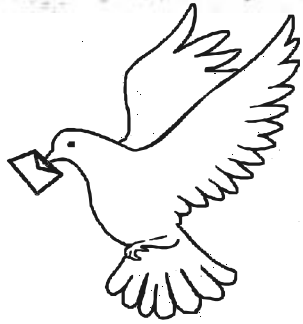


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# *In Touch*

Newsletter of the ALUMNAE Association



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## Principal's Message

December is the month that includes the bygone months and wraps up the calendar year with all its events and activities. December is the season of joy as people all over the world look forward to the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

For Holy Crossians, December is also the month when you, dear alumnae happily choose to revisit your Alma Mater, to refresh and renew your ties with her and to replenish your hearts with the joy and excitement of a much awaited and longed for get-together with all your friends and college-mates and teachers who journeyed with you through many years of learning and experience, which have moulded you into strong individuals, who are pillars of support to the family and society.

This spirit of rejuvenation is the main spring of one's life and joy. Just as the waves of the ocean move away from it and dash on the shores, creating ripples of thrill and excitement for the onlookers and sea lovers, yet return to the ocean with exhaustion and tranquility to recharge itself before its next outward journey, so also our alumnae wave like return periodically to the great ocean of knowledge / learning and values to refuel themselves mentally, emotionally and spiritually, to launch out again to the shores of newer experiences, adventures and activities in the changing landscape of life today.

You are an integral part of your Alma Mater as the waves are inseparable from the deep ocean. You radiate the joy of belongingness and family spirit by your caring presence here today at this Alumnae Meet and also by the sharing of your experiences / views through the Newsletter, In Touch.

As alumnae you have the moral responsibility to hand on the torch of Holy Crossian values that you got from your Alma Mater, to the younger generation so that your Alma Mater can be proud to proclaim to the world its wealth of Holy Cross Achievers i.e. you, who have done not only your families, but also your college proud.

With your learning, technological skills, competencies and problem solving resourcefulness you can face the challenges of life and transform them into opportunities for innovative growth and achievement.

Remember you are bigger than the problems you may encounter, for God is with you always. May you search and find new pastures of excellence and reach newer heights of success in your career and in life.

As we are in the season of Christmas, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year 2018.

Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget  
Principal

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 and 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.
- The Alumnae contributed towards a fund for students to avail books on loan from their respective department libraries

## Core Committee Members

1. Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget A, Principal
2. Dr. Noreen Antony,  
Head & Associate Professor of Chemistry (Coordinator)
3. Dr. Mary Sandra Quintal,  
Dean of Arts & Assistant Professor of English.
4. Dr. Umera Begam, A.K., Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry.
5. Dr. Rexlin Jeyakumari. S., Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
6. Dr. Theresa Rosetti, Assistant Professor of History.
7. Dr. Amala Infant Joice. J, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.
8. Dr. Rajathi D Modilal, Assistant Professor of Zoology.
9. Ms. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Assistant Professor of English.

## Report of the General Alumnae Meet - 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

The General Alumnae Meet was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. The chief guest of the day was Dr. Lt. S. Sangaranachiar, Librarian, Lady Doak College, Madurai, alumna of the Department of Chemistry and the special invitee was Ms. Uma Venkat, Managing Trustee, Maitri Trust, alumna of the Department of Chemistry. The minutes were read out by Dr. Noreen Antony, Associate Professor of Chemistry and the Coordinator of the Alumnae association. The News Letter 'In Touch' Vol: 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 was released by Dr. Lt. S. Sangaranachiar, the chief guest and the first copy was received by Dr. (Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. The chief guest in her address said that her Alma Mater had taught her values and principles which had helped her to live successfully. The special invitee Ms. Uma Venkat recollected the days she spent in the college campus and shared her pleasant memories and also appreciated the teaching faculty of Holy Cross College for their untiring efforts in moulding the student community. The special address was followed by 'A Flash of Memories', where the alumnae who were unable to be present for the meeting, shared their memories of the golden days spent at Holy Cross College, via e-mail. This was followed by 'Down memory lane' where the prominent alumnae Dr. Amudha, Professor, Department of Education, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, alumna of the

Department of Botany spoke about the moral values which she had learnt in Holy Cross College. Ms. Kamatchi, Deputy Officer (Rtd.), Purchase Dept., BHEL, Vice President of the Alumnae Association, alumna of the Department of English, Ms. Subha Selvam, Senior News Reader (Rtd.), All India Radio, alumna of the Department of Economics, Ms. Saraswathi, PG Assistant, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Pulivalam, alumna of the Department of History shared their memories about time spent in the portals of Holy Cross College. Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Subha Selvam honoured the Vice Principals Dr. Jenitra, Associate Professor of Commerce and Dr. Nagalakshmi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Science with shawls. The feedback forms were distributed. Dr. Turin Martina, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science and IQAC coordinator addressed the gathering. She asked the alumnae to update their details in the Alumnae Web link data base of the College. The joyful meeting ended with the college anthem and a photo session of the alumnae present.

### **Marital Counselling Organised by the Alumnae Association**

The Alumnae association conducted a meeting on marital counselling on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at college level for under graduate final year students. It was highly informative and useful for the students.

### **Department Alumnae Meeting:**

All the departments conducted Alumnae meet for the UG & PG out gone students of both shifts I & II and M.Phil scholars on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. In addition, alumnae of some departments visited their alma mater during the academic year. Some of the alumnae also served as resource persons for international conferences and various programmes conducted at the departmental level.

### **Departmental Alumnae Reports for the year 2016 - 2017**

#### **The Department of Botany**

The Department of Botany conducted a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Alumnae of UG, PG and M.Phil. shared their experiences. About

70% of students are doing their higher studies and 20% students are employed as teachers in various institutions and 10% are preparing for the competitive exams.

### **The Department of Biochemistry**

The Department of Biochemistry conducted a meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Alumnae shared their experiences.

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

The PG and Research Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics conducted the department alumnae meet on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017, Dr. M, Rajalakshmi Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Trichy, gave an inspirational talk on Career guidance.

### **The Department of Chemistry**

The Alumnae meeting of the Department of Chemistry was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Germany addressed the students on current research techniques adopted in the area of Biology and Spectroscopy and various research opportunities available for the students in western countries and in America.

### **The Department of Computer Science**

The Department of Computer Science conducted a meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Ms. P. Revathi, Asst. Professor of Computer Science, Holy Cross College, addressed the students. She emphasized on the vitality of Alumnae Association and how alumnae can strengthen their bond with the College and with each other.

### **The Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics conducted the alumnae meet on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017. The meet was initiated by Ms. R. Uma Rani Assistant Professor of Economics, Holy Cross College. She motivated the alumnae to keep in touch with the department.

### **The Department of English**

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 the Department of English conducted an alumnae meet. Ms. Joan Cynthia Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College addressed the gathering on the topic “Career Development”.

### **The Department of History**

The Alumnae meeting of the History Department was held on 12<sup>th</sup> December. More than thirty students belonging to different batches attended the meeting. Another alumnae meeting of the Department of History was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

### **The Department of Mathematics**

The alumnae meet was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for U.G. P.G. and M. Phil students.. They shared their memorable events and views in Holy Cross College campus.

### **The Department of Physics**

An alumnae meet was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for U.G. P.G. and M. Phil students. The departmental alumnae meet was held for both Shift I and II new graduates. Ms. A. Maria Bernadette Leena, Assistant Professor of Physics, Holy Cross College spoke on the topic “Flight of Re-birth”.

### **The Department of Social work**

The Alumnae meet of the Department of Social Work was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for students. The event was coordinated by Ms. J. Josephine Jeba, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Social Work.

### **The Department of Visual Communication**

The Alumnae meet of the Department of Visual Communication was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for U.G. P.G. and M. Phil students.

### **The Department of Zoology**

The Alumnae meet of the Department of Zoology was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for U.G. P.G. and M. Phil students.

## Achievements / Awards Ventures:

### **College Special Achievements / Awards.**

The NSS Unit of our college won the best NSS Unit Award for the academic year 2015–2016. Doctor's Blood bank and research centre (Doctor's Diagnostic Centre Charitable Trust) and Rotary Club of Trichy Central presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Holy Cross College for the noble gesture of organizing blood donation camps regularly. They thankfully appreciated this noble work by the institution towards the needy patients, which they said is highly commendable.

### **Rotaract Awards**

The awards for the academic year 2015-2016 were announced at the District Conference held at MAMCET, College, Trichy, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. The Rotaract club of our college won the following awards:

- ❖ **President Citation Award**
- ❖ **Top ten outstanding projects of RI district 3000**
- ❖ **Award in appreciation of the joint project - Organ Donation Rally.**

Best Institution Award 2016 was given by Lions Club of Trichy, Golden Bazaar, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to Holy Cross College, Trichy, in appreciation of the excellent educational services and moral education activities to the student's community for the longer period.

### **Ruthra Santhi Yogalayam Award**

Certificate of Award was given in appreciation of Yoga and value based service rendered by Holy Cross Women's College, Trichy. The Best Value Based College Award was given by Ruthra Santhi Yogalayam on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at the 21<sup>st</sup> state level two days conference 2015, with the support of Tourism department.

### **Consumer Club Award**

Consumer Club of Holy Cross College received I Prize at the district level, for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 at World Consumer Rights Day celebration held in November 2016.



Indian Association for the Blind awarded a certificate of Appreciation to Holy Cross College for outstanding excellence and amazing commitment towards voluntary contribution during the year 2016-2017 for the empowerment of persons with visual challenges.

### Awards won by Staff

#### Staff Awards / Achievements:

**Ruthra Santhi Yogalayam** with the support of Tourism Department, presented Kalai Rathna Award to Dr. (Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, Holy Cross College in appreciation of Yoga and Value based service rendered.

**Dr. S.Vasanthi**, Assistant Professor of Commerce, received “Best Faculty Award” from Indian Academic Association at Bharathidasan University on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016, She also received “Distinguished Faculty Award” from centre for Advanced research and Design from the Board of Management. Venus International Foundation, VIFA 2016 Expert Committee Report and Apex Committee recommendations on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016, at Chennai.

**Dr. Leema Rose**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, received Bharath Rathna Mother Teresa Gold Medal Award from Global Economic Progress and Research Association for Excellence in her respective field “Individual Achievement and National Economic Growth” at Bangalore on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Mr. G. Elizabeth Rani**, Assistant Professor of Tamil, Holy Cross College, Trichy, received the, Best NSS Programme Officer award from Bharathidasan University for the year 2013-2014.

**Dr. M. Rajalakshmi**, Assistant Professor of Zoology, co-ordinator of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics has been conferred with “Dr. P. Daisy Memorial Award” recognizing her as a Woman Scientist in the field of Life Sciences, by the Society of Reproductive Biology & Comparative Endocrinology in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual meet and International Conference on “Reproductive Biology” held at the Department of

Animal Biology, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.

## Emotional Ensemble

**Chennai :**

Ms. Kamakshi Venkataraman, the Vice President of the Alumnae Association had organised an alumnae get together once again on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at Green Coconut Resort at Mahabalipuram. It was a special day to meet Ms. Prathima Gandhi all the way from USA. Ms. Madhavi from Hyderabad, Ms. Bama from Trichy, Ms. Barathi from Bombay, Ms. Pushpa from Chennai from the 1973 – 1979 batch from the department of English. It was an unforgettable day in their lives.

**Dubai:**

The Principal of Holy Cross College Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget met nine Alumnae from Rehabilitation Science, one from Commerce and one from Chemistry on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in Dubai and inaugurated “Holy Cross College Alumnae Dubai Chapter” with two secretaries and one president. They took a resolution to meet every year and decided to open chapters in other countries too. Their email id is hcctrichyin@gmail.com.

## Bidding Adieu

**Dr. Felicia Rajammal Selvarani**, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry has successfully completed a marathon of 36 years of fruitful service in our esteemed institution. She joined the department of Chemistry as a lecturer in the year 1981 and was at the helm of affairs as the Head of the Department for four years from 2013-2017. We pray for God’s abundant blessings to be showered upon her and her family and hope that life continues to greet her with more successes in all her future endeavours.

**Dr. Fr. Joseph A. Rozario**, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication has always strived hard to take the institution to greater levels of success, wielding the twin wands of discipline and diligence. He has rendered nine years of fruitful, dedicated service to the college. Polite and patient Fr. Rozario has always been zealous to reach out to those in need. He always kept himself refurbished with the new changes in the realm of education. He helped his students and colleagues tide difficult times with his prized and effective suggestions.

**Ms. S. Imelda Samathanam Evangeline**, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics has rendered her fruitful service to this institution for more than 35 years. Her enchanting smile and her consistent kindness are the trademarks of her magnetic mien. Ms. Evangeline is a proud alumna of our college. Her keen involvement in the subject of Mathematics and painstaking efforts taken to mould the young minds is laudable. Our prayer for her is that the Lord may grant her the buoyancy of physical strength and the exuberance of spirit to help her gracefully carry on in her divine mission entrusted to her.

**Dr. Pushparani**, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce with a tenure of selfless service in the institution touches the twilight after almost 35 luminous years. The number of momentous moments in her professional frontier are way too many to be recorded here in this short space, some of them are Shikhsa Rattan Puraskar and special award from the Government of Tamilnadu at the State Level for the Citizen Consumer Club activities for the year 2010, to mention just a few. May Dr. Pushparani continue to be a soul winner for the good God and may he reward her and her family bounteously with his everlasting grace and mercy.

**Rev. Sr. Lizy George**, the Head of the Department of French, having completed twenty years of untiring service in the premises of Holy

Cross College, never failed to tread the path of the Lord. Submitting herself to the command of the Lord, her teaching fell like the gentle rain on tender plants. Sr.Lizy George has decorated almost all positions with her gracious and serene presence. She also served as pulsating Vice-principal, and has also shouldered the towering responsibility of being the Controller of Examinations. As you now step into the longest vacation of life dear Sister, we wish you a tranquil and blessed retired life.

**Dr. Juliet Vinolini**, Associate Professor, Department of English is an inspiring teacher who has spent 22 years teaching and moulding students in the portals of Holy Cross College. She is a beautiful person who stays true to herself and whose self-confidence makes others smile. One cannot miss her first name Juliet for the Shakespearean namesake's beauty grace and gentleness resonates in her character. Her language has a charisma and class that keeps her students spell bound. Indeed it is right to call her a timeless classic. May the Lord who is the anchor of her life, continue to bless her and her family at all times with good health and peace.

May God Bless Them With  
A Peaceful and A Happy Retired Life.

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