

## CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDER...

As we Claretians celebrate the anniversary of the foundation of our congregation on the 16 July, let us call to mind the Life and Mission of our Founder who in his life never lost a moment's time and hence always kept himself busy either studying, praying, preaching or conferring the Sacraments (Aut. 647). If our congregation has grown and spread in 65 countries in 5 continents, we can be sure that the words of our Founder "My spirit goes to the whole world" are truly becoming a reality.

If the Charism began with the life and mission of St. Claret has grown as a legacy, it is relevant even today and the Spirit of God is leading us to a future with a purpose. Therefore let us be open personally and collectively to the Spirit leading and guiding us. For this what we need is a deep interiority and determination to work accordingly. In our Founder we can find one who lived, moved and found his very being united with the Divine and who searched in truth and sincerity God's plan for him and carried out that plan according to the spirit of Jesus (Lk 4: 16-22). As a prophet of his time he stood uncompromisingly for justice and equality, but was misunderstood and criticized and many spoke calumnies against him. Yet he stood with determination and courage trusting in the divine. As our Founder did in his days, we need to go against many secular tendencies of our time and radically commit ourselves for the mission of the Church to build up an eternal and universal kingdom of God, a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace where righteousness will be at home: Means, rather than taking our vocation as an easy job for comfortable living we need to commit ourselves to work for the glory of God and good of all humankind.

Father Claret as a mystic and man of action could blend together the contemplative and active dimension of Christian spirituality very well. Living a life of prayer and deep interiority he could accomplish a lot about which when asked by a friend he commented: "I am just a horn, someone else does the blowing" (Aut. 639).

As Indian Claretians, the life and works of Fr. Franz Xavier Dirnberger has to be an inspiration for us. Here let me share an experience in the novitiate. Almost at the end of our novitiate on an ordinary summer day afternoon, Fr. Dirnberger noticed a little cloud in the sky and expecting rain he asked us novices to do an urgent work. It was to clean the canals from different corners of our property leading to a pond, in order to collect the rain water. It was a difficult work because the canal was very narrow and full of thorny weeds. As I was doing the work and sweating Fr. Dirnberger came near and saw me rubbing off the sweat from my forehead and commented: "You are sweating, we need to sweat a liter a day". Though his words sounded harsh then, immediately the thought came to my mind, 'here is Fr. Dirnberger a man who works like a machine when he takes tools in hand'. Though Fr. Dirnberger did not have good knowledge of English and formative psychology, the two Latin words he used to repeat often (Ora et Labora) were very inspiring in my vocational journey.

Overcoming the temptation to find shelter in a comfort zone of laziness, prejudices and selfish search for pleasures, let us imitate Fr. Dirnberger in his spirit of joyful simplicity, prayer and hard work; those very qualities we find in our Founder in a greater degree.

Fr. Jose Kattath CMF

## HAPPY FOUNDATION DAY!

*My spirit goes to the whole world. – Claret*

## FORMATION

### Belagavi, Claret Niketan New Missionary Hope

The new academic year at Claret Niketan, Belagavi was inaugurated on 02 June 2018. Eight of the senior students began their II Year PUC classes at Divine Mercy College with a lot of zest and life. They were eager to draw inspiration from their senior batch of five who scored high grades in the board exams held in the month of March 2018. These five headed to Claretian Ashram, Wardha for their Philosophy studies. The new batch of I Year PUC students too got enrolled with enthusiasm and hope.

The new candidates started arriving right from the first week of June. Thus by the end of June a fresh batch of twenty four from diverse regions and cultures, are knitting together quite well. They display a lot of energy and enthusiasm. The new comers are eager to learn the prayers, begin to get to know the way and style of Claret Niketan. Though in the monsoon days mornings are chilly and gloomy, students demonstrate freshness and enthusiasm to tide over the negatives of the climate. They offer lot of hope to the congregation and seem eager to go the distance.



### Carmelaram, Claret Bhavan Growing Together

Claret Bhavan, our novitiate house in India, continues its unique contribution of providing opportunity to the novices of different men and women congregations of the area to come together for holistic experience and growth under the banner of *Common Novitiate Programme*. The new batch of 18 Claretian Novices in Indian began their Novitiate on 30 May 2018.

The Common Novitiate Programme was inaugurated on



16 June 2018. This year there are 70 novices from 10 different congregations attending the common programme. During the year they will have the opportunity to grow through the inputs on various topics such as Aims and Objectives of Novitiate, Charisms, Community life, Discernment, History of Religious life, Psycho-Spiritual Integration, Psycho-Sexual Integration, Human Maturity, Liturgy, and Biblical Foundation.

### Malleswaram – Claretian Seminary Inauguration of Literary Association

Seminary formation entails a variety of initiatives to assist the students in their holistic growth. In view of fostering the overall development of the students, Claretian Seminary provides ample opportunities so that the students develop their aptitudes, talents and skills to be effective missionaries in future. The Claretian Seminary Cultural Academy is the umbrella programme which includes various activities like Literary Association, guiding Young Students' Movement, organizing Catechism Classes in the neighbouring parishes, Social Ministries, Seminary Annual Competitions, etc.



Keeping in mind its missionary ambitions, the inauguration of the Claretian Seminary Cultural Academy for the year was held on 14 June 2018. The event was presided over by Dr. Metilda D'Souza, member of the Karnataka State Minority Commission. Fr. Xavier E. Manavath, the Rector of the Seminary, gave the welcome remarks and spoke of the need for the discovery and development of the students' aptitudes and talents. Exhibiting their talents and eagerness to improve, the students themselves performed a verity of creative programme on the occasion. Emphasizing the role of priests in today's society, in her presidential address, Dr. Metilda urged the students to read the signs of the time and become effective priests and guardians of the faithful. The inaugural function inspired and motivated the students to look forward to the upcoming events of the year ahead.





## PASTORAL AND SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Athani, Sneha Jyothi Centre

#### Inauguration of the New Academic Year

Sneha Jyothi Centre for the Physically Challenged had its inauguration of the new Academic Year 2018-19 on 15 June 2018. The programme was presided over by Dr. Avinash Naik, a well-known Cardiologist from Athani. Mr. Chetan Chaudhary, Manager of SBI, was the Guest of Honor on the occasion. The day was marked with some colourful events and cultural programme by the inmates. The dignitaries praised the commendable services rendered to the humanity by the missionaries.



### Barikhajuri, St. Peter's Church

#### Sacrament of Confirmation



It was a great moment in the history of Barikhajuri Church. With due preparation during the summer vacation 146 children were prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The grand celebration took place on 01 June 2018 during the solemn Eucharist presided at by Rt. Rev. Anand Jojo, Bishop of Hazaribag Diocese and the Apostolic Administrator of Daltonganj Diocese.



### Belagavi, Hope Recover Centre

#### No Tobacco Day Celebration

As part of the ongoing efforts in eradicating Drug-Addiction and Alcoholism, Hope Recovery Centre, Belagavi celebrated 'No Tobacco Day' on 31 May 2018. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Antony, KLE Hospital Belagavi and presided over by Fr. Pradeep Correa CMF, the Director of Hope Centre. A team of Malaysian Medical Students from KLE Hospital, Belagavi volunteered to help in the cause. To motivate the inmates to avoid tobacco, different cultural programme and Power Point Presentations were prepared by the Students on the theme "Tobacco Kills" which was highly applauded by the inmates. The Chief Guest, Dr. Antony, in his address highlighted the problems and effects of tobacco abuse and urged the inmates of Hope Recovery Centre to persevere in their resolve to give up tobacco consumption and become agents of positive change in the society.



#### Felicitation to New Archbishop-Designate

Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, the local bishop has always been the supporter and champion of social ministries for positive change; Hope Recovery Centre has always experienced his patronage. On 19 March 2018 Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado was appointed as the new Archbishop of Bangalore. On 01 May 2018, St. Joseph the Worker's Day, Hope Recovery Centre specially congratulated and felicitated the new Archbishop designate of Bangalore. In his address Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado appreciated and thanked Hope Centre for its challenging and meaningful ministry to the society.





### Bhattiprolu, Christu Bhavan

#### Reaching out to Enrich the People Spiritually

St. Claret Dhyashram, a residential retreat Centre at Bhattiprolu, since its inauguration on 18 February 2018 by Most Rev Dr. Chinnabathini Bhagyaiah, the Bishop of Guntur, has been a source of spiritual enrichment for the people around. Every First Fridays and Second Saturdays we conduct one day prayer convention and every last Wednesdays of the month Night Vigil. We also conduct every month four day's residential retreats for different groups. During the month of March we conducted residential retreat for the Dheeksha People and in Month of May a retreat for the Youth. As more people come to know about the Centre, more will benefit from it.

At the parish level Bhattiprolu mission continues its mission of faith formation. For the spiritual development of the mission we organized different spiritual and orientation programme for the faithful in the parish as well as at the substations. On 08 April 2018 we celebrated our parish feast with solemnity. During summer holidays



we conducted a three day Camp for Children and seminar and retreat for the youth. JMJ Sisters helped us to conduct camps in the villages. During the month of May we had village feast day celebrations in two substations viz. Vellaturu and J.J Colony. Recently on 17 June 2018 we celebrated Fathers' Day in the parish to appreciate their hard work and dedication in building up of the families.

### Bola, St. Lawrence Church

#### Pastoral Visit, Holy Communion and Confirmation

Festal joy overwhelmed at Bola on 06 May 2018 as the Bishop of the Diocese, Most Rev Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza visited St. Lawrence Parish, for the pastoral visit. This visit was combined with the conferring Sacraments of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Parishioners and children were well prepared to receive the shepherd. The bishop made the visit very interactive as he spent time with the faithful before and after the solemn Eucharist. The day began with bishop catechizing the parish community. During the solemn Eucharist 13 children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and 53 boys and girls received the Sacrament of Confirmation. After the Eucharist bishop interacted with the pastoral



and various parish associations and visited the sick in the parish. Bishop expressed enthusiasm about Claretian Missionaries rendering the service at this remote place of the diocese with much vigour.



### Carmelaram, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

#### Erection of New Church

Increasing our collaboration in pastoral and social ministries with the Archdiocese of Bangalore, yet another pastoral initiative was begun. It was indeed a great day of joy for the people of Carmelaram as on 10 March 2018, the Archbishop of Bangalore, Most Rev. Bernard Moras, canonically erected and entrusted the *Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church* to the Bangalore Province of Claretians. Fr. Anthony D'Souza was appointed as the first Priest In-Charge of the newly erected Parish. The following Sunday, on 11 March, the Archbishop blessed and laid the foundation stone for the proposed new church at the land set apart for the purpose by the province. On the occasion the Provincial Superior, Fr. Jacob Arakkal, many Claretians, priests and religious of Carmelaram, and a large number of faithful were present.



### Chodavaram, Christ the King Church

#### Free Medical Camp

The Chodavaram town of Vishakhapatnam District is a multi-ethnic community of different religions, faiths, castes and backgrounds. It's a developing township surrounded by many villages. Christ the King parish in the town is taken care by the Claretians, with its many substations.

On 16 March 2018 the parish organized a free medical camp for all the needy people of the locality. At the request of the parish the doctors and staff of Anil Neerukonda Hospital, Tagarapuvalasa, Vishakhapatnam generously responded to help the parish in this social cause. Throughout the day the parish campus witness lively atmosphere. The people were provided facilities for various medical care like, General Medical Tests and Diagnosis, Orthopaedic, Gynaecology, ENT, Paediatric, and Skincare etc. Approximately 600 people had consultations, free medicine and 40 of them were further referred and sent for free operations in the same hospital. Indian Red Cross Society of Vishakhapatnam also had organized a



free blood donation camp on the day, for which many of the parishioners and others from the locality volunteered. The personnel of Anil Neerukonda Hospital were happy and expressed their willingness to help the community in future too. It was a great day of generosity, service and care for one another.



### Dasarahalli, SS Joseph and Claret Church

#### Catechism Annual Day Celebration

Year 2018 is a very memorable year for the Catechism Students of SS Joseph and Claret Church, Dasarahalli. On Sunday, 08 April 2018, we celebrated the Catechism Annual Day for the first time in the parish. The day's programme started with the Holy Eucharist, organised by the Catechism children themselves. In the evening a very colourful cultural programme was arranged. Mar Antony Kariyil, the Bishop of Mandya was the chief guest on the occasion. The cultural programmes/variety entertainment by children from I to XII Class was really mind blowing. In his presidential address, the Bishop congratulated the efforts of the catechism teachers, parents and the parish priest for such a wonderful programme which showed the growth of the parish. During the programme the students and teachers were felicitated and different prizes were distributed to them.

### Doddaballapur, St. Peter's Church

#### Summer Camp for Students

In view of helping the young students of the locality, especially the poor and less privileged children, we at St Peter's church Doddaballapur organized a training camp for the children during summer vacation. The 40 days camp was held during April-May 2018. The purpose of the camp was to help the children to improve their skills in studies, computer and music. The catholic students of the parish also had special training in Catechism. While all students got opportunity to learn English Grammar and Spoken English; some specially chosen got opportunity to learn music (keyboard), computer and Kannada typing.





Altogether, sixty five children attended the camp. Due to lack of facilities we could not admit more students. Fr. Chacko K.C. the Parish Priest, Bro. Bibin Kochukarottu, Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon, and other teachers specialized in music and computer offered their services during the camp. Games, action songs and audio-visual presentations made the learning more lively and fruitful.



The parents of the students who attended the camp were very grateful for the opportunities provided to their children, who otherwise would miss the special training. As Claretians we feel satisfied that we are able to provide opportunities to the needy children. We still have a long way to go in improving the educational and living standard of the underprivileged in the area.

### Honnali, Yesu Nilaya

#### Agents of Change and Development

Yesu Nilaya has been trying to reach out to its neighbouring public through very many programmes to establish itself as the enlivening agent in the minds of the people. Because of the social situation and various negative stigma labeled against the activities of Christianity and its denominations, it has been difficult to get into the mainstream activities of the society. As an evangelization Centre we have been trying to set a model of imparting values of the Kingdom of God through our participation in several public awareness programmes like, save water, anti-addiction camps for the Lambani group, advanced agricultural practices, green



environment awareness, motivation classes for student and village development programmes in collaboration with Dharmastala self-help groups, Hirekal Mutt and Government Schools.

With the passing of time and cordial relationship, all our outreach programmes are well appreciated and people have a homely feeling in approaching us and collaborating with us in various initiatives. Now people feel free to visit our Centre, invite us for many of the common events related to public cause, village feasts and programmes of common interest. Recently we conducted two Anti-Addiction Camps together with "Janjagrutri Vedike"



of Honnali for the marginalized group called "Lambanis" among whom we have more number of addicts. We also celebrated world environmental day together with the children and staff of Honnali Government School. Our efforts, slowly but steadily bring change in the mindset of the local people. They feel welcomed and welcoming to collaborate and participate; thus building confidence, love and mutual support.

### Jalahalli, St Thomas Church

#### Children's Retreat

Strong foundation makes strong building. With this in mind, every year, we at St. Thomas Church, Jalahalli conduct a special three-day retreat exclusively for our Catechism Students. Through this retreat we are trying to help our children to develop the habit of setting aside a few days to be spent exclusively for their spiritual well-being. During the month of May, in preparation for the good retreat, the Catechism Teachers especially pray for the Children's Retreat seeking blessings of the Holy Spirit on every child so that they may grow in wisdom and age, in Divine and Human Favour.



This year the retreat was held from 27-29 May 2018, guided by Fr. Francis Putthenthayil and assisted by Br. Dillon, Sr. Jaya Mary, Sr. Navya Rose and Jesus Youth Team. The retreat was held in different groups and different sessions for the students of II-XII Std. Over 300 students participated in the retreat. This was about 30% increase in participation in the retreat when compared to last year.



The retreat not only focused on the spiritual nourishment but also moral and psychological formation of young minds. The students were divided into different groups

based on their study level and age-appropriate topics were discussed. Sessions were held on the importance of personal prayer, Rosary, Bible reading, obedience to parents, peer-pressure, excessive use of electronic gadgets, and social networking sites and the effects of the same, spiritual warfare, lack of repentance, how to lead a faithful life after Catechism etc. To make the sessions more lively there was praise and worship, songs and dance and spiritual sharing by the Jesus Youth Members. Sr. Navya Rose and Sr. Jaya Mary who are trained counselors also provided special counseling sessions for the children. The retreat ended with special hands on blessing for every child.

A separate session was also held exclusively for the parents of the students. Nearly 350 parents actively participated in the retreat. Orientation was provided to parents and the importance of involving children in daily chores from a young age was emphasized. Importance of reading habits, outdoor games, cultivating healthy eating habits in children was also discussed. Ways to overcome restlessness in children and the importance of making them be-independent at the right time was also discussed during this retreat.

### Karahalli, St. Jude's Church Social Work Camp for Enrichment



Our Karahalli mission was chosen as the field experience and awareness venue for Social Work Camp by Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru. In collaboration with St. Clare Mission, Karahalli Kristu Jayanti College organized a Social Work Camp from 04-13 April 2018 at Doddasagarahalli substation of the mission. The campers included 28 students of 1st year MSW and 2 faculty members. The camp was officially inaugurated by Fr. George Kannanthanam CMF, Dr Jonas Richard A., Head, Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College and Fr. Valentine Anthony Raj CMF, the Parish Priest, in the presence of other dignitaries. The whole programme was aimed at enriching both, the students of MSW as well as the villagers. The students were exposed intensively to the rural community life.



Every evening there was a theme-based cultural programme through which the campers could educate the local community on various social issues viz. alcoholism, school dropouts etc. The students had ample opportunities to visit the families, farm, government school, gram panchayat, youth association and Self-Help Groups, and religious establishments such as church, temple, mosque, existing at Doddasagarahalli. The villagers had the opportunity to look at their own lives in a more systematic way. The 10 day programme was made interactive and enriching for both the groups; thus making it a fruitful experience.



### Kodumuru, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Intensive Preparation for First Holy Communion



The summer vacations came in handy for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kodumuru, to organise preparatory sessions for the candidates of First Holy Communion in the Parish. About forty children from the different villages of the Parish assembled in the premises of Maria Nivas, Kodumuru for three consecutive days, 9-11 May 2018 for intensive catechetical instructions. Nirmala Sisters from Vinukonda offered their generous help for the camp and organised all the sessions in a very lively and systematic manner. The Sacrament of first Holy Communion was later held in respective villages, on the occasion of the village feasts, with due solemnity and devotion.

#### Children and Youth Camp



Building on the good experience of past years, this year too Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kodumuru conducted summer camp for the children of the parish on 25-26 May 2018 at St. Claret School Campus, Kurnool. A total of 99 children from seven substations of the parish actively participated in the camp.

St. Claret Dhyana Brundam team organized the camp. Children were introduced to various interactive activities in order to get them happily involved. The camp comprised of various informative and learning activities based on basic prayers and catechism, stories from the life of Jesus, devotion to Mother Mary, inspirations from the lives of

Saints, lessons on hygiene, etiquette, moral and social values, etc.

Children showed a lot of enthusiasm and competitive spirit by learning and participating in different activities. Their spirits soared high when group activities and fun games were conducted in the premises of the school. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the various competitions. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated every day and relevant gospel messages were shared with the children. The camp was appreciated by the children as it offered a rare and great opportunity for them to come together to celebrate their communion and fraternity as members of the same Parish family.

On 27 May an exclusive camp was organized for the youth of the Parish. There were 36 participants from different villages of the Parish. Being Sunday, the camp began with the solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the morning together with the people of the Parish. After the Holy Mass, special sessions were arranged for the youth. It was a time of renewal and revival of their Christian values, as they were invited to reflect on the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Special attention was given to make the gathering lively and active through group activities and fun games. The camp was concluded with an introspective prayer service.

### Medchal, St. Joseph's Church

#### Annual Retreat, Parish Feast and First Holy Communion



St Joseph's Church, Medchal celebrated the Annual Feast of its Patron on 01 May 2018 with due solemnity. Earlier, in preparation for the Feast, a two day retreat was organised in the Parish on 29-30 April. The retreat was guided by Rev. Fr. Bhagya SVD and team from Divine Retreat Centre, Muthangi, Hyderabad.

Rev. Fr. Swarna Bernard, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, presided at the concelebrated festal Mass on 01 May. During the celebration, 10 children from the parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Another good news for Medchal parish is that, after several years of persistent requests to the civil authorities, three acres





of land has been allotted for a Christian Cemetery near Medchal railway station, which will be shared by all Christian denominations in the area.

### **Peddabayalu, Vidya Niketan** **Ministering in the Peripheries**

Vidya Niketan, Peddabayalu is situated in the agency area of Visakhapatnam district. The recipients of our mission are tribal students, mostly belonging to primitive tribal groups. The main purpose of starting a Claretian mission here was to cater to the various needs of this locality, with a special focus on the education of poor tribal children and evangelization. Vidya Niketan provides hostel facilities for these poor tribal boys. Thus helping the boys in their education, discipline and integral development of each student. We work in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Ann of Luzern; they have an English Medium School and hostel for the girls.



We follow a systematic time table and insist on the discipline and academic growth of the students. Besides the school curriculum we also impart value education and self-reliance through various activities and competitions. Over the year our efforts have paid off. In the last academic year our SSC students performed well in their exams. It was 100% Pass for the SSC students of our hostel. Three of them were not only toppers in St. Ann's English Medium

School, but also in Peddabayalu Mandalam, (Kartik - 9.7, Purna - 9.2, Rohit - 9.0). We are very proud of their hard work and excellent results. It has given further impetus to other hostel students to strive for academic excellence.



The new academic year has already begun and students are back to the hostel after their summer holidays. The school reopened on 12 June, 2018. There are around 250 students in the hostel. We pray that Vidhya Niketan Hostel continue to be blessing for the tribal children of this area and a sign of witness to our Christian values.

### **Project Vision**

#### **New Eye Collection Centres in Kerala**

Project Vision, a movement of the Claretians of Bangalore Province, inaugurated three Eye Collection Centres in the Wayanad district of Kerala, in collaboration with three Catholic Hospitals in the district. The Catholic Church has been promoting the eye donation movement through Project Vision, based in Bengaluru.



Shri Alphonse Kannanthanam, Union Minister for Tourism, speaking at the inauguration of the first Eye Collection Centre in Wayanad in a function at the Fathima Hospital, Kalapatta, called for a new law that can make the collection of eyes a responsibility of all the citizens. The three eye centres for Wayanad are located at Fathima Mission Hospital, Kalpatta, Good Shepherd Hospital, Vythiri and St Martin's Hospital, Ampalavayal.





Mr Shasheedran MLA, offered his assistance to have a vehicle for eye collection for the district from his MLA fund in his message at the programme. District Panchayat President Smt. K B Naseema, who participated in the

programme offered all her support to the movement. Presiding over the function, Fr. George Kannanthanam, founder of Project Vision said that Wayanad District for the first time, is getting an opportunity to donate eyes through the three eye collection centres. A phone number has been created for anyone to access this facility - 6235002244.

Eyes have to be collected within six hours of death. They can be collected from hospital or from the houses. There are no limitations for eye donations. People of all ages, those using spectacles, and those with diseases can also donate their eyes. The consent of the surviving family is the only requirement. This is a free donation that involves no money. Only corneas will be collected from the eyes and not the whole eye. Thus there won't be any disfigurement for the person after eye donation. This is a small operation that will take only about 15 minutes. Eyes can also be collected from mortuary.



### Punjab Mission

Marking a new missionary initiative, on 04 July 2018, Frs. Agnes Polisetty, Martin Ulloppillil, and Mathias Bodra left for Jalandhar Diocese in the Indian State of Punjab, in view of starting Claretian Mission in Punjab. To mark the sending of the missionaries to the new land, Solemn Eucharist was celebrated presided by Rev. Fr. Jacob Arakkal John, the Provincial Superior. After the Eucharist, as the sign of missionary sending, in solemn prayer and blessing *Missionary Cross* was given to the three missionaries. It has been a long cherished desire of the province to have Claretian presence in Punjab, and now it's being realized.

### Sumanahalli, Care and Rehabilitation Centre

#### Visit of the New Archbishop



Sumanahalli, the Society for the Welfare and Rehabilitation of Leprosy Affected and other Destitute, had the joy of welcoming our Chief Shepherd, His Grace Most Rev. Peter Machado, the new Archbishop of Bangalore on 06 June 2018. In a way, after the canonical installation on 31 May, the Archbishop chose to begin his ministry through this kind gesture of visiting and spending some time with the inmates of Sumanahalli, the most marginalized and stigmatized of the society.



The Archbishop celebrated the Eucharist with the inmates and gave an inspiring message. In the message he especially highlighted the special status of the poor in the Church and urged all to show concern and service towards the upliftment of the marginalized.



## EDUCATION

### Barikhajuri, St. Peter School

#### Empowering through Education

St. Peter School located in North India, Jharkhand at Barikhajuri is one of the most flourishing educational institutions in the region of Bhandaria Block in Garhwa district. Here in this area, the literacy rate is very low. People strive hard to meet both ends meet. People find it extremely difficult to send their wards to School, even more to English Medium Schools.



Yet, here is our St. Peter School which always caters to the educational needs of such deserving people. People in this remote area of Jharkhand now realise how important it is to send their wards to School. Majority of the recipients of our mission are Catholics belonging to Scheduled Tribes. They are now enjoying the Claretian way of Holistic Education and Empowerment with affordable fees. Presently there are 654 students enrolled for 2018-19 academic year.



As we kick start our academic session, the School proudly witnessed the election and investiture Ceremony of Students' Council on 03 May 2018. Mr Robert Tigga, the retired educationist presided over the august ceremony. The students are enlightened and empowered with the moral responsibilities to be fitting leaders in the society. The students are further initiated to take up the leadership responsibilities at the School level itself so that they are equipped to become committed leaders for the Church, the society and the nation at large in future. The other noted dignitaries present on occasion were Mr. Jaiprakash Minj,

the Catholic Aam Sabha President, Daltonganj Diocese, Mr Tej Kumar Nagesia, Mrs Lalitha Baxla, Surpanch, Paraswar Panchayat, Rev. Fr. Franklin Minj, the Administrator, and Rev. Fr. Jaipaul Thumma, the Principal.

### Carmelaram, Sanyasa - Institute of Consecrated Life

#### Intensive Courses on Bible and Consecrated Life

Sanyasa has been offering one month summer course for the consecrated persons in the month of May every year even before the official establishment of Sanyasa as an Institute for Consecrated Life. This particular programme has been a great success as the consecrated persons can have overall knowledge of the theology of consecrated life in a short period of time. This year, we arranged two summer courses: one in the month of April and another in the month of May.



The April course was special as this was the first time that Sanyasa organised three weeks of Bible course in the summer. This year, we concentrated on the systematic and scholarly study of the New Testament. Claretian Bible scholars Dr. George Panthalanickal and Dr. Arul Jesu Robin animated and organised the entire programme being also the resource persons. All together, there were 35 participants. The programme was well received and we are planning to organise every year two months of intensive summer Bible courses at Sanyasa with better outreach.

In the month of May, we had usual one month of intensive course on the theology of Consecrated Life with different resource persons — most of them being Claretians. All together, there were 54 participants from 20 different congregations. Biblical Foundations of Consecrated Life, Re-visioning Consecrated Life from the History, Theology of Vocation, Theology of Community Life, Evangelical Counsels, Affective Maturity, Psycho Spiritual Integration, Eucharistic Dimension in Consecrated Life, Christological Insights for Consecrated Life, Charism, Canonical Aspects of Consecrated Life and Family Apostolate were the topics dealt during the course. We also arranged one day

recollection and a day of picnic. The participants were indeed satisfied and greatly appreciated Claretian efforts in providing quality ongoing formation for the consecrated persons in India.

### Inauguration of New Academic Year



Once again, we are back to June, the beginning of academic year in India. Sanyasa began its new academic year 2018-19 on 16 June 2018 with the Holy Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Jacob Arakkal, CMF, the President of Sanyasa and the Provincial of Bangalore. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza, the Vice Provincial. During the Eucharistic celebration, the President prayed for the success of the academic year and in the homily highlighted the present situation of consecrated life in India and the need of the consecrated persons to play a prophetic role with greater commitment and enthusiasm. In this academic year, we have 42 Diploma students and 9 PG students and a few audit students who would participate only in few selected courses.

On the same day we also had the inaugural orientation talk given by Rev. Fr. James Niravath, OCD, the Rector of the Carmelite Theology House, Carmelaram. In his address, he invited the participants to recall their commitment to experience the love of God and to share the experience with others. He also exhorted the students to be joyful witnesses to the Gospel.

### Jalahalli, A C School

#### Paperless Elections is the Way to Go



Anthony Claret School scripted history by introducing voting through Electronic Voting Machine (EVM). The election campaign too was paperless which encouraged the

contestants to use digital and innovative ideas such as flash mob, skits, and use of instruments to attract voters.

This was achieved with the support of Bharath Electronics Limited (BEL), supervised by Mr Vincent. The initiative was an extension of the School's pledge of "OWN UP" which was flagged on the environment day that aims at reducing the use of paper and plastic from its campus. A.C. school has pledged its support to *Behtar India* – which is a social innovation that brings together societies to make the cities cleaner. The School also has pledged to donate newspapers from each class towards recycling of papers. The new student council will be taking environment pledge promising to be the Green Ambassadors.

### Jalahalli, PU College

#### Academia- 2018



For St. Claret PU College 06 June 2018 was an auspicious day as we welcomed the freshers to our Claretine family. We were honoured to have Her Excellency Dana Kursh, the Consul General of Israel, for the Academia -2018 as the Chief Guest.



Investiture Ceremony is one of the most important event during the academic year where students promise that they would be faithful to their duties and responsibilities. The Investiture Ceremony of the Students' Council was held during the function where the office bearers took the oath and promised to lead the college 'Ever Onward'. The Chief Guest, Her Excellency Dana Kursh adorned the leaders with sashes.

The students who had excelled in the First and Second PU Final Exams 2018 were felicitated for their hard work and perseverance. In her address Her Excellency Dana Kursh shared about the bilateral relationship between India and



Israel and the strong bond that exists between the two countries.

The event was concluded with some Contemporary and Bollywood dances, and the college band performing a couple of famous hits, as the students sang on the beat. In all, Academia- 2018 was a great success as it achieved the purpose of making the young Claretnes to step into a new phase of their life.

### Jalahalli, St. Claret College

#### The XI Graduation Day



The XI Graduation Day of St. Claret College was held on the April 27, 2018 during which 315 students from the streams of Commerce, Computer Science, Management, Humanities and Travel & Tourism graduated. The chief guest for the occasion was Prof. S. Japhet, the founding Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore Central University. Rev. Fr. Vineeth George, Vice Principal welcomed the gathering while Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Principal administered the Graduation Oath to the new graduates. Delivering the commencement speech, Prof. Japhet congratulated the new graduates and wished them well in all their endeavors. Using anecdotes from the Indian scriptures, he exhorted the students to work hard and equip themselves not just skill-wise, but also knowledge-wise in order to take the right decisions in life. Speaking on the occasion, the parents paid rich tributes to St. Claret College for transforming their children into confident and well groomed individuals. Prof. Japhet gave away the proficiency prizes to the course toppers of the batch 2014-17. He also felicitated the five students of St Claret College, 2014-17 batch, who were rank holders in the Bangalore University. The Beatrice Memorial Award for the batch topper of 2014-17 was awarded to Ms Roopa Rani Jain of B.Com. The Best Outgoing Student award of 2015-18 was bagged by Ms Teena Benny Thomas of B.Com. The Kalaprathibha Award for cultural excellence was bagged by Mr AkhilDev of BBA. The Kreedarathna Award for sporting excellence was bagged by Mr Joywin Jerome Fernandez and Mr Keerthi Kumar of B.Com., Ms. Indira Preetham Memorial Award for securing the highest marks in Kannada went to Ms. Veena N. of B.Com.

### St Claret College students bag five ranks at the Bangalore University Convocation – 2018

#### University Rank holders (2014 -2017) batch.



**Mr. Moses J.**

I Rank B. Com., TT 2014- 17.



**Mr. Chethan L.**

II Rank B. Com., TT 2014- 17.



**Ms. Riya Raphael**

II Rank BCA 2014- 17.



**Mr. Flaviya Sibyl S.**

V Rank B. Com., TT 2014- 17.



**Ms. Roopa Rani Jain**

VIII Rank BCA 2014- 17.

In a rare feat, five students of the 2014-17 batch of St Claret College bagged ranks at the Annual Convocation of Bangalore University. The maiden batch of B.Com (Travel and Tourism) course produced three ranks –

Mr. Moses J (1st rank), Mr. Chethan L. (2nd Rank) and Ms Flavia Sibyl (5th rank).

The other two rankholders were Ms Riya Raphael (BCA: 2nd rank) and Ms Roopa Rani Jain (B.Com: 8th rank).

### Jalahalli, St. Claret School

#### World Environment Day Celebration



On 05 June 2018 St. Claret School celebrated World Environment Day to create an awareness on the anthropogenic effect of plastic pollution around the globe. The Green Age Club members devoted a special assembly programme with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". The Green warriors highlighted the effects of plastic pollution while listing out the causes and solutions to this problem. In celebration of the World Environment Day 2018, students tapped their feet to the song 'Oh what a wonderful world'. The green message was an inspiring one and motivated all to say "NO to Plastic".

### Medchal, St. Claret School

#### SSC Toppers Felicitated

The coordinated effort by the Management, Staff, students and parents of our school bore rich fruits in the SSC Exams-2018. Among all the schools in Medchal, St Claret School got the highest pass percentage, i.e. 96.55%.



Out of 145 students who appeared for the SSC Exam, 51 scored more than 90% marks, 57 got more than 80% and 30 got more than 70% marks. On 05 June 2018, five top-scorers from the School, who bagged 10/10, were honoured along with their parents with a cash award for their academic excellence. On this occasion, the parents expressed their joy and satisfaction and thanked the Management and the Staff for showing their children the path to a brighter future.

#### Father's Day Celebration



On 23 June 2018, Father's Day was celebrated in the school with much pomp and fanfare. Fathers of 4th and 5th Class students were invited for the celebration. Students and staff put up variety programme to entertain and thank their fathers for their love, sacrifice and commitment in their upbringing. The children publicly honoured their fathers with 'Thank You' cards, especially prepared by them for the occasion. This celebration was part of a series of activities aimed at the moral and ethical formation of the students.

#### Narsannapeta, St. Claret School

##### Social Change through Education

The establishment of St. Claret School at Narsannapeta was a long cherished desire of the people of the locality to have missionaries-run educational institution which would provide their children good learning experience, training and opportunities for intellectual, psychological, emotional and spiritual growth with special emphasis on character formation and personality development. Over the years, the institution has stood up to the expectations of the people of the region. From its very inception the

School has been striving to provide diverse learning experiences to bring about a positive change in the behavior of the students.

The focus of St. Claret's dedicated staff always remains *learning for every student every day*.

Teachers design their instructional material to enable each student to be a successful learner. Under a conducive school climate and a healthy classroom atmosphere various classroom-based

curricular assessments, extra-literary and co-curricular activities, sports and games are organized to augment the pursuit of the students for their academic excellence and all round development.



Students' academic achievements and growth were the major priorities in 2017-18. Consequently, for the second consecutive year, the school topped in the SSC results in 2018 at the Mandal level. The result was 100% with 26 out of 77 students securing 10 GPA, 22 students 9.8 GPA, 10 students 9.7 GPA, 7 students 9.5 GPA, 4 students 9.3 GPA, 3 students 9.2 GPA, 1 student 9 GPA, 3 students 8.8 GPA, and 1 student 8 GPA. It indicates the effectiveness of St. Claret's educational programme. St. Claret School, Narsannapeta, guided by and committed to a clear academic vision and mission, innovative and values-driven focus, has been providing hope and a pathway to lifelong success to parents and children by offering high quality education through an affordable means. Thus, St. Claret School has become "a school of choice" for the students of the region to learn and grow.





## YOUTH AND VOCATION MINISTRY

As we are beginning a new academic year we shall begin with hope, enthusiasm and seeking God's blessings in everything we do. This new academic year we shall plan out programmes in our schools, hostels, colleges, seminaries and all our parishes. I request all those who are responsible to take initiative and organize activities and programmes to take forward our ministry among the youth and the ministry of vocation promotion. It is very encouraging to see that last year a lot of activities were organized at the parish level for the youth. This year we shall try to do better. This year we have 24 aspirants in the first year minor seminary from Jharkhand, Assam, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala. We appreciate the efforts of our vocation promoters and other priests who took initiative in promoting vocations and conducting vocation camps, especially in Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh.

**CLARET VIDA AWARD for Claretian initiatives on defense and care of life:** The General government, in its action plan had decided to encourage the defense and care of life in various forms through the Claretian initiative – CLARET – VIDA AWARD. Consequently, the general prefectures of apostolate and youth and vocations ministry agreed to do this prior to the celebration of the World Youth Day in 2019. Claretian formation communities, schools and colleges, parishes, missions, media and any other Claretian platform of apostolate that carries out concrete practices of defense and care of life in their communities are eligible to participate in this programme. Those who want to participate must fulfill the following requirements:

- To write a brief narrative text explaining the initiative in defense and care of life they are presenting about.
- The narration should not exceed 2000 words and the person in charge of the community of reference must support it by making a presentation of the experience.
- To send 4 digital photographs with a minimum resolution of 3.2 MB and a video of a maximum duration of three minutes with three testimonies of the recipients of the action.
- To send all these materials via email to this e- address: PremioClaretVida@gmail .com

The dates for the reception of the consignments will be from 00:01 hours of October 24, 2018 to 23: 59 hours of December 10, 2018. There is a cash award of 5000 Euros for the first prize and 2500 and 1000 for the 2nd and 3rd prize. A souvenir of participation will be given for all the participants.

There is also an on line course on Claretian youth and vocation ministry starting from September 1st to October 31st. Also the World Youth Day will be held from January 22 to 27 2019 in Panama City. Those who want to participate in the online course may kindly contact the Prefect of Youth and Vocation Ministry. We are also planning to have a Youth Convention in Jharkhand from 18-21 October 2018. The details will be informed shortly. Kindly encourage the people in your Centre to participate in above mentioned programmes.

## Congratulations



18 Novices from four Claretian major organisms of India begin their Novitiate in Bengaluru on 30 May 2018.



On 31 May 2018 two of our Novices, Francis and Bala Kumar, make their First Profession at Claretian Seminary, Bengaluru.

## Congratulations



On 31 May 2018 eight of our Students make their Perpetual Profession and eleven of our Students renew their vows.



On 28 June 2018 eight of our Students are conferred the Order of Diaconate.



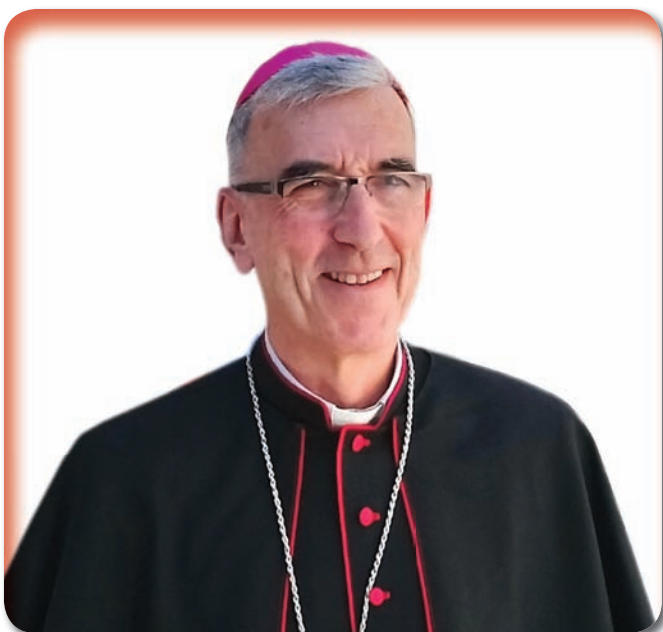
Frs. James Kunnampadavil and James Mundackal celebrate their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee, and Frs. George Madappallil and Xavier Pereira celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their Religious Profession.



Fr. Emery Kibula from the Delegation of Congo completes his MBA with distinction from Kristu Jayanthi College, Bengaluru; earlier he had done his BBM from St. Claret College, Bengaluru.



Our former Superior General, Rev. Fr. Aquilino Bocos Merino, CMF was nominated Cardinal on 20 May by Pope Francis. On 16 June 2018 he received his Episcopal consecration as the Titular Archbishop of Urusi; and on 28 June 2018, Pope Francis elevated him to Cardinal Deacon of Santa Lucia del Gonfalone. Best wishes to His Eminence Aquilino Cardinal Bocos, CMF.



The Holy Father appointed our former Superior General, Rev. Fr. Josep Maria Abella Batlle, CMF as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Osaka (Japan) on 02 June 2018. His Episcopal Consecration and Installation took place on 16 July 2018. Best wishes to His Excellency Josep Maria Abella Batlle, CMF.

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