

# Pattikalyana: SCJM Convent & Sacred Heart School Blessing

7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021 was a joyful and remarkable day for the Delhi Province of SCJMs, especially for the community of Pattikalyana. The long-awaited day to have a convent for the sisters and the official blessing and inauguration of both the Convent and Sacred Heart School was actualized on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Sr. Jancy Joseph, the principal of Sacred Heart School extended a warm welcome to all those who were present there for the occasion. Rt. Rev. Ignatius Mascarenhas, the Bishop of Shimla Chandigarh Diocese was the Chief Guest for the occasion and the main celebrant who officiated the blessing of both the convent and the school. The ceremony began at 10.30 AM with the blessing of the school. After that His Lordship was invited to unveil the plaque and cut the ribbon as the official inauguration of the school. While the fathers went around blessing the school building, all those who were present joined the choir in singing and praying for the sisters, staff, students, parents and all the others who are involved in the mission in Pattikalyana.



After the blessing of the school building, everyone moved to the convent building site for its blessing. Sr. Teresa Attupuram, the Provincial Superior of the Delhi Province of SCJMs was invited to unveil the plaque, cut the ribbon and inaugurate the new convent. After the blessing of the convent building, everyone proceeded to the chapel. The Bishop, the Co celebrants and others were welcomed with 'Aarti' and 'bindi'.



The Holy Eucharist began with the anointing of the altar and blessing of the crucifix. Lightening of the lamp was done by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ignatius Mascarenhas, Sr. Teresa Attupuram, the provincial superior, Fr. Rajesh, the vice Provincial of IMS, Fr. Paul Raj, Sr. Deepti, Sr. Savio and Srishti one of the first students of Sacred Heart school. Sr. Teresa Attupuram, Provincial Superior of Delhi province of SCJMs, in her introduction said that the life of the sisters in that mission area was very demanding as people were totally unfamiliar with the Christian way of life.



The melodious music and singing enabled everyone to experience peace and serenity during the Holy Eucharist. After the Holy Mass a short cultural programme was presented by the students of Sacred Heart School. During the program Sr. Teresa Attupuram, the provincial superior honored the Bishop, the Architect, contractor and engineers. At the end of the programme Sr. Deepti, the superior of the convent thanked all those who were involved in the construction work and all those who were closely associated with our mission at Pattikalyana. The day's program was concluded by serving a sumptuous meal to everyone.

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