

Bethany Flame

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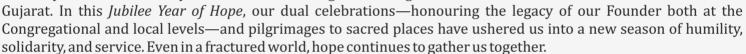
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Message

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear." - Pope Francis

Inspired by Pope Francis' stirring invitation—"Wake up the world. Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting and living. It's possible"—we are summoned to respond with courage and compassion. In this new academic year of 2025–2026, let us not wait for a distant tomorrow. Let us walk now with the excluded, think alongside the poor, and pray with the broken-hearted. The time for action is now.

Pope Francis—a light in our times, a man without borders, a shepherd of surprises, a prophetic voice for the forgotten, and a tireless advocate of ecological harmony—continues to inspire those of us working at the margins in Karnataka and



With the election of Pope Leo XIV, we step forward with renewed missionary zeal. In him, we encounter Peter once again. In him, we are called to begin anew. Mary's enduring counsel—"Do whatever he tells you"—beckons us to listen attentively and respond faithfully. As the second Pope in succession to come from a Religious Order, Pope Leo XIV brings a rich tapestry of experience—an American missionary who served in Peru—guiding us toward a revitalized apostolic path.

Under his leadership, our communities are called to become true sanctuaries—places where the least are cherished, colleagues become companions, and society is transformed: into homes that are safe, marriages that are stable, media that is trustworthy, and futures that are secure. This is the mission that truly matters.

"Without fear," Pope Prevost reminded us—not once, but twice. So let us journey forward with hearts wide open and eyes fixed on hope. In such a spirit, disappointment fades and everything begins to blossom.



Sr M. Lilly Pereira BSProvincial Superior

With heartfelt joy, we present to you a new chapter of the *Bethany Flame* for the year 2025–2026—a testament to your luminous witness to HOPE. Rooted in the bold beginnings you embraced during the sacred Year of Jubilee, this issue gently unfolds the many ways hope has continued to blossom—reflected vividly in the faces and lives of those you have touched along the way.

To all our contributors, I extend my deepest gratitude and admiration. Your offerings—rich in insight and steeped in sincerity—have rendered this edition both meaningful and memorable. Each reflection, like a vibrant petal, adds depth and beauty, creating a meditative mosaic of the year's moments and milestones.

May this *Flame* not only illuminate your path but also reflect the radiance of your presence wherever life calls you. Let it stand as a timely reminder of the enduring significance of the Jubilee Year—and of our shared calling to live each day anchored in HOPE.

Sr Jessy Rita BS

Chosen and Called to Ignite the Hope of Christ

After completing two years of Novitiate Formation and with deep spiritual discernment, we—Sr Renisha Menezes, Sr Chandrika, and Sr Sofiya Rodrigues—joyfully embraced consecrated life in Bethany, committing ourselves to ignite God's hope in the world. On April 22, 2025, a momentous day during this Jubilee year, we were espoused to Jesus, our Eternal Bridegroom, entering into a sacred covenant with Him. Rev. Fr Joseph Martis, the parish priest of Derebail, presided over the Eucharistic celebration, delivering a homily that deeply inspired us to radiate joy and hope as religious women. Fr Roshan OP concelebrated and prayed for us, as did our parents and the faithful gathered, surrounding us with love and support. Our vows were received by Sr Lilly Pereira, Provincial Superior of Mangalore Province, marking a profound sense of belonging

to Christ. As we received the rule book and crucifix, our hearts overflowed with joy, culminating in a hymn of praise to Mother Mary at her grotto. A short felicitation followed, where the Provincial Superior congratulated us and expressed gratitude to our families. We remain deeply thankful to our Superior General Sr Rose Celine and her councillors for their constant prayers and guidance, and to our Provincial Superior and her team for their unwavering support. Special thanks go to Sr Sonia, our Directress, along with Sr Lilitta and Sr Savitha, for their dedicated accompaniment throughout our spiritual journey.

Moments of

Spiritual Enrichment

Sr Renisha, Sr Chandrika and Sr SofiyaNewly Professed
Rosa Mystica

With hearts ablaze with longing for God, we—the 11 novices of Rosa Mystica Novitiate—entered deeply into the ocean of His tender, unconditional, and liberating love during our eight-day retreat from April 2 to 10, 2025, in preparation for our First Commitment on April 22. Guided by Rev. Fr Jeevan Tauro OCD, we were led to a profound encounter with God's grace, growing ever more captivated by His love. Immersed in prayer through adoration, meditation, and the Eucharistic celebration, we experienced a deepening relationship with Jesus, our Beloved Spouse. Inspired by our second patroness, St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, we embraced her spirit of trust, simplicity, and total surrender, shaping our journey of renunciation and consecration. These sacred days helped us grasp the beauty and weight of our upcoming vows and stirred within us a renewed devotion to Mary, our Mother, seeking her intercession to remain chaste and wholly dedicated to her Son. On the final day, we offered our gratitude through the Eucharist, strengthened by the call to live for Christ and serve Him in all we do, trusting that He will always be by our side. As we move forward with joyful hope, we extend heartfelt thanks to Sr Rose Celine BS, our Superior General, her Councillors, the Provincial Superiors and their teams, and especially to Sr Sonia Dias, our Directress, along with Sr Lilitta and Sr Savitha, for their unwavering support, prayers, and encouragement throughout our spiritual journey.

Sofiya, Chandrika and Renisha 2nd year novices Rosa Mystica Novitiate, Kinnikambla

Renewing our Consecrated Yows a Journey of Love and Fidelity

Inspired by Pope Francis' words that those totally consecrated to God are also wholly given to their brethren to bear Christ's light where darkness prevails, we, the six Junior Sisters from the Mangalore and Guwahati Provinces, entered into a grace-filled three-day recollection at Bethany Provincialate, Vamanjur. Each day began with a moment of prayer, setting a contemplative tone for the enriching sessions. On the first day, Sr Dona guided us through the theme of 'Consecrated Chastity and Evangelical Poverty,' deepening our intimacy with Jesus and reaffirming our trust in Him, especially amid



uncertainty. Sr Sonia Dias led the second day's reflection

on the 'Holy Eucharist and the Word of God,' which awakened in us a fervent love for Scripture and the Eucharistic celebration. The final day, led by Sr Anita Stephen, focused on 'Seeking God's Will and Joyful Community Living,' encouraging us to embrace inner freedom, trust in divine providence, and become bridges of peace and joy in our communities. These days of introspection renewed our commitment and strengthened our resolve to follow Christ more radically. The powerful evening adorations, conducted by Sr Shalet Dsouza, drew us into a deeper love for Jesus, challenging us to imitate the apostolic zeal of St Peter. Culminating on April 16, 2025, we joyfully renewed our vows during a solemn Eucharistic celebration, with Sr Lilly Pereira, Provincial Superior of Mangalore Province, receiving our vows, and Fr Prakash D'Souza, Director of SJEC, offering prayers alongside the community. The day concluded with heartfelt felicitations, making it a truly unforgettable and grace-filled experience.

> Sr Amitha Dsouza BS and Sr Selita Dsouza BS Mangalore Province



SR LILLY GONSALVES Golden Jubilarian



SR LYDIA



SR NANDITHA



SR FLAVIA WILMA



SR JESSY PREEMA





SR SHANTI PRAMILA



SR JYOTHIKA

SR MARIA SUNITHA SR LOLITA PEREIRA

Twin Jubilee Celebration

Bethany Convent, Badyar

On March 23, 2025, the Sisters of Bethany Convent, Badyar, together with the Bethany Lay Associates (BLA), joyfully celebrated the twin jubilee of their founder, SD RFC Mascarenhas, at St Raphael Church, Badyar. The celebration began at 8:00 AM with a grand procession, followed by a solemn Eucharistic celebration led by Fr Roshan Crasta, the Parish Priest, and Fr Jossy Lobo, a parishioner. Sr Janet Rego introduced the Mass, while the liturgy and offertory were meaningfully animated by the Sisters and BLA members. The event concluded with the distribution of cake to all parishioners, symbolizing gratitude and festive joy.

Sr Janet Rego

Bethany Convent, Badyar



Mary Queen Convent, Karkal



On March 9, 2025, the Sisters of Mary Queen Convent, Karkal, together with the BLA members, joyfully celebrated the Twin Jubilee of their beloved Founder, SD RFC Mascarenhas, commemorating his 150th birth anniversary and the 125th anniversary of his priestly ordination. The event, marked by deep devotion and communal joy, brought together clergy, parishioners, and well-wishers for a solemn Thanksgiving Mass led by Rev. Fr Clement Mascarenhas, who reflected on the Founder's unwavering faith and tireless service to the Church and society. In honour of his legacy of compassion and service, the Sisters also organized a humanitarian outreach, distributing essential provisions to 22 underprivileged families in the parish. This spiritually enriching celebration not only paid tribute to a

visionary pastor but also renewed the community's commitment to living out his values of faith, love, and selfless service.

Sr M Paulette BS

Maryvale Convent, Kinnigoli

The Grand Twin Jubilee celebration of the Servant of God Raymond Mascarenhas was held on March 2, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Church, Kinnigoli, with the Holy Eucharist solemnly presided over by Parish Priest Fr Joachim Fernandes. The celebration saw the joyful participation of parishioners, priests, Sisters, candidates, and members of the Bethany Lay Association. The Mass, which began at 7:00 AM, featured a well-animated liturgy and uplifting choir led by the Sisters of the Maryvale Community. Spiritually nourished through the Eucharist, participants received a register of the

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Mary Queen Convent, Karkal

Founder and shared in the joy of the occasion with cake. The event was marked by enthusiasm and heartfelt devotion, honouring the enduring spirit of Fr Raymond Mascarenhas and the growing mission of Bethany

Mother of Mercy Convent, Kirem

On January 19, 2025, the Twin Jubilee of Servant of God Raymond FC Mascarenhas was joyfully celebrated at Our Lady of Remedies Church, Kirem, with active participation from Bethany Lay Associates (BLA), parishioners, and clergy. The Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Rev. Fr George Crasta SVD and enriched by the well-prepared liturgy led by the Bethany Sisters and BLA members, featured an inspiring homily by Rev. Fr Alban D'Silva, highlighting the Founder's vision and lasting contributions to the Diocese of Mangalore. Following Mass, snacks sponsored by the BLA were distributed, and a lively gettogether was held at Mother of Mercy Convent, where Sr Grace da BS warmly welcomed guests, including two new BLA



members. Sr Hazel BS led a heartfelt prayer service and engaging games, adding joy to the occasion. In his address, Rev. Fr Oswald Monteiro expressed profound gratitude for the Bethany Sisters' 54 years of dedicated service to the Kirem community. The day concluded with a vote of thanks by Sr Diana BS, a final prayer, and a shared meal, all fostering a deep spirit of unity, gratitude, and renewed commitment to the mission of SD RFC Mascarenhas.

Sr Hazel BS

Mother of Mercy Convent, Kirem

Bethel Convent, Permannur



On March 2, 2025, the Sisters of Bethel Convent, in collaboration with the Bethel Lay Associates (BLA), joyfully celebrated the Twin Jubilee of their beloved Founder at St Sebastian Church, Permannur. The celebration began with a time of Adoration led by Parish Priest Rev. Fr Cyprian Pinto, who also presided over the Holy Eucharist, during which special prayers were offered for the Beatification of the Founder. A brief yet impactful introduction highlighted his inspiring life and mission, inviting the faithful to reflect on his enduring legacy. The liturgy, reverently animated by the Sisters and BLA members, created a prayerful atmosphere of unity and devotion. After the Mass, cake and juice were shared

as a gesture of fellowship, and the Founder's photo was garlanded with

deep love and reverence, offering a heartfelt tribute to his holy and selfless life.

Sr Jyothika BSBethel Convent, Permannuru

Shanthi Rani Convent, Siddakatte

On March 23, 2025, the Sisters of Shanthi Rani Convent, Siddakatte, joyfully commemorated the Twin Jubilee of their revered Founder, RFC Mascarenhas, at St Patrick Church, Siddakatte, in a heartfelt celebration uniting parishioners and the Sisters of UFS. Rev. Fr Maurice D'Souza presided over the Holy Mass, offering prayers for the Founder and the Sisters, while the Parish Women's Association marked International Women's Day in conjunction with the jubilee. Mrs Precilla D'Costa delivered a moving introduction, honouring RFC Mascarenhas's vital role, notably in securing the land for the church. The event concluded with the distribution of cake and books about the Founder, sharing his enduring legacy with the community and leaving all inspired by the visionary whose impact continues to resonate deeply.



Sr Reshma Fernandes BS Shanti Rani Convent, Siddakatte

St Raymond Convent, Vamanjur

On February 23, 2025, St. Joseph the Worker Church in Vamanjur, Mangalore, hosted a profound celebration marking the Twin Jubilee of Servant of God Raymond Francis Camillus Mascarenhas, commemorating the 150th anniversary of his birth and 125th anniversary of his priestly ordination. The day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr James D'Souza, with Fr Ashwin Ivan D'Souza concelebrating, and an inspiring introduction by Sr Lavita Moras BS that highlighted Mascarenhas's deep prayer life, devotion to the Eucharist and Mary, missionary zeal, and compassionate heart for the marginalized. In his sermon, Fr James praised



Mascarenhas's enduring legacy as a visionary priest who tirelessly served the Mangalore Diocese, founded the Bethany Congregation in 1921, and drew many through his powerful preaching and profound spirituality. The Mass united clergy, religious, Bethany Lay Associates, and parishioners in heartfelt prayer and thanksgiving, with the Sisters of St Raymond Convent beautifully animating the liturgy. The celebration honoured a remarkable life dedicated to faith, service, and mission, inspiring all present to continue carrying forward his vision.

Gracy Bennis BSSt Raymond Convent, Vamanjur

Genazzano Convent, Taccode



On Sunday, May 11, 2025, the parishioners of Taccode were enriched with the inspiring legacy of our Founder, SD RFC Mascarenhas, during a meaningful thanksgiving Eucharist celebrated by the Sisters and Bethany Lay Associates (BLA) to mark his Twin Jubilee. Parish Priest Rev. Fr Rohan Lobo, the Sisters of Genazzano Convent, and BLA members solemnly garlanded the Founder's portrait displayed at the church entrance, while the BLA led the entire liturgy with reverence and devotion. Following the Mass, breakfast was graciously served to the parish community, and several lay faithful expressed their eagerness to join the Bethany Lay Association in the coming academic year, reflecting a growing commitment to the Founder's mission.

Sr Reena DSouza BS, Superior Genazzano Convent, Taccode



All thanks to God for 100 Years at Lisieux

Rejoicing at the Presence of the Guests at Lisieux @100

BETHANY CONVENT, BHILODA, GUJARAT

A Journey of Faith



We, Sisters Sharmila, Cecilia, and Priya Jovita from Bethany Convent, Bhiloda, Gujarat, embarked on a spiritual pilgrimage to

Doglapur and Kempur in Rajasthan, visiting several vibrant

mission centers of the Pilar Fathers and the priests of the Udaipur Diocese. More than a physical journey, it was a deeply transformative experience that drew us closer to the mission and message of Christ as lived through the selfless service of the missionaries. We visited various churches and religious houses, each radiating simplicity, devotion, and a profound commitment to uplifting the marginalized. Set amidst rural and tribal communities, these mission centers stood as powerful testimonies to the tireless efforts of the priests in spreading the Gospel through education, healthcare, and pastoral care. At every stop, we were graciously welcomed by the local clergy and religious, who shared inspiring stories of faith, struggle, and transformation. Their unwavering trust in God, despite limited resources, left an indelible mark on our hearts, as we witnessed their role as beacons of hope and compassion in remote corners of the region. This pilgrimage was a sacred invitation to reflect more deeply on our own vocation, reignite our commitment to the Gospel, and return with renewed faith and

gratitude for the powerful witnesses of Christ we encountered in Doglapur and Kempur. May their mission continue to thrive, bringing healing and hope to countless lives.

ST RAYMOND CONVENT SISTERS TO CHENNAI

Sr Cecilia D Souza BS Bethany Convent, Bhiloda

In the Jubilee Year 2025, the Sisters of St Raymond Convent, Vamanjur, undertook a sacred pilgrimage to Chennai from the evening of May 10 to the morning of May 13, visiting prominent Christian sites such as St Thomas Mount, Little Mount, and the Santhome Cathedral Basilica—places deeply connected to the life and martyrdom of the Apostle Thomas. The journey also included moments of reflection at Marina Beach and heartfelt prayers at the Annai Velankanni Shrine in Besant Nagar. Concluding their pilgrimage with a visit to VGP World, the Sisters beautifully blended spiritual devotion with communal joy, making the experience both enriching and memorable.

Sr Gracy Bennis BSSt Raymond Vamanjur



ROSA MYSTICA CONVENT - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



On April 26, 2025, the Rosa Mystica Community embarked on a sacred pilgrimage as Pilgrims of Hope, journeying to the holy sites of St Antony Basilica in Doranahalli, St Philomena Church in Mysore, St Mary Basilica in Shivajinagar, and the Infant Jesus Church in Vivek Nagar. At each stop, we entered into prayer, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and opened our hearts to God's abundant grace. More than a physical journey, it was a deeply spiritual experience that renewed our faith, strengthened our unity, and deepened our trust in Divine Providence. Filled with gratitude and hope, we return inspired to carry the light of Christ into the world.

Sr Leena Pereira BS

BETHANY CONVENT, LIMBOI, VADGAM



On April 27, the Sisters of Bethany Convent, Limboi, Vadgam, joyfully undertook a Jubilee Year pilgrimage under the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope,' visiting several churches in the Ahmedabad Diocese. This sacred journey was a profound experience of grace, renewal, and spiritual enrichment, including meaningful stops at Our Lady of Orphans Church in Khambholaj—where we participated in the Holy Eucharist—Divine Mercy Church in Saloon, and churches in Nagra, Anand, Chavdapura, and Khambhat. A particularly grace-filled moment occurred at Sacred Heart Church, Vadtal, where Fr Romualdo led us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, deepening our experience of God's mercy. We concluded with adoration and reflection at Christ the King Church and St Joseph Church in Nadiad, reaffirming our mission to be bearers of hope and witnesses to God's love in today's world.

Sr Smita Chauhan BS Bethany Convent, Limboi, Gujarat

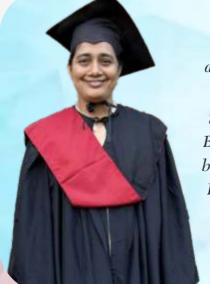
REGINA COELI CONVENT, RANIPURA

We, the Sisters of Regina Coeli Convent, Ranipura, undertook a pilgrimage to Velankanni on May 11th, 2026. It was a profoundly moving experience to be in the presence of Our Blessed Mother. We participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist at both the Basilica and the Morning Star Church. Time spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament allowed us to intercede for numerous intentions. We were deeply inspired by the unwavering faith and devotion of the people toward the Blessed Mother. This pilgrimage greatly enriched our spiritual journey, strengthened our commitment to the Lord, and deepened the bond we share as a community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Provincial Superior for granting us this meaningful opportunity in this Jubilee year.



Sr Usha BS, Superior Regina Coeli Convent, Ranipura

Sr Clara Jyothi BS



achieves First Class distinction in her Post Basic BSc. Nursing, exemplifying commitment and scholastic brilliance.

Sr Clara Jyothi BS proudly celebrates her successful completion of the Post Basic Bachelor of Science (PBBSc) in Nursing, an advanced program offered by Rajiv Gandhi University through Masood College of Nursing, Mangalore. Demonstrating exceptional dedication and academic excellence, she earned First Class honors, marking a significant milestone in her professional journey.

Sr Shalet DSouza BS Mary Vale Convent, Kinnigoli

A TROOPS DAY OUT



On 21 February 2025, Sacred Hearts Higher Primary English Medium School, Kulshekar, hosted a vibrant Scouts-Guides and Cubs-Bulbuls camp, engaging 166 participants in leadership, teamwork, and outdoor skills. The day began with the BGS flag hoisting, a prayer service, and a warm welcome by Riona Sarah Monteiro. Highlights included knottying by Mrs Margaret, a magic show, craft sessions, and an energetic fireless cooking contest. The cultural performances and action songs added excitement and creativity to the event. The day ended with a solemn flaglowering ceremony, marking a memorable experience of learning and unity.

Sr Anita Nathalia BSSacred Hearts Hr Pry Eng. Med. School, Kulshekar

CLUB CLOSING DAY

The Club Closing Event and Talents Day on 19 February 2025 at Sacred Hearts Higher Primary School, Kulshekar, was a vibrant showcase of student achievements and creativity. Gracefully opened with a prayer dance and warm floral welcome, the event featured symbolic club presentations, a moral skit, and lively cultural performances. Headmistress Sr Anitha emphasized the role of extracurriculars in holistic growth. The celebration concluded with a sincere vote of thanks and the National Anthem, evoking pride and unity.





GRADUATION DAY CELEBRATION



The Graduation Day at Sacred Hearts Pre-Primary School on 4 March was a heartwarming celebration of growth and achievement. A grand procession led by the school band set the tone, with rose water blessings symbolizing new beginnings. UKG graduates shared touching reflections, while vibrant performances and a delightful skit by LKG children added joy. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, leaving lasting memories for all.

Sr Hencil DSouza BS, Assistant Teacher Sacred Hearts Pre-Primary School, Kulshekar

INNOVATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW: CBSE NATIONAL LEVEL SCIENCE EXHIBITION





At the CBSE National Science Exhibition held from 30 January to 1 February 2025 at Amity International School, Gurugram, Master Ujwal Kumar and Master Abdul of Bethany School, Kinnikambla, proudly presented their innovative project, *Smart Life Savers*. Aimed at improving emergency response times, their system enables traffic lights to turn green automatically for approaching emergency vehicles. The exhibition, themed *Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future*, showcased their brilliance and the school's dedication to innovation. Their achievement earned admiration and pride from the entire school community. Heartfelt congratulations to the young innovators for their exemplary contribution.

Sr Anitha Tressy BS, Principal Bethany School (CBSE), Kinnikambla

PARENTS DAY CELEBRATION

The Parents' Day celebration at Bethany English Medium Higher Primary School, Mulki, on 27 February 2025 was a joyful tribute to the vital role of parents in a child's growth. The event featured a soulful prayer song, lively cultural performances, and a warm address by Mrs Mable D'Souza, emphasizing parental influence on holistic development. Students dazzled with dances and speeches, while parents enjoyed interactive games and friendly competitions. Awards added excitement, and the day concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks. It was a memorable occasion celebrating unity, gratitude, and the home-school partnership.

Sr Sujata Ekka BS, Assistant teacher Bethany Eng. Med. Hr Pry School, Mulki SUMMER CAMP AT MARYVALE SCHOOL, KINNIGOLI

On March 27, 2025, Maryvale and Bethany Schools, Kilpadi, Mulki, hosted a vibrant one-day summer camp for Scouts, Guides, Cubs, and Bulbuls, beginning with a spirited flag hoisting and motivational message from Sr Maureen. The day featured first aid training, adventurous games, and engaging creative tasks like leaf art, card-making, and lantern crafting. A unifying rally and a lively evening campfire with cultural performances added to the excitement. The camp fostered teamwork, creativity, and joy in a fun-filled environment. It was a memorable day of learning and camaraderie.



VALUE EDUCATION DAY AND FAREWELL FUNCTION



On March 4, 2025, St Raymond School celebrated Value Education Day alongside a touching farewell for Grade VII students, reflecting the theme, 'values are not taught but caught.' The programme showcased students' character growth through vibrant performances and honoured their achievements in Karate, Prathama Sopan, Dwitiya Sopan, and Moral Science. Outgoing students expressed heartfelt gratitude, while teachers shared warm wishes and blessings. Headmistress Sr Lavita inspired them to uphold these values in their future journeys. The event beautifully embodied BES's

commitment to nurturing both intellect and integrity.

Sr Lavita BS, Headmistress

St Raymond Eng. Med. Hr Pry School, Vamanjur

WORLD THINKING DAY

On February 22nd, the Scouts, Guides, Cubs, and Bulbuls of Bethany united to celebrate World Thinking Day 2025, themed 'Our Story,' honoring the founders of the Scouting movement. The event opened with a heartfelt prayer and inspiring reflections on the day's significance, followed by vibrant cultural performances and engaging competitions like fireless cooking and best out of waste. Headmistress Sr Rita Sharal urged students to balance academics with active participation in Scouting activities. A meaningful visit to Mulki Police Station deepened their awareness of community responsibility and social issues. The celebration was a spirited blend of reflection, learning, and fun.



Faith in Action Lisieux Convent's 100 years Legacy

Lisieux Convent's at Puttur commemorated a

century of unwavering faith and devoted

service with a solemn yet jubilant centenary celebration. Established in 1925 by Mgr Raymond Francis Camillus Mascarenhas, the Convent has stood as a steadfast pillar of education, spiritual guidance, and community service. From its humble beginnings, its mission has been anchored in uplifting the

marginalized through faith and learning, and this milestone marked a profound tribute to that enduring vision.

CENTENNIAL

The Thanksgiving Eucharist, a centerpiece of the celebration, was reverently presided over by Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul DSouza, Bishop Emeritus of the Mangalore Diocese, along with 14 concelebrating priests. The event featured cultural performances by students of Bethany and Little Flower Schools, enriching the atmosphere with youthful exuberance. A poignant dance-drama portrayed the life and mission of the Bethany Sisters in Puttur, moving the audience with its depiction of their silent sacrifices and compassionate service.

The gathering drew distinguished guests including Bishop Geevarghese Mar Makarios of the Diocese of Puttur and Mr Lokesh SR,

Block Educational Officer of Puttur Taluk. In heartfelt tributes, Bishop Makarios commended the Sisters' courageous simplicity and enduring commitment to Gospel values, while Mr Balakrishna Kemminje emphasized their quiet heroism in an age overshadowed by materialism. Former Provincial Superiors were honoured for their visionary leadership, and donors were

 $gratefully\ acknowledged.\ The\ celebration\ culminated$

with a stirring message from Sr Rose Celine, reaffirming the Convent's mission to serve with faith, compassion, and purpose—carrying forward a luminous legacy into the future.

Sr Prashanthi BS Lisieux Convent, Puttur