# Newsletter- Jan to April 2022

# Rev. Fr. John Suresh Social Projects

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". (John 11:25) Rejoice in the hope this Easter season.

Prayerful Greetings from Nandhini Krishnan.

The first newsletter of this year 2022 finds you in good health. As COVID 19 hit people's lives hard and drastically hampered lives, still people are not able to get back to the routine life. It just not affected the livelihood and most of them lost their closed ones which has impacted people's life harder. On this difficult times, we were able to conduct some programmes and developmental work wherever and whenever possible.

We are pleased to share those activities below;

# Dr. R. Arulappa Higher Secondary School Christmas Celebration:

In the year 2021, we had a simple Christmas celebration in the midst of Covid-19 in which the teaching and non-teaching staff were honoured with lovely gifts and cakes distributed to students.

#### **Republic Celebration:**

Independent India had its own constitution (Supreme law of India) which was written by the great personality Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, came into effect on 26th January 1950. Like Christmas celebration, Republic day was also celebrated in a simple way as our correspondent hoisted the flag and delivered his republic talk.

# Re-opening of School:

The schools all over the state were closed on the 13<sup>th</sup> January due to an increase in Covid-19. The school reopened after three weeks for all the classes and they are in progress. Public examination for the class of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students will be held in the month of May 2022.

#### Vaccination

As per the government norms and guidelines, students who are all above 13 years are requested to be vaccinated. A team consisting of doctors and nurses was formed and allotted for every school. So for our school, a medical team was assisted and checked the body condition of all the students and those who were



fit were vaccinated. So far two dozes were completed for our students.

#### **Career Guidance:**



As the 12th standard students are at the end of their school education and preparing themselves to enter into the college studies or university studies in the next academic year, the school management decided to arrange career guidance in order to choose the right field or right branch of study to get a proper career and a decent job in this fast-emerging world of technology. Agaram foundation (a renowned educational foundation in Tamil Nadu) was selected by our diocese to give career guidance and was held on the 19th of March. The students from 10th standard to 12th

standard participated in the program and our students found it a useful one as they were guided in all dimensions. Thanks to our diocese and Agaram Foundation.

# St John's Home

### **Visit to Vedanthangal (Bird Sanctuary ):**



St John's Home for Children was taken a trip to Vedanthangal, Chinglepet District. It is one of the most popular bird sanctuaries in India. The children were very happy to see various kinds of birds that they were not seen so far in their lifetime. In fact, they enjoyed the place and they could relax their minds.

### Health and Hygiene Program:

As per today's needs in an evolving world, health and hygiene play an important part in everyone's life. As planned, anawareness program was organized in St. John's Home for children on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Rev. Bro. Prasad Chinnapan SHJ was the resource person. He was a doctorate in Siddha Medicine.

# **True Story**

Dear friends, How are you all?

I am Ranjani studying 10th standard in Dr. R. Arulappa Higher secondary school. I am from KK Pudur village. I am the eldest daughter in my family and I have a younger sister studying 6<sup>th</sup> standard in our school and we both are staying in St. John's Home for children and a brother studying 4<sup>th</sup> standard in our village school. I lost my mother two years ago as she suffered from cancer. We were brought here by Rev. Fr. Anand Backiya Raj. We are given good care and we feel a good atmosphere to study. We were given good food; fathers and wardens take care of us well. In-School, the teachers teach us well and they are so friendly in their approach. If we have any doubt about the subject they are helping us in clearing our doubts. We are really happy both in the school and in the hostel. I am really thankful to all my friends in Europe, especially to our loving Pappa, Rev. Fr.



John Suresh, and our lovable Akka Nandhini Krishnan who work for our bright future. Please take care of your health and I will pray for you all.

Thank you all.

## WE Meeting:



After a long time, we had our WE meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021. In the meeting, we had many new students. We gave an orientation about our WE group motto, activities, and more about our founder Rev. Fr. Dr. John Suresh. Some of the members also shared their experiences in the WE group and how they were successful in their life because of the WE group. This sharing was an inspiration to the newcomers. We also arranged a

resource person who gave a lecture on the Constitution of India and reservations in Socio, Economic and Political activities. The members of the group benefitted a lot from the session.

## **Success story**



Dear friends,

Greetings from Rajalakshmi, a WE member, hailing from Thondamanallur, a remote village in the Chingleput district. My parents are illiterate and they earn daily wages. I have two elder brothers and two elder sisters and a younger sister. I am the only graduate in my family. My two elder brothers and an elder sister had only a school education. An elder and younger sisters joined the college but after one year they discontinued due to some reasons. I had my school education till 8th standard in my village school and then went to continue 9th and 10th standard nearby village - Anaicut. Then my sister and I joined Dr. R. Arulappa Higher secondary school, Neerpair to continue the 11th and 12th standard and later one year my younger sister

also joined the same school where we studied. So my two sisters and I completed our school studies in Neerpair with the help of Rev.Fr. John Suresh and sister Nandhini Krishna. After school studies, my parents said "NO" to our studies because of my family's poor condition. We expressed our family situation to Rev. Fr. John Suresh and sister Nandhini Krishnan. They told us to join in WE group. With the help of the WE group, I started pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication at Lord Venkateshwara College. I completed my studies in 2017 and then I was placed in Tech Mahindra Company as Tele caller. I worked there for ten months. Then I joined Health and Glow Company as a sales Executive officer. I have been working for five years here. I am very happy to inform you that I am pursuing my higher studies in Master of Engineering on my own through correspondence course besides working. At this moment, I sincerely thank all kind hearts, especially Rev.Fr. John Suresh and lovable sister Nandhini Krishnan without whom I would not have achieved this peak. I also sincerely thank our lovable Pappa Dr. Johannes Mispagel who has been the backbone and

fulfilled the dream of education through Rev.Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini sister and other friends from Germany and Belgium.

Dear Pappa and my dear friends I am very happy to convey to you all that I got married on 13<sup>th</sup> March. At the same time, I was really sad to see the absence of the great man Rev. Fr. John Suresh who moulded me in all the ways. Our lovable Akka Nandhini Krishnan fulfilled the absence of our father by making her presence on that joyous day. I really felt that our lovable sister's presence was the greatest gift that I received on my marriage day. I also kindly request you all to take care of your health against Covid-19. I pray for you all. Take care.

#### Rev. Fr. John Suresh

"This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed" – Luke 2:34. – This is the priestly Motto of Rev Fr John Suresh.

As per his motto, Rev. Fr. John Suresh strived hard for the upliftment of below poverty line families and helped the first generation learners to rise up in society and at the same time amalgamated the people where many churches restricted the downtrodden societies to enter into churches by high-class peoples. He served faithfully and truthfully to his priestly motto and dedicated his life to the people in need.

This month April is the most special month in the life of our Rev. Fr. John Suresh because the 22nd of April is his priestly ordination day and the 14th of April is the birth anniversary of our lawmaker Dr.Bhimarao Ramaji Ambedkar. Our Father used to celebrate this personality birth anniversary as Equality day and Dalit Liberation day. Our father considered Dr. Ambedkar a Revolutionaries and Educationalist. Every year we celebrate Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary like a festival across India. Last year, in wake of his birth anniversary our Rev. Fr. John Suresh surprised someone in a public arena with his view



They asked me aren't you wearing a mask? Those who travel with patients will do their best to avoid the fear of infection. I replied to them I am travelling with Babasaheb Ambedkar. I want all the infection from him. Only 'Knowledge Contagion' can spread from him all over the world. Let it spread



Jai Bhim. April 14, for tomorrow's Babasaheb's Birthday celebration, today I am with the bust of Babasaheb. When I feel I am with him, however I feel little, I am also happy and flying with joy. Jai Bhim.



Last year during the Lenten days Rev. Fr. John Suresh's sermon was mostly related to birth and death resurrection. Some of his quoted Gospel from the Holy Bible

By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust, you shall return.
- Genesis 3:19

Yet a little while and the world see me no more; but you will see me: because I live, you shall live also. - John 14:19

This year we are planning to celebrate his ordination day at Dr. Arulappa Higher Secondary School. This program will be organized and conducted by the alma maters of Dr. Arulappa Higher secondary school and the surrounding local body leaders of 20 villages. The holy mass will be concelebrate by our Vicar General Rev. Fr. G. Backiya Regis and Our school correspondent Rev. Fr. L. Davidnesan. To commemorate our Rev. Fr. John Suresh on 12th May, we are planning to erect Rev. Fr. John Suresh's statue in CHEER House, Siruseri. We have invited Dalit leaders, politicians, intellectuals, our old students, and all his friends.

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. Lord we lift our hearts t10 you. May God shower you with blessings, love, and peace this Easter.

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