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Director's Message

The month of December is synonymous with Christmas. It was also Christmas time at FCDP. The various groups under FCDP came together to share the love and joy of the season. The most outstanding one was the combined Christmas celebrations of youth and children in collaboration with the youth of Marthoma church and Rotary Club of Quilon.

The month of December was also marked by the beginning of the new channel "Coastal Melodies" in order to encourage and train the music and singing talents in the region. We hope that this channel will emerge as a great platform for those who are interested in the field of music and singing. The month also saw the inauguration of the new project of skill training for the youth which is indeed a Christmas and new year gift as far as the youth are concerned. As we enter this new year, I wish everyone - our benefactors and beneficiaries, well-wishers and collaborators - a very happy, prosperous and God filled New Year 2023! God bless you all!

-Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

Provincial of Salesians of Don Bosco visits FCDP

Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal sdb (Provincial of Salesians of Don Bosco, Bangalore) officially visited FCDP on 12th December 2022. He assessed the activities of the organization. At the function, Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) welcomed the guests. Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) felicitated. The coordinators presented reports of the activities of the various departments of the FCDP family namely the financial and social outreach programs, activities of FCDS, Don Bosco Youth Forum, Don Bosco Children's forum, and of the different projects like We Autos, We Live, etc

During the function, Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal sdb released the Annual Report of 2021-2022. Sr. Mary. K (Asst. Director, TMS) proposed the vote of thanks. After the meeting, the Provincial visited the various Centers like visappinu vida, community health center, Production unit, computer center, etc.



FCDP Youth Choir Bags Prize in Christmas carol singing competition

The newly formed FCDP youth choir made everyone proud by clinching the second prize at the Christmas Carol Singing Competition - "Manjukaatt" Season 4. The contest was organized by the Norbertine Asramam, Ayathil on Saturday, 17th December 2022. The FCDP choir with six vocalists and a keyboardist performed the song - 'Gloria pattukal' written



by Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil along with additional lyrics of their own. The team was trained and led by Ms. Anisha B. Chacko (Project Coordinator). The performance won applause and appreciation from the audience and organizers. The first prize was won by the Franciscan choir from Tillery. Congratulations to all the participants! The formation of a choir team by FCDP is in pursuance of its efforts to build up a platform to train and promote the budding talents from the region.



FCDP launches a new channel "Coastal melodies"

FCDP's new channel "Coastal melodies" launched on 23rd December by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Vincent Machado, (Vicar General, Diocese of Kollam). The channel aims to train and nurture nascent talents in the field of music & singing, especially in the coastal areas of Kollam. It is in continuation of FCDP's policy to nurture and develop God-given gifts of the people. We hope that this channel will emerge as a great platform for those who are interested in the field of music and singing.



Board & Staff Christmas Celebration

The FCDP family organized a Christmas gathering for board & staff members. The celebration was held on 22nd December 2022 at FCDP Hall. Smt. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the program where Fr. Stephen Mukattil (Rector & Parish priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope) gave the Christmas message. More than 70 board & staff members participated in the function. The celebration, filled with various art programs and games, turned out to be a good day filled with memories of happiness and joy for all.

Christmas -New Year Celebration with a Difference

Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) and Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) jointly celebrated Christmas and New Year at Rotary Club Hall on 30th Dec 2022. The program was jointly organized by the Fishermen Community Development Program, Kollam St. Thomas Marthoma Church Yuvajana Sakhyam, and the Rotary Club of Quilon.

The function was presided over by Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP). Rt. Rev. Mgr. Vincent Machado (V.G, Diocese of Kollam) inaugurated the celebrations. Rev. Fr. Joshua (Parish Priest, St. Thomas Marthoma church) gave the keynote address and inaugurated the Christmas Gift program. Shri Nawaz M. I. (President, Rotary Club of Quilon), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP) and Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) offered felicitation. The highlight of the celebration was obviously, "Bunches of God's Love, Love in Action", by Kollam St. Thomas Marthoma Church Yuvajana Sakhyam. Study materials collected by the Kollam Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam for Christmas were shared with the students of the fisher folk community as Christmas gifts on the occasion - a novel way of celebrating Christmas by sharing your resources with others. It was a true celebration of the true spirit of Christmas.



Annual General Body Meeting of FCDP & TMS

The General Body meetings of Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) for the financial year 2021-2022 were held at FCDP hall on 10th December at 4 PM and 2 pm respectively. The meetings were convened primarily for the presentation and approval of the Annual Reports and Audit reports of FCDP and TMS for the year 2021-2022. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS) presented the Annual Reports while Mr. Anil Alphonse (Treasurer, FCDP) and Mrs. Lacticia Martin (Treasurer, TMS) presented the audit reports. Mr. Stephen S (Vice President, FCDP) and Mrs. Veronica Antony officiated the meetings, Mr. Milton S (Secretary, FCDP) and Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS) presented the minutes. Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP) and Sr. Mary Karuvelil (Asst. Director, TMS) proposed the vote of thanks.



Inauguration of Skill-Based Entrepreneurship Program

Skill-Based Entrepreneurship Program (SEP), a project of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra and Don Bosco Youth Forum was inaugurated at FCDP hall on December 31st December 2022. Rev. Fr. Bino Nadakkal (Director, DB Tech, Dream & Childline Kollam) inaugurated the skill training project. The project proposes three-month training session for 25 youth members to equip them for entrepreneurship.



The function was presided over by Rev. Sr. Mary Karuvelil (Asst. Director, TMS), and Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP) delivered the welcome address. Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS) proposed the vote of thanks. More than 30 youth besides the staff of FCDP participated in the inaugural event. Smt. Veronica Antony (President), Smt. Lilly Douglas (Vice-President), Smt. Lacticia Martin (Treasurer). Mrs. Agnes John handed over the duties and responsibilities to Mrs. Veronica Antony in the combined board meeting held after the election.

Celebrations!



We wish Mrs. Jency Paul and Mrs. Mary Bindhu good health and prosperity as they celebrated their birthdays in the month of December. We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP.

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