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In Touch

Newsletter of the ALUMNAE Association



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Principal's Message

December is a special month with special days and significant occasions of re-union and rejoicing. December, the harbinger of the season of Joy is a time for get-togethers among families and friends. It is the season when people care to share their time, experiences and materials with personal joy and strive to bring a ray of hope into the hearts that are still in the chill of the winter season, awaiting the dawn of light and joy of the spring season. This is the month of the year when we look back and take stock of all the bygone months and experiences we have lived through, both good and not good.

It is the time of winter when we shake up the dying embers to rekindle and re-awaken the glowing light of love, hope and peace during this season of Christmas festivity with the strong faith / trust that "if winter comes can spring be far behind".

At Holy Cross College, it is a double rejoicing as our dear Alumnae reunite at our Alma Mater to rejuvenate their lives by a happy recall of their cherished memories of their study and stay at HCC. These reminiscences we know will linger on in our hearts and minds as treasures for all times. This alumnae meet is a positive indication of the Holy Crossian family bonding strengthened through fruitful learning experiences and values for life imbibed through difficulties shared and dared.

Let us be Santa Claus like and bring the gift of unexpected joy to people who like little children look for it and need it.

May we be torch bearers / beacons of the Holy Crossian light of love and peace to all we meet in our life.

At this time of darkness and gloom that pervades many districts of Tamil Nadu caused by the natural Calamity Gaja Cyclone, let us as Crossian Alumnae show our compassion for the homeless people in distress, by contributing our mite to help the helpless regain a footing in life and experience the Christmas cheer. It is good to remember that the hand that gives gathers God's manifold blessings in many ways.

I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to each one of you and sincerely thank you for your presence and connection with your Alma Mater.

I wish you and your near and dear ones a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year 2019 filled with God's Blessings!



Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget
Principal

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College aims at building a network of Holy Crossians to empower and strengthen relationships and create a sense of belonging and gratitude to the Alma Mater. The annual plan of the Alumnae Association is prepared every year by the core-group under the guidance of the Principal along with the staff representatives of all the departments. The activities planned are executed by the members during the course of the year and a General Alumnae meet is arranged every year on the second Saturday of December. The alumnae of Holy Cross College have been nurtured and shaped to face promising tomorrows. The system of education in Holy Cross College is based on Whole Person Education which gives a complete character formation to the students. The rich experiences of their college days have made them focus more clearly in all their actions and deeds in their lives. They always come back to their Alma Mater with jubilant spirits.

Mission

- Build a society / network of Holy Crossians.
- Contribute to / supplement the personal and career development of the present and passed out students.

Objectives

- To maintain a data base of the alumnae profile.
- To assist in the placement of students along with HRD.
- To organize get-togethers for the former students periodically.
- To develop a sense of togetherness through the Newsletter “In Touch”.

Contribution to the College

- HRD department functions in association with the Alumnae Association.
- Life membership fees collected from all the outgoing students is the source of revenue to spend for the activities of the Alumnae Association.

- A scholarship of Rs. 2000 was given to the children of the supportive staff of the college from the Alumnae Endowment Fund.
- The Alumnae contributed towards a fund for students to avail books on loan from their respective department libraries

Core Committee Members

1. Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget A, Principal.
2. Dr. Umera Begam, A.K.,
Assistant Professor of Bio - Chemistry (Co-ordinator).
3. Dr. Mary Sandra Quintal, Assistant Professor of English.
4. Dr. Rexlin Jeyakumari. S., Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
5. Dr. Theresa Rosetti, Assistant Professor of History.
6. Dr. Amala Infant Joice, J., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.
7. Dr. M. Rajathi D Modilal, Assistant Professor of Zoology.
8. Ms. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Assistant Professor of English.

Report of the General Alumnae Meet- 9th December, 2017

The General Alumnae Meet of Holy Cross College was held on 9th December, 2017, in Our Lady's Hall at 10 a.m. The Chief Guest of the day was Mrs. K. S. Revathi, Senior Accounts Officer, BSNL, Bengaluru. The Special invitees were Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Rose and Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier, Former Principals of Holy Cross College, Trichy, and Rev. Sr. Dr. Rosy Antony, Former Provincial, Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Province of Trichy & Former Principal of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The occasion was graced by the Alumnae who were present for the meeting. The Newsletter of the Alumnae Association "In Touch" Vol: 11. December 2017 was released by the Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget and the first copy was received by the Chief Guest Mrs. K. S. Revathi. In her address she thanked the institution for the opportunity and shared her experiences as a student during her education. She inspired the gathering to face challenges bravely

never giving up, for the growth of the individuals. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget thanked the alumnae for their presence and wished them God's blessings, in the years to come.

The special invitees Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Rose and Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier through their messages, inspired the gathering to look back on their wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College that explained the implication of alumnae reunion, for the growth of the institution and the individuals, A cultural presentation by the Fine Arts Club of Holy Cross College was appreciated. A game Tombola was conducted by the English Department and Connections Quiz was prearranged by the Mathematics department. The Alumnae actively participated in the games. The Alumnae meet ended with lunch hosted by the college and every one bid each other and their friends a touching farewell.

All outgoing students from all the departments contributed Rupees One lakh two thousand and two hundred toward the Alumnae Book Bank Fund. The chemistry department Alumnae Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Germany, Mrs. Subashini, working in USA as a Post Graduate Assistant and Dr. M. Baby Mariyatra, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai visited the department and recalled their nostalgic memories.

Department Alumnae Meeting for the year 2017-2018

The Department of Botany

The Department of Botany conducted a meeting on 15th March, 2018. Alumnae of UG, PG and M.Phil shared their experiences. Forty six students were present for the meeting.

The Department of Biochemistry

The Department of Biochemistry conducted a meeting on 15th March, 2018. A total of thirty five students attended the alumnae meet. The alumnae shared their experiences of their college days.

The Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

The PG and Research Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics conducted the department alumnae meet on 15th March, 2018. Twelve alumnae took part in the alumnae meet. Dr. M. Rajalakshmi Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Trichy, delivered an inspirational talk on Career guidance.

The Department of Business Administration

The alumnae meet was conducted on 15th March 2018. Sixty alumnae attended the meeting. They shared their memorable days in Holy Cross College.

Reunion 2018

The alumnae reunion of the Department of Business Administration was conducted on 24th October, 2018. Five alumnae attended the meeting. Mrs. Priya Govindaraj addressed and motivated the alumnae to support the department in all the future ventures.

The Department of Chemistry (Shifts I &II)

The Alumnae meeting of the Department of Chemistry was held on 15th March, 2018. One hundred and forty two alumnae were present for the meeting. Mrs. Malathi Shanmugam, Business Consultant, Intellect Design Arena Ltd, Chennai addressed the alumnae. She highlighted the importance of passion, persistence and perseverance to become successful in life.

Reunion 2018

On 13th October 2018, Reunion of Alumnae was organized to facilitate the participation of alumnae from various batches. Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Rose, an alumna and former Principal of Holy Cross College was the Chief Guest and Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College delivered the presidential speech.

Nearly forty alumnae from various batches participated. Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Germany, Mrs. Subashini, working in USA as a Post graduate Assistant and Dr. M.Baby Mariyatra, Asst.Professor of Chemistry, St.Xavier'sCollege, Palayamkottai also visited the department and recalled their nostalgic memories.

The Department of Commerce (Shift I&II)

The Department of Commerce conducted a meeting on 15th March, 2018. A total of two hundred and fifty seven students took part in the alumnae meet. The alumnae shared their experiences during the college days and also shared about their higher studies and job experiences.

The Department of Computer Science (Shift I)

The Department of Computer Science conducted a meeting on 15th March, 2018. One hundred and fifteen of our alumnae attended the meeting. **Ms. P. Keerthana**, Programmer at Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Polytechnic College spoke about her experience at the work place. **Ms. A. Deepa**, Omega Health Care, Trichy shared her placement experience and explained how being educated at Holy Cross College helped in her work palce.

Reunion 2018

An alumnae meeting was held on 20th October 2018. Nearly fifty alumnae were present in Sophy's Hall. The alumnae were honored by the presence of Rev. Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal. Dr. D. Roselin Selvarani, Assistant Professor of Computer Science gave a brief history of the installation of the department of computer science and its growth. The special invitee, Mrs. Annie Savera, Head, Project Delivery, APPY HUB Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, addressed the gathering.

The Department of Computer Science (Shift II)

The Department of Computer Science conducted a meeting on 15th March, 2018. Fifty seven of our alumnae attended the meeting. **Ms. V.Lavanya**, working in Prasanth Hospital, Chennai, shared her experiences to the students. **Ms. Daisy Rani**, working in Royal Software, Trichy, expressed her views, challenges and responsibilities in her working place.

The Department of Economics

The Department of Economics conducted an alumnae meet on 15th March 2018. Fifty two of our alumnae attended the meeting. The meet was initiated by Ms. Chamane Unus Rodrigues, Head & Associate Professor Department of Economics; she motivated the alumnae to keep in touch with the department sites such as Facebook and WhatsApp. The group mail id ecoalumnaehcc@gmail.com was created. The students delightfully took part in the gathering and shared their experiences of their college days. The students were asked to stay in touch through social networking.

The Department of English (Shift I)

On 15th March 2018, the Department of English conducted an alumnae meet. Eighty eight alumnae were present for the meeting. Dr. Catherin Edward, Associate Professor of English, Holy Cross College addressed the alumnae on the topic “Being a Holy Crossian and Career Development”. She emphasized on the vitality of the Alumnae Association and how alumnae can strengthen their bond with the college and with the department and their classmates.

Reunion 2018

The Department of English conducted an alumnae meet on 13th October 2018, eleven alumnae attended the meeting. The alumnae shared their nostalgic memories and discussed ways of

strengthening the alumnae of the department. A department WhatsApp and Facebook account was initiated. Alumnae from Dubai and various parts of Tamil Nadu were present. It was a fruitful gathering.

The Department of English (Shift II)

The Department of English Shift II conducted an alumnae meet on 15th March 2018. Seventy alumnae were present for the meeting. Dr. K. Suganthi, Assistant Professor of English addressed the alumnae and spoke on the topic “Personality Development”. The alumnae were very happy to come back to their alma mater and they shared their memories and work experiences to the gathering.

The Department of History

The PG & Research Department of History, Holy Cross College conducted the alumnae meet on 20th January 2018 at 11.00 a.m. Fifty two alumnae participated in the meet. Dr. Sr. Rajakumari, Head of the Department spoke on various opportunities , higher studies and job opportunities for the History Students. The alumnae were asked to share their experiences.

Reunion 2018

The Alumnae of the Department of History met on 18th October 2018. About twenty alumnae of the 1996-1999 batch attended the meet and they were very happy to speak about their Alma Mater. Major Dr. Viji spoke on the importance of the Alumnae and the urge to make the association a part of their life. All unanimously agreed that the discipline and ethics apart from Studies is what had shaped everyone as to who they are now.

The Department of Mathematics (Shift I)

The alumnae meet was conducted on 15th March 2018. One Hundred and four alumnae attended the meeting. They shared their memorable events and views in Holy Cross College campus.

Reunion 2018

The Department of Mathematics conducted two Alumnae reunions. The first reunion was held on 21th September 2018. 10 alumnae of the 2015-2018 batch of Holy Cross College participated in this reunion. On 3rd November 2018, the second alumnae reunion was organized. Eleven alumnae from various batches participated.

The Department of Mathematics (Shift II)

The alumnae meet was conducted on 15th March 2018. Ninety one alumnae attended the meeting. The alumnae shared their experience and thanked the staff for their kind support and presence.

Reunion 2018

On 3rd November 2018, Reunion of Alumnae was organized to facilitate the participation of alumnae from various batches. The meeting was held at Shanthi's hall. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College offered felicitation. Eleven alumnae from various batches participated. Everyone who attended the meeting felt very happy to come back to their alma mater.

The Department of Physics (Shifts I & II)

On 15th March 2018, the alumnae meet was conducted by the Department of Physics, One hundred and twenty alumnae were present for the meeting. Ms. Arokiamary addressed the gathering and spoke on the importance of higher education. The students were asked to stay in touch through Facebook and WhatsApp.

Reunion 2018

A Department Alumnae Meet was organized by the Department of Physics on 27th October 2018. The eminent Alumnae from 1984 batch were present for the meet. Nineteen alumnae participated enthusiastically. The College and department milestones were presented through power point. A few alumnae shared their reminiscence through video calls.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science

The PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science conducted the alumnae meet on 20th January 2018 at 11.00 a.m. Thirty five alumnae of undergraduate course and 14 alumnae of post graduate course participated in the meet. Mrs. Indumathi, Project Coordinator, CFCA, Tiruchirappalli was the chief guest for the program. She spoke on various opportunities in inclusive education and professional ethics.

The Department of Social Work

The Alumnae meet of the Department of Social Work was organized on 15th March 2018. Seven alumnae attended the meet. Ms. J. Josephine Jeba, Asst. Prof. of Social Work addressed the alumnae on the need for active involvement and monetary contribution to poor students, by the alumnae.

The Department of Visual Communication

The Department of Visual communication conducted an alumnae meet on 15th March 2018. Twenty alumnae attended the meet. Mr. Ezhilarasan, the chief reporter of Indian express addressed the gathering about the current scenario of media. The alumnae were asked to share their experiences.

Reunion 2018

The Department of Visual Communication conducted an alumnae Reunion on 29th November 2018. The theme was 'Celebrating past and embracing the Future'. Eight alumnae participated in this reunion. It was a happy gathering.

The Department of Zoology

The Alumnae meet of the Department of Zoology was organized on 15th March 2018 for U.G. P.G. and M. Phil students. Fifty two alumnae participated in the meeting. The alumnae appreciated the

syllabus content which has supported their higher studies and preparations for competitive exams such as CSIR (NET) and SET.

Reunion 2018

The first reunion of 1994 – 1997 batch was held on 8th September 2018 in the UG Lab of PG and Research Department of Zoology. Twenty one alumnae participated in the gathering and shared their memories and experiences of their college life. The second reunion was held on 23rd November 2018 in Our Lady's Hall. About forty alumnae participated and recalled their memories.

Awards received by the College

College Special Achievements / Awards

- Tiruchirappalli City Corporation **Swachhata Hi Seva Award** was presented to our college on 2nd October 2017, observed as Cleanliness Day.
- In BDU Fest 17, held from 27th to 29th October 2017, at Bharathidasan University, Trichy, the college was awarded the **Best Aided College 'Trophy, Best Aided College Co-ordinator Trophy. Rolling Trophy** for Classical Dance and Short Film Making.
- Tiruchirappalli City Corporation presented **Swachh Survekshan 2018 Award** to Holy Cross College in recognition of their commitment to keep their premises clean for Swachh Survekshan 2018, on 26th January 2018.
- The Rotaract club of the college won the following awards, in appreciation of the activities for the academic year 2016-2017; **Award in appreciation of TOPS and DOTS '16, Best Occasional Services Award and Best Professional Development Award.**
- Yet another achievement was the setting up of **Noel Nook** in December 2017, to encourage the joy of giving and receiving

and **Youth against Drug Unit** which was inaugurated on 16th February 2018.

- Our college has received the **Best NSS unit award** for the year 2016 -2017 given by Bharathidasan University. NSS programme unit officers Ms. R. Umarani Assistant Professor in Economics, Ms. Kanmani Assistant Professor in Chemistry, Ms. Elizabeth Rani Assistant Professor in Tamil, and Ms. Mariena Brinda Assistant Professor in English Shift II received the award from the Vice Chancellor of Bharathidasan University and overall NSS coordinator Lakshmi Prabha. Ms.R.Umarani Assistant Professor in Economics was awarded the Best NSS Programme officer for the year 2016 -2017, on 3rd April 2018.
- Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli received the **42nd rank for the year 2018** in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) approved by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Awards won by Staff

- **Major Dr. Viji. M**, Associate Professor of History, received the Glory of India Award 2017 from Best Citizen Publishing House, New Delhi.
- **Ms. Saraswathi. R**, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, was selected as the Best Para Legal -Volunteer of Tiruchirappalli District for 2016 — 2017, by District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli.
- The following staff of the Department of Zoology, received the following awards:
- **Dr. A.J Bhorgin Lourdu Mary** received Har Gobind Memorial Best Scientist Award. **Dr. A. Avila Jerley, Dr. Rajathi D Modilal** and **Dr. Elavarasi** received Har Gobind Memorial Best Young Scientist Award. **Dr. Pandilakshmi** received Har

Gobind Memorial Best Investigator Award. **Mrs. T. Shalini Gnanam** and **Ms. R.Poorinima** received Har Gobind Memorial Best Young Investigator Award. All the awards were received from Bose Science Society, Vigyan Prasar, DST, Government of India, New Delhi in July 2017 at H. H The Rajah's College, Pudukkottai.

- **Ms. Ruby Merlin**, Assistant Professor of English received Best Aided College Co-ordinator Trophy at BDU Fest held in October 2017.
- **Dr. Swarnakumari P**, Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Science received the Bharat Jyoti Puraskar Award from the Best Citizen Publishing House, in December 2017.
- **Dr. M. Rajalakshmi**, Assistant Professor in Zoology received “Dr P Daisy Memorial Gold Medal Oration Award and Citation” on 22nd January 2018 for her research Contribution in the field of Molecular Endocrinology in the International Conference on Reproductive Physiology and Comparative Endocrinology (ICRPCE) and 36th Meeting of SRBCE 2018 held from 20th to 22nd January 2018 at BITS Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus.
- **Dr. Horne Iona Averal**, Associate Professor of Zoology received Bharat Gaurav Award and Certificate of Excellence from India International Friendship Society, New Delhi, in March 2018.
- The Rotary Club of Trichy City along with Rudra Shanthi Yogalayam honored and appreciated three of our staff, **Dr. L. Cathrine** and **Dr. J. Roselin Vimala**, Assistant Professors of Chemistry and **Ms. Desiree Ann. A.** Assistant Professor of English on Women's Day, for their dedication to their teaching profession and also appreciated their service mindedness.

Emotional Ensemble

Ms. Kamakshi Venkataraman, the Vice President of the Alumnae Association had organised an alumnae get together once again on 6th May, 2018 at Orion Mall in Bangalore. The alumnae present for the meeting were Ms. K.R Radha, Ms. Vasumathy, Ms. Sheila and Ms. Kamakshi Venkataraman from the 1973 – 1979 batch from the department of English. It was an unforgettable day in their lives because they met Ms. Sheila after 40 years.

Malaysian Alumnae Chapter

The Holy Cross College Malaysian Alumnae Chapter was inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget on 13th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Menara KLH Condominium, Kuala Lumpur. An eight-member team headed by the Principal coordinated the event. Five alumnae were present. They shared their reminiscences and suggestions for the better functioning for the college. The whole event was organized by Mrs. Muthurakku Alagulakshmanan, alumna, Dept of Botany 1987-1990 batch and by Mrs. Dilsath, alumna, Dept. of Physics 1994-1997 batch.

Singaporean Alumnae Chapter

The Holy Cross College Singaporean Alumnae Chapter was inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget on 15th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Ananda Bhawan Hall, Little India, Singapore. A cheerful gathering of the proud HCC Alumnae welcomed the Principal and her team at the Singapore Chapter. 50 alumnae made the event a meaningful and memorable one. The Principal made a presentation of the college activities and invited the alumnae to stay connected. The Alumnae shared the following suggestions to take the college to greater heights. They included need for international exposure through student exchange programmes, recommended a wider range of reference books as against prescribed books and develop a strong online portal. The following office bearers were elected. Ms. Lorna Fernandez, alumna, Dept

of Zoology 1994-1997 batch, **President**, Ms. Amala Antony, alumna, Dept. of Physics 1994-1997 batch, **Secretary** and Ms. Indu Kanan, alumna, Dept of Rehabilitation Science 2001-2006 batch, **Treasurer**.

Bidding Adieu

Rev. Sr. Dr. Lilly Varghese's teaching experience of about thirty-one years has been rightfully accomplished at several institutions: three years at Holy Cross Junior College, Hyderabad, and seventeen years as Headmistress at various schools in Tamil Nadu - Villupuram, Tiruchirappalli Fort, Goldenrock, and Cantonment. Her passion for learning has led her towards the completion of both M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Biotechnology during the years 2005 and 2011 respectively. It is astounding to think that a remarkable period of about eleven years has been spent by her at this glorious institution towards its overall development and betterment when it seems that it was just yesterday that she entered the campus with her dedicated will and enlightened vision.

Dr. Maria Eugenie Pia, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Physics and alumna of the Department of Physics has been one among the most charismatic and robust icons of this prestigious institution. She has 36 years of meritorious service. She held many eminent and revered positions, such as the posts of the Vice Principal during the years 2000-2003, the Dean of Science during the years 2003-2006, the co-coordinator of IQAC from 2011-2015 and the Head of the Department of Physics (twice) during the years 2007-2009 and from 2015-2018 which added colors to her assiduous skills of effective management.

Dr. K. Raji, Associate Professor and former Head of the Department of Physics, whose service is commendable in its own right for it brings to harbor the academic voyage of the ship of dedication which had set sail some thirty — four years ago with the sole intent of reaching the paradise of perfection. Dr. K. Raji

is a person of simplicity, serenity, and strength. Dr. Raji was also the Fine Arts Co-ordinator who brought great laurels to the institution.

Dr.Kanagala Uma, Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Science was a dedicated professor. After a lifetime of teaching and mentoring in the PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, spanning close to 35 years, one might recall her memories fondly as a person who was loved by her students and colleagues. Dr. Kanagala Uma was known for her sincerity and organizational skills.

Ms. Maimoona Begum, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Chemistry was an alumna of the Department of Chemistry. The distinguished and dedicated service of Ms. Maimoona Begum for a span of more than thirty five years in this prestigious institution has brilliantly furnished the nurturing of young minds into scholarly networks of intellect. The college and her department will never forget her distinctive disciplined framework during her all time dedicated service at the workplace.

Dr.Noreen Antony, Associate Professor of Chemistry was also an alumna of the Department of Chemistry. Her phenomenal expertise in Chemistry has also allowed her to shoulder the huge responsibility of being a staff representative of the STAR College Scheme for 10 years and a core committee member of FIST implementation scheme for 6 years. Dr. Noreen Antony was the Core Committee Member for the Alumnae Association from 2008-2016 and the Co-ordinator from 2017-2018. She has contributed towards many academic frontiers like the NAAC parameters, the IQAC Committee, and many technical committees for international and national seminars.

**May God Bless Them With
A Peaceful And A Happy Retired Life.**

Marital Counselling

A marital counselling session was organized for third year UG Students on 7th and 12th September 2017, Dr. Kingsley Jebakumar and Dr. Ranjani Jebakumar were the chief guests. Dr. Ranjani Jebakumar spoke on how to be mature in handling relationships and shared her own life experiences. She also explained about menstrual cycle, female reproductive system and biological changes occurring in women. She also clarified the doubts of the students.

Dr. Jebakumar spoke on 10 steps to lead a happy and healthy life. He also mentioned many Gandhian quotes and explained their importance in the life of students. He also shared important points on how to lead a successful life. Students actively participated in the complete sessions followed by active questioning and fun way of discussion on their future marriage life.

Obituary

Dr. Rev. Sr. Dona

(7/12/1926-6/10/2018)



Dr. Rev. Sr. Dona was Founder of the Department of Zoology in the year 1960. She served as the Head of the Department for 25 years, from 1960 to 1985 and started the PG course in 1973. She served as the Principal of our college from 1969 to 1975. Each and every stone in the department would say her name.

The museum, the UG & PG laboratories and library are all witness to her sincere and dedicated hard work. Her concern and love for fellow people needs a special mention. She was a strict disciplinarian and always strived for perfection and encouraged

the same spirit in her colleagues. She was a pillar of patience and strongly believed that there is goodness in and around her. She was a wonderful person who will be missed. May her soul rest peacefully in Christ.

Rev. Sr. Genevieve Mani
(27/12/1934-09/11/2018)



The Department of English fondly remembers Rev. Sr. Genevieve Mani for her excellence in teaching skills and love showered upon everyone in the portals of Holy Cross. From 1962- 65 Rev. Sr. Genevieve Mani served as a Lecturer in the Department of English, Holy Cross College Trichy. From 1974-77 Rev. Sr. Genevieve Mani served as Professor and Head of the Department of English at Holy Cross College, Trichy. From 1977 – 83 she was the Provincial Superior of the Province of Tiruchirappalli. Sister was a symbol of sincerity, simplicity, kindness and generosity. She touched and inspired everyone with her religious zeal for Jesus. She will be remembered tenderly and we pray that her soul rests in peace in the arms of the Almighty.

Article by Alumnae

Learnt

Shakespeare, Milton, Spenser,
Chaucer, Donne and Wordsworth
Poems, prose and stories
Isn't all I learnt.

Bronte, Austen, Angelou,
Elliot, Dickinson and Plath
Are truly included
With the few I know.

What I learnt in those classrooms?

What I learnt in those corridors?

What I learnt in the halls?

What I learnt in the ground?

Is to shine

Is to rise

Is to share

Is to help

And to grow.

What I really learnt?

In those five years I spent

Walking around those buildings

When you ask me,

“What did you truly learn?”

“In short,

Live more as a Human”,

I said.

By

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2013-2018 batch.

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