

**ST. ANN'S CONVENT, MAMBAKKAM,
CHENGALPATTU,
TAMILNADU – 14th JUNE 1976**



“SERVING CHRIST BY SERVING OTHERS”

There was a great vision in Rev.Fr.T.J.George the parish priest of Mambakkam who thought of inviting the Sisters of St. Ann of Providence to start a new mission. Fr. T. J. George met Sr. Severine the Superior of Chengalpattu Community and requested to send the sisters. The sisters felt that this is the work of the Holy Spirit to begin the mission at Mambakkam. Two sisters namely Sr. Cordelia and Sr. Elsie with zeal and enthusiasm were willing to go to Mambakkam at weekends and started their mission in the year 1975. Though there was no proper transport facilities but still with great missionary zeal the sisters went forward to serve the remotest village of Mambakkam. Their true spirit led them to move with the people, in praying, caring, loving, serving, visiting the sick, meeting their daily basic needs, educating on cleanliness and hygiene and inculcating the Christian values in them.

A new day dawned for the mission of Mambakkam on 14th June 1976. The new Convent was inaugurated by the most Rt.Rev. Arulappa the Arch Bishop of Madras Mylapore along with the Parish priest Fr. T.J. George, the Provincial Superior Sr. Neonilde, sisters from Chengalpattu and many other priests, sisters

and laity were present for the inaugural function. Sr. Carmel, Sr. Severine and Sr. Timothy were the pioneers. The pioneers vigorously began their apostolic work in Mambakkam and surrounding villages.

Rev. Mother General Sr. Clelia Berrone accompanied by Sr. Elizabetta arrived on 21st October 1976 for a canonical visit. Mother advised the sisters to build a dispensary to render healing ministry. The progress and success of the healing ministry is seen not only in Mambakkam but also in the 20 neighbouring villages.

The Sisters are involved in Social service, Education ministry and Healing ministry. Through social service the sisters carry out the service of visiting the families, giving counselling, listening and praying for their various problems and bonding the broken families. The sisters are passionately interested in educating the little ones and youth, especially the less privileged ones. The seed that was sown by the pioneer's sisters, tendered and nurtured by the successors has grown fruitfully.

