

## 43<sup>rd</sup> College Day Annual Report

2017- 2018

Life is a cumulative collection of moments. In the memory chip of our minds, our past has stored enough memories to make our journey, one that is rich with experiences. As I look down my memory lane, I spotted a few moments which gave as tears of joy, success, strength, blessings and today we can call ourself a blessed soul. No words can explain how blissful I feel as I present to you the memories of 2017-2018.

Respected Chief Guest of the day Mr. K.Anandh, Director Rural Development, SCAD, Tirunelveli. Rev.Sr.Fatima Motha, Mother Superior, Rev.Sr.Sarath Mary, Principal of Holy Cross Home Science Matriculation School, Mrs.C.Sathyalakshmi, Vice Principal, HOD's, Members of the teaching and nonteaching fraternity and my dear Students. Good Morning to you all.

At this historic moment, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all them for their dedication and contribution that has made us stand tall and committed to the ideals for which the college was founded. Let me share with you briefly the salient features of our institution.

Holy Cross Home Science College, established in 1975, is administered by the Society of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Madurai Province. The College is affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. It was Re accredited with 'B' grade by NAAC. We pay homage to our Foundress Claudine Echenier, who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, in France, in the year 1838 and I remember our pioneering sisters of this college who had the vision to create this institution a place of learning and women's emancipation.

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 to nurture persons to be well integrated who in turn become agents of societal change and 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. The college aims at the all round formation of students to achieve wholeness and this academic year we focused on Believe, Achieve and Excel and all our programmes are equipped to achieve this goal. We give

preference to the weaker sections of the society irrespective of caste, religion and creed.

#### **Courses at our College:**

- The College runs 6 UG, and 3 PG courses; 1 Certificate Course under the COE Programme; and 18 Skilled Based Certificate Course.

#### **Admissions 2017-18 :**

- Admissions 2017-18 went off smoothly. The total number of applications received for both UG and PG courses was 546 and the total admitted was 273.
- I thank the Vice Principal, Heads of Departments, teaching faculty and administrative staff, for their whole-hearted participation in the admission process. The new academic year 2017 -2018 began on 16<sup>th</sup> June for the senior students and 21<sup>st</sup> June for I UG students.

#### **Our Strength:**

- Improvement in the staff recruitment – we now have a total strength of 43 teaching staff and 7 supportive staff and 669 students (UG:601, PG:68).
- Seven members of the teaching faculties are Ph.D Holders; 4 have registered for research during this year and 2 faculty members are already doing part time research.
- We have 3 faculty members cleared SET examination.

#### **Students' Council:**

The Students' Union Council Election was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The following students were elected as office bearers:

- Ms. R.Sankara Gomathy of III B.A. English Literature as Chairman
- Ms. P.Melissa of II B.Com as Vice-chairman,
- Ms. S. Sharmila of III B.Com with CA as Secretary &
- Ms. Veronica Bobby of II M.A. English Literature as Treasurer

I place a record of appreciation to our student's union members for your effective responsible leadership. Your involvement during this year was praise worthy.

#### **IQAC**

- The IQAC organized a research development program for the staff members from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March. The main aim of the development program was to encourage and motivate the staff to indulge themselves in applying for project both major and minor. Dr. Pious, Retired Professor, Department of Mathematics,

V.O.C. College was invited to the campus to enlighten the staff about the procedure to apply for major and minor project.

- The IQAC took an initiative to enrich the students on their career. The placement cell conducted a career guidance program for all the outgoing students on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs.Nellai Ulagammal, a motivator was the resource person of the day. The students were given a brief perspective of goal setting and perseverance.

Students avail post matric scholarship for minority students, Beedi Worker's Children scholarship and Tamilnadu Agricultural Labourer's Scholarship etc. The management and well wishers provide fee concession and freeship to economically backward students.

#### **Research Committee**

- On 01<sup>st</sup> September 2017, the Research Committee organized a guest lecture on **Thirst for Research**. Dr.G.Paulraj, Associate Professor, V.O.C. College, Thoothukudi hosted the day's programme.
- The research committee organized a FDP on NET / SET coaching classes for faculty members from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and from 5<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.

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

- An orientation programme was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, for the staff members by Rev. Sr.Shiny on 'Heal yourself with Reflexology'
- On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017, our staff members were oriented on "Handling the Youth Today" by Dr.Beneson, Associate Professor, Department of English, St.John's College, Tirunelveli.
- An orientation programme was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for the faculty by Rev.Sr.Mary, Mother General, Sacred Heart Congregation on **Acupressure**.

#### **Research Degrees Awarded to the Faculty Members:**

The following 4 faculty members have been awarded Ph.D degree during this academic year. I congratulate all the staff members for this achievement.

1. Dr. Mrs. S.M.D. Madhuravalli, Department of Food Science and Nutrition
2. Dr. Sr. Rubha, Department of Food Science and Nutrition
3. Dr. Mrs. S. Santhana Kamala, Department of Commerce
4. Dr. Ms. J. Elizabeth Vijaya, Department of Commerce



### **Publications**

- In 2017-18, 18 international and 4 national articles have been published in national and international journals by our faculty. Congratulations to all involved! The management encourages research culture among faculty by giving seed money, for research scholars, study leave with pay while preparing the thesis, additional increments for qualified candidates, and 50% of the fee to participate in Seminars and Conferences.

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

- Kurinji Kabilar Tamil Sangam honored Dr. Mrs. Josephine Renuga, Assistant Professor and Dr. Mrs. Vasuki, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil with Peraasan Award.

### **Student Orientation**

- An inter department orientation was arranged for II & III UG and II PG
- A **two day Life Skill Camp** on '**Students Enriched to Empower - SEE**', was organized for all the final year UG and PG students of our college from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the college premises.
- A **workshop on life skills "Win your Weakness"** was organized on 19th January 2018. 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 Campus Animation Team, Mrs.Rohini and Mrs.J.Vijila, Assistant Professors.
- On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 an orientation for all the outgoing students was conducted on the topic "**Seek Yourself**" by Fr. Maria Antony. He oriented on how to face the challenges and stress in their future.

### **Achievements/Awards to Students**

- Ms.Priyanka.S, III B.Sc FSN received the best NSS volunteer award from MS University for this year.
- Our students Ms.Evangelin Elaisia-Rani, I.BA English Literature, Ms.Karthiga I B.Com, Ms. Mary Monika I B.Sc FSN, Ms.Jeya Megala I B.Sc FSN received various awards from Kurinji Kabilar Tamil Sangam.
- Ms.Sahana, III B.Sc. FSN won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Mehanthi competition conducted by Vivekanatha Trust at State Level.

### **Students Publication**

- Our UG & PG students have published around 60 articles in various national and international seminars and conferences.

### **Academic Performance of the Students:**

- Our students have performed exceedingly well in the University Examinations. Congratulations to all the successful students on their splendid achievement and to the faculty members, for their contribution in achieving good result.

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

#### **LISA**

Library with open access system holds 5681 books and subscribes 13 journals and 12 periodicals. This year 143 books have been added to the existing collection. The amount spent for books and journals in 2017-2018 is Rs.1,02,894. The library is linked with Infibnet Nlist facility. Library automation was done with bar coding for the books and for the students entry.

The LISA club organized "**Library Week**" from 21<sup>st</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. LISA organized a one day "Book Fair" on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Book stores from Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Madurai displayed an array of books. This created an interest among the staff and students to purchase books and foster the reading habits.

- The Galleon Association of Department of Commerce in collaboration with Sam Academy hosted a "Tally ERP-9" certificate programme for final year UG / PG students from July to October 2017.
- Crossian Jamboree'17, a cultural meet to explores creative ambition and oneness among the students was grandly held from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August. The first place was bagged by the department of Food Science and Nutrition.
- The feast of the Holy Cross was celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Teachers and students of the school and college entertained the sisters with various cultural programmes
- On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the Department of Food Science and Nutrition organized an exhibition on **Nouri Expo 2017**.
- The Oracle Literary Club of Department of English conducted **LIT BONANZA' 17** on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.
- **The Bible Week Celebration** was organized on 06<sup>th</sup> and 07<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and the Department of Food Science and Nutrition won the shield.



- 18 job oriented courses were offered from July 2017 to October 2017 and from December 2017 to March 2018 to enhance the Technical Skills and the Employment potentiality of students'. **The add-on Expo** was organized on 05<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017 and on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 respectively.
- The Department of Food Science and Nutrition organized an **Inplant Training Programme on Bakery** from 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in our college. The beneficiaries were students of Department of Food Science and Nutrition and Public from Alangarathittu Village.
- Nithila varithi tamil manram celebrated the Muthamizh vizha from 14.12.2017 to 20.12.2017. Various competitions were held for the students of our college. The chief guest Mr.Francis Xavier, Head Department of Tamil, St.Xavier's College, Tirunelveli gave eliteful speech on the pride and speciality of muthamizh.
- Christmas day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 with great zeal and fervor. Various competitions were held and the winners were students of Department of FSN.
- The entire premises of Holy Cross Home Science College were literally submerged in festive mood of Pongal with much enthusiasm and traditional fervor on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018. With the customary sugarcane, turmeric, flowers, a range of fruits, vegetables, beautiful 'kolam' specially composed 'Pongal Song', verses, dance, the 'kummi', 'Thamizhar Thirunaal' fever reached the crescendo.
- The research committee organized a one day orientation programme on NET / SET coaching classes for PG students on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- The Department of Commerce with Computer Application in association with ICTACT, Chennai organized a **National Seminar on 'E-Business Emerging Trends and Challenges'** which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- About 34 students are attending a computer hardware training programme under PMKVY & NSDC a skill development scheme of Government of India organized by SEEK Pvt.Ltd.,Thoothukudi since 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018.
- The Department of Computer Science hosted a State Level Intercollegiate technical meet – **SYMPOSIUM** which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- The **Students Administration day** was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in order to learn the art of motivating, influencing and directing the students so that they work together to achieve the goals of an organization and to improve their leadership.

- The DOFA Association of Department of Fashion Designing celebrated their **Fashion Day** on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27 February 2018. They explored the talents of the students with various innovative competitions.
- The Department of Commerce with CA, Commerce and Placement cell jointly conducted a one-day workshop on "Application of SAP" on 1st March, 2018. Mr. PRABU , SAP Functional Consultant, Coimbatore engaged the gathering with his thought provoking speech on the features of SAP and its business applications.
- The **5<sup>th</sup> Convocation Day** of our college was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Dr.M.Mohamed Sathik, Principal, Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous) was the guest of honour. 158 under-graduates & 15 post-graduates students received their degrees. Ms.Aarthi.S B.Sc FSN (Rank I), Ms.Abinaya.R B.Sc CS(Rank XVII),Ms.M.Maxina Jocelyn M.Com (RankVII) were the rank holders of ~~our college~~ who added feathers to our college
- **Women's day** was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March at our college premises organized by women's cell and NSS. Mrs.S.Shunmuga Kumari, Vice President, Women's Cell VOC Port Trust, Member in Women Harassment Committee presided over the function. Various competitions were held prior to the day.

Common celebrations like Fresher's Day, Teachers Day and all National Days are also commemorated.

### **NSS & YRC**

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

- The **Blood Donation Camp & Blood Group Identification camp** were organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 by the NSS unit and YRC of our College. It was a huge success and 36 donors & 231 students volunteered to identify their blood groups.
- A **Tree Plantation campaign** was organized by the NSS on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- **The NSS** special Camp was organized for 7 days from 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Alangarathittu, fifty students were participated. Thanks to NSS Programme Officer, Mrs.R.Ame Rayen and Assistant Ms.Sabi Priyanka.



- On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017, the YRC of our college systemized a demonstration programme on **Disaster Management**. Mr.S.Vairavarajan, Director, Entrepreneur Guidance cell was the resource person.
- About 25 YRC Student volunteers in 2 batches offered their service – “**May I Help You,**” in the Government Hospital, Thoothukudi for the period of 15 days from 7.45 A.M to 8.45 A.M. They wholeheartedly helped the needy people in the hospital and earned fame.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, YRC organized **First-aid Training Programme** for the students. Dr. Vaseekaran, Abirami Hospital and Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Thoothukudi Branch was the resource person.  
Congratulations Mrs.Ame Rayen, NSS Programme Officer, Assistant Ms.Sabi Priyanka and Ms.Leela Thomas, YRC Programme officer of our college.

### Sports

- The Volley Ball team of our college participated in **Inter Collegiate Volley ball tournament** on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 organized by MSU at WCC, Nagercoil, and secured **fifth place** in the tournament.
- Our college students participated in the various sports events on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 organized by the District Collectorate for Republic Day and won gold, silver and bronze medals.
- The **40<sup>th</sup> Sports Day** was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. Mr.P.Palanichamy, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Masters Athlete Association, Thoothukudi was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Congratulations to Dr. S. M. D. Mathuravalli, Associate Professor of Food Science and Nutrition and Ms.Sabi Priyanka, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sports Secretaries of the College.

### Extra-curricular activities:

We firmly believe that all round development takes place only if a student participates in various extra-curricular activities. Therefore, a lot of emphasis and importance has been given to our students to participate in cultural events organized by various organizations and institutions and bring laurel to our college

- JCI Tuticorin Pearl City organized Jaycee week 2017 in Roopavathi Palace our students



- Tuticorin Youth for Christ organized Talent Contest 2017 in Bishop Caldwell College, Marvanmadam. The students won the overall shield.
- Standard Firework College, Sivakasi conducted "Arokh Fest 2017". The students won the overall shield.
- Students participated Jubilo 2018 at St.Mary's College and brought laurels
- Fisheries College at Tuticorin organized FISFEST 2018 and won prizes in Add MAD, Group dance, Dubamash Videos.
- In BELITERY-2018 secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Don Bosco College, Keela Eral

### **Extension Activity:**

Extension activities form an important aspect of the life of our students. We aim to enable the students to reach out to marginalised communities in the vicinity, all the departments successfully organized extension activity in this year. They rendered their service to the people of weaker section namely Corporation School (CS), Arockiyapuram (FSN), Anani Karunai Illam (Literature), RC Hr.Sec.School, Rathinapuram (FD), Thuppasuppatti (CA), Anthoniyarpuram (Commerce).

### **Placement Cell:**

- A 45 hour **soft skill training programme** was organized by the cell in association with Gee Bee Vee Associates, Thoothukudi for PG students since 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- The placement cell conducted a MOCK Interview in association with Suresh Academy and Thoothukudi Melur cooperative bank on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.
- Congratulations to Mrs.Della, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce with C.A and Placement Cell team of the College!

Regular meetings, interactions and discussions with academic council, HODs, faculty members, class-teachers, and students were arranged by the Principal to monitor the academic performances. There are 65 students in the hostel who are cared, guided and animated by Dr. Sr. Rubha. I sincerely thank office bearers and

members of PTA and Alumni Association for their dynamic support, and encouragement towards the development of the institution.

In our mission and commitment to higher education, we are grateful to many individuals who support us, collaborate with us and work tirelessly to ensure the smooth functioning of our day to day activities. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge gratefully, the unstinted co-operation, constant inspiration of principle association of MS University, Dr.G.Stephen, Department Tamil, MSUniversity Nominee, and immense support and freedom extended by our President Dr. Sr. Rosalie Joseph and to the members of the Managing Committee, specially Sr.Fatima Motha Mother Superior, Sr.Sarath, Head Mistress, Dr.Sr.Rubha, The Warden and Sisters of the Community.

I wish to record our gratitude to our Bishop of Thoothukudi and the priests of the diocese. I express my sincere gratitude to the officials of UGC and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and the officials of the various departments of the district.

I am extremely fortunate to have an inspiring and wonderful band of dedicated officials, staff members and non-teaching staff to share my responsibility during this fulfilling academic year. They stood by me and helped me in every possible way. I profusely thank each one of them. I would also like to thank all our benefactors and well-wishers for their support. I thank you my dear students. I wish you all for the delightful future.

I thank my friend and brother Mr. K.Anandh, The Former Regional Director (India and Bangladesh) of Chalice, Canada, at present Director, Rural Development, SCAD, Tirunelveli and the Chief Guest of the day whose hard work, systematic planning and generous contribution brought life and success towards the growth of economically backward students of our Institution in the Province of Madurai and other Provinces of India from 2011-2017.

Let me bow in gratitude before the Lord Almighty who made all these accomplishments possible. Every day brings His Blessings, every moment we experience His Care and Protection!!