

Sisters of the Cross Trichirappalli Province- In the Footprints of Mother

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Introduction

“Long Live Jesus, I give myself to Jesus, I consecrate myself to Jesus, I abandon myself to Jesus, I Wish to live and die for the Love of Jesus”.-Mother Claudine (Acte de Consecration a Jesus) with this words Mother Claudine Echernier started her efforts to make the Good God known to all from Chavanod, a modest rural parish at France. On her foot prints our Sisters of Cross Trichirappalli Province a group of sister those who Submit completely, absolutely, without protest, without murmur, without complaint, if circumstances require some representation, let it be done in secret and as far as possible, without scandal, quietly, with modesty and submission: it is God that one obeys and not the creature; it is God who rewards and not men,(Fr. P.M. Mermier, Letters p.45) doing their service with the objectives of- to be faithful followers of Jesus in thought, word and deed, to Create an impact of the Life and Mission of Mother Claudine Echernier on people, to enable people emulate her noble values. In this paper I would like share some of my experience which I got from this Province.

Areas of their Services

As per the words of Fr. Mermier, “You undertake the hardest and humblest tasks, going and coming to do all that is being done in society, except evil and begging”. Our sisters of the Cross are undertaking all such efforts to the society.

Taking Care of the Poor: - From the childhood

UNICEF’s twin studies on *‘Narrowing the gaps to meet the goals and progress for children’* and *“Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with equity,”* released in New York,at 2011. The report bluntly puts that a child born in the poorest 20% households in India is three times more likely to be underweight compared with a child born in the riches. But our far sighted Sister,

started fifty years back, to make house visit and find out the mothers who is pregnant and make them assemble in a place, and give them all the necessary things which require to bring a healthy child.

Imparting Education

“Gpr;ir g’fpDk; fw;if ed;Nw” but our founders were spare her food and got education. In her foot prints our sisters too give food , accommodations and needed facilities to the needy people to give education.

Imparting knowledge to the children is the prime motive of our mother founders. Our sisters are taking care to providing education for the poor and the rural people. Running Schools at remote villages are the prime motive, even the government where not starting schools our sisters is there to have their well established schools.

- i) Schools: At Nursery, Primary, High School, Higher Secondary Levels are there.
- ii) Colleges: Arts and Science Colleges, College of Education, Teacher Training Schools are the age old highly reputed institutions are in lists.
- iii) Community Colleges, Technical Institutes and Tailoring Institutes are also enriching their lists.

Pastoral Activities

Giving Message of Jesus, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Christian virtues, religious perfection is to be imparting among the society through the pastoral activities by the sisters.

Medical and social work

Providing the medical facilities and social work through SOCSEAD is one of the milestone in the sisters of Cross and their activities.

Conclusion

the living example of the services of the Sisters of Cross I take this opportunity to thank the services whatever we received from this association, the mighty hands of our Lord Jesus Christ will shower his blessings to our Sister to continue the foot prints of our Mother founders.

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