Due to lack of takers for teacher's training, Infant Jesus Training institute at Thiruvallur was suspended in the academic year 2012-13. At present, there are 122 students studying in the St. Mary's College of Education.

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| Fr. Lourdusamy Susai | - | Rector/Secretary |
| Fr. Arul Mari Raj | - | Vice Rector/Principal: B.Ed. College |
| Fr. Suresh Xavier | - | Administrator/Principal: ITI/Dean of Studies/YMC |
| Fr. A.T. James | - | Confessor |
| Br. Christudass Yesuraj | - | Assistant/Student: B.Ed. |



DON BOSCO CENTRE – YELAGIRI HILLS

————— 16th & 17th August 2019 —————



History of the House

Don Bosco Centre was born on 31st December 1962 when Fr Francis Guezou arrived at Yelagiri Hills and pitched his tent in a humble manner to serve the people of the Hills. He was sent by Msgr Louis Matthias, the then archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, to establish a Christian presence on the Hills. Fr Guezou began his ministry with education as the top priority while he addressed the other needs of the people such as water, health care, liberation from bondage etc. He worked for the first three decades as the only Salesian with the assistance of Sisters of St Charles Borromeo and three lay collaborators. Gradually, he asked for more Salesians to involve in the mission. Ad experimentum was done with Fr Antonyraj Chinnappan in 1991 for a year. With the establishment of BICS InfoTech, a complete Salesian community came into existence at Don Bosco Centre in 1998. The Salesian Community grew in number and was canonically established in 2004.

Rev. Fr Francis Guezou SDB, the founder of Don Bosco Center, Yelagiri Hills, envisioned quality professional education in computing as a good strategy to guarantee the

employability of rural youth. A non-formal computer training and software development centre (named as BICS InfoTech) was begun in 1998 with the support of Fr Thaddeus from Sacred Heart College and Fr Maria Arockiaraj from Idayadeepam. Sixty students were admitted per year for the one-year and three-year academic programmes. BICS signed memorandum of understanding with CDAC-Pune and IGNOU to conduct diploma and degree programmes.

The institute functioned under three wings: Bosco Institute of Information Technology (BIIT), the Professional Education wing that prepared the students to become employable and obtain degree from IGNOU; Bosco InfoTech Services (BOSCO ITS) for software development and training for the graduates who passed out of BIIT; Arivagam (in 2006) as Knowledge Resource Centre. While the students pursued BCA Degree from IGNOU, a rigorous postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology (PGDIT) was offered for the students. BIIT educated more than 1000 rural students in a span of a decade, as professionals in Information Technology.

Most of them are placed in the industry or service sector as developers, testers, graphic artists, technical writers, hardware technicians and teachers.

The primary objective in professional training was to develop communicative skills in English and to provide technical skills in a specific domain with a part-time university degree. The students from the rural background were able to speak and write in English fluently within three months. 100% job placement was the result of complying with the requirements of the institute.

It's a divine mediation that in the 50th year of Fr Guezou's arrival (1962-2012) at Yelagiri Hills, BICS InfoTech was upgraded to Don Bosco College, affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University. The inception of Don Bosco College at Yelagiri Hills is a golden milestone in the history of Don Bosco Centre to provide higher education to more students. Today, the college has six major departments offering programmes of study with the total strength of 1000+ students. Don Bosco College strives continuously to apply indigenous methods and strategies to make the students qualified, employable and live an integrated life.

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| Fr. John Alexander | - Rector/Secretary |
| Fr. Thaddeus Gregory | - Vice Rector/Principal/CEO: Boscsoft /PC Provincial Councilor |
| Fr. Robert Inniyasi | - Administrator / Parish Priest |
| Fr. Kasi Sagayaraj | - Vice Principal/Director: JV Hostel |
| Fr. Arun Malayappan | - Asst. Director: Boscsoft/Director: DBN Hostel |
| Fr. Gnanapragash Rayappan | - Director: PD Hostel/YMC/Liturgical Animator/ Ph.D Student |
| Br. Clement Arokioraj Sebastin | - Assistant |
| Br. Thomas William Deepak Jesudoss | - Practical Training 2 |
| Br. Arokia Berdouil Raj | - Student: M.Sc (C.S) Year 1 |



IDAYADEEPAM NOVITIATE – YELAGIRI HILLS
14th & 15th August 2019

History of the House

Don Bosco Idayadeepam is a Salesian novitiate situated on Yellagiri Hills, Vellore District. Idayadeepam The Novitiate was constructed in the 1990's and the first batch of novices moved in here from Vellakinar, Coimbatore in May 1994. Yellagiri Hills was already familiar with Don Bosco through the work of Fr. Francis Guezou SDB, a French missionary who arrived on the hill in 1961 at the behest of Msgr. Louis Mathias SDB, the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore. We are grateful to Fr. Guezou SDB who built this novitiate house

In the year 1997, CFCA was launched in Yelagiri Hills; many boys and girls were helped with scholarships for study; many old people were also helped. A semi-boarding was started in Idayadeepam to cater to the redeemed-bonded labourer children; they were coached privately and placed in schools. Many night study centres were opened in villages; this contact with the village people permitted salesians to take some English classes in the schools; then the novices began to take moral science classes.

Year	Began	Professed
2014-15	23	18
2015-16	26	17
2016-17	27	21
2017-18	21	16
2018-19	22	17

through a generous contribution of his friend Mr. Leon Duhayon, lovingly called as Papa Duhayon. Idayadeepam has completed 25 years! The Silver Jubilee celebration is going to be on October 26, 2019. The novices of the past few years are given in the table.

Don Bosco Camping Centre: It is located on the way to Nilavoor which is opposite to the Government hostel. It was started with the initiative of Fr. Sagayaraj sdb, the then Novice Master and Mr. Amalraj, the Scout Master, in view of accommodating the scouts for camping and so it was designed for the same. It has been developed in the course of time and it is the source of some income for Idayadeepam.



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| Fr. Rayappan Pathiaraj | - | Rector/Director of Novices/Provincial Councilor |
| Fr. Augustin Antonysamy (INT) | - | Vice Rector/Administrator |
| Br. Neethiappa Arulappan | - | Liturgical Animator / Dean of Studies |
| Fr. Augustine Kariamadam | - | Confessor |
| Br. Anthony Raj Arokianathan | - | Practical Training 1 |









