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# *In Touch*

**Newsletter of the ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**



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## News Letter

### Principal's Message

Good day, dear Holy Crossians. We are happy to shepherd you back into the loving arms of your Alma Mater. Yes indeed it's with a sense of pride we relive our yesterday's meaningful memories of the unforgettable days spent at Holy Cross College. It's these precious thoughts that linger in our hearts and stay on forever re-visiting, refreshing the tranquil moments of our lives.

Holy Cross College would have definitely had a positive impact factor on each of you. You would have learnt many things and one of it is having a merciful heart towards your neighbour. Being merciful showers on you abundant gifts as the Bible says "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!" (Matthew 5:7). The lessons we have learnt about the art of living, will surely chauffer you towards being a better human. These worthy values would make you understand that a helping hand can change the world that we live in.

This year 2015 was indeed a year of successful achievements. Holy Cross College still stands the test of time, she still radiates her goodness and mercy and with your support and presence, my dear Alumnae, you have magnified its glory double fold.

A word of praise to the alumnae committee for their tireless efforts in planning and building a strong network of Holy Crossians in this mercy filled world. I hope that this News letter 'In touch' Vol: 9 will spread its roots worldwide and bring together the alumnae of this great institution. Since Christmas is in the air lets join hands and spread the goodness of mercy to all around us. I wish the alumnae of Holy Cross College all the very best in all their endeavours in life. May baby Jesus watch over you and bless you abundantly. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2016.

Dr. (Sr.) Jeusin Francis,  
Principal

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College has germinated from the size of a mustard seed. For ninety three years it has grown taller and stronger and it continues to grow to greatness with every passing year. Holy Crossians have learnt to grow in this ambiance mentally and spiritually. The alumnae have strengthened themselves with a strong value system imparted to them and have grown intellectually sound and emotionally stable. Each alumna has grown into a beautiful individual connected to them and in turn connected to the Holy Crossian family network, which is founded on faith, joined by love and kept by God, together **Forever**. We, with hands joined and hearts intertwined make one big family.

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College aims at building a network of Holy Crossians to empower and strengthen relationships and create a sense of belonging and gratitude to the Alma Mater. The annual plan of the Alumnae Association is made every year by the teaching staff core-group under the guidance of the Principal along with the staff representatives of all departments. The activities planned are executed by the members during the course of the year. A General Alumnae meet is arranged every year on the second Saturday of December.

### **Mission**

- Build a society / network of Holy Crossians.
- Contribute to / supplement the personal and career development of the present and passed out students.

### **Objectives**

- To maintain a data base of the alumnae profile.
- To assist in the placement of students along with HRD.
- To organize get-togethers for the former students periodically.
- To develop a sense of togetherness through the Newsletter "In Touch".

### **Contribution to the College**

- HRD department functions in association with the Alumnae Association.
- Life membership fees collected from all the outgoing students is the source of revenue to spend for the activities of the Alumnae Association.
- A scholarship of Rs. 2000 was given to the children of the supportive staff of the college from the alumnae endowment fund.

### **Core Committee Members**

1. Dr. (Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal & Head of the Department of Tamil.
2. Dr. Noreen Antony, Associate Professor of Chemistry (Coordinator)
3. Ms. Maimoona Begum, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

4. Dr. Mary Sandra Quintal, Assistant Professor of English.
5. Ms .Umera Begam, A.K., Assistant Professor of Bio- Chemistry.
6. Dr. Rexlin Jeyakumari. S., Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
7. Dr. Theresa Rosetti, Assistant Professor of History.
8. Dr. Amala Infant Joice.J., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

#### **Report of the General Alumnae Meet-13<sup>th</sup> December, 2014**

The General Alumnae Meet of Holy Cross College was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. The Chief Guest of the day was Ms. Sherine Xavier, Executive Director of the Home for Human Rights, Srilanka, Alumna, Department of Chemistry. The special invitees were Ms. Uma Thirugnanam, Chief Marketing Officer, Infoservices, Bangalore, Alumna, Department of Chemistry and English; Ms. A. Kumaragurubai, Retd. Teacher and the student of Mother Sophie, Founderess of Holy Cross College and Dr. V. Tamilselvi, Head of the Department of Nephrology, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Alumna, Department of Economics. It was a joyous gathering for the alumnae, 255 Alumnae were present for the meeting. God's abundant blessings were invoked through a prayer service. The minutes were read by Dr. Noreen Antony, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Coordinator of the Alumnae Association.

The Newsletter of the Alumnae Association "In Touch" Vol: 8, December 2014 was released by the Principal Rev. Dr. (Sr.) Jeusin Francis and the first copy was received by the Chief Guest Ms. Sherine Xavier; in her address she thanked the institution for the opportunity and shared her pleasant memories at Holy Cross College. She also said that each individual must revolutionize the world with their magnanimous heart and spread love, joy and peace to the world. Rev. Dr (Sr.) Jeusin Francis thanked the alumnae for their presence and wished them the best that life could shower on them, in the years to come.

The special invitees, Ms. Uma Thirugnanam, Ms. A. Kumaragurubai and Dr. V. Tamilselvi through their message inspired the gathering to look back on the wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College. The Alumna Association conducted a Group Discussion for the alumnae which made them reminiscence about the glorious days spent at Holy Cross College. Feedback forms were distributed and filled by the alumnae. The Vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sahaya Amudha, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. The joyful assembly ended with a group photo.

#### **Departmental Alumnae Reports for the year 2014-2015**

##### **Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology**

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology organized a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for their first batch of students.

### **Department of Biochemistry**

Ms. Kanchana K Pandian, Alumna of 2008-2011 batch, visited the department on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014. She currently works as a Junior Research Faculty at IIT, Bombay and interacted with the students. The next alumnae meet was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. Ms. M. Ramya (2004-2007 batch) from HDFC Bank, Srirangam and spoke to the fresh graduates about her journey in Holy Cross.

### **Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics**

The PG and Research Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics conducted an alumnae meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. About 20 out gone students of PG and Research Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics attended the meeting. Ms.Saranya, Project Manager, Icon Solutions and Clinical Research, the former alumnae of the department gave an inspirational talk on Clinical Research.

### **Department of Botany**

The Department of Botany organized and alumnae meet on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Department of Business Administration**

The Department of Business Administration arranged a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for the new graduates of the department.

### **Department of Chemistry**

The Department of Chemistry conducted an alumnae get together on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The Alumnae discussed the challenges which they have to face in this competitive world.

### **Department of Commerce**

The Department of Commerce conducted an alumnae meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for the new graduates. The alumnae register is updated, whenever old students of the department visited the department.

### **Department of Economics**

At the department level, old student's association meeting was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014. An alumnae meeting was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Ms. Angel Therista, Former Head of the Department of Physics was the Chief Guest. She spoke on "Realities of Life". Another alumnae meeting was arranged on the graduation day on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Department of English (Shifts I & II)**

The Department of English organized an alumnae meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Dr Mary Jayanthi, Assistant Professor of the Department of English addressed the gathering. The Alumnae meeting for shift II was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The chief guest of the meet was Ms. Muthu Selvi, Asst. Prof. of English, Shift II delivered a lecture on the Availability of Government Vacancies in India.

### **Department of History**

The first alumnae meeting of the Department of History was held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014. More than thirty students belonging to different batches attended the meeting. The second Alumnae meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Department of Mathematics**

The Department of Mathematics organized a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Mrs. K. F. Mary Latha (Asso. Prof., Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam) a prominent alumna of the department visited the department after 29 years.

### **Department of Physics**

The Department of Physics organized an alumnae get together on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Ms. A. Leela Nithya who is working as a Junior Processor in Royal Bank of Scotland visited the department

### **Department of Rehabilitation Science**

The Department of Rehabilitation Science organized an alumnae meeting “Santhipoma II” on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Students from 1983 – 2015 were invited for the meet. Rev. Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal was honored as the Chief Guest of the programme, Dr.(Sr.) Elizabeth Rose, Former Principal, Holy Cross College, Dr. (Sr.) Maria Kamalam, Director, Institute of Rehabilitation Science and Dr. Michael Prabhakaran, Former HOD, Department of Rehabilitation Science were the special invitees of the day. The entire alumnae formed a new group named Rehab Babes.

### **Department of Tamil**

The Department of Tamil organized an alumnae meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The resource person was Dr.P.Thanapackiam, Asso. Prof. of Tamil. She spoke on the topic “Communication skills” and the need to take care of ourselves spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

### **Department of Visual Communication**

The Department of Visual Communication organized its alumnae meet for the fourth consecutive year on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The Chief Guest of the day was Rev. Fr. Paulraj,

HOD of visual communication and M. Sindhuja, Technical Assistant, Dream Zone and an alumna of the department presided over the function.

### **Department of Computer Science**

The Department of Computer Science organized an Alumnae Meet in the month of August 2014. Thirty alumnae attended the meeting and shared their experiences of their golden days spent at Holy Cross College. The motto of Alumnae Association “Helping the Poor through Alumnae Association” was emphasised. The next meeting was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Ms. Bhuvaneswari, B.C.A (Batch: 2011-2014), working in Wipro Technologies, Chennai as a Developer shared her experiences with the fellow students.

### **Department of Zoology**

The Department of Zoology organized an alumnae meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014 for the academic year 2014-15. The gathering paid homage to Dr. P. Daisy, former Head of the Department. Rev Sr. Dona, former HOD, senior professors, alumnae and students of the department participated in the meeting. To mark the valuable services rendered by Dr. P. Daisy to the students’ community and to this temple of learning, the alumnae unanimously decided to start an endowment fund in her name that shall provide financial assistance to the underprivileged students. The next alumnae meet was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE COLLEGE**

Rotaract club of Holy Cross College has won the following awards for 2013 —14

- ❖ Best in Community Service.
- ❖ Outstanding Bulletin Award for best DRR official visit.
- ❖ Presidential Citation Award for actively working to engage Rotary, to change lives.
- ❖ District Award in recognition for organizing DRR official visit.
- ❖ Award for hosting Pets and Sets 2014.
- ◆ Our College received "Healthy Work place Gold 2014" Award from Arogya World — Public Health Foundation of India, in November 2014.
- ◆ DBT sanctioned "Incentive Award-2014" certificate to BIF centre of our college for the best paper publication among colleges with BIF centre all over India.

### **AWARDS WON BY THE STAFF**

- ❖ Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi, Assistant Professor of English, was selected as the trainer by the US Embassy, for the English Access Micro scholarship Programme at WIND TRUST, Trichy.

- ❖ Global Economic Progress and Research Association (GEPR) a society of repute, presented "Indra Gandhi Sadbhavna Gold Medal Award 2014" Trophy and Certificate to Dr. A. Leema Rose, Associate Professor of Chemistry for extra-ordinary outstanding individual achievement in Research and Education, on the occasion of 22<sup>nd</sup> National Unity Conference on "Individual Achievements and Service" held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014, at Bengaluru. She was also elected as syndicate member of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.
- ❖ Late Dr.P.Daisy, former HOD of Zoology, was awarded Fellowship in Reproduction and Endocrinology (FRE) award for senior scientist for her research achievements in the field of Life Science, in the International Conference on 'Bioactive chemicals for Reproduction and Human Health' at XXXIII Annual meeting of the Society for Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology' held at Life Science Departments, Davangere University, Karnataka from 26th - 28th February 2015.
- ❖ Lions Club of Tiruchirappalli – Majestic has given a Best Teacher of the Year 2014-15 to Mr. M. Antony Stephen, Holy Cross College for his outstanding performance in the field of Teaching.

### **Bidding Adieu**

**Ms. Rajaeswai Suriyanarayanan** (former) Head & Associate Professor of Economics, had completed 35 years of fruitful service. She was a bundle of infectious energy who could motivate herself and others into instant action. She was person integrity and worked diligently with light feet and a steely will. Her tenure as Vice Principal was highly commendable.

**Dr. A. Rosline** (former) Head & Associate Professor of Botany had completed 36 years of outstanding service. She was an erudite scholar and a versatile academician of the highest calibre. She is a person of principals and possesses a unique strength of mind and purpose. Her hard work and perseverance are the secrets of her success. She is a simple and God fearing person.

**Dr. Regina Dorothy**, (former) Head & Associate Professor of English, is an alumna of the college. For 35 Years she had the privilege of serving this institution with nobility, honour and commitment. Her contributions to the department have been varied and outstanding. She has taken an ardent interest in many spiritually oriented programmes and is actively involved in many prayer groups. Her positive energy has ignited every nook and corner of the college.

**Dr. Geetha Manivasangam**, Associate Professor of English, who has spent a lifetime in this institution as a brilliant student as well as a teacher possessing a whirlwind of energy, is



renowned for the encyclopaedic knowledge. Her commitment to the College is evident in the impeccable manner in which she has carried out the various duties entrusted to her.

**Dr. A. Rajathi**, Associate Professor of Zoology, an alumna of the department has 35 years of meritorious service. She has served the department for more than three decades with her profound teaching, robust research and extra-curricular activities. She has also instituted an endowment-‘Thiyagadurgam P. R. Ayyamperumal Gold Medal’ for the Best out gone student in B.Sc. Zoology.

**Ms. Elizabeth David**, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science has 30 years of commendable service. She had a great love for reading and through her mathematical working of the mind, she captivated her students. Her sincere dedication and personal involvement with students helped them realize their dreams.

**The Alumnae Association thanks the Administrative Staff for their silent dedicated service to Holy Cross College,**

Ms. Sagayamary. T (34 years of service) Superintendent.

Ms. Nirmala Daisy Rani S. Administrative Staff.

Ms. Adaikalarani. D (40 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Ms. Josephine Theresa Mary. L (39 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Ms. Auxilia. M (39 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Ms. Powline Glory Martin. D (36 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Mr. Masilamani. Leo (33 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Ms. Mahalakshmi. R (32 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Ms. Amalorpava Mary (40 years of service) Administrative Staff.

Ms. Auxilia (31 years of service) Administrative Staff.

**GOD BLESS THEM**

**Marital Counselling Organised by the Alumnae Association**

The Alumnae Association conducted a meeting for III Year UG students on 'Marital Counselling' and 'Teenage Health' on 21st November 2014. Dr. P. Poongothai Senthil, Chief Obstetrician, Trichy presided over the meeting, she spoke on 'Healthy Living', the changes in the adolescence period in structure, function and psychology of the body. The Chief Guest of the next session was Dr. A.R. Syeeda Sheerin, Consultant Psychiatrist, Sana Hospital, Trichy. She enlightened the students with seven important points about 'How to Live a Happy Married Life. 730 final year students benefitted.

**Career Development**

The Alumnae Association conducted a meeting for III Year UG Arts students on 'Career Development' on 25th November 2014 and for PG students on 10th January 2015. Mr. Richard Carol Dhanabalan, Director, Sure Job Placements, Trichy was the resource person, who gave an inspiring talk on how to face interviews.

## **OBITUARY**



We fondly remember (late) Dr. (Mrs.) P.Daisy, the Former Head of the Departments of Zoology and Biotechnology & Bioinformatics. This beautiful flower was plucked by the Almighty on 22 June, 2014, to be with Him forever. Although her life was cut short, she lived it to the fullest, savouring and cherishing every moment. She had contributed 34 years of teaching in the Department of Zoology. Her roots of faith were deep and strong in the Holy doctrines of the Lord. Her tireless efforts to make the Good Lord known to all had reaped a good harvest as she has touched the lives of many, spiritually, in her lifetime. She led an exemplary life as a teacher, researcher and an evangelist, bringing in positive changes in innumerable lives she came across. Lord! Grant Your dear Daughter eternal abode, peace and rest.

### **An Appeal**

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) has set up a Corpus Fund for the development of the infrastructure of the College and to provide scholarships to the economically disadvantaged students. Your good will and generous contribution would be deeply appreciated. The contributions to the fund will be acknowledged in the alumnae news letter 'In Touch'. This is indeed a rare and golden opportunity to express your gratitude and solidarity towards your Alma Mater.

Note: Contribution (minimum Rs.1000/- ) to be sent by cheque /draft drawn in favour of The Principal (Alumnae Fund), Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli.

*“God will bless a cheerful giver”*

**Fund Contribution to Alumnae fund**

Dr.Fathimanissa, an Alumina and former HOD from Department of Zoology Contributed Rs.10,000/-

*Really in –Touch-----With You*

Across the miles, around the world, we still treasure you as stars of our galaxy. We would like you to contact Alma Mater through the email IDs given below.

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