

YOUTH: THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL...

As Claretians, July 16 is an important day for all of us. We are celebrating the foundation day of our congregation with great joy and pride. Our Founder, Claret has given us a great legacy to follow and his life continues to inspire us. He had a strong spiritual foundation based on the love for the Church, Holy Scripture, Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. These pillars of his spirituality enabled him to go beyond and embrace the difficulties and challenges in his mission. The vocation to missionary life is first and foremost a response to God's call and the Gospel challenge: *"Go out to the whole world and preach the Good News to all creation"*. This calls for an adventurous spirit, commitment, enthusiasm and innovation. Fr. Jesus Maria Palacios CMF, in his article, *Claretian Vocation* says, "A missionary is the finest and most splendid example of the ideal life. In spirit the missionary has contemplated Jesus Christ commissioning the apostles to conquer the world, not by weapons but by persuasion and love; and the missionary has been captivated by the encounter with Christ. For this ideal cause, the missionary gives up family, homeland and all that he treasures as his very own. Our missionary vocation is a call to serve, follow and imitate Christ in praying, working, enduring and striving constantly for the greater glory of God and salvation of humankind". This offers us a wider platform for our missionary activities.

We need to read the signs of the times and focus our activities for the integral development of the recipients of our mission. In this context we cannot take it for granted or neglect the ministry among the youth. We shall not forget the call of the last General and Provincial Chapters to make youth ministry as one of the priorities of our missionary activity. Our last provincial chapter document says, "Considering the vast number of young people to whom we have access through our parishes, educational intuitions and other centres of mission, it is a matter of urgency that we develop youth ministry".

The ministry of Jesus has never ceased to fascinate minds through the centuries. It is all the more exciting when we realize that Jesus had a predilection for the young. It is not an exaggeration to claim that most part of His healing ministry and his parables found their focus on the young. The sinners he embraced in the warmth of his divine forgiveness, most of those he called to be his close

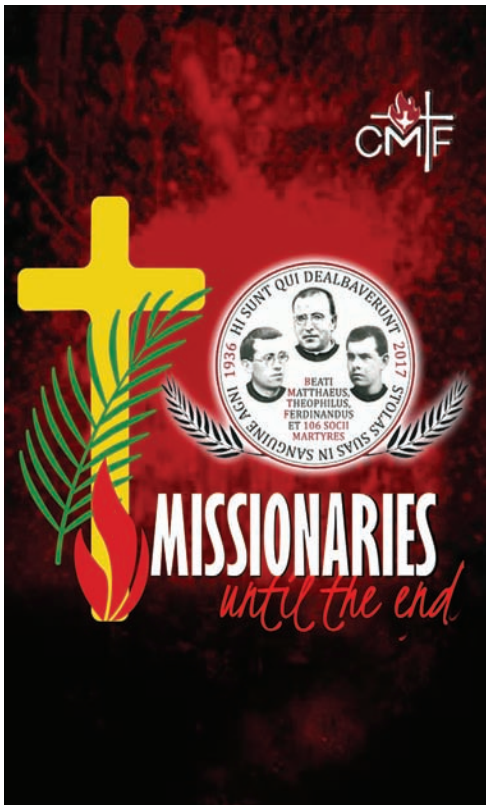
disciples and the beneficiaries of his spectacular compassionate healings can well be assumed to be young. The skill of the master in blending the sensitivity and tenderness of his humanity displays in His encounter with the young. Nothing human was ever alien to Him. Life was the setting for his actions and the manifestations of His being one with all human kind. He extended the bounty of His goodness to those who needed the most – the young. He healed them, unbound them, forgave them, comforted them and even confronted them. Thus he taught us how we too ought to get involved in our ministry to the young.

Youth ministry - the Claretian way, points the way to building up a dream parish, as Jesus and Claret would with its accent on ministry among the young. The focus on the young will undoubtedly help to reshape, reform and revitalize the parishes and other centres of our ministry. This is very important that it is the young who will hold the reins and the Church will take the direction determined by them. As Claretians we have numerous opportunities for the youth ministry in all our settings. A little more serious and systematic approach in this area will reap rich harvests and will create a sense of confidence in the communities in relationship with young people. We are sons of ploughman. He does not look back, nor does he measure his work by immediate results. The ploughman does not have vision of the sower nor the joy of the reaper. He has only hope, even though at the time of ploughing he sees only hard work and the sweat of his brow. But these are the virtues of anyone who wants to work with the young. We have no time to waste. We cannot stand on the road and contemplate the past, looking over our shoulder. Neither can we expect the results straight away. We need to hope, look to the future and know how to nurture the certainty in our hearts that what we are doing will bear much fruit, the fruit of holiness, the fruit of good Christians and upright citizens. Wish you all a great celebration of our foundation day and pray for God's blessings through the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Fr. Tom Vellappattu

Prefect of Youth and Vocation Ministry





BEATIFICATION OF 109 CLARETIAN MARTYRS OF SPAIN

BEATIFICATION PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2017

19:00 Prayer Vigil at the Sanctuary of Heart of Mary, Barcelona.

SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2017

10:00 BEATIFICATION CEREMONY

To be presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, in the Basilica of the Holy Family, Barcelona.

SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2017

11:00 THANKSGIVING MASS

To be presided by Msgr. Juan Jose Omella, Archbishop of Barcelona, at the Sanctuary of Heart of Mary, Barcelona.

PROVINCE LEVEL CELEBRATIONS

21 AUGUST – 21 OCTOBER 2017

Thanksgiving Prayer in all the Communities.

11-19 OCTOBER 2017

Novena in all the Communities in honour of the Martyrs.

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2017

Zonal Level Celebrations.

SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2017

Parish Level Celebrations, combined with Claret Feast.

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017

Celebrations in the Communities, combined with Claret Feast.



XIFRÉ YEAR: 19 February – 03 November 2017

1817 – 2017 Bicentenary of Birth

José Xifré Mussach, one of the cofounders of the Congregation, was born in a farmhouse called "Can Sibiu" on the outskirts of the city of Vic on 19 February 1817. His parents were Josep and Teresa. He was the fourth of six siblings.

After having studied at the diocesan seminary of Vic, on February 16, 1840 he received the Priestly ordination in Rome since the Spanish government had forbidden the bishops to confer Holy Orders. Probably there he met a fellow countryman who was trying to offer himself as a Propaganda Fide missionary in the Near East countries; his name was Antonio Claret. In 1842, Fr. Xifré returned to Vic and was destined as Vicar to the town of Prats de Lluçanès; where he began to dedicate himself to preaching.

On 16 July 1849, he was a member of the small group of five young priests who, summoned and thrilled by Fr. Claret, founded the first Claretian community in Vic, Barcelona.

In 1850, Fr. Claret, having been appointed Archbishop of Santiago of Cuba, had to leave the group, putting it under the direction of one of the five fellow members, Fr. Esteban Sala. During those early years, Fr. Xifré assiduously dedicated himself to preaching around the villages and, above all, giving spiritual retreats.

On 18 April 1858, Fr. Esteban Sala died in Barcelona; and on 01 May Fr. Xifré was elected to succeed him as Superior General; a position that he held until his death, on 03 November 1899.

Throughout his long governing term of almost 42 years, Fr. Xifré gave new impulse with energy, zeal and enthusiasm, to the missionary group, passing from one house and a dozen missionaries, to 61 houses, scattered around the world (Europe, America and Africa) and a total of 1782 members. He travelled tirelessly, summoned six General Chapters, had the group recognized as a Religious Congregation by the Holy See and the civil government of Spain, preached and wrote books and circulars, with a hectic pace, despite his delicate health. In his book "Spirit of the Congregation", he outlined in particular his missionary ideal that he fostered everywhere. He always put forward the figure of the Founder, Fr. Claret, as a model.

In one of his last letters to the Congregation he wrote: "My dearest Congregation: I have loved you as much as I could until the end, and I will not forget you in eternity. I have lived exclusively for you, without avoiding sacrifices or dangers ..."

FORMATION

Belagavi – Claret Niketan

Pre-Novitiate Orientation Programme



As per the custom of Claretians in India, the would be novices from different Major Organisms of India came together for an orientation programme, before starting the canonical year. This year the programme was organized at Claret Niketan, Belegavi, from 16-28 May 2017. There were 19 participants, four from Chennai Province, four from Northeast Delegation, Eight from St Thomas Province and three from Bangalore Province. Bible in our life, Our Founder, Our Congregation, Evangelical Counsels, Community Life, etc. were among the topics dealt during the programme. The participants also enjoyed a picnic to Goa. Retreat guided by Fr. Savy Puthushery CMF was the highlight of the programme, preparing the students to enter into the year of Novitiate to experience the Claretian way of life together.

Carmelaram – Claret Bhavan

Common Novitiate Programme



Together Towards Growth - with this theme in mind, the Common Novitiate Programme (CNP) was inaugurated on 17 June 2017 at Claret Bhavan Novitiate House. The Claretian Novices put up a very meaningful skit based on the theme. Rev. Bro. Jerome (Patrician) gave presidential address and officially declared opened the CNP for this year.

Common Novitiate Programme is an initiative taken up by the Claret Bhavan community. There are 15 other congregations who join this common programme. The aims and objectives of this venture is to bring together the neighbouring novices for holistic experience and growth. During the academic year many input sessions are conducted by experienced formators. The important topics



such as Aims and Objectives of Novitiate, Daily Journal Writings, Liturgy and Music, Psycho-Spiritual and Psycho-Sexual Integration, Community Life, Prophets, Vocation Discernment and Charism, etc. are part of the curriculum. The forum also conducts common Recollections and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, besides common celebrations of Christmas, New Year and Easter.

Malleswaram – Claretian Seminary

Inauguration of Literary Association



The activities of the Claretian Seminary Literary Association for the year 2017-18 were inaugurated on 22 June 2017 by the Chief Guest of the day, Dr Sheinty Jacob, Principal, M S Ramaiah College of Education, in the presence of Rector, Rev. Fr. Xavier E. Manavath.

Today, we are moving into a world where communication is of great importance. So, to be an effective missionary today means to be an effective communicator. We aim not merely at the completion of an academic programme but at the integral and holistic growth of the individuals who would be equipped to carry out the mission of Christ efficiently. Claretian Seminary Literary Association is one of such platforms, wherein the students are given varied and creative ways to excel in their talents and skills.

The inauguration was made more eventful by the students through their spirited performance of Speech, Creative Art, Dance, Comic etc. The Chief Guest in her inaugural address congratulated the participants and urged the young missionary students to inculcate the art of communication so as to be effective Servants of the Word.

MISSION

Athani-Sneha Jyothi Centre

Inauguration of the Academic Year

"The differently abled do not need our sympathy but they need an opportunity"



The new academic year 2017-18 at Saneha Jyothi Centre was inaugurated on 10 June 2017. Mr. Kumar Hitalmani PSI, Athani and Dr. Sachin Mirajkar (Child Specialist) were the Chairperson and guest of the day respectively during the function. In his inaugural address, the PSI of Athani taluk, Mr. Kumar Hitalmani, appreciated the ministry and selfless service that the Centre does towards the upliftment of the visually impaired and encouraged the students to make the best use of the opportunities given to them. Dr. Sachin Mirajkar inspired the Students with his motivational orientation and promised to do whatever support he could for the students. On the occasion, the inmates of Sneha Jyothi Centre performed various cultural programmes which kept the guests spellbound. This year there are 27 Boys and 15 Girls who are visually challenged and 6 semi-orphan boys in the Centre.



During the last academic year three students completed SSLC; six students completed PUC; one student completed graduation and ten students appeared for the first year of graduation. Among the inmates, three girls and two boys were selected for job placements by various agencies during the last academic year.

Bhattiprolu – Christu Bhavan

Claret Dhyana Brundham Retreats



St. Claret Dhyana Brundham had its privilege to conduct retreats at various parishes and institutes for the spiritual renewal of the faithful. During the last three months the team could venture in to different dioceses such as

Vishakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Kurnool, Eluru, Hyderabad and Adilabad. The team also conducted retreat in English for the sisters of St. Aloysius and St. Ann's at Vijayawada. As people benefited spiritually, they expressed their gratitude towards this Claretian initiative and availability.

Christ the Redeemer Church Annual Feast

The annual feast of Christ the Redeemer was celebrated with traditional devotion and piety with various programmes on 23 April 2017 at Bhattiprolu Parish. Most Rev. Bhagyaiah Chinnabathin, Bishop of Guntur, presided at the solemn celebration



of the Eucharist. In his homily, bishop exhorted the people to spread the joy and peace of the Risen Lord through their life witness. It was such a graceful moment as many priests, religious and faithful witnessed and participated in the festal celebration. The celebration of the Eucharist was followed by the felicitations to the Bishop; colorful cultural programme by the St. Claret Youth and Children further enhanced the beauty of the celebration and strengthened the spirit of unity among the faithful.

Children's Camp and Youth Meet

On 7-8 June 2017 a two-days Children's Camp was arranged at Christ the Redeemer Church, Bhattiprolu. Around 100 Children from the Parish and Sub-Stations made use of



Youth Meet at Bhattiprolu Parish

the opportunity. Frs. Santhosh, Chinnanna, Bro. Vinay and Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny guided the sessions and Fr. Chinnanna through his action songs kept the days alive and active. Second day, presiding at the Holy Eucharist, during

the homily Fr. Savy Puthuserry highlighted important spiritual elements that every child should practice. The students were divided into different age groups and various competitions were conducted and the winners were awarded.

This was followed by the Youth Meet on 11 June 2017. The day began with celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Santhosh Kariammakil, the Parish Priest, wholeheartedly welcomed everyone for the celebrations dedicated to the Youth of the Parish. He gave an inspiring message for the youth and the parents in his homily. Sr. Sudha Rani animated a session on qualities of Leadership; Fr. Chinnanna spoke about the role and challenges of Youth in the Church and Society. Concluding programmes included games and competitions conducted by Sr. Sudha Rani, Fr. Chinnanna and Bro. Vinay. The response and participation of the youth in the Seminar and other activities were really encouraging.

Bhusar – St. Joseph Rural Community College

Valedictory Function

St. Joseph's Community College, Busar, Jharkhand, which offers skill training mainly for the school-dropout youth who are unable to pursue their studies due to various social, economic and political reasons, had its seventh valedictory function on 20 June 2017. The batch of thirty-two students completed their training at the community college; twenty students of Nursing Assistant Course



and twelve students of Motor Driving and Mechanism received their certificates during the valedictory function. Fr. Joseph Panthalady, the senior most priest of the Diocese of Daltonganj was the chief guest and Fr. Sanjay Gidh, the Diocesan Youth Director was the guest of honour on the occasion. The cultural programme organized by the students added more colour to the event.

During the valedictory function, the nursing students took the oath of commitment and whole-hearted service. All the students received their certificates from the chief guest; while the driving students received their driving licence on the same day. The chief guest requested the management of the Community College to organize wide range of agricultural training as well. The parents and guardians of the students, and the people from the neighbouring village also were present during the function. The event was covered by the local newspapers as well. All the students who passed out have also received job placements.

The next batch of nursing students has already been selected. For this purpose there was an interview and screening camp conducted on 28-29 June 2017. Nineteen students have already been selected, who are to take admission on the 16 July 2017.

Course on Mind and Memory Management

As part of training in Life Coping Skills, the students of the Community College had a course on mind and memory management conducted in two parts; from 1-3 June 2017 and 22-24 June 2017. There were thirty-six students who benefited from the programme. During the training the students were trained in memory improvement techniques, control of mind and enhancing mind power. The training also dealt with cultural traits which can be strength as well as weakness in one's life.

Bola – Claret Sadan

Environment Day Celebration and YCS Inauguration

Protecting the environment is our prime duty; therefore the Youth of St. Lawrence Church, Bola took an initiative to make the church premises look greener and healthier





by planting new saplings. The *Vanamahostava* day was celebrated on 18 June 2017 by distributing and planting the saplings in the campus. There was also an awareness program about the water harvesting and importance of protecting the environment.



Opportunities given to children are worth the effort; hence St. Lawrence Church, Bola, formally inaugurated YCS unit in the parish on 18 June 2017. Diocese YCS director Rev Fr. Rupesh Madtha and diocesan YCS office bearers were present during the inauguration. The Director animated the classes and gave instructions to the students of First and Second PUC on being Young Catholic Students in the light of Faith. The youth were especially inspired to follow the '*See, Judge and Act*' motto of YCS in their life journey.

Chodavaram – Christu Raj Mission

Children's Camp

Christ the King parish, Chodavaram, brought together children belonging to different age groups, from different substations, for a three day camp from 28-30 May 2017. Altogether 74 children took active part in the semi-residential programme. Besides the celebration of the Eucharist each day, the camp focused on Bible Lessons,



Catechism, Liturgy, Value Education, Group Dynamics, Games, and various Competitions. Two diocesan Brothers from Visakhapatnam archdiocese were of great support in organizing the event. For the children it was an opportunity to come together and spend fruitful time in faith formation.

Dasarahalli – SS Joseph and Claret Church

Centenary Celebration of Apparition at Fatima



Centenary of the Apparition of Mother Mary at Fatima was celebrated with due preparation and solemnity at SS Joseph and Claret Church, Dasarahalli on 13 May 2017. Twelve days of special rosary was organized by the 12 wards of the parish together with Vanakkmasam in special preparation for the celebration. Organized by the Claretian Laity and *Mathrujiyothi*, the celebration brought about Claretian spirituality and piety. A candle procession carrying the statue of Mother Mary, brought from Fatima, was taken out after the rosary, followed by a Solemn High Mass. Rev. Fr. Lindo Joseph presided at the Holy Eucharist, and Rev. Fr. Jacob Arakkal John, the Provincial Superior, preached the Homily highlighting the apparition of Mother Mary and its implications on our lives. The parishioners also made a collection for the Universal Mission on the occasion.



Doddaballapur – St. Peter’s Church

Annual Feast Day Celebration and Adult Baptisms



On 02 July 2017 St. Peter’s Church, Doddaballapur, celebrated the Annual Parish Feast. As a preparation, Triduum with special prayers and preaching was celebrated. Vicar General of the archdiocese, Msgr. S. Jayanathan presided at the solemn Festive Mass; many priests and religious also joined the celebration along with the parishioners. After the Mass, the image of St. Peter, the Patron, was taken in procession along the town with much devotion and piety, in spite of the rain. Indeed, it was an expression of Faith and witness by the parish community. The unity, sacrifice and hard work of the parishioners was appreciated by all.



Earlier, on the Easter Sunday, the parish community was overjoyed with 17 adults receiving Baptism. The community is preparing 30 more adults who are waiting to be baptised. The parish continues to grow steadily with active spiritual and social activities. Special attention is given to Faith building, by intensive Catechism classes and regular spiritual activities. Social concerns like helping the poor children are also given priority.

Gurgaon – St. Claret Syro-Malabar Parish

Growing in Faith and Practice

St. Claret Syro-Malabar Parish, which is under the Faridabad Diocese, is visibly growing with 63 families



and over three hundred faithful. The parishioners wholeheartedly support the overall development of the parish and are contributing by all means possible for the purchase of a plot of land for the construction of a church of its own.

As preparation for the celebration of Easter, we had a three-day retreat from 9-11 April 2017, conducted by Rev. Fr. Francis Karathanam VC and his team. This preparation of fasting, prayer and Sacrament of Reconciliation helped all to renew themselves spiritually.

The parish conducts regular catechism classes for the students from Nursery to Class XII, on Sundays, for one hour, after the Holy Mass. The Parish Council and Mathru Vedhi too are very active in the life of the parish.

On 02 July 2017 the new academic year for the catechism classes began with 73 students. The parish has planned for the First Holy Communion of the children combined with the celebration of the Annual Feast of the Patron, St. Anthony Mary Claret on 22 October 2017.

Honnali – Yesu Nilaya

Building the Lives



Yesu Nilaya, a Centre for the school dropouts and Boarding for the orphans and semi orphans has been doing wonderfully well in forming the character, life, relationship, livelihood and future of these children and youth from the rural areas of Karnataka. Over the years, many students have benefited through our little effort, love and care. During the last academic year two of them completed SSLC and other two PUC. All of them passed

with good results. Mahesh with 90.86% in PUC, Rakesh with 87%, Umesh with 82.72% and Niyal with 60%. In the last six months 16 of the school dropout boys completed four-wheeler driving with license. All of these students immediately received job placement at various places. If any school dropouts needs help to find job by learning driving or poor boys need help to continue studies Yesu Nilaya will be always ready to help and assist.

Hubballi – St. Claret's Kala Sangam

Annual Day Celebration and New Academic Year



The fourth Annual Day Celebration of St. Claret's Kala Sangam was organised on 24 February 2017 at St. Mary's School Hall, Keshwapur, Hubballi. The Chief Guest for the function was Dr. Narayan Hebsur and the guests of honour were Mr. Srikant (Civil Engineer), Fr. Felix Monterio (Principal of St. Mary's School, Keshwapur), and Sr. Fatima (Principal of Capitanio Convent School, Hubballi). To begin the programme, the students of Kala Sangam welcomed the guests with a Swagatam and Pusphanjali dance. There were varieties of programmes by the juniors as well as the senior students. The chief guest of the function in his presidential address urged that parents take keen interest to motivate their children to learn different classical art forms, so that the children have a holistic growth. Mementos were distributed to students and parents were happy to see their children performing Bharatanatyam in the traditional classical attire. The music students too sang and played music which attracted many to join them in singing. Overall it was a moment of pride for parents to watch their little ones learn and grow.

Meanwhile, the new academic year 2017-18 began at the Centre with Parents' Meeting; and the regular classes on 02 June 2017.

Jalahalli – St. Thomas Church

Summer Retreat for Children and Annual Feast

During the summer vacation, it was an opportunity for St. Thomas Church, Jalahalli, to bring together its catechism

students for a three day retreat from 26-28 May 2017. The three day retreat was led by Bro. Shajan Arackal and team. Around 300 catechism students benefited from the spiritual nourishment; on the final day their parents too joined the spiritual accompaniment. The retreat was highly appreciated for its atmosphere, content, and the way the team conducted the retreat through singing, group activities, counselling and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



On 02 July 2017 the parish celebrated the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, its heavenly patron. The four day celebrations started with Flag hoisting on 30 June, by Rev. Fr. Joshy K. X. On 02 July the main Festal Mass was presided at by Rev. Fr. Mathew Panackakuzhiyil, the parish priest of St. Sebastian Forane Church, Mathikere. The concelebrated Solemn Mass was followed by procession, auction and agape. On 03 July 2017, the festal celebrations were concluded with special prayers offered at cemetery and Mass for the souls of the departed parishioners.

Kailasapuram – Velanganni Matha Church

Children's Camp



Velanganni Matha Church, Kailasapuram is growing steadily; in order to help children grow in Faith, a one-day camp was organized along with Sunday School teachers. A good number of children made use of the opportunity during which, Bible quiz, morals lessons and group games were conducted.

Kodumuru – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Children and Youth Camp



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at Kodumuru conducted a three-day camp for the children and the youth of the parish at St. Claret School campus, Kurnool. Both the groups (Children and Youth) were successfully animated by the Jesuit Scholastics (who were in the Parish for pastoral ministry), under the guidance of Fr. James Madappatt, the Parish Priest. The camp for the children was conducted on 12-13 May 2017. A total of 91 children from all the seven substations actively participated in the camp and immensely benefited by being together in learning Catechism, Prayers and Gospel and Moral Values.

On 14 May, the youth of the parish, 20 of them, gathered at St. Claret School campus, for one-day camp. The day began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In the sessions that followed, the role of the youth in the Church/Parish and the importance of the sacramental life were well explained. Some motivational video clippings were screened to enlighten them on some of the current issues, challenges and their responsibilities. Youth were also enlightened with career guidance and job opportunities. Having participated enthusiastically in all the activities, the youth went back to their respective villages with a lot of renewed enthusiasm and motivation at the end of the day.

Oleru – St. Francis Xavier's Church

Confirmation and Annual Retreat

On 25 April 2017 together with the first anniversary of the blessing of the new parish church, St. Francis Xavier Church, Oleru was blessed with the Sacrament of Confirmation of 161 faithful. Most Rev. Bhagyaiah Chinnabathini, Bishop of Guntur, presided at the Solemn Eucharist. A good number of faithful and priests and religious were present for the celebration. Bishop in his message highlighted the importance of Sacrament of Confirmation and expressed

his joy and satisfaction about the activities of the Claretian Missionaries at Oleru parish.

From 12-14 May 2017 annual retreat was organised in the parish for the spiritual nourishment of the faithful. The retreat, preached by St. Claret Dhyana Brundham team, was attended by over 400 people, who especially benefited from the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

New Centre for Youth Ministry



A new Centre for youth ministry was initiated at Surepalli near Tenali. On 24 June 2017 the Centre was formally inaugurated by Fr. Savy Puthussery, the Director; and was blessed by Fr. Santhosh KC.

Sumanahalli – Seva Kendra

Fortnight Anti-Leprosy Day & Sumanahalli Dr. Hansen's Award Ceremony

Sumanahalli Society is now developed with multifarious activities reaching out to six groups of destitute people, viz. those affected by LEPROSY, HIV/AIDS, Disabilities, Orphan Girls, Street Boys and Children in Conflict with Law. It is 40 years since the Government invited the Bangalore Archdiocese to establish a Centre for the welfare and rehabilitation of the leprosy affected persons and other destitute groups.

Today, Sumanahalli LRTC (Leprosy Rehabilitation and Treatment Centre) is taking care of five Leprosy colonies in Bangalore and coordinating with 32 other Leprosy colonies in Karnataka, a hundred bedded Rehabilitation Centre, an ongoing case detection and distribution of Multi Drug Therapy, information Education

and Communication (IEC) activities, Educational Programme (both Formal and Non Formal), Capacity building, Vocational Training Programme, Prevention of Impairment and Deformity, Follow-up Services and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Activities reaching out to 75 BBMP wards and beyond.

Recently, Anti-Leprosy Fortnight Programme was inaugurated by the Government Leprosy division on 30 January 2017 at our Leprosy colonies in Chikkanayakanahalli and Sarjapura Road- Bengaluru. The programme was organized jointly by District leprosy officer and Sumanahalli Society. The Taluk Medical officer, PHC medical officers, Kannahalli Panchayat President and Panchayat Members were present. The Joint Director (Leprosy) was the chief guest.

During the fortnight, from 30 January to 13 February 2017, Sumanahalli Society conducted several special activities in the given area by creating awareness through Power Point Presentation and Movies, showing the scientific facts about Leprosy which gives a clear explanation and the real need to fight against Leprosy. During this programme, besides different other activities, 6,500 students were screened in seven schools and through BBMP (Megacity Survey) 12,500 families were surveyed, covering over 62,500 people.



Along with Anti-Leprosy Fortnight Concluding Programme, Sumanahalli Dr. Hansen's Award Ceremony was held on 02 March 2017 at The Indian Institution of World Culture in the presence of Rev. Dr. Jacob Arakkal John CMF, Vice Chairman of Sumanahalli Society, the Chief Guest, Dr. Pushparaj, the Joint Director of Leprosy of Karnataka, Mr. Jose M.V, Director of AIFO Bengaluru, and Dr. Prasad, along with other invited guests from various institutions, staffs and students from various Nursing colleges and well-wishers and friends of Sumanahalli Society.

To recognize and appreciate the tireless service rendered in the field of Leprosy, Sumanahalli Started the Dr. Hansen's Award. The awardees for the year 2016-17 were: **Dr. N. Mani Mozhi** – Head Medical coordination AIFO - India, Bangalore, National Consultant - NLEP, Central Leprosy Division, MoHFW, Government of India, who was working in the field of Leprosy since 1983. **Dr. D. Adhisayanathan** – who joined Sumanahalli in the year 1985 as a Para- Medical worker and in the year 2000 was appointed to the post of Non – Medical supervisor in SET- (Survey Education and Treatment) and Chief coordinator in 2012. He has served for 40 years in this field of Leprosy and still continues his service as a field coordinator of Sumanahalli LRTC.

BEATIFICATION OF CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

The 183 Blessed Claretian Martyrs from the Spanish Religious Persecution of 1936

With one hundred and nine (109) scheduled to be beatified on 21 October 2017, there are one hundred eighty three (183) Claretian Missionary Martyrs of the Spanish religious persecution of 1936 who have climbed the glory of the Altar. Considering the eighty-eight (88) more who had no valid witnesses for a canonical process, they are two hundred seventy-one (271) which reached the palm of martyrdom. The world will not know the eighty-eight martyrs unnamed, but before Jesus Christ for whom they gave their blood, there are no unsung heroes.

In 1868, Father Claret was dying of envy when he knew about the death of Father Francisco Crusats, the first martyr of the Congregation. As in Glory there is no space for jealousy, let's say that St. Anthony Mary Claret is truly proud. "Such children that I have had!", he would be thinking...



MISSIONARIES
until the end

EDUCATION

Barwadih – St. Claret School

Summer Camp for Training in Dance



In order to provide opportunities to the poor and aspiring students, a three-week intensive summer dance camp was organised in St. Claret School, Barwadih, from 18 May-09 June 2017. There were 38 participants from different neighbouring schools and parishes. The tutors from Nav Sadhana, Varanasi, Miss Neelam Rawat and Sabina, efficiently conducted the camp, which all the participants benefited immensely. The students were taught the basis in different forms of dance, with the intention of helping them to pursue further study in the same. To conclude the camp, the children put up performance of different forms of dance and all were taken up by their talent.

Carmelaram – Sanyasa Institute of Consecrated Life

Inauguration of New Academic Year



The spring time in Sanyasa dawned with the coming of the new batch of students for the academic year 2017-18. This inter-congregational family is blessed with 49 religious men and women from various congregations for the current academic year. Out of 49 students that we have this academic year, five are for first year PG course, four for second year PG, and the rest for either diploma or certificate courses. The inaugural Mass of the academic year was held on the 16 June. Rev. Fr. Jacob Arakkal John, the President of the Institute and Provincial of Bangalore



Province, was the main celebrant. Rev. Fr. Arul Jesu Robin, the Director of the institute introduced the main celebrant to the gathering and expressed his gratitude for his availability and guidance.

Jalahalli – AC School

Environment Day Celebration



Keeping up with global concerns and to teach the same to the students, AC School observed World Environment day on 05 June 2017. The teachers and students were all dressed up in green. The day began with a prayer for our Mother Earth and students presented thoughts and facts about the environment. A row of events were arranged for the day, which included cycle rally to the neighbourhood, planting of saplings, vertical gardening and poster making. The highlight of the event was a concept known as 'Seed Ball'; also known as Earth Balls, consists of a variety of different seeds rolled within a ball of clay. Seed bombing is a technique of introducing vegetation to land by throwing or dropping seed balls during rainy season. It was an added advantage as all the activities held in the school campus was covered by ETV Kannada news channel and telecasted. Children were educated about the importance of seed ball, who made around 4000 seed balls with utmost interest.

Jalahalli – PU College

Academia 2017



St. Claret PU College had organized *Academia 2017*, the inaugural ceremony, of the academic year 2017-18 on 09 June. In this academic year, 769 students were admitted to different courses and the total number of students rose to 1353. Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Manager of Claretian Educational Institutions, Bengaluru, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. It was indeed a great moment for the Management, the staff and the students of St. Claret PU College to congratulate the II PU students for their excellent performance in the Board Examination. Stu. Michelle Lobo from the Science stream acquired the first rank in the college with 97% marks and Stu. Rakshak Udupa was ranked 137 in CET and also cleared JEE Main and Advanced to enter into IIT.

Jalahalli – St. Claret College

Graduation Day

The tenth Graduation Day of St. Claret College was held on 10 April 2017 at the college quadrangle. 314 final year students graduated during academic year 2016-17, bringing to a close their three-year fruitful journey in the institution.



The Chief Guest of this year's Graduation Day ceremony was Mr. Kishore Balaji, Director (Corporate Affairs), Intel (South Asia). The Guests of Honour were Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Manager; Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew, Administrator; Rev. Fr. Sojan Abraham, Principal, St. Claret PU College; Rev. Fr. Joshi Xavier, Principal, St. Claret School and Rev. Fr. Emery Kibula, past alumnus of the college.

Mr. Kishore Balaji, in his commencement speech, spoke about the need for the students to prepare themselves for the dynamic cultural shift in the workplace. He also emphasised upon the need for the students to acquire technological competence to increase their impact and productivity.

In his Graduation address, the Principal, Rev. Dr. Sabu George, congratulated the students and urged them to continue to dream big and bring accolades to their families and their Alma Mater by their hard work.

The ceremony was witness to a number of students being felicitated for their excellent performance in curricular and extra-curricular activities. Ms. Vinam Gokhale of III B.Com won the award for the best outgoing student of the year. Mr. Sagar M.C. of III B.Com won the Kreedha Rathna award for his extraordinary performance in the field of Sports. Mr. Anil Kumar of III B.Com won the Kalapratibha Award for his outstanding performance in various cultural activities. Ms. Teena Benny Thomas of II B.Com won the Principal's Award for the Best Student from the II year batches.

International Conference - 'INIT2K17'

The second edition of the International Conference 'INIT' was organized by St Claret College on 18 February 2017. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. S. P. Bisen, former Vice Chancellor of Jiwaji University, Gwalior. The keynote speaker was Dr. Muralidhara B., Professor, Department of Computer Science, Bangalore University. Dr. Sateesh S. Kannegala, Vice Chairman of Computer Society of India



(CSI) conducted the technical session. There was also a skype session by the renowned international motivational speaker Mr. Paulus Veltman from the Netherlands. Altogether, there were 150 paper presentations by delegates from 40 different colleges.

Jalahalli – St. Claret School

Teachers' Orientation Programme



With renewed energy and passion, teachers of St. Claret School attended an Orientation Programme from 26-30 May 2017, coordinated by Principal Rev. Fr. Joshi K X. The programme focused on improving the overall academic and disciplinary aspects of the school through strict and achievable objectives and goals. Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Manager, St. Claret Educational Institutions first addressed the teachers; then the programme continued with group discussions, brain storming sessions and ice-breaker games which ensured active involvement by all members. The programme also included an outing to 'Aadya Resort' a place close to nature at Hesaragatta. This field trip was a perfect amalgamation of work and pleasure, which kick started the academic year planning.

Meanwhile, the School recorded excellent results in SSLC 2016-17, with several students securing 100 marks in various subjects. The overall pass percentage of the school stands at 97.16%. Likith Gowda K emerged as the school

topper by securing 97.76%. The other toppers are Ishika Jain with 97.44% and Bhavana M with 97.28%.

Medchal – St. Claret School

SSC Toppers' Felicitation



It was a moment of pride and satisfaction for St. Claret School Medchal to honour three students who scored 10/10 in all the subjects in 2017 SSC examinations. On 12 June 2017, when the school reopened after the summer holidays, they were given cash awards in the presence of their parents and teachers. The overall performance of our students in 2017 SSC exams was good, and we have some reasons to celebrate: out of the 148 students who appeared for the exam, 140 passed – 3 with 10/10 points, and some 40 more with an aggregate of more than 9/10 points. 27 students scored 10/10 for Telugu, 31 for Hindi, 23 for English, 17 for Mathematics, 18 for Science and 26 for Social studies.

Investiture 2017



As the new academic year began, on 20 June 2017 the investiture of the Captains and Vice-Captains of the school and the four houses was carried out by Fr. Martin George, the manager of the school, in a colourful ceremony accompanied by the school band. Principal, Fr. Joseph Shanthappa, reminded the office-bearers that the responsibilities given to the students are part of the process of forming responsible citizens for our nation and the world. With the investiture, the house-wise programmes of the academic year were also inaugurated.

Narsannapeta – St. Claret School

Seminar on Study Skills Techniques



A seminar on study skills was conducted for high school student at St. Claret School, Narsannapeta by Squadron Leader Jayasimha. Squadron leader Jayasimha, the president of *World Memory Sports Council for India*, the only

Indian to hold maximum Guinness Records in the world, the nation's leading trainer in memory and soft skills, taught a few techniques, simple and effective to remember the lessons that are taught. The seminar was effective, beneficial and genuine to channelize the blooming minds of the young learners. Mr. Jayasimha's seminar has left an indelible influence in the minds of our students. Principal, Fr. Pasala. Anthony especially appreciated availability and services of Mr. Jayasimha in training the students.

St. Claret English Medium School, Narsannapeta, is well known in many mandals of the Srikakulam district like Narsannapeta, Kotabommali, Jelumur, Polaki, etc. because of its academic standards and discipline. As in the past years, in the year 2016-17 too the school got very good results in the SSC Examination. A total of 84 students had appeared for the public examination and all of them passed, majority of them with distinctions and seventeen of them got 10/10. It's the fruit of the dedicated faculty and management and the hard work of the students.

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