

# **ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MOOLAMATTOM**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014**

Distinguished guest of honor **Dr. Abraham Daniel**, Principal, Henry Baker College, Melukavumattam, the president of the meeting Rev. Dr. James Aerthayil, Local Manager, Sri. Luckachan Myladoor, PTA Vice President, Dr. Roy Sebastian, Staff Secretary, Prof. Jose James, Staff representative, College Union Chairman Sri. Sebin Augustine, College Union Secretary Sri. Binil T, guests, members of the faculty, members of the administrative staff and my dear students,

### **INTRODUCTION**

I am quite happy to present before you the report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of our college. Educational institutions play a vital role in generating the value system of a society and therefore they need to ensure a secular democratic upbringing of students, so that they will be our future assets who could take the country forward. Apart from teaching the curriculum, colleges can be considered as a social engineering workshop. We, for the last 33 years, tried our level best to make St. Joseph's College a place of excellence where students from rural area can access quality education at an affordable cost.

Today our education system is undergoing major changes. The decision to start 13 Autonomous Colleges in the state can be considered a major move towards quality enhancement and allowing more freedom in the field of higher education. This is a step to promote novel initiatives and creativity while maintaining the academic standard. Our nearby state Tamil Nadu started the autonomous college system four decades back and today the higher education scenario in Tamil Nadu State is far better than higher education system in Kerala State.

### **COLLEGE COMMUNITY**

There are 860 students on rolls in the seven degree programmes and three post graduate programmes offered by the college. Among them 444 are boys and 555 are girls. The total faculty consist of 49 members of which 32 are of regular faculty and 17 are of guest faculty. Among them 12 are Ph.D holders and 9 are M.Phil holders. Four of them have both M. Phil and Ph. D degrees. Several members of the faculty have

enhanced their knowledge in their field of specialization by participating in conferences, seminars, and refresher courses.

One specialty of the college is that it has a team of administrative staff who are very dedicated and hardworking. Their present strength is 17. Sri K.T. Joseph, the new superintendent of the college, gives effective leadership to achieve team work and to function the college smoothly.

Our former Bursar **Rev. Fr. Bastian Mathew** was on study leave for a year for doing his M. Phil degree in Christ University, Bangalore. He joined in the beginning of the academic year as a staff member in the department of Physics, after successfully completing the course.

Three staff members are newly appointed in this academic year. They are **Sri. Prince J Mathew** in the department of English, **Dr. Praveen Joseph** in the department of Physics and **Dr. Shobitha Sebastian** in the section of Oriental languages. I wish them all success in their service to the college.

**Prof. K. A. Thomas**, Department of Economics, will retire from service in March 31, 2014. **Dr. Baby Joseph**, head, dept of English, retires after 30 years of dedicated service to the college. He was the co-ordinator of the NAAC accreditation done in 2006 and also the re-accreditation done in 2012. He served the college in various capacities as the chief editor of our news letter **THROBS**, co-ordinator of add on courses, editor of College Handbook, co-ordinator of tutorial system etc. His hard working nature and time bound approach to all duties are praise worthy. His extra ordinary teaching skill and his wide knowledge have benefited thousands of students who have passed the portals of the college. His style and command on the English language is excellent. Apart from his official duties he finds time to help the management and principal to draft documents for various purposes. **Prof. M. P. Narayanan Nambuthiri**, dept of Hindi, too retires this year after 31 years of dedicated service to the college. He was in charge of the principal's duties several times when the principal was away for a considerable period of time. He served the advisor of students' union for a considerable period of time. We have all noted his commitment to the duties and other assignments given by the management. His dedication and selfless service are an example to all of us. His silent nature makes him a person of much introspection and reflection and that has helped the students to form a habit of reflection, independent thinking and imagination.

## **PTA**

The Parent Teacher Association has been our strong supporter and timely friend in all our endeavors. With its help we succeeded in providing better facilities to our students. It supplies funds to give cash award to the meritorious students and it helps to print our News Letter **THROBS**. The **Chavara Memorial Lecture** is also organized by the PTA. **Mr. Luckachan Myladoor** is the Vice President and **Prof Jose James** is the Secretary. I acknowledge their services in a special way and I express my sincere thanks to them.

## **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE STAFF**

At the beginning of the academic year, separate orientation programmes were organized for the teaching faculty and the administrative staff. **Rev. Dr. Paul Thelakkattu**, Editor, Satyadeepam and Spoke person of the Syro Malabar Church, was the resource person for the teaching staff and **Dr. Sabu. D. Mathew**, Associate Professor, St. Thomas College, Pala, was the resource person for the administrative staff.

## **INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

The new academic year began with a prayer session led by Rev. Sr. Sijo Francis and team. The academic year was officially inaugurated by **Dr. M.C. Dileep Kumar**, honorable Vice Chancellor, Sri Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady. The principal informed the parents and new comers of the traditions and rules of the college. **Prof. Jose James**, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, also addressed the parents and new comers. The classes began with a three day orientation programme. The orientation to college life was given by Profs. K. A. Thomas, Joshy Varghese, Rev. Bastian Mathew, Rev. Sr. Sijo Francis, Siby Joseph, Pramod Joseph, Jose James, Roopa Jose, Droupathi Devi, Anju .P. Mathews and Sri.P.V.Chacko.

## **CHAVARA MEMORIAL TALK**

It was introduced by the PTA in 2009. This year the guest of honor was Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kochupurackal, Chairman, Highrange Protection Council. According to him Blessed Chavara was a pioneer who walked ahead of his time and he took initiative in protecting the nature as well as the overall life of the people.

## **ALUMNI GATHERING**

Every year the Alumni gathering is held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. This year it was planned under the heads of all departments. Around 200 former students attended the function. It was a good occasion for the alumni to meet their teachers and to refresh their memories. Many shared their experiences, too, in the gathering.

## **RELEASE OF COLLEGE MAGAZINE**

The College Union prepared a college magazine entitled **LIKE 2013**. It covered the major events happened in the academic year 2012-13. It was released by Adv.Joy Thomas, Chairman, Consumerfed, Kerala State, by giving a copy to **Rev. Dr. Gilson John, the principal**. Hearty congratulations to the editor **Sri. Akhil Cherian**, and his team for the hard work taken to prepare the magazine.