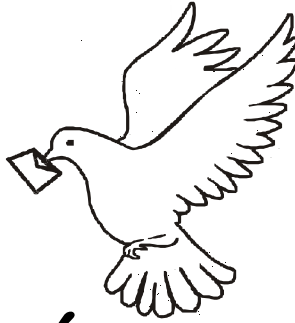


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Principal's Message

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December is a time of reunions and rejoicing, get-togethers and celebrations. Holy Crossians remember it is the time of our Happy Annual Alumnae Reunion, when we celebrate and share our togetherness reminiscing the happy times of learning, fun and frolic at Holy Cross College.

The message I would like to share with you dear Alumnae, has a triple focus:

- Ø The Christmas season and the meaning of Christmas in our lives
- Ø The rejuvenation and happy home coming for the Alumnae meet
- Ø Looking beyond the present to visualize the forthcoming centenary celebration and our participation in it

We rejoice at the fact that April Showers bring May flowers. Similarly, the December Frost / Snow & Ice bring to our minds the cheerful warmth of the Christmas season of love, that reflects not only an external / outward sign of newness – be it in home decors, new Christmas stars, Christmas attire and the delicious savour of a variety of Christmas cakes and ale, etc. but also an internal / inward spiritual renewal of the self by recalling / recapturing and re-connecting to the birth of Christ.

The Christmas season is the best time to re connect with our near and dear ones, to strengthen the family bonding, to meet them either in person or through video calls to accord a joyous welcome to the people we know / love and commune with, showing concern and care to share all our God given resources and potential with others, especially the poor, the down trodden and under privileged, for their betterment / uplift in society and thus to experience the deep spiritual satisfaction of joy in the blending of hearts and minds of persons for inclusive living and togetherness in celebrating the birth of Christ, the giver of life and love in abundance.

In this year dedicated to the poor, let us be cheerful givers without counting the cost and may we be Santa Claus like in our selfless sharing of love and gift giving without expecting anything in return.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome our dear Alumnae to this Annual Alumnae Meet. As said in the Bible “I am the Vine, you are the branches” So also you are the branches of this great Holy Crossian tree of knowledge-giving, thereby empowering you to make your mark professionally and prove your mettle in this highly competitive and technology driven world and to excel as dynamic leaders, efficient employers / employees and potential entrepreneurs at the national and global levels.

Let us during the current Covid-19 pandemic that still rages and ravages human life, education and employment, learn to experience the blessing and joy of the spiritual communion with Christ in us and see Christ in others also. May we recall the optimistic words of the English Poet Shelley ‘if winter comes, can spring be far behind’.

Let us spread positive vibes that will enable others look beyond the stress filled present and visualize the bright ray of hope, a new dawn that will emerge in the happy healthy and prosperous New Year 2022.

Our Alma mater is on the threshold of celebrating its centenary in rendering educational services to society. I invite all of you to join us in this unique milestone of jubilation and contribute your best in manifold ways for the centenary plans that the college has visualized for the future students and society.

May our generosity be reflected in our noble actions which speak louder than transient words. The happiness we experience in being at the giving end rather than at the receiving end, in being a donor than a receiver makes us rejoice in the fact that the hand that gives gathers.

This is the happy occasion for us to re-unite, relive and recall our golden memories. Let us script our success stories. The time is right / ripe and the environment conducive to extend to all Holy Crossians far and wide across the globe a sincere and cordial welcome, a happy reminder and a clarion call to come together and exclaim “Let’s Celebrate” – celebrate what! Celebrate the rare and unique milestone of 100 years of dedicated service to students and society in the field of education.

May we strive to achieve human integration through blended and inclusive living in harmony with mankind and nature with a focus on Eco-sustainability, to protect the eco-systems and prevent the hazards and negative impacts of global warming, climate change and pollution, with a drive to create a positive and healthy social transformation.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year 2022 filled with God’s Abundant Blessings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Bridget". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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 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 on 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 database 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 are 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. Amala Infant Joice, J., Assistant Professor of Chemistry (Co-ordinator).
3. Dr. Rexlin Jeyakumari. S., Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
4. Dr. Theresa Rosetti., Assistant Professor of History.
5. Dr. M. Rajathi D Modilal., Assistant Professor of Zoology.
6. Dr. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil., Assistant Professor of English.

Report of the General Alumnae Meet - 12th December 2020

The General Alumnae Meet of Holy Cross College was held on 12th December 2020, online through Google Meet platform at 10 a.m. The meet was also live-streamed on the official YouTube channel of Holy Cross College, Trichy, HCFlamingo. The Chief Guest of the day was Ms. NeelaGangadharan, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala. The Special invitee was Dr.Sudarkodi Kannan, Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Tondiarpet, Chennai. The occasion was graced by the alumnae who were present for the meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Alumnae Coordinator, Dr.Umera Begum, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry. The Newsletter of the Alumnae Association “In Touch” Vol: 14. December 2020 was released through a video presentation.

The Chief Guest Ms. Neela Gangadharan, an alumna from the 1971 batch also worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics in Holy Cross College, Trichy for 2 years. Ms. Neela Gangadharan

in her address thanked the institution for the opportunity and shared her experiences as a student. She inspired the gathering to face challenges bravely. She insisted on the holistic development of every individual and spoke about the impact of the values Holy Cross College has imbibed in her personal and professional life.

The Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget felicitated the gathering. She said that she was overjoyed to see alumnae of Holy Cross College excel in life. Sister asked the alumnae to be part of the Centenary year celebration in 2023. Sister thanked the alumnae for their presence and wished them God's blessings, in the years to come.

The Special invitee Dr.Sudarkodi Kannan, spoke about the discipline, respect, and dignity that she learned and gained from Holy Cross College. Her concluding words were "All who breathe are not human, but the one who works hard is the real human".

A few alumnae shared their reminiscences and through their messages, inspired the gathering to look back to their wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College. They also spoke about strengthening the alumnae. A game was conducted for the alumnae where they actively participated. The Alumnae meet ended with the vote of thanks followed by the College Anthem.

Department Reports

The Department of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology

An alumnae meeting was conducted on 30th August 2021 through online mode for 2020 and 2010 passed out students of Holy Cross College. A total of 19 alumnae from the 2020 batch and 9 alumnae from the 2010 batch participated in the meeting. They shared their memories and their current position in life.

The Department of Botany

Alumnae Reunion of the Batch mates (2006-2009)

The Department of Botany always has a good relationship with its alumnae. They are the backbone of our department. Alumnae reunion of the batch mates (2006-2009) of the department of Botany was conducted through google meet on 16th October 2021. 20 alumnae attended the meeting. Most of our alumnae are Professors, Teachers, and Technicians in society. They shared their experiences and memories. In their discussion, they appreciated the teaching methodology and care taken by our department staff members and also appreciated the infrastructure facilities and discipline of our college. All the students of our alumnae felt that they are very proud of being 'Holy Crossians' and thanked their Alma mater.

Alumnae Reunion of the Batch mates (2018-2021)

A formal alumnae reunion of the 2018-2021 batch mates was conducted on the 7th of September 2021. 40 alumnae attended the meeting. Alumnae shared their experiences with the staff and other students. The class In-charge Dr.R.Kavitha, Assistant Professor of Botany, spoke on career selection. Most of our alumnae are pursuing higher studies and some alumnae are employed as teachers and some are preparing for the competitive exams. Most of our alumnae appreciated our curriculum and library and said that their education in Holy Cross College helped all-around development. All the staff members interacted with the students and wished them a bright future.

The Department of Biochemistry

Reunion 1995-1998 batch

The alumnae of the 1995- 1998 batch had a reunion on 27th December 2020 through Google meet. A total of 16 students gathered and they all shared their joyful experiences with everyone.

They had cherished the evergreen experience during their college days. The day was most memorable for all as many were working in research laboratories at various places like Canada, USA, and Singapore. They were glad that what experience they had gained from Holy Cross College was helpful in their Career.

Reunion 1997-2000 batch

The alumnae of the 1997-2000 batch had a reunion on 7th March 2021 through Google meet. They all shared their evergreen memories during their college days. They were glad that what experience they had gained from Holy Cross College was helpful in their higher studies. The day was most memorable for all, a total of twelve alumnae gathered and they all shared their joyful experience with everyone.

Reunion 2011-2014 batch

The alumnae of the 2011-2014 batch had a reunion on 20th March 2021; the get-together was held at the Department of Biochemistry in Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. A group of 10 alumnae gathered and they all shared their joyful experiences with everyone. They had cherished the evergreen experience during their college days. They were glad that what experience they had gained from Holy Cross College was helpful in their higher studies and career. They met all their staff and shared their memories with them. They also gifted them, a portrait stretching of their image which was very beautiful. The day was most memorable for all and the meeting ended with a small party.

Reunion 2017-2020 batch

The alumnae of the 2017-2020 batch had a reunion on 5th September 2021, the get-together through Google meet. They cherished their college life memories and they were proud of being a part of their alma mater, Holy Cross College. They also shared their views about the college and their experience which helped

them to pursue their higher studies. The day was most memorable for all, a total of 13 students participated in the online meet and they all shared their joyful experience with everyone.

The Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

The alumnae meet of the PG and Research Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics was conducted on 15th September 2021. The meeting evidenced the active participation of 38 passed-out U.G students. There was a short invocation followed by a lively interactive session. Dr. G. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Biotechnology delivered a motivational speech followed by Mrs. A. Clara Mary, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology who enlightened them on career prospects and choices in biotechnology research and biotechnology-based industries. The alumnae agreed that the support activities provided by the college to the students were excellent and adequate with satisfactory infrastructure. They appreciated the academic excellence, discipline, dignity that was well maintained in the college which provided a greater opportunity for the students to excel in their career as well to shine as empowered women in society. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

The Department of Business Administration

The Department of Business Administration conducted an online Alumnae meet on 23rd November 2021. 18 alumnae attended the meeting. They were happy to share their experiences. They also told that the subjective knowledge was much helpful and thereby they could apply the skills in their work. They felt happy and they wished to be connected to the college through the reunion meeting.

The Department of Chemistry

The PG & Research Department of Chemistry, Holy Cross College organized virtual Alumnae Reunion - 2021 on 29th January 2021. More than 60 alumnae from different parts of the world which included the United States of America, Germany, Singapore attended the meeting. Dr. Leena Kathir, Associate Director, Biohaven Pharmaceuticals Limited, USA expressed her contentment that HCC laid the foundation for their future. Dr. Sri Ranjani Arumugam, Senior Scientist, Leipzig University, Germany shared her golden memories that HCC provided holistic development to the students by conducting curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. Dr. Vijayalakshmi Rajagopalan, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Queen Mary's College mentioned that her period of study, 1981-84, was a life-transforming period. Ms. Prema, Lead Relationship Manager, Singapore, Ms. Percia Beatric, Ms. Sofia Jenifer, Ms. Suba Rajasekar, Ms. Suchitra, Ms. Merlin Mary, Ms. Bhuvani, Dr. Udhaya Banu are the notable alumnae who participated in the meeting and shared their views.

The department conducted an International Scientist Meet on the topic "Computational Chemistry and Biophysical Chemistry" on 21st December 2020. The guest speaker and our proud alumna, Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Director of operations and Co-founder: XeedQ GmbH, Senior Scientist, Leipzig University, Leipzig, Saxon, spoke on the topic "Nitrogen-Vacancy Centre in a diamond as a sensor". Her speech highlighted the different types of sensors, the applications of wearable and implantable technologies' contribution to the mobile health era, nitrogen-vacancy center in diamond as quantum sensor and its applications.

The Department of Commerce

On 21st September 2021, the staff of the Department of Commerce conducted a meeting with the 2017-2020 batch of

students to know their recent updates about their higher studies and gave them an orientation on the various job opportunities. Around 20% of the alumnae opted for higher studies like MA HRM, MBA & M.Com. The alumnae felt very happy in sharing their future goals and spent some time with their mentors and with their teachers in the department.

The Department of Economics

The Alumnae Meet of the Department of Economics was conducted through Google Meet on 26th September 2021 from 4 p.m to 5 p.m. The Speaker of the day was Ms. Afrose, alumna of the department and Retired Professor of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women. She shared her experiences at Holy Cross College. Many of them shared their college experiences and the importance of studying economics. 30 alumnae participated in this meet from various batches 1985, 1996 and 2019.

The Department of English

The Alumnae Reunion of the Department of English was conducted on 30th January 2021 at 6 pm on Google meet. 96 alumnae participated in the meeting out of which 24 were alumnae staff representatives and 72 were alumnae who represented different batches. The alumnae were happy to reconnect. 12 alumnae shared their reminiscences and interacted with their former teachers who were present for the meeting. A game of Connections was conducted and 10 alumnae participated and it was filled with fun and frolic. The meeting ended with a virtual group photo and it was a fruitful gathering and the alumnae said that they eagerly awaited many more alumnae meetings in the future.

Reunion 2007-2009

The 2007-2009 batch alumnae had a reunion on 28th November 2021, through Google meet from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m. They cherished their college life memories and they were proud

of being a part of their the alma mater, Holy Cross College. They also shared their views about the college and their experience which helped them to pursue their higher studies. The day was most memorable for all, a total of 15 alumnae participated in the online meet and they all shared their joyful experiences with everyone. The meeting ended with a virtual group photo.

The Department of History

The PG & Research Department of History conducted the Alumnae Reunion on 25th November 2021 through Google Meet. The program began with a prayer. The welcome address was delivered by Ms.M.Padmavathi, Assistant Professor of History. 25 alumnae of the 2014-2017 batch attended the reunion. The alumnae felt very happy about the developmental activities carried out over the years. The alumnae shared their memories of college life. Finally, a group photo was taken which added to the nostalgia. The program came to an end with the vote of thanks rendered by Ms.Naseema Firdouse, Alumna of the 2014-2017 batch.

The Department of Physics

The PG and Research Department of Physics conducted the Reunion meet for the UG batch of 2011- 2014 and 2018-2021 through the Google platform on 6th September 2021 and 27th November 2021 respectively. 10 alumnae from 2014 and 25 alumnae from the 2021 batch participated in the reunion. The agenda of the meeting was the centenary year celebration of our college. The alumnae shared their reminiscence.

The Department of Psychology

The Psychology department organized an alumnae reunion for 2019 batch students. The program was organized in Shanthi's hall at 11 am on 17th September 2021. 8 alumnae participated in the reunion. Various games were conducted and all the alumnae

shared their experiences with great joy. As a token of love, gifts were distributed to the alumnae.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science

The Alumnae meet of PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College, Trichy named “Virtual Santhipoma 2021” was conducted on 23rd November 2021. The meet started with the prayer service and a welcome address by the Head of the Department Dr. A. Turin Martina. Felicitation was given by Dr. R. Leema Suganya. Alumnae shared their reminiscences about their college life and their present job experience after the felicitation of the professors. 11 alumnae from the batch 1990 – 1995 participated in this meet and we discussed the opportunities of job placement for our students and various resources that can be utilized by our Alumnae. The alumnae expressed to have a meet in December 2021 to plan for the Celebration of Centenary of Holy Cross College. All of them joyfully acknowledged the department for the opportunity and requested a yearly virtual or offline alumnae meet. Thus, the program came to an end with the vote of thanks by the Alumnae coordinator of the department Dr. R. Leema Suganya.

The Department of Tamil

The 48 hour World Record Series of Poetry Recitation on the topic “World’s eminent Relationships” held on 23.10.2021 and 24.10.2021 was jointly organized by the Tamil Amudu Foundation and the Department of Tamil, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy. Among the participants who were more than 500, 3 were alumnae of the Department of Tamil, who participated in the event and received the World Achievement Award.

All the alumnae of the 1st batch (2018-2021) 21 students of B. A Tamil Literature visited the department on 6th September 2021 and met the staff members. They informed them about their present position and appreciated and thanked them for giving them

value-based knowledge inputs for their progress in their life and career.

The Department of Visual Communication

Alumni are ambassadors in the society and industry scattered over the world'. The Alumni Batch Meet was held on 4th September 2021 at Forum Mall, Chennai. In the 2019 batch of alumnae, 6 of them decide to meet. All of them are working in various media departments in Chennai. All felt renewed and refreshed in this meeting. They all felt that the college must utilize the strength of alumni, who can best energize the college with new ideas, feedback on the design of courses, promote industrial contact, interaction. Such associations may help train students and placement.

The Department of Zoology

The PG and Research Department of Zoology had conducted its Alumnae meeting on 12th January 2021 through Google meet. The chief guest of the day was the prestigious alumna Dr. J. Vinoliya Josephine Mary, Controller of Examinations and Assistant Professor of Zoology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil. She spoke about her teachers and their uniqueness in catering to the needs of the student community of the Department. She also insisted on the significance of alumnae meet which enables her to connect to her alma mater. The number of participants was 50.

Awards received by the College

College Special Achievements

In ARIIA (Atal Ranking for Institutions on Innovation Achievements) by MHRD for the year 2020, Holy Cross College, Trichy was ranked between 6th – 25th Rank in the category of Institutes and Colleges (Government and Government Aided).

Our Institution was placed in significant positions in Outlook- I Care Ranking 2020 (The Best Professional Colleges) in various professional streams as Science - 23, B.C.A. - 23, BBA. - 28, Commerce - 56.

The Institution's Innovation Council of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has been awarded Five Stars by the Ministry of Education for undertaking various activities prescribed by MoE's Innovation Cell, Govt. of India to promote Innovation and Startup in Campus during the academic year 2019-2020.

The Rotaract Club of our college won the following awards in appreciation of the activities carried out for the academic year 2019-2020.

Award for Best installation.

Award for DRR Citation.

Award for the Best supporting club.

Special Award for Best women empowerment project.

Special award for organizing district event regional forum Garjana.

Special award for official visit Recognition.

Award for Best President

Award for Outstanding Chairman

Our College EXNORA bagged several awards for outstanding performance from the parent club.

“Youth ExNoRa 25th Year Special Award’ 2021 Gem of Students ‘ExNoRa Institution for Longtime Service’ (for 22 years) the most prestigious award was won by our College.

The College also received ‘Youth Exnora Overall Excellence Rolling Shield as Outstanding Social Responsibility Institution 2020’ for overall best performance of students Exnora, for the year 2020-21 among 70-member schools and colleges at the function held on 26th February 2021.

Staff Awards/Achievements

The first Annual Women Achiever awards celebrating the exceptional performance of Women in their respective fields were organized by RED LABS, Trichy on 7th March 2021 in Trichy. Women of Wonder: WOW Award – Innovative Practice for Academic Excellence was awarded to Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal.

Rev. Sr. Dr. Niranjana Anthonisamy, Head, Department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, received ‘The Best Social Worker Award’ for the year 2021, in recognition of her ardent Professional Social Work endeavors as ‘a Practitioner’. The award was presented in the ‘World Social Work Day Celebration 2021’ organized by Manamakil Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Research Foundation, Villupuram in collaboration with PG & Research Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli on 16th March 2021.

Dr. G. Elizabeth Rani Asst. Professor of Tamil received the following awards Aasiriyar Sirpi Award from Tamil Nadu Teachers Association (TNTA), Perambur, Chennai, on 20th September 2020, Arivuchudar Gandhi Award from Thai Ullam Arakattalai, Reach Mediaa, JCI Hosur Sipcot, on 27th September 2020, Kalam Arivu Maamani Award from Kalam UV Foundation, Reach Mediaa, JCI Hosur Sipcot, on 15th October 2020 and Best Teachers Award - 2020 from Thai Ullam Book of World Achievers, on 3rd November 2020.

Ms. D. Anitha Mary, Asst. Prof. of Tamil received Kalam Agni Award on 18th October 2020 from Reach Mediaa, JCL, Hosur Sipcot.

Dr. D. Neela Devi Asst. Professor of Tamil received the Kavignar Award- 2020 from Muthamizh Charal Muganool Kulumam, Krishnagiri, on 9th November 2020 and also the Kavi Vithagar Award -2020 from Muthamizh Charal Muganool Kulumam, Krishnagiri, on 12th December 2020.

8 staff members, Dr. A. Jasintha Rani, Dr. M. Prema, Dr. Arul Sagaya Anitta, Dr. M. Arumbu, Dr. D. Anitha Mary, Dr. A. Anu Dayana, Dr. B. Imaculate, Dr. D. Neela Devi Asst. Professors of Tamil received the Aasan Valluvan Award - 2021 from Nirai Kol Tamil Peravai, Salem. Thai Book World Achievers, OSUR Reach Media Osur, on 16th January 2021.

Dr. G. Elizabeth Rani and Dr. M. Arumbu, Asst. Professors of Tamil received the Kodikatha Kumaran Award - 2021 from Pasuntendral Arakkatalai Osur & Thai Ullam Arakkattalai, Osur, on 26th January 2021.

11 Assistant Professors of Tamil: Dr. A. Jasintha Rani, Dr. M. Prema, Dr. K. Sujatha, Dr. A. Sharmi, Dr. G. Elizabeth Rani, Dr. A. Arul Sagaya Anitta, Dr. M. Arumbu, Dr. D. Anitha Mary Dr. A. Anu Dayana, Dr. B. Imaculate, Dr. D. Neela Devi received the Veeramangai Velunatchiyar Award - 2021 from Thai Ullam Book World Achievers, OSUR Reach Media Osur, on 25th February 2021.

Dr. B. Yasodha Jagadeswari, Asst. Prof. of Economics received 4 awards in December 2020:

1. International Education Award for contribution to Student Development in IEA Conference 2020 (on 19.12.2020)
2. Best Faculty Award from Indian Academic Researchers Association, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu (on 27.12.2020)
3. Young Achiever Award 2020 (on 27.12.2020)
4. Research Excellence Award 2020 (on 27.12.2020)

“Youth ExNoRa 25th Year Special Award’ 2021 Gem of Students ‘ExNoRa Staff Advisor (for Long Time Service)” was given to the following staff members, as staff advisors of Students’ Exnora of Holy Cross College,

Dr. Cecily Rose Mary Latha R, HoD & Asst. Prof. of Zoology
(duration of 5 years)

Dr. Lilly Rosary, Asso. Prof. of Commerce (duration of 10 years)

Dr. L. Janova Mary, Asst. Prof. of Commerce (duration of 17 years).

Two of our faculty members, Dr. L. Crescent Shakila Motha, Asst. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science & Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Asst. Prof. of Computer Science are Certified Chief Innovation Officers on qualifying the CCIO Examination conducted by Rocheston LLC, New York on 25th October 2020.

Filing of Provisional Specification:

A Provisional Specification has been filed for an Apparatus for Pedestrian Safety on 1st February 2021. The Apparatus would provide a solution for all the Persons with Visual Impairment (PWVI), Persons with Hearing Impairment (PWHI), Persons With Locomotor Disability (PWLD), elderly persons, school children, and the public during crossing the roads. The inventors of the innovative project are the following staff,

1. Dr. P. Nagalakshmi, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science
2. Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
3. Ms. S. Rosy Lydia, Assistant Professor of English

The First Annual Women Achiever awards celebrating the exceptional performance of Women in their respective fields in Trichy was organized by RED LABS on 7th March 2021 in Trichy. Women of Wonder: WOW Award – Creative Excellence in Event planning was awarded to Ms. Shirley Deepak, Media Relations Officer, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

Dr.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, was selected

for the 'Best Social Worker Award' for the year 2021, in recognition of her ardent Professional Social Work endeavors as 'a Practitioner'. The award was presented in the 'World Social Work Day Celebration 2021' organized by Manamakil Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Research Foundation, Villupuram in collaboration with PG & Research Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli on 16th March 2021.

Dr. P. Anitha, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Holy Cross College was awarded in grateful appreciation of her hard work and dedicated efforts in writing the book chapter entitled "Education System" in the record event (Maximum authors Contributing for a Book on COVID 10 and its impact held in January 2021 at Chennai, India Organised by ESN Publications. This event was in the Indian Book of Records as "Thickest Book in the World". She was honoured with a medal and certificate of enrolling her name as Author in the chapter and received the same from the Founder and Chairman J. Banuchandar, ESN Publication, India at the event held in Chennai on 30th January 2021.

Dr. (Sr). Dona Award for best researcher 2020 – 2021 was awarded to the following staff of Arts and Science

Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Vice Principal, and Asst. Prof. of English

Dr. Merlin Kokila, Asst. Prof. of Economics – Special Recognition

Dr. W. Ritha, HOD and Asst. Prof. of Mathematics

Dr. Catharin Sara, HOD and Asst. Prof. of Botany – Special Recognition

Dr. (Sr). Dona Award for best researcher 2020 – 2021 was awarded to the following research scholars of Arts and Science

Ms. Shaira Bi, Department of Commerce

Ms. Rosy Lidia, Department of English – Special Recognition

Ms. S. Sujatha, Department of Botany

Awards Received by Alumnae

Ms. U. Kaaviya Brindha, Alumna, Department of English, 2009-2012 (UG), 2013-2015 (PG) batch received Aatral Mangai Virudhu given by Social Protection Organisation for outstanding effort towards Family and Society on 1st May 2020 at Chennai. She also received the Best Achiever Award given by Social Protection Organisation, Social Protection International Peace Conference & Social Protection Peace Awards-2020 for World Human Rights Day on 12th December 2020 at Chennai.

Ms. Akilandeshwari. S, Alumna, Department of English PG - 2008-2010 batch received Woman Achiever Award, from the Honourable Lt. Governor, Dr. Thamizhisai Soundararajan, Puducherry, at the celebration of International Women's Day, on 8th March 2021.

Ms. Shanti Chitra, Alumna, Department of English UG - 1997-2000, PG - 2000-2002 batch received Tamil Nadu Women Achievers Award for Literature and Arts for her novels: The Fractals, Lonely Marriages, Intimate Strangers, at the celebration of International Women's Day, on 8th March 2021.

Highlights of the Year

To offer counsel, a Warm Line was arranged by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal. Many staff volunteered to give counselling to students and people in need during the Covid' 19 lockdown period.

This year most of the departments (excluding Social Work & Library and Information Science) have come under the school system. There are 7 schools which functioned during this academic year.

Emotional Ensemble

Ms. Kamakshi Venkataraman, a prominent alumna from the Department of English 1973 batch, had organized an alumnae get-together on 21st September 2021. The alumnae present for the meeting were Mrs. Vasumathy, Mrs. Sheila, and Ms. Kamakshi Venkataraman all from the Department of English 1973 batch. It was an unforgettable meeting.

Hyderabad Alumnae Chapter

The Holy Cross College Alumnae Hyderabad Chapter was inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy on 7th August 2021 at 7 p. m in Hotel Blue Fox, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Dr. Sheila Christopher, UGC-STRIDE Coordinator and Former Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Department, and Dr. Cresenta Shakila Motha, UGC-STRIDE Co-Coordinator were also present for the meeting. A cheerful gathering of 6 alumnae made the event a memorable one and the alumnae shared their happiness. They assured us to get in touch with the other alumnae residing in Hyderabad. The happy evening ended with dinner.

Bidding Adieu

Dr. Lily Robert, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Mathematics, and an alumna of the department has been one of the most charismatic and robust icons of this prestigious institution. She has years of meritorious service. One might recall her memories fondly as a person who was loved by her students and colleagues. The college and her department will never forget her distinctive disciplined framework during her all-time dedicated service. We wish her good luck and God's blessings as she embarks on new ventures in her onward journey of life.

May God Bless her with a peaceful and Happy Retired Life.

OBITUARY

Rev. Sr. Jyothi Selvaraj

(15/03/1959- 17/052021)

Rev. Sr. Jyothi Selvaraj former Provincial of the Province of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Trichy Province. She was appointed as the Provincial on 18th April 2017. She was born on 15th March 1959 in Sri Lanka and came to India in 1974. She was a teacher, Novice Mistress, Animator of the communities, Provincial Councillor, and Missionary in Sri Lanka. As a consecrated person, Sr. Jyothi was incredibly committed and faithfully lived her vocation to the full. As a spiritual guide, she accompanied many sisters in their life's journey. Her heart cherished only the goodness of others. She was an inspiration to many young sisters and novices of the congregation. Her presence created ripples of positivity and offered positive strokes to the disappointed and discouraged ones. Sister will always remain in our hearts. May her soul rest peacefully in Christ.



Dr. Bonita Lynette Cooper

(19/05/1977-13/05/2021)

The Department of History fondly remembers Dr. Bonita Lynette Cooper, Assistant Professor, a warm-hearted person. She was an eminent personality in the field of Women Studies and Human Rights. She was a bright and energetic person who inspired many students through her interesting teaching methods. She always wore a



beautiful smile on her face and carried out all her duties with perfection. She touched and inspired many young students to be closer to Jesus. She will be tenderly remembered and we pray that her soul rests in peace in the arms of the Almighty.

May Their Souls Rest in The Peace of The Lord.

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