

## **SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THEVARA**

### **PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008**

Rev.Fr. Manager and President of the meeting, Dr Cherian Kunianthodath CMI, the distinguished Chief Guest Sri. T.K. Jose IAS, Secretary, Local Self-Government, Govt.of Kerala, retiring teachers Prof. M.A. Kurien the Vice Principal, Prof. M.T. Mathew, Prof. T.T. Joseph, Prof. K.C. Abraham, Prof. Thomas Thiruthanathy, Sri. P.A. Mathew, Prof. Joseph John, the Staff Secretary, Sri. Baby P.J, PTA Vice-President, Sri. Tharish P.T., Chairman of the College Union, Guests, Members of the faculty, members of the establishment staff and my dear students.

Another academic year is heading for a close. A sense of fulfillment and the joy of achievement are already in the air. I am indeed overwhelmed with a deep sense of gratitude to the Hallowed Heart of our Lord, who steers this institution. As I present the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual report of the college let me fondly recall the vision of the founders, the contribution of our former managers, principals, staff and the generations of students who passed through the portals of the college making all our achievements a reality.

#### **A year of consolidation:**

Today we can legitimately claim a place among the premier institutions of higher learning in our country. Of late the college has bagged a lot of coveted honours. The NAAC conferred on us Five Star Accreditation in 2001. In 2003 the UGC recognized us as one among the select band of colleges with Potential for Excellence, The current academic year began on a happy note when the NAAC reaccruited us at the A+ level. Thanks to the glorious past, the verifiable present, the team effort and the shared vision of the management, the faculty, the administrative staff, the student community, the PTA and alumni, we retained the enviable level in the NAAC ranking.

#### **Focus On Excellence**

Knowledge is power - a maxim that has become all the more relevant ever since the setting up of the National Knowledge Commission. Today our great country is fast becoming a knowledge destination for global citizens. By imparting quality education we hopefully participate in the act of nation building. The thrust on infrastructural development over the years has not only made learning interesting but it has also created a climate conducive for better learning. The dividends are already seen in the burgeoning list of achievements.

#### **Highlights of the Year**

- ☆ In May 2007 the College was reaccruited with A+ at the national level for scoring 90+ in all the Seven Criteria for assessment.
- ☆ The special issue of India Today, June 2007 put the College on the top of the best colleges in the state, using a different set of stringent parameters. At the national level the college figured among the 50 toppers. The Science, Commerce and Humanities streams were placed in the 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> positions respectively in the national rankings.

- ☆ An additional grant under CPE has been sanctioned for the further development of science departments
- ☆ The Chemistry Department has bagged the FIST grant of Rs. 50 Lakhs sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.
- ☆ Our Computer Centre was selected by IGNOU and Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES), Mumbai as the venue for a 7 day ICT application training programme for their school teachers from different parts of the country. The fifth batch is now having their training. Nationally renowned dignitaries like Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor –IGNOU and Sri. Ananda Bose IAS were pleased with our infrastructural facilities.
- ☆ We are one of the 27 colleges selected by the Corporation Bank for the special gift of a Gold Medal for the best outstanding student.
- ☆ The OPI Global has announced a scholarship of Rs. One Lakh to be distributed among 20 students of the commerce stream.

### **Faculty Achievements**

- ☆ Five of our teachers have been awarded Ph.D by various universities. They are Dr. Georgekutty Joseph, Dr. Joseph John, Dr. Joseph T Moolayil, Dr. Mathew Jose and Dr. P E Cherian.
- ☆ Dr. P. A. Sebastian, and Mr. Mathew M. J. presented papers in the 16<sup>th</sup> International Arachnological Congress held at Sao Polo, Brazil.
- ☆ Dr.M. George presented a paper in the 55<sup>th</sup> ASMS Conference in Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics held at Indianapolis, USA. The paper was co-authored by Prof. V S Sebastian of the same department.
- ☆ Publication of Books: Dr. V T Jose - *The Rural Urban Dynamics and Land Use Pattern*, Prof. Jacob Varghese - *Alankarachedikal* and Prof. M P Sebastian published 6 Maths text books for plus two students of different streams. The name of Prof. Jacob Varghese often appears in the columns of The Hindu and certain Malayalam Dailies.
- ☆ Dr. Joseph T Moolayil, Dr. Joseph John, Dr. Thommachan Xavier, Sri. Sibi Mathew, Sri. Cyriac Antony, Dr. Joy P Joseph, Dr. V J Dominic, Dr. Philip Mathew, Dr. John Joseph are some of the teachers who published papers in national and international journals/seminars.

### **Student Achievements**

Our students have done us proud in curricular and extra-curricular fields.

- ☆ In the University examinations nine of our students graduated with ranks. Among the PG results published so far we have 8 ranks.
- ☆ The college Shuttle badminton team represented M.G. University in the Nationals and emerged National Champion. This can be described as the rarest of rare events in the annals of sports.
- ☆ Our students stood first in the intercollegiate Reality Show 'Rangoli' hosted by Surya TV

## **The College Community**

With 1748 students from backward, urban, and semi-urban backgrounds on its rolls, and with a sprinkling of non-Malayalee students in most classes, we have a cosmopolitan campus. Six of our Departments are recognized research centres for PhD under the MG University. The College has on its faculty 71 regular and 45 guest lecturers; 27 of the regular faculty are PhDs and 40 have M Phil. Of the 9 teachers, who were on FIP, 5 have been awarded Ph.D the rest are back in their respective departments after submitting their theses.

Five of our faculty members are retiring this year. Prof. M.A.Kurian, Vice Principal and HOD, Physics, Prof. M.T. Mathew, HOD, Chemistry, Prof. T.T. Joseph, HOD, English, Prof. K C Abraham, Selection Gr. Lecturer in Political Science are retiring after 32 years of service. Prof. Thomas Thiruthanathy, Selection Gr. Lecturer, Dept. of English who joined service in Feb. 1985 retires on 31 May 2008 after 24 years. On behalf of the college community I thank them for their meritorious service.

We have 50 members on the establishment staff. I compliment them for their dedicated work. Sri.P.A. Mathew, Lab Asst., (HG), who joined the college on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1986, retires on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008. On behalf of the college community I thank him for his dedicated service.

## **Parent-Teacher Association**

The PTA and the trustees of the Student Welfare Trust meet every month. The SWT has an annual budget to cater to the needs of deserving students. It makes an annual contribution to the co-curricular activities of the college and the physical education department.

## **Department Of English**

Ms. Anju Tresa Thomas and Ms. Vrinda Varma secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranks respectively in B.A. English Copy Editor examinations conducted by M.G. University. The activities of the English association were inaugurated by Mr. Sudheer Krishnan, Vice President, TBWA India. He lectured on 'The Metamorphosis of the Indian Woman'. The students of the department retained the *Hridayasarga Sangamam* trophy for the second year in succession. Dr. Dan Thottakara memorial National Seminar is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2008. The Rev.Fr. George Koyikara Endowment lecture and Dan Endowment lecture are scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March respectively.

## **Department Of Oriental Languages**

The Department of Oriental Languages has contributed very much to academic and extra-curricular activities, during the current year. In spite of the huge number of students in Malayalam & Hindi batches, the dept could maintain meritorious results in the university examinations. The Dept. supported the conduct of prestigious events like, 'Sargapadham', 'Hridya Sarga Sangamam' and 'Heartifest'. Around 250 students appeared for Hindi Pre Test' conducted by 'Dakshin Bharati Hindi Prachar Sabha', and could secure three first ranks. 215 students attended the drama festival organized by Hindi Department, St. Alberts College, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at Fine Arts Hall. Malayalam and Hindi Week celebrations were conducted in November and September respectively. The Sanskrit faculty introduced a novel programme called, 'Mind Matters' this year. In connection with the programme there is paper presentation by students every Monday. The abstract of the relevant topic is displayed in the dept. notice board regularly.

## **Department Of Economics**

The activities of the Economics Association were inaugurated by Prof. S. Muraleedharan of the Department of Economics, Maharaja's College Ernakulam on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2007. The Annual General Body meeting of the Economics Alumni Association was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007. Prof. K.C.Abraham is retiring after 32 years of meritorious service. The department and the students organized a function on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 to thank Prof. Abraham for his outstanding contribution to the department and college. Resource persons from different institutes including British Council have taken classes on personality development, Group discussion and career options for Post Graduate and degree students. Prof. W.T.Paul of the Mathematics Department has taken classes for the final year degree students under the Basic Maths Learning Programme (BMLP). Prof.P.E. Cherian was awarded Ph.D by the Mahatma Gandhi University in November 2007. Dr.V.T.Jose has rejoined the department on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 after doing post-doctoral research under the UGC Scheme. Dr. V.T. Jose has published a book entitled "The Rural Urban Dynamics and Land Use Pattern" in November 2007. The Department under the supervision of Dr.Sibi Zacharias has undertaken tribal visits to Pullimedu (Nelliampathy), and Athirappally to create awareness among tribals about various social issues. Second Year B.A Economics student Nandini R Nair obtained first prize in the South Zone inter University Painting Competition. Mr.Prince of second year degree programme obtained first prize in Violin in the M.G University Yuvajanolsavam. Ms.Praveena K. obtained first prize in the Ottamthullal competition in the MG University Yuvajanolsavam.

## **Department Of Sociology**

The activities of the 'Sociology Association' was inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2007 by Rev. Dr. George Koilparambil, Rtd. Professor of Sociology, St.Teresas College, Ernakulam. The department annexed the first three ranks in the BA Sociology examinations of M.G.University. – Ms. Vidya V. Pai, Mr. Sanjose A. Thomas, Ms. Alphonsa Kurien secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ranks respectively. They were felicitated in November 2007. As part of the social awareness drive the practice of collecting usable clothes and reading materials to distribute among the needy was continued this year too. Other exposure programmes like visits to orphanage, blind school, AIDS related exhibition were held. A half day Seminar on 'Orientation to Social Work' was held on September 9, 2007. The Former students of Sociology meet periodically and organize various programmes.

## **Department Of Commerce**

Commerce Association was inaugurated on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007, by Mr. A. Gopalakrishnan, Senior Auditor who enlightened the commerce fraternity with the recent trends in International Accounting Standards. On that occasion various rank holders were felicitated and mementos were presented. Under the auspices of Commerce Association and Department of Commerce, the mega festival THANDAV 07, an intercollegiate competition, was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2007, in which 30 colleges from different parts of South India participated with enthusiasm. The first prize was bagged by NIT. Trichi, and the second prize by Christ College, Bangalore.

*Prof. George Chackola Award Day:* The annual award day in memory of Prof. George Chackola was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007 in which gold medals were awarded to Miss. Anjana Shetty who got 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in B.Com University Exams and Mr. Kishen K. Warriar, who secured I Rank for the first time in Kerala in PE II examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Miss Pooja P. Sarthy the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rank holder in B.Com was also presented a memento. OPI Global

Scholarships was awarded to 20 students of the department. Mr. Mathew Jose K. was awarded Ph.D. by M.G University.

### **Department Of Mathematics**

This year too our degree students secured 100% pass in the university examinations. The Mathematics Association was inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007. The chief guest was Dr. Mary Matilda. The Alumni meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2007. The festival of Mathematics “Zero day” was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007. Basic Maths Learning Programme (BMLP) was conducted for the students of other disciplines. As part of extension services the department co-operated with ‘Janaparvam’ organized by Dept. of Economics.

### **Department Of Physics**

The programme Learning through Visual Media was inaugurated by the Principal on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2007. Two documentary film “String Theory” and “Black Holes” were shown. A National Seminar on “Self Reliance in Space and Defence ” jointly organized by Swadeshee Science Movement and the Physics Department was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2007. The activities of Physics Association was inaugurated on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 by Mr. K. J. Jerly a known teacher and photographer. Fusion 2008, the cultural festival of the department was celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Annual get-together of Physics Alumni Association was held on January 19, 2008 in the college auditorium. Around 34 alumni and retired teachers of the department attended the meeting. The meeting bade farewell to Prof. M.A.Kurien. The endowments instituted by the association in honour of former teachers were distributed to the highest mark holders in the I B.Sc, II B.Sc, III B.Sc, I M.Sc & II M.Sc students. Mr. Georgekutty Joseph Lecturer was awarded Doctor of Philosophy Degree by M.G.University. Darsana Soman secured IInd rank in M.Sc Physics Examination 2007 of M.G University.

### **Department Of Chemistry**

Dr. K.R. Dayyas inaugurated the activities of the chemistry association on 17<sup>th</sup> November. The annual Chemistry Awareness programme was organised on 10<sup>th</sup> November for the students of Mangayil Govt. Higher Secondary School, Maradu. This outreach programme was conducted with demonstration of experiments by our teachers and students. Prof. K. V. Thomas Endowment Two day-National seminar was organised on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February. Dr.K. Radhakrishnan, Director VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram inaugurated the seminar. The annual competition for research project presentation was held for PG on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The former students’ meet- Chem-Alumni and ‘Chemifest’- the annual festival of the department were jointly held on 17<sup>th</sup> November. A ‘Merit evening’ was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> February by the department to honour the Rank holders and UGC-CSIR NET winners of the year. Sri. Joseph John was awarded Ph.D by the University of Calicut. Sri. Joseph T. Moolayil was awarded Ph.D from Mahatma Gandhi University. He was guided by Dr. M.George of the Department. Dr. Thommachan Xavier was approved as Research Guide by the MG University this year. Rose Jacob secured second rank in BSc chemistry. Considering the academic achievements the department, the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India has sanctioned a financial assistance of Rs.50 lakhs under FIST programme. Mr. Aravind K has secured the 1<sup>st</sup> Rank for the M.Sc. (Pure Chemistry) University examination with a record of 90.2% marks.

## **Department Of Botany**

The Department is celebrating the Golden Jubilee with yearlong programmes. Dr. N. D. Enasu, the Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, CUSAT, formally inaugurated the programmes on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Prof. T U Joseph, the first HOD, retired members of the faculty and the representatives of students of the first batch, were also present on the occasion. As part of the Jubilee celebrations *A Day of Honour* was held to honour the students of the first batch, the former faculty members, alumni and the rank holders Ms. Soumya Murali and Ms. Geethu Elizabeth Thomas in the BSc. and M.Sc examinations respectively. The department conducted a short-term plant tissue culture training programme for 16-degree students of Newman's College Thodupuzha during April 2007. Activities of the Botany Association 2007–08 was formally inaugurated by Dr. Chand Bhasha IFS, former Chief Forest Conservator. An Invited Lecture series was the important academic programme of the Golden Jubilee year. 5 Lectures were given between September 2007 and January 2008 by distinguished scientist from different national research institutes. *Florafest 2007* was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2007. The Golden Jubilee celebrations were formally concluded on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2007. Dr. C G Bahuleyan, our former student and retired professor and head of Cardiology Department, medical college Trivandrum gave the valedictory message. An intercollegiate Botany Quiz was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008, in honour of Late Fr. Aquinas CMI. The annual general body meeting of the Botany Alumni Association was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007. the first batch BSc students and the first HOD Prof. T.U. Joseph were specially honoured. Secretary Prof.. Roy Zacharias is in charge of the alumni association.

## **Department Of Zoology**

The academic year 2007 – 08 was especially fruitful for the Department of Zoology. The First and Second ranks in M. Sc. Zoology went to Ms. Adithi Prasad Sukthankar and Ms. Swapna Maria respectively. The B.Sc students passed out with cent percent first class. Mr. Sunil Jose K. research scholar under Dr. P. A. Sebastian was awarded Ph. D. by M. G. University. Fr. Austin Mulerickal Endowment lecture of this year was delivered on 11<sup>th</sup> September by Dr. A.V.Ramachandran, Dean, Faculty of Science, M.S.University, Baroda. The Department organized the Animal Science Congress programme of the Zoological Society of Kerala, and an intercollegiate project presentation competition for M. Sc. Students. The activities of the Zoology Association were inaugurated by Dr. Ashank Airon, Medical Officer, I.N.S. Dhronacharya.. This year also the Department brought out the in-house news bulletin '*Nova Zoologia*'.

## **Department Of Physical Education**

Sacred Heart College stands on top in sports achievements among the Colleges in the University. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Bartholomew Memorial Inter-Collegiate Basketball [men/women], Volleyball [men/women] and Ball badminton [men] tournaments were conducted. This year 38 college teams participated in the tournament. In the M.G. University inter-collegiate championships 16 men and 4 women teams participated. The college emerged as Winners in Five disciplines, Runners up in Two and Third in Three. The college badminton [men] team that represented MG.University, won the All India Inter University Badminton Championship for the first time in the history of the university. Judo team secured overall championship in the Ernakulam District Judo Championship. Apart from the M.G.University Volleyball championship, the Volleyball men team were the winners of the following tournaments: Fr.Bartholomew Tournament, Bishop Tharayil Tournament, St. Stephans,Uzhavoor, Bishop Vayalil Tournament, St.Thomas Pala, and Baselius Tournament. 22 students represented the

M.G. University and 6 represented the Kerala state in various games, and three students Sanker Gopan, III B.com, Alwin Francis II B.Com and Suraj .P.H were selected to the Indian Badminton team. Arun Raj of I MCom secured Silver medal in the All India Inter University Bodybuilding Championship. More than 60 students are eligible for the sports grace marks this year.

### **Centre for Aquaculture Studies**

The Following activities were conducted during the period under report in the Department. An Aqua food fest was conducted during November 14<sup>th</sup> 2007 and 230 participants took part in it. A scientific talk on ‘organization of consultancy service’ was given by Air Commodore J Varkey of Bangalore in November – 2007. A talk on ‘Mud crab fattening and its prospectus’ was given by Sri. Santhosh of Kendag Fisheries Nairobi, Kenya in January 2008. The students visited different hatchery complexes; fisheries establishment and fisheries research vessels. Campus recruitment was conducted by national and international fisheries establishment including Kendag Fisheries Nairobi, Kenya. 12 of our students have been placed and some of the results are awaited. Smt. Cyndrella Alosysus got the first rank, Shri.Ajesh C.M the 2nd rank and Shri Libesh P.K got the third rank. The Department secured 100% pass with a couple of distinctions and the rest in first class in the University Examinations. Shri. Baiju, Fourth semester student was granted a minor research project grant of Rs. 10,000/- for his project work by Kerala State Council of Science and technology. In the International Aqua show held in Feb. 2008, the exhibits at the Gourami section put up by the Department was awarded the first prize.

### **Department Of B.Com Computer Application**

The Inauguration of the Commerce Association was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007. by Shri. R. Krishna Iyer Chartered Accountant and tax consultant. *Tandav 2007* was organized by the staff and students of B.Com (Tax.) and B.Com Computer Applications.

### **Department Of Computer Science**

The inauguration of the departmental association was done on 26 September 2007 by Mr. Jojoy Joy, Chief Manager, Geojit Financial Services Ltd. The academic year was punctuated with a lot of seminars. The talented students of the department have contributed to all the cultural activities of the college. Our first year student Unnikrishnan has secured 1<sup>st</sup> place in Radio Mango Freak out Competition which was conducted by Malayala Manorama at Thrissur. Ms. Anna Antony has been selected as Campus Ambassador of Infosys. Many of our students has been recruited by IT giants like Wipro, Infosys, TCS etc.

### **Library**

The College Library has a collection of 74951 books including 5000 reference books. During the academic year 1953 books have been newly added. The library subscribes to 54 journals and 27 periodicals. The addition of DELNET facility has made it possible for the teachers and students to access e-journals. We have also started Book Bank Scheme. Care has been taken to provide better lighting and other facilities. The resources of the library are well utilized by the staff and students. The Library starts functioning from 9.00 a.m.

### **Career Guidance Centre**

The centre subscribes to 18 periodicals dealing exclusively on career matters. The centre prepares students for various competitive examinations by supplying guides and previous question papers. This year the centre organized a one day seminar on “How to face an interview and how to take part in a GD”. The feedback was positive.

### **NCC (Army Wing)**

NCC Activities of the year 2007-08 was inaugurated by the Principal on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. The strength of cadets has been raised from 108 to 130 as per our request. We started two novel programmes for cadets, the yoga classes and S.H. NCC Mega Fest. The first Mega Fest was conducted on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2008. In the various competitions, 900 cadets from 9 colleges and 11 schools participated and our cadets bagged the winner’s ever rolling trophy. Our cadets took part in at least 8 camps in different parts of India. Sgt. Sariga Muraleedharan has represented Kerala & Lakshadweep Directorate in Tal Sainik Camp -2007 held at New Delhi.

### **NCC (Naval Wing)**

NCC Naval wing began its activities in the 2nd week of August, enrolling 50 cadets under the guidance of Lt Siby Mathew. Many of our cadets participated in various camps, which gave them an opportunity to get special training in boat work, ship modeling, communication, boat pulling and sailing. P O cadet Ajesh T R and P O cadet Sunu Sara Bose are selected as cadet captains of SD boys and SW girls respectively. Our cadets won first position in parade competitions during Pre Navsainik camp held at Kollam. Sailing team consisting of Purnima Kesavan and Nainu Mary Francis won third in sailing during the above camp. Many cadets participated in sailing expedition to Kollam conducted by 7(k) naval NCC. On Gandhi jayanthi day our social service programme *PARADIGM* was inaugurated and as a part of it we spent a day at the Old Age Home at Thevara. Another achievement was the naval exhibition conducted by cadets in the main auditorium for 3 days. It attracted a lot of students from near by schools and colleges. A pulling cum sailing demo was also arranged by cadets in the lake view. Cadets also participated in-run for-fun- programme on 24<sup>th</sup> November and Aids awareness rally on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **College Union**

Election to the college union was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The office bearers were sworn in on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007. The following students were elected to the college students’ union. Chairman - Tharish P.T., Vice-chairman - Nilina Elais, Gen. Secretary – Rajesh P.T, Arts Club Secretary – Vignesh Kannan, Magazine Editor – Abrham Jose, University Union Councilors, James Abhilash and Anish Joy, Lady Representatives – Surya C.S. and Reshmi M Appukuttan. The college union was inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 by Anoop Chandran, film artiste. The Arts Club was inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007. The union organized a two day film festival and Painting Exhibition.

### **NSS**

The College has 3 units with an enrolment of 319 volunteers from degree classes. Three volunteer secretaries have attended the university level training camp held at SD College, Kanjirappilly. Our volunteers have donated blood to different patients during the year, participated in

the cleaning work arranged by corporation of Cochin and 4 teams of volunteers conducted the awareness campaign in the adopted villages in association with different residents' associations. 14 volunteers have participated in the intercollegiate camps held at different colleges under MG University. One mini camp and one nature study camp were conducted during the year. Legal awareness classes were arranged for the second year degree students in association with women cell of the college and Legal Aid Cell Ernakulam District. Talks on right to Information Act, Need for Peaceful Campus, Environment Protection, Health and Hygiene were arranged during the year. A 10 day special camp was conducted in Thrikkakara, in association with Gandhi Peace Foundation, Thrikkakara Grama Panchayat and Rajagiri Outreach Centre.

### **Janaparvam**

Under the Village adoption scheme, the Department of Economics launched JANAPARVAM to enhance the quality of life and integrated development of BPL families in Maradu Panchayath in the year 2006-07. The programme is conducted with the involvement of students and teachers of various departments of the college. The objective of the programme, extending over a decade is to provide quality education to U.P and High School students of BPL families and to evaluate and monitor the standard of living of beneficiaries. Besides taking classes the students were given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Chemistry, Zoology, Physics and Botany labs of our college.

### **AICUF**

All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) conducted various programmes during the year 2007-08. Different camps on various topics were arranged and the camps imparted the idea of AICUF society based on social justice. As part of Christmas celebrations, the AICUF members paid a visit to the Old Age Home at Thevara run by the Sisters of the Destitute. The last camp of the year 2007-08 was a state camp conducted at Sacred Heart College, Thevara. It was on the topic 'Human Rights & student's response. 60 members of different colleges attended the camp. The camp made the participants aware of their rights and duties.

### **Women's Cell**

Women's cell organized Legal Awareness Classes along with the NSS for the second year degree students. Members from the Kerala Legal Science Authority took classes on the various aspects of law. A workshop on paper bag manufacturing was conducted on Dec. 8, 2007. Prof. Thresiakutty from Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly led the workshop. Students manufactured paper bags in the two hour work shop.

### **Jesus Youth**

The activities of the Jesus Youth in the year 2007-08 started with a one day programme. "Ablaze" by Jesus youth, Ekm Zone. They gather on every Wednesday for prayer session. Under the leadership of Jesus youth 10-day rosary was recited in October and Christmas was celebrated in December. Jesus Youth takes initiative for the 'Pothichoru' programme, meant to feed the poor.

### **The Music Club**

2007-08 has been a musical "leap" year of sorts, with an array of honours, trophies, and fabulous prizes. The club was on a roll, with the prowess and huge potential of our young talent on

glorious all around display virtually giving the impression that the Sacred Heart's is a veritable nest of singing birds and dancing fairies. Proudest among the honours so far, has been winning the I Prize in the prestigious inter-collegiate dance, music reality show- *RANGOLI*- by Symphony T.V., telecast in *Surya* Channel. In this mega event, beamed across the globe and participated by over 40 colleges, our college won wide ranging acclaim from the connoisseurs and the general public. Bony Mathew won Special Jury Award for the best all-rounder. Rangoli Trophy is a watershed in the cultural history of Sacred Hearts. In a similar, bigger Mega Reality show 'STAR WARS', being aired by *Kairali T.V.* participated by over 100 colleges across the state, our Music – Dance team is given highest rating by the expert Jury, and is now poised to grab the time light in the remaining rounds of competition. In the M.G. University Youth Festival, M. Madhu (I M.Com) and Aiswarya (II BA Copy Editor) won the II Prize in classical and light music respectively. C.S Prince II BA, and Manjusha ( II BSc) won the I Prize and II Prize in instrumental Music and classical music respectively. Susan Correya (I BA Copy Editor) secured the III position in the Western Music (Solo) Competition, in the Youth Festival. The Music Club members were active in various cultural events of the campus.

### **The Dance Club**

The current academic year has been a very fruitful year for the dance club members of the college. Soon after the re-opening of the college a variety of dance groups were formed and equipped to participate in various inter-collegiate dance competitions. Notable among there are Rangoli and the ongoing clash of the titans, the Star Wars. This year the members represented our college in the University Youth festival and secured prizes. Heartifest, the most colourful cultural festival of the college was celebrated with various dance forms. The club activities attempted to instill an attitude of sharing, hard work and team spirit among the members.

### **Speakers' Forum**

The speakers Forum which nourished and nurtured the composite culture of public speaking, Debate and Model Parliament has 35 active members in the year 2007-08. It conducted weekly sessions of speech practice, group discussion and parliamentary procedure and process. Comprising the best and talented students imbued with exemplary organizational skill from across various faculties, the forum is the live-wire of literary- cultural life of the campus. Besides its regular activities the speakers forum took the leadership in organizing the Sargapadham, Hrdaya Sarga Sangamam and one day, film festival in association with the Cochin Film Society. The study Circle for the "Civil Services and other Competitive examinations" is functioning under the aegis of the forum. 'SARGAVEDI' an arena for the pure and classical forms of art and literary activities was revitalized at the initiative of the Speakers Forum. It is so gratifying that the forum organized most of these programmes in close co-operation and co-ordination with other clubs like the Literary, Music and Dance Clubs. A new venture named *Suada* an inter-departmental debate competition was launched in this year. The team of Ms. Nandini Nair and Ms. Sradha representing the Economics Dept. won the ever rolling trophy for the best team and Nandini was adjudged as the best debater. Our college team comprising of Abraham Jose of I DC Sociology and Sradha of I DC Economics came second in the prestigious Sr. Digna Debate Competition, with Sradha winning the best speaker Prize. The members visited an orphanage in Kaduthuruthy and spent two fruitful hours with the children.

## **Heartifest**

*Heartifest* is the family festival of our college. It was started 17 years ago to promote cultural and artistic talents of our students and to express the unity of Sacred Heart Family. This year it was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007. A good number of parents and well wishers attended the programme.

## **Sargapadham**

The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the All Kerala Inter Collegiate Literary pentathlon was held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007. It is a unique literary competition based on five areas of intellectual skills. Extempore, Essay writing, Quiz, Group discussion and Mock Press. It is preceded by a symposium on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Based on the theme 'contemporary cinema and the Youth'. An array of film luminaries participated in the symposium. It was led by the celebrated director Sri. Kamal, Critic Dr. P. Geetha, upcoming film director Nishadh, with Kukku Parameswaran, noted media and theatre personality as the moderator. 39 students from 13 colleges participated. St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam was adjudged the overall champion and with U.C. College, Aluva, as the runner-up. Mr Robin T of Mar Ivanios college was the overall individual champion. The valedictory session was presided over by Dr.S. Anantha Narayanan Director, NPOL.

## **Hrdya Sarga Sangamam**

The II Intra-Mural Cultural competition was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 2007. It was a mammoth literary feast, organized by a committed and compact 80 member staff - student team. 500 students participated and the Dept. of English won the overall team championship for the second consecutive year. The Commerce Department is the runner up. Miss Nandini Nair became the first Kala Thilakam of Sacred Heart College.

## **Primrose Nature Club**

Primrose Nature Club organized various nature awareness and nature conservation programmes this year. The Primrose Nature Club observed the World Environment Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. The club members regularly meet on every alternate Wednesday to discuss the current environment issues. On 9<sup>th</sup> July 2007, in association with Greenpeace, conducted a signature campaign in favour of the use of CFL bulbs against ordinary bulbs to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission and global warming. The club conducted the Flower Carpet competition on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at the college portico. Attractive cash prizes were given to the winners. Classroom Beautification Contest for the year started on 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. This year II B Sc Physics, II B A Economics and I B Sc Mathematics won first, second and third prizes respectively. In collaboration with Clean Kochi project of Kerala Builder's Forum our club conducted an audio visual presentation on Aerobic Microbial Waste Management on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in the Marian hall. This year the club members had a Nature Study Camp at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary. As part of the National level Oil/Gas Conservation fortnight observation, an awareness programme was conducted in our college on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008. Dr. Joseph T Moolayil gave the oil conservation message. An essay writing competition was also conducted and cash prizes were awarded by Bharat Petroleum Corporation and KRL Kochi.

### **Tourism Club**

The activities of the Tourism Club for the academic year 2007-08 were inaugurated by the Principal on August 16<sup>th</sup>, which was followed by *Onam* Celebrations. The Club organized a seminar on adventure expedition on August 1, 2007. Rejan Andrews a member of the Signalers Thrishul, Indian Army Adventure Expedition team to Mercury Peak in Himalaya delivered the keynote address. On September 27, the World Tourism Day, the club conducted an open quiz competition. A two day adventure trekking camp was held at *Chellikayam* from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September. 35 students including 10 girls and 25 boys attended the camp. This year's most prestigious event was an adventure trekking trip to deep forests of *Karappara* hill top in the Nelliampathy forest range from December 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Ten students and three staff members stayed two days in tents in the thick forest-the haunt of elephants, tigers, leopards and so on.

### **Literary Club**

The Literary club was inaugurated on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007, by famous journalist and social activist, Sri. K.N. Shaji. Around 60 students joined the club. The members met frequently and discussed current events of literary and social importance. Club members gave its active support to the conduct of the prestigious, 'Sargapadham', Hridya Sargasangamam' and Heartifest'. A film festival was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> November 07. Literary club members arranged a *pookalam* in the college portico in connection with *Onam* Celebration. In connection with the Malayalam week celebrations a quiz competition was held

### **Youth Red Cross Society**

Youth Red Cross (YRC) organized district level 'Annual Study Camp' for the year 2007-08 at St. Joseph's Training College, on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1st December 2007. The participants were trained in 'First Aid' and also 'Disaster Management'.

### **'DIET' (College Canteen)**

The College Canteen 'Diet' managed by the S.H. Staff Welfare Association is committed to serving the culinary needs of the campus and the local public. In the fourth year of its operation, it has added several infrastructure facilities and feels gratified that it is able to provide hygienic and quality food at affordable price. The canteen also provides employment to about 15 persons and free meals to a few of our deserving students. This year onwards the canteen has begun to undertake out door catering.

### **Campus Recruitment and Placement Cell**

The placement and training cell achieved remarkable progress during the academic year 2007-08. The placement cell tried to bring in only reputed companies to the college campus, who would encourage the academic pursuits of students along with employment opportunities. The first major step towards this was done with the selection of students for the WASE programme of WIPRO Technologies on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 07. Five brilliant students were selected by WIPRO from this college, and these students can work with WIPRO, and also pursue the MS Programme of BITS pilani. The other major recruiters, during the year were:- J.P. Morgan, Google.com, Glaxo Smithkline, Indian Tobacco Company, Federal Bank Ltd., Tata Consultancy Services, Infosy's Technologies, KGISL – Coimbatore, Clear Logic Technologies, Soft Scribe Pvt. Ltd., Kenday Ltd. (Nairobi, Kenya), Asian Paints Ltd. and Alliance Cornhill. A total of about 120 students secured placements in various

organizations during the year. In addition, Sutherlands Global Services and, Outsource partners international (Info-park) have also agreed to conduct campus recruitments during this academic year.

### **Soft Skills Training Programmes and Scholarship schemes**

With a view to enhance the employability of students the placement cell also started soft skills training programmes for the final year students. During the year, 4 such training programmes were organized. The training is done by the trained trainers available at reputed institutes. During the year, the cell also tried to arrange scholarship assistance to the needy students on a merit cum means basis, from certain reputed organizations. As a beginning, scholarships of Rs. 5000/- each were given to 20 students of B.Com and M.Com by OPI Global – A US Company in Info Park Kochi.

### **Co-Operative Society**

The College Co-operative Society has completed 31 years of service. As usual the society has undertaken many projects for the overall development of the college community. The DTP centre, is another millstone in its growth. This year 35 students got the benefit of '*Vidyarthi Kshemanithi*' which was instituted to help the economically weak students in the college. To promote the research aptitude in the PG students, the society conducts a project presentation competition every year. This year it was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and the winners were given certificates and cash awards.

### **Conclusion**

The mantra for all our achievements is team work. We have been performing collectively and the credit goes to all the staff - both teaching and non-teaching, students, parents and the management. Still we shall not rest as the challenges are mighty. To reach the measureless heights of excellence we are always pushing the bar. This is also the time of preparation for the coming university examination. I wish the student community well in all their endeavours.

Now I present this report before this august gathering, I bow down to raise my heart in humble gratitude to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for His loving care. I thank our Chief Guest Sri. T K Jose IAS for having graced the occasion with his inspiring presence. Thank you all.

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