

## **ST. ANN'S CONVENT, NERUR, KARUR, TAMILNADU – 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 1995**

Rt. Rev. Dr. Ambrose the Bishop of Coimbatore invited our sisters to establish the Convent in Nerur. Mother Franceschina Milanese gave the permission to start the Convent in Nerur. Sr. Martin the then Provincial Superior took the initiative to establish the Community there. Sr. Donata Medabalini took charge as the first superior of the house.

St. Mary's Elementary a Diocesan School was started in the year 1948. The lay teachers were in charge of the School. They were interested in earning their income by selling the snacks for students and were not interested in educating the poor students of that locality. So Bishop Ambrose the then Bishop of the Diocese of Coimbatore wrote a letter to Sr. Martin the Provincial Superior asking for good and well trained sisters to teach and take care of the villages to improve the culture of the people of Nerur. So Sisters were sent on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1995. Sr. Mercy Sebastian was the first Head Mistress of the School. With the help of the benefactors, new class rooms were built. The School is well known in Karur district.

The support and encouragement of all the Provincials are remarkable and a great help for the development of the Diocesan School's growth and activities; such as introducing the uniforms, creative programs, learning to respect others in the society, having great devotion to Infant Jesus even the Hindu children are the witness of His miracles.

In the year 1996 the Sisters started St. Ann's Health Centre in a small room. As many patients were increasing, in the year 2005 a new Health Centre was built by the Province. Sister Nurses were posted and attending the patients regularly. Now 5 days in a week without fail sisters are going for mobile clinic and most of the times they are attending the patients in their homes and giving medication. St. Ann's health care centre takes care of very poor and needy patients. This is the first centre registered in the Province under Health Care Centre in Karur district.

Sisters are taking care of all the pious activities in the parish Church. Conducting BCC meetings for the parishioners, taking Catechism classes for the children, visiting the families and take care of the needy people.