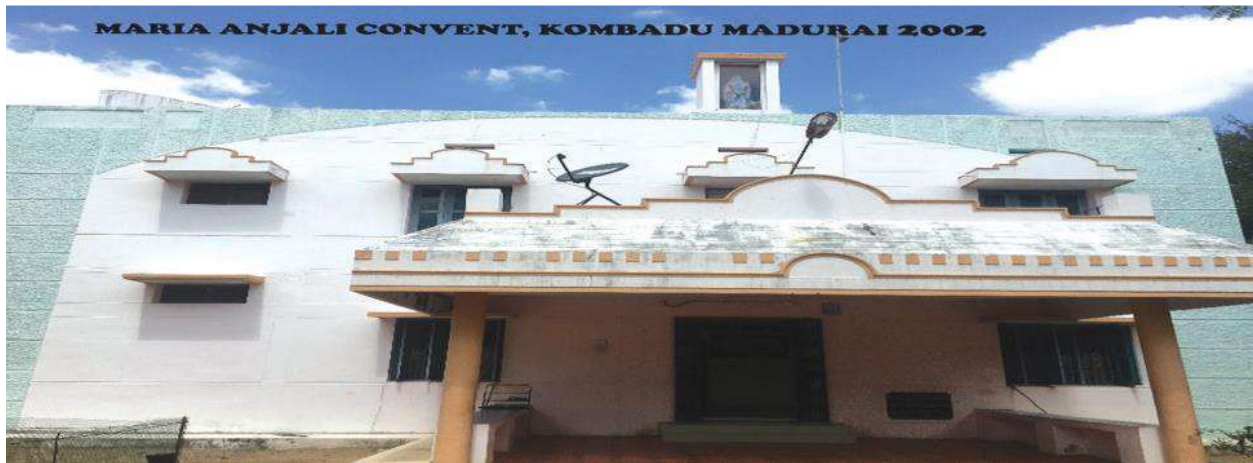


MARIA ANJALI CONVENT, KOMBADI MADURAI, TAMILNADU – 24th MAY 1999

The Providence of God very vivid in calling us the Sisters of St. Ann to serve the poor and needy of the locality of Kombadi Madurai at the invitation of Rt.Rev.Bishop Edward Francis of the Diocese of Sivagangai on 24th May 1999.

Superior General Mother Franceschina Milanesio, responded generously to the invitation given by the Bishop and gave her immediate consent to the Provincial Superior Sr. Mildred Thambusamy to set up the new venture considering the invitation as an opportunity to continue the work and dreams of our Founders in serving the poor.



The **Community of Maria Anjali Convent** was born on 24th of May 1999 on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians in the presence of His Lordship Edward Francis, the Provincial Superior Sr. Mildred Thambusamy, few sisters and Parishioners. A meaningful prayer service was conducted where His Lordship garlanded the statue of our Lady asking her protection and guidance for the sisters. After the prayer service Sr.Mildred Thambusamy the Provincial Superior gave a brief history of our Congregation and then introduced the three pioneer sisters namely Sr.Anselma (Sister-in-charge), Sr.Nambikkai Rayappan and Sr.Angel Mary to the people gathered for the inauguration. His Lordship asked the Sisters to take up pastoral work in the Parish and sub-stations, health centre and teaching in the Diocesan primary school. The presence of this vision has been realised through the instrumentality of persons to whom we owe our gratitude namely Sr. Mildred Thambusamy our Provincial Superior. Fr.Augustine was the parish priest of Salaigramam and Kombadi Madurai was the Sub-station. Sisters lived in the

Sacristy attached with one room and toilet. In June 1999 Kombadi Madurai became the Parish and Fr.Lawrence was the first parish priest and Fr.Chinnappa was the Assistant Parish Priest.

God out of bounty blessed the Community with the new convent building on 22nd May 2002 blessed by Rt. Rev. S. Edward Francis, Bishop of Sivagangai and inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Mildred Thambusamy, Provincial Superior after the Eucharistic celebration. Now we are three sisters Srs. Sathya, Pasteena and Kiruba in Kombadi Madurai. One Sister is teaching in the Primary school, one sister is in the health centre and one sister completely devoted for the pastoral work. We are in the remotest village of Tamil Nadu living amidst the people who are very simple and they collaborate well and are ever ready to help us in our need. Here village apostolate is our main ministry. Amidst the difficulties with cheerful heart we go forward in our mission trusting in the Providence of God.

