

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020**

"How would anything have endured if God had not willed it? How be preserved, if God had not called forth." Wisdom Chapter 11, Words 25. Yes, we, the Santa Marians truly believe that the existence and endurance of Santa Maria School is the Divine Educator's will and the care of Mother Mary.

I consider it as my profound privilege to present the report at this very special occasion of Silver Jubilee celebration that mark the 25 glorious years of Santa Maria. Jubilee is an occasion to recall the miraculous ways in which the Almighty has blessed us to fulfill the mission of imparting education and facilitating the young minds to be a wholesome being. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the past achievements of the school as well as to introspect on the preparations to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Santa Maria School is owned and managed by our Congregation – Sisters Servants of Our Lady of Sorrows founded in Florence, Italy in 1854. Our congregation expanded to India in 1988. When the historic decision to establish the school was taken by the then Mother General, it was a small step towards a big cause – nourished and guided by the Sisters Servants of Our Lady of Sorrows. The school came into existence in the year 1994 with the total strength of 37 students and two teachers under the vital and visionary leadership of Indian Pioneer sisters. Now the total strength leaps up to 1078. The school caters to the educational and ethical needs of people of West Kochi following the curriculum of CBSE New Delhi. In the beginning, pursued the syllabus of Kerala state and as per the request of parents shifted to Central syllabus and got affiliated to CBSE in 2006.

Our mission is to provide the young minds opportunities for realizing their potential; nurture them into ideal citizens, spiritually mature and psychologically integrated and enable them to shoulder responsibilities towards family, society and country.

The school aims at providing a suitable and happy environment in which the child can develop into a wholesome being.

Crossing milestone every year in the service of society, Santa Maria School has successfully marched past 25 milestones. The climb has been stressful but steady.

Today, as we celebrate the Jubilee, it makes me realize that though each one of us is a part of history in making the present owes much to the past. It is in this context, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and indebtedness to our Italian sisters for their sacrifice and all round support to make it happen and our Indian Pioneer sisters for their tireless effort. I am also grateful to the founder Principals, Managers, members of the faculty and dear parents whose contribution towards the establishment and especially your solicit for up gradation cannot be forgotten. Our sisters had a wish only to run the Kindergarten section and it was the parents and well wishers of this locality requested us to upgrade and thus to LP, UP, High School and then in 2008 to Senior Secondary – a gradual and steady growth. We have ever cherishing memories of great angelic people who stood with us to make this realize. God bless them all abundantly.





The word Jubilation speaks volumes for the aura of glory in which our school is today. Students from this school have excelled not only in academics but have also made a mark in Literary, Cultural, Sports and Games, Yoga, Taekwondo and outreach programs organized by CBSE and various NGOs to fight against social evils and thus making them a true human. It is important to realize that the little sunrays that constitute the vast sunlight that flood the land.

Since the inception of the school in the year 1994, it has progressed under the ample leadership and guidance of dedicated sisters, teachers and with the support and guidance of parent community and now stands tall and proud with a harmonious blending of the latest innovations.

The scholastic performance of the students of Santa Maria is indeed marvelous, thanking God, proud to say that not even a year we lost 100% of success in Class X - All India Secondary School Examination of CBSE. And Plus Two result also proved the dedication of both the teachers and students. Last year Farheen K. S was the Central Kerala Sahodaya Topper in two subjects in Class XII Board Exam. She scored A1 in all subjects. The performance graph of the National Scholarship Exam adds golden feathers to the crown of Santa Maria. Besides scholastic subjects, we incorporate co-scholastic activities like Health and Physical Education, Music, Dance, Taekwondo, Work Experience and Nature- Friendly activities. One of the most prestigious events is Santa Maria Soccer Fest – Interschool Football Tournament which is conducted every year upholding the popularity of the school far and wide. Mr. Terry Phelan International Football Player honored the winners of the Soccer Fest – Arafa Pubic School Muvattupuzha. Glad to hear from parents, that the name of Santa Maria is at its peak in the field of discipline and we try our best to give individual care to children. Character formation and value development are our primary concern and we have a regular Counselor and Special Educator to cater to the needs of students and parents. The dedication and motherly care of our teaching and non-teaching staff are beyond words. The management of Santa Maria is blessed to have such great personalities in this shrine of wisdom. Every year we conduct Health Checkup which is great support to our parents.

Our students bagged lots of prizes in Interschool Cultural Competitions like CBSE District Kalotsav organized by Sahodaya, Star Search, Balotsav, Sargotsav etc. and made us all proud to be the Overall Champions repeatedly. The charming talented girls of Santa Maria brought laurels to the school by being the first prize winner in CBSE State Kalotsav. And this year also a few students got selected for the CBSE State kalotsav and bagged prestigious awards. And seven of our students were Champions of the state and National Taekwondo Championship. After school hours, there is coaching for various games like football, Basketball etc. and this year we have begun Skating.

To mark this year of Jubilee, we organised a Cycle Rally from our school to Vasco Da Gama Square Fortkochi in collaboaration with Childline Kochi, Kerala Police and District Legal Service Authority promoting Child-Friendly Society. Alumni Meet and Former Teacher's day-out program added colors to the 25<sup>th</sup> Year celebration.

Motivation programs conducted not only for students but also for parents and it is very much appreciated by the parent community as these programs enlighten them to be better parents. Well



qualified and dedicated teaching faculty updates their knowledge through Capacity Building Program by CBSE and other training programs.

The past 25 years of this noble and divine service have helped to reach out to the poor and needy. Every year Santa Maria Convent provides support to few students who are studious but not economically sound enough. Students along with teachers visit organizations where in poor are taken care and assist them in their needs. Last year we could help one of the patients in Palluruthy who underwent Kidney Transplantation surgery, with three lakhs rupees by the support of parents and teachers.

Silver Jubilee Year was inaugurated by Prof.K V.Thomas, the then M P on 15th August 2018 with the theme of social responsibility and after two days school was opened to accommodate the flood affected people. Nearly 200 people were there in our Flood Relief Camp and that is when we all realized kindness and unity of Keralites and others. Our former students and kind hearted people of this locality joined hands together to support them and provide all their needs, and more over to be a solace in despair. We visited 9 families at Elanthikara Panchayath in North Paravur and handed over Rs.10,000 each and to one family Rs.15,000. And this year too we assisted the children of the flood affected families at Wayanad joining with Malayala Manorama and could extend our support to two of our students' family towards the expense of exorbitant surgeries. I take this opportunity to thank whole heartedly the parent community, staff and management of Santa Maria. Let's continue extending our support to the needy.

The journey doesn't end here. It goes on.... holding the Mighty hands of the Eternal Wisdom. We draw blessings and inspiration from the Almighty God and intercession of Mother Mary which makes us exuberantly active and a source of light in the darkness of ignorance and scarcity. Let's continue our endeavor to comprehend and accomplish the dreams of the founding sisters of this school and embody the vision which they had cherished. So many stars have got illumined and enlightened from this abode of wisdom and ethics. Let many more bright up from Santa Maria, the bosom of Mother Mary.

Being grateful to God Almighty, to you all and requesting your on-going support, I remain. Thank you.

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Principal.

