

# **DON BOSCO COLLEGE**

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## THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Dr. A. Maria Soosai, SDB,

Rector and Principal, Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri.

Date: January 28, 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Venue: Open Auditorium

## Good morning to one and all!

The most cherished Chief Guest, Dr. M. Arumugam, Professor, Department of Zoology and Chairperson, School of Life Sciences, University of Madras, Chennai; honorable Vice-Rector and Principal of Don Bosco College of Education, Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis, SDB; respected Vice-Principal, Rev. Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu, SDB; beloved Administrator, Rev. Fr. S. Bharathi Bernadsha, SDB; dedicated Additional Vice-Principals, PRO, COE, Deans and Academic Coordinator; esteemed Heads of the Departments, Faculty and Staff, Alumni, Well-wishers, Friends and my dear Students; representatives of the media, distinguished invitees, ladies and gentlemen!

It is a moment of pride and pleasure for me to welcome all of you on the occasion of the  $10^{\rm th}$  Annual Day celebration.

As we approach the end of this Academic Year and our ten years of service towards providing quality education, since our inception in 2007, we take this opportunity to acknowledge the Almighty God for His abundant blessings and constant guidance from our Patron, Saint John Bosco.

I take immense pleasure in presenting the  $10^{\rm th}$  Annual Report of the College documenting its developments and achievements for the year 2016-2017.

The Annual Report of the College celebrates the strength of the Don Bosco College community. The report encompasses the entire College experience by sharing the year's accomplishments, celebrating student and faculty achievements. The College experience follows an arc that begins with admission and travels through teaching-learning, student life, examinations, and culminates in alumni engagement. Highlighted within the report are stories about the ways that current and former students are learning, living, exploring and connecting.

Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, a constituent of the Don Bosco Group of International Educational Network of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Chennai Province, Tamil Nadu, is wholly devoted to the training and equipping of young minds for a challenging and fulfilling career, under Periyar University, Salem.

Don Bosco College was established in 2007 with 258 students and at present it has 2389 students on its roll, with 10 U.G. courses, 8 P.G. courses and 4 M.Phil. courses. MSW (Master of Social Work) course and U.G. course in DPM (Digital Print Media) are two specialised courses run by this College. In the past ten years, the College has grown in various dimensions and has been tirelessly proceeding to achieve its goal.

#### **COLLEGE STRENGTH**

❖ The strength of First Year : UG - 648, PG: 176 and M. Phil: 19,

totaling to 843 students.

❖ The strength of Second Year : UG - 615 and PG: 224, totaling to

839 students.

❖ The strength of Third Year : UG - 718 students.

The College comprises of 100 educated, trained, experienced and dedicated teaching faculty and 32 support staff including clerical staff, bus drivers, lab assistants, library staff and office personnel. We duly appreciate the tremendous cooperation on the part of everyone associated with this institution who have strived their best to mould our students to work hard to make their dreams and aspiration come true.

## **DEVELOPMENTS**

Always, new developments help us to realize the expansion of the College. For this year, the Rector and Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. Maria Soosai, SDB, continues to be the Principal of the College. Rev. Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu, SDB, serves as the Vice-Principal of the College. Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis, Principal of Don Bosco College of Education became the Vice-Rector of the College. Rev. Fr. S. Bharthi Bernadsha, SDB, has joined our team of teaching faculty in the Department of Physics and serves as Administrator of the College. Mr. M. Periyasamy and Mrs. G. Leelavathi serve as Additional Vice-Principals; Dr. R. Venkatesh works as Public Relations Officer; Mr. S. Vadamalai remains as Controller of Examinations; Mr. A. Muruganantham and Mrs. S. Maria Christy serve as Deans of Students; and Mr. I. James remains as Academic Coordinator.

We intensely concentrate on developing the infrastructure of the College every year. Don Bosco Bicentenary Hall was constructed above the Canteen for the purpose of conducting seminars, conferences, workshops, animations, etc., and it was blessed and being used now. The statue of St. John Bosco was beautifully placed at the entrance gate of the College, in view of welcoming and embracing the students. New toilets were built for boys and girls separately, and staff toilets are due for renovation. A store room was constructed for the College office, Sports and NSS.

For quality, this year Communicative English course is strengthened and effectively carried out. In a variety of disciplines, the Certificate and Skill Development Courses were introduced to students to develop new skills and build

expertise in a specialized area, and to update their professional profile, advance their career, or broaden their knowledge base.

This year, quality students were admitted. The Merit Scholarship was introduced to first year students who have secured 900 and above marks in HSC examinations. All possible scholarship tapping is always done. Annually, we receive various scholarships of Governmental and Non-governmental, to a tune of Rs. 50 Lakhs. Indeed, we are delighted by the generosity of Mr. Kulandai Francis, Founder and President of IVDP, Krishnagiri, who has been expending financial aid to our orphan and semi-orphan students. He will be surely remembered and fully rewarded by St. John Bosco.

On every Wednesday, our faculty members are animated with motivational talks and clips of videos. The staff were given orientation on SEPP (Salesian Educative Pastoral Plan) and guided carefully to implement the same in their teaching and learning and preparation of College Calendar and Departmental Planner.

#### UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

Students were constantly encouraged of their higher levels of thinking and learning; offered an individualized, systematic, and structured learning experience; motivated self-paced and self-directed learning; increased understanding of course content materials; developed studying and learning strategies; and assisted in improving their grades.

The performance of our students in the University Examinations is consistently good and satisfactory. The pass percentages of the University Examinations are as follows:

Undergraduate Results : 61.7 %

Postgraduate Results : 62.7 %

M.Phil. Results : 83.6 %

The Overall Pass Percentage is 70.2 %.

## LIBRARY AND LABORATORY

The College library has a collection of 14,432 books. It subscribes to 27 Magazines, 29 Journals, and 13 News Papers. The total number of books added during the current year was 814. The Library Committee altered the seating arrangement in the library to create space and to allow in more light and air. The computer and internet facilities are now available to the faculty and the library staff within the library itself. The work of manual catalogues was updated.

The Computer Laboratory's 205 computers are interconnected in a local area network with a central server system. It has a full-time System Administrator and three support-staff. It has four Labs with Broadband and Wi-Fi and LCD projector facility.

We are also side by equipping Chemistry, Physics and DPM Labs with more apparatus.

The research cell has been established to implement the research policy of the College and to promote the culture of research and innovation.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

## 1. Academic Achievements by Faculty

Our Faculty members make outstanding contributions across academic, professional and research arenas. We are proud to recognize, reward and celebrate their achievements on this day.

- ❖ Ms. M. Savitha Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, was awarded with a Doctoral Degree by Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, in 2016. We congratulate her for her hard work and achievement.
- ❖ Mr. K. Chandran, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics; Mr. G. Gopu, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce; Mr. M. Thirupathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce; and Mr. S. Silambarasan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, were qualified from TNSET Exam, held by Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, in 2016. We rejoice over their achievements.

## 2. Academic Excellence by Students

The hard-working and sincere students have always brought us laurels. The number of graduates passing through the portals of the College, records a steady increase. This year, we have two outstanding University Gold Medalists: Edmund Kerketta of M.S.W. and M. Prema of B.Sc. (DPM).

We have a list of students who excelled in Periyar University Final Examinations; they are selected for the award of Academic Excellence on this day:

## **Under Graduate Students:**

- ❖ M. Prema of B.Sc. DPM with 82.37% stood first,
- ❖ R. Lakshmi Kantharaj of B.Sc. DPM with 78.83% stood second,
- ❖ V. Ravi Prasanth of B.Sc. DPM with 75.19% stood third, and
- ❖ K. Vigneshwaran of B.Sc. DPM with 70.36% stood fourth.

## **Post Graduate Students:**

- ❖ Edmund Kerketta of M.S.W. with 85.32% stood first,
- ❖ Robin Kujur of M.S.W. with 84.57% stood second,
- ❖ U. Goperum Dhivya of M.A. English with 72.79% stood third,
- ❖ T. C. Thilagavathi of M.S.W. with 83.83% stood fourth,
- ❖ A. Varghese Loyola of M.S.W. with 82.13% stood fifth,
- ❖ Amir Toppo of M.S.W. with 81.71% stood eighth, and
- ❖ David Dhan of M.S.W. with 80.88% stood tenth.

#### M.Phil. Research Scholar

❖ K. Victoriya Keren Happuch of M.Phil. Commerce with 89.33% stood fifth.

## 3. Proficiency Award for Staff

Every year, Don Bosco College recognizes staff excellence with several categories of Staff Awards. The recipients support outstanding teaching, research and service across the College. They are motivated, dedicated, smart and innovative. These awards go to 65 staff of our College who have secured 90% and more results.

## 4. Proficiency Award for Students

Also, the College recognizes students' excellence with several categories of Student Awards. These awards go to 39 UG students and 17 PG students.

## 5. Cash Award to Centum Holders

This year, 14 students will be receiving cash award of Rs 1000 for achieving centum (100%) marks in each subjects.

## 6. Mariyamma-Matthai Adukanil Memorial Award

The Management encourages awarding, the existing two best students from the Department of English, who held first rank in the University Exams. We whole heartedly thank Rev. Fr. Matthew Adukanil, SDB, for his generous contribution to us.

#### NATIONAL SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Seminars/workshops give us intensive exposure to a topic through presentations and discussions led by multiple experts. Seminars/workshops are an ideal opportunity for people who want to study a topic in depth, but do not enjoy reading or have the time to take classes. By asking questions, taking detailed notes and being prepared for each day's events, you can leave a seminar with a wide range of knowledge in a specific field.

- **❖ The Department of Business Administration** organized a National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Human Resource Management*.
- **❖ The Department of Chemistry** conducted a National Seminar on *Fusion of Future Chemists in Medicinal Applications*.
- **❖ The Department of Commerce** organized One-Day National Seminar on Recent Challenges and Opportunities in Entrepreneurship.
- **❖ The Department of Computer Science** conducted a National Symposium on *BIT CRACK 2016* and a Workshop on *3D Game Development.*
- **❖ The Department of Digital Print Media** organized a State Level workshop on *ADOBE IN DESIGN*.
- **❖ The Department of English** organized a National Seminar on *Contemporary Theories and Literature DB MUSE 2016.*

- **❖ The Department of Mathematics** conducted a National Seminar on *Recent Developments in Mathematical Models*.
- **The Department of Physics** conducted a Workshop on *Physics Practical*.
- ❖ The Department of Social Work organized a Two-Day National Seminar on Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture and Water Management: A Field Based Presentation.
- ❖ The Department of Tamil conducted a Workshop on Anbil Sirantha Thavam Illai and a Seminar on Vetriye Veliye Va:.

By providing a conducive and encouraging environment, the students are mentored to carry out the entrusted responsibilities alongside their curricular activities.

- ❖ Exhibition: Various exhibitions were organized by the Department of Chemistry, Computer Science, Digital Print Media, English, and Social Work on various themes. The students exhibited their outstanding talents through various experiments, models, reuse of materials, organic and comprehensive farming, craft works, etc. The Principal congratulated and appreciated all the efforts and hard work put forth by the students under the guidance of the Department Mentor, HOD and Class Mentors.
- \* Study Tour: The II PG students of the Department of English visited the American-British Library, Chennai, in order to collect relevant source for writing their projects. The II PG students of Department of Social Work went for a study tour to Delhi in the month of October. During the trip, they visited some of the NGOs in Delhi, and studied systems and functions of institutions.
- ❖ Industrial Visit: Industrial visit has its own importance in a career of a student who is pursuing a degree. It is considered as an additional part of College curriculum. The main objective of industrial visit is to provide students an insight into internal working of companies. As we know, theoretical knowledge is not enough for making a good professional career. With an aim to go beyond academics, industrial visit provides student a practical perspective on the world of work. It provides students with an opportunity to learn practically through interaction, working methods and employment practices. It gives them exposure to current work practices as opposed to possibly theoretical knowledge being taught at college. Some of the Industrial Visits are outlined as follows:
  - o The students of II B.A. English visited Dhinamani Press, Dharmapuri.
  - o The students of I and II B.B.A. visited Hutsun Agro Private Ltd, Palacode.
  - o The students of III B.Com., III B.Com. (CA), and II M.Com. visited D.S.S. Subramaniya Siva Co-operative Sugar Mills Ltd, Palacode.
  - o The students of II and III B.Sc. DPM visited various Printing Industries in Dharmapuri.

- o The students of III B.Sc. Physics visited the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Kodaikanal.
- o The students of II M.Sc. Chemistry visited the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam.
- ❖ Charity: To give back to the society for various noble causes, activities and support for the needy, our students of Department of Social Work mobilized funds to Mercy Home, Sogathur, Dharmapuri for the mentally retarded children and needy individuals. In harmony, they celebrated the Christmas celebration with the orphan children.

## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

The Department of Physical Education and Sports divided its activities in two broad categories i.e. intramural and extramural. The Sports-persons of Don Bosco College have been consistently performing well since the inception of the College in the events like Ball Badminton, Cross-country Race, Athletics, and Yoga. Coaching, training and fitness classes were also organized by the Department to form all these teams.

The teams participated at various levels like Intercollegiate, State and National throughout the year.

- M. Antony Lawrence of II MSW won the Championship Trophy in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Cross-Country Race for Men*, held at Periyar University, Salem.
- V. Priya Dharshini of II B.Sc. (Physics) won the Gold Medal in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Chess Tournament*, held at Periyar University, Salem.
- ❖ N. Mullaivendan of II M.Sc. (Physics) won the Gold Medal in **Periyar University Intercollegiate Taekwondo Tournament,** held at Periyar University, Salem.
- \* R. Vignesh of III B.Sc. (Maths) 'B' won the Silver Medal in **Periyar University Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament for Men,** held at Periyar University, Salem.
- ❖ C. Anbarasu of I B.Sc. (Maths) won the Bronze Medal in **Periyar University Intercollegiate Chess Tournament**, held at Periyar University, Salem.
- ❖ S. Sri Aravind of III B.C.A. won the Bronze Medal in **Periyar University Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament for Men**, held at Periyar University, Salem.
- ❖ S. Moorthy of III B.C.A. won the Bronze Medal in **Periyar University Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament for Men,** held at Periyar University, Salem.
- The College won the Championship Trophy in Jaihind Volleyball Open-to-all Tournament held at Bargur, Krishnagitri District.

- ❖ The College won the Overall Championship in State Level Thiru's Open-toall Hockey Tournament held at Salem.
- ❖ The College secured the Third Place in Periyar University Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament for Men held at Muthaiyammal College of Arts and Science, Salem.
- ❖ The College won the Runner-up Trophy in **Periyar University**Intercollegiate Football Tournament for Men held at Periyar University,
  Salem.
- ❖ The College won the Overall Championship Trophy in The Chief Minister Open-to-all Kabaddi Tournament held at Krishnagiri.
- ❖ The College won the Overall Championship Trophy in State Level Kabaddi Tournament held at Dharmapuri.

## **CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In conjunction with regular classes and timely completion of syllabus, the formation of students is ensured through:

- ❖ Bridge Course in English and Subject Bridge Course were conducted for all the freshers at the beginning of the academic year in June.
- ❖ The strength of student-teacher relationship is our ability to gauge the strong points and weaknesses of our students. Orientation programmes were conducted for the new faculty and fresh students in July.
- ❖ Extra couching classes were offered for the advance learners in each class with the aim of achieving University ranks.
- \* Remedial classes were conducted for the slow learners.
- \* Regular Unit Tests, Cycle Tests and Model Exams were conducted to enable students to write the University Exams in a better way.
- ❖ Counseling is given to students in order that they might handle conflicts, set goals and build a healthy relationship with others.
- ❖ Students are given library and net based assignments, presentations and media education.

#### ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of the Associations was held on June 29, 2016. On this occasion, Father Principal, gave an introductory speech on the significance and functions of the Academic Associations, Committees and Clubs.

❖ **The SPARK Association** of the Department of Business Administration conducted an Awareness Programme on *HR Policies and Practices* and a Departmental Competition on *Business Quiz*.

- ❖ The Spectrum Association of the Department of Chemistry organized a Field Visit to Rasi Pipes Company Pvt. Ltd, Thadangam and an *Industrial Visit to IGCAR*, *Kalpakkam*.
- **The Wall-street Association** of the Department of Commerce conducted Awareness Programmes on *Bank Jobs* and *Entrepreneurship*.
- **❖ The DIVINE Association** of the Department of Computer Science organized a Workshop on *Multimedia*, Computer Literacy Programme and GIPSY.
- **The New-wave Association** of the Department of Digital Print Media organized *Incredible Art* and *Movie Presentation*.
- ❖ **The Prospero Literary Association** of the Department of English conducted a Departmental Competition on *Poetry Declamation*, an Interdepartmental Completion on *Elocution* and a Departmental Competition *on Poetry Declamation*.
- ❖ The Ra:manujam Association of the Department of Mathematics organized School Visit to Govt. Hr. Sec. school, Indur and an Interdepartmental Quiz Competition.
- ❖ **The Einstein Association** of the Department of Physics conducted a *National Conference* on September 29, 2016; and an *Interdepartmental Quiz Competition* on January 11, 2017.
- **❖ The Rainbow Association** of the Department of Social Work organized a *Rural Camp to* Visuvasampatti and an *Educational Tour* to Delhi.
- ❖ The Adhiyan Tamizh Mandram of the Department of Tamil conducted a Literary Session on *Va:zhkai Nam Kaiyil*.

#### CO-CURRICULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of Clubs of the College was held on June 29, 2016. It is wonderful to note that our students can do commendable service to the society through various club activities of the College.

- ❖ **NSS** conducted *Yoga Classes* to students; visited *Mercy Home* at Sogathur; organized *Child Labour Awareness Rally*; and conducted *Rural Development Camp* from Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 at Attukaranpatti, Sogathur.
- ❖ YRC organized a camp on *Blood Donation* and *Leadership Training Programme*.
- **❖ Citizen Consumer Club** organized an Awareness Programme on *Consumer's Rights and Duties*.
- ❖ Feminine Federation conducted *LIFE Skills* for Married Girls and for Unmarried Girls.
- **Eco-Friendly Club** made a visit to the *Forest* and planted *Saplings* around the College campus.
- ❖ **Media Club** conducted a Workshop on *How to Write Articles*.

- **EDC** organized an Awareness Programme on *Entrepreneurship*.
- ❖ With the support of the Management, **Mid-day Meal Cell** supplied mid-day meals to 125 poor students at a concessional rate.
- ❖ **Fine Arts Club** participated in a *Drama Camp* for 10 days at Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur; and staged a *Drama on Don Bosco* at our College, Dharmapuri.
- ❖ **Placement Cell** motivated and trained the final year students along with Quest Alliance, Chennai and DB Vazhikatti, Chennai throughout the year to identify and develop their personal skills.

The College conducted regular blood donation camps, medical camp, awareness programmes and many such activities for the well being of the society.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Extra-curricular activities and work experience allow students to get handson experience in the field they will be working in, make connections with different people and improve their social skills. The College offers excellent opportunities to the students to show case their talents.

## **Sports Day**

Much to the joy of each student, the 10<sup>th</sup> Sports Day was celebrated on July 23, 2016, under the headship of Mr. M. Xavier Denise, Physical Director. The Chief Guest of the day was, Mr. Neelagandan, DSP, Dharmapuri. A varities of sports events were conducted. The Overall Championship Trophy was won by the Department of Computer Science. The Runner-up Trophy was won by the Department of English.

## **Cultural Fest**

The Cultural Day - BEST 2016 was celebrated on 13th August 2016. The theme for the day was *Sustainable Development*. The Chief Guests of the day was Rev. Fr. J. Vimal, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication cum PRO, Periyar University, Salem, and Mr. Vaazhavanthan, Regional Officer, Department of Town and Country Planning, Dharmapuri. On-stage events such as persona, dance, music, mime, variety, skit, etc., and off-stage events such as drawing, face-painting, collage, vegetable carving, etc. marked the gala event. The Department of English won the Overall Championship Trophy. The Runner-up Trophy was won by the Department of Mathematics and Tamil.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

## Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day was conducted by all the departments for the new UG and PG students in the month of June, July and August in order to welcome the new comers.

## **Independence Day**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2016. The National Flag was hoisted by the Principal, and delivered a speech on *The Real Freedom*.

## Teachers' Day

The Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September and paid a tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishan. The function witnessed cultural show comprising a classical song, group song and dances performed by students. The celebration came to an end with a humorous play by the staff members.

#### **Christmas Celebration**

Christmas is the spirit of giving rather than getting and spreading the value of love. Jesus Christ is the reason for this season as we commemorate the day as His birthday. Prayers and offerings were carried out conveying the massage of caring and sharing. Rev. Fr. Susairaj, Diocesan Property Officer, Dharmapuri, and Rev. Fr. Martin, Principal, Don Bosco Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Dharmapuri, were the guests of honor who conveyed the message of love and mercy. The function was followed by an entertaining singing, skit and dance put up by the students.

## **Pongal Festival**

This festival is also known as Tamizhar Thirunal. The College celebrated the Pongal festival in a grand manner on 13th January 2017. The Chief Guests of the day were Mr. A.S. Chinnasamy, State President, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Organization, Dharmapuri; Mr. A.T. Thirumalai, Thagadur Uzhavar Urpathiyalar Society, Harur; and Mr. R. Sivalingam, Managing Director, Siruthaniyam Urpathiyalar Society, Dharmapuri. Really this festival brought lots of happiness and joy in the College community.

## Republic Day

The 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated on January 26, 2017. The national flag was hoisted by the Principal and delivered a speech on *The Current Situation of our Country*.

## Alumni Day

The Alumni Association of the College organized Alumni Day on January 26, 2017, in order to ensure that the passed out students of Don Bosco College are still attached to their Departments and College. The association was credited to have given their support in all the activities of the students. They provided the College with feedback on the impact of Don Bosco College in Dharmapuri for the past 10 years.

## College Day

The 10<sup>th</sup> College Day is being celebrated today with Dr. M. Arumugam, Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Madras, Chennai, as Chief Guest.

#### Don Bosco's Feast

St. John Bosco, Patron, Father and Friend of youth, dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. The feast will be delightfully celebrated on 31st January. We bow ourselves before you, our most respectable and venerable Father. Because of you, we are here today.

## **Graduation Day**

The  $7^{th}$  Graduation Day will be organized on February 12, 2017. Dr. S. Leela, Controller of Examinations, Periyar University, Salem, will be addressing the graduates and conferring the degrees on the 580 graduating students.

#### **ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES**

Staying updated is the key to success in any field, especially in the field of education. Our faculty members constantly strive to stay updated, by attending workshops and various training programmes. Few of them are as listed:

- ❖ The newly joined faculty were oriented for four days by our Salesian Fathers here on "Preventive System" of Don Bosco's educational method.
- ❖ One day workshop was organized for all faculty members on performance related topics. The Resource Person of the day were Rev. Joseph Jeyaraj and Mr. Thaddeus Alphonse.
- ❖ One day animation programme was conducted for all faculty members on December 01, 2016. The Resource Person of the day was, Dr. Veeraragavan, Former Additional Vice-Principal, and Former Head, Department of Physics, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur.

#### MORAL LIFE FORMATION

## Value Education

Value Education, as it is generally used, refers to a wide gamut of learning and activities ranging from training in physical health, mental hygiene, etiquette and manners, appropriate social behaviour, civic rights and duties to aesthetic and even religious training. Value education classes, Morning Prayer assembly and class assembly are conducted regularly.

## Retreat

The Management organised One-Day Retreat for all students on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at College premises. In the forenoon session, spiritual orientation was given by the distinguished Resource Persons: Rev. M. Bosco, Parish Priest, Ootamalai, Rev. A. Periyanayagam, and Rev. S. Bharathi Bernadsha, Administrator, and in the afternoon session, counselling and guidance was given to students. Students positively responded to the call. All staff and students were widely benefitted by the programme. There is going to be another Lenten Retreat for all the Christian students on the month of March.

#### **Parent-Teacher Meet**

The College organized a Parent-Teacher Meet on 24th September 2016. Through its numerous activities and support make a positive contribution in sustaining the quality of educational transactions that takes place within the College. Their constructive criticism and valuable feedback has always been helpful and appreciated.

## Salesian Educative Pastoral Council (SEPC)

The Salesian Educative Pastoral Council (SEPC) was held on October 25, 2016 at 04:30 p.m. The Chair Person of the Council, was Father Rector and Secretary, welcomed and addressed the gathering. The invitees were Citizens of the town, Diocesan representatives, Sisters, HODs, officials, senior staff, parents, past pupils and Reps of final year students. This body provided the core of Academic Planning and activities and an evaluation to march ahead. The shared views were noted and peer reviewed to execute alongside teaching-learning aspect of the College.

## **CONCLUSION**

C.S. Lewis says, "We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

As another long eventful academic year comes to a close, we look back on the challenges encountered, the obstacles overcame, the hardships endured, and lift up our souls in gratitude to the Almighty God, for standing by us through all our trials and triumphs.

Rocked in the cradle of His Divine Love Nurtured and protected by Don Bosco We lash against the shores of time And strive towards excellence and empowerment.

Let me take this opportunity to thank our most honoured Chief Guest, Dr. M. Arumugam, Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Madras, Chennai, for being with us on this joyous occasion.

I express my indebtedness to all who in their own way have helped in raising the institution where it stands today. I owe my gratitude to all the members of management, HODs, officials and all staff members.

My whole hearted thanks to all parents and alumni who have been in touch with us during the year and their valuable suggestions helped us to improve. I look forward to your continued support in all our endeavours.

Dear students, my deep heartfelt thanks to all of you. I am sure that our collective endeavor shall take our College to greater heights in serving the society in a meaningful and positive manner.

God bless you!