



*Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi.*  
*Annual Report*  
*2016 - 2017*



**Rev. Dr. Sr. Mary Gilda**  
**Principal & Secretary**

Greetings!

“Believe in yourself and all that you are, know that there is something inside you is greater than any power”.

Esteemed chief guest of the day, Dr.Ragu Antony, Professor, Department of English, V.O.C. College, Thoothukudi, Rev.Sr.Celine Soosai, Mother Superior, dear sisters, learned members of the faculty, administrative staff, PTA President Mr.G.B.Kirubaharan, members of PTA, well-wishers and my dear students, Good Morning.

I welcome you all to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Awards day celebration of Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi. I consider it an honour and privilege to present to you a brief resume of the progress of the institution, its achievements and awards and to thank all the stakeholders in our joint venture of academic excellence.

Holy Cross Home Science College, established in 1975, is affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. It was accredited at the ‘B’ level by NAAC.

On this special day, we fondly remember our Foundress Mother Claudine Echenier, who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, in France, in the year 1838 and our pioneering sisters of this college who had the vision to create this institution of learning and women’s empowerment. Acknowledging the sacrifices of the pioneering group of sisters, I compliment the successive presidents, secretaries, principals, superiors and staff for continuing on the vision of the pioneers to create an institution of committed to the emancipation of women.

Empowered by the self-emptying love of God and inspired by our Mother Foundress, we, the Sisters of the Cross envision a just and harmonious society where all people live life in its fullness. Our mission is nurturing persons to be well integrated who in turn become agents of societal change.

Our goal is to form persons of character, conscience, compassion, commitment and competence, who having been enabled to face the challenges of life in the changing scenario are sensitive to the needs of the poor and the marginalized and evolve as dynamic transcendent leaders of tomorrow.

Holy Cross Home Science College aims at the all round formation of students to achieve wholeness and all our programmes are geared to achieve this goal. The college give preference to the weaker sections of the society irrespective of caste and creed.

The college runs 6 UG, and 3 PG courses, Certificate Course under the Career Oriented Programme (COP); 18 Add-on Certificate Courses and Tally Certificate course under J.J. Institution and “Government Exam Coaching” classes under Suresh IAS Academy, Thoothukudi.

The activities of the academic year 2016-2017 started with the reopening of the college on 17<sup>th</sup> June for the senior students and 22<sup>nd</sup> June for the 1<sup>st</sup> UG students. Orientation to the freshers along with their parents is a regular feature of our college. The college has student strength of 641. The institution is supported by a band of 36 dedicated and efficient teaching faculty and 10 administrative staff. Three members of the teaching staff are Ph.D holders; three have submitted and one is doing part time research.

An UGC minor research project was undertaken by Sr.Sesu Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce with Computer Application. Congratulations to Sr.Sesu who is involved in the project.

Dr. Mrs. Josephine Renuga, Assistant Professor of Tamil, participated and presented a paper entitled “ngz;fspd; moif Fwpg;gpLk; ctikfs;” in an International Conference held at Singapore from Nov 18th– 20th, 2016.

In 2016-17, 3 books, 7 international and 44 national articles have been published in national and international journals by our faculty members. Congratulations to all involved!

The management encourages research culture among faculty by giving seed money, study leave with pay while preparing the thesis and additional increments for qualified candidates.

**Infrastructure facilities added this year are**

- ❖ Additional computers
- ❖ Audio visual room

- ❖ Class rooms with LCD
- ❖ Completion and blessing of administrative block and 2 class rooms
- ❖ Expansion of Computer and Language Lab

Our library with open access system holds 5090 books and subscribes, 11 journals and 13 periodicals. This year 248 books have been added to the existing collection. A Book Fair was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 which created an interest among the staff and students to purchase books and foster the reading habits.

The amount spent for books and journals in 2016-2017 is Rs. 94,879/-. The library is linked with Inflibnet Nlist facility. At the beginning of the academic year, the librarian addresses the freshers with instructions on the use of library resources. Library automation was done with bar coding.

Hearty congratulations dear students! We thank God for the good academic result obtained by our students and the efforts of the students and staff have been duly rewarded.

The co-curricular and extracurricular activities were set on motion with the inauguration of all associations / clubs / committees on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The day began with the Holy Spirit Mass imploring God's blessings on all the inmates and all our endeavors. This was followed by the inauguration of all associations / clubs and committees and installation of the student council members.

The following students were elected democratically, as office bearers of the student council.

- Ms. J. JosyVinnarasi of III B.A. English Literature as Chairman
- Ms. S. Sujailine of II B.Com as Vice-chairman
- Ms. S. Mariammal of III B.A. English Literature as Secretary
- Ms.S.Maharasi of II M.Sc DFM as Treasurer

The IQAC has engaged itself in the process of motivating the stake holders to achieve quality in academic and non academic pursuits. Besides holding frequent meetings they facilitate evaluation and offer suggestions. The quality circle composed of two student representatives from each class along with the student council, supports and promotes the implementation of student related programme and offer constructive suggestions for quality enhancement.

Students avail post matric and minority scholarship, Beedi worker's children scholarship, Tamilnadu Agricultural Labourer's / Farmer's children scholarship and central sector scholarship for meritorious students. The management and well wishers provide fee concession and freeship to few students on the basis of merit cum means.

Staff regularly attends seminars and conferences organized inside and outside the institution in order to upgrade themselves. To enhance their teaching – learning skills,

majority of the faculty have participated in State / National / International level seminars / conferences / workshops organized by Institutions of higher education. 51 faculty members have published and presented papers.

I am proud to inform that 120 UG and PG students from various departments have presented and published paper in State / National / International level seminars and conferences.

#### **NSS & YRC:**

Kudos to the **NSS & YRC unit** of the College!

- A **Blood Donation Camp & Blood Group Identification camp** was organized on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 by the NSS of the College. It was a huge success and 50 donors & 150 students volunteered to identify their blood groups.
- A **tree plantation campaign** was organized by the NSS on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- The NSS unit of the college celebrated the birthday of Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam as “**Youth Awakening Day**” on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. A seminar on “Disaster Management” and an elocution competition on “Kalam’s Dream” was organized Mr. M.A.Dhamotharan, Efficient Trainer from Global communication solution was the guest speaker.
- A regular Programme ‘**May I Help You**’ organized by the YRC with 15 cadets for 15 days to guide the out patients in Government Hospital, Thoothukudi.

#### **Sports:**

In the past years the Sports Club has added many feathers in our cap. On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, students were selected for University Team. Ms. Kartheeswari, III B.Sc Computer Science, participated in the Volley **Ball Tournament for Women**, Women’s Christian College, Nagercoil. Our college Volley Ball Team secured fourth place in this tournament.

Congratulations to Mrs. S. M. D. Madhuravalli, Associate Professor of Food Science and Nutrition and Sports Secretary of the College.

#### **Placement Cell:**

The placement cell of our college organized a one day workshop on ‘Soft Skills and Interview Skills’ in association with Vivekananda Institute of Management Studies (VIMS), Coimbatore for all the final year UG and PG students on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The placement team of VIMS conducted the workshop that included three sessions, role play, group discussion and mock interview.

The placement cell made a landmark on 4th march 2017 in collaboration with Pearls of light educational charitable trust and conducted a **Job Mela** inviting about 40 companies to recruit job seekers.

In association with KV Institute of Management and Information studies, Coimbatore, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of our college organized a one day workshop on 'Communication Skills' on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The HR recruiters of Enova technologies conducted personal interview for around 47 final year UG and PG students on the same day.

Congratulations to Mrs.Della.X, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce with CA and Placement Cell team of the College

#### **Faculty Development / Orientation Programme:**

- An orientation programme was held on June 14th, 2016, for the staff members by Rev. Fr. Maria Antony on 'How to identify the inner child character of the students.'

#### **Achievements/Awards to Faculties:**

- Global Achievers Foundation gave (Bharat Gaurav Ratan Award 2016)- Rev.Dr.Sr.Mary Hilda Principal & Secretary.
- "fy;tp Nrtf fiykzp Award-2016" to Dr. Mrs. Josephine Renuga, Assistant Professor of Tamil
- "fy;tp Nrtf fiykzp Award-2016" to Mrs.A. Razia Banu, Assistant Professor of Tamil
- Best NSS Programme Officer Award-2016 to Mrs.Karoline, Assistant Professor of Food Science and Nutrition.

#### **Various major events held in the College:**

- An inter-department orientation programme was organized on June 17th, 2016 by all the staff members of our college to the II UG, III UG and II PG students.
- LISA organized "**Library Week**" from 16th August to 22nd August, 2016. Various competitions like Quiz, Words Contra, Poem Writing, Essay Writing and Collage creation were held on each day of the week. All the students of our college actively participated in the competitions and some of them won the prizes.
- As a part of world Nutrition Day Celebration, the Department of Food Science and Nutrition organized a grand **Nutrition Expo-2016** on 21.09.2016 & a Diet counseling centre was setup to provide dietary advice to the public. More than 1000 visitors benefitted from the exhibition.
- The Oracle Literary Club of Department of English, conducted Literary Regalia on 30th September 2016 and Literary Expo on 17th October 2016.
- Department of Food Science and Nutrition organized **Training Programme on Bakery and Confectionary** from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19th October, 2016. Mr.K.Sivaprakasam, Baking Technologist, Institute of Baking Technology, Chennai conducted the training.

- **Bible Week Celebration** was organized on 14th and 15th October 2016. The overall shield won by the Department of Food Science and Nutrition.
- To enhance the Technical Skills and the Employment potentiality of students, 18 courses were offered from July to October 2016 and December 2016 to March 2017. The students were trained on courses like Hindi, Yoga, Spoken English, Art from Waste, Jewellery Making, Toy Making, Painting, Beutician, Classical Dance, Aari and Embroidery, Flash, Tally, Computer Application, etc and **an add-on Expo** was conducted on 19th of October, 2016 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- **‘Students Enriched to Empower – SEE’, three days life skill camp** was organized for all the final year UG and PG students of our college from 20th October 2016 to 22nd October 2016 in the college premises.
- The Library and Information Science Association (LISA) of our college organized a one day “Book Fair” on 16.12.2016. Book stores from Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Madurai displayed an array of books.
- A **workshop on life skills “Win your Weakness”** was organized by **Alumni Association** of the College in association with Kids Prodigy on 20.12.2016. The core session of the day’s programme was chaired by Mr.Jegan with the assistance of Mr.Sam, Win your Weakness Academy, Madurai.Thanks to the Alumni coordinator- Mrs.S.M.D. Maduravalli, Alumni President-Mrs.M.P.Gayathri, Alumni Secretary- Ms.Ananthalexmi.
- The NAAC Peer Team visited our college on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
- The Department of Commerce organized the first **National Seminar** on ‘Impact of GST on Consumerism’ which was held on 10 February 2017.
- The Department of Computer Science organized a **State level intercollegiate technical meet** which was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Kamaraj College won the overall shield.
- **NSS special Camp** was organized for 7 days from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Alangarthittu, fifty students were participated .Thanks to Mrs.C.Sathyalakshmi, Mrs.X.Della, Mrs.R.Ame P.Rayen, NSS Coordinator and Mrs.Karoline, Assistant Coordinator.
- **39th Sports Day** was held on 22nd February, 2017,. Dr.P.Jeyanthi, Dean V.O.C College of Engineering was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Thanks to Mrs. S.M.D Mathuravalli and her team for organizing the Sports Day.

- The Department of B.Com with CA organized a workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 on Demonetization. 40 to 60 hours of training programme on Tally was given to outgoing of B.Com with CA and B.Com to our outgoing students.
- Special efforts are made to arrange for French and Hindi classes during this academic year
- We have Ms.Steffi, visiting our college regularly from 08.30 – 11.00 am to offer counseling to our students.
- Women's Day celebrated on 08<sup>th</sup> March and our students participated in the rally organized by veerangani at District level.
- Graduation Day was held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and Dr.P.Madhava Soma Sundaram, Professor and Head, Department of Criminology and criminal Justice, Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tirunelveli. 201 UG / PG graduates were honoured.
- A MOCK interview was organized for the outgoing students at inter department level from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 by our faculty members.
- We had the joy of honouring our Jubilarians Sr.Celine Soosai, Mother Superior, Sr.Josephine Victoria on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 who celebrated Silver and Golden Jubilee along with the Students, School and College staff.

PTA and Alumnae are of much support to the college. We appreciate the parents and alumnae for the good response they show during the General Body Meetings and specially to our PTA president Mr.G.B.Kirubakaran

There are 84 students in the hostel who are cared, guided and animated by the warden Sr. Rubha. Celebration of festivals, Group sessions, prayer and para liturgical services on special occasions are arranged for the inmates.

#### **Our future plans are**

- To add more books and computers
- To extend the library specially the reading room.

We thank God Almighty for His blessings upon the inmates of this institution. We are grateful to Dr.Ragu Antony, the chief guest of the day, Dr.Sr.Rosalie Joseph our President and to the members of the Managing Committee, sisters and office bearers of PTA, who have graced this occasion by their August presence.

We express our sincere thanks to our Bishop of Thoothukudi and the priests of the diocese. We are grateful to the officials of UGC and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and the officials of the various departments of the district. We thank all the parents, alumnae, and well-wishers of this institution for the support they extend at all times. My sincere thanks to you all my dear colleagues and friends of both teaching and non teaching fraternity, for



your support and collaboration for accomplishing our plans and projects. Thank you my dear students. I wish our college many more years of service in the cause of our nation. I wish each one of you a life-time of creativity and a life of adventure and enterprise.

As we journey towards tomorrow to radiate God's glory with grateful hearts we pray for His guidance to strengthen us to scale new heights in order to build a better world. May your path be blessed specially my beloved outgoing students.

THANK YOU!

**Dr. Sr. Mary Gilda**