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Kingdom of God among the young



The Salesian Province of Tiruchy is marching towards its Silver Jubilee in 2024. We are going through three years of preparation for the same. The first year, the theme being “Salesian Identity,” we have recognized and appreciated many of the veteran Salesians who have been great heroes and models of living out their lives with passion and dedication. I have presented many of them in the provincial circular in the last year so that we are also motivated to follow their good examples in our lives.

The second year of preparation has started now with the theme, “Mission to the young.” I see very clearly in this magazine lots of works and activities for the young of our province during the summer. My sincere congratulations to all the confreres and the lay people who have made this summer a special one to remember for the youngsters. If our congregation is popular among the people of today, it is certainly because of the charism of Don Bosco who was a friend of the young. I was delighted to hear from some of our candidates in the formation houses that they were referred to our Salesian Congregation by their own relatives who were priests and religious in other dioceses and congregations. This gives us more responsibility to be all the time with the youngsters giving our life for them, following the words of Don Bosco, “For you I study, for you I work, and for you I am ready even to give up my life.”

I appreciate and congratulate all those who have written articles in this magazine Uravu and those responsible for bringing out this magazine too. It is good to encourage one another through our good practices and good examples. May this culture of positivity and contributing our best for the mission and the apostolate grow in our province. May God bless all our efforts too. I earnestly exhort everyone to contribute to Uravu magazine and also bring out such issues more frequently so that many more will be enthused to give their best for the young in the future.

May Don Bosco bless and guide us all to accomplish the kingdom of God for the young in the best way possible here and now.

Yours in Don Bosco

Fr. Agilan sdb



MUSING S FROM DBX, COIMBATORE

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well,” as Chesterfield once said. Today’s school administration is a bed of thorns rather than a bed of roses. The management is constantly held accountable to everyone and is subject to questions from all sides. When it comes to assisting the kids in passing with flying colours, we at DBX aim for perfection. The ancient philosopher Aristotle once said that education has “bitter roots but pleasant fruit.” The Salesians have worked hard to make learning enjoyable, pleasant, and unforgettable for the young people in DBX through education, sports, contests, programs, and events. Let’s catch a glimpse of some of our activities from the 2022–2023 school year.

COMMENCING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

It is inevitable that the pandemic condition has harmed our children’s lifestyles. After the Corona effect, the kids were sent to school to

start their regular education, and the parents desired to hasten the kids’ development. On June 13, 2022, DBX began school with a brief inauguration ceremony. which Fr. Ricopar, our correspondent and rector, blessed and sent his best wishes for a joyous and successful academic year in 2022-2023.



ELECTION ON THE CAMPUS:

The nation’s political parties are revitalised, redesigned, and reorganised by elections. However, the school elections spark a sense

of merriment and fun. Our children may learn about respecting our Indian electoral system and exercising our right to vote through the nomination, campaigning, and voting processes. On July 6, 2022, a student leader election was held in DBX, which inspired excitement among the kids.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY AND BLESSING OF NEW DOMINIC SAVIO HALL

Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam SDB, our provincial, and Fr. Amaladoss SDB, our economist, were both present for the Investiture Ceremony and the Blessing of our New Dominic Savio Hall on July 9, 2022, which was a blessing. Leaders are created; they are not born. DBX is always pleased to shape and train our future leaders and provide them with a comprehensive perspective on reality. Fr. Provincial blessed the multipurpose room and stressed the value of leadership characteristics in his keynote speech. He also urged the student leaders to be active and admirable role models on the school campus. In front of Fr. Provincial, the student leaders swore an oath and vowed to be more effective and interesting role models.

COUNSELLING CELL:

In particular, for those youngsters who are emotionally unbalanced and require our special care and attention, DBX is proud and happy to note that we cater to all of their needs. Fr. Reni, our counsellor, and Dr. Shilpa, a doctor, and counsellor are available at the student's beck and call to assist them

with their problems and to put them on the correct path using their counselling skills and knowledge. Some of the subjects that have already been covered with the students individually and in groups include substance misuse, early childhood care, good and bad touch, psychological growth of people, and adulthood emotional maturity.

SEMINARS AND ANIMATIONS:

John Cotton Dana once said, "Whoever dares to educate, must never cease to study." As long as there is life, there will be opportunities for learning. We need up-skilled instructors who can effectively lead this force if we are to produce a generation of knowledgeable and skilled people who will shape tomorrow. Events like seminars and animations are anticipated by students and professors in DBX as a way to further their professional development. St. John Bosco educational methodologies, kindergarten pedagogy, teacher leadership, Blooms Taxonomy, child protection policy, classroom management, eco-green policy, fire and safety, and overcoming media influences were a few of the subjects covered with our wards and teachers to broaden and enhance their knowledge.

BOOK FAIR:

We can express our wide range of feelings through books. They aid us in empathising. I can't help but think that many people today may find books to be antiquated in the era of smartphones and short attention spans. But you should never undervalue



their significance. According to American psychologist Wayne Pollard, “books sensitise and mellow us.” They open up a tonne of paths and lanes. The best medium for relating books. The book fair was organised in the school on July 25, 2022, and the children were also taken to the book fair in Codissia, Coimbatore, on July 27, 2022. These events were designed to spark curiosity and instil reading habits among the pupils.

CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Vladimir Nabokov, who asserted that “our existence is merely a little crack of light between two eternities of darkness,” is generally accepted. Engagement with something that gives one’s life meaning and purpose is more crucial. Club activities in school teach pupils things outside of what they learn in textbooks and give them a reason to live. DBX includes 14 groups that broaden students’ perspectives and their understanding of their chosen fields of study. The kids eagerly anticipate these events and are enthusiastic about what they are learning.

ACTIVITIES IN KG:

Happiness as in joy, pleasure, contentment, and so on. We can find enjoyment in a variety of ways, such as seeing friends, drinking coffee, watching football, and so forth. The presence of young children in DBX brings out the best in everyone. to ensure that our kids are content and having fun while learning. As one of the best ways to foster in their self-expression, inventiveness, and creativity, we at DBX employ art. The kids do take part in numerous colour-themed events, contests, and programs that improve their emotional and physical skills.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

In this age of instant messaging and instant shopping, the students who always get addicted to mobiles are encouraged to pick up talent and nurture it throughout the year in extracurricular activities. Western Dance, Zumba, Violin, Guitar, Keyboard, Yoga, Karate, Skating, Arts and Craft are some of the activities which boom the students’ concentration and focus. The students are nascent at the moment. Hope to see the phenomenal performance of the children soon. The students love these activities which they have once a week on campus.

SPORTS DAY:

The total performances of our kids at the thrilling sports day on August 27, 2022, in DBX mesmerised many spectators. It was a fantastic occasion to record the academic year’s history. One of the best instances of tenacity and commitment a person can show



is in sports. A hugely significant aspect of our culture is sports. We have the chance to be our best selves and test our limitations through sports. In a school, Sports Day evokes memories and promotes learning. Don Bosco's sports day is a significant occasion on the calendar. The pupils are released from their regular schedule and classroom duties on this day. Today is the day when parents are prepared to support their children. Today is the day to capture photos and movies. Today is a day for successes and possibly some failures. Overall, this is a day we should cherish in our memory. We at Don Bosco are excited to host the annual sports meet in 2022–2023 because it instils in us a sense of teamwork, solidarity, and cooperation. It also instils in us a sense of trust and accountability. The Annual Sports Meet's Chief Guest was Mr. Karthik Ramesh, a Wing Commander in Coimbatore, and the Guest of Honour was Mr. R. Sathish Kumar, a former junior international volleyball player who is currently employed as an assistant manager at Indian Bank.



CELEBRATIONS:

Celebrations abound at DBX. The days are made colourful and enriching by events like Yoga Day, Doctors Day, Mr. Kamarajar's birthday, Inter-House competitions, Teachers Day, Salesians' birthdays, and student assemblies. As a result, there are many festivals and festivities at our school.

The last thing I'd like to say is something Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said to the children: "My message, especially to young people, is to have courage to think differently, courage to invent, courage to travel the unexpected path, courage to discover the impossible, and courage to conquer the problems and succeed." This message is intended for both the youth and those of us Salesians who work for the young

Fr. Martin SDB
DBX, Coimbatore





VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

The community of Dindigul – Pre-Novitiate as it is in the yearly plan, after the first tri-mister happily sent the brothers for their village experience to Trichy – Keeranur for 12 days. Brothers had orientation for the first three days about the villages and social analysis, organized by Fr. John Dharman, Fr. Felix, Fr. Sebastian Vanthayan and Miss. Shrine. They all spoke about the situational analysis of the poor people, cast system that are still need to be addressed etc. Brothers were sent to four different villages around Keeranur town, namely (Palandam Patti, Suriyur, Lakshmanan Patti,..) they were asked to stay with the people in order that they may have direct experience of the people and their lifestyle. Brothers followed a stratagem before they could start the work at the village, first they visited the village and understood the situation, then they started relating with the people and begun to work based on their need. The experiences of the brothers with the people were great, brothers felt comfortable to stay and to relate with them, they were directly involved in the joys and scuffles of the people, helped them in their day today activities too. People

really cared for our brothers, offered food for them, respected them and joyfully accepted our brother's service for them. It was indeed a joyful and a meaningful experience both for the brothers and for the village people. Fr. Bernatsha, Fr. Nicholas and Bro. Rex (Asst) were there with them throughout catering to their needs as and when needed.

PARENTS MEET

Parents meet was held in the month of October, it was a two days program. Most of our parents had to travel long way, hence, we invited them to come and stay with us on the previous day itself. It was also a pleasant feeling for us to spend more time with our parents. Fr. Bernatsha the rector of our community met our parents after the rosary and welcomed all and explained about the following day program. On the second day we had meaningful Eucharistic celebration in the morning together with our parents. After which Fathers in the community met our parents in the hall and had sharing of information's. We had cultural program in which we performed (Nattupura Kalaigal) that we had learned. The program was over in time, and all of us had festive Lunch. It was a remarkable day for all of us pre-novices because of the presence of our parents. We shared a lot with our parents about our family, functions and plans. After that parents met the fathers individually in different places and finally with grateful heart our parents left to their homes.



Don Bosco Mission, Keela Eral:

For more than 20 years, Don Bosco Mission, Keela Eral has provided assistance to the area's rural residents. The Salesian institution continues to strive for the local community's betterment through numerous programmes and new ventures. I want to recall a few of the major incidents.

TWO MAJOR SUBSTIONS' FESTIVAL:



We celebrated two important substations' festival (Ettayapuram dedicated to St. John and Madhapuram dedicated to Our Lady of Snow) in the months of July and August. These festivals serve as a reminder of how Empress Helena discovered the authentic cross in Jerusalem.

Long periods of time have passed since the celebrations were held in these substations. However, we must acknowledge our founder and father St. John Bosco. We were able to observe these church festivities this year without any problems because of his blessings. Fr. Paulsamy, the Parish Priest of Keela Eral, has contributed to the prosperity of our parish, for which we are thankful.

CATECHISM TEACHEARS MEET:

On July 17, Fr. Jayan Joseph SDB, director of the catechetical department, conducted a conference at the zonal level for Tuticorin (Nettur, Therespuram, Villathikulam, and Keela Eral) in Keela Eral to educate individuals to be certified catechism teachers in our salesian Parishes. The 35 participants all earned certificates designating them as catechism instructors in our salesian parishes.

MARIAN MONTH CELEBRATION:



Salesian culture includes observing a month in her honor and speculating on her special attributes. As is customary, the lads from our Bosco Hostel joined the Salesian community of Keela Eral in celebrating its Marian month in an extraordinary way.

In order to participate in all events, including indoor games, Marian Tournaments, and other presentations, the boys from our Bosco Hostel were split into four teams. These presentations showcased the boys'

love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. The marian month was celebrated from 8th August to September 8, as the academic activities of the college began at the end of July. Marian month was then very vivacious and fun with these games. Along with all of these activities, the Marian Month came to a close with a treasure hunt as pilgrims traveled to Kamanayakkanpatti to see Our Lady of Assumption. The programmes for the Marian Month were meticulously organized by Fr. Antonysamy, the warden of the Bosco Hostel, before the lads could return from their vacations and executed by Br.Ebinesh and Br.Malaimani . It demonstrates his devotion for the Young Bosco Boys who stay in our hostel. We are grateful to Fr. Antonysamy, the warden of Bosco Hostel, for his contribution to the success of the Marian Month.

TREE PLANTATION PROJECT CONFERENCE

The Don Bosco College of Arts and Science, Keela Eral hosted a symposium on the tree plantation initiative on August 16th, conducted by G.V. Markandeyan MLA of Villathikulam. {This year the 207th birth of Don Bosco was marked by the tree plantation symposium organized by G.V.Markandeyan, MLA of Vilathikulam. It was an awareness program to preserve ecology in our surrounding by planting Palms trees.}

6TH CONVOCATION OF DBCAS:

On August 19, Don Bosco College of Arts and Sciences celebrated its sixth convocation with great pride. The honoree was Fr. Amalorpava Raj SDB, director of

Cauvery, and the principal guest was Mrs. Geetha Jeevan, minister of social defense and women's empowerment.



THIRTY SIX YEARS COMPLETION OF TUTICORIN CORPORATION



Tuticorin has been active for 36 years, the campus has been cleaned and trees have been planted. Fr. Agilan, the Provincial of the Salesian Province of Trichy, took part in this wonderful ceremony as a chief guest and planted the first plant. It's a very wonderful and admirable event in our college.

REACHING THE EVEREST OF A PHD:

On October 7, 2022, Fr. Antonysamy SDB finished his viva and received his degree. At the provincial level, it was a huge and beautiful accomplishment. We, the Keela Eral community, sent our congratulations to Fr. Antonysamy on his great day together with the Bosco lads.

KEERANUR

ENVIRONMENTAL RALLY:



The most crucial issue facing the globe today is climate change. We are also essential to the fight against climate change. Now is the ideal time to look around and realize what we have done to the lovely surroundings. To save the world, we must all be aware of it. Don Bosco Youth Village, led by Keeranur, planned an environmental rally on August 15, 2022, in an effort to protect the environment. The rally included pupils from R.C. Sagaya Madha Middle School and the Don Bosco Eco Clubs. There were 250 kids present for the program at R.C. Sagaya Madha Middle School. Fr. Arulanandam, Mr. Ravichandran, President of the Keeranur Town Panchayat, Mr. Imthiyas, Ward Councillor, Mr. Anand Manickam, President of the Keeranur Merchants Association Fr. Arulanandam, V.F. and Parish Priest of Keeranur Parish, Sr. Santha, Head Mistress of R.C. Sagaya Madha Middle School and the Salesians of Don Bosco Youth Village participated in the program.

We had a small program following the ceremony to raise the flag. Every student and teacher received a seedling, and they were all urged to cultivate it in their homes.

The special guests discussed the significance of protecting the environment and the necessity for everyone to do their part.

The rally was started off with the Town Panchayat President hoisting the flag. The demonstration started on the school's campus and circled Keeranur Bus Stand. Children were holding banners that raised environmental awareness. The kids kept repeating phrases about safeguarding the environment. The kids returned to school after the rally lasted an hour. The environmental march raised awareness among participants' children as well as those present outside. They were inspired by this rally to fight against climate change and protect the environment.

FREE HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP:

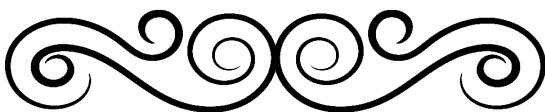
Our lives depend heavily on our health. Happy people are healthy people. Due to their hectic schedules, many neglect them. People who live in cities or towns can easily receive various levels of health check-ups. However, the village residents have very limited access to information regarding their health. On September 25, 2022, Don Bosco Youth Village, Keeranur conducted a Free Health Check-up Camp with the goal of encouraging a healthy lifestyle among the villagers. Near Keeranur,

Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Mela Nanjure, a free health check-up camp was arranged.



The Most Reverend Dr. S. Arockiaraj, D.D., Bishop of Trichy opened the Free Health Check-up Camp at around 9.00 am. In partnership with the Dr. Agarwal Eye Hospital in Trichy, the Jeisay Karpaga Viruksh Dental Hospital in Trichy, the Keethanjali Medical Centre in Trichy, the Nanjure Parish Women's Group in Keeranur, and the Women's Self-Help Group in Keeranur, the Don Bosco Youth Village organised it.

Approximately 150 people attended the medical camp. A medical camp was held till 4:00 p.m. The Don Bosco Youth Village's Free Health Check-up Camp was a terrific success and a great aid to everyone who benefited from the program. It furthered the message of self-care and a healthy lifestyle, which we frequently tend to overlook.



KUTHENKUZHY

CULTURAL FESTIVAL:

According to Mahatma Gandhi, a country's culture is present in the hearts and souls of its citizens.

The Cultural Fest 2021 was held on December 15 at Pastor Lesson Polytechnic College Kuthenkully to honour the teachings of our nation's founding father. Mr. Kingston and Mrs. Stephy were invited as visitors, and they also served as judges for events like the mono act, mime, fancy dress competition, solo and group dance, and solo and group singing. Fr. Joseph Starlin, the parish priest of Thoopuvillai, was also welcomed as a guest. The pupils' talents were creatively displayed through a variety of events. All the activities were planned by the college's Cultural Academy, who also ensured that everyone had a good time.

CHRISTMAS FANCY FETE:

The university is humming with activity. About 600 high school and higher secondary school kids from the neighbourhood came over on the 18th to take part in the Christmas fancy gala that the college students had planned. The college students were encouraged to give gifts to the kids, so the prize table was brimming with things they had donated.

A total of 40 booths included imaginative activities, some of which were totally technical and expert. The games were fun for the kids, but it was a terrific learning opportunity for our college students.

DON BOSCO ITI – MANAKKAL, LALGUDI

INAUGURATION DAY



On September 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the premises, Don Bosco ITI, Mannakal Lalgudi hosted the Inauguration Day for the Freshers of this Academic Year 2022-2023. Senior students welcomed the newcomers and their parents before the programme began with thundering rhythms. The students were welcomed by the principal, Bro. Sagayaraj Sdb. Fr. Pinto Sdb, the principal of Don Bosco School in Tiruppatur, served as the chief guest, while Mr. Gnappagasam, a former professor at Sacred College in Tiruppatur, Mr. Ramachandran, the M.E. general manager of Kothari Sugars, and Mr. Kemparaju, a B.Sc. bank manager, served as the Guest of Honor. The Rector, all of the Salesians, and Fr. Jude sdb attended the event. The institution's principal welcomed the visitors, parents, and students and felicitated Fr. Jude. Students displayed their talents through their participation in various cultural activities. Fr. Pinto, the event's principal guest, delivered the

keynote speech. Mr. Gnappagasam inspired the kids and pushed them to advance in their academic pursuits. The ITI staff member, Mr. Joseph Bhaskar, gave the congregation his vote of gratitude and thanked them. The parents were pleased that their sons were attending our university to study.

CONVOCATION DAY



The university planned the convocation day for the academic students from the previous year. The DGT provided recommendations, and the convocation day was conducted on September 17, 2022, in honour of Vishwakarma. Fr. Jude sdb, the rector of Don Bosco Lalgudi, was the major guest. The Warden, Fr. John Bosco sdb, was the guest of honour. The graduates were greeted and given their caps and gown. The event began at Don Bosco Hall at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was welcomed by the institution's principal, Bro. Sagayaraj Sdb. The Chief Guest, the Principal, and the Guest of Honor presented diplomas to each graduate. The principal, faculty, and support staff of the institution received thanks from the pupils. The National Anthem served as the event's

Tidings of Don Bosco ITI Madurai

As Agents of New Beginnings

Don Bosco ITI, Madurai community afresh with newer endeavours.

Renovated office of the Youth Centre



In order to maintain effective management of the facility, revitalise youthful vigour, and encourage healthy behaviours, the youth centre office was remodelled. It was formally blessed by Rev. Fr. Felix Arulnathan sdb on the celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and opened by the giver, Mrs. Ulagathan Boopathi. The young participants in the youth centre study in the office space in the evenings.

ITI 2020–2022 Batch Says Goodbye

The ITI Students of the academic year 2020-2022 said goodbye on August 25th. The students praised the Salesians and Staff for acting as conduits for instilling morality and sound technical knowledge.

Commencement of the Academic Year

The university gave a cordial welcome to all incoming freshmen for the academic year 2022–2024. A half-day of entertainment provided by the Salesians and ITI staff was followed by a three-day orientation session in the morning and evening party, games and tournaments (football and volleyball).

DB Past Pupils Meet at DB ITI



The yearly gathering of former Don Bosco students was held on the community premises. It was a wonderful occasion that attracted close to 250 people.

Refuse drugs.

For the ITI students, Rev. Fr. John Dharmanathan and Fr. Amala Asvin organised a day of de-addiction programmes to help with drug addiction. The pupils avidly engaged in it and thought it was highly important.

Angels at Altar gather at DB ITI



The two-day Alter Servers convention was hosted in our community from the many parishes in our province, we hosted 113 altar servers and 20 in-chargers. Brothers planned team-building activities and oversaw the evening's cultural programme. The Salesians performed various themes of animation for the altar servers the next day.

BITS AND BOBS OF NAMAKKAL-PUDUPATTI

This year, God blessed the Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Pudupatti community by sending seven Salesians: five priestly Salesian Salesians and two juvenile Salesians. The Christ King Matriculation Higher Secondary School enrolls 300 boys and girls from rural areas in and around Namakkal, while the Home for the HIV/AIDS Affected Children serves 30 boys.

VBS @ Namakkal Parish :

After a two-year hiatus, the Vacation Bible School for the Children of Namakkal Parish was organised by Br. Mariya Anthiyok SDB, the New Brother Assistant, with the help of Sisters of Holy Cross and lay piousness and under the direction of Fr. John Alphonse, the Parish Priest. 34 children between the ages of 6 and 16 took part in the programme from June 9 to June 11, 2022. The kids learned the basics of catechism and Bible knowledge through imaginative games, contests, and activities. Bravo to the entire organising team for your outstanding work on behalf of the kids.

Back to School

The Homeboys returned from their summer vacation on June 12; on June 13, first through ninth-grade classes began. Students in the 10th and 12th grades started their academic year on June 20. Both at home and at school, the newcomers were warmly welcomed to kick off the new academic year with enthusiasm. The Christ King Matriculation Higher Secondary School held its formal

opening ceremony for the 2022–2023 school year on June 16.

Psychological Wellbeing of Children, A Training for Teachers



On June 9th, 2022, Rev. Fr. Jeba Ananda Rex gave a presentation to the instructors on how to handle the kids while keeping their psychological welfare in mind. Fr. Rex provided a fantastic animation, for which we are grateful. The Child Protection Policy was given to the teachers and staff on the same day, Rev. Fr. Herbert Amos, the Correspondent, also went over the duties of the several committees with them and had them sign the Declaration Form.

A Month in Honour of Mary

The boys at the home honoured our Blessed Mother with a variety of events and activities from July 16 to August 15. The guys showed their love and devotion for Our Lady through activities, competitions, rosary services, quizzes, Marian Nite, Olympics, Serenade, and Marian Speeches. Br. Mariya Anthiyok and Br. Nirmal Packyaraj deserves praise for organising and carrying out the month's worth of events.

Teamwork makes the Dream Work



On July 22, Rev. Fr. Herbert Amos, the Correspondent, officially inaugurated the numerous organisations and activities, including the Scouts, JRC, Eco-Clubs, English Literary Association, and Tamil Literary Association. The flags and symbols representing their separate clubs or affiliations were given to the leaders, the lieutenant, and their mentor (the in-charge teacher). Everyone took part enthusiastically, and the event as a whole was important.

Celebrating the Gift of Life



The community celebrated Rev. Fr. Herbert Amos' birthday on July 23. An informal celebration honouring Fr. Amos was conducted in the school in the morning, and an elaborate celebration honouring the boys and the presence of the Salem Anbu

Illam and Nilavarapatti Salesians was held in the evening. On August 31, we honoured Fr. Savariapparaj's gift with an assembly in the school and a solemn celebration in the community.

Annual Sports Day



Christ King Matriculation Higher Secondary School had its annual sports meet on August 27, 2022. The Chief-Guest was Thiru. E. Sai Charan Tejeswi, IPS, the Superintendent of Police for Namakkal. Before departing from the group, he opened the sporting event, gave the Keynote Address, and handed out a few awards. Sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, the principal, who made the day colourful and magnificent with the help of Rev. Fr. Savariapparaj and Rev. Fr. Jeba Anand Rex.



Computer Literacy for Children and Youth



On September 1st, the community of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Pudupatti, launched a three-month computer training programme for 19 boys in collaboration with DESAI Foundation and SPS Foundation. 15 young men and women already finished the same three-month training in June. With the assistance of the FMM Sisters, the community expanded the same programme to 15 young women in Varadarajapuram as an extra project. Fr. Herbert Amos, the rector, is appreciated for going above and beyond to make the impossibly possible. We are also appreciative of the financing partners who helped make this happen.

Reaching the Neighbourhood



With the help of 10 after-school coaching centres and one bridge course, the community reaches out to 220 kids as part of the province's drop-out prevention programme to help them stay in school and prevent drop-outs. We opened three centres in Pudupatti in July: one at DBAI, one in Pudupatti Colony, and one in Pudupatti Medu. More centres were established in August in Nallur, Vasanthapuram, Valayapatti, and Kasturipatti. Finally, the centres opened in Thusoor, Muttanchetti, and Varadarajapuram. The Bridge Course for 13 dropped-out kids began on August 24. (8 boys and 5 girls).





Salem Moolakadu Don Bosco Care Home



We, the Salesians of Don Bosco in Moolakadu, Salem, are carrying out the mission for the HIV/AIDS-infected boys under the direction of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with the Don Bosco charism. We have 12 employees (6 Salesians), 45 afflicted students, and 4 domestic staff members.

Eco-Club



As part of their initiative, the Eco-Club students cleaned the roadway both within and outside of our school. About 45 students and their equipment began the cleaning procedure simultaneously. The work was well regarded. Our children were able to learn from this experience and become more environmentally conscious. The pupils were motivated to carry out their tasks and grew in their responsibility to preserve the environment.

Marian Month

An inauguration event marked the beginning of Marian Month. The Marian Month was launched by Rev. Fr. Peter Singarayar, the

Rector and Director of DBCH. To keep the boys engaged and involved in all activities and games, the lads were split into four teams. The guys took an active part in all of the month's festivities. On the day of our Lady of the Assumption's feast day and our nation's Independence Day, the Family Circle brought the Marian Month to a close.

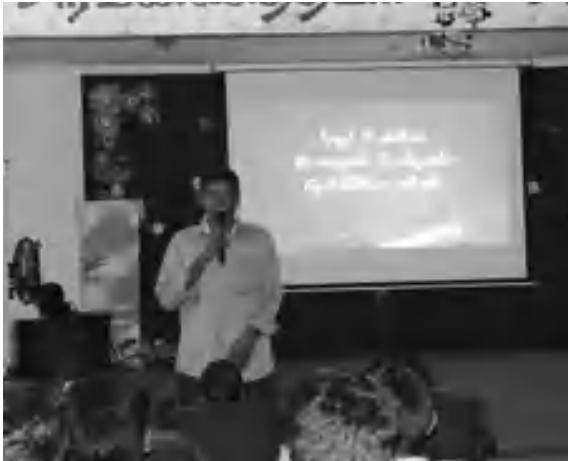


Coconut Festival



In the Salem region, the coconut festival is quite well-known. The coconut festival commemorates the day that the Hindu Lord vanquished the demon and set the people free from his kingdom and its grip, according to Hindu mythology. The narrative is comparable to that of the Diwali festival. On July 18th (Mb 1), the coconut festival was observed, and our lads had a wonderful day.

International Day against Drug Abuse



On June 26, 2022, we observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse. Fr. Arul Kumar led a session against drug abuse for our boys, and at the conclusion of the seminar, the lads took an oath. The lecture was well-run and really beneficial to our lads.

Quarterly Exam Holiday



During the break for the quarterly exams, a unique schedule was created. Like the IPL, we had the Bosco Premier League (BPL). For our students, we set up basketball, volleyball, and football. Additionally, we provided specialised training for guys, including classes on making soap and magic maths.

Medical Checkup



Our part-time employee Mrs. Thennarasi, a nurse, was invited for a weekly medical checkup in order to maintain the physical and emotional health of our lads. On October 6, 2022, we organised a dental examination in a special style.



TERM ONE IN ASPIRANTATE



Inaugurations:

A large part of your life is going to fill by your work. And to satisfy yourself all you need to do is believe in your great work. And love your work to be successful in your life.

Well began is half-ended.

The aphorisms that were just mentioned indicate that everything begins wonderfully and successfully. The academic year (2022-2023) has also gotten off to a great and fruitful start for DBAYT, both in school and as an aspirant.

Coaching, Outings and Seminars:

We offered our aspirants the “English Bridge Course” at the beginning of the academic year. Additionally, Mr. Edwin Louis provided them with football coaching for three full days after that. For the hopefuls, those were in fact excellent learning opportunities. Another notable day in the Aspirantate was the Feast of St. Dominic Savio. Following



the session on creative arts and painting, we went on our excursion to the Thanjavur Art Gallery.

Historical Event:

Understanding our history can help us because it has a significant impact on who we

where we've come from and, in turn, helps us to comprehend the present.

"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree," says Michael Crichton. To be a contemporary of such a history makes us write the History.



Such a circumstance may be seen in the History of Thanjavur Aspirantate. On July 20, 2022, in the presence of Fr. Agilan, the Provincial of INT, Fr. Thomas Louis, the Rector of DBAYT, and Salesian Fathers and Brothers, Salesian Sisters, and Salesian family members, the Historical Statue of Mary Help of Christians that was sent by Bl. Michael Rua, the principal successor of Don Bosco, to the Bishop of Thanjavur for veneration from the ITI, was dropped at the Cathedral Church for veneration., Aspirants, faithful followers, and hence followers of our heavenly Mother Mary. We held the Holy Rosary and a cart procession from the ITI to the Cathedral to commemorate this historic occasion. Additionally, we attended the Thanksgiving Liturgy in Mary, our Blessed Mother's honour.

Marian Month:

Bring the choicest of flowers: Search the

woodland and grove: Wreath a crown for our Lady

It is the month of our Mother.

It is Mother's Day month.



At the Salesian Houses, we celebrate the Blessed Mother's Day from July 15 to August 15 in conformity with such Church tradition. This charming tradition was not granted exemption at DBAYT. The entire month had been well-planned in terms of all its components. Despite having a busy schedule, the candidates presented speeches about Mother Mary to show their commitment to our wonderful Mother Mary. Other competitions, matches, serenades, and rosary services were also used to show Mother Mary's devotion. In accordance with such Church tradition, from July 15 to August 15 we, at the Salesian Houses, honour our Blessed Mother. At DBAYT, this lovely ritual was not granted an exception. With regard to all the elements of the month, it had been a well-organized month. The candidates gave presentations on Mother Mary despite having a tight schedule, demonstrating their devotion to our wonderful Mother Mary. Various additional contests, matches, serenades, and rosary services were also Mother Mary's

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PILGRIMAGE TO VELANKANNI:

During the Marian Month, it is customary for DBAYT pilgrims to visit one of the shrines dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. We travelled to Velankanni on August 9, 2022, in accordance with customs. Spending the entire day with our Blessed Mother in Her Place, enjoying the Thanksgiving Eucharist as a Group, was undoubtedly a beautiful experience for our community.

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION:

It was a spectacular celebration, and the feast of “Maria Assumpta” was a suitable high point of the month devoted to Our Lady. We enjoyed a meaningful solemnity celebration with a lovely programme put up by our aspirants in memory of Mother Mary.

Parents’ Day:

“PARENTAL LOVE IS THE ONLY LOVE THAT IS TRULY SELFLESS, UNCONDITIONAL AND FORGIVING.”

-T.P. Chia

“Parents’ Day” was yet another delightful occasion of the first semester. It is worthwhile to take a break from our hectic schedules and make plans to honour our wonderful, loving parents. It’s satisfying. Parents ought to be aware of how much their kids value and cherish them. There are numerous “takeaways” from their life that we have made. Showing them that these “takeaways” are in excellent condition at DBAYT was a priority for our applicants.

Quarterly Holidays to Be Busy:

“After all, the best part of a holiday is perhaps not so much to be resting yourself, as to see all the others busy working.”

-Kenneth Grahame

“AN IDLE MIND IS THE DEVIL’S WORKPLACE” ...said Don Bosco. In accordance with the words of our Father and Founder, St. John Bosco, we have decided to use this seasonal holiday as a fellowship for our ardent aspirants. Following the instructions of Fr. Provincial, our Rector, Fr. Thomas Louis, has decided, with the consent of the Council, to conduct a folk arts training for our aspirants. On top of that, there was also volleyball and basketball coaching. We also aim to give them a better taste of the English language by teaching in different groups. Yes! In fact, it was a time when our dear aspirants did not allow their minds to become the devil’s workplace and became the “bees” of DBAYT.

We visited the Poondi Basilica to get the blessing of our Blessed Mother Mary and to start the new semester. We also spent the day at the ancient site of Kallanai in Tamil Nadu.

WITH THE YOUNG FOR THE YOUNG

We are appreciative of God for all the favours he has shown us in the past. Numerous events benefit the neighbourhood and give kids opportunities.

May 26-June 11

KODAYIL KUTHUKALAM

(கோடையில் குதுகலம்)



Summer vacations typically fill the entire month of May. Unfortunately, the kids only got a few days off school this year owing to post-covid. The community worked with Brothers Sesa Raj and Jibin from theolgate and philosophat, respectively, to create summer camps in the nearby villages. More than 250 kids participated in the camps, which were held in four different locations (Eduthakatti, Pallur, Thiruvaidakali, and Tharangampaadi), where they were encouraged to showcase their abilities and skills. Children demonstrated their talents through competitions in singing, dancing, sketching, writing essays, and poetry. We are grateful to the brothers who helped the kids' summer camps be special.

Illaiyour Thiran Thiruvila

(இளையோர் திறன் திருவிழா)

(Youth Job Mela - 2022)



The Mayilladuthurai Women's Welfare Commission organised the fantastic job mela. Periakaruppan, Mr. The district collector, Mrs. Lalitha, and the Honorable Minister for Rural Development presented the employment offers to the young people who had been chosen by 30 different businesses. The well-known businesses were TVS SUNDARAM BREAKS AND CLAYTON Ltd., Royal Enfield, HCL Training Service, TATA Groups, and HCL Training. This Job Mela provided benefits to almost 500 young people. The minister urged the young people to work hard and consistently in their chosen fields.

Inauguration of the academic year

August -1

The academic year at Don Bosco Polytechnic College started on August 1. All of the students and their parents were welcomed by Fr. Daniel Sebastian, the college secretary. He introduced the students to the entire



He introduced the students to the entire staff. He advised the parents to work with the administration to support the pupils' overall growth.

Engineer's day

September 15

"Engineers make dreams come true." On this wonderful day, it was developed and delivered by the institute's junior engineers. Two projects were given by each department. The Junior Engineer's Academy did a good job of organising the event. The occasion provided for the display of the students' innate creativity.

Clean up drive

September 20

The green club's Earth Warriors organised a cleanup effort at the college bus stop. With tremendous enthusiasm, every student took part in the activity. The waste was separated into two different categories, such

as biodegradable and plastics, by the pupils. The eco-club coordinator, Mr. Natraj, did a good job of planning this initiative.

Anti-drug & Tabaco Awareness

September 29



In our college, the Public Health Care and Disease Prevention centre held a speech contest. "PUKAILLAI ILLA ILAMAI" (புகையிலை இல்லா இளமை) is the subject. This tournament had participation from 25 students. The center's director, Dr. Karthik Santharakumar, offered to assist pupils and parents who are drug addicts in breaking their habit.

Salesian Community

75, Therespuram, Thoothukudi – 628 001



As we commemorate the parish feast on September 10, 2022, the members of the Salesian Community in Therespuram give thanks to the Lord for leading our parish during these 38 years.

Four Confreres—Fr. Amalraj Soosai, Fr. Anand Santhanraj, Fr. Amirthanathan Irudayaraj, and Fr. Joan Marshal—are a blessing to our community this academic year.

As a parish community, we are more concerned with advancing the principles of God's kingdom in all that we do. Anbiyams, Sunday Catechism for Children, DBYM (Don Bosco Youth Movement), Alter boys and girls, and pious societies receive greater attention. All of our efforts have earned us a positive reputation in the local church and the society we live in.

Is participation in a global mission possible for a local DBYM?

Can a global concept be brought to the streets?

Yes, of course. Therespuram's Don Bosco Youth Movement has made a brave move to

enable the SDGs in our local mission.

Our community is continuously educating the next generation to be the kind of obedient Christians and upright citizens that our founder and father envisioned. We develop plans and move in this direction. The first zonal meet was held at our site on September 25, 2022. About 100 young people attended this event. The day session was run by Father Selvakumar from Alaihal Media. The evening Awareness was actually led by Mr. L. Balaji Saravanana, the Superintendent of Police for the Thoothukudi region. Five of our departments worked together to put this event together. They are Don Bosco Green Alliance, Vembu, Jananam, DBCAS, Ilamai, and Jananam. Participants in this programme included representatives from each of these departments.



PUZZLES



The next level of our initiative was to actualize a global plan. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sometimes referred to as the Global Goals, were enacted by the United Nations in 2015 as a global call to action to eradicate poverty, safeguard the environment, and guarantee that by the year 2030, peace and prosperity will be experienced by everyone.

The Theresa's Expo 2022 programme aims to reach out to the underprivileged and destitute. The first SDG of the UN, "No Poverty," served as the inspiration for this expo. We members of the Don Bosco Youth Movement think that, even though our efforts are not particularly large or significant, we can nevertheless "do the basic things in an extraordinary way," as our founder and father taught us.

It is commendable that our DBYM publishes the monthly AAZHI EZHUTHU journal and the MEEN VAAL entrepreneurial venture.



Crossword



Don Bosco Nest Tiruppur

PROLOGUE



Tiruppur is a significant Indian commercial hub known for its knitted cotton clothing. Due to the fact that the majority of the clothing made in Tiruppur is sold around the world, the city also generates foreign revenue for the nation. Everyone who enters this building will find employment and housing. This explains why there are so many migrants in this area.

The pandemic and the increase in the cost of all vital commodities have made people's lives more miserable and insecure. All of this ultimately results in youngsters leaving school to maintain their family's finances. Don Bosco Nest continues to move on with Vocational Training for Migrant and Working Children in this situation.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training aims to improve the lives of young people who have left school, are unemployed, and are over the age of 14. Instead of learning a skill theoretically, people acquire it practically. Their enthusiasm for learning and settling into life is sparked by

this. After receiving the Central Government of India certificate, this course has increased in value (NSDC). We offer transportation services and a travel allowance to lessen the load on the families and to inspire and motivate the students.

We offer 4 courses in the Vocational Training Centre with NSDC certificate. It is a six months course.

Sewing Machine Operator



In SMO, students learn how to use the machine, various stitch types, embroidery designs, make paper patterns, apply cutting techniques, and sew common garments that people wear every day.

Garments Machine Operator

Students who take this course typically look for employment in factories. As a result, the syllabus includes quality control and control of power equipment in addition to the singer, flatlock, and overlock. They get sewing skills by creating T-shirts, shorts, nightwear, and related items.



Electrical and Plumbing

Both plumbing and electrical operations are taught to students. They receive instruction in CPR and safety protocols for working with electricity. They learn about various wire types, switches, types of connectors, and everything else needed to provide an electrical and plumbing connection in a new environment.

Computer

Basic computer skills like MS Office and desktop publishing are taught to students. They would then be able to work in offices and the printing divisions of the clothing business. Additionally, they study Tamil and English typing.

Life Coping Skills:

Vocational Training students are given access to Life Coping Skills every month. For group and individual counselling, we set up a trained counsellor. For the majority of our pupils, it was their first-time meeting with a professional counsellor, thus it was a significant aid and support. We covered a variety of topics in LCS, including “Importance of Education and Employment, Precautions Toward COVID, Anger Management Techniques, Making Positive Decisions, Brain Functioning, and the Importance of NSDC Certificate.” The daily discussions between the personnel and management at the end of the day also help to keep them inspired and motivated.

Parents Meeting:

Children's development is greatly influenced by their parents and guardians. We get to know the student's parents or guardians during recruitment, and we have a meeting with the parents at the start of each batch. In this discussion, we discussed the value of a child's education and the need for a talent with a legitimate certificate. It was discussed how to follow up with students and what parents should do to encourage their children to finish the course without dropping out.

NSDC EXAM:

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a central government department in India that awards the relevant credentials following an evaluation of the pupils. As a result, it gains significance for the kids. 48 of our pupils took the exam on September 17, 2021, and they did well. 24 students showed up for the exam on December 20 and did well.

SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

In the Tiruppur slums, 10 Supplementary Education Centers have been set up with the goal of reducing school dropout rates. Children often drop out of school to assist their families through income-generating hobbies or caring for younger siblings because of the poor economic and educational backgrounds of their families. We set up supplemental education centres to stop this from happening and to provide a comfortable setting for kids to learn in.

Additionally, they study children's rights here. In addition to studying, the centres offer games, cultural events, and group activities. At the moment, 350 students benefit from the centres.

CHILDREN ECO CLUB:

Children Eco clubs are established to protect the environment and to teach kids how to appreciate and coexist with nature. In total, we've started 4 community eco clubs for seniors and 10 eco clubs for kids. Students that participate in these eco clubs plant saplings and gain knowledge of kitchen gardening. They spread information on kitchen gardening and raise public awareness of environmental protection.

EPILOGUE

The Nest provides shelter to everyone passing by, especially the less fortunate children, like the Oratories of Turin.



Don Bosco – Varadarajanpet.

Fr. Francis Gameliyal is serving as the community's rector this year, along with 9 Salesians, 7 fathers, and 2 clergy. The hostel at Don Bosco Varadarajanpet Institute is called Bosco & Savio. We provide housing and educational opportunities for impoverished and worthy boys from distant locations at Don Bosco higher secondary school. The hostel's mission is to educate students from backgrounds where money is tight and provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

Reopening of School

The start of the academic year 2022–2023 was on July 13 for classes 6–9, 20 for classes 12–14, and 27 for classes 11–18. The opening of the academic year was somber, and students were excited to start a real academic year following the Covid pandemic days. In order to prepare the activities and other programmes for the first term of the academic year, the staff council meeting was also conducted in the same month.

Inauguration of the Frans Schlooz School of Excellence

The new school building was consecrated on June 24, 2022, by Rev. Fr. Jose Kochamkunnel, Provincial of Chennai Province, and opened by Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam, Provincial of Trichy Province. Numerous salespeople, clergymen, employees, students, friends, parents, and well-wishers of the institute attended the opening of the CBSE school.

Golden Jubilee Celebration

Fr. Anthonysamy SDB's Golden Jubilee Celebration was place on June 24, 2022, on our campus. The occasion was meticulously organised and planned. The Eucharistic ceremony for the Jubilee was solemnised. Following the Holy Mass, Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam, the Provincial, and numerous salespeople, family members, and friends of Fr. Anthonysamy took part in the celebration of the jubilarian.

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PTA General Body Meeting

The parents of the pupils at our school attended the PTA General Body Meeting in the month of June. For the boys' intellectual development, both the parents and the teachers came up with a variety of suggestions.

Savio Hostel Day

The hostel is fortunate to have 200 residents this year. On July 6, the Savio Hostel Day event took place. Fr. Rector attended the occasion, along with other salespeople. The boys' numerous cultural acts enhanced the hostel day celebration.

Inauguration of Groups and Movements

In our school, an English and Tamil Literary Association was established in order to promote the value of both languages. Students performed and offered ethnic dances, skits, and speeches in both English and Tamil during the presentation. Finally,

the principal guests shared their opinions on studying Tamil and English and how they may be used in real-world situations. The staff and students planned and carried out the inauguration of the groups and motions in the afternoon. The major guest discussed the value of movements, groupings, and their need. 13 groups were established throughout this programme, each with their own motto, leader, and participants.

Sports Day

The 57th Sports Day festivities got underway on July 22, 2022, at about 9.30 am. During these celebrations, new creative and original parades and mass drills were prepared. It was a vibrant day that inspired the youngsters to develop true sportsmanship in them. The competitors received a variety of gifts, prizes, medals, and certificates. Best wishes to the Head Master, PT Masters, Salesians, and Staff, as well as the main organising group for the Sports Day celebrations.

Marian Month Celebrations

The Marian month was launched by Fr. Rector on July 16 with a prayer service in order to foster a Marian atmosphere inside our institution. The lads' and Salesians' spiritual yearning for Mother Mary was satisfied by this. We also created Marian contests and competitions to show Mother Mary how much we love her. To express our devotion to Mary, competitions for singing, poetry, essays, dancing, Marian Nite, and other cultural activities were arranged. Overall, Blessed Mother Mary was the focus of the entire month.

Rally on Clean and Green Environment



The members of our school's eco-club organised a rally on clean and green environments to raise awareness of the need to preserve the environment for future generations. It raised the pupils' understanding of the need to combat climate change, global warming, acid rain, and other issues.

Children's Parliament

A significant initiative called "Children's Parliament" fosters in boys a sense of leadership. In the Savio hostel, the Children's

Parliament was started with this in mind. Boys used a ballot method to cast their votes. The election was held following the candidates' brief campaign. On the day of Don Bosco's memorial, the elected candidates took the oath of office.

Fancy Fete



The annual fancy fete day was planned on the campus of our school. After a two-year covid epidemic, our college hosted this yearly event. The whole day, the students were delighted and had fun playing different games. On that day, there was excitement and fun all across the school.

Best Teacher Award for Fr. Sebastian Jacob SDB

On September 5th, the state government of Tamilnadu honoured Fr. Sebastian Jacob, the headmaster of our school, as the finest teacher. The Minister of School Education for Tamil Nadu, Mr. Anbil Mahesh, presented him with this distinguished honour. He was also given a standing ovation for receiving this accolade at our school from both instructors and kids.

Bro. Iruthaya Pioson SDB

The Retreat Yercaud



Computer Course

All the students underwent three days of computer course from 03s to 05th June 2022. It was organized to impart knowledge of usage of computer. The resource persons were Fr. Charles SDB and Fr Suresh SDB, from the Salesian Arts and Science College, KeelaEral. Mr.Alex, the lab assistant also accompanied them and helped the brothers in computer skills. This course helped the brothers to gain knowledge of the use of computer and other related skills.

Course on Sound and Electricals

Students had hands on training on sound and electricals from 6th to 7th June. This training helped them to learn the basic techniques and information regarding sound system and electricity. The resource person was Fr-Justin SDB.

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2022-2023

The new academic year of Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy was officially inaugurated on 8th June. The inaugural mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr Agilan Sarprasadam SDB, the provincial of the Salesian province of Trichy. After the mass, we had the inaugural function, for which Fr Agilan Sarprasadam SDB, was the honourable chief guest. Fr Arul Maran SDB, the rector of the community, welcomed and encouraged the staff and the students to the new academic year 2022-2023. Fr Simon Raj SDB, the principal, presented the annual report of the academic year 2021-2022. Cl. Sebastin Adaikalaraj SDB, presented his M.Ph dissertation paper on Films can do Philosophy.

Seminar on New Media

Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy organized a seminar on Social and New Media, from 20th to 23rd June, for the second year students of philosophy. The aim of the seminar was to enlighten the brothers with the idea of new media. Further, the seminar was very helpful to the brothers to handle media with care. The resource person was Fr Arockia Selvakumar SDB, from Alaihal Media, Manikandam.

Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Retreat Don Bosco celebrated the solemnity of the Sacred heart of Jesus on 24th of June. The house is dedicated to the Sacred heart of Jesus. The holy mass was presided over by Fr Arul Maran SDB, the Rector of the Retreat. The whole house was blessed, dedicated to the Sacred Heart and special prayers were said for the community members and for the domestic staff.

Pope's Day Seminar

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul was celebrated on 29th of June. On this auspicious day, the community took the initiative of organizing a symposium on the

Pope's encyclical letter "FRATELLI TUTTI" to the religious of Yercaud. There were about hundred religious and formees present for the presentation and the group discussion. The encyclical was presented by six of our second year students.

Seminar on Psycho-Sexual Integration

In the beginning of the month of July, Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy organized a seminar on Psycho-Sexual Integration. This seminar was organized from 4th July to 6th July. The resource person was Fr. Jeyaseelan CMF. Psycho-Sexual Integration is another important phenomenon for religious which help us to lead a good human and good religious life. This seminar was very useful to our brothers as they are in the initial stage of their religious life.

Marian Month

A Salesian tradition is that from 15th of July to 15th of August, we celebrate the Marian Month. One month is dedicated to Mother Mary to know her, praise her, honour her and pray to her. It is one month animation on Mother Mary and the community was animated through various means. Brothers were given chance to give a talk on Mary from a philosophical perspective and all of them were more creative and unique.



Seminar on Post-Modernism



Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy organized two days of seminar on post-Modernism. This seminar was organized from 19th July to 20th July. The resource person was Rev. Dr. John Alexander SDB, from the Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. Post-Modernism is a recent and trending philosophy. It has influenced a lot of people in the history, hence an introduction is given to the second year students of philosophy so that they may have a taste of it.

Seminar on Catechetics

Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy organized a seminar on Catechetics, from 26th to 29th July, for both the first year and second year students of philosophy. Rev. Dr. Antony Christy SDB, who is one of the teaching faculties at UPS University, Rome, was the resource person for this seminar. This seminar was an enlightening seminar for our brothers as a preparation for the future pastoral ministry.

Seminar on General Psychology

In the month of August, Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy organized a seminar

for all on General Psychology. This seminar was organized from 1st August to 6th August. The seminar was facilitated by two resource persons Fr. Joseph Jeyaraj SDB and Fr. Selvaraj Varaprasadam SDB. Psychology is a science of human mind and Human behaviour. This seminar enabled the students to understand the functions of mind and human behaviours. This seminar eventually helped them to understand others as well as themselves.

Tamil Play — ஏமாற்றமும் எம் மாற்றமும் (*Yematramum Em Matramum*)

This year the brothers came out with a Tamil play namely, “qumensmi) eibuxrrinxif. The script, acting and Background Stage were done by our brothers. It was a wonderful play enumerating the present political situation and the influence of media on the younger generation. On 12th August, the Tamil play was staged which was attended by 200 persons.

Assumption and Independence Day



On 15th of August, we celebrated the feast of Assumption and 75th Independence

Day of India_ On this auspicious day, the holy mass was celebrated by Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam, the Provincial of Tiruchy Province who invoked God's blessing on us. After the Mass there was march past by our Brothers and Fr. Provincial hoisted the flag, took the salute and gave the independence message. Br. Praveen SDB, one of the second year students gave a talk on "Proud to be an Indian." It was a mesmerizing and memorable one.



Seminar on Current Trends & Thinkers



Jnanodaya Salesian Institute of Philosophy organized a seminar on Current Trends & Thinkers from 17th August to 18th August. The resource person was Fr. Jeyaseelan Savariarpitchai SDB, who is one of the teaching faculties at UPS University, Rome. It was an enriching experience for our Second year students of philosophy for discussing on the current trends and thinkers with a prominent professor.





As the *Yeast* in today's human family

The **lay dimension** in the Family of Don Bosco