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Principal's Message

In today's world of segregation / separateness, people build more walls than bridges. There is a dire need to build bridges which help people come together, in the home, work place and society. This concept of bridge building enables acceptance of others, with sameness or difference in attitudes to life with the motto / idea "only connect".

Seeking and finding connections between persons and events is typically a feminine endeavour. Women are the strong pillars of society and uphold the spirit of oneness among people. As torch bearers of national, cultural and spiritual values women known as home makers / home keepers, serve as bridge builders in whatever environment they are placed connecting the individual (self) with the common society.

The Alumnae of Holy Cross College as empowered and enlightened individuals / women, work with a sense of social commitment and participate in others-centered services. Putting the self to the background, they draw mankind together by building bridges of acceptance and care. Our Alumnae, with this altruistic concern, shoulder various responsibilities and face the challenges they encounter, whatever be the position they occupy, or the organization they serve in, with the positive energy to bridge the gap between the haves and have nots, the privileged and the under privileged, so that those at the lower rung of the ladder of life are encouraged and supported to make headway and achieve their personal and professional goals they set for themselves.

The concept of inclusiveness is their focus, linking the past learning and activities that moulded them into empowered builders of the nation with the capacity and confidence to face life as strong goal oriented persons who contribute to societal wellness / well being.

It is a great honour to see our Alumnae reaching out to others in their journey of life, building bridges between people, countries, races and cultures, not with metal and mortar but with humane values touching hearts and souls in their oneness through the Christian / universal spirit of brotherhood through understanding and love.

As Principal of Holy Cross College, I am happy and proud to welcome our motivated Alumnae as genuine human bridge builders who integrate their learning during their golden days at Holy Cross College with their experiences of the modern techno savvy ways that also link the God created humans with manmade machines, through social networking for spontaneous social and emotional bonding globally.

There is a bridge like connection between our college and our redeemer as we approach the Christmas season of December. The advent season is a preparation to ring in the jingle bells of Christmas. The birth of Christ has a great spiritual impact on the whole of humanity. For us Christ is the greatest bridge builder between heaven and earth / between the divine and the human. Through his birth he serves as a bridge of human salvation focusing on love, joy, peace and above all forgiveness – the characteristics of the Noel season.

The purpose of Christ’s birth was to create a world in which humankind would live in harmony and togetherness by building bridges of help and support for others to travel across the river of time.

Instead of building walls or mending walls that hinder human togetherness, let us resolve to be bridge builders and take the path less travelled by and break down walls that separate people and construct bridges that will make a difference in our life and society.

May you continue to be effective human bridge builders with better understanding and hope for a bright future for society!

I wish you and your family a “Merry Christmas and a peaceful & prosperous New Year 2020”.



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 prepared every year by the core-group under the guidance of the Principal along with the staff representatives of all the 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. The alumnae of Holy Cross College have been nurtured and shaped to face promising tomorrows. The system of education in Holy Cross College is based on Whole Person Education which gives a complete character formation to the students. The rich experiences of their college days have made them focus more clearly in all their actions and deeds in their lives. They always come back to their Alma Mater with jubilant spirits.

Mission

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

Objectives

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

Contribution to the College

- Ø HRD department functions in association with the Alumnae Association.
- Ø Life membership fees collected from all the outgoing students is the source of revenue to spend for the activities of the Alumnae Association.

- Ø A scholarship of Rs. 2000 was given to the children of the supportive staff of the college from the Alumnae Endowment Fund.
- Ø 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. Umera Begam, A.K., Assistant Professor of Bio- Chemistry (Co-ordinator).
3. Dr. Mary Sandra Quintal, Assistant Professor of English.
4. Dr. Rexlin Jeyakumari. S., Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
5. Dr. Theresa Rosetti, Assistant Professor of History.
6. Dr. Amala Infant Joice, J., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.
7. Dr. M. Rajathi D Modilal, Assistant Professor of Zoology.
8. Ms. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Assistant Professor of English.

Report of the General Alumnae Meet- 8th December, 2018

The General Alumnae Meet of Holy Cross College was held on 8th December, 2018, in Our Lady's Hall at 10 a.m. The Chief Guest of the day was Professor S.H. Afroze, Vice Principal, Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women (Autonomous) Perambalur. The Special invitees were Ms. Lorna Fernandes, Private Tutor, President, Alumnae Chapter, Singapore and Ms. S Amala Antony, Teacher at Telok Kurau Primary School, Secretary Alumnae Chapter, Singapore. The occasion was graced by the Alumnae who were present for the meeting. The Newsletter of the Alumnae Association "In Touch" Vol: 12. December 2018 was released by the Chief Guest Professor S.H. Afroze, Vice Principal, Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women (Autonomous) Perambalur and the first copy was received by the Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget. In her address she thanked the institution for the opportunity and shared her experiences as a student during her

education. She inspired the gathering to face challenges bravely. She insisted on holistic development and spoke about the impact of the values Holy Cross College has imparted to her. Prof. Afroze offered her service to take part in the extension activities of the college, so that the contribution of the alumnae could strengthen the College. The Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget felicitated the gathering. She expressed her joy for the Alumnae meetings conducted in Malaysia and Singapore. She said that she was overjoyed to see alumnae of Holy Cross College excel in life. Sister thanked the alumnae for their presence and wished them God's blessings, in the years to come.

The Special invitees Ms. Lorna Fernandes and Ms. S. Amala Antony through their messages, inspired the gathering to look back on their wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College that explained the implication of alumnae reunion, for the growth of the institution and the individuals. Ms. Lorna fondly remembered Late Dr. P. Daisy for bringing about a change in her life. She said that she will take the Singapore Alumnae chapter to the next level. Ms. S. Amala Antony said that Holy Cross College has groomed her to become a better human being and that she concentrated on below average students and made them shine, a practice that she learned from her teachers.

Retd. IAS officer Mrs. Neela Gangadaran alumna from the department of Economics 1971 batch addressed the gathering. She spoke about the discipline, respect and the dignity that she has learned from Holy Cross College. She was happy to be part of the meeting and requested all the students to make their best use of Holy Cross College.

The alumnae from Dubai and Singapore spoke to the gathering through a video call. They were very happy to address the alumnae and be part of the General Alumnae Meeting. A game of Tombola was conducted by the English Department; the alumnae actively participated in the game. The Alumnae meet ended with lunch hosted by the college and every one bid each other and their friends a touching farewell.

Department Alumnae Meeting for the year 2018-2019

The Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology

The Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology conducted an alumnae meet on 9th February 2019 at Holy Cross College Campus. Totally 16 alumnae members participated in this meeting. Mr. R. Sundaresan, Head of the Department shared his experience in the outside world, which they face after stepping out of the institution. Valuable information regarding higher studies and job opportunities were shared by the members. The alumnae discussed the importance of ISHA & TAN-ISHA membership as well as interesting moments of campus life to the audience. Alumnae meetings are conducted twice a year in the college campus. Alumnae visit the College campus regularly to enlighten their juniors with the knowledge and experience they have acquired.

The Department of Biochemistry

The Department of Biochemistry conducted an alumnae meeting on 9th February 2019. Alumnae of UG, PG and M.Phil shared their experiences. 32 students were present for the meeting. It was a joyful event where everyone shared their happiness and memories.

The Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

The Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics conducted the department alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. 10 alumnae attended the meeting. Dr. Rajalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Trichy, motivated the students to reach their life goals and Dr. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College, Trichy, enlightened them on the various career opportunities.

The Department of Botany

The Department of Botany conducted an alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. A total of 57 alumnae attended the meeting. Dr. P. Shanthi, Head of the Department addressed the gathering on Career

and Independent future. The alumnae shared their memorable moments of their college days.

Reunion 2019

The alumnae reunion of the Botany department was held on 24th October 2019. 6 alumnae from various batches participated in the reunion and they shared their memories and experiences. Finally they had an interaction with the Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget.

The Department of Business Administration

The alumnae meet was conducted on 9th February 2019. 74 alumnae attended the meeting. They shared their experience about their higher studies and about their job where they have been placed. They met their class teachers in various rooms allotted and shared their experience outside Holy Cross College Campus. The staff members guided the students who had expressed their need to get jobs. Students felt happy in sharing their personal and academic growth with the staff members.

The Department of Chemistry (Shifts I & II)

The Alumnae meeting of the Department of Chemistry was held on 9th February 2019. 136 alumnae were present for the meeting. The students visited the department and shared their happiness with the staff members in the department.

On 21st December 2018, Ms. Prema distinguished alumna, currently working at Singapore, ignited the minds of students about the importance of goal setting. She quoted that chemistry is the base for all fields and there are only 6% of chemistry graduates left unemployed. She highlighted the various job opportunities available in Singapore. She also promised to help the students who are interested to work in prominent pharmaceutical and food industries at Singapore. The meeting came to the end with an interactive session.

Reunion 2019

On 23rd November 2019, 20 alumnae gathered in the department for an alumnae reunion. The alumnae shared their experiences during their college days and also shared about their higher studies and career opportunities after graduating from Holy Cross College.

The Department of Commerce (Shift I&II)

The Department of Commerce conducted a meeting on 9th February 2019. A total of 236 students took part in the alumnae meet. The alumnae shared their experiences during the college days and also shared about their higher studies and job experiences.

Reunion 2019

The Department of Commerce hosted a reunion on 12th October 2019. The staff in charge Dr. Sahayitta along with the Department staff members conducted the event. The chief guest, Dr.(Sr.)Bridget, Principal and Head of the Department of Commerce, interacted with the alumnae and encouraged them to be in touch with their Alma mater and to participate in its development. Around 120 alumnae from various batches including outstation alumnae from Cochin, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai and various other parts of the country attended this meet. The participants enjoyed the day by sharing their nostalgic and happy encounters with the staff and others in the college during their term of study. The participants also decided to meet on the same day every year and have declared their willingness to contribute for the development of the department and the College.

The Department of Computer Science (Shifts I&II)

The Department of Computer Science conducted a meeting on 9th February, 2019. 113 alumnae attended the meeting. Ms. S. Jeya Pramila of MCA, Entrepreneur & Software developer shared her experiences with the students. The alumnae expressed that Holy Cross College provided them a great platform for learning and to become a good ethical and societal persons.

The Department of DMLT

The alumnae meeting for the academic year 2018-2019 was held on 23rd November 2018 in the department of DMLT. The alumnae students of batch 2017-2018 attended the program and they spoke about their working experience in clinical laboratories and they shared their experiences to the final year DMLT and PGDMLT students.

The Department of Economics

The Department of Economics conducted an alumnae meet on 9th February, 2019. 35 alumnae attended the meeting. The meet was initiated by Ms. Chamane Unus Rodrigues, Head & Associate Professor Department of Economics who spoke on “Overcoming Job Stress”. The students delightfully took part in the gathering and shared their experiences of their college days.

The Department of English (Shifts I&II)

On 9th February 2019, the Department of English (Shift I) conducted an alumnae meet. Dr. Suganthi.K, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College addressed the alumnae of the department on the topic “The Importance of Upholding Values in Life as a Holy Crossian”. 92 alumnae were present for the meeting. She spoke about the joy of giving. She also told the alumnae to strengthen the Alumnae Association of the College through active participation. The alumnae then greeted each other and shared their memories.

The Department of English (Shift II) conducted an alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. 80 alumnae were present for the meeting. Ms. Benita.N, Assistant Professor of English addressed the alumnae and spoke on the topic “Life Skills from Literature”. The alumnae were very happy to come back to their alma mater and they shared their memories and work experiences to the gathering.

The Department of History

The Department of History, Holy Cross College conducted the alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. 51 alumnae participated in the

meet. Dr. Sr. Rajakumari, Head of the Department spoke on various opportunities, higher studies and job opportunities. The alumnae were asked to share their experiences. The alumnae felt happy to meet their friends and teachers.

The Department of Mathematics (Shifts I&II)

The alumnae meet was conducted on 9th February 2019. 151 alumnae attended the meeting. They shared their memorable events and views in Holy Cross College campus.

The Department of Mathematics (Shift II) conducted the alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. 101 alumnae attended the meeting. The alumnae shared their experience and thanked the staff for their kind support and presence.

The Department of Physics (Shifts I &II)

The Department of Physics conducted an alumnae meeting on 9th February 2019. 70 alumnae attended the meeting. They shared their challenges faced in their day to day life and gave valuable ideas and suggestions to their friends. Dr. Emima Jeronsia, Assistant Professor of Physics, Holy Cross College spoke on the topic “Happiness”.

35 Under Graduates of Physics (Shift – II) gathered on 9th February, 2019. They met all the staff members and shared their experience and thanked them for their kind support and encouragement throughout their course. Ms. I. Mary Clementia, Assistant Professor of Physics, Holy Cross College delivered a talk on the topic “Life is Prestigious”.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science

The Department of Rehabilitation Science conducted the alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. 35 alumnae participated in the meeting. It was a memorable event for all the alumnae as they shared their reminiscences of their College days. The alumnae were given an insight about the recent innovations of the department.

The Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work arranged for a reunion on 11th August 2019, in the College Campus. The Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget and the Secretary and Head of the Department Rev. Sr. Dr. Niranjana Antony graced the occasion. 30 members participated and the gathering shared their richest experiences, appreciation and the pride of being a HolyCrossian.

The Department of Visual Communication

The Department of Visual communication conducted an alumnae meet on 9th February 2019. 20 alumnae attended the meet. Mr. Terry, the innovative entrepreneur and founder of AV studio in Dindigul addressed the gathering about the current scenario of media. The alumnae were asked to share their experiences.

The Department of Zoology

The Alumnae meet of the Department of Zoology was organized on 9th February 2019. 34 alumnae participated in the meeting. Dr. A.J. Bhorgin Lourdu Mary, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy enlightened the Alumnae on the topic “Career Development”.

Marital Counselling

The Alumnae association of Holy Cross College organized a workshop on Marital Counselling for all the final year UG students of both Shift I and II on 29th and 30th January 2019. Totally 1650 students benefitted from the session. The session was held for III year students of Science departments on 29. 01. 2019 in Our Lady’s Hall. Nearly 620 students from various science departments participated in the program. Dr. T. Ramani Devi, from Ramakrishna Medical Mission was the resource person. The workshop started with the prayer service and welcome address. The workshop was conducted in two sessions. The first session focused on choosing a right partner, living in harmony and parenting. The session started with few questions to the audience

on marriage and related aspects. Based on their answers the session was taken over by the speaker. She emphasized the need for adaptations and forgiveness in married life. The session was very interactive and motivating for the students.

The second session focused on the various tests that are to be administered before marriage and during the time of pregnancy. Various queries of the students regarding health issues were clarified. Techniques to handle in-laws issues and marital conflicts were also discussed. Finally the session came to an end with the feedback session and vote of thanks. A similar session was held on 30th January 2019 for the final year UG students of all Arts departments and Shift II. It started with a prayer and welcome address. Mrs. Meera Ramesh, Psychologist, Athma Institute of Medical Sciences, Trichy delivered a talk on the topic “Marital Status”. She explained how to maintain a good personal relationship. She motivated the students on how to handle situations without anxiety and that they should not hesitate to apologize. She also shared her counselling experiences.

Another session was headed by Dr. Tamilselvi, Gynaecologist and Obstetrician, from Arul Hospital. She gave a talk about menstrual cycle, and the Personal Hygiene that is to be maintained during menstruation. She persuaded the students not to skip breakfast and also highlighted the benefits of consumption of vegetables, fruits, cereals and pulses and the need to avoid junk foods. She clarified about polycystic ovarian syndrome and other reasons for irregular menstrual cycle.

EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

An Outreach Activity for Rural School Students

The Alumnae Association organized one day outreach activity programme for the school children around Trichy city on 08-06-2019 at Shanthi Hall, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy, along with the help of our alumnae working in NGO's. The programme was

divided into four sessions. All the resource persons were the alumnae of the Holy Cross College.

The first session was on the basic computer skills, handled by Ms. Pandimeena, an alumna of Computer Science Department who highlighted about the parts of computer, usage of keyboard and use of application of MS – Paint. This was followed by a session on “Art and Craft” headed by Ms. Nivetha, an alumna of Computer Science Department, which helped to classify the drawing picture as 3D or real life or imaginary category. It motivated the children to bring out their hidden talents. Ms. Jenny Rose and Ms. Sridevi imparted the jewellery making skills to the school children which really interested them to actively participate and come out with new ideas. It was followed by a talk on healthy food habits and personal hygiene given by Ms. S. Saratha Devi, an alumna of Commerce Department. She highlighted the goodness of acupuncture pressure point in human being and gave an awareness regarding good food habits, irregular menstrual cycles and PCOS symptoms and their causes. Nearly 35 students benefited out of this programme. These sessions helped the children to develop their skills and their feedback gave a positive vibration.

An Outreach Activity for Supportive Staff

The Alumnae Association organized a program on “Health and Hygiene” for supportive staff of the mess and hostel staff of Holy Cross College on 29th June 2019 at 11.00a.m. in Shanthi Hall. Dr. A.K. Umera Begam, Alumnae coordinator along with the staff representatives of the alumnae association, Ms. Berlin, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Ms. Natalie Demonte, Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Ms. Anita Christy, Assistant Professor of Bio- Technology co-ordinated the programme. The chief guest of the day was Dr. Wilson Sahaya Raj, DHM.,CNT., Naturopathy practitioner and Zonal Secretary, Cultural and Traditional Medical Council. He insisted on the importance and benefits of natural food and healthy eating habits. He also warned about the radiation hazards

caused by mobile phones and advised to use Anti-Radiation Mobile Chip, which is to be attached beneath the mobile camera. His words of inspiration motivated the beneficiaries to be hygienic in their workplace and lead a healthy life. The numbers of beneficiaries were 35. At the end of the session, participants clarified their queries and doubts. Finally the participants gave their feedback, and appreciated the effort taken for conducting such an useful program.

Awards received by the College

College Special Achievements

- Ø The Rotaract club of our College won the following awards for the academic year 2017-2018 in “Iruthi Suthru”, the Annual Awards Ceremony held on 1st July 2018 at National College, Trichy. Our College received,
 - The Best Professional Services Award
 - The Best Club Bulletin Award
- Ø Holy Cross College participated in the launch of Institution Innovation Cell (IIC) on 21st November 2018, at AICTE head quarters, New Delhi and received the Certificate of Award.
- Ø Outstanding Supporting Institution Award 2018 was given to Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy by Youth Exnora International, Trichy, in March 2018.
- Ø On 2nd March 2019, the Rotaract Club of our College received Sahaptham, the Rotaract District Award for the year 2018 – 2019 given by Rotary International District 3000, in recognition of the valuable contribution through donations and generous volunteer efforts during Kerala Flood Relief and Gaja Cyclone relief activities.

Staff Awards/Achievements

- Ø Dr. Sujatha Ilangovan, Asst. Prof. of Zoology, received the Best Staff Coordinator Award for Rotaract for the year 2017 – 2018

- Ø Ms. Joy Jona, Associate. Prof. of Mathematics received the following awards in 2018, Pride of India Award given by International Publishing House, New Delhi, Bharat Jyothi Purasakar Award from Best Citizen Publishing House New Delhi and Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Excellence Award on 29th September 2018 in New Delhi
- Ø Dr. P. Christina Ruby Stella, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry, received Rashtriya Gaurav award on 4th December 2018. She also received the Best Citizens of India Award 2019
- Ø On 21st January 2019, a patent was granted to Dr. M. Rajalakshmi, Asst. Prof. of Zoology for the term of 20 years from 17th July 2012.
- Ø Dr. M. Prema, Asst. Prof. of Tamil, received the Thamizh Kurusil Award from Thamilaga Pengal Serkalam, Chennai, at the awards presentation function held at St. Joseph's College, Trichy on 20th February 2019.
- Ø Outstanding Exnora Staff Advisor Award 2018 was given to Dr. Cecily Rose Mary Latha, Asst. Prof. & HOD of Zoology, by Youth Exnora International, Trichy, in March 2018. She also received Environ Crusader Award 2019 on 26th January 2019.
- Ø Dr. Janova Mary, Asst. Prof. of Commerce, received Environ Crusader Award 2019 on 26th January 2019.
- Ø Dr. J. Morris Princy, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry and Dr. I. Antonette Vinoline, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics, received Sahaptham, the Rotaract District Award for the year 2018 – 2019 given by Rotary International District 3000, in recognition of the valuable contribution through donations and generous volunteer efforts during Kerala Flood Relief and Gaja Cyclone relief activities.
- Ø **Dr. Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher** - Holy Cross College has instituted an annual award for the best researcher for faculty and research scholar (Ph.D.). Four awards will be given annually,

two for arts and two for Science disciplines. Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi, Asst. Prof. of English, Dr. Rosalin Vimala, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry received the award. Dr. M. Rajalakshmi, Co-ordinator of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics received the special recognition award for getting a patent. Dr. P. Anitha, Asst. Prof. of Social Work and Dr. L. Catherine, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry received the special recognition award for Research. Ms. S. Sujatha and Ms. Indhu Sabapathy Research scholars in Botany and Biotechnology received the award jointly. Ms. J. Jenifer Mary, Research Scholar in Commerce also received the award.

Fine Arts Awards

- Ø BDU FEST 18, an annual intercollegiate cultural convergence, among the colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University was held from 28th to 30th September 2018, at Bharathidasan University campus, Trichy. Our college cultural team enthusiastically participated in almost 30 (literary, theatre, music, dance and fine arts) events and won 14 prizes. Our team won the IV place in Western Vocal Solo, III place in Folk Vocal Solo, I place in Group Song (Indian), III place in Group Song (Western), I place in Debate, II place in Elocution (English), III place in One Act Play, III place in Skit, V place in Mime, II place in Therukoothu, III place in Classical Dance III place in Rangoli, V place in Poster Making and IV place in Collage.
- Ø Kongu Cultural Fest 2019 - Our college cultural team participated in a state level cultural meet “Kongu Cultural Fest 2019” which was organized by Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode as a part of their Silver Jubilee Celebrations on 22nd January 2019 and won I prize in Short Film and Face painting, II Prize in Group Dance and Mime. They also won cash awards worth Rs. 12, 000. Our college team won the Overall Winners trophy, among the 39 competing colleges.
- Ø Hillario 19 - Our college cultural team participated in Hillario 19, an intercollegiate cultural festival organized by Nandha College of Arts

and Science, Erode on 23rd & 24th January 2019 and won I prize in Mime, Mehendi, Rangoli, Face Painting, II Prize in Adzap and Tadoo, III prize Fashion Show. They also won cash awards worth Rs. 11,750. Our college team won the Overall Winners trophy, among the 50 competing colleges.

- Ø Exotica 19- Our college cultural team participated in Exotica 19, South Zone Inter College Cultural Meet, organized by Dr. N. G. P Arts and Science College, Coimbatore on 24th January 2019 and won I prize in Hand Painting, II Prize in Creative Writing and Variety. They also won cash awards worth Rs. 8000. Our college team won the Overall II Runners Up position, among the 35 competing colleges.
- Ø On 12th February 2019, St. Joseph's Institute of Management (JIM) conducted an intercollegiate meet -OSCAR'S' 2019. 5 events were conducted and the college fine arts team won prizes in collage, skit, Jim talks, wealth out of waste and poster making. They received a cash award of Rs3000 and won the overall winner's trophy.
- Ø On 15th February 2019, Lady Doak College, Madurai conducted an intercollegiate meet – Kavigai. 15 students participated from our college's fine arts team and won the runner up trophy. They won prizes in 9 events - mono act, dub smash, face painting, mime, Tamil poetry, poster making, English essay writing, selfie contest & quiz.
- Ø On 18th February 2019, Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science for women, Madurai conducted an intercollegiate meet Nakshatra-2k19. A total of 13 events were conducted. The college fine arts team won prizes in classical dance, property dance, mime, extempore, flower carpet, verse writing, short film and character encounter. The team won the overall runners trophy.
- Ø On 1st March 2019 the college fine arts team participated in Cascal' 19, the state level intercollegiate meet conducted by PSG CAS (aided). The students won prizes in adaptune, tooth brush

painting, dumb-C, Tamil poetry, variety and English debate. Our college received cash prizes worth Rs. 20000 and won the overall runners trophy among 34 competing colleges.

- Ø On 2nd March 2019 the college fine arts team participated in Euphoria' 19, the state level intercollegiate meet conducted by PSG CAS(Unaided). The students won in 16 events- solo singing, solo dance, tattoo, tamil poetry, tamil debate, rofl, poster making, adzap, vegetable carving, variety, English debate, English poetry, photography, meme creation, English speech and maathi yosi out of 22 events conducted by the college and won the overall trophy. Students received cash prizes worth Rs. 42,000.46 colleges participated.
- Ø Our students participated in the Cultural Fest organized by VPMM College of Arts and Science, Krishnankovil, on 8th March 2019. They participated in nearly 18 events and won cash prizes worth Rs. 59, 000. R. Pargavi of III B. Sc. Rehabilitation Science, was the recipient of Overall Runners prize worth Rs. 25, 000. The total amount as cash awards won by our college Fine arts Team was Rs. 1,80,750.

Sports Awards

In sports the total cash award received by various team players is Rs. 1,08,000- Rs.63,000 was received by the Holy Cross College Kabadi team and Rs. 45,000 was received by the tournament team players.

Alumnae Awards

- Ø Dr. C. Mithra, alumna, Department of Mathematics 1990 batch received an award on International peace Day (21st September 2019) from Hon. Wasantha Senanayake, Minister for State of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Srilanka and Dr. Abadhesh Sharma, National President IHRPC, India.
- Ø Dr. Akilandeshwari Srinivasan, M.Phil, NET, SET, Ph.D alumnae Department of English M.A- 2010 batch, Ph.D- 2016 batch; has

received 'The State Award for the Best Differently Abled Government Employee of Puducherry Government', on 3rd December 2019.

Highlights of the year

- Ø A new milestone was the introduction of school of management studies and the incubation centre and innovation Centre. Another venture was the online admission for all courses this year.
- Ø In Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) – an integrated platform for online courses, offered by MHRD, Government of India, nearly 60 students and 16 staff members have registered for 23 SWAYAM online courses.
- Ø Sports - Selection trials were conducted on 18th April 2018 for the following games Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Football and Basketball. 70 sports students attended the selection trials. Selection trials were conducted on 27th April 2018 for the following Sports and games Athletics, Ball Badminton, Handball, Netball and Hockey. 100 sports students attended the selection trials. Coaching Camp was conducted for selected sports students from 9th to 15th May 2018. 70 sports Students were given free Education, free hostel and sports kit in 2018. Coaches for regular practices for sports students were appointed with monthly salary.
- Ø Marathon - organ donation - The NSS unit of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy participated in the Marathon conducted by Kauvery Hospital, Trichy on 30th September 2018, to create awareness about the importance of "Organ donation".
- Ø The organizers conducted various levels in marathon that is 21KM, 10KM and 5KM. 75 NSS volunteers participated in 5 Km run and also created awareness through human chain to the other participants of marathon.
- Ø A Cycle rally to provide awareness on saving energy and protecting the environment was held on 17th October 2018. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr.A.Myilvaganan, Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Tiruchirappalli city. The Students were asked to come by bicycle and those who came by cycle were appreciated with a badge. The Chief Guest flagged off the rally. Around 150 students participated in the rally that started from Holy Cross College via St. Joseph's College, Srimati Indira Gandhi College, Chennai Silks and culminated at Holy Cross college.

- Ø In the aftermath of Gaja cyclone that devastated the delta region, our college management decided to lend a helping hand to the affected families in Neduvasal in Pudukottai district. Neduvasal which is 133 km from Trichy situated in Alankudi Taluk, Thiruvaramkulam Union of Pudukottai district. A pilot visit was undertaken on 18th November 2018 to study the condition of the villagers and their needs. On 21st November 2018, a team headed by our Principal, Rev Sr Dr Christina Bridget, five sisters, 4 teaching staff, 5 administrative staff and 10 student volunteers visited Neduvasal. Each family was given a pack containing 3kg rice, a pack of mosquito coil, a pack of match boxes, biscuit packets, candles, sanitary napkin pack and Vick's. Apart from this an electric wood cutter was donated to the village. Nearly 870 families in Neduvasal (East) and 185 families in Neduvasal (west) benefitted. The noble gesture of the people in distress was appreciated because they gave the team tender coconuts as a token of gratitude for the timely help.
- Ø Gaja cyclone affected the 5 Districts in Tamilnadu. To give a helping hand for the affected people, our college went to Thirumanangudi near Valainkanni, Nagapattinam District on 15th December 2018. The needed families were identified and the things required were identified through the telephone discussion by the college Bus Driver Mr. David. Based on need the following items such as Blankets, Vegetables, Biscuits, Candles, Mosquito Coils were given to most affected families in the village.
- Ø World's first "Smart Social Worker App" Holy Cross College Trichy, Tamil Nadu, India. App development was part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of Center for Academy

and Industry Interface (CAII) of Holy Cross College with Climate Smart Technologies, A Govt. recognized start up based in Pollachi, Coimbatore. The department of Social work released Smart Social worker App on 26th September 2018. Mr. Jeevandandan Duraisamy, CEO, Climate Smart Technology released the app.

- Ø To encourage research, seed money was given to staff by the management, for research projects. The total amount given as seed grant to 48 staff is Rs. 3,01,500.
- Ø **New Building:** The new building which was under construction was completed and is put to optimum use. The building is named as Sophie's Block after the Foundress of our College Mother Sophie.
- Ø **Infrastructure:** This year infrastructure facilities were augmented to facilitate better performance in academic and administrative fronts. New types of equipment were purchased for the betterment of the students and the organisation. BSNL internet lease line was increased from 100 mbps to 140 mbps and use of online mode for academic and administrative work is increased.

Malaysian Alumnae Chapter

The Holy Cross College Malaysian Chapter held a reunion on 29th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in D'sands Residence, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. 3 alumnae, 2 staff members and 10 students of our college were present for the meeting. They shared their reminiscences and suggestions for the better functioning for the college. The whole event was organized by Mrs. Suhaina, alumna, Dept of Computer Applications 2006 batch, Mrs. Dilsath Begum, alumna, Dept. of Physics 1997 batch and Mrs. Gayathri alumna, Dept. of Economics 2005 batch.

Singaporean Alumnae Chapter

As a follow up of Singapore Alumnae Chapter inaugurated on 15th November 2018, the alumnae of the chapter took steps to register this association under the name "Holy Cross Alumnae Association

(Singapore Chapter)” under the Singapore Government, Registry of Societies on 28th June 2019. This chapter is to be operated from the following address: Ms. Camila (SG Alumna), 16 Springleaf Rise, Singapore 787996. This was duly supported by the management of Holy Cross College.

Bidding Adieu

Teaching staff:

The following staff retired this year after several years of dedicated service to the college and student community. We wish them good luck and God’s blessings as they embark on new ventures in their onward journey of life.

- Ø Dr. Annal Lourdu Regina, HOD & Associate Professor of Commerce
- Ø Dr. Amala Fathima Rani, HOD & Associate Professor of Chemistry
- Ø Dr. Viji M, Assistant Professor of History
- Ø Ms. Uma Rani, Assistant Professor of Economics
- Ø Dr. Subhashini A, Assistant Professor of Botany
- Ø Sr. Saghayamary, Librarian - Voluntary Retirement

Administrative Staff

- Ø Ms. G. Elizabeth Rani, Management Staff

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

Obituary

Rev. Sr. Dr. Georgia, former HOD of History and Controller of Examinations

Rev. Sr. Dr. John Marie, Retd. Asst. Prof. & former HOD of Tamil

Rev. Sr. Isabella, Retd. Asst. Prof. of Zoology and

Ms. Gnana Sironmani, Office Superintendent, departed to their heavenly abode.

May Their Souls Rest In The Peace Of The Lord.

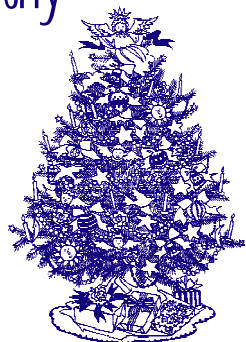
The Alumnae Association of
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A Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year 2020



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