

ST.ANN'S PROVINCIALATE, MELAMIYUR, CHENGALPATTU, TAMILNADU - 24th MARCH 2004.



The new Provincialate house of the newly erected Southern Province was established on 24th March 2004. It was the initiative taken by Sr. Mildred the Provincial and her team to have a separate house for the Provincialate. It was realized in her second term of office. In view of realizing the Vision and Mission of our Foundational Charism, on the 11th February 2003, the foundation stone was laid for the same and completed in 2004. Mother Franceschina Milanesio was pleased very much with the Provincial and her team. We are happy to say that the building “Divya Jyothi” was blessed by the new Bishop of Chengalpattu, Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Neethinadhan. Sr. Mildred, the then Provincial Superior, Sr.Nambikkai Rayappan, the Superior of the newly erected community with Sr.Sagaya Cruz, Sr.Donata Medabalini, Sr.Sunitha and Sr.Deepa formed a new community pledging to bear witness to the values of Christ, living the Apostolic Spirit following the vibrations of prayer to the whole Province. There were always some Sisters set apart for the youth Ministry, Catechism, Family visit and rectifications of marriages, preparing the children for the First Holy Communion.

In the year 2005 a kindergarten school was started in the existing small shed. Sr.Mary Preshy was the first teacher in the Kindergarten school. In 2006-2007 the main school building was constructed with spacious class rooms. On 7th September 2008 “Madonna Villa” St. Ann’s Home for the elderly sisters of our Province opened. It was blessed by Rt.Rev.Neethinathan (Bishop of Chengalpattu) and Inaugurated by Sr.Mildred.

Due to the lack of land or space for the school 3 Acres of land was purchased adjacent to the Provincialate campus. In the year 2011 the School Hall and extra class rooms were constructed. In the year 2009 1st June Sr.Mildred completed her term of office as Provincial Superior and Sr.Marietta D’Mello become the Provincial Superior of the South Province. Sr. Mercy Sebastian took charge as the Animator of the community. Mother Ernestine Fernandes made her Canonical visit to the Province of Divine Providence in the year 2011. It was a moment of spiritual awakening and fostering strength of communion and fraternity.

Sr. Marietta D'Mello who completed her term of office as Provincial Superior on 19th December 2014. The province is indebted to her selfless service and the councilors for their timeless service and support, accompanying Sisters in all walks of life.

On 2nd January 2015 Rev.Sr.Theresa Cherian assumed her responsibility as Provincial Superior of South Province. Under the dynamic leadership of Rev.Sr.Theresa Cheiran, the Provincial Superior, Sr.Mercy Sebastine, the Animator of the Community carried on their apostolate and mission with joyful hearts.

On 20th October 2016 Mother Francesca Sarcia the Superior General and Sr.Marcia Lobo the General Secretary arrived at St.Ann's Provincialate, Melamiyur for the Canonical visit. It lasted for three months. Our beloved Mother Francesca Sarcia brought down the blessings of God from above.

Under the presidency of Rev.Sr.Theresa Cherian, the Provincial Superior of Divine Providence, the inter Province Youth fest 2019 was celebrated on 26th and 27th Oct, at St.Ann's Matric. Hr. Sec. School Campus, Melamiyur.

The St.Ann's Matric.Hr.Sec.School new building along with St. Ann's Grotto were blessed and inaugurated by Rt.Rev.Dr.Neethinathan, the Bishop of Chengalpattu.

The milestone reached by the Province during the tenure of Sr. Theresa Cherian as the Provincial Superior was the IV Provincial Chapter held from 28th December 2019- 3rd January 2020.

On 5th June Sr.Nambikai Kithari took charge of the Province as Provincial Superior, along with her Councillors Sr.Ursula Saminini,Sr.Leelama Antony, Sr.Helan Mary Sebastian and Sr.Anitta Francis. Sr.Stella the Animator and Five other Sisters involve actively in the School, Parish ,Sub – Stations rendering their services.The poor are always welcomed and given material, spiritual help and support. The slow learners from the vicinity of our convent are taken care of in the evening, offering free tuition and to improve their three 'R's. The unique characteristic of today's life is an increase in the realization to live a simple and sober life and reach out to the poor of our locality, to alleviate their suffering and pain. The sisters are keen in identifying the poverty stricken families, the elders who are left uncared, the orphans and reach out to them.

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