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DE LA SALLE BROTHERS
Brothers of the Christian Schools

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Auxiliary Provincial's Programme

05 wed
MC meeting
St.James HS,Suranam.

16 Sun *Morning
Policy on Salary Phase-II for
Administrators.

16 Sun *Evening
MC meeting
Lasalle BJT Academy,Keesara.

17 Mon
General Assembly,
Sector India.

Auxiliary Provincial's Message



"Miracles happen everyday for those who believe".

- St. John Baptist De La Salle.

Dear Brothers and Partners,

Wish you all A Happy and Prosperous New Year 2022.

Henri Nouwen would define Christian Spirituality as "moving from the house of fear to the house of love." All of us are called to live like Jesus and reach personal holiness.

We are called to live better and to take Jesus seriously, live as He lived and taught. Holiness is for all and putting God in the first place is for everyone. We are called to live the gospel more passionately, or in other words, to live Jesus's teachings and example more fully and coherently.

We are invited to pursue more effectively what all human beings are meant for - greater love, deeper compassion, closer union with God, greater responsibility for each other and for the earth.

No setting by itself makes a person good or bad, mature or immature. That depends on why we are living and what we do with the chances given to us.

New Year 2022 may be an year of deeper reflection of our own life and mission. Let our moving forward be to the house of love always. May we individually take effort to set our direction right and meaningful.

Dear Brothers and Partners, may God bless you abundantly and your Mission abundantly.

Kind Regards and Prayers.

Rev.Br.T.Amalan FSC
Auxiliary Provincial - LASAD

Birth Days Greetings

- 03-01-1995 - Bro. Kavindu Perera (Sri Lanka)
- 04-01-1979 - Bro. Sekar (India)
- 05-01-1970 - Bro. Christy Croos (Sri Lanka)
- 06-01-1971 - Bro. Uvari Antony (India)
- 09-01-1955 - Bro. Ignaci (India)
- 12-01-1970 - Bro. Gnaanakone Sathiyaraj (Sri Lanka)
- 14-01-1970 - Bro. Yohan Soyza (Sri Lanka)
- 16-01-1978 - Bro. Inego Amalan (India)
- 17-01-1967 - Bro. Christopher (India)
- 18-01-1969 - Bro. Joseph Jayakanthan (Sri Lanka)
- 26-01-1977 - Bro. Jeyakumar (India)
- 28-01-1952 - Bro. Manoharan (India)
- 29-01-1957 - Bro. Alfred (India)



Holidays for Central Office

- 14-15 : Pongal holidays
- 18 Tuesday : Thaipooosam
- 26 Wednesday : Republic day
- All Saturdays : Afternoon
- All Sundays : Full day

Institute Days & Lasallian Feasts

04 January

- Bl. Secondo Pollo, Priest. Former Student of De La Salle Brothers

07 January

- 1667: John Baptist De La Salle was made a Canon of the Cathedral of Rheims.
- **12 January**
- St. Modestus – 1996: Br. Alpert Motsch declared Venerable.

18 January

- Bl. James Miller, an American Roman Catholic professed religious and member of the Brs. of the Christian School 7 December 2019.

26 January

- 1678: John Baptist De La Salle received his Licentiate in Theology
- 1725: Pope Benedict XIII approved the Institute of the Brothers.
- 1937: **Feast of the Transfer of the Relics of our Founder.**



30 January

- Feast of
- St. Mutien - Marie
- Wiaux



BJT COLLEGE - KEESARA, AP

After a wide consultation and consideration, the Government gave permission to reopen the colleges in our state of Andhra Pradesh, India. After the lock down we reopened the college on 01-09-21 by taking all the preventive measures of covid-19. We did all cleaning work because the college was closed for almost 4 months. We are providing sanitizer and thermal screening is a must for all the students, staff and brothers.

1. It is mandatory that everyone should come with mask and have a personal sanitizer with them as they get into our La Salle BJT Academy. Normal classes have begun for all the sections. We are indeed very happy to welcome Br. Reagan to our college.
2. On 5th of September we commemorated our founder as this day is celebrated as teachers' day in India and our Founder St. John Baptist De LaSalle is a patron saint of all catholic teachers
3. Our college has been allotted as a government centre for the public examinations for the Intermediate section in the month of September,
4. On the need base BJT College has got a girls toilet project approved from an agency in France and we began the work in the month of October.
5. we had sports meet and fresher's day celebration in the month of October
6. In order to mark the Children' day we had a sports meet and cultural fest in the month of November.
7. we had a meaningful Christmas celebration in our college as well as in the hostel. There was an enactment of the birth of Jesus followed by many other cultural programs. We, the brothers, staff and students, have done the plantation of saplings of varieties of trees in the campus.
8. As our college was restarted after a few years of break there is a lot of work to be done. we are gradually continuing the developmental activities in the college premises.
9. Foreseeing the spread of corona variant in the future, the Andhra Pradesh government is conducting the half-yearly examinations by providing the question as it is conducted during the final examinations. Our students are well prepared for the exams and started writing their exams from 27th onwards.
10. Our college alumni feel grateful to our college and make visit to meet the brothers.

Thanks to the community brothers for their constant support and encouragement for the development of BJT College. I wish that in the coming year all our desires and intentions may be fulfilled by the grace of God.

Prayers for all those who are affected and died of corona.





ST.LASALLE - KEESARA

INTEGRATION OF SKILLS AND CONCEPTS

In today's highly competitive world, brilliance in academics is not enough for a student to become a responsible citizen. A balance of academics, discipline and a healthy body is a must. To cater to this need, different inter-class competitions like drawing, fancy dress, Rangoli making, Story narration, Elocution, Debates etc are organized for students from LKG to X. Students also exhibit their talents through class cultural programmes on various occasions. Children's day, National festivals and religious festivals are celebrated with a lot of spirit and devotion. With the objective of integration of skills and concepts and for expressing the student's innate creativity, Art and Craft classes were organized in the school by the art and science club. Our student's best of talents were made used for different forums.

TOWARDS THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The academic club members visit all the classes every now and then to check the diaries, note books, text books, homework pads and bags and give a report to the Principal as well as send a report to the students' parents.

The Principal invites or permits the parents of the weak students to meet the respective teachers of the subject to know the ability and the performance of the students. Such method helps the management, teachers and the parents to get connected with each other for the betterment of the children.

SPORTIVE SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Sports are part of our Lasallian education. And, therefore, we focused on the physical aspect of the students. To encourage the students to face the future with competitive spirit, the students are divided into four houses. The names of the houses come from the list of our Lasallian saints, namely La Salle House, Benildus House, Miguel House and Solomon House. The sports committee prepared a detailed chart of various sports and games for different divisions. The competitions were conducted very professionally with the able umpires and referees. The students took part in the competitions with full vigor to prove their mettle both individually and as group.

TEACHERS CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

A Few input sessions were organized for the teachers to attain the professional teaching skills, knowledge and to pursue continuous growth.

In recognition of their dedicated service to the institution, the management gave an opportunity to the teaching and non-teaching staff for a staff picnic to break routine and get rejuvenated. This helped the teachers to interact, integrate and bond with each other in an informal setting which was an important part of a well-rounded staff appreciation programme.



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Parents' Meet:

During this month, we had parents' meet for the VI, VII and VIII standard English Medium students on two different dates. All the parents were present for the meetings. The boys prepared some dramas, dialogues, one-act-play, speeches and science experiments for the meet with the help of their teachers. All exhibited their talents very well in the presence of their parents.

Then Bro. Correspondent spoke about some of the initiatives taken by the School for the development of the boys. He stressed mainly the eleven club activities that are being conducted in the evening hours of the day. The children enjoy this hour and wait for this class. Parents also appreciated the Management for the hard work and special arrangements made for the weaker students.

Special care:

Mr Perumal, a Child Psychologist has developed certain methods to train the slow learners to read and write within three days. We organized sessions for 30 of our children and trained three other teachers also in this regard. They are following up the classes with these children. There were some emotional moments at the valedictory function when boys shed tears of joy after seeing themselves able to read.

Christmas function:

As it is a tradition, to have the pre-Christmas celebrated in the school, the staff made some mega arrangements for this celebration. The Santa Claus arrived on a horse and he was escorted by another five junior Santa clauses on a motorcade. Fr Amalan, the Director for TMSSS, delivered the Christmas Message to the students using the word CHRISTMAS as an acronym.

In the evening of the day, the Staff had some fun games and Christmas dinner in the basketball court of the school. This was another moment of feeling togetherness by the staff. A very sumptuous dinner was prepared by some of the staff and all had a pre- Christmas dinner.

Mid-term evaluation:

Bro. Correspondent met the XI and XII students and conducted an evaluation of their level of satisfaction with each staff's teaching method. The boys were frank and collaged information was shared with the Administrative and Management meetings. He will continue to take action based on the recommendations of the boys.

For January:

- 3-8 Visit to all the retired teachers' homes by the staff members.
- 3 Vaccination for the boys – Phase I.
- 6 Vaccination for the boys – Phase II.
- 7 Parents' Meet for IX standard students.
- 8 Parents' Meet for X standard students.
- 12 Pongal festival.





ST. JOSEPH'S - KEELAMUDIMAN

Back to school:

In the month of September 2021, Students of 9 to 12 standards were back to school with more enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge. We the Lasallian teachers welcomed them with profound care and safety. Students were motivated and given enough instruction to follow the SOP given by the Government. They were engaged with the Refresher course modules to bring them to the normality for their learning.

Internal Organization:

To make our education creative, different and effective the teachers were divided into different committees, Each committee is mandated with different responsibilities to enable the students to grow intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, socially and culturally with the focus to develop students' personality. We are excited and happy to note that transformation is taking place slowly but steadily.

The year plan guides the different committees in their responsibilities. The parents and the students are well informed about the activities taking place, so that they come prepared for the events. The management acknowledges and appreciates our teachers for their willingness to conduct these various activities.

Academic performance evaluation:

The pandemic and lockdown situation made different situation in the area of students learning and academic performance. The slow learners were given special coaching by the respective teachers of the subject to enhance the learning of the students. The 10th and 12th students are given special attention to their studies as they prepare for their government public examinations. Guidance and counselling is done for the students whose minds are deviated from active learning.

Spiritual dynamism:

All those who are part of this Institution are called Lasallians. To collaborate fully with the Institute, our school atmosphere is apt. We have Associates and student Lasallians from different religions. We inculcate in the minds and hearts of the students that every religion is unique and it has to be respected. In order to develop such attitude, we organize inter-religious prayer services, reading a passage from the Bible, Quran and Bahavut Gita on every assembly. The Christian students are taught catechism and other students are taught moral.

To keep the Christian spirit alive, we help the students to have a special devotion to our lady of Mary by celebrating the Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary and students were told of the glories deeds of Mother Mary.

The year of St. Joseph was celebrated throughout the year by the novenas and daily prayer recitation. And, we celebrated the closing year of St. Joseph on 8 Dec 2021 with the holy Eucharistic celebration with the presence of more priests and Local religious.

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ST.JOSEPH'S-KEELAMUDIMAN (Conti...)

Festivals & Celebrations:

Celebrating events and festivals in our schools have become an integral part of learning and building a strong cultural belief in a child. Our school encourages the students to know and understand other traditions and cultures.

Children will remember an important day only if they are told what the occasion signify, making them aware of the world in a more fun way. The events and festivals organized at our school are often celebrated with great pomp and gaiety. Apart from classroom activities, we also pay heed to other important festivals which must be celebrated in order to understand our country's tradition.

Such celebration will bring students closer to traditional and cultural belief. A close bond is built between the students as they understand each other's different customs. Being a diverse country, the students need to know what each festival means, and it is only through this celebration, each student will get to know more about our country.

Children's day was the day of surprises and fun for all the children, as they get a chance to see the teachers' acting on the stages.

Major events were celebrated such as teachers' day, feast of St.Lasalle, Birthday of Dr.Radakristnan, V.O.Chidambaram and Mother Teresa were celebrated with plenty of cultural and theme oriented programmes. The inspired life history of these personalities was enacted by the students.

Students' development Programme:

- A Few input sessions were organized for the students to attain the professional skills, knowledge and to pursue continuous growth.
- NCC and NSS days reminded the students to have a strong desire to serve our Nation with profound respect.
- Internal competitions were organized to encourage the students to develop their extra-curricular skills.
- Literary association day was celebrated with more cultural and awareness activities
- Awareness rally on clean India, cleanliness and corona awareness were organized to make the people to be aware of what it is.
- Student Pupil Leaders elections was held where the school pupil leaders were elected by the students. The event emphasises, the Casting of vote is the fundamental duty of the every citizens. Students Alwar and Sarulatha were elected as SPL and ASPL.
- Postal day was celebrated, in which students were engaged in writing letters and displayed the collection of Stamps by the students.
- Science exhibition was conducted, in which students prepared many models and demonstrated well.
- Virtual competitions were conducted when the students are at home during the closure days of schools on different occasions.

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ST.JOSEPH'S-KEELAMUDIMAN

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Parents Teachers Association Meet:

Our schools organized a Parent Teachers Association meeting. During the meeting the parents were encouraged to express their views, expectations, encouraging notes and concerns. Their valuable suggestions are taken into serious consideration to improve the quality of education.

The correspondent, headmaster and the hostel prefect outlined to the parents, their role, and involvement, parental care and support that they have to consider in the aspect of proper schooling of their children. During the interaction, corrective measures, rules and regulations and expectations from the management were explained to the parents.

The parents were allowed to meet the class teacher and the subject teachers individually.

Christmas celebration:

We celebrated Christmas in all its joy and happiness. Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrated it with the same fervour, spreading the message of Love and joy among our children. Our students danced to joyful tunes, Santa danced with the applause of welcome and followed by the Christmas skit and carol. Sr.Malliga, the headmistress of RC school from kallathikinaru delivered the Christmas message.

Campus developmental work:

The putting of compound wall around the premise was successfully completed with the help of the donors and benefactors. The last stones were laid by our students with thanksgiving prayer service. Grateful to all the people who were part of our success.



ST.LASALLE - KEELAMUDIMAN

1. Welcoming back to school:

Regular classes for standard I to VIII resumed on the 1st of November 2021 after being closed for nearly a year-and-a-half because of the COVID-19 pandemic but virtual classes were held while regular conduct between the school faculty and Parents-Students were very much encouraged. We are indeed happy to welcome our students for the regular classes at school by duly following the appropriate SOP given by the Government.

2. Education for Growth of the Inner Spirit:

Daily Morning Prayer and assembly is one of several important and good practices we have at our school. Each class prepares well for it with a specific theme with motivational daily thoughts and inspirational talks by the principal.

In this era of doubt and communal disharmony, we help our students to live in love and harmony respecting one another's faith and beliefs by celebrating the major religious festivals with meaningful prayer services and programmes, thereby fostering unity and tolerance.

Students were engaged with the Refresher course modules given by the Government and later days, the regular subjects were taught. On the evaluation aspects, the Unit Tests I & II were conducted virtually and Half Yearly examination was conducted at the school. The parents reported at the school and received the Marks statements of their child. We have begun the Term III with the virtual classes as the offline classes is suspended by the government on the speedy spread of Corona Virus.

3. Staff Development Programmes:

Professional on-going learning of the staff is a key for quality teaching-learning at our school as it is the core of all that we do. This has ensured the development of skills, knowledge and understanding of the curriculum and current trends in teaching and learning. The staff participated in the professional development training before the regular classes for the academic year commenced. The sessions on the topics "Who is a Lasallian Teacher" and "The role of Teacher in students' life" were shared out by Brs.Brickston and Jeevagar.

Our teachers participated in the "La Sallian Women Symposium" conducted by our Indian sector. They were well impressed of the symposium. An open sharing was organized by the principal at the school and the followings topics were highlighted as their learning, i) Safety and Security of women at all our working places ii) Role of Women in the life of our Founder iii) Mental health of women in today's context iv) Handling and motivating the Girls students in the school.

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4. Enrichment Programmes & Celebrations.

Competitions and activities organized offer opportunities for students to learn the values of talents in each one. Extracurricular activities provided a channel for reinforcing the lessons learned in the classroom in a real-world context, and are thus considered an integral part of a well-rounded education. Realizing this, opportunities were provided to students to take part in a number of activities and competitions-virtual and non- virtual. We also provide a vast range of additional programs to support the students' academic, social, cultural and physical development.

- **Children's day:** A day marking childhood, and we made this event a memorable for our little ones. The day focussed on children and their enjoyment. The day commemorated with immense joy, enthusiasm and magnificence. The tiny tots of primary classes came dressed up in casual clothes and brought their favourite lunch. The celebrations began with the Prayer, followed by variety of fun filled activities and competitions planned by the teachers for their children. The students were overwhelmed and enjoyed the day.
- **Thanksgiving Day:** The festival is a reminder to us on the importance of gratitude in life. Children are never too young to learn the value of everything they have in life and for being thankful for it. In fact, this should become a daily practice. We made use of this day to teach them to be thankful. They were asked to write on what they are thankful for and why. They were engaged with the preparation of making Thanksgiving Greetings for their parents and they presented over with the thanksgiving note. Indeed, parents were happy about it about their child' attitude towards gratitude.
- **Christmas Celebration:** The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. We joined with St. Joseph's school to celebrate this great day. All our students dressed 'Christmassy' backdrop the red and white marked the day into a festive arena. There was carol singing and dances by our students added to the festive atmosphere and brought in the holiday season with enjoyment.

5. Parents meet:

It is a Great opportunity for parents and teachers to develop a healthy and strong relationship for the holistic development of a child. This platform helps parents and teachers to develop a rapport and build a cordial relationship to understand and determine the need of a child. Parents as well as teachers shared their effort on a common platform for the welfare of a child. All the Brothers shared their insights and information for the holistic development of a child. Feedback about the online classes and its further developments were discussed.

6. Seeking Gods' providence:

With God's grace and guidance, and under the care of our founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle, we hope to move forward with our priorities—innovation in our educational programmes, intellectual ambitions and globalization in education. May Almighty God bless each one of us and help us in translating our visions, to teach minds, Touch hearts and transforming live.





Reopening of the School:

Warm greetings and wishes from St. James Suranam. With partial lifting of corona lockdown, we reopened the school on 1st September for 10th and 12th standards, strictly following the guidelines given by the state government regarding corona prevention. The students came in with masks, remained with masks all through the day. Individual recording of body temperature and keeping social distance in class room sitting are maintained. Students were instructed to remain at home if they are sick. No common gathering was recommended in schools like weekly assembly, games and celebrations.

Children's Day :

Teachers' day and Founder's feast were celebrated in a very simple manner in class rooms. Children's day was also celebrated in a very simple manner class wise, with a few fun games.

Opening of LaSalle Kalairangam (an auditorium) :

The long felt need of the school namely an auditorium came to be realised with the laying of foundation stone in the second week of August with the generous help of the Irish volunteers. It is a big auditorium in front of the school stage. The work was a bit delayed due to continuous rain for about two weeks in November. The grand opening was held on 21st December. The chief guest was a well respected philanthropist Mrs. Leema Rose, the founder of Martin group of Institutions in Coimbatore. After the opening of auditorium we had Holy Mass. Fr. Vasanth was the chief celebrant of the Mass, along with our Parish priests Fr. Ambrose and Fr. Mekendro and Fr. Ramesh. It was followed by a grand cultural show by our students.

Christmas Celebration :

The birth of the Jesus was celebrated in our school on 24th of December. The Chief Guest was our friend and benefactor Mr. Santhiagu Arockiam, and the Guest of Honour was the famous film Director Mr. Thirumurugan, who has directed the movie Empten mahan and the famous Tv serial Metti oli. He was taken up by the performance of the students and he appreciated their talents. He advised the students to balance their growth on all aspects specially on the extracurricular activities. He promised to bring his entire team to the school and teach the students to develop their talents. The Christmas message was given by the Chief Guest to work hard as St. Joseph, be available to every one as Mother Mary and live for others as Jesus.





BOYS' TOWN - MADURAI

Christmas celebration:

The students of the St. LaSalle Industrial School, Boys'Town along with the Brothers, Postulants, Staff and farm workers had a mega Christmas celebration at Boys' Town kalaicharal on 23 December . Br. T Amalan, the Auxiliary visitor of LASAD India Sector was the Chief Guest for the celebration. He gave an inspiring message about what is the real Christmas today. The day was filled with a number of cultural activities performed by the students. At the end of the celebration we cut Christmas cake and we shared gifts with each other. A Special gift was given to all Boys' Town staff and Brothers from the Administration.



MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS

To Commemorate our deceased Brothers in the sector level, the community was assigned to organize the customary event at the brothers cemetery in Mangalagiri on the 21st November 2021. Majority of the Brothers, our Postulants, Aspirants and Juniors partook in the event. A Holy Mass was offered for the departed Brothers by Rev. Fr. Rubert. He highlighted in his sermon, the generosity of the Brothers toward the common people and the priests and religious. Bro. Thambi Babu, the Director of the community welcomed all the participants and Bro. Amalan, the Auxiliary Visitor thanked the participants for their visit. Finally Brothers dispersed with the lunch served at the community.



ST. LA SALLE PUTHUMANAM - DINDIGUL

A guest Lecture programme: Mr. William, a professor from JPC Polytechnic College, Dindigul was invited to give a practical oriented session for the 1st year Electrician students on 5th December 2021. He focused on different aspects such as safe and safety measures in the working place, basic wiring, lighting and electrical installations.

He demonstrated simple electrical diagram and guided the students to do a few electrical wiring and circuits in the electrical lab. The students acquired some skills and a few more guest lecturer programmes will be organized for the students.

Central Board Examination: The final year students had their practical examination on 16 & 17th Dec 2021. The students have acquired essential skills and grasped sufficient knowledge to do the practical.

All the students immensely participated in their practical exam. The external examiner was so happy about the students' performance, skills, talents and the accuracy.

Christmas celebration: on 23rd December, we had an organized Christmas celebration for our students in our campus. Our staff trained the students to perform the cultural events and made them exhibit their skills and potentials for the first time on stage. The students beautifully prepared a crib with the guidance of the staff. Bro. Thomas Michael FSC gave a beautiful Christmas message on "giving rather than receiving". He enlightened the minds of students by explaining the purpose of Jesus coming into the world and need to be available to serve the poor. Finally we provided Christmas meal for the students and staff. They extremely enjoyed the meal and left the campus by carrying gospel message with them.

Students' Leadership Programme: The Institution had organized "students' Leadership programme" on 05 Jan 2022. Rev. Dr. Sr.Sangeetha, an eminent social worker gave an input session for the students. She touched upon "know thyself, building strong relationships, time management, personality skills and etc..." Mr.Naveen organized different games and activities for the students in order to bring out the students' potentials and hidden qualities.

Job placement for the young buds: The senior students were recruited for the job placement in Coimbatore. On 6 January 2022, the students enthusiastically went for the job and they were so excited. The in-plant training in different industries during their studies would help improve their productivity skills and having more desire to learn. The parents were so happy about their children's caliber, efficiency and developed strong motivation to live their life and the students are eager to venture out to reach and fly higher in their new phase of life.



LASALLE JEEVAN SHRAVANTHI - KEESARA Community

The month of December is a journey towards “Christmas - a little baby of Bethlehem.” Christmas gives us personal and communal experiences by preparing our minds and hearts to wait to receive the infant Jesus in our lives. It is a month of love and sharing through small gifts by showing concern for each other.

So, we the brothers did many activities during this Christmas season which are mentioned below.

- Beware of much speaking, for it banishes from the soul the holy thoughts and recollection with God'. To have our soul in purity to welcome the infant baby in to our hearts, we had recollection theme on **The call of St. Paul, a paradigm for religious call today**, by Bro. Sudheer. The day of prayer made us to have good reflection on oneself by being aware of our goodness especially in the advent season.
- God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care. I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. We are very privileged to meet the chosen head of bishop Most Rev.T.Joseph Raja Rao the bishop of Vijayawada on 23rd, we shared our love and joy wishing song, gifts and cake as a community.
- Especially during Christmas season, let God love others through you ... “yes it is Christmas, every time you smile at your brothers and sisters and offer them your hand in a gift” said by mother Teresa .We had part taken in the birth of infant Jesus love, joy and peace with our brothers and sisters those who were in the surrounding sharing cake and by conveying Christmas and New year wishes to our religious Fathers , Sisters, Institutions and Parish Priests.
- The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence , regardless of their chosen field of endeavour. So, we showed our oneness with them by part taking and attending the final commitment and first professional ceremony of Sisters of St.Marie-Madeleine Postel those who collaborate with us in our Institution.
- Celebrate the life that God has given you by sharing your joy with others and by spreading his message of love to everyone. It's a day of celebration making the person how he/she is important to us .So We had celebrated the birthday of Bro. Thomson in our community in a meaningful manner by conducting special prayer service and celebrated as a community. It made the person feel the precious as a new life for one more year.





LASALLE DEEPAM - KEELAMUDIMAN Community

The optimistic life reflection of each Brother in the community refreshed the rest of the members to keep moving productively in their corresponding area of mission delegated. The contribution of the Brothers in the community enkindled the spirit of St. De La Salle in us. The participation, accompaniment, concern to each other and the confrontation were the tangible evidence of the community which essentially portray the true practices of the below cited Rule of our congregation.

Personal and community accompaniment help each Brother to integrate the constitutive elements of his vocation. This accompaniment requires particular attention to be given to the various process which lead to his affective, intellectual, moral and religious maturity. (Rule. Article 80.1)

The Brothers were very sensible in their responsibilities such as gardening, food, guest room, chapel and bursar. These may be looking very common and usual in all the communities but still it is very significant to be committed and devoted in the given assignments; these were shown prominently in our community. Though we have difference of opinion still we were able to live together as one family with the spirit of St. De La Salle. These are the boundless success of our community living.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Brothers prepared themselves reflectively to welcome the new born Jesus in the hearts of them and in the community by their active presence in the daily prayers, Holy Eucharist, making crib and decorating the house with Christmas articles. Special Prayers were offered for the welfare of our children, staff and the co-workers. On the day of Christmas the Brothers consecrated themselves before the crib according the tradition the congregation and participated in the Holy Mass in the Parish Church. As a token of love and the joy of the Christmas, Brothers shared Christmas cake with the nearby religious communities and presented new dress to the co-workers.





Arul Thendral- Nagamalai

Yes ! my dear friends, the season marked by the month of December was an advent of many virtues and visions at Arul Thendral. Cryptic was the way that we chose our friends to pray for during the season. Our practicing of first virtue thus began. Our aspirants long sighted their visions in wild creativities in preparing for the crib. Know what ? they built a hospital, (corona ward I suppose) kept an ambulance (certainly not for the Child or for His parents), images of Christian persecution in India, flood and etc.. all in the crib. The theme of the Crib for this year was “ through the pandemic, Christian persecutions and natural calamities understand the mystery of suffering to experience God`s love.” The joy of Christmas, the love of gift sharing was extended to our postman, milkman, newspaperman and other surrounded families. Sharing of Christmas cakes with the Mentally ill people in the near by Guenelian Centre was the hallmark of the season.

Praying for other persons, sharing of reflections, sharing of gifts with one another, thinking of ordinary people who take care of our day to day well being and praying for their families and distributing cakes and sweets with the neighbouring families were some of the hall marks of the season we enjoyed.

Arul Thendral community with four Aspirants and a senior candidate and three brothers is vibrant with diverse activities.

Wish you all the best in this New Year. May this New Year 2022 not involve us in regression.





POSTULANCY CHRONICLES

Come December, Maranatha.....Come Lord Jesus

As we embark on our liturgical journey, we know we can take our time. When we live in the sacred time (advent), we are able to take risks without worrying about the consequences. Preparation and participation lead to a meaningful celebration of Christmas.

Feast of St. Francis Xavier, an apostle of the Indies and co patron of all foreign missions was well remembered on 3rd December. Postulants depicted the life of St. Francis through a song- Excelsior. Our religious priests, Fr. Mark, cap, Thomas, CMF and Fr. Packiam, OMD regularly animate our liturgies to fulfill our spiritual quest. On 6th of December, our Postulants went to visit the Vigilance Foundation –psychiatric care-cum De addiction centre, located at Nagamalai. The visit of such centre opened the eyes of the Postulants to identify and understand the evils of the society in a wider perspective – A man's true character comes out when he's drunk. Postulants narrated their experience and were moved- probably a mission to reach out. There was a Christmas carol singing contest and the voice of the year was voted at Benildus House on 11th December. Awfy and Spectacular.

Our Postulants went to Leonard Hospital for a thorough medical check-up recommended by the Formation commission. They came out like Hench men with a clean health report. Happiness is the highest form of health. Our aspirants from Arul Thentral came to Boys Town for a guided retreat. The sudden demise of Bro. Heldon's sister in law saddened everyone and the community went to attend the funeral. On 19th of December our Postulants participated in the Mega gathering of all our candidates of Formation houses at Mangalagiri. The gathering encouraged everyone to appreciate and pursue our Lasallian Vocation. Various activities were organized to keep them focussed. Kudos to the young Brothers who implemented their resolutions of young Brothers Forum with fine fettle. Christmas tree celebration was held at Boys Town and Bro. T. Amalan, the chief guest shared his reflection on the message of Christmas. The celebration reminded the boys on the meaning and relevance of Christmas and the joy of giving. The campus was festooned with stars. The event ended with a delicious lunch.





INAUGURATION OF PARC NOVITIATE

On 15 August 2021 Feast of the Assumption of our Lady, the PARC Novitiate Program was officially inaugurated, in the presence of Brother Ricky Laguda, PARC General Councilor, Brother Visitors, Novitiate Staff and novices.

The Sectors of Colombo, India and Pakistan of the LASAD and ANZPPNG Districts, respectively, were blessed with four more young Brothers to the Institute. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and blessings of our Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, they received the Holy Habit and commenced their Novitiate Program on 15 August 2021, Feast of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. The Robing Ceremony of the young Brothers was held on different dates in different locations:

Mark Tony – on 22 July 2021 (Feast of St. Mary Magdalene) at St. Joseph's Juniorate, Mangalagiri, India.

Jabran Bhatti – on 06 August 2021 (Feast of the Transfiguration) at LaSalle High School and College, Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Ashane Damian and Bob Livera – on 15 August 2021 (Feast of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary) at the Provincialate Chapel, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

This diversity of location, however real, has not lessened the unity that exists among the Novices. Bound together by a common Faith and way of life we strive to create and maintain the Spirit of the Novitiate.

Travel restrictions at present have made it impossible for us to be physically present in one place. As a result, we have been compelled to create a 'Virtual Community'. The new community format has led to a novel combination of diverse cultures. Yes, we are scattered. But at certain 'identical times' we are united in person.

Apart from formal classes, we organize special prayer services for Feast Days, as well as dyads among ourselves once a week. These activities help us to stay in close contact with each other, which, in turn, fosters the development of fraternal relationships within the community. We are blessed international resource persons from the global Institute and keep up the International character of the Institute.

We have personal dialogue with the Residential Formators once a month and with Brother Director once a week. During these sessions we share our insights and feelings with them, while they, in return, enrich us with their enlightened comments and observations. Their insights strengthen and nurture us for our future role as dynamic Brothers.

Our lived experiences in our respective communities, coupled with the online sessions of our Novitiate Program, assist us in deepening the fundamental and essential 'Abba Experience', without losing our International Lasallian Spirit. Yes, we are united in spirit and, God willing, one day we hope to be together in person in Colombo.



SOLEMN INAUGURATION OF PASTORAL MINISTRY OF VOCATION

It was a cool breezy evening
Under the twilight of the Moon and stars
With an overwhelming presence of our community Brothers
The Fostering vocations' home solemnly commenced its inauguration on 7th July 2021.
With a blessing of Holy Divine Sacrifice we marked this celebration.

With arrival of our new Community Brothers
We gracefully welcomed our juniors with open arms
Appreciating them of their willingness to join us
We accommodated them into the initiation cradle.

With a fitting sermon by Fr. Rubert on vocation
The inauguration is reached its solemnization
With rosaries on their necks and with uniforms on
Set to have they received a new identification?

It was a moment of joy
An occasion of recollecting Gods action – And
A time for Rendering God praises and thanks
For the fruits of annual Vocation Promotion.

Many more thanks and appreciation to Bro. Inego Amalan
For his hard work in spite of Covid pandemic Pandemonium.



FROM VOCATION PROMOTER'S BUREAU

Indeed, I am delighted to meet you all through this brief report on Vocation Promotion journey. First and foremost, I would like to wish you all a Prosperous Happy New Year 2022.

I took charge as a Vocation Promoter on 2nd July, 2021. It was really confusing how to go about during lock down. The first two months (July & August) helped me to settle down and it also provided me enough time to change my frame of mind to adapt to the new situation. My predecessors shared their insights and experiences to understand my roles and responsibility as a Vocation Promoter. I sincerely thank Bros. Arockiya Samy (Jr) and Inego Amalan for their experiential Sharings.

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**FROM VOCATION PROMOTER'S BUREAU****(Cont...)****Vocation Promotion in Andhra Pradesh:**

I started my vocation promotion from Andhra Pradesh in September, since schools started there in August. Bro. Thambi accompanied me and we had planned to visit schools in Dioceses of Vijayawada and Khammam. To our surprise Catholic students were very less as the Dioceses did not open their Hostels in schools. However we visited few schools in those two Dioceses. The Brothers community at Keesara was supportive enough to arrange driver and accommodation for two of us. Special thanks to La Salle Shravanth Community and Bro. Thambi for sparing his time and accompanying me.

Candidate Pradeep:

A young man from Khammam diocese had been in touch with me more than three months and he expressed his willingness to join the Brothers. Bro. Thambi and I spoke to him and gathered all the necessary information as he was an Ex-Seminarian. Having spoken to his Rector, we realized his intention is genuine to join the Brothers. Bro. Xavier Thomson, Director of La Salle Shravanth, Bro. Robert Selvaraj, Bro. Thambi and I made a house visit to know the ground reality of his family. Since his family was also willing, after the consultation with the Formation and Vocation Commission we decided to bring him to St. Miguel Arul Thendral, Madurai for a yearlong come and see program. Bro. Brinesh brought Candidate Pradeep to Arul Thendral to start his formation program. He seems to be happy and following the program till date there.

Vocation Promotion in Tamilnadu:

I had visited 80 Schools in Six Dioceses namely; Palayamkottai, Thoothukudi, Sivagangai, Madurai, Dindigul and Trichy in three months. Most of the schools were kind enough to provide time for Vocation Talk. Generally, the students are very badly distracted and demotivated. In my experience, most of the students are disoriented even after the three months of schooling. However, a good number of students have expressed their interest to join the Brothers. I have sent two letters so far. The first letter is acknowledging their willingness, sensing parents' attitude towards Brothers' Vocation and encouraging them to be in touch me. The second letter is a Christmas Message and New Year Greeting.

The most occasions I was able to go by the plan. Due to unexpected heavy rainfall and rainfall related school holidays, I could not visit Dioceses of Kottar, Kuzhithurai and Kumbakonam as I had planned. I am planning to visit those Dioceses in near future.

Printing Materials:

Teachers Prayers and 12 virtues of a Good Teacher are in the process of printing. After the printing, it will be circulated to La Sallian Schools and other schools.

Finally, I thank all the Brothers who continue to encourage and support in Vocation Promotion. Let's remain united in prayers.





Lasallian Women Symposium

Arrival & Inauguration:

On 28th morning the participants started to arrive from all the four directions. Each team was led by a member from the Coordinating team. Messages of hope and encouragement from Bro. Ricky, the General Councilor for PARC Region and Bro. Bertram, the Visitor of LASAD were read out and received with a long applause from the participants. Bro. Amalan, the Auxiliary Visitor spoke on the empowerment of women at all our work stations.

Session I & II:

The morning sessions were taken by Dr Anurathna, a woman activist and a practicing Medical Doctor. She dwelt mainly on the mental health of women in today's context. For most of them, the mental health is at a tipping point. In the new normal situation, the stress is felt more by the working mothers. Felling anxious and isolation are some of the results of the stress. Hence, they require safe spaces to have open and honest conversations regarding their needs at the work places.

Session III:

In the afternoon, the participants shared some of the best practices of each of their institutions. Many appreciated the best practices of other schools and this feeling united and strengthened the emotion of "One Lasalle, One Mission, One Life".

Session IV:

Later in the evening, Bro. Arockia Doss gave a presentation on the "Role of Women in the life of our Founder". He collected some notes from the recent research on this topic at the Institute level and shared them with the participants. Finally, he concluded that the participants of this symposium are expected to toe the line with those women to carry on the Lasallian ministry in today's India.

Session V & VI:

The second day was dedicated to the Safety and Security of women at all our working places. Sr Amala from the Sisters of St Joseph of Lyons, who is also a woman activist and practicing law at the High Court Bench in Madurai shared with the participants. POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act was her main focus. It is important that the teachers are aware of this Act so that they could educate the children under their care also.

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Lasallian Women Symposium (Cont...)

Recommendations from the Women Symposium held in India:

1. Child Rights Education with POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act should be made known to all the parents, teachers and students. Efforts should be taken by each school management to create awareness on this law once in six months.
2. Sessions on Mental health issues and techniques of dealing with them need to be organized by the Management once in six months.

PoA:

- i. Three ladies staff would be identified and trained in the above two areas with the help of the experts and exposure programs. Bro. Auxiliary Visitor with the help of LEC Secretary would do this. If need be, they could even outsource the resource persons.
- ii. They in turn would visit all the schools and homes to create awareness among the students and teachers once in three months.
- iii. They will also be invited for the parents' meet in all our schools to share their expertise to create awareness among the parents.
- iv. An evaluation of their presentations would be done after every school visit/parents' meet and they will be assisted to develop on the suggestions.
- v. Each Correspondent is responsible for the implementation of the above plan of action.

Recommendation to the 46th General Chapter:

1. The Institute could train a group of volunteers from each country/region, in Child Rights & Citizenship Education, pertaining to the country/region, they are from.
They will have sessions taken to the students, teachers and parents once in three months.
Each Country's Visitor/Auxiliary Visitor/Sector Coordinator is responsible for the implementation of this act.





Christmas Celebration

As per the directives of our Auxiliary Visitor, the celebration committee comprised of Bro.Heldon, Antony Doss, Inigo Amalan and Bro.Panneer, decided to celebrate the Christmas in our Indian Sector on 11th of December, 2021 at Benildus House. Communications concerning the celebration were sent to the communities. Certainly, Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrated it with the same fervor, spreading the message of love and joy among our children, friends, well-wishers and co-workers. As Sue's echoes, "Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand. Prior preparations were done by the Postulants on the eve. The house wore a festive look with stars, balloons, bells Crib and colorful lights.

The celebration began with a prayer service at 6.50pm organized by Bro.Heldon. We prayed that we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of Magi and the peace of the Christ the Child. Merriment started after the prayer service.

Exchange of gifts and carol singing were the core aspect of jollity. The Brothers from each community presented an array of interesting and engrossing performances that echoed the spirit of Christmas. The young and old Brothers sang enthusiastically and melodiously a variety of Christmas Carols spreading the message of faith, happiness, peace and togetherness. From dashing through the snow...Joy to the world... wishing everyone Merry Christmas. However, the Tamil song Kanni eendra selvame-(down memory lane to 70's) captured the everyone's attention. Bro.Patrick Minus and Bro.Selvathas were the judges for the carols contest. The community of Tuty won the first prize for their overwhelming performance and the Mangalagiri community was given the second prize for their enthusiastic rendition. The rationale for judging criteria was beyond questioning. Evidently everyone's contribution was vibrant and enthralling. The postulants too popped up their performance and were appreciated by many. Bro.Panneer conducted the quiz related to Christmas during the jubilation and the prizes were given instantly. It was fun and frolic. As the programme was descending to conclude, Bro.Auxillary visitor shared his Christmas message in an encouraging impressive tone. The programme came to an end with a hymn to our Founder which

was sung in Tamil with a new Tamil Version translated by Bro. Bonaventure. The celebration ended with a delightful dinner. It was toothsome.

Indeed, it was a fascinating, incredible and awesome Christmas Celebration to relish.





YOUNG BROTHERS FORUM

“Variety delights” is the idea that bedecked our vision as we gathered together to design a programme for the year for the members of the forum. “A La Salle Brother is a narration of holiness” was topic that we delved in as our recollective commencement of the year long programme. We spent a whole day on that. We planned our second gathering as an interactive input session.

The third leg of our programme was the formees get together. It was an epoch making event as similar programme never took place.

Formees Get-together :

It was during last week of advent, we had a wonderful Celebration of Christmas for our formees from various levels of formation in India. We were able to witness a family reunion by this Christmas Celebration held at Mangalagiri, India on 19th December 2021. This Joyful event was successfully organized by the Young Brothers Forum, Brs. John Peter and Arockia Samy with the guidance of young Brothers' In charge Br. Jerald. There were many activities organized to make the celebration a great and memorable one.

It was blissful to be with Postulants, Aspirants, and juniors and along with other Brothers for the morning worship with grateful heart to God to let Him accompany the following program in a spiritual way. There was an orientation for the candidates to get to know the Brothers' name and mission experience during the morning session.

The candidates were divided in groups of three namely Brs. Austin, John Motha and James Kimpton. All of them involved themselves fully in fun games. The fun games for the enjoyment as well to learn with various actions were part of the activities. In a special way the fun games helped coordinating their ideas and executing their new thinking Pattern. It was happy to see formees' organizing capacity on every activity.

Cultural programs were excellent and notable events of all. English Drama and carols beautified the program. This also helped them to introspect their inner talents. Br. Auxiliary Visitor gave us a thought provoking message on women role in the Holy Bible. Sharing of Christmas gifts and prizes also for winners of organised competitions were given during the program. We all witnessed the happiness of formees throughout the event. We concluded the day with Holy Mass and sharing of a delicious Christmas meal with Brothers from La Salle and Keelamudiman communities.



A FORMATIVE PERSPECTIVE

FORMEES – MELA – GALA AT JUNIORATE

On 19th December For the first time ever in the annals of the Indian Sector
The young Brothers Arockia Samy and John Peter organized the formees' get -together
Under the Guidance of Mentor Br. Jerald the MELA was held in the sacred Premises
The vigorous teens of juniors, English scholars aspirants, exuberant postulants and a Holy Novice
had their Christmas Gala commenced with a big bang and commemorated it in full of beans.

The ambience is glittered in a rainbow colors
The premises were decorated in s erial bulbs
Celebration went on raising the roof
Keeping our chins up and keeping our pecker up.



Schedule of the day was well set
Setting, that facilitated them into groups they met
Engaging themselves in kinetic sports at the dawn
Daylight is swung up in vigorous with fun games by noon.

With boisterous conation events and cognitive games -that
Drained them that they were dog exhausted in their groups
With refreshments and diversion once gain back to the cart
Playing and participating they experienced their legs were barking.

The much awaited Christmas feast was rolled out with a Cultural Programme
While the message of sharing was the skit, the postulants enacted
And the English scholars from Thendral left us a theme of compassion and ki ndness
And juniors proved themselves to be singers with their Christmas carol singing.

Bro. Auxiliary visitor highlighted the virtues of Mother Mary and Elizabeth in his talk
And distributed the Christmas gifts to the formees
Formees as well as a few guest Brothers partook in the Divine Sacrifice
With this spiritual food, the gathered crowed set out for Christmas meals.

Bro. Jerry expressed his gratitude to Bro. Auxiliary Visitor for this chance
And for the valuable time wi th formees and for his supporting Presence
He thanked the young Brothers for the good organization and formees for the brisk participation.
And it eventually came time to say sayonara and with good memories they left for their destination.

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