



## St. MARY'S COLLEGE(AUTONOMOUS)

(Re-accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC – 4 th Cycle)

Thoothukudi – 628001, Tamil Nadu, India

(Affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University)

### Students Council

The academic year 2023-2024 began on 19<sup>st</sup> June 2023 for II and III UG and II PG students. The college commenced for the first UG students on 21<sup>st</sup> June and for first PG on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The members of the college administration addressed the students, about the rules of the College. The heads of various disciplines briefed about their departments.

St. Mary's constitutes a Students' Council which acts as a liaison between the students and the management. Under the artistic supervision of the Students Council Advisor Dr. J. Anila Maily, members and office bearers, the council actively engaged the Marian students in leadership programmes through activities related to the institution and ensured disciplined participation. The under graduate new entrants were given an arousing welcome through the *Freshers Day* held on 21<sup>st</sup> June.



The *Council Election* was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Under Graduate students casted their e-votes in the presence of the members of the Administration, and Students Council

Advisors. Ms. J. Adlin, III B.Sc. Mathematics, Ms. S. Sharmila, III B.Com. and Ms. J. Jaffrin Jenifer, III B.A. English were elected as the Chairman, Secretary and Vice- President for the regular courses and Ms. P. Pavithra, III B.Com Corporate, Ms. P. Kaviya, III B.Sc. Psychology and Ms. A. Ahmed Aabira, III B.Sc. Microbiology were elected as the Chairman, Secretary and Vice- President for the self-supporting courses respectively.



The *investiture ceremony* was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The office bearers of Students Council, along with the representatives of students body, presidents, secretaries of various associations, clubs and forums assumed office in the presence of the chief guest Rev. Fr. Dr. Mariadoss, SJ Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai. A tableau based on the theme of the academic year, "Glow with Goodness", was staged to emphasise the value of 'goodness' among the students.





*Talentia '23*, an event to exhibit the cultural talents of the first year Undergraduate students was held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023 in which 86 teams showcased their talents on-stage.



*77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day* was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Mr. Beny Morais, Ex-Commander, Naval Wing, NCC hoisted the flag. Every member of the college pledged the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, took Oath and Panch Paran Pledge administered by the Principal.



The *Platinum Jubilee Grand Finale* was celebrated on August 18, 2023 that marked a significant milestone in its history. The event was graced with the presence of the distinguished

chief guest, Rev. Sr. Dr. S. Decla, OSM, Superior General, Servite Generalate, Chennai. The guests of honour were Most. Rev. Dr. A. Stephen, Bishop of Tuticorin and Dr S. Inigo Irudayaraj, MLA, Honorable Member of Legislative Assembly, Tiruchirapalli (East), Constituency. Renowned individuals such as Dr. R. Srinivasan, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Rev. Sr. Dr. F. Mary Joyce Baby Provincial, Maria Natchathiram Province, Palayamkottai, Rev. Sr. Rozaire, Provincial, Alexis Province, Dindigul, Rev. Sr. Kenzie, Superior, Servite Convent, Rev. Sr. Dr. Roseline Mary, Principal, Servite Arts and Science College for Women, T. Idayapatti and Prof. Fatima Babu, Rtd. Faculty, Department of English, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi felicitated and acknowledged the support, participation and contribution made by each member in the growth and development of the institution.



To foster multicultural harmony among students and to make them aware of different cultural heritage, the *Onam festival* was celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023.





A one-week skill enhancement programme -*JEM '23* (Journey of Empowered Marianans) was effectively conducted for all the final year students from 23.11.2023 to 29.11.2023 in which nearly 597 were certified. A total of 11 courses were designed and executed with specialized instructors.



On January 12, 2024, a vibrant and culturally enriching *Pongal* celebration took place, marking the auspicious harvest festival observed by the Tamil community.



St. Mary's College witnessed the celebration of the *75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day* on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Dr. N. Thinakaran M. E., Ph. D., Group Captain (Retired), Indian Air Force enlightened the students with his insightful words about the history of the constitution and its preamble. He also insisted that 75 % of the contingents are women who field the national parade at Bakshi stadium, Srinagar.

A three-day "*Marian Art Fest 2024*" was celebrated from 29<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. Mrs. Veila K Raja, Managing Director, PSS Krishnamurthi Exports (P) Ltd & Chairperson, CII, Thoothukudi District inaugurated the fest with her words of encouragement. Mrs. Nivedita E. Robin, CFO of Pearl Group and Franchise Partner of Naturals and CIEL HR

Services, Thoothukudi delivered the valedictory address and distributed the prizes. A total of 23 competitions were conducted under the theme of the year, *Goodness*, showcasing the artistic talents and creative prowess of the students. The PG and Research Department of English (Regular), clinched the overall championship for the group events. In the individual and dual events, the Department of Commerce (SSC), secured the overall trophy.



The 76-year-old institution was filled with an air of festivity and accomplishment on 22.03.2024 as the esteemed institution celebrated its 42<sup>nd</sup> *Graduation ceremony*. A total of 961 students graduated in which 903 candidates of 2022 batch of UG, PG and M. Phil programmes from various streams received their hard-earned degrees. Rev Fr. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ Principal of the prestigious St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli conferred the degree certificates to the candidates.



St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, celebrated its College Day and Valedictory Ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Dr. S. M. Abdul Kader, Principal, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, presided over the function and distributed prizes to the meritorious students for their excellence in academic, cocurricular and extracurricular activities. He lauded

the institution for the wonderful opportunities provided to the student community for their holistic development and congratulated the prize winners.

