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FCDP-TMS Bids Farewell to Fr. Jithin Sebastian and Sr. Mary K

The FCDP-TMS family gathered to bid a heartfelt farewell to Fr. Jithin Sebastian, Director of FCDP, and Sr. Mary K, Assistant Director of TMS, following their dedicated and commendable service. The ceremony, warmly welcomed by Mrs. Laticia Martin, President of TMS, was presided over by Mrs. Agnes John, Chairperson of FCDP.

During the event, mementos were presented to Fr. Jithin Sebastian and Sr. Mary K by Mrs. Agnes John and Mrs. Laticia Martin, and they were felicitated by Fr. Stephen Mukattil, Rector of Don Bosco Institute. The occasion was graced by distinguished guests, including board members, staff, and community leaders, who conveyed their greetings and well-wishes.

Fr. Jithin Sebastian and Sr. Mary K delivered heartfelt reply speeches, expressing their gratitude and emotions. As a token of appreciation, gifts were presented to them by the organization. The ceremony featured vibrant performances by the DB Dance Club and staff members, adding a joyful note to the occasion.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Bindu Harrison, Coordinator of FCDP. The farewell ceremony was attended by FCDP-TMS staff and board members, making it a memorable and emotional occasion.



Editorial

I'm delighted to share our newsletter for May 2025. May marked a important chapter with the transfer of Fr. Jithin Sebastian, our Executive Director, who led FCDP-TMS to remarkable success and growth in empowering fisher folk, women, and children. Under his visionary leadership, we achieved new heights of effectiveness and impact, solidifying our presence in coastal areas of Kollam. The fishermen community expresses heartfelt gratitude for his selfless service and wishes him success in his future endeavors. We also bid a fond farewell to Sr. Mary K, whose dedication and service have been invaluable to our organization. We thank her for her tireless efforts and wish her all the best in her future ventures.

At the same time, we extend a hearty welcome to Sr. Mary Scaria to our team! We're excited to have her on board and look forward to her contributions to our mission. The month saw various events, including children's and youth development programs, and the final round of the Don Bosco summer camp and picnic for youth and children.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Fr. Jithin, Sr. Mary K, our board members, staff, benefactors, and well-wishers for their unwavering support and encouragement, enabling us to continue our work effectively.

-Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB
Director FCDP-TMS

ONE-DAY OUTING FOR CHILDREN'S FORUM

A fun-filled trip to Happy Land, Trivandrum, was held for Children's Forum members on May 19, 2025. Forty-eight children, accompanied by their animators, enjoyed a day filled with excitement and joy. The trip provided an opportunity for the children to have bond with each other and create unforgettable memories. They indulged in thrilling rides, games, and activities, which helped develop their teamwork and problem-solving skills. The trip also taught them the value of taking breaks and having fun, recognizing the importance of balance in life. The children returned home with an eagerness to share their experiences with others.



Summer Fun Begins: Don Bosco Camp's Second Phase

The second phase of the Don Bosco Summer Camp, organized by FCDP, has commenced for students from classes 5 to 7. The camp's objective is to provide a platform for children to develop their personality, boost self-confidence, and enhance social skills through various art, sports, and educational sessions. The inaugural ceremony was marked by a warm welcome from Fr. Jithin Sebastian, Director of FCDP-TMS, and was presided over by Mrs. Agnes John, Chairperson of FCDP. Fr. Saji Elambassery, Administrator of Don Bosco Trivandrum and the newly appointed Director of FCDP, officially inaugurated the camp and wished the children success. The camp, running from May 12 to 21, aims to nurture talent, foster leadership, and promote a positive sense of direction among the young participants. The event was attended by Children's Forum animators, FCDP-TMS staff, and interns. Sr. Mary K, Assistant Director of TMS, concluded the ceremony with a vote of thanks, marking the beginning of a vibrant and enriching experience for the children.



Warm Welcome to Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB and Sr. Mary Scaria

The FCDP-TMS family extended a warm welcome to its new Director, Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB, and Assistant Director of TMS, Sr. Mary Scaria. The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests and marked by a sense of joy and anticipation for the new leadership. Mrs. Gretta Raju, Executive Manager, delivered a heartfelt welcome address, Fr. Stephen Mukkattil SDB, Rector of Don Bosco Boys Home, gave an inspiring introductory speech, highlighting the vision and mission of the organization. The function was presided over by Mrs. Agnes John, Chairperson of FCDP, who emphasized the importance of teamwork and collaboration. Sr. Annie Joseph FMA, Superior of Snehakiran Convent, and Fr. Jithin Sebastian SDB, felicitated Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB and Sr. Mary Scaria on this occasion, wishing them success in their new roles. Fr. Jithin Sebastian SDB and Sr. Mary K were also honored during the ceremony, acknowledging their dedicated service. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Bindhu Harrison, Coordinator of FCDP, expressing gratitude to all present and wishing the new leadership a fruitful tenure. The gathering was a testament to the strong bonds within the FCDP-TMS community, united in their commitment to serving others.



Empowering Coastal Children through Education

As part of the Pratheeksha Social Initiative, a collaborative initiative between FCDP and TMS organizations, over 200 students received study materials to support their academic pursuits on May 30, 2025. The Pratheeksha project aims to provide educational assistance to talented yet financially disadvantaged children from coastal fishing families. During the distribution ceremony, Mrs. Rineesha Joseph welcomed the gathering, while Fr. Saji Elambassery delivered the introductory speech. Fr. Christopher Henry inaugurated the event by distributing study materials, emphasizing the importance of perseverance and striving for success. The program was presided over by Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) and attended by FCDP-TMS staff members, Don Bosco Children's Forum Coordinator, and animators. The event highlighted the ocommitment of the organisation to bridging the education

Rainbow Steps for Great Success

As part of FCDP and Don Bosco Children's Forum recently conducted an engaging motivational class for students from classes 8 to plus two, themed "Rainbow Steps for Great Success." Renowned motivational speaker Mr. Manoj Chandrasekaran, with over 25 years of experience in leading international motivational programs, led the session. 50 students participated in the interactive class, gaining valuable insights into effective daily routines, school discipline, and study habits. Through games and activities, the students learned strategies to excel academically and received guidance on choosing the right courses for higher education and preparing for them. The session proved highly beneficial, addressing the students' queries and doubts, and empowering them with the motivation and confidence to strive for success



CELEBRATIONS

We wish Mrs. Maya Ajith, Mrs. Shyni V , Mrs.Simi Sibiu, and Ms. Anna Saju joyous birthday and a year filled with good health , happiness and prosperity! We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP family.



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