

Golden Jubilee Souvenir

ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE

CHACKAI, TRIVANDRUM



1964 - 2014

Dedicated to:

The memory of our beloved Foundress Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion whose vision gave rise to this saga on the sands. The Sisters who carried her ideas forward and made education meaningful and viable for generations of young women looking to make a mark in this world. The staff and students who breathe life into brick and mortar and are the legacy of this institution.

VISION

The creation of dynamic young women who are academically proficient and financially independent, socially committed and morally upright



MISSION

To develop a centre of academic excellence which will provide both knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of today's fast-changing scenario. We believe that our students will be the agents of change in the community for whom the College was set up and in the larger society.



Rev. Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion
Our Foundress





His Holiness Pope Francis





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GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR

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EDITORIAL

This editorial is reflective of the ethos on which All Saints' College was founded and is still functioning on. Collective action. This is the reason we refuse to declare one person as the Editor-in-Chief. The previous page contains an old picture of the Silver Jubilee Souvenir Editorial Committee which had stalwarts such as Sr. Alice, Dr. Lalitha Ramamurthy, Dr. Prasannamony (who incidentally, returns to write for this issue).

The present committee seeks to carry their stellar legacy forward. Each member had invaluable contributions that they brought to the table (literally). Sr. Pascoela- the efficient chronicler of photos is the source of most of the pictures that enliven this Souvenir. She was tireless in her efforts to make sure we all had everything we needed, in spite of being terribly busy herself. Ms. Liji Varghese was the sounding board and the aesthetic consultant; Ms. Leena Joseph, Head of the Department of English, was very resourceful in terms of her contacts and the way she helped out when we hit snags-her confidence in the outcome of our efforts was indeed touching. Sr. Carvalho Faustina Cicila had a treasure trove of old pictures and managed to garner a lot of messages and mobilised former students. Dr. Sheela Mary Xavier, our Principal offered sagacious advice and believed in us. She was always understanding when we approached her with requests. Dr. Sr. Shaina T. J., was the voice of caution who ensured that the souvenir came out without inordinate delay. She has immense reservoirs of patience that we liberally drew from. Sr. Nirmala, our esteemed Librarian, is the true historian of our college. She has been assiduously maintaining records of our college activities and achievements through paper cuttings that go way back. Ms. Kukku Xavier is here on the strength of her eye for detail as well as her aesthetic and artistic contribution. She is the reason subtle monochromes appear in these pages instead of rainbow colours. Added to that, her willingness to spend hours in the press to oversee the arrangement process made her an inevitable choice. Ms. Sonya J. Nair came in here due to her sense of history of this college and her indefatigable optimism. She knew what was needed where and how. As a former student and now a staff member, her perspective was a perfect amalgam. The students on the committee, Niranjana, Devi, Samra, Anila were the most willing volunteers one could find. They were always ready to do more, coming forward with suggestions and keeping track of all the resources. They are the volunteers one dreams of. Special mention needs to be made of Nesty Jose and Sara S. K. of S.3 M.A. for their last minute help and gathering of resources.

Though these individuals represent the Editorial Board, this souvenir is the result of the good work put in by our teachers and the kindness of their hearts as they obliged us with any information we desired. Any request was unquestioningly met even at a day's notice. The non-teaching staff too rallied around when requests were made. It was heartening to receive the support we got. It shows how much we all want this effort to become a success.

This Souvenir would not be possible without the complete support of the Management. A thousand thanks to Rev. Mother Mary Elma, our Manager, for her patience, her confidence in us and for all the resources and facilities she placed at our disposal. Her approachability made us go about our tasks with greater confidence and independence. This was crucial as we were free to exercise our thought processes. The General team too came forward with valuable ideas and helped us by way of materials for the Souvenir. The good cheer and hospitality with which we were always received, put us at ease. Once again, thank you.

We thank our contributors for their thoughts on the college, and for putting up with the constant haranguing for sticking to deadlines. Your love for the college is apparent in your words. Do keep the flame burning bright in your hearts.

We thank God Almighty for making us seem worthy enough for this task. His infinite blessings and mercy have kept us going.

God Bless All Saints'.
On behalf of the Editorial Team
Sonya J. Nair
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The **H**oly **F**ather **F**rancis
 cordially imparts the requested
Apostolic **B**lessing to
 the **M**anagement, **P**rincipal
 Staff, Students and Benefactors of
 All Saints' College Trivandrum
 invoking abundant divine graces
 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its foundation
 1964 / 2014

Ex Aedibus Vaticane die

Handwritten signature of Pope Francis

Archiepiscopus
 Cereosynarchus Summi Pontificis





MESSAGE FROM THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

I am glad that All Saints' College - Trivandrum is celebrating fifty years of its existence. It is an opportunity to thank God for the innumerable blessings He has showered upon this Institute and on the staff and all the students, present and past during the last fifty years.

With a distinguished legacy of 50 years in the field of women's empowerment and education, the college is seen as a torchbearer of progressive thoughts and a significant stakeholder in the process of fostering self-reliance and responsible citizenship among the female student community. We are thankful to God for His immense support in all your endeavours to bring the college to this important milestone.

Pope Francis said to the young people gathered for the World Youth Day, Rio 2013: "If you want it to have real meaning and fulfillment as you want and as you deserve, I say to each one of you, 'Put on faith', and your life will take on a new flavor, it will have a compass to show you the way." I pray for God's blessings and graces upon everyone of you. Conveying the Apostolic Blessings of His Holiness Pope Francis, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio
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MESSAGE



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I am extremely glad to learn that All Saints' College, Trivandrum, established in the year 1964 by the Congregation of the Carmelite Religious, is all set to publish a Souvenir commemorating the Golden Jubilee.

This college, which was founded in 1964 with 277 students in First Year Pre Degree has grown now with Ten undergraduate courses and three postgraduate courses. The word "souvenir" comes from the French word for "remembrance" or "memory." So it will be great indeed to look into our past and learn the lesson and aim for the future. This college was founded by Rev. Mother Mary Loieuse, CCR with the approbation of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Vincent.V. Dereere, OCD, Bishop of Trivandrum. The Founding mission and vision of this Institute is to provide free higher education to all women especially to that of the Fisher folk and other backward communities of the Archdiocese of Trivandrum who are socially and economically downtrodden and thus bringing them into the mainstream, both socially and economically. All Saints' College aims at providing quality education, thus cultivating humanitarian and social values in the students and creating a society of dynamic young women.

The words of our College Motto LEAD KINDLY LIGHT are the words of Cardinal Newman, asking for God's Light to lead him on, step by step, to the knowledge of the Truth. May the alumni of this Institute be filled with that True Light which may lead us from ignorance to truth, from darkness to light and from death to immortality.

On this auspicious occasion, I congratulate all the Sisters of the Congregation of the Carmelite Religious, and I do appreciate the efforts of all those who contributed for the success of this College over 50 years. As I thank Rev. Sr. Mary Elma CCR, the Manager of this college, for the invitation to take part in the valedictory function of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations to be held on 30th October 2014, I wish to implore God's abundant Blessings upon the Manager, the Principal, the Teachers and the Students.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation for their committed attempt to publish this Golden Jubilee Souvenir and commend all your endeavors for God's rich recompense. May the good God continue to shower His abundant blessings upon you and this college through the intercession of All Saints!

With my prayerful regards,

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Soosa Pakiam M.,
Archbishop of Trivandrum

All Saints' College is glowing in the splendour of its Golden Jubilee celebration of God's bountiful graces. Fifty years in the history of any institution is a land mark to be celebrated with great joy and gratitude. The past 50 years have seen tremendous progress and changes at All Saints' College. Our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude to God Almighty for his fatherly care shown these 50 years and also to all those who have been instrumental in the growth of the college from its very inception. Education is the backbone of our society and here at All Saints', we focus on imparting quality education that aims at bringing total well being to our students. The mustard seed sown on that historically important day has grown tall and strong, nurturing thousands of students from all walks of life under its shade. Thousands of young girls have gone out of its portals, enlightened, empowered and equipped for a better future. My hearty congratulations and appreciation to the Managers, Principals, staff and students of the past and present for the big and small achievements and successes brought to this College.

As we thank God and relish the past achievements, Jubilee is also a time to make plans for the future. We have greater visions for the future of our college, like opening up more opportunities and facilities for the underprivileged and marginalised of our society and to make this college a dream destination for students, faculty and researchers.

The Japanese have a philosophy called "Kaizen" ("kai" means "change" or "to correct" and "zen" means "good".) Kaizen is a system of continuous improvement in quality, technology, processes, company culture, productivity, safety and leadership. Kaizen involves every employee - from upper management to the cleaning crew. Everyone is encouraged to come up with small improvements and suggestions on a regular basis. This is not a once a month or once a year activity. It is continuous. Kaizen involves setting standards and then continually improving those standards. World class Japanese companies such as Toyota, Canon etc follow this philosophy and that is one of the major secrets of their success. Our culture is, if something is not broken, there is no need to mend it. The Kaizen philosophy is "to do it better, make it better, improve it even if it isn't broken. Because if we don't, we can't compete with those who do." If we follow this simple philosophy we too can achieve as much as the Japanese did. Individuals can take a kaizen approach in their personal, family and professional lives too.

May Almighty God help us realize our dreams for the good of humanity. God bless All Saints' College to grow from strength to strength!

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There are few other places in the world as sacred to me as All Saints' College. It was a place where I spent 40 years of my life as a student, teacher, Principal and later, Manager and Superior General. A place where I lived and worked and came to cherish as one of the hallowed spots God had appointed me to work in till I left in 2011.

As I reminisce about the College over the past fifty years, each milestone of its growth seems etched in the golden letters of dedication, service and toil. Golden Jubilees do not arrive on our doorsteps as a gift Time graciously bequeaths us. They are occasions when we remember the collective effort of the pioneers, the Sisters, staff and students who have made All Saints' what it is today - a name synonymous with value-based education, social service and environmental consciousness, a name stamped with the seal of women's empowerment.

A long time ago, a woman dared to dream of a thousand better tomorrows. Her name was Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion, the Foundress of our Congregation and her mission was to educate young women in India. Her dream and vision have been realized today in over a million lives crafting brighter tomorrows for themselves and for those around them.

Excellence in academics and a commitment to social transformation have always been the cornerstones of All Saints' College but perhaps, the greatest legacy the College has gifted all those who have studied and worked under its roof is this - an opportunity to work towards a tomorrow with infinite possibilities for transformation. My message to you on this memorable occasion is this: Make the most of every possibility that comes your way to change your life and transform others for the better.

Hearty felicitations to Rev. Mother Mary Elma - the Superior General, Dr. Mariamma A. T. - the Principal, staff and students. Happy Golden Anniversary, All Saints' College! May you continue to light hearts and minds and inspire them to create infinite beautiful pathways into the future. A loving God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances

Sr. Mary Frances
Former Superior General, CCR

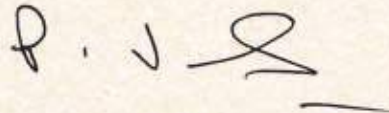
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17 October 2014

I am very glad to know that the All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram, intends to bring out a Souvenir in connection with its Golden Jubilee.

The institution has been rendering yeoman service in the education of women enabling them to take lead role in the society and family.

I compliment the College on this auspicious occasion and wish the commemorative volume all success.



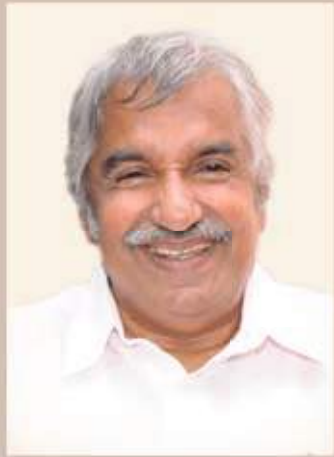
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MESSAGE



OOMMEN CHANDY
CHIEF MINISTER
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08 October 2014

I am glad to know that All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram in connection with its Golden Jubilee celebrations would be releasing a souvenir to mark the joyous occasion.

All Saints' College is an iconic name in the field of higher education in Kerala. I hope that the Golden Jubilee celebrations would elevate the hopes and spirits of teachers, students and management and inspire them to strive for excellence in the overall activities of the college. I also hope that the collective efforts of all associated with the college would enable it to scale greater heights in the future.

Wishing all success.



Oommen Chandy



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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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Dear Principal


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I am very happy to be informed that All Saints' College, Trivandrum, Kerala has decided to celebrate its Golden Jubilee which is scheduled to be inaugurated in August 2013. It is heartening to note that this reputed women's college in Kerala managed by the Congregation of the Carmelite Religious is imparting knowledge and instilling moral values in their students, thereby moulding them into dynamic and morally upright women. It is also encouraging to note that the Institution is doing selfless service for the upliftment of the poor students without discrimination of religion, caste or creed.

My warm greetings and best wishes to all the teaching & non-teaching staff as well as the students of this prestigious institution on this joyous occasion.

I wish the Golden Jubilee Celebrations all success.

Yours sincerely


(A.K. Antony)





P.K. Abdu Rabb
Minister for Education
Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram
Date: 08 January 2014



I am very happy to know that All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram is planning to bring out a souvenir on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee Celebration.

I hope that it will open possibilities to the academic community to expose their creative talents and virtues.

I wish all success to the event.

P.K. Abdu Rabb

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I am happy to know that All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram, is bringing out a Souvenir, as part of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The fact that women are in no way lesser than men has to be admitted, as they have all the power and capacity as that of men. It is found in our society that this capacity and power fail to manifest itself for different reasons. It is time for us to create a path that does not hinder the power and capacity of women. It is only through participation of women in education, especially in higher education, that their power and capacities can be brought to light and hence, I urge all concerned to work for the progress of women's education in India. On this occasion, I applaud your esteemed institution, for having distinguished itself with a social responsibility in providing education for women.

I wish the faculty and students of the College all the best on this occasion.

Dr. P.K.RADHAKRISHNAN



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I understand that All Saints' College, Trivandrum is going to publish a Souvenir to commemorate the milestone occasion as part of the Golden Jubilee Year. Needless to say, an educational institution is meant for generating ideas. I hope this souvenir will go a long way in the pursuit of such endeavours. I wish the students and faculty involved in this effort all success.

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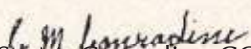
It gives me great joy to send my hearty congratulations and prayerful wishes to the Manager - Rev. Mother Mary Elma (Superior General), the Principal - Dr. Mariamma A. T., sisters, Staff Members and students on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of All Saints' College, for the marvellous achievements in the academic, spiritual and moral spheres. I appreciate the hard work put in by every member of the All Saints' Family to instil values in the women students entrusted to their care, especially the socially under privileged girls. The Institution is making efforts to impart Quality Education through curricular and extra curricular activities for the all round development of the students. We can still strive to climb the heights of Excellence and this is what the Institution is aiming at, keeping in mind the goal set before us by our beloved Foundress - Venerable Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion.

Let us all together join hands and face the challenges we encounter day by day. Let us place our trust in the Almighty God and ask Him to be with us always to lead and guide us in this venture.

It gives me immense pleasure as I recall witnessing the Day of Foundation of All Saints' College, as this coincides with the year of my Final Profession in 1964.

May the Almighty God shower His abundant blessings of peace, joy and happiness upon All Saints' College to shape and mould good citizens for our beloved mother land-India.

May God bless us all.


Sr. M. Conradine CCR
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With joy and gratitude, I send these words of felicitation to the Principal Dr. Mariamma A.T., the Members of the staff, students (past and present), parents and benefactors, on the historic occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the All Saints' College, Trivandrum. I join you in thanking the Lord for the innumerable blessings the Institution has received throughout the past fifty years. And I heartily congratulate all of you on this momentous milestone.

Your tireless work for women empowerment and especially for the opportunities provided for the socially underprivileged girls, has helped to raise the standard of life of the girl child, who has made her mark in all walks of life. You may well be proud of the impression you have made on society. May you continue to grow from strength to strength. God's choicest blessings on you all!

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It is with great pleasure that I express my hearty congratulations and best wishes to you as All Saints' College, Trivandrum celebrates a milestone in its history, namely the Golden Jubilee of its establishment.

"A small body of determined spirit fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history", says Mahatma Gandhi. This was true of our pioneering religious who started this esteemed institution, with a view of providing quality and holistic education and made it accessible to everyone without discrimination of caste and creed. They were indeed the SIGNS of GOD, LEAVEN for the growth of a just and fraternal society and PROPHETS of sharing life with the LEAST and the LOST. This humanizing process, the legacy left by our pioneers and which you continue to carry on with dedication and commitment is highly praiseworthy!!

The education given in your prestigious institution makes human beings capable, competent, conscientious and wise to meet the challenges of life. All Saints' College is the pride of the C.C.R. It caters to the poor and rich alike. The poor people of the coastal area benefit much from the college. The ex - students have made their mark in all walks of life.

Jubilee Year is an apt time to learn from the past, envision the future and to dream and work together towards excellence in every aspect of education, thus spreading waves of light far and wide to those places where darkness is thickest and also to spread His Hope to hearts which are very much discouraged.

I express my greetings of joy and congratulate the Manager, Principal, Staff and Students of All Saints' College as you bring out a souvenir in remembrance of the Golden years of heroism and humble service to the people.

May the light you hold out be bright enough to wake up the world, may you be witnesses of different ways of doing things, different ways of living! May God bless you with success and fulfillment in all your endeavours!

Sr. Mary M. M.
Provincial Superior



MESSAGE

Sr. Angel Thomas, CCR
Manager, Holy Angels'



The harvest of the 50 Golden years of All Saints' College, Trivandrum is an auspicious event replete with sweet memories to welcome, cherish and embrace.

After the silent passage of half a century, the All Saints' College remains committed to the education of the unique, reflective individuals with global perspectives, zealously striving for excellence. Generations of students who have passed through the college portals have made the institution proud with their outstanding achievements.

Exemplary in so many aspects, this Catholic college for women can look on its 50 years of service with pride and satisfaction.

On this memorable occasion, as a proud alumna of the 1983 batch, I congratulate the college on its remarkable achievements and send my best wishes for its continued success in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sr. Angel Thomas, CCR'.

Sr. Angel Thomas, CCR

Sr. M. Laurentia
Former Principal

It gives me immense joy to write a message for the Souvenir to be published in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of our dear Alma Mater. A Souvenir is a tribute to the past. It is a symbol of gratitude to those who had laboured untiringly to make the Institution great and a memento honouring those who helped it to earn a name. Let me begin by offering my felicitations on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee.

All Saints' College has served both God and the community very splendidly offering the wholesome education which Plato defined as the first and fairest thing that the best of men can ever have. The Golden Jubilee exhorts us to remember with gratitude the commitment of our scholarly Foundress as well as the dedication of all past Principals and Teachers who have elevated this institution to its present prestigious position made evident by the remarkable progress that the institute has made and the recognition it has received.

An institution can survive and progress or merely exist or cease to exist. All Saints' College is a shining example of an institution that has stood the test of time and continues to progress in its growth while making commendable efforts to empower young women through holistic education. The college is striving towards greater heights with its teamwork and concerted efforts. As I look ahead, I can visualize that the college will grow in pursuit of higher standards of teaching and research. It will continue to serve a significant role in higher education for girls and in the service of the country.

I am sure that the college would take every effort to live upto its reputation by silently and continuously marching ahead. I wish the Management, Principal, Staff and students all the very best and many more years of prosperity and service to humanity and society.



MESSAGE

Sr. M. Freda
All Saints' Delegate



Jubilees are milestones giving hope and encouragement in the journey forward. Such events always bring with them a message of joy and happiness far beyond the ordinary. Fifty years have passed since All Saints' College sparkled with its first light. All Saints' College symbolizes commitment to the attainment of all-round educational and social excellence. The Golden Jubilee celebrations will give everyone the opportunity to thank the Almighty for all the blessings which He has showered upon this institution, its management, Principal, staff and students right from its inception and all along its history.

I would like to compliment the Manager, Principal, staff and students of All Saints' College for having planned a series of delightful programmes, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of their institution. In doing so, All Saints' is reaffirming its commitment to maintaining the high standards of education they are well known for and of serving the community for long years ahead.

Teaching is not just transmitting knowledge but more importantly, forming and transforming young people. Ability to inspire and motivate them is demanded of every educator. No one can deny the pivotal role education has to play in this century in bringing about the much desired catharsis of our society plagued by violence, hatred, anger, frustration, lawlessness and indifference towards others.

May this prestigious institution continue to impart its quality education to its students so that they may leave the portals of this great Institution with the motto "For God and our Country". Indirectly, all those who experienced this institution's light, life, love and service individually and collectively, can contribute to its glory by excelling in what we do ourselves, as alumni, faculty, staff and students. As we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our much revered institution, in all humility, let us say - For all that has been, 'thanks'. To all that will be, 'Yes'."

Sister Mary Vera CCR., Prof. of Maths. (1966 -1992)

Sister Mary Laetitia CCR., Prof. of French (1967-1991)

Vivat, Vivat All Saints' !

This message of good will and genuine pride is prompted by the joy and privilege of being able to forge links that down the years have grown stronger in the chain of love and service, erudition, scholarship par excellence and intellectual acumen. This is the high watermark attained by the reputed All Saints' College, Trivandrum, gearing itself for the Grand Finale of its 50th birthday.

To mark the occasion, our warm greetings, heartfelt felicitations and a fresh assurance of fervent prayer to the Manager, Rev. Sister Mary Elma, CCR, the Principal, Dr. Mariamma A.T. the faculty, the support staff, the alumni, the student community, the spiritual guides and mentors. Our *pranams* to the erstwhile pillars of foundation, whose dream child this institution has been, nurtured and cherished by them and those entrusted with its growth and fruition. This tribute is a skein of the silver strands of the initial quarter century that has now come full circle: silver strands of the silvery sands, now sheer memories wrought in gold! To cap it all the accreditation conferred on the Institution by NAAC must spur one and all to strive towards excellence so that the Diamond years will be glorious ones.

May Blessed Cardinal Newman of happy memory lead, guide and direct you with the enchanting strains of "Lead Kindly Light!" Enriched with more love for the poor, the needy, the vulnerable and the marginalized, may All Saints' exult once again, echoing the Liturgical Theme Song which reverberated in the College at the momentous Silver Jubilee Valedictory function twenty - five years ago:

Ring out your joy, give glory to God
Lift up your hearts and sing
Let all creation tell of his name
Praise Him forever more!!



MESSAGE

Dr. Mabil P S

Former Principal

All Saints' College



I am very happy to know that All Saints' College, Trivandrum is completing half a century of its successful journey. This is an occasion to commemorate the efforts taken by the sisters of CCR to reach out to the young women in all sections of society. Fifty years ago they knew that knowledge based value education among women is important and essential for the formation of a strong, modern and civilized society.

As Aristotle said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." And I firmly believe that All Saints' College has succeeded in fulfilling its educational mission of inculcating deep moral values, faith in good, along with an uncompromising search for knowledge and excellence among the students.

This college has a very special place in my life. I joined this prestigious institution in 1982 and had the privilege of serving the college for 31 years. These 3 decades were priceless. In All Saints' College, we were one big family and the camaraderie is something we will cherish throughout our lives. In many ways All Saints' made me what I am today. It is indeed a proud moment for me that my college is celebrating its 50th birthday and I am sure that the Jubilee celebrations will be golden leaflets in the history of All Saints' College.

As I look ahead I can visualize the college growing in academic pursuits, achievement of moral qualities and civilized values and higher standards of excellence. With the co-operation of each member of the All Saints' family, I am sure that this institution will march ahead to great destinations.

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." This famous quote by Socrates has always been an inspiration for me. And I hope this inspires all the staff members and students of our college. I wish from the bottom of my heart, the Manager, the sisters of CCR, the Principal, staff (teaching and non-teaching) and students the very best for a wonderful journey towards excellence.

Dr.Mary Mettilda Rose
Former Principal
All Saints' College

I joined All Saints' College in January 1980 as Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and retired on 30 April 2013 as Principal. During these years I have witnessed the transformation of bare, burning sands to a green, shady haven. In the span of fifty years the college has supported its staff and students by providing them opportunities and challenges that have enabled them to inculcate in themselves values of concern, commitment and service, together with a sharp intellect honed with knowledge and understanding. All Saints' College today, symbolises commitment to the attainment of all-round educational excellence, that empowers women, especially those of the local community, that has contributed much to social upliftment and to environmental conservation.

I have been fortunate indeed to have been a participant and to some extent an instrument in the growth and progress of National Service Scheme, which is now the pride of All Saints'. The guidance of venerable senior faculty and the dedicated, unwavering support of the CCR sisters have been largely responsible for whatever I could do for All Saints' College.

As I look ahead, I can visualize that the college will grow in pursuit of higher standards of teaching and research. It will continue to serve a significant role in higher education for girls and in the service of the country. I extend warm wishes and sincere support. God bless.



MESSAGE

Susan Lopez
Former Principal
All Saints' College



It is my pride and privilege to be a part of this prestigious institution which is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. To celebrate this grand occasion in a befitting manner we have organized a spectacular inter collegiate fest- "Ascensio", Seminars, quizzes, talks and cultural programmes. To mark this milestone, we have decided to bring forth a Souvenir which would project the marvellous growth of this institution.

All Saints' College is poised for a giant leap and there is no doubt that it will grow from strength to strength. Over the years, thousands of young women have passed through the portals of this magnificent institution and have come out empowered and well equipped to bravely face the challenges of the modern world.

I congratulate the members of the faculty and support staff, both retired and serving, alumni and students for making this occasion a memorable one.

Dr.Mariamamma A.T

Former Principal

All Saints' College

All Saints' College has a special place in the hearts of all the people whose lives are touched by it. It is a rare honour to serve as its Principal. To become the Principal of this wonderful institution in the last segment of the Jubilee year is an opportunity that is accorded to a few in their lifetime. This year is special for us and to make it one worth remembering, we launched large scale celebrations that went on for a whole year. The college was present in the news and views of the state for an entire year through press and media coverage. This souvenir is a chronicle of all that and more. Our work is our message and in those terms, the college and its stakeholders have sent out a loud and clear message that we will work harder towards the greater glory of this institution and thereby contribute constructively to the society and the world.

I congratulate the staff, students and all other stakeholders who made this whole year possible.



MESSAGE

Dr. Sheela Mary Xavier
Principal
All Saints' College



It is a daunting task to assume charge after such a momentous year that saw the College in all its glittering glory. There is an immense weight of expectations and anticipation. Thanks to the sterling efforts of everyone in the college and the Management, I have been able to set the course that will take us on our journey forward. It is matter of great pride to see this souvenir that chronicles our achievements over the last fifty years. The systematic ascent and the determination that we have shown in the past will keep us going in the future too.

I am sure that everyone in the college will be upto the task. The momentum gained in the Jubilee year urges us on and now we dare to dream bigger and better. Sky is the limit. The impending NAAC visit is the centre of all our energies now and we are trying our level best not only to carry the legacy of this college forward, but also to set newer and higher standards. In a sense, our work is just getting started.

MOTHER MARY VERONICA OF THE PASSION



The News that Our Holy Foundress Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion was declared 'Venerable' on July 8, by Pope Francis sent ripples of joy within the CCR. Even before this glad tiding was announced, as a tribute to her greatness a few of our Sisters brought out some inspiring articles on Mother Veronica. Her life, both physical and spiritual, was very colourful and adventurous. In fact reading her autobiography and letters is as thrilling and enjoyable as reading novels or fictions. As she travelled the length and breadth of Europe by land and sea with her family and later as a Sister, her whole horizon of knowledge widened and her spirit soared towards her Creator and Redeemer constantly. Indeed Mother Mary Veronica can be studied under various aspects and our Sisters have done a commendable job in bringing to our attention some facets of Mother Veronica's inspiring life through their articles. My sincere Congratulations to all these Sisters for their labour of love!

Rev. Mother Mary Elma
Mother General, CCR

In order to make the readers familiar with the thoughts and deeds of the great foundress of the CCR, we carry excerpts from a book on Mother Veronica. The foreword has been written by Rev. Mother Mary Elma and contributions have come in from Sisters across provinces.



Sophie, nee Mother Veronica, was born to Anglican parents. Her father being a pastor imbued them in the spirit of Anglican doctrine. Sophie's ambition was to become the wife of a minister and sing the offices of the Church, teach poor children and look after the sick. Her father was particular about the reading of the Holy Bible. He gave them daily lessons on the Bible which she adopted in her life and hence she was a daughter of the Anglican Church.

Sophie, however found something lacking in her life. Her mother being a staunch Anglican lady gave them the training of the Anglican Church. They would daily pray with music and observe other religious practices. Her mother taught them sewing, to help the poor, to go to the villages to teach Catechism etc. They were taught to save money for the poor and make some sacrifices. At this period Sophie and her sister visited churches. She spent long hours in prayer. She was like a child crying for light. Her spirit craved for something that was beyond her reach. She did not know what she wanted. God had his plans for her. "Easter Tuesday ended in a dark night," she writes. "I blew out the last candles. The house was still. Suddenly a clear but soft voice broke the stillness and I heard these words distinctly My peace I leave you; My peace I give you; then all was still again, the night as well as my heart." She felt drawn to the Catholic Church, especially the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion.

She was professed as a member of the congregation of St. Joseph of the Apparition on 14 September 1851 and received the name Sister Mary Veronica of the Passion. After becoming a nun she taught in the school out of obedience to her superior but in her mind she wanted to help the Church. Hence with permission she left the Order and became a Carmelite.

She met Father Marie Ephrem who gave the idea to send missionaries to the Carmelites in India. It was here that she thought of founding a Convent to train missionaries for India. Here we can see her love for the Church as a true daughter of the Church. Wherever she went she was interested in Church activities. She would instruct the Sisters to pray for the Church. Her whole life was full of trials and difficulties which she offered for the Church.

Sr. Elizabeth Benjamin CCR
Western Province



love. And it is in following Him that the Carmelite intends to walk with a pure heart and a good conscience.

Sr. Doris Figarado CCR
Western Province



Mother Veronica valued humility so highly that she kept up a life long struggle to grow in this holy virtue which, she said, was very contrary to her protestant upbringing and her English character. With the permission of her confessor she even made a vow of humility for short periods of time to overcome her pride, since one cannot grow in humility without humiliations. And in Bethlehem, Our Lord took charge of sending them to her in abundance, so that she felt ground as “a grain of dust under the feet of all.” “What is more,” she says, “He gave the grace of being able to thank Him for these humiliations with all my soul.”

Sr. Mary Flower CCR
Western Province



She often heard an interior voice, I want you in Carmel. At first she did not understand the significance of all this and felt reluctant to take the words at their face value; for this would mean that she would have to leave the Congregation which she loved and where she was loved and highly esteemed. Besides, she was doing good work at Calicut. But, as with all God's doing, slowly, imperceptibly, a change began to take place in her disposition and she began to feel convinced that this was the will of God. Little by little, she explains, that light seemed to enter into her heart and, without in the least knowing how that could be accomplished, she attached herself to the thought as being the will of God. Obedience, she asserted was her only infallible guide.

Sr. Reena Bernard
Western Province



On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Sophie became Sr. Veronica and received the religious dress of the Congregation. Her heart overflowed with joy and she gave her whole to Christ – her Saviour and Guide. As a woman of mission she put her heart and soul into all the work assigned to her. She taught children, helped the sick and in many little ways helped to brighten up the world around her. Later on she was given charge of a small convent at Tremorel in Brittany, where she had to take care of a clinic; but the climate there was very bad for her health. This did not discourage her, she went ahead with her work caring for the sick and doing her bit to bring Christ into their lives.

A major turning point in Sr. Veronica's life occurred at this stage – something that changed her life entirely – closely bonding her to her task of continuing the work of Christ on this earth. Her next assignment was to establish a house of her Congregation at Calicut in India. At Calicut she found peace and serenity which was the ultimate happiness of her calling. From there on her life ahead was one of trials and challenges. She returned to England after a nasty fall and founded the Apostolic Congregation. Sr. Veronica was indeed a woman of vision, she aimed high, broke the conventions on what should be and what shouldn't be, unwavering, when adversities bogged her path – moving forward with Jesus guiding her always.

Sr. Louisa Francis CCR
Central Province



There is a lot of similarity between St. Teresa of Avila and Mother Veronica. Mother Veronica was highly inspired by St. Teresa after reading the book on St. Teresa. Their struggles at the beginning, love for the Order and Sisters were more or less the same. Both had very elite family backgrounds, high determination and of course love and respect for authority but were never ready to bow before those in authority. Misunderstanding, rejection etc. from ecclesiastical authorities were experienced by both. Both were extremely courageous in doing what was right.

The following incident very clearly shows how heroic she was in the face of adversities. Mother Veronica wanted to take many Sisters from Bayonne to the Indian mission. She was overjoyed at this and was ready to leave for India with a group of Sisters. Unfortunately she was not selected for India. Three other Sisters were selected. Her heart broke at the thought of not going to India. Also she was sorry to leave the three Sisters without her guidance. When she spoke to the Sisters about their departure to India she was choked and her eyes were filled with tears. "Go my children," she said after a moment, "and may God make the tiny plant of the little Carmel a great tree whose branches will spread so wide that thousands will come to rest in their shade. May the blessing of Our Lady of Mount Carmel go and stay with you!"

Her dream came true. Today under the shade of that mighty tree, there are three thousand Sisters, more than 350 schools and colleges, hostels, social service centres etc. doing meritorious work. They are spread to five continents and are known as ACs and CCRs.

May this valiant woman be an inspiration to women of all ages.

Sr. Nirmala M.S
Southern Province



Several texts in the synoptic Gospels indicate that Jesus was moved by compassion. In every case, Jesus' compassion led Him to act or do a good work, a work of mercy. Mother Veronica was so moved with compassion for an unfortunate man, that she took him to the convent with his consent, nursed him and took great care of him. This poor man who was thrown out was honoured, looked after and buried with all honour.

Sr. Prafulla Dias
Central Province



Mother Veronica's faith was linked closely with fortitude, hope, confidence and trust. Encouraging her daughters in India in their trials and difficulties she writes, "I have an unlimited confidence in the mercy of God. He will direct everything to His will."

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. God is a banker who never fails", was her refrain. Her faith was prompt, ready and wholehearted. It enabled her to say with conviction. "Even if you kill me Lord, I shall still trust in you." Towards the end of her life without any doubt she was able to say, "Self seems to disappear, while God and His mercy alone remain." Spirituality is then the reflection of intimate friendship with God in Jesus Christ. It brings about a profound change in the character of the one who prays and this is evident in the life of our Foundress, Mother Veronica.

Sr. Vira D'Sa
Generalate



A mystic and a prophet of her own time, Mother Veronica inspires us to model our lives and transcend above all the boundaries and barriers, to reach the roads of humanity in humble service.

And how fittingly the great poet Milton has said, "Time will run back and fetch the age of gold." It is time for us to go back and be connected to our roots – and fetch the legacy left behind by our Holy Foundress, Mother Veronica - a unique treasure that we must value. As we journey ahead on the roads of our mission and keep the CCR flame burning let the two planks of Carmelite identity, Prayer and Apostolic Service be our watchword. And may the life of our holy Foundress Mother Mary Veronica motivate and challenge us to Serve the Living God in Whose Presence we Stand.

Sr. M. Pamela, CCR
Generalate



Let us look at some of the qualities of Mother Veronica as a Formator and the qualities needed for a good formator today: Deeply rooted in the person of Jesus: This seems very obvious while going through her autobiography. Her love for Jesus enabled her to embrace the crosses that came her way. A true formator is convinced of this fact that there is nothing more important. The formator must not simply know about Christ;

she must have personal experience of the Lord as Mother Veronica herself had.

Fully aware of her charisma - immersed in the charism of the founder: Mother Veronica was fully aware of her special gift to be in close union with the Lord. Besides she had a heart that loved and cared for the sick and the aged; she was gifted with intelligence not only to read the Bible in different languages but also live it in her life. Her greatest desire was to save poor souls through education and uplift the poor. Mother Veronica has given us a wonderful gift. The charisma of the CCR family remains strikingly relevant today as the need for education is growing and the gap between the rich and the poor is continually widening.

In contact with the world of the poor: As a youth, even before becoming a Catholic young Sophie and Mary Ann were very much in contact with the world of the poor. They spent their time and little savings to educate the poor. If we are to mould others and lead them to a fuller participation in evangelizing the poor, we must ourselves know the poor and their world.

Capable of being a guide on the spiritual journey: We all know how right from the beginning Mother Veronica sought guidance from different holy priests with whom she worked. The best guides walk with those they are forming, at times quickening the pace, at times slowing it down, and at times pausing for rest. These qualities are very true of our beloved Foundress and should also be of a good formator.

A good listener: If Sophie reached such heights in her spiritual journey it is because she was a good listener. She was tuned to a God who spoke to her heart. In all humility she shared her mind with her confessors and Superiors and obeyed them. She also listened to those entrusted to her care. Every formator must be humble.

Truly missionary: Mother Veronica, in an age where travel was difficult and communication was limited, looked beyond France both to the East and the West and to the North and the South. By the time of her death, her inspiration had branched into two Congregations working with full zeal making God known through education of the poor. Even as I reflect, it is heartening to see how quickly members of our family in distant countries are keeping the flame burning.

Sr. M. Annalise CCR
Generalate



Looking at the life of our Foundress, we her daughters should also aim at an all round education to those entrusted to us. Let our real goal be to imitate and stimulate the process of the total liberation of the students. Let us bear in mind that parents send their children to us for good education but God sends, to save their souls. I am sure Mother Veronica was interested in the full growth of the whole person, and to develop persons

who are responsible and inner directed. Let Mother Veronica's teachings and example as a great follower of the Master Teacher bring forth transformation of the persons and society. William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet, has said that education is not filling of a pail, but lighting of a fire and Zakir Hussein says the real work of the educator or teacher is to shape character, where fire melts the character of his pupils to assume refined shape. Such was the work of our great educator Mother Veronica of the Passion.

Sr. Alka D'Souza CCR
Central Province



Mother Veronica is not only a woman of our times. She is also a woman for our times. She began laying the foundations of a new congregation for active apostolate on contemplative foundations. Mother Veronica had a remarkable personality. She had the courage of her conviction. When she understood that the Catholic Church was closer to the Gospels than Anglicanism, she took the heroic step of passing over to the Catholic

Church, knowing full well how many precious relationships she would be breaking, apart from breaking her mother's heart. That step must have toughened the fibres of her heart to undertake and undergo many a sacrifice for fulfilling the designs that God had on her.

We see in her, determinadetermination --- determined determination --- which is so highly appreciated and so strongly recommended by our Mother St. Teresa. Mother Veronica was a person with a strong will. And she endeavoured with all her might to conform this will to the will of God. She was ever ready to sacrifice everything in order to fulfil God's plan for her.

Mother Veronica has become a woman for all seasons. Her faith and her love have made her immortal. Her constancy in pursuing the narrow path and her endurance make her a model for the faithful who meet with problems, difficulties, hardships and misunderstandings.

Sr. Shobana Bavighar
Central Province





FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME

All Saints' College was envisioned by the late Rev. Mother Mary Louise with the approbation of His Excellency, the late Rt. Rev. Dr. V.V. Dereere, O.C.D., Bishop of Trivandrum. The College was opened in the Holy Angels' Convent premises on July 6, 1964 with the late Miss Margaret P. Paulose M.A., L.T. as the first Principal of the institution with 277 students in the first year of the Pre-Degree Class.

Being a Catholic College for Women, its purpose was to give the students of all creeds, a liberal education, to train them in the service of God, Man and Country and bring peace and harmony.

On May 15, 1965 His Excellency, the late Most Rev. James R. Knox, Apostolic Internuncio to the Republic of India, laid the foundation stone of the first block of the College at Chackai which is now the permanent campus.

Our College was shifted to the new premises at Chackai on January 19, 1967. It was very generous and kind of the Holy Angels' School to kindly cradle our infant college in their picturesque and shady premises for the first three years of its existence.

The college opened on June 1, 1967 with a strength of 305 pre-degree students. On July 24, 1967 with the new admission of 392 students, the new academic year commenced with 697 students. Our College further augmented its academic profile by starting Degree Courses in Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology, English, History and Economics.

After three months of adjusting to the new place, enthusiastic attempts were made to beautify the premises and to convert the sandy track outside into a lovely garden. In addition to the refreshing sea breeze which instilled vigour and vitality into drooping hearts and minds, the plying of city service buses along the Chackai - Veli route and the shifting of the railway

station became a real boon for one and all.

In 1970, All Saints' College successfully completed one wing of the new hostel in our permanent campus and the hostel was opened on June 16 with 148 students.

By the year 1977, All Saints' had 2,080 students, 73 teachers and 24 administrative staff. Many elaborate programmes of curricular and extracurricular activities such as cultural week, Bible study circle, NSS camps, competitions and tournaments, poetry and drama reading, needle work and grand sales were chalked out. These were carried out successfully, thus bearing witness to the ability of the staff and students to execute novel schemes. There was progress in all the fields – academic, fine arts and sports. It was indicative of our ardent desire to move forward with determination and dedication.

Our college grew from strength to strength. B.Sc. Botany and B.Com were introduced in July 1980. Our college was still in its teens when the shift system was introduced at the pre-degree level along with the introduction of the new courses which brought about a tremendous surge in the number of students. There were 2600 students, 95 faculty and 40 administrative staff. With the establishment of the *Alliance Francaise* by the French Embassy at Trivandrum, the study of spoken French was greatly facilitated.

Richard Graham, a professor from London University, who visited our college with his wife Zita wrote "It was a great pleasure to see such a well organised and efficient college. The facilities and building are impressive and comparable with many good colleges in the United Kingdom." His comparison of our college's infrastructure with the London University overwhelmed the college faculty and motivated them to outdo their previous efforts.

In the year 1981, the foundation stone for the extension block was laid. The year under 1981-1982 was one of unprecedented

success in the curricular and extracurricular activities. The dream of having a Post Graduate course in English was realized in 1982. And with this our college also attained the status of a First Grade College.

By the year 1983, All Saints' had completed two decades of its existence at its permanent campus. A tiny seed sown here had grown into a big tree widening the spheres of knowledge. By the blessings of God and the kind cooperation of our management, sisters, staff and students, our college emerged as one of the leading institutions in Trivandrum with 3015 students, 118 faculty and 64 administrative staff. All Saints' College had indeed come of age and was celebrating its 20th anniversary. Youthful exuberance and creativity - that's what the imposing facade symbolises; it's certainly no secret that great things were happening in these corridors of learning.

In keeping with Newman's idea of a university, intellectual pursuits, moral, spiritual, scientific, cultural and physical training were encouraged with a view to provide a well rounded and sound knowledge based mindset.

And the healthy teacher-student relationship had gone a long way in enabling our students to blaze a trail of success in curricular and extracurricular activities, especially in the field of fine arts – music and dance.

To add to the enchanting atmosphere of peace and tranquillity in our campus, a newly built Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was blessed and inaugurated in the year 1987.

And on June 2, 1988 the foundation stone for the non-resident student centre was laid. The next new venture in the minds of the faculty was the proposal to establish a Women's Studies Cell with the financial aid extended by the UGC.

In the year 1989, All Saints' College proudly celebrated 25 glorious years of selfless dedication towards shaping minds and hearts in thousands. To celebrate the Silver Jubilee Anniversary

in a memorable manner, a silver jubilee committee was formed. A comprehensive action plan was drawn up, incorporating the blue print of the various associations.

The silver jubilee celebrations got off to a spectacular start with the High Mass and a public function with the Honourable Chief Minister Shri.E.K.Nayanar as Guest of Honour. In order to effectively implement the multifaceted plans, the members of the staff invested a lot of time, effort and money. They organised a Mimics Parade by the Kala Bhavan troupe to raise funds to erect an Auditorium. Our college made a resounding entry into the computer age with the inauguration of the Computer Room in this year.

The year 1991 was memorable due to the inauguration of the new block of classrooms and the vocational training centre.

B.Sc.Physics was introduced in 1993. The All Saints' Computer Centre which was granted affiliation by the government of India began its DPCS course in the year 1994. Following the Post-graduate course in English, the Commerce department of All Saints' introduced M.Com. in the year 1995. In the year 1997, the department introduced yet another B.Com degree course: Tourism and Travel Management.

In the same year a beautiful Green House was set up in the college campus. B.A. Communicative English was introduced in the year 1998.

The year 1999 was indeed a blessed one. The eagerly awaited New Auditorium was inaugurated. Even today, it is a sought after venue of many Government sponsored and private events where student participation is required. It was a dream of the faculty members to erect an Auditorium with all facilities. And finally, it became a reality.

Along with it, there were other developments such as: the introduction of the M.Sc. course in Environmental Sciences and the vocational course in Secretarial practice.



The newly introduced courses gave stimulus for career minded students in various walks of life. A new language laboratory was also an added facility in improving the academic input of our students.

The campus development programme in 2001 included the computerisation of the library and providing internet facilities for the students. In the same year, the main highlight of the college was the accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in July.

In the year 2007, the campus development programme included an arch over the college gate, rain water harvesting facilities, provision for drinking water and installation of water coolers at different points, renovation of the office parlour, IQAC room and guest room.

Our college was re-accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council in March 2008 with B grade.

The college was selected as a centre for the Kerala State IT Mission (KSITM) programme, "Skill Enhancement Computer Training and Women's Resource Centre in Colleges of Kerala" in January, 2011.

The post-graduate course in M.Sc Environmental Sciences – which was initially a self-financing course, was regularized with the approval of the Government of Kerala. The post-graduate Department of Environmental Sciences was constituted as a separate department on October 11, 2011.

All Saints' College was one of the three colleges in Kerala under the Star College Scheme. This was a scheme initiated by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India in the year 2012 to nurture excellence in undergraduate science.

Finally, in the year 2013, All Saints' College celebrated its Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years of academic excellence and service. Fifty years have passed since the etching of the dream of our foundress Mother Mary Veronica and our beloved Managers in golden letters. A debt of gratitude is owed to the leaders who have made the institution what it is today.

The general peace and harmony in the campus, the close collaboration of the staff and students in the activities, the commitment of the staff to academic excellence and the financial assistance and genuine interest of the management in the overall growth, progress and achievements of the college make it a wonderful institution to be a part of. As we count these blessings one by one, we praise and thank God for his abiding love, guidance and protection.

OUR STAFF





Rev. Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion
(1823-1906)



Rev. Mother Mary Elias
Co-Foundress



Rev. Mother Mary Louise
(1964-1975)

THE VISIONARIES WHO BLAZED A PATH FOR US TO FOLLOW: OUR PIONEERS



Rev. Mother Mary Angela
(1975-1995)



Rev. Mother Mary Frances
(1996-2011)



Rev. Mother Mary Elma
(2011-)



Ms. Margaret P. Paulose
(1964-1969)



Sr. Mary Amata
(1969-1972)



Dr. Sr. Mary Alice
(1972-1987)

THE PRINCIPALS WHO LED ALL SAINTS' TO GLORY



Sr. Mary Frances
(1987-1996) (2000-2002)



Sr. Mary Laurentia
(1996-2000)



Dr. Esther Jayanthi J.
(2002-2007)



Dr. Mabil P.S.
(2007-2012)



Dr. Mary Mettilda Rose V.
(2012-2013)



Ms. Susan Lopez
(2013-2014)



Dr. Mariamma A. T.
(2014-2015)

Genesis

All Saints' being blessed and built...



A dream takes shape



Genesis

Student activities in those good old days

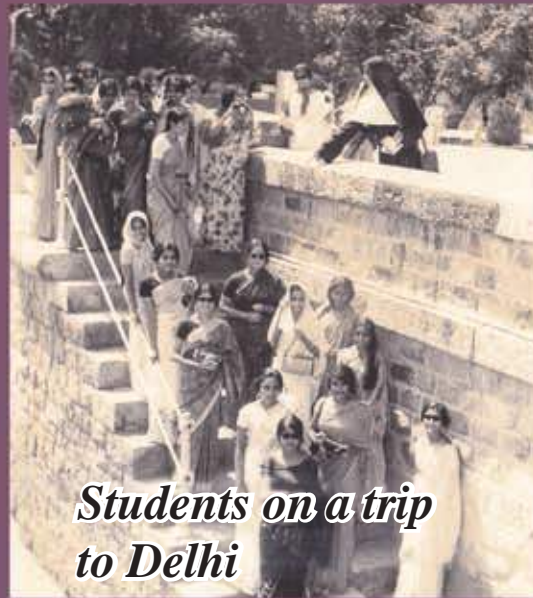


Genesis

A look into things as they were...



Staff Celebrations



*Students on a trip
to Delhi*



*Our First Youth
Festival Winner*



*The Actress Karthika
who won a University
Badminton Tournament*



Welcoming a visiting Sister



University Sports Team

Genesis

A glimpse into the past...



Students with Indira Gandhi



Sivaji Ganeshan



ONV Kurup and others



Yesudas at a Ganamela in the College



E.K. Nayanar at the Silver Jubilee Inaugural function



C. H. Mohammed Koya

Genesis

Trailblazers who visited our college and left their mark on our lives... A Selection...



Aranmula Ponnamma



Menaka



Baby John



Chemmanam Chacko



*Shri Balachandra Menon
Arts Club Inauguration*



*Mrinal Sen
at inauguration of the
All Saints' Film Club*



VIGNETTES OF THE PAST

1964-65



1965-66



1976-77



2006-07





2011-12





ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE
GOLDEN JUBILEE INAUGURATION







Unveiling the Jubilee Logo





ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE GOLDEN JUBILEE INAUGURATION



*Release of the documentary on the college directed by
Lenin Rajendran*



Dignitaries receive a token of our gratitude



*Jubilee Mass celebrated by
Rev. Silvester Donnumuthen*





Glimpses of the day as it unfolded



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Good evening to all of you,

Honourable Chief Guest Shri. Rishi Raj Singh IAS, Rev. Mother Mary Elma, Manager and Superior General, Mrs. Mary Alice, Staff advisor, Rev. Fathers and Sisters, teachers, College Union members, ladies and gentlemen and my dear students.

For and on behalf of the college, I have great pleasure and overwhelming enthusiasm to welcome you all to our 50th College Day Celebrations. As Principal of this institution, may I welcome our Chief Guest respected Shri Rishi Raj Singh IPS, Transport Commissioner for accepting our invitation to attend this auspicious function.

This year being the Golden Jubilee year is a landmark for All Saints' College. Keeping this in mind, all the departments and agencies under the college have gone out of their way to make this year memorable. We had a huge surge in the activities during the academic year and the staff and students contributed their best to make the Jubilee year count. The year started with myself, Susan Eden Lopez taking the helm of the college as the Principal. I thank everybody for their unwavering support and helping me to gain momentum for the smooth transition into my new post. I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to the management whose vision and relentless effort is taking this college to greater heights. I wish to thank the PTA for their qualitative contributions towards the development of the college. They have made very generous efforts to finance our various endeavours. Similarly the Internal Quality Assessment Cell or IQAC and the College Council have been working tirelessly towards improving the style of functioning of the college and the results are there for everyone to see. We are extremely focussed on our goals and have a clear sense of direction and righteousness of purpose. The decisions taken at the IQAC and council meetings have paid rich dividends and I thank the management, the Heads of various departments, IQAC and council members for their valuable suggestions and enthusiastic participation.

The report presents the activities of the college under the following heads:

Research and quality augmentation programmes

Outreach programmes

Facilitation and conduct of new courses

Student achievements

The college has been at the forefront of academic research in the past few years. This year is no different. We had six International seminars, two by the Department of English and one each by the Departments of Chemistry, Commerce, Zoology and Mathematics. I extend special congratulations not just to these departments, but also to the entire college for collaborating and lending a helping hand to make these events possible.

We had 10 national seminars by the Departments of English, Physics, Chemistry, History, Economics, Botany, Commerce and Physical Education that were well attended. These have greatly enhanced the image of the college as a hub of new ideas that can promote research and academic excellence.

Many of our faculty members have participated and presented papers in national and international seminars and contributed as resource persons in various workshops. They have also published papers in journals of repute.

Sonya J. Nair, Dr. Liji Varghese, Rajsree M.S, Nishel Prem Elias, Jovita Justin, Dr. Kavitha K.N, Lynda Stanley from the Department of English., Anitha G., Dr. Udayakala C from the Department of Malayalam, Dr. Caroline Beena Mendez, Dr. Deepa M., Dr. P.S Anjana from the Department of Physics, Dr. Reshma J.K, Dr. Ayona Jaydev, Dr. Smitha Asok, Rajani V, from the Department of Environmental Sciences, Parvathy Menon, Vijayakumari K, Vinny Ponnath, from the Department of History and Political Science, Dr. Nisha K.K, Cinthya Christopher, Dr. Sajitha Rajan S, Sr. Shaina T.J, from the Department of Botany, presented papers at various national seminars.

The teachers also published papers in journals of repute.

Dr. Liji Varghese, Rajsree M.S.- Department of English, Dr. Udayakala C - Department of Malayalam, Dr. Deepa M, Dr. P.S Anjana, Dr. Veena Suresh Babu - Department of Physics, Dr. Beena Kumari K.S - Department of

Chemistry, Dr. Reshma J.K, Dr. Ayona Jaydev, Dr.Smitha Asok, Rajani V - Department of Environmental Sciences, Sheela Mary Xavier - Department of Botany, published papers and thus distinguished themselves.

All the departments conducted talks or workshops that brought to our campus, some of the best known names in scientific research, academia, arts and sports. The students of the Department of Environmental Science co- presented and published papers at National Seminars with their teachers.

The Departments of English, Physics, Environmental Science, Zoology, Botany, and Physical Education are working on UGC sponsored projects. Out of this, Physics has a major project while others have minor projects. These have greatly enhanced the academic profile and reputation of our college. Liji Varghese of the Department of English has been awarded Ph.D Degree and we congratulate her on the same. A number of our teachers have registered for Ph.D and many are already doing part time Ph.D. Many teachers attended the orientation and refresher courses at the Academic Staff College. We also have a number of teachers on FIP to actively pursue their doctoral degree.

As an institution committed to the upliftment of youth through education, the college has been extending its activities to include the society at large. On the academic front this is being done by inviting students from other colleges to participate in workshops and symposiums. The Departments of English, Commerce, Mathematics and Physics conducted inter collegiate quiz competitions. The Department of Botany conducted an inter collegiate competition on bio-diversity. They drew a tremendous response paving the way for similar endeavours in the future. As part of consciousness raising, the Departments of History and Political Science conducted various competitions on National Integration Day. Further, as part of our efforts to make a direct impact on society through quality education and to sensitize our students on their social responsibilities, the college instituted the Each One Teach One Programme. Under this programme, select students from the Department of English have been conducting classes at the nearby St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Vettucaud on a regular basis. The classes are well received and we commend our students for their dedication. Our students across various disciplines are also volunteer members of Make A Difference. This NGO extends a helping hand to under privileged children. In an attempt to make the institution a relevant agent in employment generation among adult members of the society a number of outreach programmes were conducted by various departments.

The Department of Botany in association with the Agricultural Department Kudapanakunnu, conducted sessions on Vegetable Garden and Organic Farming for the Kudumbasree members and students where vegetable saplings were also distributed. The Department of Zoology as part of their workshop provided training to unemployed women and aquarium management to help them generate income. They also conducted an extremely impressive aquarium show along with this.

The Career Guidance Cell enhanced the employability of our students by conducting a number of talks on higher studies and career options after graduation, personality development by agencies such as Unilever, TIME and ICFAI. It also facilitated recruitment drives for companies such as ICICI.

Further the college is an enthusiastic partner of the Government of Kerala's ASAP or Additional Skill Development Programmes - conducted by the State Skill Development Project under the Higher Education department and trained two batches of students from April to January 2013. The programme plans to impart language skills to 3.5 lakh students over a period of five years. The college enabled the recruitment of student trainers and the NSS unit was the campaign partner. 90 students of our college qualified to become trainers at the end of the training camp.

The NSS is our flagship agency when it comes to social outreach. This year at the Award ceremony conducted by the University of Kerala, All Saints' College bagged the award for the Best NSS unit, Best NSS volunteer (Ms. Stephy Lopez) and Special Award for outstanding volunteer (Ms.Archana.R.P). This award winning wing of All Saints' College has been very active on the social front this year. The NSS volunteers conducted and assisted in a number of blood donation drives, and also donated blood. All Saints' won awards for being the best college in assisting blood donation activities. The NSS participated actively in the programmes held on Gandhism by various agencies and upheld their commitment to the environment through programmes on environment conservation and tree planting. Harithanethra is one such event conducted by the Agricultural College, Vellayani and Agricultural Department, Kadakampally, in association with the NSS wing of our college. In recognition of her work, our student, Aruna R.P, Secretary, NSS unit of All Saints' College has been elected as the member of the NSS advisory Committee, University of Kerala with effect from 5th August 2013.

The NSS organised and participated in socially relevant events for the

youth such as breast cancer awareness campaign, clean up drives, suicide prevention, national integration and campaign against drug abuse. 15 women from Karikkakom village were given free tailoring classes for a period of three months and will be provided with free sewing machines. The various camp activities included Voluntary Blood Donation, Visit to old age homes, tree walking, self employment classes, Personality Development sessions, Socio economic-health survey and Anganwadi visit (School bags and books were also presented to 70 students of these Anganwadis).

The Women's Study Cell has had a vibrant year this academic year. Under the guidance of Dr. C. Udayakala, the co-ordinator, women's study cell has been actively involved in social welfare activities. The cell initiated many students and teachers to participate in the She Walkathon held on March 8th in connection with International Women's Day.

The various clubs functioning in our college such as the Literary and Debate club, the Quiz Club, the Community Health Club, the Nature Club and the Science Club have taken the students beyond the academic realm to the world at large.

The PTA OF All Saints' College has been very actively functioning to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the college for the betterment of the student community. The PTA made payment for the usage of railway gate and was the sponsor for the first ever inter- collegiate fest ASCENSIO conducted by the students on January 17th and 18th 2014. The talk on 'Value of Life' by Justin Padamadin was also organised by the PTA.

AICUF and Jesus Youth activities have been progressing well and the spiritual health of the students is being closely monitored through regular talks, prayer sessions, retreat and ethics classes.

ASCATA, the All Saints' College All Teachers' Association of our college do co-operate in the development of the institution since its inception. The retired teachers have continued their moral support to the college and this year they have proposed to give financial backing for the construction of the administrative block on our premises.

The college has been sanctioned a number of self financing PG courses and an additional B.Com course with Tourism. Soon we will be starting new courses in M.Sc Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry and Zoology. This will be

a big boost to our institutional profile and will also bring an option to female students who wish to do higher studies but are hampered by lack of seats in institutions closer to home or to their aptitude. The highly ambitious programme, Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP) was conducted by our college in collaboration with the Higher Education Department. It is a matter of great pride that our institution could equip 90 students in three batches with skills in communication, IT and selected areas of industry and service sectors.

The college is also the first Indira Gandhi Open University study centre for women in Kerala.. Soon we will be starting classes for B.Com and BSW and a number of PG courses including MA English, History, Economics, M.Com, MSW, Women and Gender studies.

The centre was inaugurated by Dr. V Girija Devi, Regional Director, IGNOU, Trivandrum and I am sure that in the coming years, All Saints' will be at the forefront of providing quality educational options for those who cannot study on a full time basis.

This was a splendid year for the students academically and otherwise. Uma H. scored the highest grade point in Kerala University in Mathematics and Meera M.S topped in Economics. It was a matter of pride for our college to have 3 second rank holders- Abja Rasheed is the rank holder from B.A Communicative English, Mary Sherin Joseph from MA English and Vivina Shankar from M.Com. AICUF representative Ms. Nesty Jose participated in and secured prize in the relity show 'Yuvatharam' by Jai Hind TV. The students have also learnt a lot through the various seminars, exhibitions, workshops and talks that their departments conducted. Alongside this, there were a number of entertainment programmes that were organised as fund raisers. The food fests, film festivals and concerts saw students experience a rare mix of the curricular, co-curricular and the extra curricular. I hope that you will cherish this time with fondness where you laughed a lot and learnt a lot.

The Union elections saw a new union ushered in and they shouldered their duties admirably. The Union activities were inaugurated by Mr.Raju Naranyaswamy, an eminent bureaucrat and the Arts club by Mr.Unni Mukundan, popular cine star. As part of the union and arts club activities, we had a number of competitions in the performing arts category. The Literary and Debating Association too held competitions thus giving our students a chance to showcase their talents. There were other programmes such as the Freshers' day, Onam celebrations and Christmas celebrations. The

students participated in these and gave the entire college a festive air. Our students performed creditably well in the various intercollegiate competitions conducted by institutions such as Mar Ivanios, Government College for Women and College of Engineering, Trivandrum. Our girls excelled in literary competitions, dance, fashion shows and quiz. They have been encouraged to present papers at various seminars and they presented programmes on All India Radio. They have also won prizes at the various quiz competitions such as intercollegiate Mathematics Quiz and Statistics Quiz at University college, Trivandrum.

Our students are also extraordinarily enthusiastic about Sports and other extra curricular activities. The sports day conducted in the month of March 2014 was inaugurated by the former Union Minister Mr. O. Rajagopal. It was a spectacular event and the students displayed their physical prowess in Mass PT and March Past.

Our sports enthusiasts won second place in football, third in handball and cricket at the intercollegiate level Competition. They won first in district handball of which three students were selected for the state team and two of our students were selected to represent the state in the National Rugby championship at Pune while Anjitha of final year B.Com was selected for the Rugby Indian camp. I am sure that these students will make us proud.

The Departments of Malayalam, Botany and Economics encouraged their students to bring out manuscript magazines. These magazines truly highlight the ability, imagination and vision of these students.

The Jubilee celebrations of the college commenced on a high note. In fact the celebrations will go on for a year. The Inaugural function saw a bevy of prominent political and social leaders participate alongside eminent administrators. The Chief Minister Mr. Oommen Chandy inaugurated the celebrations alongside Mr. V.S Sivakumar, Hon. Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Devaswom who also unveiled the Jubilee logo. Mr. T.P Srinivasan, Vice Chairman and Executive Head, Kerala State Higher Education Council inaugurated our first intercollegiate competition Ascencio, Mrs. Lida Jacob IAS released the Golden Jubilee documentary film that was directed by National Award winning director, Mr. Lenin Rajendran. The Bishop of Punalur, Rev. Silvester Ponnumuthan inaugurated the Jubilee projects for the coming years. This event received wide coverage in all the media outlets and has set the tone for the coming year.

The feather in our cap was Ascencio- the Intercollegiate Fest that was conducted on 17 & 18 January. The fest was a grand success with the popular singer Sachin Warriar inaugurating the function. The atmosphere was charged and competitions were held in a number of categories ranging from Spelling Bee to Quiz, dance, fashion show, personality contest, mock interview and Paint ball. The fest also has the distinction of hosting the rock band Thaikudam Bridge for the first time in Trivandrum. There were performances by the rock band Saptak and the dance troupe Z-Vibrant. It is commendable for a womens' college to conduct a fest of this magnitude. I congratulate the fest co-ordinator Divya Grace Dilip, Department of Zoology, Student coordinators Nesty Jose, Sara Saju Kallingal, Anjali Warriar, Union Members, volunteers and students for their organisational acumen. I congratulate all the sisters, teaching and nonteaching staff for their cooperation, coordination and valuable inputs towards realising this dream.

This year saw nine new teachers joining the college. Dr. Kavitha K.N, Diana V Prakash, Jovita Justin and Celina James, Department of English, Reshma Sampath, Department of French, Dr. Veena Suresh Babu, Department of Physics, Renjini Raveendran P and Sebina Mathew C, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Sr. Shaina T.J, Department of Botany. We have great hopes from you and it is heartening to see you work hard. We also bid goodbye to six teachers and two members of the non teaching staff. The Principal Prof. Susan Edel Lopez from the Department of Economics, Mrs. Sreelatha Nair, Mrs. Mable Simon and Mrs. Geetha Nair G. from the Department of English, Dr. Pushpa Kumari, Head, Department of Commerce and Mrs. Kalyani S., Head, Department of Physics. All those retiring have worked selflessly for the betterment of the college and they now step back, leaving the reins in fresh hands. We wish them a happy retired life.

This year has seen us out performing ourselves. We have to keep in mind the challenges we shall face in the coming years and gear up for the same. Education is evolving constantly and we have to keep ourselves relevant and engage in a meaningful dialogue with society. We have to train our students to be on par with the best and to become socially aware and morally active presences in the world. I am sure that we shall be able to justify the motto of this great institution - Lead Kindly Light - and shall be able to encourage young lives to follow the path of enlightenment.

Remembrance of Things Past

Memories are a heady mix of fact and fiction which only the proverbial swan can separate. As Epictetus said,

“Men are disturbed not by things
that happen
But by their opinions of the things
that happen.”

All Saints’ College came into existence in 1964 in a small corner building in Holy Angels Convent campus and was located conveniently near the gate. I joined the institution as Lecturer in English in 1966. At that time the college offered only the Pre-degree course. As most of the students were former pupils of Holy Angels Convent they were quite familiar with the topography of the school and were very much at home. The teachers of the various departments occupied a single staff room, thus ensuring everyone knew everything about every other department. So communication was excellent sans mobile phone or land-line connection. Another blessing was that there was no transport problem. Very few needed the college bus or public transport.

Good things never last long. In 1967, the college was shifted to a faraway, desolate, bleak area—Chackai, which was then beyond the limits of civilization.

No city buses plied to that part. Autorickshaws were unheard of and private transport was an illusion. There was one college bus that took repeated trips to town. But some of us, impatient to get home, started trudging along the traffic-free broad road announcing the noisy arrival of urban scholars to that peaceful area. Within a few days the Kerala Transport Corporation realized the rich source of income waiting to be tapped. Buses were sent to All Saints’ College punctually in the

morning and evening. In course of time the College added two more buses.

In 1967 the degree courses were introduced and the extra-curricular activities also increased. As there was only one block constructed for housing the office, the class rooms, the library and the staff rooms, the campus was one vast stretch of beach sand, effectively preventing the more adventurous from indulging in sudden disappearances. Nor were the trees huge enough to oblige the students. The hot sand and the bright sky thwarted any tête-à-tête or “group discussions” during class time. In a way we teachers found this situation sometimes a handicap. A secret hope in the earnest teacher’s heart could not be realized as the talkative ones had to be retained in the class room.

Soon more buildings came up and more batches of students filled the class rooms. The departments had more teachers each and there was a lot of fun and merriment despite the mid-term tests and the University examinations.

Change is the law of Nature and all things will change. One example is the vanishing of the English composition period from the time-table. Even when I was serving the College this much maligned hour had been done away with in many other colleges. But our English



department invested time and energy(of course not our heart and soul!) in teaching the students to write their own English sentences in essays, letters, summaries etc.It was also the period for those students who wanted to commit to ink and paper their criticism and disapproval of the college practices and the “misdemeanours”of the teachers. Many such literary pieces escaped the eye of the teacher, but a few were inadvertently tucked inside the composition note books as the students were in a great hurry to catch the college bus. Fortunately they fell into my hands and received an honourable burial.

Right from the beginning the College had set high academic standards. Hence it is not surprising that the college sent out many University rank holders year after year. Many of my students have distinguished themselves in various professions as doctors, teachers,artists, educationists, social workers and creative writers. I am proud to mention the names of Chandrika Balan and Khyrunnisa A. who have achieved remarkable success in their chosen fields.May they continue to entertain their readers.

A teacher never ceases to learn. I wish to thank and bless all my students who have helped me grow in wisdom and understanding. Thank you, dear students.

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EVERGREEN MEMORIES OF ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE

The inaugural function and the connected programmes, all streamlined in the year long preparation for the Grand Finale of the Golden Jubilee of the All Saints' College, Trivandrum, just flew on the wings of time - And now to be associated with the closing function is a privilege - it will be exciting, full of joy, jubilation and thanks giving - a symbolic expression of the success story of fifty glorious years and the continued growth of this prestigious institution.

The roots of the present are embedded in the past. As we look back, what instantaneously comes to our mind is the untiring effort of the Founder Members and the pioneers of this Institution, who very courageously and persistently translated their vision into action.

I joined the core team of All Saints' as Professor of Economics in 1970 when Sister Mary Amata CCR was at its helm as Principal. At the very outset what appealed to me was the ambience of the College. It was extraordinarily warm, cordial and hallowed. With the prayer song 'Lead Kindly Light' at the daily morning assembly, I could sense the Institution steadily moving forward with God's Grace and protection.

And now, as I leisurely stroll down memory lane those lovely, very memorable years I spent at All Saints' have come to a full circle. It was my close association with so many sisters that overwhelms me. Mother Angela, Sr M Amata, Sr M Alice, Sr M Agnes, Sisters Veera, Laetitia, Laurentia, Frances, Lillian, the Administrative Staff Members,

Sisters Nathaline, Marlene, Maxine Dora, Felita, Lizzy and others. With age catching up, some names escape me but I still remember their faces. I particularly recall the occasion when I first met Sr. Amata, the sweet and soft spoken Head of the Institution, and Sr. Agnes - the personification of patience and love-at the time of my interview for the post of Professor and HOD of the Department of Economics. I received a very cordial and affectionate welcome. After a few minutes of conversation the interview was over. When I asked when I will be able to know the result of the interview, immediately I got the reply "you are already appointed teacher". This was an unforgettable experience for me. I praised the Lord.

Down the years, the air was replete with genuine love and kinship. We held aloft the All Saints' banner proudly. Self confidence, Unity and a sense of belonging were so deep that words fail me and I am unable to express those emotional ties.

The college grew from strength to strength as more and more elegant young ladies from over seas, Trivandrum city and suburbs and the coastal belt came to fill the pre-university classes and eventually advanced to the graduate and postgraduate levels. As the strength of the college swelled, so too did the number of faculty members. Despite the great financial strain and drain, the Management: Rev. Mother M Louise and her General Councillors namely Sr. M. Xavier, Sr. M. Angela and others had started the Arts and Science courses simultaneously. The gallery classrooms, spacious laboratories, the auditorium, the numerous staff rooms with modern amenities etc., speak volumes in praise of the architecture and infrastructure

done with superb planning and foresight. It is indeed a wonderful experience to recall how acres of an expansive sandy desert like campus has been transformed into a vast green landscape with lots of shady trees, plants and flowers. For the students, who spend a good part of their lives in their educational institutions, All Saints' College and its surroundings is no doubt a paradise of love, beauty and joy. By now All Saints' became a beehive of activity. The spacious, well equipped library needs special mention. So spotlessly clean and well maintained was every department including the canteen and the 35 acre campus, that on two or three occasions the College was awarded the coveted prize for "Cleanliness and Discipline".

The Management integrated formal education with Moral and value education classes held regularly every week. The NSS, the Social Service League, the Sports, Literary and Debating Associations, other subject Associations etc. inculcated in the students a genuine team spirit and sportsmanship. College Elections, College Day and Christmas Celebrations, intramural and extramural activities were a feast for the eyes. Christmas Charity Hampers, Annual Retreats were all well attended. Educational and Science Tours all fell in place. All Saints' has always had the good fortune to attract some excellent resource persons on the staff - selfless, sincere, committed and dedicated and their deep sense of loyalty and involvement in upholding the ideals of the founder members helped in setting the organisation on a sound footing. My sincere appreciation and thanks to our dear teaching staff. At this point I thankfully recall the significant role played by the support staff. Mrs Lalitha, the librarian was so attentive to us every time we approached her in the library. The college canteen managed by Mrs. Seetha Satyanesan and Sr. Sheela with a bond of dedicated workers needs special mention. The heart warming functions of the college such as the farewell candle

lighting ceremony, class socials conducted by every department with staff and students and the farewell send off function for superannuating staff members can never be forgotten. It gives me immense satisfaction to recall that I was a part of the fraternity that helped and is still helping to groom the students who pass out of this esteemed institution, into 'dynamic and morally upright women'.

I am thrilled to learn that the College Management, teachers and students have together undertaken an expansive humanitarian service programme especially for the upliftment of the downtrodden and underprivileged section of the student community. Looking back, from the inception of the college from 1964 to the year 1990, its Silver Jubilee Year, I must say that the growth of the College was incredibly rapid and steady. I specially remember the celebration of the Silver Jubilee Year and the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee of which I had the good luck to be the President.

Kudos to the present Manager Mother Mary Elma, the Superior General of the CCR, and the present Principal and her crew. May God continue to shower more and more blessings on them all.

I beg to end with a quote from Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, who ends his message to All Saints' College on its land mark occasion. "I pray that the College may continue in realizing its vision of forming dynamic young women who are morally upright, socially committed, academically proficient and are able to make a difference to society."

Sita Narayanan

Professor of Economics (Retd)

(1970 - 1989)



Down the Lane of Happy Memories

This is a travel through happy memories of life at All Saints' College some fifty odd years ago.

The year was 1964. A bunch of happy-go-lucky teenagers had just passed Class X with flying colours from Holy Angels' Convent, Trivandrum. I was one of them. There was much excitement as we discussed and decided which college to go to and what subjects to choose. Then we heard the good news that our famous school was starting a junior college for the Pre-Degree course.....All Saints' College. Being at a vulnerable age, old enough to take certain decisions but not mature enough for others, it was decided that I would go to All Saints' College. As Holy Angels' Convent which had a great reputation was running this college; we knew that academics would be top priority and there would be co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as well. Above all, the girls would be safe in a protected environment in an all girls' college. Initially the college was housed in the Convent premises. And so I joined All Saints' College in 1964 as part of that first batch of 272 students.

I took the first group, that is, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, as my subjects. My name was second on the rolls, the first place having gone to a friend whose name started with 'A'Ammini. The elegant Miss Margaret Paulose was our Principal. Our teachers were the Oxford trained Sister Alice for English (I still proudly say that we had Oxford trained teachers), the motherly Parvathi Amma for Chemistry, the beautiful but stern Meenakshi teacher for Physics and naughty Sister Amata for French (I say naughty because one of the assignments she gave was " write a letter to your husband." Imagine fifteen and sixteen year olds who were just coming out of their parent's shadow

thinking about a husband!!). The only male teacher was Mr. John, our Mathematics teacher, a perfect gentleman. If I know my subjects well even today, it is thanks to these teachers who laid a very strong foundation in the subjects. It was real fun at college where in spite of the sheltered environment we had freedom. It was a wonderful introduction to responsible adulthood with the right values and priorities being inculcated.

We had college elections—my first exposure to such public offices. My friend Padmaja got maximum votes and so she was the President of the College Union. I came second and so I was Secretary of the College Union. This position exposed me to the various duties of a public office. When the college moved to the new premises in Chackai a couple of years later, I was invited to propose the toast at the Annual Day function. The annual day function was a grand affair.

I attended the golden jubilee celebrations last year. The sylvan surroundings completely floored me. How lucky today's girls are to study in such an environment. Today, the college boasts of graduate and post graduate degree courses bringing out brilliant girls shining in various fields. Hats off to the college for the entertainment programmes that were very professionally conducted at the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Who can forget the musical "Sister Act"! It was done with the same professionalism that I saw fifty years ago.

Looking back at the last fifty years, I realise that I am very much indebted to my alma mater. In Muscat where I spent thirty five years from 1978, I had the opportunity to do a lot of community service. In 1996 I was nominated by the Indian Ambassador to the Management Committee of Indian School, Muscat (ISM). It is a community run school whose patron is the Indian Ambassador. I was the only lady member along with twenty gentlemen. I was renominated for two more two year terms, the maximum permissible consecutively. Again in 2008, I was invited to join the committee. I was Chairperson of various sub-committees including Academic, Staff selection, Special Education, Extracurricular and Co-curricular activities. I was able to incorporate into ISM, many of the things I learnt at All Saints'. My public speaking skills were honed at All Saints'. We had our teachers

helping us rehearse, correcting pronunciation, accent, syntax etc. I organised Teacher's Day functions at ISM where my organisational and public speaking skills were put to use. I sent up a prayer of thanks to my teachers at All Saints'.

A couple of friends and I did a quiz programme called the 'Quiz Pot' for the schools in Muscat for almost ten years from 1993. My interest in general knowledge and world affairs were kindled by teachers at All Saints'. This reflected in "Quiz Pot".

Besides academics and extra curricular activities, we learnt the soft skills necessary for life. Wherever we went representing our college, we stood apart, head and shoulders above the rest. I remember my English class where the essay "On Saying Please" by A.G Gardiner was taught. It made such an impression because of the way it was taught. I still remember the sentence, "Please and Thank you are the small change with which we pay our way as social beings". We were taught to practise these niceties so much so they have become second nature to me now. Good manners and ability to socialise were skills that I learnt at All Saints'. This gave me the confidence to interact with people from all over the world. In Muscat I was part of the American Women's Group that had 900 plus members from more than 140 countries.

The college prayer 'Lead kindly light' has truly led me and many others like me to lead a life that is meaningful and useful. All Saints' College's aim was 'to create dynamic young women who are academically proficient and financially independent, socially committed and morally upright.' And I must say they have succeeded more than a hundred percent. I dedicate the laurels and compliments I get about my education and my successes to my alma mater All Saints' College. May God bless All Saints' College, its teachers, staff and students. And may I add, its Alumni as well?

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IN PRAISE OF ALL SAINTS'

Oasis set on silver sands

Wrought by tireless loving hands

Home to the maid, the bird and the tree

Blessed by the saints in their glory

Beacon of learning shining bright

Nurturing in its radiant light

Women of all creeds, gifting them

Knowledge and faith, a many-splendoured thing

In the light of the One who walked the waves

By the love of He who saves

She shall grow, she shall glow year after year

All Saints' College shall have no Peer



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Those Fragrant Days.....



When I was asked to pen a few lines about my experiences in All Saints' College where I spent a significant period of my college days, I needed only a paper and pen because, even after 40 years I could recollect as fond memories, a comprehensive series of events that still lie fragrant in my soul. They are always unique to me as the few talents I possessed grew active and effective in my beloved college where I began to breathe with ease the enchanting life of a teenager. They were wonderful days and I learned more from the caring and adorable hearts that tutored me for five years than from the books. It is not at all an exaggeration because most of my companions had the same opinion after a strict and stressful period of more than ten years in a school campus, with a constant mode of life and attire. Here life was different and colourful especially for those who had passed through the convent gates. Late Rev. Sr. Alice, Rev. Sr. Letitia, and a sister

who led the college choir are some of my favourites among the sisters and like most of the students I too feared late Rev. Sr. Agnes because she was strict towards one and all, and we had to wait for days to see a smile on her stern face. I recollect with pride and gratitude, the professors.

I wish to mention what led me to step into this campus as a student. It is simple yet memorable again because All Saints' College nurtured its first batch of students in a huge building in Holy Angels Convent, where I was a student then. My elder sister was then doing her S.S.L.C. and my younger sister too was there. As soon as my elder sister left school, she immediately took admission in All Saints' College that was situated in the same campus. I witnessed everything with great delight because the teenagers that hastened in and out through the wide doors like colourful butterflies fascinated me. Sometimes I spied with envy the different dresses they wore when I was still in my uniform. However, the following year the college was shifted to where it now stands and my sister was lucky to continue in a new campus, though I missed the colourful lot.

Let me recollect with pride the first day I stepped into my college campus. It was a fine morning and before I could enter the huge campus, I was stopped short as the long railway track lay threatening the numerous fair feet that crossed in and out. I paused for a few minutes and looked on either side to see whether the track was free because my parents had repeatedly warned me to be careful. Once I entered the campus, I forgot the track and the whistling dragon. The white sandy campus with specks of green was a beauty to behold. The huge wavy pines that camouflage the environment today were tiny shrubs then and so the white sand that sparkled in the sunlight was a splendid sight indeed. But every morning I spent a few scary moments before the track till I got used to it. After that, I began to cross the track even if I perceived the train far away. But over confidence is at times dangerous and it once caught me unaware.

As usual, I began to cross though I spied the thundering monster far away. There were many like me to perform the daring act and that boosted my confidence. But before I could cross safe to the other

side, my long nylon skirt got stuck in the track. "O,God!" I still fail to remember how I managed to pull it out , though I had to leave a small piece of my beautiful dress behind.

The scene after that brought tears to my eyes because more than a dozen hands hugged me. They said they had lost hope when they saw me struggling with my dress. That was the last time I dared to commit such a foolish act because that incident had taught me a lesson for a life time. I had taken Science group for my pre-degree as per the advice of my parents, though my fascination for Literature lay raw in me. Zoology classes fascinated me the most especially the practical classes because I enjoyed the dissection of frogs. I disliked cockroaches as I feared them right from my childhood. But dissecting them and further severing their mouth parts gave me a sort of sadistic pleasure. Every time I went through it, I whispered scornfully how these creatures had made me run from room to room , screaming for help. But on those occasions I had to starve because no soap could wash away the smell of that ugly insect from my hands and my mind as well. And when I reached home after travelling more than fifteen kilometers, I feared I would turn a cannibal. There were other days too when some of us had to starve because most of us preferred to sit in the open air and have lunch rather than in the stuffy dining room. So we chose certain shady spots where the sun did little harm. But, at times the envious breeze grew so crazy that it simply puffed a few grains of sand into our food and there ended our glorious dreams of a good meal. None of us wanted a sandy lunch and the little dog that always waited patiently for the waste, gulped a hearty meal wagging its tail.

Pre-degree classes always kept us busy and so there was very little time for fun. But a few of us who showed an aptitude for music and other literary activities managed to squeeze some time for rehearsals and competitions. I never lost such opportunities and so I got plenty of chances to be on stage, as a contestant or otherwise. I still remember the occasion when I first stood on the stage as a participant in the singing competition. Though I was scared to the bones, I managed to hold the mike as a support and began "Chanda hai thu mera sooraj hai thu", at the top of my voice. To my

disappointment, I found that the faces before me mimicked dissatisfaction. My friends showed some actions which I failed to grasp, then the crowd grew silent. But as soon as I left the stage the secret of the mimics, actions and silence was revealed to me. The one who sung before me had switched off the mike and they could hear only my squeaky voice. With that I stopped singing Hindi songs, though that language didn't have anything to do with the event. After that I stayed aloof from stage performances. Soon opportunities came my way and like a good angel, Rev. Sr. Letitia gave me a fresh start with plenty of activities. Once again I participated in music competitions but restricted myself to English and Malayalam songs alone. Sister also sensed my flair for writing poems and it gave me immense pleasure to see a poem of mine appear every year in our college magazine.

Degree classes were the ones I enjoyed the most. Though, once again like an obedient child I joined the Science group with Zoology as Main, I couldn't enjoy those classes. Most of my friends had taken Literature and so I was struggling in silence. Two weeks sped by in a similar manner and finally I broke the ice. I told my parents that they have to consider my interests and feelings and that cleared the situation. I was back with my friends and the prolific English writers of all times. I became very active in, plays and other literary competitions, won prizes and certificates that still lie in my cupboard, reminding me of those wonderful days. Memories are like tides in an ocean that sweep ashore everything it captures. Those five long fruitful years in my college (1969-74), still lie fresh in me, and I'm not mistaken because I happened to go there a few months ago to participate in a seminar. Though the entrance to the college has changed, the inside, like the class rooms, the old auditorium, the staff rooms, the tiny garden by the office room and the corridors all remain. As I entered the auditorium, I thought I heard the jeer of old voices which at times grew boisterous until the teachers interfered. There were of course more than a handful of teachers who were dear to me. I still remember Anna Michael ma'am, Lizzy ma'am, Lillykutty ma'am, Felicita ma'am, Thresiamma ma'am and a few others who taught me in pre-degree classes and Shyamala ma'am, Gloriamma ma'am, Beeta

ma'am, Mary Ann Panicker ma'am, Leela Subramony ma'am and a few others who taught me in degree classes. I stepped into a few class rooms to refresh my memory of their vibrant voices. I can never forget the French classes that resounded with laughter when Rev. Sr. Letitia narrated some funny incident.

My daughter Suchitra too was fortunate to do her Pre - Degree in the same college, though her choice was different. She took first group (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry) and she was once again fortunate to be tutored by some teachers who had also taught me. It was during this time I was invited to the College Day Celebrations by the Principal Rev. Sr. Frances to give a musical treat for ten minutes. She had been a senior student when I was at college and I was indeed delighted because after years, I got the opportunity to sing to the new generation and my old teachers. I was elated when they complimented me for the three old English hits "Jambalayo On the Ohio and Country Roads".

Now as the author of three books "Voice of the Soul" published in 2011, "Evergreen Rhythms" published in 2013 and "Dr. J.C. Daniel - Father of Malayalam Cinema" (A Biography), published in 2014, I feel proud that my beloved college has indeed played a vital role in my present effort.

Memories are not paper boats,
that soak in torrent or snow;
They are like the ocean tides ,
that strike the sandy shores.
Once they surge and fill our thoughts,
No mound can stop their flow;
So they stay, play their game,
Then drown, to rise again.

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Our College

*All Saints' College! Not now unknown the name;
Look where the fabric stands and takes the sun,
Level the grounds and quiet. Her day's begun.*

*Silent, yet steady, here the rivulets run
All from those mountain-springs of ancient fame,
In here, no strife, no noisy waves of blame.
Nor need she stop to note what changes run
Time's rattling wheels down abysses of shame
She seeks to cherish but the undying flame.*

*Come Youth, with all its bounce and spring, to know
Of sober duty, willing reverence,
Learning that looks to no ignoble ends,
Life's pilot stars that often unnoticed go.
Ere long, as to a Mother's wings at night,
Great minds she nurtured in the best of sense,
Entranced may gather here in pure delight.*

- A former Student



Once a student, always a student

There is a phrase that derives from the Latin words that mean nourishing, bountiful and kind mother, a meaning that is truly appropriate. It was in the early 18th century that this phrase began to be used in the way we know it today. The phrase is Alma Mater, which today is simply defined as the school or university from which one graduates. This simple definition, however, doesn't begin to convey the enormity of what this institution - All Saints' College has provided us in terms of Education, lasting friendships and memories.

I graduated with a B.A in Literature from Department of English in All Saints' College in '71. We learnt Goethe and Milton and Shakespeare from the best teachers. But there was one thing that our particular batch was very proud of. We were one of the first batches to occupy the new building - inaugurated in 1968 - while we were doing our PDC. We started our course in the smaller Holy Angels Convent building and completed our Pre-degree in the present building. I remember we were ultimately awed by the enormity of the new structure and lost in its vastness when we moved in.

We also took to christening the restrooms as "The Queen's Crown", given that we felt that the roof looked like a crown and everyone wondered how the roof stood up on its own almost a foot above the rest of the building.

While, over 40 years later, we may not recall the pages of every single text book we studied, we will remember our classmates and teachers. Sr. Laurentia and Esther Jayanthi the former Principal, were my classmates in B.A. English and I had fabulous teachers like Ms. Leela Subramani, Padma Sunderrajan, Chandralekha, Shyamala, Hebzebah Jesudasan, Mrs. Meena Prabhu, Sister Amata, Sister Letitia and our brave, lone, male faculty Mr. Sleba.

Some of the times spent in those classes are still fresh in my memory and I will always wonder at the depth of scholarly knowledge of Ms. Jesudasan, as she compared Milton's depiction of the sea with the description from Kamban's Ramayana. I'm sure that later batches have had their own magical moments in the classrooms - with lessons and incidents that they will remember forever.

In 1971, as our Bachelor's degree came to close, we left with a heavy heart, as, at that time All Saints' did not yet have a Post Graduate course. However, while our classes ended and while we students moved away to different corners of the country and the world, the memories of times spent within these walls have lasted forever. In one corner of my cupboard at home, still sits my Autograph book from the last day at All Saints' College, with words that still draw a laugh and reminiscences of old times.

I wish All Saints' College and its students and faculty all the very best on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

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I Remember, I Remember...

When you hear that the college where you had spent a good part of your life is celebrating its golden jubilee, it's the cue for memories to take over. I studied in All Saints' College and worked there too, for almost thirty years, which makes it thirty-five in all - a pretty long time in one institution. But familiarity only bred more love and greater attachment for the place and I have any number of fond memories. If I were to record them all, the result would be a saga, not an article. Relax, it's no epic narrative here, just a few memories of my student days.

I remember the white sands that appeared to shiver under the rays of the scorching sun and wishing for trendy sunglasses to keep the glare away, the stark paucity of greenery, the 'holey' main building, the daily assemblies and the mandatory singing of Lead Kindly Light, the college's beautifully soulful anthem, in varied and soulless tones and pitches.

I remember how we dragged our feet and dawdled to class to the ridiculously bizarre accompaniment of brisk marching music and the excellent, zealous teachers, each coming on the heels of the other into

the class room, their distress almost comical when the noise of a train chugging merrily past or an aeroplane flying noisily overhead forced them to leave their best sentences hanging in the air.

Oh, yes, I remember the weekly moral science classes that we wished away in vain, the delightful hours spent in the comfortingly dark, small library housed where the present computer room is; I remember taking Oscar Wilde's 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' out of a cupboard and getting so engrossed in it I read it at one standing. I also remember the library shifting to its present bright, airy and huge premises - what I regard as the best section of our college.

I remember how when the final bell went, we rushed through the evening prayers at such supersonic speed that the words must have been unintelligible even to God, before rushing athletically out of the gates to the bus stop, hoping to hop into a bus that was less crowded than the others. Alas, I had such miserable luck that the bus I chose would inevitably be blessed with a conductor who loved nothing better than to pack as many girls as possible like the proverbial sardines into his vehicle.

I certainly remember the College Days at the Senate Hall, the exhaustive annual reports, the long speeches, the variety entertainment, the western dances that people said were the speciality of All Saints', the canteen that wasn't anything much in those days and the Buckingham Palace, which was quite a byword as far as restrooms were concerned. And who can forget the exams and the report cards?

These general memories apart, I cherish memories of two events in

which I take special pride and delight – the fancy dress competition and the three-legged race I had taken part in. I hardly participated in any extra-curricular activities or competitions in college, except some of the written ones. But in my degree final year, a feeling of adventure and the consciousness that it was my last year in a college I loved, made my friend Blaizie and me enter our names, after much deliberation, for the fancy dress and the three-legged race competitions.

In those days there was no question of getting any professional help for fancy dress to give that perfect look to your impersonation. We were the masters of our own destinies, or rather we had to rely on our own devices and come up with our costumes and makeup. In fact it was the amateurish nature of the whole competition that made it so attractive.

My enthusiastic family got completely involved in the preparations for the fancy dress. That's what comes of belonging to a big family - each member comes up with crazy ideas. After much discussion and arguments, Blaizie and I finally decided on being a witch doctor and an African tribal chief. The plot planned went like this: the African chief staggers heavily to the stage and collapses on the floor. He has fallen because he has, er, fallen ill without a warning. As he writhes in agony, the witch doctor appears and circles around the moaning figure of the big chief, muttering mumbo-jumbo, and hitting him with a magic stick. Apparently this does the trick, for the chief leaps up, miraculously cured and shouts 'I'm cured!'. Both leave the stage hand in hand, the chief darting looks of extreme relief and gratitude at the doctor while the latter beams with self-congratulatory pride. But of course we strayed from the plot by a quarter of a mile during the actual performance.

The making of the costume consumed almost all our time. With no Google search available then, we had to rely on pictures, Phantom comics and our overactive imaginations to come up with what would work best.

'Hay, hay!' screamed one sister, excitedly.

'Hey to you too,' I replied, turning to her. 'What's it?'
'Hay. I mean hay. You should wear skirts made of hay.'
'No, grass,' suggested another sister.
'Twigs,' yelled a third, brandishing a stick threateningly.
'Beads!' squealed a fourth.
'Leaves,' whispered a fifth, the quietest of them all.

My mother, always sensible, nodded her head to that suggestion and modified it to skirts made of coconut leaves. We all agreed without further protest.

'Right! Let's plait them,' said a sixth sister. My mother firmly vetoed it, knowing fully well who would end up doing all the plaiting. 'We'll fasten or stitch the broader ends of individual leaflets to a belt at the waist and allow them to flow down,' she suggested.

Blaizie lived close by and spent much of her time at my place as we got the costumes ready. We made anklets and arm bands of areca nuts and gathered all the bead chains we could find. We went quite overboard in our preparations. One of my sisters was a medical student and had a stock of human bones to study anatomy better. We dipped liberally into it and made a necklace and a belt of bones for the witch doctor. We selected the femur as the most suitable bone to double as the witch doctor's magic wand.

Finally, D-day arrived and Blaizie and I left for college armed with the paraphernalia and with last minute instructions from my family ringing in our ears. 'Be dignified!' yelled a sister. 'A chief has to be stern and dignified.' I retorted over my shoulder that she ought to try wearing a grass skirt and look dignified at the same time.

I put on a multi-coloured striped T shirt and black stretch pants over which I wore a black skirt and fixed the fan of leaves on it. Blaizie donned a black, red and white T shirt, black stretch pants and a black skirt. Her skirt of leaves came almost to her ankles, not because witch doctors wore longer skirts but because she was shorter than I. Our headgear was suitably weird, with decorative leaves and feathers

tucked into hair bands. We smeared a mixture of powdered charcoal and oil liberally on the visible parts of our body with Blaizie drawing streaks of white on her face and rubbing charcoal over her teeth for a more startling effect. Witch doctors ought to look scary.

We wore the rest of the ornaments, adding on to the chains, chunky ones lent to us by Marjerie, a student in the Zoology batch who was a native of an African country; I don't remember which, probably Nigeria or Kenya. We asked her how to say 'I'm cured' in an African language and she came up with, 'Oma potha.' I hope she didn't pull a fast one on us and the words don't mean, 'I'm a fool,' or 'I'm an ass'. Not likely, for she was a very serious girl, not the sort to play practical jokes, but one never knows. She also lent us huge earrings which I don't remember using.

When our number was announced, someone from the backstage read out a brief description of what the audience was about to see, which turned out, in hindsight, to be a good thing for otherwise it would have remained one of the unexplained mysteries of college lore.

I stumbled onto the stage, clutching my stomach and fell headlong in the centre. A very natural piece of acting, said viewers later but it wasn't acting; I had tripped over my skirt and hurt my knees. Instead of my stomach, I now held my knees in pain, groaning and moaning loudly in my invented African language.

Before I could revel in my anguish, the enthusiastic witch doctor leaped forward and ran a couple of quick, frenzied circles around me, yelling ferocious gibberish and raining blows on me with the femur. I shot up and screaming aloud, 'Oma potha!!' ran off the stage in a most undignified manner. Blaizie also cried out 'Oma potha!!' and gave me hot chase. In our version of the African language, 'Oma potha' meant both 'I'm cured', and 'you are cured.' How wonderful if the conjugation of verbs in English was as simple!

For our efforts we won the second prize. We were told later that we would have got the first if we had remained on stage a little longer.

Ours had been a lightning quick performance but we startled the audience all right. Hardly anyone identified us and we got the prize more for our innovative costumes and make-up than for the theme. Many still remain clueless about the theme.

The preparation for the three-legged race was a lot tamer, the major stumbling block being the difference in our heights. It helped us stumble often, yet we doggedly continued practising at home and believed we would be able to pull it off.

On the field, we took off smartly as soon as the sports teacher blew the whistle, but then the handkerchief we had used to tie our legs together around the knees, rather, Blaizie's left knee and the calf of my right leg, came a little loose and travelled to our ankles. That threw us off balance but we staggered gamely forward and fell heavily just as we reached the finish line. I tore my churidar, and we got pretty bruises on our arms and grazed our elbows and knees, but who cared, we managed to come third.

Ah, those were the days...I remember, I remember... Oma potha!!!



The author and friend in the Oma Potha costumes

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आल् सेन्टस् को प्रणाम



तिरुवनन्तपुरम में शंखुमुखम के पास स्थित आल् सेन्टस् कॉलेज, रेलवे लाइन के पास होने के कारण कछुए के सिर के समान अपने आप अन्दर में छिपा हुआ है। लेकिन फाटक के अन्दर घुस्ते ही हमें मालूम हो जायेगा कि वास्तव में यह कॉलेज एक स्वर्गीय सुन्दर भूमि है। यहाँ की हरियाली, शीतलता, सफाई - यह सब किसी और कॉलेज में हम देख नहीं सकेंगे। चारों ओर बगीचे ही बगीचे हैं। रेगिस्थान में हरीतिमा की तरह नारियल के पेड़ों से यह पुण्य भूमि आकर्षणीय होती हैं।

पचास साल पहले कारमल सन्यासिनी समूह द्वारा स्थापित प्रस्तुत कलालय से न जाने कितने वीरांगनाओं ने देश-विदेश में अपनी प्रशस्ति फैलाई है। अमेरिका, दुबाई - न जाने कहाँ-कहाँ इस कलालय की लड़कियाँ काम करती हैं - इसका गणन करना मुश्किल है। डिग्री के अतिरिक्त जीवन को सुचारु रूप में आगे बढ़ाने की पहली सीढ़ी हैं यह शिक्षा क्षेत्र। जीवन संघर्षों को कुचलकर आगे बढ़ने की शक्ति यहाँ के अध्यापक गण विद्यार्थियों में भर देते हैं। पढाई के साथ - साथ धार्मिक कार्यों में भी शिक्षा दी जाती है।

यहाँ कालेज के मैनेजर से लेकर हर एक व्यक्ति मिल-जुल कर रहते हैं। व्यक्तियों के बीच यहाँ कोई भेद-भाव नहीं है। इस कला मंदिर में घुस्ते ही मन में जो अहंभाव है वह मिट जाता है। आपसी प्रेम भावना से सब अपने अपने कर्मों में लीन हो जाते हैं।

नाम को सार्थक बनाते हुए यहाँ का वातावरण भी शान्तिदायक है। जाति वर्ण, वर्ग आदि भेद-भाव न होने के अलावा भाषिक एकता भी यहाँ मौजूद है। जिस प्रकार माता मरियम् अपने बच्चों को संभालती हैं, ठीक उसी तरह की एक वैचारिक समता हमें यहाँ प्रवेश करते ही अनुभव होती है। जिस तरह एक पंछी अपने दो पंखों के सहारे ही उड़ सकती है, ठीक उसी प्रकार शिक्षक और शिक्षार्थी रूपी पंखों के द्वारा आल् सेन्टस रूपी पंछी इस अत्भुद अंबर में अपने पंखें फैलाकर, चमत्कार दिखाकर ऊपर से ऊपर की ओर उड़ते हैं। संक्षेप में यह कहना होगा कि

बस यूँ ही गुज़रती व्यर्थ जीवन
घोर अन्धकार पथ में रोशनी सी
है पंछी दिखाओ वह अत्भुद प्रतिभा
मैं यहाँ हूँ माते, आपके चरणों पर
शुक्र है, लाखों शुक्र है इस पंख रूपी जीवन से।

Dr. Molly Georgina
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Department of Hindi



To All Saints' With Love

Radhika Ramanath

.....Now to tell you what I have been doing after leaving All Saints'... ..I did my M.Sc. (Maths) from Kerala University and then joined the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre. In 1987 I went on study leave to do M.Tech (Computer Science) at I.I.T, Delhi. After that in 1989 I joined C-DOT, Delhi. At present I am deputed to a project under Department of Science and Technology called TIFACLINE.

Mini S, Trivandrum

.....I did my Pre-degree as well as Degree Course in All Saints' and I have been working in A.G's office for the past 34 years.....I could never forget the love and affection I received from my teachers at All Saints'. In fact Sr.Veera and others made us love our subject which helped me become what I am today. I am proud to say that I am from All Saints'!

P.Radhika (Ph.D. Scholar)

To an old student fondly remembering her Alma Mater, nothing is perhaps at once as exciting and exacting as stirring the heap of happy memories that has become an inseparable part of her life. Images of a multitude of incidents, great and small, tumble over one another vying for attention and preference. However, to begin from the beginning, I remember how as a raw matriculate I was awed by the sheer size of the campus and the number of students flowing into All Saints' College. The result of such an encounter was that the tiny speck of fear in my mind blew up into huge proportions as I could only see myself as an insignificant being, one among the sea of faces, unseen and unheard. But happily, these anxieties were soon wiped off in a week's time when I noticed the warm and friendly rapport already

established between the students and teachers. This is one of the most wonderful aspects of my All Saints' College life that I cherish to this day and also perhaps the most vital factor that influenced me to stay on for the next 3 years for the graduation course.

Besides the strong teacher-student bond, another unique feature of All Saints' College is the special emphasis laid on the development of a full personality imparted through moral science lessons. Both contributed greatly in my personal life to bolster my confidence and courage not only to wade into the deeper and vaster realms of learning but also to tackle the realities of life.

Dr. Lalitha Anand, Bangalore

....I stepped out of the portals of All Saints' College and went on to do my B.Sc. specializing in Chemistry. After my M.Sc. in Biochemistry I came to Bangalore. I, then appeared for the All India Agricultural Services Examination conducted by the ICAR and was appointed as a scientist at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore in 1977. I proceeded on leave and completed my Ph.D. in 1988. I am now working in the area of Plant Molecular Biology.....

Dr.Radha Mani, M.C Hospital Trivandrum

"....I was a student of Holy Angels' Convent and All Saints' College. I passed my Pre-Degree examination in 1967 and went for medicine..... Medicine is a science as well as an art..... Responsibilities are tremendous. You have to take decisions for your patients but the rewards are bountiful.

SUMA D.R. TRIVANDRUM

I graduated in Chemical Engineering from Trichur Engineering College. I joined VSSC and am working in the Chemical Wing of the Quality Control Division.....As a student of All Saints', I had a nice time in class as well as in the hostel.

*...excerpts from letters written by our former students
to the college over the years. These letters reveal the love
and gratitude that have formed the goodwill
that All Saints' has enjoyed over the years.
We are happy to note that our students
have been making their presence felt in various parts of the world
and are keeping aloft the name of the College.*

PRAYER FOR MY COLLEGE

Dear Sisters, Teachers and Staff,

It is an honour to pen a few words on this special occasion of the Golden Jubilee of All Saints' College. I studied here from 1991- 1996.

These were the best days of my life. I treasure the happy moments in class and library, assemblies, art festivals, talent shows, quizzes, the canteen and college day celebrations. The hostel life was more exciting with bonfires, choir practices, recreation times, movie times, walks in the evening, excursions and at last, the farewell celebrations. Like many, I enjoyed my college days to the hilt.

I sincerely hope the education you have received in this great institution will help you in your journey of life. I hope this experience will make you more creative, more productive and better citizens. I hope it will make you better human beings, as I believe it has done, in my case.

I wish All Saints' College many more years of service in the cause of our nation. Many of our students have spread to places across the globe and they carry the same message "Lead Kindly light" in their hearts.

I wish each one of you a lifetime of creativity and a life of adventure and happiness. This college has served the community and the state

with great distinction for the past 50 years. But I venture to think and I pray that the best is yet to come. "May your path be blessed."

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Thank you All Saints' for making me a proud daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, teacher and companion. All Saints' holds a special place in my heart and in my life. I am proud to be a student of this college. I miss the good old days and you are always remembered as we often sing Lead Kindly Light.

Thank you,

Juliet Stephen



Juliet Stephen and friends during celebrations at All Saints' hostel

HAMARI LIBRARY KA JAWAAB NAHIN!



Rows and rows of neatly arranged and well kept books, useful magazines, journals, newspapers and other periodicals; knowledge and leisure percolating through every pore of its being – that is All Saints' Library for you. It is a treasure house of wisdom, a heaven on the beautiful college campus and that is the least that can be said about this library.

What makes our library so special? What makes it dearer to us than all the other libraries we have visited? Perhaps the feeling that this library belongs to us, makes all the difference. Have we ever thought of the enormous amount of work and dedication that goes into the proper functioning of this library? Not really. The library has become so much a part of ourselves that we have taken it for granted. It is high time that we understood something about this intellectual heaven on earth.

Good and impressive buildings, costly equipment and furniture alone do not make a good library. A library should be able to open its doors to education and through education make better persons of all those who visit it. Hence a library is an essential part of any educational institution. Considering all these factors, our library can easily be selected as the best library functioning in an institution. It provides us with information and at the same time with entertainment also.

All Saints' College library started functioning from the day our college shifted to the new premises at Chackai on 19th January

1967. From that day onwards our library has progressed slowly and steadily to its present excellence. The British Library, one of the most prestigious libraries in Thiruvananthapuram contributed a great deal to the development of our library by gifting several racks, open shelves, catalogue cabins and a large number of books. Today our library boasts of more than 51800 books titles. With UGC funds the library has acquired a number of recent publications, useful for undergraduate and post graduate students and for research scholars. Information material in the form of video cassettes, CDs and maps are also available. Apart from all these, the computerization of the library has helped a lot in its effective functioning. All these have had a far reaching impact in the field of education.

Computerisation and the availability of internet facility have opened a new world for the library users of All Saints' College. Computers with net access used for logging on to online libraries and for using CD are made use of in the library. The students are not generally allowed to take the CDs home but they can view CDs in the library. They can prepare assignments and seminars by using the resources available online.

The library is congenial for reading and once you begin reading you get lost in the world of books and this often lands you in trouble with teachers who think you have been deliberately cutting classes. The normal working time of All Saints' College library is from 9 A.M to 4.30 P.M on working days and from 9.30 A.M to 3.30 P.M on holidays.

Apart from the 51800 book titles the library boasts of, it also subscribes to journals, periodicals and magazines which have proved to be valuable sources of information. We have 91 journals. We have a total of 23 periodicals and magazines. Our library subscribes to 8 leading newspapers which include *The Hindu*, *The New Indian Express*, *The Economic Times*, *Mathrubhoomi*, *Malayala Manorama*, *Madhyamam*, *Deepika* and *Kerala Kaumudi*.

The dust free library has enough seats and tables, proper ventilation and all other basic necessities needed for the easy functioning of the library. The service of a qualified librarian is essential

in a college library. It brings to one's mind the role played by people like Smt. Lalitha, the late Sr. Josephine, the late Sr. Dora and others in providing great help as effective librarians. The smiling face and helpful nature of Sr. Nirmala and the serene service provided by Sr. Sheila and the other staff members make a visit to the college library a sweet experience. The availability of rare and expensive books is the chief specialty of our library.

Our library does not follow the Ranganathan system of classification, the traditional system of book arrangement. Instead we follow the Dewey Decimal system. It is an effective system as the users of the library will be quick to point out.

We also have a good collection of encyclopedias and dictionaries and rare reference books which are of immense help to the students and teachers alike. The library has carefully preserved the back numbers of all the journals it subscribes to and they are sources of invaluable information to knowledge buffs.

Our library has a unique arrangement by which books are made available to economically challenged students. This is called the Book Bank system. The students can borrow text books under this system and make use of them until their examinations are over.

The care and dedication of the librarian ensure silence and order inside the library. The noble service provided by our library is not measurable and our gratitude cannot be expressed in mere words.

I may be guilty of exaggeration when I call our library the world's best library. But truly as far as we are concerned, "Hamari Library ka jawab nahin!"

Kaikasi V.S

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TOUCHING HEAVEN



Down the slopes of the mountain
Mists and clouds streams and stone
Curling round wisps of thought ...
Heidi bounds down Alpine slopes
Kashmir floats on placid lakes
Tenzing and Hillary crown Everest
Aloft, I am one with the eagle

Veiled mystery, romance, rugged danger
Loom in the summits of your challenge
Defiantly, proudly, we scale to conquer you.....
Ageless, mighty sentinels of nature

Yet we are dwarfed even in our triumph, trembling
Like the Wordsworthian boy before the pinnacle appeared
For close to heaven, you are the closest heaven.

Sapna Srinivas
Assistant Professor, Department of English



Lead Kindly Light

I managed to reach college on time, despite the heavy downpour and the traffic jam. Thank God the rain didn't spoil my white sari. This is our last day in college – the day of the annual 'candle-lighting' ceremony for outgoing students.

We were told to assemble in the college auditorium. As I made my reluctant way to the auditorium with mincing steps and a heavy heart, my mind was filled with nostalgic memories of my first day in college.

After ten years of schooling we bid a tearful adieu to Holy Angels' Convent. We did our school proud by coming out with flying colours. A new chapter – college life – was about to begin. We were no longer silly (in the Chaucerian sense) schoolgirls but responsible college students. Many of my classmates sought new pastures in other colleges in the city. But my gang joined the Pre-Degree Course in All Saints' College.

We, the students of fifth group with Special English, Economics and World History as optional subjects, were herded into Room No 28. And that was the beginning of five blissful summers and five blissful winters.

The college, straddling the madding crowd of Thiruvananthapuram and the surging waves of Shangumugham Beach, soon became a heaven on earth. The teachers opened up the realms of darkling plains where the nightingale sings in full-throated ease and of the desert air where many a flower blushes unseen and wastes its fragrance. The

railway line in front of the college gate has always been a boon. Every now and then some train or the other would speed by or come to a screeching halt before the gate – a welcome respite from the classroom lectures. It was heavenly to have lunch under the swishing palm leaves. The library with a rich stock of books - where we spent many a happy hour - was another haven. The canteen was a favourite hangout. The mouth-melting and mouth-watering coconut toffee that Sita used to make is the only one of its kind.

What with exams and competitions, time simply flew. In the wink of an eye five years came to an end. Now we are on the threshold of another phase in our life. The auditorium became the swarm of 'angels' clad in white and holding lighted candles symbolizing the light that we are going to shed all through life. Eyes glistening with unshed tears, I stood motionless and still, mumbling 'Lead Kindly Light'.

What the hell is going on? Who's shaking me? I hear an anxious voice telling "Teacher, the initiation ceremony is about to begin." I am jolted out of my waking dream. I find myself in a hall teeming with earnest young boys and girls holding lighted candles – the students of First Semester Five Year Integrated B.A. LLB Programme. As the Principal introduced me to the students, I thanked my alma mater for making life at college the best years of my life and also for helping me find my niche in the teaching profession.

Dr. K. Radha Kumari

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All Saints' Always

A series of fortunate events led to my admission to All Saints' College in 2007. Having grown up around a big brother and his friends and having studied in co-ed schools all my life where I built healthy, lasting relations with boys and girls alike, the most obvious worry was how to survive in an all-girls space. This, along with a handful of other concerns stemmed from the fact that I had never pictured going to All Saints'.

My only familiarity with the college was the fact that my mother had studied there decades before I did and she would always point it out to us as our train passed by the campus while we came to Trivandrum for holidays. So when I found myself in the auditorium for orientation, with parents on either side and surrounded by girls my age, I remember feeling a rush of emotions and the most notable among these was sheer anxiety.

However, soon enough I came to recognize and thrive in an environment that fostered a secret sisterhood of sorts. Living in a society that often portrays women as competitors or pushes ahead the notion that two women can never be good friends, the idea that women can stick together and build beautiful relationships proved itself in my college years.

Over the next three years in All Saints', I met a whole range of women

hailing from myriad socio-economic landscapes whose realities were so different from mine. Yet, we bonded over shared experiences. Studying with these women, spending time with them, indulging in long conversations over umpteen bread bondas made it clear that so many of them had to defy several odds to pave their futures. As a young 19 year old, this played a crucial part in shaping my world view.

Beyond the good fortune of meeting an array of incredible women, All Saints' provided a platform to express myself in ways that was probably impossible in any other college in the city at that time. Without being bound by narrowly defined social norms that expected young girls to behave a particular way, the girls in ASC embraced the freedom that came with having no judgments pronounced on them. I remember the Arts festival in my first year, where we participated in several events and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. However, the most notable of all the extra-curricular activities during my time there was participating in the All Kerala University Festival- and of all things, for mime.

A group of us, six to be exact were trained for a whole month by a coach who meant business. Although the original idea of wanting to participate for the youth festival may have had its origins in promises of free attendance and 30 marks if we won, it soon took over our lives. As an old blog entry of mine (dated 3 March 2008) goes "As days went by our lives began hovering about nothing but the mime. It took up all our time and thoughts. When I called up my mother for our daily chats, all I talked about was practice. When I sat in the college bus on the ride back home, I'd practice my mime faces. The only time mime wasn't in my thoughts was when I was sleeping, because when I went to bed, I blacked out. Sleep was so deep; it had never been so great before." I go on to say "When other teams for the youth fest, had raving internal disputes and backstabbing going on, we stuck together. Any trouble we had was settled then and there, balances were not carried forward. We even formed a special kinship with our coach. He was proud of us, we knew it and we wanted to keep it that way." At the end of this eventful month, we won second place, but the experience meant so much more than that to us.

Borrowing some more words from my 19 year old self "We learnt a new art, we found new friends, our confidence levels got a boost

and so did our stamina and most importantly, we learnt that mime was not just about the painted faces, the costumes or the gimmicks, it was about portraying a story with no voice, it was about toning your skills, controlling your facial expressions, talking with your eyes. And that my friends, is no easy task.” Until that point, I had not worked particularly hard for anything in life, all that changed after the mime, from what it meant to be dedicated - practicing 8 hours a day to really committing to something and staying focused and driven – it defied expectations, especially those that I had set for myself. It also made us aware and gave us a glimpse of the sheer hard work and dedication that went into mastering a craft – any craft, and therefore the need to respect things even those you normally would not.

Another highlight in ASC are the beautiful friends I have made. Classmates (two in particular, you know who you are), seniors and juniors – we did not need glossy malls, coffee shops or fancy restaurants to have a whale of a time. Sipping on drinks from the canteen and gorging on anything that was available, we often sat around the pretty campus laughing and enjoying each other’s company. Although we don’t see each other as much, or even talk as often, when we do touch base- conversations are resumed as if they never ended and it is almost as if we are back in the stone benches of ASC, overlooking the grounds and the landscape.

On a professional note, it was during my third year in ASC that I realized that my true calling was in International Relations (IR). It was a few weeks before my final exams that I learnt about the possibilities of studying IR as a subject and set out to find Masters programs in it.

In the years that followed, I finished my masters in IR and began my PhD at the University of Mumbai. A year later, I applied and got the ICS-Harvard Yenching Institute Doctoral Fellowship. This meant that I spend two years of my PhD in Mumbai University, one year at Peking University, Beijing and the last year at Harvard University, Boston.

Kickstarting my academic life in All Saints’ helped in shaping the person I am today, I had recognized this at the valedictory speech at our passing out ceremony. Dressed in white, I remember everyone being emotional knowing that we were about to leave the protective gates of the college and step out into the unknown. The people I met- the teachers and sisters deserve special mention- were very generous with their encouragement and support .

If I could give some advice to my 18 year old self at orientation, I would reassure her that there was nothing to worry about, the next three years will be surprisingly eventful and it will help one in becoming a better version of oneself. Most important of all, I am glad that I had the good fortune of studying in a college that boasts of an illustrious alumni and I am honoured that I was asked to contribute to this issue and in some measure add to the rich fabric of the College’s history.

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A THANKSGIVING

I am Dr. Elizabeth Abraham. I retired from Maharaja’s College, Ernakulam in 2012 as Associate Professor in English. Now I am a Research Supervisor in the Mahatma Gandhi and Calicut Universities.

Looking back, it is only with a mixed feeling of wonder and love that I “feel” All Saints’. I am of the 1970-72 Pre-Degree batch and a hostel inmate. When I joined All Saints’ Sr. Mary Amata was the Principal.

All Saints’ was a home away from home. It was where the foundation of my life was set. Sr. Mary Alice gave me the courage to participate in the Inter Collegiate elocution competition. It was all an asset to me when I grew up and worked in various parts of the state. I loved the food they served in the hostel and the disciplined life they guided us through. I can never forget All Saints’. She is my loving mother.

The Best Days of My Life

"Now, why would I ever want to study in a girls-only college?" I retorted.

"Your sister, and your cousins all studied there, and they turned out just FINE! They were rank holders too." My mom tried to prove her 'valuable' point.

"Yes, they were Geeks who knew nothing about FUN and so any lame studios corner or even a library would just be FINE for them" I snarled.

"So, what is the FUN you are expecting to have in a co-ed college?"

"I dunno. It's college life. Not some jail I wanna be in (I was referring to discipline here by the way).

This was my conversation on my way to All Saints' on the day of admission.

I saw the college and thought to myself, 'not bad, the place looks nice' but I did not really want to be there. We passed through the wall of fame and my eyes fell on my cousin's name, who had passed out just a couple of years ago. ' Blasphemy! This is Nazism.' "Why meeeee????!!!!" By the time my monologue was over, I was enrolled and was a part of B.Com class.

I must tell you that this is undeniably one of the best things that had ever happened to me. Your memories are made of your experiences and the people who were a part of your life. I had the best teachers, the best buddies and yes, the best experiences ever.

Elections, Vettukad choir practice, plays, Arts Club functions , prayer group, Freshers' day, Onam functions, Commerce Day, Mother's feast, Youth Festival, passing notes and what not. I can't stop smiling when I think of my life in All Saints'.

I am still remembered as Mrs. Pottifer (no, that's not my husband). Joseph and the multi coloured coat play for Mothers' feast was how I got this name. I was Pottifer's Wife; a very loyal, humble, sweet lady who never troubled Joseph. She was a nice lady, and according to my friends and teachers, I wore my skin for that role. I say that is my

impeccable acting skills. I still remember every song from the play. God! I wish the whole team could come back and perform it once again!

Canteen was again something I miss (though I never knew the value of the food there when I was eating there) All Saints' Bonda , as we call it, was my craving when I was pregnant. I have had the best pazhampori and cutlets from our canteen. And how do I say this? Once you hit the corporate sector, slogging your heart off, the food you get there would remind you of the ones you wished you could get now. The look on your manager's face when you ask for a leave would remind you how amazing college was. Every time I drop in to Trivandrum, I visit my college and meet all my teachers. I am happy that two of my classmates are teachers there now.

Looking back at the path I have travelled, these are the best days of my life. Chewing the cud would fit my situation perfectly (I am a veggie). I thank my parents who knew this was the best choice for me. I thank my teachers who have groomed me, guided me and supported me, be it for my studies or for cultural activities. I made friends for life and some showed me how NOT to be like them. What more could I ask for? My alma mater has left an indelible mark that I shall cherish forever; and I am forever grateful to God and my teachers for the best days of my life.

Last but not the least, these days shall never come back again. You shall move on, grow and flourish; become busy with your life and join the rat's race. Seize this moment; make it your own, make wonderful memories that shall last a life time. You have the best of what you can get. Make the best out of it.

Love

Amritha Ananthakrishnan





A Mother's Dream

I dream a dream that all mothers dream
To have a child that's whole
To have him laugh, sing and play
And walk like others in the park.

I dream a dream like all fathers dream
To carry their boy shoulder high
To kick a ball, dive and tackle
And chase fireflies like others after dark.

I dream a dream like all sisters dream
To play dollies, spin stories and share makeup
To giggle late into the night
To take the bait or be your trusted alibi.

But most of all I dream of a land where:

Bones are unbroken
Silence is not golden
Pictures not blinding
And voices not unheard

A land free from:
Predictions and prescriptions
Symptoms and syndromes
Quacks and mis-religion
And diseases I can't even spell

And in my dream I would need
No miracle, prayer or cure
No therapist, crutch or aid
No holy man, shrink or saviour

And in my dream I hear his voice
Free of this mangled body
A melodious crystal stream
Just like the others'
When they hear their "Mommy"

And though my dream may never be a reality
I live each day
Waiting to close my eyes
To dream the dream that awaits me.

Neena Nizar

Special needs advocate and founder/ director of 'ABILITY'- a drama group showcasing the talents of young adults with special needs. Neena has double masters in English Language and Literature, and Philosophy/ She is a TEDx speaker and continuously shares her challenging story, reflecting on her 'never say die' attitude and encouraging participants to push boundaries, take chances and make the most of life. She is recognized for overcoming physical disability caused due to the rare short bone condition known as Jansen's Metaphyseal Chondrodysplasia. Mother of two boys, she lives in Omaha, Nebraska and teaches at a community college nearby.

This poem won the Dubomedy poetry competition.

ALL SAINTS': THE ROAD I TOOK



To think that I would be provided with the opportunity to pen down words for the souvenir fills me with deep gratitude and that is right before the enormity of the task comes crashing down on me. And therefore, it seems necessary to prep my brains with caffeine before being reduced into a huge bundle of nostalgic memories. One would think that I was talking about memories a quarter of a century away, when it has been only a year since I strolled leisurely through the premises of the college. But memories are memories and I would never walk away from an opportunity for melodrama.

All Saints' College- today symbolises commitment to the attainment of all round educational excellence and the Golden Jubilee of the institution is, therefore, an occasion of great joy.

All Saints' College is a place where a lot of girls including myself have spent a quarter of our lives. It is no small task finding words to portray the vivid memories of the five years I have been part of the institution. I took to the college like a duck takes to water, made friends, found out that family does not always mean blood, learnt to spell 'Honolulu' (amongst a lot of other things of course!), found out that Robert Frost never meant the 'Road not Taken' to be taken seriously, and finally decided on setting my heart and chasing my ambition.

It seems just yesterday that the college watched as a hundred other fellow travelers in life and I, spread our wings and set off into the boundless uncertainty of the future. Regardless of what I have been since I left the college and what I will be, the ideals instilled by All Saints' still remain firm as ever. Though I am no longer a student, I am still surprised by how the institution is still a part of my existence and social identity. Everywhere I go, I proudly carry the tag of having been a student here.

To those who were a part of this glorious institution before me, and to those after, let the college be an indispensable part of your selves. Let each of you be grateful for the gates that never close, the smiles that never fail, the memories that never fade, and of course the thousands of 'bondas' crafted to perfection over the years.

To teachers, sisters, staff members, and all my friends and fellow travelers:

I have a journey to make, very much like the one Robert Frost did. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and I'm glad we crossed paths, for that has made all the difference.

Love and Regards,
Chinnu Nair

My ASC Days: “A Nostalgia”

Ms. Nirmala Joseph
Former Student

It has been years since I left the bosom of my beloved alma mater, yet I still feel the warmth of her love - love that is all honey-brown and gold, nurturing and comforting; leaving an aftertaste of sweetness lingering. To an extent, absence does indeed make the heart grow fonder and I am able to state this on a personal account. Cherished memories are strengthened by a network woven of nostalgia, shielding them from the tendrils of time.

Although my time in All Saints' College was not always a bed of roses, I miss it all the same. With time, I discover that it is the little things that matter the most. Subtle nuances of everyday College life are what I miss and the familiar feeling of closeness is what I yearn for. Teachers, classes and friends - it is all synonymous with life in ASC, a life that I have put behind me but which I will never forget - a life that just fits comfortably, warming me perfectly like snug, well-worn gloves.

I will remember it as it was always - the wide porch greeting me with open arms, leading to the heart of the College. From the busy classrooms to the lively field, and from the spotless canteen to the

serene chapel, it is unique in many ways. Similarly, I will remember each and every one of my classrooms which I helped decorate during celebrations, the library in which troves of books are stored where I spent countless afternoons.

So, what do I really miss? Truthfully I would have to say - my teachers. Nothing beats the dedication and selflessness of these wonderful tutors, not mentioning their amiability in interacting with students. Many a time have I shared a pleasant conversation with my teachers, connecting with them as friends and not as distant beings, untouchable and aloof. The advice they gave out was not patronizing in anyway but instead handed out with good humour. I still and always will remember some of the words of my teachers - “look for similarities not differences”.

As I have mentioned, I also yearn for the feeling of closeness that I have felt when I was in ASC. It is when you know each teacher by name and every student by sight that you see the Institution as a second home and its members as family. Every nook has been duly explored and every cranny has been accurately identified.

As innocence in form one gave way to maturity and as ignorance is displaced by wisdom, my feelings for the college evolved too. Indifference fled and as rebellion was quelled, love took opportunity to flourish. Blooming fiercely, it adapted and clung stubbornly to my heart, a true symbol of amity between a girl and her alma mater.

MY HEYDAYS- A MEMOIR



It is very hard to acknowledge that it has been more than 10 years since I passed out of this prestigious college. Being a student of the last Pre-Degree batch, I spent five years in All Saints', passing out as a graduate in Physics. I should say that those were the best years of my life till date and I truly cherish all the memories All Saints' has offered me.

Of all those, the most memorable would be my participation in five University Youth festivals in which I represented the college. A decade down, I am still really really proud to boast that we managed to bag an Overall Champions trophy in one of those years. It was a great achievement considering that we were a women's college. I remember our college then had the best singing, dancing and literary talents in town which facilitated us to achieve this. Looking back I realise that it was not just the talent alone, but also the inspiration and motivation given by the teachers as well as the management was immense. They were ready to do anything for us. It was also a success won by remarkable team spirit and effort. Friendships established on this strong team spirit still holds all of us together.

Being a dancer, I was a default participant in all the dance events; solo as well as group. I loved the group dances more as it was fun and fun throughout. Be it the ordinary practice sessions or the orchestra rehearsals or the event itself, it was FUN overloaded. The practice days

were the most awaited ones. We had permission to bunk all the classes. So it was practice and fun all day, with special food supplies from the college itself. It would be these days of togetherness from morning till evening that strengthened the bond within us. Not to forget, the stay together for one week at hostels near the venues during the festival days. All morning was spent in cheering up the competitors of the day, and the evenings, sometimes even nights were spent in practice for the next day's events. Being girls, the makeup room was the most happening place in the world. Be there an event or not, getting dressed up for the day was a Big Entertainment with cheering, jeering and opinions from all the ladies around you on your outfit and makeup!!! Some may wonder whether it could be enjoyable being in a women's college. I would say, my days were all the more fun as there was no restriction. We all were very independent girls, confident enough to achieve anything under the sky.

All the five years I was there, we bagged the first prize for Oppana consecutively which was a news then in the leading dailies. Of course I would give full credit to our dear Oppana Sir. He managed to make even the worst of the dancers perform Oppana so well. Our main rivals was the Mar Ivanios College team. Ironically, most of the dance group items for both the colleges were tutored by the same teacher. So the rivalry and spy work would start from the dance class itself. But mind you, the competition was healthy and the friendship that blossomed then, still continues.

Lots of things have changed now. We come from an era where we used tape recorders for practice, and live orchestra for the actual events and no mobile cameras were around. It was hard to see even a digital camera. We only had the press photographers around. I am sure that the festivals these days would be more colourful. But I surely feel lucky that I passed out of college during a mobile free world- where relations blossomed out of actual conversations and togetherness rather than virtual chats, messages and comments.

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By Our Staff Reporters

KOLLAM, FEB 4. The All Saints College, Thiruvananthapuram, which bagged 116 points, wrested the championship from the Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram, to win the 'Kala Kreedam' title and claim the Ambili Aravind Trophy in the Kerala University Youth Festival 2003 which concluded here today.

Colleges in Thiruvananthapuram claimed the second and third positions too. Mar Ivanios College, with 100 points came second and the SST Music College with 57 points was placed third. More than 3,000 students from the 94 colleges under the university competed in 64 events during the six-day youth festival.

Inaugurating the valedictory function of the youth festival this evening, the Leader of the Opposition, V.S. Achuthanandan, said that in any competition there has to be a winner and a loser. Many a time, defeats have paved the way for great victories.

Delivering the keynote address, the noted writer, M.N. Vijayan, said the people of the country have generally begun to hate freedom. Even education has no freedom for it is confined within the barriers of society.

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ഓൾസെയിൻസ് കോളജ് സുവർണ ജൂബിലിയിലേക്ക്

തിരുവനന്തപുരം. ഓൾസെയിൻസ് കോളജ് സുവർണജൂബിലി ആഘോഷത്തിന് തയ്യാറെടുക്കുന്നു. തിരുവനന്തപുരം വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനി കൾക്ക് ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന് സൗകര്യമുണ്ടെന്നും ഇല്ലാതിരുന്ന കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ 1964ൽ ഹോളി ഏഞ്ചൽസ് കോൺവന്റിന്റെ ഭാഗമായാണ് കോളജ് സ്ഥാപിതമായത്.

കാർമ്മലൈറ്റ് സിസ്റ്റർമാരുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ ഭാഗമായി 1964 ജൂലൈ ആറിന് ഹോളി ഏഞ്ചൽസ് കോൺവന്റിന്റെ മതിൽക്കെട്ടിനുള്ളിൽ ഓൾസെയിൻസ് കോളജ് സ്ഥാപിതമായി. മിസ് മാർഗരറ്റ് പി. പാലോസ് ആയിരുന്നു ആദ്യ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ. പ്രീഡിഗ്രികോളജായിരുന്നു അത്. 277 വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികളായിരുന്നു ആദ്യത്തെ ബാച്ചിൽ. 1965 മെയിൽ ചാക്കയിലേക്ക് കോളജ് ആസ്ഥാനം മാറ്റി. 1967 ജനുവരി 10ന് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കോളജ് പ്രവർത്തനമാരംഭിച്ചു.

കോളജ് പ്രവർത്തനമാരംഭിച്ചതോടെ ചാക്ക, തിരുവനന്തപുരം എന്നിവ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസപരമായും സാംസ്കാരികമായും സാമൂഹികമായും മുന്നേറിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. പ്രീഡിഗ്രികോളജിൽനിന്നു മാറി പിന്നീട് ആർട്സ്, സയൻസ്, കൊമേഴ്സ് വിഭാഗങ്ങളുള്ള ഡിഗ്രി കോളജായും ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്, കൊമേഴ്സ്, എൻവയോൺമെന്റൽ സയൻസ് തുടങ്ങി പോസ്റ്റ് ഗ്രാജുവേറ്റ് സെക്ഷനുകൾ ആരംഭിച്ചു. പ്രശസ്ത



ഓൾസെയിൻസ് കോളജ്.

വനിതാ കലാലയമായ ഓൾസെയിൻസ് വളർച്ചയുടെ പാതയിലാണ്. വിവിധ തൊഴിലധിഷ്ഠിത ഡിപ്ലോമ കോഴ്സുകളും നിലവിലുണ്ട്. ഇന്ന് രണ്ടായിരത്തിലേറെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികളാണ് ഇവിടെ പഠിക്കുന്നത്. മാനേജ്മെന്റ്, വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും അധ്യാപക രക്ഷാകർതൃ-പുരുഷ വിദ്യാർത്ഥി സംഘടനകളും ചേർന്നാണ് ജൂബിലി ഒരു ഉത്സവമാ

ക്കാൽ തീരുമാനിച്ചത്. മാനേജറും മദർ ജനറലുമായ മി ഏൽമ, പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ പ്രഫ്. സുസൻ ലോപ്പസ് എന്നിവരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലാണ് ഒരുക്കങ്ങൾ. ജൂബിലിയോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു പുരുഷ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെയും അധ്യാപകരുടെയും അനധ്യാപകരുടെയും യോഗം ഏഴാം തീയതി 10.30നു കോളജ് ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിൽ ചേരും. ഫോൺ: 9526326342.

ഓൾ സെയിൻസ് മണൽത്തിരഞ്ഞ മനോഹര കലാലയത്തിന് സുവർണജൂബിലി @ 50



WARM WELCOME: Governor F. Sathasivam arriving to inaugurate the valedictory of the golden jubilee of All Saints' College in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. - PHOTO: S. GOPALAKRISHNAN



could not have asked for a sweeter Onam

I would definitely love to act, but I would choose to do a strong character like what Marjorie Warner has.

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KERALA KAUMUD

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2 *Life Zone*

ALL SAINTS' GOES GREEN

Support for the new (and) latest sacraments proposed by the Florida State Department of Education will be launched at All Saints' College in the city



of the water level. The water level is high, and the plants are growing in a wetland or marshy area. The plants are tall and thin, with long, narrow leaves. The water is dark and still, reflecting the sky. The background is a hazy, overcast sky.

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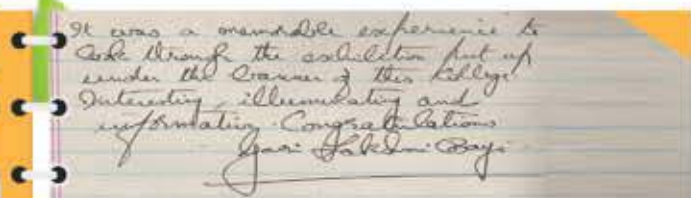
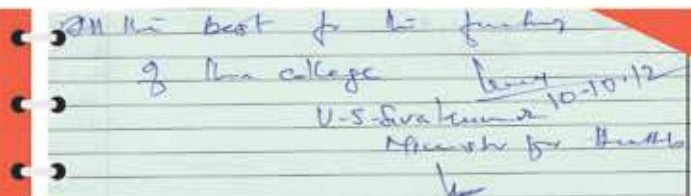
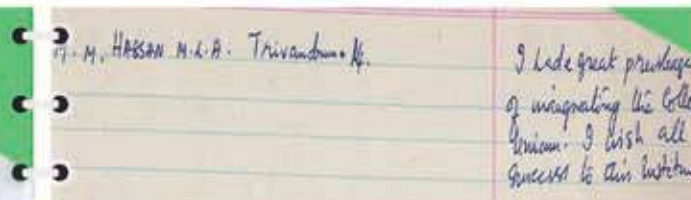
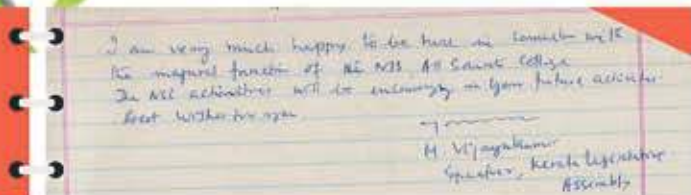
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പ്രസിദ്ധനായ പണ്ഡിതൻ
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

All Saints' is a professional haven with umpteen opportunities to build your career. It provides you with immense support and facilities for all round development on the professional front- be it teaching or research. I love All Saints' and I am trying to put my best into it and also to take the best from it.

Dr. Nisha K. K.
Assistant Professor & Head

All Saints' is a boon from my Lord
A house of wisdom to enlighten my mind
A ray of light to brighten my path
A fountain of joy and solace
I am blessed to be part of you
To be shaped by you and
To shape many for you
As I bow my head in devotion, I count my blessings
My Alma Mater, to you, I dedicate my humble service.

Dr. Sr. Shaina T.J
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

All Saints' is a divine place which has made me what I am today. I am given the opportunity to challenge myself in the process of knowledge sharing with the younger generation. I have the satisfaction of ultimately contributing to community development.

Dr. Sunita Kurur
Assistant Professor & Head

All Saints' is a platform to enable students to get the best possible education. For teachers, the experience goes beyond mere instruction. It is an institution which gives us the freedom to learn decision making, to be involved in social work and bond through team work. The college offers the perfect experience and complete job satisfaction

Dr. Sindhu Yesodharan
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

All Saints' is an institution where we have the freedom to teach the students not just their syllabus but also instruct them in life experiences. It is a means of getting to know the younger generation and the right avenue for forming beautiful memories

Dr. Beena Kumari
Assistant Professor

All Saints' is a home away from home. This is an institution which moulded me to make me what I am today and in turn allows me to constructively engage young minds. I hope and pray that I rise to its expectation.

Sr. Carvalho Faustina Cicila
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

After three decades of service, when I look back, I feel a deep sense of gratitude to this college for letting me attain my true potential. Every girl who comes as a student to All Saints' goes back a lady, ready to face the challenges of this world. I feel proud to be a part of this institution that imparts knowledge to women and is being run by women.

Mary Alice George
Associate Professor & Head

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

All Saints' College is where my career started and where it will end next year after 32 eventful years. Here, I have had the good fortune to work and associate with excellent and dedicated teachers who have been supportive colleagues and who will continue to be my lifelong friends. Every experience, trivial or significant, that I have had here has contributed the most to making me a better person.

Leena Joseph
Associate Professor & Head

TEACHERSPEAK: FACULTY OPEN THEIR MINDS

I have the unique blessing of having been a student of this college and also a staff. This college has literally been my home as I spent my student days in the college hostel. The trust and responsibilities that the sisters and teachers placed on me those days helped me immensely. What the college has given me has made me determined to serve it to the best of my abilities.

Sonya J. Nair
Assistant Professor

I came to this college knowing no one and was a virtual stranger in this city. I was the quintessential outsider who was then embraced by this college and was given opportunities very early in my career that one could only dream of. All Saints' gave me great senior teachers as mentors, wonderful colleagues and a whole congregation of sisters I have great respect for. Today, I stand proud of my identity that is inextricably linked to this institution whose legacy commands respect. Today, I am no longer an outsider.

Kukku Xavier
Assistant Professor

All Saints' College is both home and haven- a hallowed spot where memories and cherished hands abound, where life and learning flow in an eternal union that transforms and empowers.

Memory. Discovery. Identity.

All Saints' is a part of who I am today and will always be.

Sapna Srinivas
Assistant Professor

All Saints' to me means doing what I am best at. It is to me a place to ideate and create possibilities. It is a home and a hearth that keeps the flame of happiness, challenges, love and creativity ablaze.

Diana V. Prakash
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

All Saints' is very special to me. The education I received from All Saints' as a student way back in 2004-2009 helped me accomplish the goals set in my life and shaped me into a better person. Now, as a teacher working in the same college makes me proud and I think, this is the right time to say Thank you All Saints' for the wonderful things in my life.

Dr. Reshma J.K
Assistant Professor & Head

All Saints' College is an educational institution which refines and inspires the students and teachers, and through them, the society in general. I am able to nurture my academic abilities due to the support I get. This has resulted in my securing a major research Fellowship and the FLAIR International Internship.

Dr. Ayona Jayadev
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

To me, All Saints', means the identification of my true Inner Self with God, whose grace and blessings have enabled me to be a part of this esteemed institution that has a truly benevolent mission. It keeps me enthusiastic on my professional front and has helped me develop my personal, intellectual and spiritual levels as well.

Dr. Smitha Asok V.
Assistant Professor

All Saints', une université. idéale: difficile d'en douter quand on y mets les pieds. C'est un mélange de l'étude, de l'art, de l'amitié, de la valeur et quoi d'autre. On aide toujours l'apprenant à devenir autonome. Donne un poisson à un homme, il mangera un jour. Apprends lui à pêcher, il mangera toute sa vie

Dr. Reshma Maria Sampath
Assistant Professor

ABOUT WHAT ALL SAINTS' MEANS TO THEM

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

सुवर्णजयन्ती से सुवासित हमारी आल सेंट्स कॉलेज आज केरल की राजधानी तिरुवनन्तपुरम में विद्या और प्रतिभा के सुवर्णाक्षरों में अपना इतिहास लिख रही है, ताकि आनेवाली पीढ़ी को यह तथ्य मालूम हो जाए कि यहाँ हरितिमा, स्वच्छता आदि के साथ-साथ एक माँ की ममता, वात्सल्य और करुणा भी हैं। मैं, इस कलाक्षेत्र को हिन्दी विभाग कि ओर से तहे दिल से शुभकामनाएँ अदा करती हूँ।

Anniamma George
Associate Professor & Head

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

All Saints' College is my second home, It is a place where I share my thoughts and happiness. We are like a family in All Saints'. I think of this college as a temple of learning, where the quest for excellence is sacrosanct.

Parvathy Menon
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF MALAYALAM

കാറ്റാടി മരങ്ങളുടെ അക്ഷരത്തണൽ, കൊച്ചു കുസൃതികളുടെ നൂപുര ധ്വനി ഉയരുന്ന ഈ നാഴികൾ, അക്ഷരാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് പ്രതീക്ഷയുടെ, സ്വപ്നങ്ങളുടെ ഗോവണികൾ... ഇങ്ങനെ ഓർക്കുമ്പോഴും സ്നേഹം കൂട്ടുന്ന പ്രിയ സ്മരണയാണ് എന്നെന്നും ഈ കലാലയം.

Dr. C. Udayakala
Assistant Professor & Head

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

All Saints' is like a second home to me, it has helped me in many ways. It has been instrumental in channelling my inner thoughts. The harmonious and nurturing nature of the institution helps me in carrying out my duties in the best possible manner. The college with its vibrant atmosphere presents ideas that inspire me constantly.

Shirly Joseph
Associate Professor & Head

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

All Saints' is much more than a place of work to me. It is more of a way of life, an integral part of my identity. A place where work is always worship, a place which has helped me serve humanity by helping shape empowered women for the benefit of our society. It has been my second home for about 20 years, a place which bears testimony to my growth as an individual and an institution which for me, is a crucial chapter of my life story.

Dr. Deepa M.
Associate Professor

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Dr. Caroline Beena Mendez
Associate Professor

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

All Saints' - as the name itself implies, all the Saints in the universe have blessed me through this college and hence I'm what I'm now. The management with its far sighted vision has played a great role in moulding me. All Saints' College has given me the chance to utilize my achievements in the academic field as a teacher.

Dr. Dhanalekshmy.T.G.
Assistant Professor & Head

All Saints' has played a very significant role during my student years, providing ample opportunities to excel in academics and co-curricular activities. The qualities instilled in me by my teachers have in turn helped me grow as a teacher. What I am today is due to the blessings of God, my parents and the teachers of this fine institution. I only hope I succeed in carrying forward all the good works initiated by them

Divya Grace Dilip
Assistant Professor