

ST.ANN'S JUNIORATE, MANGADU, CHENNAI, TAMILNADU - 12th SEPTEMBER 2004.



The Community of St. Ann's Juniorate, Mangadu, Chennai District, Tamil Nadu, Province of Divine Providence, Southern India, was Established on the 12th September 2004. St. Ann's Juniorate, Mangadu is situated in a suburban area of Chennai. It's a poor man's abode. Poonamallae and Kundrathur are the nearest towns and are the haven of various Congregations' Generalate, Provincialates, Novitiates, Seminaries, Parish churches, Schools and Hospitals run by men and women religious. Hence ample spiritual benefits are profited.

At start of the third millennium, our Southern Province was in need of a location to have our Juniorate. After a long deliberation, prayers and discernment, Sr. Mildred the then Provincial Superior and her council with the approval of Mother Franceschina Milanese and her council decided to have the seat of formation for juniors at Mangadu. With much difficulty and with the great help of

Mr. Lourdu Swami, the required land was purchased in 2002. At the earliest the Juniorate building was on the process of construction. It is situated in the diocese of Chengalpattu.

Meanwhile the junior's course of study for the year 2004 and 2005 was started in one part of the St. Ann's Novitiate, Eluru decided by the Provincial Team. The Juniorate community consisted of Sr. Florence Pudota, the sister in charge, Sr. Valsa Alex, the junior mistress and Sr. Francis Marie a community member with the thirteen juniors. The first term of the Juniorate was commenced on the 5th of June 2004 with the Holy Mass solemnised by Fr. Mathew OFM cap in Eluru.

On 4th November 2004 the Juniorate community was shifted from Eluru to Mangadu. Indeed the 5th November 2004 was a benevolent day in the chronicles of St. Ann's Juniorate Mangadu. It's all because St. Ann's Juniorate Mangadu was established on that auspicious day. Then onwards the formative course for juniors continued. Along with all the classes attended during the year, the tertians were sent forth to the mission. On Sundays they were taking catechism in 'Our lady of Snow' parish, Ayyappanthangal and 'Immaculate conception' parish Sivanthangal.

During the week days, in the evenings we go for the house visiting, and taking tuition to the deserving children of our locality and also to the poor children in Becchi house belonging to Salesians. We formed fifteen batches of full-fledged tertians that passed out victoriously through the portals of St. Ann's Juniorate Mangadu so far. Lo! According to the signs of the time, there arose a "U" turn in the Juniorate formation in the year 2020. The Juniorate phase was shifted to 5th to the 6th year of Profession. This was a matter of concern for the South Province. The Provincial team was in dilemma whether to have the house for formation or for some other relevant apostolate. At that acute juncture, Our General council prompted by the Holy Spirit sanctioned the approval to erect the third seat of inter province novitiate at Mangadu. In 2019 Amala Deepam community Mangadu consists of 4 professed Sisters, 4 second years, and (6+6) 12 first year novices belonging to the Eastern and Southern Provinces. The happy event of the entrance to the novitiate was celebrated privately on the 25th April 2019 in our chapel. Rev. Fr. Bosco Mowdsly SMA solemnised the Holy Mass.



At present it's a common house for Tertiaries of all five Provinces with Sr.Ursula as Animator , Sr.Raji as Mistress and Sr.Pushpa Kumari Assistant Mistress.

