

**MARIALAYA – ST. ANN’S CONVENT, MANASSERY,  
KOCHIN, KERALA – 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1999.**

***Christ calls every believer to be his ambassador of Good News***

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole Church. To share in this great task to be heralds of the good news and to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ, Sr. Mildred Thambusamy the Provincial Superior of South Province in the year 1999 took the initiative to start a small Community in Manassery to undertake Pastoral Ministry with the consent from Mother General Sr. Franceschina Milanesio approached Rt.Rev.Dr.Peter Chenaparambil, Bishop of Alleppey who welcomed our Sisters with great joy. The Community was established on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1999 in a small house given by the Bishop. Three Sisters formed the Community and Sr. Jacintha Mundadan was the first Sister-in-charge.

The Sisters fully engaged in the Parish Pastoral activities – conducting BCC prayer meetings, teaching Catechism, Pious associations etc..., the Sisters also were engaged in taking tuition to the backward students in the parish. The Sisters totally depend on the Province for their maintenance as they do not have any source of income. The Sisters offer generous services to the people of God without counting the cost.

As the building where the Sisters were residing was in a dilapidated state the then Provincial Superior Sr. Mildred Thambusamy purchased 13 Cents of land adjacent to the Convent and built a new Convent building and a small Kindergarten with four class rooms for which the foundation stone was laid and blessed by Rt.Rev.Dr.Peter Chenaparambil, Bishop of Alleppey on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2001 and the newly erected Convent was blessed by Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Athipozhiyil and was inaugurated by Sr. Mildred Thambusamy the Provincial Superior on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2002.



The few students who were coming to the Kindergarten also stopped coming to school as the Parish school started parallel English medium school giving free education, this situation made to wound up the Kindergarten and engage totally in the Parish pastoral activities.