

College Day Report 2013-14

Respected Dignitaries on the dais and off the dais, Good afternoon.

I am delighted to present before you the 49th annual report of Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil. I thank the Almighty for the wonders he has worked in the life and journey of our institution for the past 49 years through well wishers and stakeholders.

I dedicate all the activities and achievements of our college to the Holy Cross. The motto of our college is ...In the Cross and Mary is our Hope. Today as we celebrate Women's day I wish that each one of us be empowered by Mary, our mother.

On this special day, we pay homage to Mother Claudine Echernier, the foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross and Mother Marie Cecile Vionnet, the foundress of the college who envisioned a society wherein all people live life in its fullness.

Holy Cross College, the first women's college in Kanyakumari district was inaugurated in August 1965. The commitment, dedication and the team spirit of each member of the 'Crossian family' gave the credit with the status of 'A' grade with CGPA 3.34.

The College management committee comprises Sr.Hilda Mathias, President of the college, Sr.Basil Rose, Secretary of the college, Sr.Gerardin Jayam the Principal, Sr.Sahaya Selvi, the Vice Principal, Sr.Elsy Thatla the office Superintendent and Ms. Alankara Vasanthi, the staff representative.

During this academic year, there has been changes in the roles of the members of the management. I express my gratitude to Dr.Sr.Sophy, our mother superior who has been the controller of examinations for the past 2 years. I am happy to welcome Sr.Mesmin our former librarian, to assume the responsibility of Controller of examinations.

The college offers 13 UG, 12 PG, 4 M.Phil. and 4 doctorate programmes under autonomy. MBA and BA with CA are the Satellite Centre Programmes of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.

The activities of the college started with the reopening for the senior students on 20th June and for the I year UG students on 21st June. On 21st June the freshers along with their parents were given orientation on the history of the college, its Mission & Goal, along with rules and regulations. The Department of English organized a short term course on 'Take off with spoken English' for the I year students from 24th to 26th June.

The pass percentage in all the UG, PG and M.Phil. Courses, in the examination held in April 2013 is more than 70%. UG Mathematics both aided and S.F., Chemistry, History, English Literature, Computer Science, PG Physics, Biotechnology, Commerce, Zoology, Business Economics, and all M.Phil. courses got 100% result.

The inauguration of all the associations, clubs, committees and the installation of the College student council was held on 10th July 2013. Dr. Tamil Chelvam, the Registrar of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University was the guest of honour. The council members are:

President: K. Yobina Fathima, III B.Sc. Computer Science, Vice president: P.V.Adish Meera, III B.Sc.Mathematics, Secretary: Joanna, II B.Com with Computer Applications and Joint Secretary: Serumakani G, II B.Sc.Zoology

The student strength of our college is 2455. There are 150 committed teaching staff and 58 dedicated non-teaching staff.

The institution focuses on empowerment of all the members of the Crossian family by concentrating on the power that is within. So the Campus Animation Team organises value education classes, retreats, renewal and motivation programmes and competitions for the staff and students. The students of Jesus Youth accompanied by a faculty member participated in the 3 days camp Grace 2014 at St. Joseph's college, Trichy. All the Christian faculty members were given orientation to teach the Gospel of St. John.

The Research Committee of our college publishes the biannual multidisciplinary journal 'Crossian Resonance'. A biannual NEWSLETTER is published by IQAC. A national level seminar has been conducted by Crossian Research Forum. IQAC has organized a NAAC sponsored national level seminar on 'New perspectives and practices for quality enhancement in Higher Education' and also 'Examination Reformation' and 'Teaching and learning in the Digital Age' for all the faculty members. An orientation programme was also organized for 3 days for the junior faculty members.

Achievements of an institution depends on God's blessings, untiring services and involvement of the stakeholders.

Ms. Fernando Loretta, Ms. Josepin Rani, Ms. Mary Freeda, Ms. Mary Saroja, Ms. Mary Metilda Bai, Ms. Jeni Chandar Padua, Ms. Punitha, Ms. Anami, Ms. C. Braba, Ms. Nivetha and Ms. Josheela have been awarded Ph.D. degree. Three of our faculty members cleared NET. Dr. Ms. Jesi Isabella's scholar G. Kalaiselvi, Dr. Sr. Basil's scholars Ms. Punitha, Ms. Mary Metilda Bai and Ms. Jeni Chandar Padua, Dr. Sr. Rosalie's scholar Ms. Bojaxy, Dr. Shyla Suganthi's scholar Ms. Ganapriya and Dr. Mary Delphine's scholar Ms. Mary Freeda have been awarded Ph.D. Hearty Congratulations dear colleagues!

44 scholars are part time researchers, 21 are full time researchers and 8 of our faculty members have submitted their thesis. 15 of our faculty members guide the scholars. Dr. Brisca Renuga & Dr. Jeni Sanjana got research guideship from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University. Seven of the staff members are holding UGC sponsored Minor research projects and eight members have applied for minor projects and two members for major projects. The faculty members have published research articles in 12 international journals 38 national journals and 48 articles in proceedings with ISBN number. 8 books were published by our faculty. 8 of the faculty have presented papers in the International level seminars and 56 in the National level seminars. Our faculty have participated in 16 state level seminars, 92 national level seminars and 17 international level seminars. Six faculty are the subject experts in the Board of Studies and 24 of them have been the resource persons in other institutions.

I am happy to announce that the articles of Dr. S. Jayasurya and Dr. C. Jespin Ida in the journal of Asian Journal of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Environmental science has the highest impact factor 3.07. Six faculty members have published articles in journals with impact factor. Hearty Congratulations dear colleagues!

The faculty members went for a picnic to Thirparappu falls and Bonsai garden on 25th October 2013. The non-teaching staff also went to Courtallam along with their family members for their annual picnic. The faculty members of the dept. of English along with their retirees and family members celebrated Xmas. These relaxed moments made them to understand their colleagues better. A workshop on responsible freedom was conducted

for our non teaching staff members. They collaborate with our faculty in the conduct of all the common programmes of the college. They also participated in the competitions conducted in the college and won prizes.

The academically motivated staff members influence the students to participate in seminars, to present papers, to undergo summer training programmes and to excel in job fair. The students are exposed to 12 endowment lectures and 19 National level seminars in the institution. 1051 students participated in the seminars conducted in the campus and 247 in other institutions. 38 of them presented papers in the national/state level seminars and 6 of them in international level seminars. 160 students participated in the summer training programmes, 60 in the Inplant training programme and 449 students visited industries related to their discipline . Students of Biotechnology, Tamil, and French conducted exhibitions.

Educational tours are organized by all the departments. The students from the departments of Physics, Chemistry, Commerce with Computer Applications and History visited Thumba rocket station and watched the rocket launching on 19th February.2014.

All the I UG students of English Literature, Chemistry and History are doing the UGC sponsored Career Oriented certificate courses in Journalism, Clinical Chemistry and Travel and Tourism respectively. 475 students completed various certificate courses such as Computer Hardware,Tailoring & Embroidary, Handicraft, Painting, Jewel making, Bouquet making , Hair dressing & Bridal makeup which was organized from July to October 2013. All the III UG students undergo the certificate courses 'Human Rights Education' and 'Women's Studies'.

18 of our outgone students are pursuing their higher studies in B schools and other universities. 4 of them cleared NET and 13 of them cleared TET. 14 of them got placement in TCS and one in CTS, 7 in the IOB Bank, one in the Canera Bank and 3 in the postal department. The PG students, M.Phil. and Research scholars are motivated to write the CSIR-UGC SLET/NET examination through the coaching given by our faculty members.

The skill based courses offered under Holy Cross Academy motivate the UG students to become entrepreneurs. Career guidance is given to our students in collaboration with IIB, Athythia Academy, Jeyam Academy, Bharath Sevak Samaj and Marscane Educational Win Academy. With the support of TN Govt. 55 students underwent Entrepreneurship training. Two of our students are trained in Marscane Educational Win Academy and 38 in JPR typing institute . I appreciate the consistent efforts of the coordinators Dr.Shyla Suganthi and Dr.Jeni Sanjana.

Now, we will have a glance at the student supportive services provided by our institution.

Anti-ragging cell make the students sign in an affidavit, as recommended by UGC. When students bring complaints, the Grievance cell members and the Discipline committee members meet the concerned students and take necessary steps to solve the issues.

All the first year and III year UG students undergo a course in communicative English to improve their knowledge in English. English Newspaper is provided for each class every day. Remedial classes are conducted twice a week after the working hours by all the course teachers. Counselling has been given to all I and II UG students with the support of the organization 'Centre for Light'.

During this academic year 4 PTA meetings were held. We appreciate the encouragement and constructive criticism given by PTA and Alumni during the General body meetings. Alumnae day was celebrated on the same date and it was a journey down the memory lane. Alumni executive members along with our faculty members visited the well wishers in view of Golden Jubilee celebration.

210 students benefit from the Student welfare fund, amounting to Rs.92,060/- in order to help the financially poor students towards bus concession and examination fees. 497 students are supported by various scholarships amounting to Rs. 17,04,645/- The management and the well wishers have provided freeships, endowment prizes and scholarships to the students. The institution provides freeships to 4 sports students and fee concession to 29 students from S.F.stream amounting to Rs1,98,300/-.

The college aims at empowering students by providing opportunities for exhibiting their talents and leadership qualities. Student administration day was the initiative of the Quality Circle members. Fine arts week celebration brings out the latent talents of the students through cultural events 1430 students from all departments participated in 27 programmes and 348 won prizes.

CROSSINGS 2013 was conducted in collaboration with SIOL Quiz club, Pondicherry. Departments of Economics and History organized intercollegiate quiz competitions. Students of Physics won the I prize in District level Science exhibition. Our students participate in all competitions held both within the college and outside and bring laurels to our institution.

Our college athletic team won the overall championship in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in the 23rd Inter collegiate Athletic Meet. Our students participated in the M.S. University Intercollegiate Tournament and retained the overall championship. We are proud to say that there are 12 University Blues from our college. Our student Nanthini , II B.Com (S.F) represented India in the South Assian games held at Ranchi and won the silver medal for Discuss Throw. She also won the I place in Discuss throw and II place in Shotput in the national level south zone Junior Athletic championship. Interschool tournament was conducted by the Sports committee on Feb.19th , 2014. 92 Students from 5 schools participated in the tournament.

Now I would like to present a briefing of the **extension activities** of our college

Youth Red Cross and Red Ribbon Club conducted the blood donation camp in collaboration with government hospital at Asaripallam and 65 students donated blood. YRC conducted first aid camp for 2 days and 100 students participated and benefited from the programme.

Consumer club and Legal Literacy club organized a one day seminar for all III UG students on Human Rights. World environmental day and World breast feeding week were celebrated by Eco club. They conducted signature campaign in view of creating eco awareness. The staff and the students are instructed to use eco friendly materials.

The activities of Rotary Club are very remarkable this year. They conducted free medical camps- one in collaboration with AICUF of our college in Thalavaipuram and one in our college and 850 were the beneficiaries. Two of the AICUF students participated in the National level camp at Trichy

NSS units 76 and 77 have conducted special camps at Maravankudirruppu and Vallankumara vilai from 18th to 22nd November 2013. Independence day and Republic day celebrations were organised by NSS in the campus.

RUN (Reaching the Unreached Neighbourhood) programme has been carried out in, orphanages, old age homes and neighbouring villages Karthikaivadali, Thammathukonam, Chundapattivilai , Chinnavilai and also the Govt. Schools at Melasurankudy , Sundapattivilai and St.Antony's Hr.Sec. School, Kurusady and Bishop Arockiasamy Higher Sec. School, Maravankudirruppu. In the villages and schools they worked in collaboration with the Childline giving awareness program to the children and parents. The students also took survey and helped the senior citizens for their pension and also gave door to door demonstration on health, hygiene and saving habits.

H. share is an activity launched by all the departments to help the poor children of the locality. During the Christmas season the staff & students of each department shared with the less privileged people the Christmas joy in the form of material goods and variety entertainment to make the season memorable.

In view of the Golden Jubilee celebration, the students of English conducted a cultural event, students of Biotechnology had an exhibition on plant tissue culture and the students of Commerce (S.F) conducted eye donation camp and the department provided the students with 100 fruit bearing saplings. The students contributed to the flood struck people of Uthargand -Rs.3600/- Students of English (SF) conducted Interschool drama competition and they also distributed books and plants to Govt. school, Sundapattivilai. 50 members of SHG of Karthigaivadali, a neighbouring village were given self employment training on preparing washing powder & phenyl by the students of Economics department. 50 mentally challenged children of Oasis special school in Chettikulam were helped by the staff members from the department of Economics to purchase study materials and physiotherapy aids. The department of Computer Science has given free computer training to school students and Free computer literacy to other department staff members.

The students of MSW have organized 3 capacity building training programmes for different target groups .The beneficiaries of the programme were HIV/AIDS infected/affected people, SHG members and students. They mobilized funds amounting to Rs7947/- from the institution for the HIV/AIDS affected children for their educational needs. The students of MSW raised funds through the sales of phenyl for the welfare of old age home Our staff and students contributed Rs. 65,000/- towards the medical expenditure of one of our students and Rs.8550/for a parent.

Celebrations strengthen the bonds of healthy relationships and relax the minds and hearts.

Fine arts week, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas celebration with Bible crib competition, Campus fest, Mother foundress day, Pongal, Muthamil Vizha, Independence Day and Republic day celebrations are some of them. The retired staff members are invited to the institution by the staff of the respective departments on special occasions.

The 21th Graduation Day turned out to be a remarkable day of honour for the 739 students who reaped the fruit of hardwork. Dr.P.Annammal, the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education delivered the address and felicitated the graduates on 8th February.

Library day was celebrated on 8th August to promote the culture of reading . We have open access system in the **Library** with **45632** books 19 journals and 43 periodicals. There are 235 computers among which 115 are connected with the broadband system. The amount spent for books & journals is Rs. 4,09,557/-

Our college received Rs. 36.5 lakhs from UGC and Rs. 59.5 lakhs from DST under DST--FIST .During this academic year one more college bus was added and 3 class rooms & a staff room were constructed . Childline Nodal Organization, Central Bank of India, Roch Nagar branch and Day Care Centre are functioning in the campus.

I am happy to inform you that we have 380 students in the college hostel who are motivated by the wardens Sr. Leema Rose, Sr. Shanthi and Sr.Dominic. To make the hostel a home away from home, welcome day, para-liturgical services, Christmas celebrations, Competitions based on the Bible , are organized for the inmates .

We remember the service rendered by our faculty members Dr.Nirmala Vasantha, Dr.Benedictal, Dr.Thadeus Maria Ignatiammal, Ms. Kamala, Dr.Jayasuria, Dr Mary Helen and Dr.Nirmala Thangavelu with gratitude. We wish them God's abundant blessings in the years to come.

During this year Mr.Charles from Kadiyapatnam contributed Rs.50,000/- to organize an endowment lecture for the department of Commerce (S.F.) and the first batch of M.Phil students of Commerce contributed Rs.10,000/- as endowment scholarship. Fr.Joseph Angelo (Australia) contributed Rs.50,000/- as endowment scholarship in memory of his parents Mr.Angelo Fernando and Ms. Annammal Angelo.

Endowment prize for the faculty members whose research articles have impact factor by Dr. Josheela Rs. 10,000/-.

Endowment prize for M.Sc. Physics student, securing highest total in I M.Sc. by Dr. Benedictal Rs. 10,000/-.

Endowment prize for I, II and II UG History students who are financially poor by Dr. Mary Helen Rs. 20,000/-.

The out going students from the department of Commerce (S.F) (2011 - 2014) instituted Rs. 7500/- for the best outgone student in Accountancy paper.

Dr. Nirmala Vasantha instituted Rs. 10,000/- as proficiency prize for II B.Sc. & I M.Sc. students.

The following endowment scholarships also have been instituted this year:

Dr. Thadeus Maria Ignatiammal's scholarship for any deserving student in Botany, instituted by her children Mrs. Crispin Kavitha and Mr. Christo Kavin Rs. 50,000/-. Mother Emilie's endowment scholarship for a Botany student by Dr. Mercy Leelavathy (Alumni) Rs. 5,000/-. Mother Emilie's scholarship for a B.Sc. Botany student and a M.Sc. Biotechnology student instituted by Alumnae of Botany department Rs. 20,000/-We are grateful to them for their generosity.

We thank God for His blessings upon the members of this temple of learning. We are grateful to the members of the Managing committee, Governing body, Academic council, Boards of studies, finance committee, Planning and evaluation committee, examination and Award committee. I also thank Sr.Hilda Mathias, our president, Dr.Sr.Basil Rose, our secretary, Sr.Mesmin, the controller of examinations, Dr.Sr.Sahaya Selvi, the vice principal and all the staff and the students.

We are grateful to the officials of UGC, DST-FIST and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. We owe our thanks to the Director of collegiate education, Regional Joint Director of collegiate education, the Bishop of Kottar and the priests of the diocese, the district Collector and the officials of electricity board, BSNL, postal department, Asaripallam police station and all our well wishers.

We fondly remember Sr. Josita, who was the librarian from 1965-70 and Mr. Balakrishnan, member of the finance committee and part time lecturer in the department of Commerce from 1982-1998 who were called to enjoy the eternal bliss. May their soul rest in peace.

Our future plans are

-To construct the Golden Jubilee Arch, Golden Jubilee Hall and a vehicle shed.

-To promote collaborative research through MOU with national and international Organizations

-To tie up with the Government organizations in order to have socially relevant projects for UG and PG students

-To strengthen the ICT enabled teaching in the digital age.

-To celebrate the Golden Jubilee year with relevant and meaningful programmes

I appreciate and express my gratitude to all who have contributed their intellectual, economic, spiritual and human resources, towards the integral development of Crossian family.

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Glory and Gratitude to the Supreme power who has placed us amidst plenty in this campus.

Greetings and welcome to the dignitaries on the dais, off the dais, parents, well wishers, members of the faculty, support staff, students and media personnel,

This is a moment of surrender. I dedicate all the fifty years of golden harvest at the feet of the Holy Cross. Down these years 'In the Cross and Mary is our Hope' had been our *tharaka mantra* behind every successful move.

With grateful heart I present before you the 50th annual report of our Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil. I take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders who form the axis of this great monument of learning.

On this special day, we pay homage to Mother Claudine Echernier, the shepherdess foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavnod, France.

We register our heartfelt gratitude to the late Bishop of Kottar Rev. Agniswamy and Rev. Antony Muthu the then parish priest of Kurusady (Later Bishop of Vellore) who crucially associated themselves with the venture of starting the first Catholic women's Arts and Science college in the district.

Their aspirations and pioneering efforts began to lure the responsive hearts of Rev. Mother Yvonne Lavoral, the then Superior General, and the late Rev. Mother Marie Cecile Vionnet, the then Provincial of the Sisters of the Cross.

Prayerfully and beautifully the destiny of the young female population of K.K. Dist. began to be scripted here. Many are the architects who ought to be thanked for pouring their soulful strains into every brick of this building. We do remember them with love today.

Holy Cross College aims at forming well-integrated persons, who will strive to transform society, by meeting the challenges of life and taking a stand in the struggles of the poor and the marginalized.

The College management committee comprises of Sr. Hilda Mathias (President of the college), Sr. Basil Rose, (Secretary of the college), Sr. Gerardin Jayam (Principal), Sr. Mary Johncy (Vice Principal), Sr. Elsy Thatla (office Superintendent) and Ms. Alankara Vasanthi (Staff representative).

I express my gratitude to Dr. Sr. Sahaya Selvi, who has been the Vice Principal for the past 3 years and I am happy to welcome Dr. Sr. Mary Johncy our librarian, who has assumed responsibility as the Vice Principal during this academic year.

The college offers 12 UG, 10 PG, 4 M.Phil. and 4 doctorate programmes under autonomy. BA with CA is the Satellite Centre Programme of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University. PG course in English Literature (S.F.) has been added during this year.

The activities of the college started with the reopening for the senior students on 18th June and for the I year UG and PG students on 19th June. The freshers who came along with

their parents were given orientation on the history of the college, its Mission and Goal, along with the rules and regulations.

The Department of English organized a three day programme on 'Take off with spoken English' for the I year students from 20th June.

The average pass percentage in all the UG , PG and M.Phil. courses, in the examination held in April 2014 is 88. PG students of Physics and Biotechnology, and M.Phil. students of Zoology and English have secured centum result.

The inauguration of all the associations, clubs, committees and the installation of the College student council was held on 9th July 2014. Dr. Chandralekha, the Principal of Sri Ayyappa College, Chunkankadai was the guest of honour.

The following are the student council members :President: Agnes Kayalvizhi , III B.Sc. Botany , Vice president: Sahaya Sobia, III B.A. History, Secretary: Terenshia , II B.A.History and Joint Secretary: Velankanni, II B.Com.

The student strength of our college is 2520. There are 140 committed teaching staff and 72 dedicated non- teaching staff.

The Campus Animation Team organizes value education classes, Personality development programmes, retreats, Holy Mass, Para-liturgical services, renewal and motivation programmes for the staff and students. They have also released a newsletter. 6 students along with a staff participated in Grace-2015 conducted by **Jesus Youth** in Trichy.

The Research Committee of our college publishes the biannual multidisciplinary journal 'Crossian Resonance'. A national level seminar has been conducted by the Crossian Research Forum.

The IQAC has published its biannual newsletter. Besides it has organized a seminar on Autonomy and Quality enhancement and a two day workshop on 'Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age' for all the faculty members.

A week long orientation programme on Communicative English was also organized for the junior faculty members.

Achievements of an institution depend on God's blessings, dedication, team spirit , perseverance and involvement of the stakeholders.

Ms. Lesly Fathima, Ms Ajith Sindhuja, Ms.Jimsy Asha, Sr.Leema Rose, Ms.Sowmya and, Ms.Ramalekshmi have been awarded their Ph.D. degree. Also Dr.Sr.Basil's scholar Mr.Arul Gandhi, Dr.Sr.Rosalie's scholar Sr.Leema Rose and Dr.Mary Delphine's scholar Ms. Krishnapriya have been awarded Ph.D. Hearty Congratulations dear colleagues!.

At present there are 43 scholars engaged in part time research, 15 in full time research. 4 of our faculty members have submitted their thesis. 16 of our faculty members are acknowledged research guides. 20 of our staff members are holding UGC sponsored Minor research projects. Faculty members have published research articles in 35 international journals 58 national journals and 20 articles in proceedings with ISBN number. Also they have published 4 books. 22 members of our faculty have presented papers at the International level seminars and 53 at the National level seminars. Also our faculty have participated in 13 state level seminars, 114 national level seminars and 22

international level seminars. 16 of our faculty are subject experts in the Board of Studies and 23 of them have been resource persons in other institutions.

I am happy to announce that the article of Ms. Dooslin Mary in the Journal of "Pharmaceutical research", the articles of Dr.Sr.Sahaya Selvi and Dr.Ramalekshmi in the Journal " Golden Research thoughts" and the article of Dr. Elizabeth Lucy in the journal "Research Scholar" have high Global impact factors. 11 faculty members have published articles in journals with impact factor. Hearty Congratulations dear colleagues!

On 20th October 2014, life was refreshed and renewed for our faculty at our picnic spot *Thalayana*. Nature sported a varied display of vivid colours and scene in Goa for our non teaching staff in the pristine beaches of Goa.

Faculty can always rely on the support of the supportive staff during common programmes. Their participatory role in the college competitions are highly commendable.

Academically motivated staff members influence students to participate in Association meetings, seminars, present papers, undergo summer training programmes and excel in job fairs. Students have been exposed to 12 endowment lectures and 13 National level seminars in the institution. 708 students have participated in National level seminars conducted in the campus and 135 in other institutions. 41 of them have presented papers in the national/state level seminars and 5 of them in International seminars. 128 students have participated in the summer training programmes, and 36 in the Inplant training programme. 450 students have visited industries related to their discipline. Students who have opted for French under Part-I conducted an exhibition. Our student Sujanya Jesus from the dept. of Biotechnology has gone to Japan to complete her project work. Roneshia Roch from the dept. of English has written her debut novella entitled "Wings" that will be released shortly. Congratulations dear students.

Educational tours are organized by all the departments.

All the I UG students of English Literature and Chemistry are currently pursuing the UGC sponsored Career Oriented certificate courses and Diploma courses in Journalism and Clinical Chemistry respectively.

585 students have completed various certificate courses such as Computer Hardware, Tally, Tailoring, Embroidery, Handicraft, Painting, Jewel making, Folklore, Bouquet making, Hair dressing & Bridal makeup conducted from July to October. All the III UG students take the extra credit certificate courses on 'Human Rights Education' and 'Women's Studies'.

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Computer Education. 13 students have availed driving license for 2 wheelers and 5 for 4 wheelers.

Student Support Services

Now, we will have a glance at the student support services in our institution.

The Anti-ragging cell gets the students' signature in an affidavit, as recommended by the UGC. The Grievance cell and the Discipline committee take necessary steps to solve student related issues.

English Newspaper is provided for all the classes. Remedial classes are conducted 4 days a week after the working hours by all the course teachers. Counselling is given to students by the organization 'Centre for Light'.

During this academic year 2 general body meetings and 2 departmental meetings of PTA were held. We appreciate the encouragement and constructive criticism given by PTA and Alumnae during the General body meetings. Alumnae day was celebrated on 9th Aug.

70 financially unsound students are helped to pay their examination fees and bus concession from the Student welfare fund, which amounts to Rs 59,450/- .1504 students are supported by various scholarships amounting to Rs. 48,21,567/- The management and the well wishers have provided freeships, endowment prizes and scholarships to the students. The institution provides freeships to 4 sports students and tuition fee waiver to 50 students from S.F. stream amounting to Rs.2,50,000/-

Student administration day is a successive initiative launched by the Quality Circle. 8 of our students have had their Leadership training programme in Coimbatore, organized by Xavier Board of Higher Education.

Fine arts week celebration has successfully brought out the latent talents of the students through cultural events .1200 students from the various departments have participated in 27 programmes and 460 have won prizes.

CROSSINGS 2014 was conducted in collaboration with SIOL Quiz club, Pondicherry. Departments of Economics and Tamil organized an intercollegiate quiz competition. 102 of our students have won prizes in the intercollegiate academic and cultural events held in other institutions.

Our college athletic team has won the overall championship in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in the 24th Inter collegiate Athletic Meet. We are proud to say that there are 14 University Blues from our college. Our student Nanthini, III B.Com (S.F) has won the Gold medal with a cash award of Rs.1 lakh and R.Kumari I M.A. History has won the silver medal with a cash award of Rs. 75,000/- in Discuss Throw. Our Basket Ball team has won prizes under the Chief Minister Trophy. Nanthini represented MSU in the interuniversity athletic meet in Mangalore and won the III place in Discuss throw. Interschool chess tournament was conducted by the Sports committee on Feb.11th. 20 Students from 10 schools participated in the tournament.

Extra Curricular Activities

Consumer club organized a one day seminar on Consumer Standards in collaboration with FEDCOT. YRC, RRC and Women's cell organized a 2 day camp on First

Aid.Awareness programmes on Suicide free Kanyakumari dist. and violence against women were organized by Women's cell & YRC. Eco club organized an Ebola virus Awareness programme and also inaugurated the 'Swacch Bharat' in Aug. 2014.The activities of Rotaract Club are very remarkable. They have conducted free medical camps at Thalavaipuram and in the college. Ten students from AICUF have attended the training programme in Trichy.

Awareness on Solid waste management was given to NSS students. Independence day and Republic day celebrations were organized by NSS in the campus. They have also participated in a seminar on Religious Harmony and have taken out a Rally during the Road safety week.

As part of the extension activities, the students of the RUN (Reaching the Unreached Neighbourhood) programme have chosen 10 neighbouring villages. Health Awareness programmes, health and hygiene education to children, visit to old age homes, tutorial coaching to school children, computer literacy to school children, demonstration on preparation of phenyl and washing powder to SHGs, awareness about CHILDLINE 1098 to the authorities in the hotels, schools, and to the public, conduct of free eye camp and free medical camps etc. are some of the remarkable activities. Chemistry students applied the skill learned through Clinical Chemistry in conducting blood identification camp at Kurusady.

H. share is an activity launched by all the departments to help the disadvantaged section in the locality. During Christmas season, the staff & students of each department visited the old age homes, Govt. schools, orphanages, physically and mentally challenged homes and shared their joy, making the season memorable and socially relevant.

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Celebrations do strengthen the bonds and pave way for healthy relationships. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas, Mother foundress day,Pongal, *Muthamil Vizha* etc. were celebrated with much pomp and splendor. The retired staff members are invited to the institution by the staff of the respective departments during such special occasions.

The 22nd Graduation Day turned out to be a remarkable day of honour for the 748 graduants who reaped the fruit of hardwork. Dr.S. Padmalatha, the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education delivered the Convocation address and felicitated the graduates on 14th February 2015.

Library day was celebrated on 7th August to promote the culture of reading. We have open access system in the **Library** with **46089** books 74 journals and periodicals. There are 258 computers and 115 are connected with the broadband system. The amount spent for books & journals for the central library is Rs. 3,34,458/- All the departments have their own departmental libraries and they enhance the number of books every year .

Our college has received Rs. 56.5 lakhs from the UGC and Rs. 59.5 lakhs from DST under DST –FIST, Rs.65,000/- from TNSCST for science awareness programmes to the locality. During this academic year one more college bus was added to the existing fleet. 3 class rooms & a staff room were constructed .

Childline Nodal Organization, Central Bank of India, CBSE School and Day Care Centre are functioning in the campus. I am happy to inform you that we have 320 students in the college hostel who are motivated by the wardens Sr. Leema Rose, Sr. Leeli and Sr. Dominic. To make the hostel a home away from home, personality development programmes, awareness programmes, welcome day, para-liturgical services, Christmas celebrations, Competitions based on the Bible and Farewell function are organized for the inmates .

We wish to place on record the phenomenal service rendered by the seasoned members of our faculty - Dr. Sr. Gerardin Jayam, Dr. Beaula Dasan and , Dr. Leema Rose and our supportive staff Ms. Lourdu Mary, Ms. Edmond Jenio and Ms. Mary Antony who are retiring from service this year. We wish them God's abundant blessings in the years to come.

I would like to present the **special programmes of the Golden Jubilee year.**

The Golden Jubilee year commenced on 2nd Aug 2014 with a meaningful liturgy followed by the blessing of the DST-FIST lab.

On 21st & 22nd August, a multidisciplinary Exhibition was organized by all the departments.

Students from more than 15 schools and colleges viewed the exhibits of our students and benefited from it. The range of their creativity was mind blowing.

In order to expand the green cover, 500 saplings were given to the people of Kurusady by the Dept. of History.

Department of Economics supplied Bean chair, furniture and other education materials to 50 mentally challenged students. They have also released a newsletter and a departmental magazine.

Department of Economics and Tamil organized State level intercollegiate quiz competitions. Intercollegiate Literary competition was conducted by the Dept. of English and Intercollegiate cultural extravaganza by the Fine Arts Club.

Dept. of Tamil organized a 10 day workshop on *Tholliyal nokil thamilum thamilar varalarum* in collaboration with *Chemmozhi Thamilayou Mathyia Niruvanam*, Chennai.

Dept. of Zoology organized Cancer Awareness Programme for all students on 11th Oct.

Dept. of Chemistry conducted Blood identification camp for the people of Kurusady and to our students.

Dept. of commerce has distributed school uniform to 50 students and bed sheets to 50 septuagenarians

Dept. of commerce (S.F.) conducted the Eye donation camp in *Pillaithoppu* and distributed 400 saplings to the locals of the hamlet and 100 saplings to students.

Sports Day was celebrated on a grand scale.

Special cover with special cancellation and "my stamp" were released by India Post on 12th Jan. 2015.

The Alumnae get together at Kanyakumari on 31st Jan. recreated nostalgically the atmosphere and ambience of bygone times in the Crossian Campus for the former students.

Dept. of Social Work has launched the HIV children education scheme. 38 spastic children were helped by the dept. of English (S.F.). Students of Botany took up parthenium eradication in the village of Kurusady. They have also adopted 4 children and support them in their education. Dept. of B.Com. with CA has distributed dress to 50 orphans studying in schools. The department of English (aided) has conducted a sale 'Shopping sans shopkeeper'. A session on Human Donation was conducted for all the staff members.

Awards Received

Dr.Sr.Basil Rose and Dr.Shyla Suganthi of the Department of Zoology participated and presented papers in the International conference in the Netherlands and in Germany respectively.

Dr.Jeyaseeli, Ms.Justin Beula, Dr. Sunitha and Dr. Jacquelin Jesulet of the dept. of Tamil were awarded the *Kavi Aayou Chudar* for presenting papers in an international conference by *Thamilayya Kalvi Kalagam*.

Ms. Shally, Ms. Shaji and Dr. Lesly Fathima have received the best paper presentation awards in the international / national level seminars.

Dr. Sr. Gerardin Jayam, our Principal has received the Dr. Sam Higginbottom award by AIACHE for being one of the best principals in India.

AIDS prevention and Control Board of Kanyakumari Dist. has awarded a memento and a certificate of appreciation for Blood donation.

Humanity Trust has awarded us the *Manitha Neyya Kavalar* award in appreciation of our socially relevant activities.

Indian Red Cross Society, Tamilnadu branch has awarded us the 'Best Performance Award'.

We thank God for His blessings upon the members of this temple of learning. We are grateful to the members of the Managing committee, Governing body, Academic council, Boards of studies, finance committee, Planning and evaluation committee, and the Examination and Award committee for their valuable contribution.

I also thank Dr. Sr. Hilda Mathias, our president, Dr. Sr. Basil Rose, our secretary, Sr. Mesmin, the controller of examinations, Dr. Sr. Mary Johncy, the vice principal and all the staff and the students. We are grateful to the officials of UGC, DST-FIST and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. We owe our thanks to the Director of Collegiate Education, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, our Bishops Rev.Dr.Peter Remigius and Rev.Dr.Jerome Dhas and the priests of Kottar and Kuzhithurai dioceses, the district Collector and the officials of electricity board, Transport, BSNL, postal department, All India Radio, Asaripallam police station, the Press and all our well wishers.

We fondly remember Ms. Kamala, the retired faculty of the Department of Botany and Mr. JesuRaj, the lab Assistant of the Dept. of Zoology who have left their mortal coils to enjoy eternal bliss. May their souls rest in peace.

Our future plans are

- To promote Value based education
- To construct the Golden Jubilee Arch and a Golden Jubilee Hall.
- To promote collaborative research through MOU with national and international Organizations
- To strengthen the ICT enabled teaching in the digital age.

I thank God for His ever increasing blessings, divine grace and inspiration. I appreciate and express my gratitude to all who have contributed towards the integral development of the Crossian family. With its immense potential, the college is already on its climb towards newer heights!

Annual Day Report 2016

Most honoured and esteemed chief guest of the day Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Remigius, our beloved bishop, my dear Colleagues and students,

I deem it a great pleasure and unique privilege to accord you all a cordial welcome. We are indeed fortunate to have our Bishop in our midst, who despite his multifarious responsibilities has spared time to be with us.

I am glad to present the 51st annual report of our Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil. I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, alumnae, parents, friends and well wishers who are inseparably intertwined with the ebb and flow in this temple of learning.

On this unique day, we pay homage to Mother Claudine Echernier, the foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod. We gratefully recall the unfathomable services rendered by former Bishop Agniswamy, Parish priest Bishop Antony Muthu, Superior General Mother Yvonne Lavoral, Provincial Rev. Mother Marie Cecile Vionnet, the pioneer sisters of this community, the Chief architects and the Labourers who planned meticulously and worked hard in raising the first Catholic Arts and Science college for women in the District.

Motto and aim:

The motto of our college is 'In the Cross and Mary is our Hope'. The College aims at forming well-integrated persons, who will strive to transform society, by meeting the challenges of life and taking a stand in the struggles of the poor and the marginalized. The students of Holy Cross College, living & learning in a clean eco-friendly ambience are motivated to become persons of character, conscience, compassion, commitment and competence who will nurture nature and humanity through their life and activities.

Our College : An overview

Holy Cross College, the first women's college in Kanyakumari District was inaugurated on 2nd August 1965 with 327 students in the 4 sections of Pre University classes. Today we have 2586 students pursuing 12 UG, 10 PG, 4 M. Phil. and 4 doctoral programmes. We also provide 3 UGC sponsored Certificate courses and various other certificate courses such as Computer Hardware, Tailoring & Embroidery, Folklore, Handicraft, Painting, DTP, Hindi, Jewel making, Bouquet making, Hair dressing & Bridal makeup under Holy Cross Academy. With the introduction of new courses, the strength of faculty has also increased to 138 and our supportive staff are 57 in number. The commitment, dedication, hard work and the team spirit of each member of the 'Crossian family' has given us the status of 'A' grade by NAAC.

A new Window opens . . .

In our efforts towards growing in academic excellence and societal consciousness a two day seminar with meaningful Eucharistic celebration was organized for both the teaching and the non teaching staff with the help of Fr. Patrick Antony Raj and his team priests from *Vazhikaatti*, Trichy on the penultimate day of our semester break.

The regular activities of our college for this academic year had its kick start on 19th June for the senior students with a prayer service organized by the Campus animation team. The Classes for the I year UG students commenced on 22nd June with an orientation programme for the freshmen students and their parents. The programme, followed by the campus tour helped them to fit seamlessly and overcome their transition blues. The History of our college, its, goals, vision, mission, objectives, expectations, rules and regulations were explained and the expectations of the parents were registered. To acclimatize the I UG students with the campus culture and the medium of instruction, a three day programme “Take off with spoken English” was conducted. I PG and M.Phil. students came in on 2nd July 2015.

Installation of the office bearers and inauguration of associations, clubs and committees:

The inauguration of various associations, clubs and committees was held on 9th July 2016 with Dr. Sr. Felicia Jothy, our former Principal and President as the Chief guest. After delivering the inaugural address, she installed the Office bearers of the College Union. The student union members are

President: Jasmine III B.Sc. Mathematics

Vice President: Terenshiya III B.A. History

Secretary: Sruthi II B.Com with C.A.

They have enthusiastically served as effective links between the College administration and the students with genuine interest, total sincerity and devotion.

Weaving well being into lives (CAT)

Campus Animation Team takes active interest in the spiritual formation of our students. They gave a meaningful start to the academic year with a prayer service. They hold the spiritual realm intact through regular value education classes, Holy Spirit mass, Personality development programmes, Renewal and motivation programmes, Para-liturgical services, Thanks giving mass on completion

of the 50th year, Meaningful celebration of Mother founder's day, Christmas and other religious festivals, Eucharistic celebrations on Ash Wednesday and a special retreat for the outgoing students. 9 students along with 2 staff members have participated in Grace 2016 conducted by Jesus Youth in Trichy.

Discipline as the rhythm of life

The members of the Discipline committee do their best to bring Discipline as a way of life by inculcating the values of cleanliness, team spirit, responsibility, regularity, punctuality, truth and justice through regular meetings and personal guidance to students. In our campus, discipline means not to conform but to learn. Corrections are given through empowerment. We give them the needed energy to transform.

Quality circle – Quality is their Watchword

The motto of the Quality circle of our College is “Quality for empowerment” and the circle achieves its target by promoting positive values, leadership skills and discerning ability of our students through talks, seminars and group discussions on various topics like discipline, time management, Healthy practices, good manners, Cleanliness, Goal setting, Career guidance, Grievance redressal etc. Student administration day is a successful initiative launched by the Quality Circle which has yielded amazing results

IQAC – Quality within is Quality without

Our College IQAC plays a significant role in maintaining the quality of our College. IQAC had organized a 2 day workshop on value based education for all teaching and non teaching staff, an orientation programme on Autonomy extension and a National seminar on “Teaching and Learning in the 21st century”. IQAC has also published its biannual NEWSLETTER in June and Dec 2015 respectively. The cell motivates the different departments. It tries to bring creativity and attention to small details and creates welcoming spaces for all stake holders to exhibit quality in academic and non-academic endeavours. Also it has an array of growth and development initiatives that ensure quality enhancement.

Curriculum steering Committee – Steering through calm and storm

Curriculum steering Committee, under the headship of Dr. Stella Bai, the Dean of Arts and Dr. Josephine Rani, the Dean of Science play a key role in updating the syllabus, organizing the Academic Council and connecting all the Departments of the College in its regular academic functions.

Orientation programmes for inner engineering

To sharpen the personal, intellectual and social skills of our staff, orientation programmes were organized by various resource persons. The programme on “Be an effective human being” by Fr. Devadoss, “ Be a quality teacher” by Fr. Immanuel Raj and “Be the change and see the change” by Dr. Josheela, Associate professor of English helped the staff to maximize their spiritual potential, find fulfillment in fraternal encounters and live life in an expanded state of consciousness. Faculty were also enlightened on the “Benefits of autonomy” by Dr. Jessy Isabella, H.O.D. of Commerce and Dr. Lourdhusamy, H.O.D. of Mathematics, St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai and the committee for autonomy extension visited our College on 1st February 2016.

College library – An archive of longings!

We have a bright, reader-friendly General Library with 46,664 books 74 journals and periodicals and 17 computers connected with the broadband system and digital resources. To promote the culture of reading, reflection, assimilation, understanding and expression among the staff and students, the librarian organizes regular meetings of the Readers Forum and conducts, Book review sessions. In addition, the Library day was celebrated on 3rd and 5th August on the theme “*Therivom Thelivom*”. In the library we follow the open access system. The amount spent for books & journals is Rs.3,24,458/-. Our library is well maintained, and books are neatly stacked with a visual appeal. Our academic library is also a partner in research, teaching, empowerment and enlightenment. Anyone who hops in can capitalize fully on this treasure to know oneself. It is a shrine of knowledge where work flow and people flow are well managed by our librarian cum Vice Principal Dr. Sr. Mary Johnsy.

Laurels and Recognitions

AIDS prevention and Control Board of Kanyakumari dist. has awarded a memento and a certificate of appreciation for Blood donation to the college. Appreciating our voluntary contribution for the empowerment of the visually challenged, the Indian Association for the blind has awarded the IAB Blind Empowerment Champion 2016 SILVER ZONE. In appreciation of the socially relevant activities of the institution, Humanity Trust has awarded the *Manitha Neyal Kavalal* award. Our College has been recognized as a member of Rotary International. We are proud to say that the International Women’s Peace Group has awarded the Best teacher Social worker award to our M.S.W. staff Sr. Leeli Mary.

Teachers as learners

Ms. Alby Grace and Ms. Anne Ferril from the department of English, Ms. C.K. Sunitha and Ms. Jamuna from the Department of Commerce, Ms. Sumathi from the Department of Commerce with

Computer Application, Ms. Sujin Flower from the Department of Mathematics have been awarded Ph.D. this year. One scholar each of Dr. Delphine, and Dr. Gerardin Jeyam the department of Physics, Dr. Lucy and Dr. Premalatha of the department of English, Dr. Ms. Jayasuriya of the department of Zoology, Dr. Regi of the department of History, have also been awarded Ph.D. by the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.

I am happy to inform that Dr. P. Mary Saroja, Dr. Mary Freeda, Ms. Priya Dharshini, Ms. Shally, Dr. Fernando Loretta, Dr. Josephine Rani, Dr. S. Ajith Sinthuja, Dr. Jespin Ida, Dr. Anami Augustus Arul, Dr. Brisca Renugha, Dr. Elizabeth Lucy, Ms. Virgin Nithya Veena, Dr. Sr. Sahaya Selvi and Dr. Ramalexmi have published articles both in our Crossian Research Forum and in Journals with Impact Factor. Dr. Angel Jebitha, Dr. Sujitha, Dr. Dooslin Mary, Dr. Sonia, Dr. Lesly Fathima, Dr. Leema Rose, Dr. Gladis Latha and dr. Sunitha have published articles in journals with Impact factor. On the whole our faculty have published research articles in 41 International journals 53 National journals and 72 articles in proceedings with ISBN number and 29 abstracts. I am happy to announce that Dr. Sr. Sahaya Selvi of the Department of Commerce has published one book and 8 research articles in journals with impact factor. 34 of our faculty have presented papers at the International level seminars and 48 of them at the National level seminars. Dr. Sheeba Daniel, Assistant Professor of Chemistry was given the best paper award both in a national and an international conference organized respectively by the Department of Chemistry, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil and St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai. 19 of the staff members have availed UGC sponsored Minor research projects. 25 faculty members are subject experts in the Board of Studies and 26 of them have been invited as resource persons in other institutions and 5 are members of the Inspection committees.

We are proud that Dr. Jeni Chander Padua, Assistant Professor of Zoology is serving as a member of the Executive Council in various District level Organizations working towards solving social and environmental issues. She has represented our college by actively taking part in organizing the SPIRIT OF INDIA RUN for National Integration and Environmental Conservation, along with the crew headed by Mr. Pat Farmer from Australia.

Creativity in all its glory!

The Department of Economics has published a Department News Letter and a Department Magazine. The Department of Commerce also has a Department News Letter. The Department of Tamil has brought out its annual '*Sarakonrai*' a vernacular magazine that is launched for budding poets and artists. The magazine is named after the golden loose spray of spring flowers that is sprouted by the Indian Laburnum (*Cassia fistula*) by mid-march. It is supposed to be auspicious

and is much in demand during *Vishu*-the Malayalam New Year. This magazine displays the creative urge of our young minds yearning for self-expression.

Our teaching staff Ms. Vinobha Gladis of the Department of History and our non teaching staff Mr. Maria Michael Antony and Ms. Amalorpavam have put in 100% attendance during this academic year.

Student Speak

The average pass percentage in all the UG, PG and M. Phil. courses in the examination held in April 2015 is 96.71. Our students of UG Tamil, PG Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biotechnology, Zoology, English, Business Economics, M.S.W and M. Phil. courses have secured 100% results.

6 of our out gone students have cleared NET, and 4 have passed the Bank examination. 63 students have received their placement order in CBSE/ Matriculation schools. 19 students have availed learning license for 2 wheelers and 4 for 4 wheelers. 102 students have participated in the summer training programmes, 25 in the In plant training programme and 379 students have visited industries related to their discipline.

Our students have participated in the intercollegiate quiz competitions conducted by St. Alphonsa Arts and Science College, Karungal, St. Alphonsa academy, Nagercoil; Kamaraj Kalaikazhagam, Women's Christian College, Nagercoil, Noorul Islam College of Arts and Science, Kumaracoil, St.Xavier's college, Palayamkottai, and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli and they have won several prizes.

Our students participated in the M.S. University Intercollegiate Tournament and bagged the prizes in football, Basket Ball, Ball Badminton and athletic events. We are proud to say that there are 8 University Blues from our college. Our student Kumari, II M.A. History won the Silver medal in Shot-put in Chief minister trophy and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 75,000/-. Karthika, Asha, Maria Anusiya and Jebin Ashiha of B.Sc. Mathematics, Fairly Jenifer and Maria Jonia of B.A. English Literature, Asha of B.Sc. Chemistry, Jesmini of B.Com. with C.A, Anto Diyana, Bharathi and Sindhu of II M.Sc. Chemistry, Arul Shajini of M.A. English Literature, Prema Rani of M.Com and Jancy Axila of M.A. Business Economics have put in 100% attendance during their course of study.

Cracking challenges through remedial teaching

Remedial coaching is a Government imperative carried out by all the Course teachers 4 hours a week after the regular working hours. This academic assistance has helped the student community to cope up with learning challenges.

Quiz/Seminars/conferences, endowment lectures:

In addition to the interdepartmental quiz competition, the Quiz club of our College has also conducted an interschool, and an intercollegiate quiz competition CROSSINGS 2015 in collaboration with SIOL Quiz club, Pondicherry.

To enhance the quality of education, the students have been exposed to 13 endowment lectures, 1 International seminar and 16 National level seminars in the institution. Our faculty have participated in 27 state level seminars, 116 national level seminars and 18 International level seminars.

The academically motivated staff members encourage the students to participate in seminars, to present papers, to undergo summer training programmes and to excel in job fairs. All the departments have conducted seminars/workshops/symposia. 28 students have presented papers in the International/National/state level seminars.

Exhibitions were organized by the Department of Tamil, French and Commerce. The PG and M.Phil students and Research scholars are motivated to take up the CSIR-UGC SET/NET examination and the UG students are given training to excel in Bank exam and TNPSC exams. Department of Commerce has organized a workshop on NET coaching

Research drives

The Research Committee of our college has published the biannual multidisciplinary journal 'Crossian Resonance' in June 2015 and Jan. 2016 and has organized a National seminar on "Recent trends in multidisciplinary research". 31 members of our faculty are doing part time research, and 4 are pursuing full time research. A good number of our faculty are guiding research scholars in the various disciplines. Five of our candidates have submitted their Ph.D. thesis.

Graduation – A day of launching!

On 19th March, the 23rd Graduation Day, 757 graduates were awarded their degree certificates in various disciplines. Dr. S. Cletus Babu, Founder Chairman, The SCAD group of Institutions, delivered the Convocation address, felicitated the graduates and gave away the certificates. Principal Dr. Sr. M.R. Basil Rose presented the annual report .

Retirement bliss

We wish to place on record the exceptional services rendered by the seasoned members of our faculty - Dr. Ms. Kamala Bai, Ms. Little Flower, Ms. Josephine and Ms. Padma and our members of the supportive staff Mr. Mahatma Thangam and Mr. James who are retiring from service this year. We wish them God's abundant blessings in the years to come. Their service will always be remembered.

Clubs and committees:

AICUF treads on paths rough and tough

With a view to expose our students to the realities of the society and to help them give awareness programmes for the villagers, our AICUF students enjoyed with a 7 day Summer Camp on "Visiting the Villages". They were also given a Seminar on "*Iyarkaiyai nesipom Iramaiyai swasipom*", a Cultural Training on "*Kiramiya Kalaigal*", a leadership programme and a course on Yoga for Health. They have organized a medical camp at *Thammathukonam*.

NSS and RRC standing tall with their service

Under the able guidance of Dr. Nirmala Lewis and Ms. Premalatha, the N.S.S. Programme officers, the N.S.S. volunteers and RRC members respond to the various needs of the community around with joy and dedication. In addition to dengue awareness programmes in 2 villages, the NSS units 76 and 77 organized a blood donation camp and free medical camp. Along with the District administration, the programme officers or/& the students participated in the human chain for HIV awareness, the Rally in view of Road Safety week, the greater participation for a stronger democracy, the Birthday celebration of Dr. Abdul Kalam as Youth awakening day, the National Voters day, and the EPIC enrollment. They also made arrangements for the Independence day and Republic day celebrations in the campus. Students of both the units participated in the 7 day mandatory camp organized at *Maravankudiyiruppu* on the theme "Youth empowerment for a Prosperous India" and created awareness among the public on Clean India, Green India, Health and hygiene and Women empowerment. Their actions speak louder than their words.

YRC – Their actions speak louder than words

YRC has conducted blood group identification and donation camp and awareness programmes on Tuberculosis and the use of Homeopathy medicines. They have participated in a rally on Voluntary blood donation day celebration and have also participated in the YRC study camp at Sree Ayyappa College for women at Chunkankadai. They bridge health care and society.

Rotaract Club – Going beyond the disciplines

The activities of Rotaract Club are very remarkable. Based on our remarkable contribution, the Rotary International has selected our College as one of the member Colleges. The staff in charge Dr. Mettilad Bai has taken utmost care to provide all round formation to students through regular meetings, talks, exposure programmes and social visits to the underprivileged sectors. They have also conducted free medical camps at *Thalavaipuram* village and in the college.

Legal literacy cell, Consumer club and Women's cell – Right to knowledge

Legal literacy cell, Consumer club and Women's cell have organized seminars on "World Food Day" and Human rights day and have attended a seminar on "Safe Foods". The members of these committees were also given awareness on The Constitutional Provisions for Women, Cyber crime, Human rights and Women's right.

Eco club – *Prakriti mitras* in action

As per the NAAC criterion eco-audit was conducted in the campus on Planting and preservation of plants, organic farming, health hazards, conservation of nature, recycling of waste, green audit, solid waste management, water usage, waste water management renewable source of energy and fuel consumption. Throughout the year one can find green thumbs in action in the campus.

Extension activities – Waking the extra miles

RUN (Reaching the Unreached Neighbourhood) programme, the extension activity of our College was carried out in the Kanyakumari parish. The students propagated the theme "Governance from below" as the way to solve most of the existing problems by forming children's parliament based on the numerical distribution of houses in the neighbourhood. The students were trained on data collection, SWOT analysis and Resource mapping to study the real situation and to work on it for further development of the adopted place.

Our staff Sr. Leeli Mary, Sr. Jothy Antony and Sr. Leema Rose and students Sr. Monica and Sr. Prema have actively participated in the flood relief work at Kadaloor. We also extended our service to the affected people through charitable organization like KSSS and DEEPAM.

The students of MSW have organized 3 capacity building training programmes for different target groups. The beneficiaries of the programmes were HIV/AIDS infected/ affected people, SHG members and students. They mobilized funds amounting to Rs.22000/- for the HIV/AIDS affected children to meet their educational expenses.

Social visits to assist

H. share is an activity pursued by all the departments to help the economically disadvantaged children of the locality. During the Christmas season the staff and students of each department shared their resources and joy with the less privileged people in the orphanages, care homes for the aged, the physically challenged and the mentally challenged. They were also entertained with carols, dances and other cultural events. It is a golden opportunity given to our students to know the society and to share their wealth.

Elegance combined with rustic homeliness – Chittar dam

The staff members both teaching and nonteaching went on a picnic to Chittar Dam where consciousness, mind, self, life principle and information had a free play. It was a Lovely day of unwinding on the lap of Mother Nature. Our final year students were taken to different states of India on study tours and excursions, where they were able to access the higher dimensions of life.

Celebration reveries

Celebrations strengthen bonds, promote healthy relationships and relax the mind and heart. Alumnae day was celebrated on 8th August. Mother founder's day, Fine arts week, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas, *Pongal*, *Muthamil* Day, Independence Day and Republic day were celebrated with much joy and splendor. The retired staff members are always invited to the institution by the staff of the respective departments on special occasions. Season's greetings are also sent to them.

Scholarships and concessions:

50 students are helped with their tuition fee, examination fees and bus concession from the Student welfare fund, amounting to Rs 72,930/-. Students are supported by various scholarships.

S. No.	Scholarship	No. of beneficiaries	Amount
1.	Government Merit Scholarship	4	14000.00
2.	Backward Class Merit Scholarship	1	3000.00
3.	Tamil Nadu Educational Trust Scholarship	8	48000.00
4.	B.C. Scholarship	633	1091650.00

5.	M.B.C. Scholarship	389	735986.00
6.	S.C. Scholarship	75	613562.00
7.	E.V.R. Nagammaiyar Scholarship	3	2250.00
8.	University Merit Scholarship	33	82170.00
9.	Minority Scholarship	580	4000000.00
	Total		6590618.00

The management and the well wishers have provided freeships, endowment prizes and scholarships to the students. The management has contributed Rs.1,61,000/- towards the welfare of the students. The institution provides freeships to 4 sports students and tuition fee waiver to 50 students from S.F. stream amounting to Rs.2,50,000/-

Home away from home

I am happy to inform you that we have 280 students in the college hostel who are motivated by the wardens Sr. Leema Rose, Sr. Leeli and Sr. Dominic. To make the hostel a home away from home, personality development programmes, awareness programmes, welcome day, para-liturgical services, Christmas celebrations, Competitions based on the Bible and Farewell functions are organized for the inmates. We invest a lot in the all round formation of every student.

Student Support Services

Now, we will have a glance at the student support services in our institution.

The Anti-ragging cell gets the anti-ragging affidavit duly signed by the students as recommended by the UGC.

The Grievance cell and the Discipline committee take necessary steps to solve student related issues.

English Newspaper is provided for all the classes. Psychiatric Counseling is given to the students in need.

Fine arts week celebration has successfully brought out the latent talents of the students through cultural events. 1480 students from the various departments have participated in 27 programmes and 450 have won prizes.

A documentary made about the College, a debut venture by II UG English Literature students traces the significant events of this academic year.

During this academic year 2 general body meetings and 2 departmental meetings of PTA were held. We appreciate the encouragement and constructive criticism given by the PTA and Alumnae during the General body meetings. Many of our high profile alumnae have dropped roots in different parts of the world.

Monetary matters

Our college has received Rs. 16 lakhs under Autonomy, Rs. 2,16,189 towards minor projects Rs. 60,000/- towards FDP contingency grant.

New bondings!

This year we have a tie up with IWPG (International Women's Peace group headquartered at seoul) to promote peace and have also started the youth wing of *Thiruvarul Peravai* (a forum for peace). In collaboration with Dr. Arun Venkadesh of *Thollavilai* Primary Health Centre, free medical camps are organized every month both for our students and the locals of our neighbouring villages.

Sister concerns in the campus:

Childline Nodal Organization, Central Bank of India, Roch Nagar branch, CBSE School, Common House of Formation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod and Day Care Centre are functioning in the campus.

Rest in peace!

We fondly remember Ms. Kanaga Bai, the dedicated retired typist who has left her mortal coils to enjoy eternal bliss. May her soul rest in peace.

Programmes on the anvil

- Value based life education
- Career guidance
- Spoken English
- Expanding the green cover
- A day *sans* mobile phones and Internet
- Vehicle free day
- Car pooling day

- MOU with national and international Organizations
- ICT enabled teaching and learning
- More staff and students to sign in for Mooc's

With a Grateful heart . . .

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Annual Report 2016 - 2017

Most honoured and esteemed chief guest of the day Sri. G. Dharmarajan, IPS, District Superintendent of Police, dear Colleagues, executive members of PTA and my beloved students,

I deem it a great pleasure and unique privilege to accord you all a cordial welcome. We are indeed fortunate to have our SP in our midst, who despite his multifarious responsibilities has spared time to be with us.

I am glad to present the 52nd annual report of our Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil. I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, alumnae, parents, friends and well wishers who are inseparably intertwined with the achievements and challenges of this great institution.

On this unique day, we pay homage to Mother Claudine Echernier, the foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod. We gratefully register the unfathomable services rendered by former Bishop Agniswamy, Parish priest Bishop Antony Muthu, Superior General Mother Yvonne Lavoral, Provincial Rev. Mother Marie Cecile Vionnet, the pioneer sisters of this community, the early architects and the labourers whose commitment, vision, sweat and toil have gone into the birth of this first Catholic Arts and Science college for women in the District.

Motto and aim

The motto of our college is 'In the Cross and Mary is our Hope'. The College aims at forming well-integrated persons, who will strive to transform society, by meeting the challenges of life and taking a stand in the struggles of the poor and the marginalized. Our younger generation, living and learning in a clean verdant environment are motivated to stay alert, aware, watchful and cultivate every part of this vast field of existence. They get geared for an inner exploration and revolution.

Our College : An overview

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'Crossian family' has given us the status of 'A' grade by NAAC during the third cycle of accreditation. The College has also successfully completed the inspection by the UGC expert committee for the extension of autonomy.

The college offers 12 UG, 10 PG, 4 M.Phil. and 4 doctoral programmes under autonomy, 3 UGC sponsored Certificate courses and various other certificate courses in Computer Hardware, Computer accounting, Clay designs, Catering, Tailoring, Hand Embroidery, Folklore, Handicraft Doll making, Poster printing, Poster shading, Saree painting, Glass and canvas painting, DTP, Hindi, Jewel making, Bouquet making, Hair dressing, Bridal makeup and music under Holy Cross Academy. At an average, 85% of UG students and 98% of PG and M.Phil students have successfully completed their degree courses during the academic year 2016 -2017.

The academic year 2016-2017

The activities of our college for this academic year started with the reopening for the senior students on 16th June and for the freshers on 20th June. The I year PG and M.Phil students joined us on 5th July. The student strength of our college is 2434. There are 140 committed teaching staff, 8 guest lecturers and 58 dedicated non- teaching staff.

Inauguration of the associations and Installation of the office bearers

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Welfare drives

Each day begins with the romance of divine love over the PAS. The various departments take turns to organize this romance with the Infinite, through prayers, hymns, readings from the scriptures and quotable quotes. At the end of every semester, special prayer sessions are held to empower the students and to instill in them the power and wisdom to face their examinations. The celebrations, festivals, feasts, other important days and Eucharistic celebrations bring out the innate, regenerative power of the devotees. Also, retreats Renewal programmes, and motivation programmes for all students are conducted.

Discipline committee to build character

The discipline committee that functions with the motto “warm but firm” helps the students with a far sighted vision to expand beyond the confines of different disciplines and identities. We instill in their minds the ability to analyze their own issues, keeping in mind social equity, academic integrity and ecological sustainability. They were given awareness talks on simplicity day, no nukes day, Nagasaki day and earth day with due emphasis on eco-stewardship. Also, programmes on family life education, eve teasing and use of mobile phones were conducted. A meaningful programme “The end of education is character” given by Sathya Sai Baba group laid inroads into the heart of every participant.

IQAC – Quality is our mantra

IQAC plays a significant role in maintaining the quality of our College. IQAC had organized a 3 day workshop from 13th June to 15th June 2016 on the theme “Explore, Expand and Excel”. It has also organized a 5 day capacity building workshop on E- content development and a one day Faculty development programme. The participants of the workshop were trained to prepare short learning objects (SLOs) as a teaching pedagogy. The biannual NEWSLETTER of IQAC was published in July and Dec 2016. Also they had organized the UGC sponsored National seminar on

“Radical Revolution in Higher Education Institutions for Sustainable Development” which proved to be quite a faculty - friendly event.

Library the treasure house of knowledge

The library is the repository of knowledge that leads one to God’s highway of discovery through the bylanes of different disciplines. We have open access system in the Library with 46,814 books 53 journals and 47 periodicals. In addition to the annual orientation programmes to the staff and students on library resources and the use of Inflib net, the Readers forum has organized 8 book reviews on different disciplines. This was a much welcomed and much sought after programme both by the staff and students. The involvement of the Department of English, Tamil, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Physics and Zoology was remarkable. The Library day was celebrated on 9th August on the theme “ *Noolgalai neengal nesithal ulagam ungalai nesikum*” with various cultural programmes and a special program, “*Kanam Kottar avargale*” related to the utilization of library resources for greater achievements. This drew an overwhelming response from the audience. Through inflib net, readers can access more than 75000 e-books and 3500 e-journals and through National Digital library membership we have access to more than 60 lakhs books and journals. Out of the 258 computers, 115 are broadband enabled.

Role of the Curriculum steering Committee

Under the guidance of Dr. Stella Bai, the Dean of Arts and Dr. Josephine Rani, the Dean of Science the entire curriculam has been restructured and the syllabus for UG, PG and M.Phil programmes has been revised.

Empowered to empower

To promote the individual and academic skills and societal interest of our staff, orientation programmes, seminars, retreats and renewal sessions were organized. The introduction to “Indian Constitution” by Dr. Fr. Rajamony threw light on the rich heritage of our motherland. Dr. Jesi

Isabella (HOD of Commerce) and Dr. Joseph Albert (Deputy Principal, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai) spoke on the topic "Benefits of autonomy".

Sharing of resources

Six of our faculty are subject experts in the Board of Studies and 22 of them have served as resource persons. Nine members have served as subject experts and one has served as the member of the Inspection committee. Two of our faculty members are in the interview committee of other institutions. The students of French, Physics and Zoology have allured the students of the neighbourhood college and schools with their exhibits that triggered a nostalgia for the old and a liking for the new. The Department of Commerce and the students of YRC have organized programmes respectively for the students of St. Antony's School, *Kurusady* and Government High School, *Melasoorankudy*. Dr. Christy Celin and Mr, Valan Peter of the Physical education department have organized inter-school tournaments for the students of neighbouring schools.

Reaching the unreached neighbourhood

We actualize the mission and goal of our College, by providing ample opportunities for the 2nd UG students to reach out to the neighbourhood through the extension programme RUN. This extension activity motivates our students to become agents of social change. Talents are exchanged and compassion and charity flow in abundance. Awareness is given to all the stake-holders, school children and children of the orphanages on the immediate need to create plastic free and parthenium free environment and to promote herbal garden and kitchen gardens. They are encouraged to expand the green cover, pay attention to health and hygiene and generate wealth from waste. Our students extend their tender and loving care to the elders in the home for the aged and the special children in the homes for the mentally challenged in various places like *Kurusady*, *Vattakarai*, *Vadakku Konam*, *Punnai nagar*, *Karthigaivadali*, *Ponnappanadar Colony*, *Pampanvillai*, *Vellamadam*, *Sahayapuram*, *Patterivilai*, *Thiruthuvapuram* etc.

Graduation day

The 24th graduation day was held on 25th February 2017. 768 graduants received their degrees in various disciplines. Dr. Nazareth Charles, Founder chairman of Nova Trust delivered the convocation address, felicitated the graduates and gave away the certificates. It was an academic event of triumph and jubilation

Farewell dear retirees!

With deep love and genuine gratitude, we wish to place on record the excellent service rendered by Dr. Ms. Jeyaseeli, Dr. Ms. Dooslin, Dr. Ms. Josephine, Ms. Meenkshi, Dr. Ms. Thanalakshmi, Dr. Ms. Stella Bai, and Ms. Alice Leema Rose who are retiring from service this year. We wish them God's blessings in the years to come. Their exceptional service will ever reverberate in the crossian campus.

Research drives

The Research Committee has published the biannual multidisciplinary journal 'Crossian Resonance' in June 2016 and February 2017 and has organized an International seminar on "Innovation in Research and Pedogogy" in collaboration with the "Voice of Teachers", Nagercoil and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.

During this year, 7 of our faculty members have been awarded Ph.D, six have submitted their theses, 28 members are doing part time research, and 6 are engaged in full time research. Four of the research scholars who are pursuing research in our College are awarded their doctoral degrees. A good number of our faculty are guiding research scholars in various disciplines. Nine of the staff members are currently engaged in UGC sponsored Minor research projects.

Dr. Shyla Suganthi from the Department of Zoology has got accession number for 6 DNA sequences in GenBank. Members of the faculty have published 131 research articles in International journals / National journals and 131 in proceedings. 161 of them have presented papers at the International level /National level seminars. Six books have been published by our

faculty. Also, our staff have participated in 234 state level / national level / International level seminars.

Our research oriented staff encourage students to participate in seminars, present papers, undergo summer internship programmes and excel in job fairs. To enhance the quality of education based on modern invention, the students have been exposed to 15 endowment lectures, one International workshop, one International Seminar and 10 National level seminars in the institution.

Student participation in seminars

Nature of seminar	No. of students presented papers	No. of Participants	
		Within the institution	Outside the institution
State level	21	209	115
National level	44	628	97
International level	15	31	22

Hail Holy Noel!

The Department of French had organized an exhibition to capture the French way of Celebrating Christmas through exhibits pictures and culinary delights.

Learning beyond the curriculum

All the final year UG and PG students have registered for the online National Digital Literacy program. They were given awareness on medical coding and transcription by Inzee Infotech, Trivandrum. Dual degree/diploma courses were offered by Annamalai University. Our final year UG students (57) have registered for the dual degree programmes offered by the Annamalai University in courses such as English Journalism, Tamil Journalism, English language learning, PG Diploma in Financial management, PG Diploma in Public administration, Diploma in food and nutrition and Diploma in Labour law. The PG and M.Phil. students, and the Research scholars are motivated to take up the CSIR-UGC SET/NET examination and the UG students are given training

to excel in Bank exam and TNPSC exams. Final year students (150) were given awareness on Banking and entry level services offered by the Indian Institute of Banking and Management services. 137 students have participated in the summer training programmes, 71 in the Inplant training programme and 337 have visited industries related to their discipline.

During this academic year, 2 of our staff members have cleared NET and 13 have cleared SET. Among the out gone students, 12 have cleared NET/SET, 4 have passed the Bank examination and 36 students have received their placement order in CBSE/ Matriculation schools. 3 students have availed license for 4 wheelers and 24 for both 2 wheelers and 4 wheelers.

Quiz Club

In addition to the interdepartmental quiz competition, the Quiz club of our College has also conducted an interschool, and an intercollegiate quiz competition CROSSINGS 2016 in collaboration with SIOL Quiz club, Pondicherry. Our students have participated in a number of intercollegiate quiz competitions and have won prizes in nine of the eleven quiz competitions held in various institutions.

Laurels through competitions

Our students have participated in a number of competitions like verse writing, slogan writing, essay writing, story writing, elocution, drawing, dance etc organized by various other colleges and organizations like *Veeramamunivar Pechaalar Peravai*, Press Club of Nagercoil, *Kavi Arasar Kalai Tamil Sangham*, *Vidiyal Kalai Illakiya Mantram*, *Kavithaiulagam*, *Kuralagam* etc. and have won a number of prizes.

Spark of Life ignited through clubs and committees

Our NSS units see to the seating arrangements in the MPH during important meetings and functions and the hall wears a spruced up look under their supervision and hard work. In addition to this voluntary service they have organized the parades and have made all arrangements for hoisting the

National flag both on the Independence Day and the Republic day. They celebrated the National Youth Day by giving awareness on “Vittyan Sakshratha Abiyan”. They have organized programmes on modes of digital payments, Cashless India and have also conducted a blood donation camp. Along with the District administration, the programme officers and the students participated in the National Voters day rally and also took part in the celebration.

The AICUF had organized meetings on the theme “*unnai arinthal*” and the members have participated in programmes like “*vaasippom, nesippom, vazhikattuvom*”, “*vivashayihalin prachhanaium vazhkai chulalum*”, yoga and a state level seminar on “*cheeramaippu chattangalum chithsiyum vazhvum*”. The Rotract club of our College organized awareness talks on “World breast feeding day”, “Road safety week” and also arranged for a talk on the merits and demerits of demonitisation.

YRC and RRC organized programmes on AIDS awareness, blood group identification and blood donation camp and gave awareness talks on Hepatitis B, World Population Day and Cleanliness campaign. In addition, YRC has also organized Disaster Management Training camp and First Aid Camp. As an extension of their services, the YRC has donated 8 chairs and supplied study materials to the children of the Government High school, *Melasurankudy*.

Legal literacy cell, Consumer club and Women’s cell have organized a training programme on “Rural Consumer awareness”. The members of these committees were also given awareness on “World population”, “Human rights” and “Women’s rights”. They were also given an introduction on “Moot court”, “court procedure” and were given training on “Mock trial” and were allowed to watch the court trial in our District court. They also discussed issues with domain experts.

Our green drives

The eco club of our College, conducted a survey on the herbal wealth of our campus and organized a “Quit plastic campaign”. The students were given awareness on environmental pollution, e-waste

management Removal of plastic wastes, Solid waste management, Plastic waste management, Biowaste remediation and deforestation.

Unique features of our college

Every morning English Newspaper is provided every day to all the classes.

An annual medical screening is done for all the I UG students.

Psychological counseling is given to students who are in need.

H. share is an activity launched by all the departments to help the economically disadvantaged children of the locality.

During the Christmas season the staff and students of each department shared their resources and joy with the less privileged people. They visited orphanages, Home for the Aged, Home for the Physically Challenged and home for the mentally challenged as part of their Christmas celebration.

The inmates were also entertained with Christmas carols and other entertaining art forms.

70 students are helped to pay their tuition fee and examination fee from the Student welfare fund, amounting to Rs 1,53,970/-. 1,159 students are supported by various scholarships amounting to Rs.24,98,940/-. The management has contributed Rs.95,500/- towards the welfare of the students.

The zero hour (from 11.45 am to 12.30pm) has been introduced to capture and harness the non-academic interests of our students, to put their academic studies into context, and give them the taste of life-learning skills. Clubs and committees plan their activities, aspiring students pursue NET, SET and Bank coaching, freshers, sophomores and support staff enhance their English speaking skills and all the UG students have remedial classes. This hour opens a plethora of possibilities for our youth by widening their social, spiritual, mental and ecological vision.

Childline Nodal Organization, in collaboration with the Collab centre of Kottar Social Service Society, Nagercoil is actively functioning in our College. It has created awareness on Child helpline 1098, POSCO act and JJ act among the District Administrative officers, Administrative officers of

school education, police department, child care Institutions, tourist centres and the Public by organizing meetings and awareness programmes, conducting signature campaigns and rallies. Public announcement through recorded audio track has evoked a good response. They have also taken part in organizing programmes on International Missing Children Day, International Child helpline Day, World day against Child labour and National Children's day in collaboration with the District Administration.

We have a day care centre to take care of the children of the staff working in the College.

Appreciating our voluntary contribution for the empowerment of the visually challenged, the Indian Association for the blind has selected our Institution for the "Diamond Zone award".

A trip down the memory lane

Memory pictures are renewed through celebrations every year. Alumnae day celebrated on 13th August, keeps the memory track ticking. Mother foundress day, Fine arts week, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas, *Pongal*, *Muthamil* Day, Independence Day, Teachers day, *Natchathra Kalai vizha* and Republic day were all celebrated with much joy and splendor. Every retired staff member is anchored to the institution and they join us on special occasions. Season's greetings are also sent to them. Flames of fraternity and friendship are kept, glowing.

The Y Gen who stand tall

Our students have participated in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Intercollegiate Athletic meet and have won the over-all championship trophy. They have also won prizes in Basket ball, ball badminton, football and badminton in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Intercollegiate tournaments. Our students have won two first prizes, one second prize and one third prize in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Intercollegiate weight lifting championship. We are proud to say that there are 7 University Blues from our college. Dharshini of I B.Sc. Mathematics won the third place in the National level weightlifting championship, 1st place in the State level weightlifting championship and 1st place in the State level inter-university weightlifting competition. She has

also won the 1st place in the Honorable Chief minister's trophy and has won the Gold medal and a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-. In addition, our students have participated in district and state level tournaments and bagged prizes in Football, Volley ball, Relay and Long jump.

Financial support from UGC

Our college has received Rs. 23,74,926/- as the balance grant from UGC towards Autonomy Building grant in backward area, salary for the substitute teachers working in FDP vacancies, minor research projects and other expenses.

PTA and alumnae

Our PTA and alumnae are the twin pillars of our institution. Their magnetic pull has done wonders in the campus. They evince keen interest in the welfare of the College and play a pivotal role in its development. PTA meetings are never missed and the recent fund raising programme star night paved way to start the construction of Golden Jubilee Block. They are making a positive difference in the campus.

Respite, Rest, Relaxation and Rejuvenation

November is the month of the year when we seek to relax under the canopy of a green retreat. The staff (both teaching and non teaching) sought their usual end semester shelter in the veritable tourist hotspot "*Kalikesam*" which has a variety of hangout options. With its lush green liberal shade that gleams emerald in the sunlight, clear streams, water falls, and coves the place exudes peace, bliss, goodness and divine intelligence whenever we press the rewind button.

Adieu to the soul on its astral journey

We fondly remember the selfless service, dedication and vision of our former retired Principal Sr. Scholastica who left her mortal coils on ----- to seek the 'Father's mansion'. May her soul enjoy the highest bliss. Our memory pictures of this great soul are too many to be condensed in words.

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College Day Report 2017-2018

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During this year, 8 of our faculty members have been awarded Ph.D, 7 have submitted their thesis, 17 members are doing part time research, and 3 are pursuing full time research. A good number of our faculty are guiding research scholars in various disciplines. Three of the staff members have UGC sponsored Minor research projects, one member has a DST sponsored Major Research Project, and 2 have Tamil Nadu Government sponsored student projects. Dr. Shyla Suganthi have got GenBank accession for 4 nucleotide sequences along with the scholars Ms. Teeni Janet Raj and Tyni Joice Raj, and a Barcode for Cytochrome Oxidase-I gene by BOLD SYSTEM, USA, for four marine brachyuran Crabs, along with her scholar Ms. R. Thanamaline. Our members of the faculty have published research articles in 66 International journals, 63 National journals and 44 articles in proceedings. Eighty three articles are published as abstracts. Eight books have been published by our faculty. Thirty seven of our faculty have presented papers at the International level seminars and fifty of them at National level seminars and 8 have received the best paper award. Also our faculty have participated in 3 regional level seminars, 61 state level seminars, 178 National level seminars and 58 International level seminars. Twenty seven of our faculty members are subject experts in the Board of Studies and 36 of them have been invited as resource persons. 17 have gone as invited guests, one as member of the Inspection committee and more than 25 serve as members of Doctoral Committee.

Empowered by the vision statement, we actualize the mission and goal of our College, by providing ample opportunities for the sophomores to reach out to the neighbourhood through the extension programme RUN. This extension activity motivates our students to become agents of Social change by sharing their talents, knowledge and opulence. They give free tuition and coaching to the poor, create awareness among people, school children and children from the orphanages, on the immediate need to do away with plastics, weed out parthenium, set up herbal and kitchen gardens, plant saplings, avoid junk food, know the importance of health and hygiene and generate wealth from waste. They also express their tender love and care to the elders in the home for the aged and the special children in the homes for the mentally challenged. They help destitute men and women to pick up the lost strands of Life and Live a meaningful Life. During the outbreak of dengue in Tamil Nadu, awareness was created among the locals through pamphlets, banners and awareness talks.

Our college has received Rs. 16,43071/- from UGC towards Autonomy grant for the year 2016 - 17 and Rs. 1600000/- for the year 2017 – 18.

Seventy students are helped to pay their tuition fee and examination fee from the Student welfare fund, which comes to Rs 1,78,810/-. 1,694 students are supported by various scholarships amounting to Rs.37,00,215/-. The management has contributed Rs.3,72015/- towards student welfare during this academic year.

Our reader and research friendly Library is a repository of knowledge. The annual orientation programme was given to the I year students on library resources including training on Inlib net. The readers forum organizes regular book reviews on different discipline which us a much welcomed and sought after programme both by the staff and students The Library day was celebrated on 4th August on the theme “*Vasippai nesippom Vazhvai vazhamakkuvom*” with various cultural programmes and a special Discussion forum “*Puthaga vasippu panpattai chelumaipaduthuhirathu – arivai mempaduthuhirathu - azhumaithiranai vazharhirathu*”. We have optimum use of our budgetary and space resources and we manage to stay relevant in the digital

age. We have open access system in the Library with 47,670 books 42 journals and 39 periodicals. In addition, through inflibnet we have access to more than 77000 e-books and 3600 e-journals and through National Digital library membership we have access to more than 60 lakhs books and journals. This year we have added 1242 books and 52 journals to the library at the cost of Rs. 4,83,549/-. Of the total number of 265 computers, 121 are connected with the broadband system.

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Adieu to the soul on its astral journey

We fondly remember the selfless service and dedication Sr. Cecile the retired vice principal and HOD of Chemistry who left her mortal coils on ----- to seek the ‘Father’s mansion’. May her soul enjoy the heavenly bliss.

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We thank God for His blessings upon the members of this temple of learning. We are grateful to the members of the Managing committee, Governing body, Academic council, Boards of studies, finance committee, Planning and evaluation committee, Examination and Award committee and the sisters of Holy Cross College Community for their valuable contribution. I also thank Dr. Sr. Rosalie Joseph, president Sr. Fatima Louis, the Mother Superior, , Dr. Sr. Gerardin Jayam, the secretary, Dr. Sr. Mary Johnsy, the vice principal, Dr. Sr. Annie Perpet Sophy, the controller of

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I bow in gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us till this moment and for His kind guidance in our godward path.

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Our mother superior Dr. Sr. Fatima Louis is an asset whose guidance, support and concern are worth registering and remembering at this juncture. She is like a launchpad from where we take off with our winged dreams. On behalf of all

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I am glad to present the 53rd annual report of our College. I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, alumnae, parents, friends and well wishers who ever remain with us in the ebb and flow of our academic journey.

The motto of our college is 'In the Cross and Mary is our Hope'. The College aims at forming well-integrated persons, who will strive to transform society, by meeting the challenges of life and taking a stand in the struggles of the poor and the marginalized. The students of Holy Cross College, living and learning in a clean eco-friendly environment are motivated to become persons of character, conscience, compassion, commitment and competence.

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The college offers 12 UG, 10 PG, 4 M.Phil. and 8 doctoral programmes under autonomy, 3 UGC sponsored Certificate courses and 20 other certificate courses under the aegis of Holy Cross Academy. At an average, 93% of UG students, 97% of PG students and 100% of M.Phil students have successfully completed their degree courses.

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Childline Nodal Organization in collaboration with the Collab centre of Kottar Social Service Society, Nagercoil has created awareness on Child helpline 1098, POSCO act and JJ act among parents, teachers, District Administrative officers, Administrative officers of school education, police force, child care Institutions, Media personal, NGOs, VAOs, MSW trainees, *Grama Sabha*, tourists and the public, through meetings, awareness programmes, signature campaigns, sticker campaigns rallies etc. A special two wheeler rally with awareness songs and placards stressing the importance of female children was organized on International Girl child day. In collaboration with the District Administration they have organized the International Missing Children’s Day, International Child helpline Day, World day against Child labour and National Children’s day.

On 26th June in collaboration with Kottar diocesan Counseling ministry and De-addiction Centre, the International anti-drug abuse day was celebrated at the District level with varied types of programmes and life touching events in our campus.

The importance of life was emphasized by observing the Anti- suicide day. The students were given awareness on the importance of “ the gift of life and goal oriented living”.

To help victims of ockhi cyclone pick up the lost strands of life, our students were given the unique privilege to participate in the programme “*Meentelum Kumari*” organized by “*Naam Kumari Makkaal*” in our College on 23rd and 25th January 2018. In addition to the awareness talks on the disaster, our responsibility in redeeming planet earth, preventing calamities and taking up social responsibility were emphasized. The heroic deeds of people during the disaster were honoured.

Our PTA and alumnae are the backbone of our institution. The significant help rendered and the constant efforts taken by our PTA in promoting quality among the students is commendable. They contribute their might towards the development of the College.

We have 190 students in the college hostel who are motivated and well cared for by the wardens Sr. Sebasty and Sr. Francy.

Adieu to the soul on its astral journey

We fondly remember the selfless service and dedication Sr. Cecile the retired vice principal and HOD of Chemistry who left her mortal coils on ----- to seek the ‘Father’s mansion’. May her soul enjoy the heavenly bliss.

We remember with gratitude.....

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I bow in gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us till this moment and for His kind guidance in our godward path.

Thank You.

Fr. Michael Angelus evinces keen interest in the growth of our institution and his valuable leads have always helped us during times of crisis. He has been with us through thick and thin and on behalf of all gathered here I accord to you Father a very warm welcome.

Our mother superior Dr. Sr. Fatima Louis is an asset whose guidance, support and concern are worth registering and remembering at this juncture. She is like a launchpad from where we take off with our winged dreams. On behalf of all

