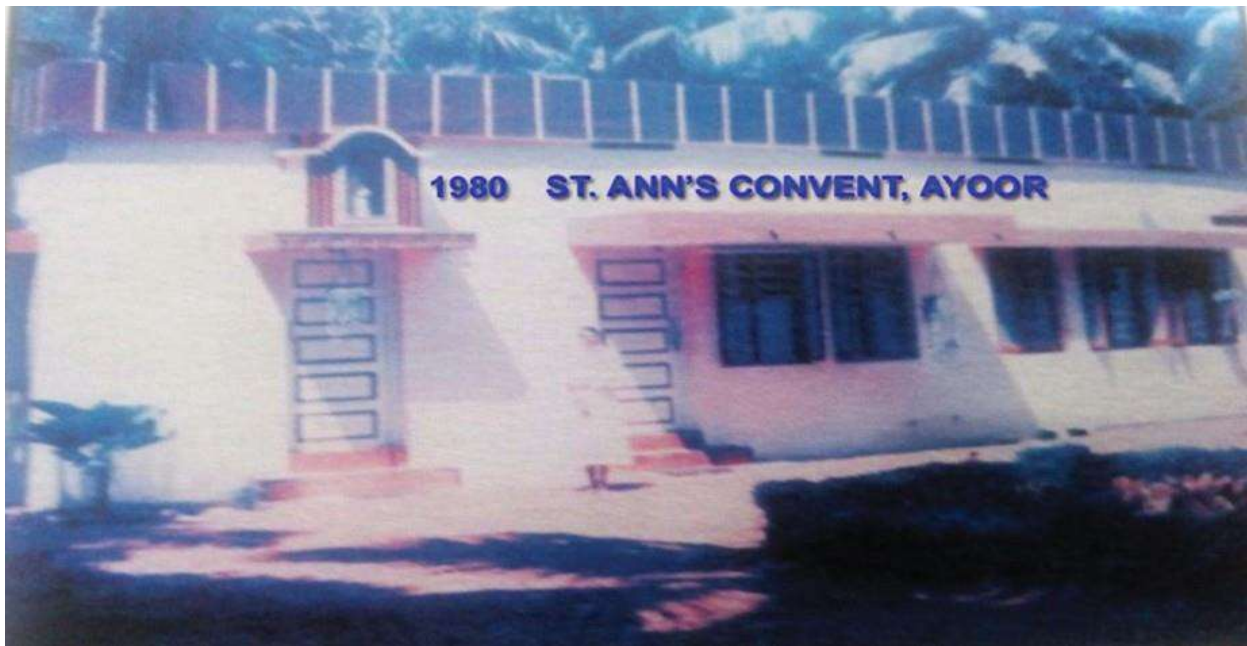


## **ST. ANN'S CONVENT, AYOOR, KOLLAM DISTRICT, KERALA – 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 1980**



The Providence of God inspired the late Bishop of Quilon Rt.Rev.Dr.Jerome Fernandez to invite the Sisters of St. Ann to work in the Diocese of Quilon. The then Mother General Madre.M.Clelia Berrone and Provincial Superior Sr.Euphrasina and their councillors accepted this invitation and decided to open a Convent at Ayoor. Sr.Metilde, Sr.Romana, and Sr.Frances Marie, were chosen to be the pioneers of the Community. They reached here on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1980. Rev.Fr.Harry D' Souza the Parish Priest of St.George Church, Ayoor, welcomed our Sisters warmly.

Sr. Romana began a play school with five little kids in the Convent parlor. Gradually the number of children increased. The great mission of mid- day meal programme was introduced for the poor with the foreign aid. All the poor families under our care in all the parishes and sub-stations benefited from this programme. Another great mission of Mother and Child health care programme also was started, this was a great help to the poor mothers and the children with the nourishing food which could improve their health conditions.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1985 St. Ann's School was officially inaugurated with LKG, UKG and I standard. The teachers in-charge were Sr.Assumptina first standard with nine pupils, Sr.Romana in UKG with 21 pupils and Sr.Jessy Kurian in LKG with 23 pupils. The foundation stone of the St. Ann's Primary school was laid on

21<sup>st</sup> February 1986. On 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 the new school building was inaugurated by the Provincial Superior Rev.Sr.MildredThumbusamy.



Frances Marie was teaching in the Aided diocesan school (St. George UPS Ayoor) Besides that other three sisters were involved in the pastoral and mission activities Such as: teaching Catechism, preparing adult Baptism, preparation for marriages, receiving sacraments and visiting houses. Sisters were also helping in the neighboring villages namely; Umanoor, Vappalamalaperoor, Valakom, Alayamon, Kulathupuzha, Eram and Ayilara.

The Convent and School are well established. The school building was renovated with sufficient class rooms and good structure. It was inaugurated on 6th February 2017. There is a good progress in the strength of the students year by year. Now we assist in the mission stations: Valakom, Umanoor and Vappala. We also involve ourselves in teaching catechism, attending B.C.C prayer units and visiting houses.