



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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Thoothukudi – 628001, Tamilnadu, India

(Affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University)

Campus Ministry Report 2024-2025 (ODD SEMESTER)

- On June 21, 2024, a one-day orientation programme was held, focusing on the themes of Dare to Lead, Ethical Enlightenment, and Dream to Achieve. The event featured distinguished resource persons, including Rev. Father Arulraj, Administrator and Director of English, Don Bosco College, Keela Eral, Mr. Christo Laurel, Associate Vice President at Guidance Tamilnadu, Mr. Mageswar Radhakrishnan, Associate Vice President at Start Up Tamilnadu and Mr. Jesuraj, Ignatius Butera Guidance Centre, Veerapandiyapattinam who shared their insights and experiences with the students. The programme was well-received, inspiring students to lead with integrity, pursue their dreams passionately, and uphold ethical standards in all their endeavors.
- A two-day orientation programme for faculty members on the topic of Eudaimonic Education was held on June 21-22, 2024. The sessions were led by Rev. Father Arul Edward Joseph, an expert in counselling, psychotherapy, and research from the Anugraha Institute in Dindigul. The first day focused on the principles of Eudaimonic Education, which emphasizes well-being and flourishing as central to the educational process. Father Arul Edward Joseph discussed strategies for integrating these principles into teaching practices to foster holistic development in students. On the second day, the sessions included practical workshops and group discussions. Faculty members engaged in activities designed to promote self-awareness and well-being, both for themselves and their students. The programme concluded with a Q&A session, allowing participants to clarify concepts and explore further applications. Overall, the orientation provided valuable insights and practical tools for faculty members, equipping them to create a more fulfilling and effective educational environment. The participants left inspired and motivated to implement Eudaimonic principles in their teaching.

- On July 5, 2024, Rev. Father Maria Arasu celebrated the Holy Spirit Mass with great reverence and devotion. The Mass commenced with an invocation to the Holy Spirit, setting a deeply spiritual tone. Father Maria Arasu emphasized the importance of being open to the Spirit's guidance and strength. The celebration concluded with a special blessing, encouraging the congregation to live out their faith with the Holy Spirit's presence.
- On 13th July 2024, our faculty gathered for an insightful orientation program on "How to Teach Catechism to Students." The session was led by Rev. Father George Chinnappan, whose extensive experience and profound understanding of catechism made the event highly valuable for all attendees. Rev. Father George began by emphasizing the importance of catechism in the holistic development of students. He highlighted the need to approach catechism not just as a subject but as a way to nurture students' spiritual growth and moral values. The orientation program was a great success, leaving the faculty equipped with new ideas and approaches to enhance their catechism teaching practices. The attendees expressed their appreciation for Rev. Father George Chinnappan's expertise and the practical knowledge gained from the session. The faculty looks forward to applying these insights in their classrooms to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of catechism among students.
- On 27th August 2024, the catholic staff and students went to a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Snows church as a procession and thereafter attended the Holy mass with devotion to our Mother.
- On the 5th of September, 2024, the Campus Ministry members organized a morning prayer to mark Teacher's Day. The prayer was a spiritual and meaningful start to the day, reflecting on the importance of teachers and their role in shaping society. A passage from the Bible was read that emphasized the values of wisdom, knowledge, and mentorship, aligning with the theme of honoring educators. The scripture reminded everyone of the importance of learning and the role teachers play in instilling these virtues.
- On the 6th of September 2024, a special Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Jayanthan. The readings of the day were centered on Mary's role as the mother of Jesus and her unwavering faith. The Gospel reading highlighted the Annunciation, where Mary

accepts God's plan with humility and grace. It served as a reminder of her deep trust in God's will and her example of faithful obedience.

- The Holy Mass celebrated on October 4th 2024, by Rev. Father Ranjith, was a profound spiritual experience for all attendees. The service brought together the community for prayer, reflection and worship.