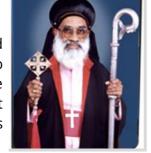
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Patron In Charge

H.E. LAWRENCE MAR EPHRAEM

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son, whom he



appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world...In Ezekiel He says "When I bring the sword upon a land if the people of the land take a man of their coasts and set him for their watchman". Lord God Almighty chooses people to be His spokespersons from marginalised lands to become beacon lights blazing through the firmament of the Church.

Lawrence was born on 15 May 1928 in an ancient family of Kakathottam at Vellelumbu, Nellikkakuzhy in the Neyyattinkara Taluk as the eldest son of Justus and Victoria. Most of his family members belonged to the Church of South India (CSI). In the initial days of the Reunion Movement, his parents joined the Malankara Catholic Church.

He was ordained priest by Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios on 14 May 1953. Later, he was appointed the Rector of the Seminary. He was hailed as 'scholar-rector'. Later he was appointed Director of St. Mary's Institute of Pastoral Studies at Palayam

He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the 2021 Archieparchy at the age of 52. During the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Malankara Reunion Movement, he was ordained Bishop after the name Lawrence Mar Ephraem by the Metropolitan Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios at Kottayam on Saturday, 27 December 1980. He was elected Administrator of the Archieparchy after the demise of Archbishop Mar Gregorios on 10 October 1994. Since then he officiated as the Patron of Mar Ivanios College.



The Second Principal Rev. Dr. NA Thomas

Rev. Fr. N.A. Thomas returned after his four years research in Economics in the USA. He joined the college as the Principal. Rev. Fr. Benedict OIC discharged his duties as the Principal



during a period of great stress and strain. His enthusiasm and wisdom coupled with selfsacrifice helped the college community in over coming the hurdles of the formative period. During the end of the second term there was a short interval when the currents of disorder outside over flowed into the campus. The health of His Grace Mar Ivanios had been deteriorating since May 1952. In December 1952 Fr. Benedict OIC was nominated the Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum.

Dr. Jijimon K Thomas taking charge as principal of Mar Ivanios College

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<u>The Principals message</u>

It gives me immense happiness to see that the new volume of our bulletin 'VERITAS" has come out with creativity and artistic works describing the recent events that happened on our campus. I would like to congratulate all



Dr Georgee K I

who worked to make it a reality. Ever since its founding in 1949 by our visionary Arch Bishop Mar Ivanios, our college has continued its outstanding reputation as an excellent higher education institution in the country. The college is committed to providing the best education to our children with devoted management, supportive parents, dedicated professional staff and enthusiastic students.

The Motto of the institution "VERITAS VOS LIBERABIT" (Truth shall liberate you), the vision of the College to head toward an internationally recognized institution, and its mission to produce intellectually trained, morally upright, socially committed, spiritually inspired and ecologically conscious young men and women- always shape our approaches, services and interactions with the community.

Our commitment to providing education begins in believing that educating an individual is possible only with the support of the college, family and society. This conviction inspires us to mould our students who reach here in the moment of their transitions from the schools to graduate and postgraduate levels As we know, we are all passing through a hard time fighting the pandemic, Covid-19. A new age is likely to be formed in the trajectory of human history called the Covid Age. There are no areas left unaffected by the Covid-19, directly or indirectly. The increasing death toll, crumbling economies, the influx of information, the helplessness of scientific rationality etc., signal that it is time to redefine our priorities and outlook towards life. The numerous changes that followed the pandemic have conditioned humans to a 'new normal. Even in this most challenging time, especially in the education sector, our college could perform well to safeguard the interest of all the stakeholders. Mar Ivanios College, lays a lot of emphasis on the curricular and co-curricular development and value-based enhancement of the potential of students and society. Having 18 UG and

PG programmes, 6 Research Departments, 9 enrolling about 2500 UG and PG students, and about 100 full-time and part-time research scholars, home to about 170 teaching and non-teaching staff, the College has grown to its Seventh year of autonomy and is learning gradually but firmly to stand on its own feet. Our achievements in academic, research, sports, extension activities, arts and literature fields are remarkable. In the latest NAAC accreditation, the College could score the coveted A+ Grade. The consecutive NIRF ranking placing the College within the first fifty positions among all the colleges in the country is another significant attainment.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your sincere commitment to the growth and development of our college. Thank you all for your great support and cooperation in performing my duties as the Principal of this prestigious institution for the last three years. Let us all continue our efforts for the prosperous future of our students and our college.

We should immerse ourselves in all our academic endeavours keeping in mind that just as we take pride in our College, the College should be able to take equal or more pride in the achievements of each of its students and every one of its human capital.

Dear all, "Hitch your wagon to a star and live down to earth doing good for everybody".

Foundation stone for new academic block

The blessing ceremony of the foundation stone for the new academic block that is being constructed under the RUSA scheme was held on 30th September, near Department of English. His beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos blessed and laid the foundation stone.

The workshop on Outcome Based Education and Π **Sullabus Revision**

The IQAC of Mar Ivanios College organized this workshop which was led by Prof. Edamana Prasad, IIT Madras. The workshop for the science faculty was held on 16th and 17th November. The same for the Arts & Commerce faculty was held on 18th and 19th November.

Inauguration of the new FDP batchfor 2020-21

On 4th November, His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos inaugurated the new batch and gave a benedictory address. Dr Ruble Raj, former Marian College, Kuttikanam, Principal, and Director, Good Shepherd School, Changanassery, delivered the keynote address.

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A Pep Talk for the freshers

Dr Rekha Yesudas PhD, Assistant Professor, A.T. Still University College of Osteopathic Medicine, USA and Former faculty of Mar Ivanios College gave a motivational lecture to the FDP S1 students on the topic "How to be a better student?" on 6th January 2021.

<u>A Day of Laurels & Adieus: The Annual</u> <u>Proficiency Day</u>

The Annual Proficiency Day and the farewell to the retiring staff organized by the PTA was held on 30th March in the college auditorium. His Excellency Most Rev Dr Samuel Mar Irenios was the Chief Guest. Students who have secured first two positions in the end semester examinations and proficiency prize winners in each class were felicitated in the function. Various scholarships and endowments were also presented. Teachers who have retired in 2020 were honoured.

<u>Bursar speaks</u>

An unprecedented year is ending which we as a family faced courageously. The students and teachers braved through this strange period in history when we decided to go online and continue with our academic year. The challenges were many ...but we have

overcome with determination



Rev. Fr. Joshua Kochuvilavil Bursar, Mar Ivanios College

to excel in education fulfilling our vision of education.

Make the best out of the opportunities provided...go that extra mile to achieve your academic goals with a global focus...

Wish you the best in all future endeavours. May God bless you

Fr. Joshua Kochuvilayil

MAR Letter from the editor

The New Normal continues

The pandemic rages on...fever, chills, body ache, loss of smell and taste...yet with differentiating **NEWS LETTER** characteristics in terms of symptoms, age-profile and spatial distribution. Classrooms still remain empty. Kerala was able to make great strides in digital education as political parties and individuals came together for a common cause, irrespective of their political affiliations. College too provided assistance to Covid affected children...a few lost their parents...a few were provided financial assistance and those who needed digital help were taken care of ... The Ambily Aravind Trophy is ours once more... Excellence 2021 continues in the Sports arena... Exams conducted across the State with sub centres...

The NEP 2020 is the focus of conversation in the educational circles... It outlines the vision of new education system of India. The new policy replaces the previous National Policy on Education, 1986. The policy is a comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education as well as vocational training in both rural and urban India aiming to transform India's education system by 2040.

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The charioteer of the College for the last three years Dr. Georgee K I steps down from office and hands over the reigns to Dr. Jijimon K Thomas. A highly acclaimed scholar and an inspiring teacher, his perceptiveness as a teacher transcended the boundaries of the classroom in the 32 years.



Associate Profesor and Head Dept. of English, Mar Ivanios College

He served in Mar Ivanios College. He has a commendable track record as an educationist making his mark in the corporate life of the College as well as in the academic circles of Kerala. While his retirement will be a loss to the academic scenario of the College, I am sure he will be associated with the forward journey of the College. We wish him all the best in his journey ahead...happiness...prosperity... health...

The College is all set to enjoy the erudition of the very down to earth scholar Dr. Jijimon K Thomas as the new Principal. God be with you dear sir as you take up the work of leading the Institution to greater heights of Glory....

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Departmental activities

Beyond B.Com

The Department of Commerce (Self Financing) of Mar Ivanios College has initiated a new endeavour, 'Beyond BCom' for the students of the College. The purpose of the programme is to give awareness about various higher studies opportunities after B.Com. The first session on Cost and Management Accounting profession (CMA) was held on 11th January 2021. In his keynote address, Mr.Promod Chandran, Chairman of the ICMAI, Trivandrum Chapter spoke on the scope and prospects of Management Accountants.

In the interactive session that followed the doubts of the students were cleared by the resource person. Dr.Zajo Joseph, Head of the Department of Commerce (SF) in his introductory message mentioned that in the days to come, orientation programmes on MBA, CA, CS, Financial consultancy and such other courses will be arranged by the Department.

Know your Opportunities in Commerce Professions

The webinar was conducted by the department of Commerce in association with Logic School of Management for degree students on October 12th, 2020. Mr. Hari Krishnan, Educational Consultant was the resource person of the programme.

The Importance of Digital Skills

In association with ICFAI Business School, the Department of Commerce organized a webinar on 13th October 2020. Prof. Raghavendra Rao of IBS Bangalore was the resource person. It was a wellreceived programme with more than 150 participants. Lt. Dr. Regina Sibi Cleetus and Dr. Arun Lawrence were the coordinators of the programme.

Inauguration of the Ivano Financial Consultancy

This initiative of the Department of Commerce is aimed at providing consultancy services to stakeholders from within and outside the college in investment on financial securities, financial statement analysis, income tax services, family budgeting programmes, financial education, training programs, educational event management, company's research programmes and surveys. It was inaugurated on 15th October 2020 by Msgr. Dr. Mathew Manakarakavil (Corepiscopa, Chief Vicar General, Malankara Major Archdiocese, Trivandrum), Secretary MSC Colleges. Through this initiative, the department aims at bridging the

gap between theory and practice of Commerce. Dr. Ratheesh R and Dr. Arun Lawrence are the coordinators of Ivano Financial Consultancy.

A webinar on Education to Employment was organized by the department of Commerce in association with Invisor Education Pvt. Ltd for the students on 22nd October 2020.

Webinar on "Preparation of Project Report" was conducted by department of Commerce for Semester 5 Degree students on 5th November 2020. Dr. Zajo Joseph, an eminent academician and research guide, who retired from service as the Head of the Post Graduate Department of Commerce, St. Xavier's College, Thumba was the resource person.

Webinar on "Preparation of Project Report" was conducted for Semester 3 Post Graduate students of Commerce on 5th November 2020 by Dr. Raju G, Associate Professor of Commerce, Govt. Women's College, Trivandrum an eminent academician and research guide who has immense experience in the research field.

As part of the orientation week on 2nd November 2020, Rev. Fr. Joshua Kochuvilayil, Bursar of the MAR college addressed the first-year degree students and introduced the students to the Vision, Mission, the values for which the college stands and the rules and regulations of the college. It greatly helped in acclimatizing the students to the college environment.

On 6th November 2020, Prof. Dr. S. Kevin, Pro-Vice Chancellor of University of Kerala (Retd.) who is a renowned academician and author of several best-selling books in Finance addressed the first year students and introduced them to the concept of Time Management and also motivated them to pursue excellence in their academic pursuits. The 2021 two hour long session was greatly appreciated by parents and students of the department.

An Orientation to the World of Tomorrow

An online orientation program was organized for FDP S1 students by Dr. Brijesh George John, a noted academician, international trainer and career expert on 3rd November 2020, The orientation session helped each and every student to set a goal which widened their horizon in the field of information technology. The session highlighted the important of AI and the demand for Data Science and Machine Learning in the future, and the changes brought about in this decade.



A DIGITAL REVELATION: The Three Day International Webinar on Gender Studies

The PG & Research Department of English, Mar Ivanios College organized a three day International Webinar on 1, 2 and 3 July, 2020. The theme of the webinar was Recontextualizing Gender. The coordinator of the webinar was Dr. Shirley Stewart, Head and Associate Professor of the Department of English. The convener of the webinar was Dr. Dhanya Johnson, Assistant Professor of the Department of English. The co-conveners were Dr. Anto Paul and Dr. Ganesh S. - Assistant Professors of the Department of English. On the first day of the webinar, Dr. Anita Singh, Professor of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, was the resource person. She gave the participants a scholarly insight into "Performance art as a site of gender resistance and faith".She highlighted the participatory nature of Performance art that involves and stirs the audience with ample images and illustrations. The second day of the webinar had Dr. N. Rama Devi Murru, Professor of The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad as the resource person. She spoke on MAR "Cosmopolitanism and Gender

Recontextualisation". She elaborated upon the contemporary view of 'Embracing the whole world, while retaining one's own identity' through readings from several modern novels. On the third and last day of the webinar, Dr. Bincy Abdul Samad, alumni of the Department of English, Mar Ivanios College and currently the Teaching Instructor At Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA was the resource person.

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She presented her views on "ISIS: Gendered Violence, Erasure of Memory/Identity and the Power of Narrative". She enlightened the participants on the power of personal narratives to forge new histories using the case study of the ISIS treatment of Yazidi women from Iraq.

The webinar was conducted using Google Meet. There was also live streaming owing to the huge number of participants who turned up for the webinar from across the world.

A Discussion on Union Budget 2021-22

The discussion was jointly conducted by Departments of Journalism and Mass communication, Commerce and Economics on 5th February.

Panel: **Dr. C.S.Shyjumon**, Economist, IISER, TVM **Dr. V.K.Vijayakumar**, Economist, Writer (Geojith) **Sri.Adikesavan**, DGM, SBI, Economist The Union Budget presented by Hon. Minister for Finance Sri. Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, 2021 has been received bouquets for ramping up spending while the economy is reeling under pressure in a COVIDian world The budget allocates substantial resources in health sector for massive vaccination programme and aims at an envious tag, 'Pharmacy of the World' as envisioned in Economic Survey 2020. The massive push for infrastructure by augmenting resources through off-budget means, addressing the impasse in agricultural sector and being more Keynesian in spending are some aspects of the budget that cannot be missed in this trying times.

Our Civil Service Topper Shares his MIC memories

"My 3 years of stay in Ivanios have been one of the most memorable days of my life. It was here, where the seeds of dreams were sown, nurtured and helped to achieve them by the environment and support provided. The faculty and the friends that I made here still



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continue to be close to my heart. Any day I would proudly say that Ivanios is my alma mater."

NSS Activities

Picture challenge 11th October 2020

The worst part of the society is depicted on the news headlines as the attempts of rape, child abuse,female foeticide, gender discriminations, etc. As a group of socially committed youth, NSS Unit MIC held a compaign against these social trauma.



The programme was in connection with INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR GIRL CHILD. A picture challenge was conducted by the unit where the volunteers put up writings on the issue and a collage of those was posted on the instagram account of unit. The programme created an awareness on the need of the hour to join our hands to tackle the issue. Mar Ivanios College is determined to break this stigma

Meet The Champions

TREASURE HUNT

An inter departmental treasure hunt (Neelakoduveli) was organised by the group 1 students of NSS with much eagerness.The contest was truly a learning experience for both the participants and the coordinators. There was a display of tremendous teamwork and coordination among the group members. The exciting treasure hunt was held from 19/10/2020 to 23/10/2020. With 26 teams of 4, a total of 104 members joined

the hunt. The students from all the departments participated in the event . 1st and the 2nd position were won by the Department of Mathematics and Physics respectively

CORONAM 2020

The NSS unit of MIC conducted a fun and innovative contest called the 'Inter-class video ad-making contest' under the name 'Coronam 2020' in order to bring back the spirit and fun of enjoying onam with collegemates. The contest was a group event wherein one group per class could display their creative, acting & editing skills through a 2 minute advertisement. Students form 2nd year B.Sc Botany was declared as the winner of this contest. Participants were awarded e-certificates

An Abode of Love: Key Transfer Function

It was very proud moment for MIC NSS unit to provide a dream house at Peringamala to one of our poor students, Akhil from the department of Chemistry of our College. This great event was blessed by our college patron His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos on 5th march



2021. Our NSS volunteers also participated in the construction work of the building. And they had raised fund for the construction work from various sources.

മാർ ഇവാനിയോസ് കോളജ് എൻഎസ്എസ് വിഭാഗത്തിലെ സഹപാഠികൾ,മാനേജ്മന്റ്, രഷാരംർത്താരെൾ,ആധ്യാപകർ എന്നിവരുടെ നേതൃത്തതിൽ അഖിലിനു നിർമിച്ചു നൽരിയ നിട് കർദിനാൾ മാർ ബസേലിയോസ് എീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവാ കഴിഞ്ഞ ദിവസം കുട്ടംബത്തിനു കൈമൗനീസഭം ഗർ

സഹപാഠികളൊരുക്കി അഖിലിന് സ്നേഹത്തിൽ തീർത്ത വീട്

പോദളം സഹപാഠികളുടെ സ്നേഹവും കരുതലും പുടി ചേര് നെറ്റുവര് മാര് ഇവാനിയൊന്ന് മനല്ലിവ് മാരി ഇവാനിയൊന്ന് മനല്ലിവ് മാരിൻ പുറത്തിൽ അശോകന്റെ മകൻ അഖിലിന്ന വീട് എന്ന സംപ്നം മാശാദർഥ്യമാ മി. കോളജിന്റെ സപ്നതി വർഷ ഞിൽ സഹപാഠിക് ചേനം ഒരു മാനായി എന്നതും ഗ്രദ്ധേയം, മരാനായി എന്നതും ഗ്രദ്ധേയം, മർഷ ബിരൂ വിടുറർഥ് അമിൽ പാനത്തിൽ എന്നും മിടുക്കൻ മുയിരുന്നു, പിതാറിന്റെ അപത് ക്ഷിത വിയോഗത്തിൽ ചേട്ടൻ പ്പെട്ട കുടുംബം നിരാലംബരായി. സ്ഥതമായി കിടപ്പാടം ഇല്ലാത്ത തായിരുന്നു കുടുംബത്തിന്റെ വലിയ വിഷമം.

ംപ്പൂക്കാര്ജി വേദന അറിഞ്ഞ രംപ്പുക്കാര്ജി വേദന അറിഞ്ഞ ഗ്രഹ്ന്റെ സ്ഥാഹാവംപ്പ്പാര് ഗ്രഹ്ന്റെ സ്ഥാഹാവംപ്പാര് നാര്സ്യമാക്കുന്നത് വെല്ലുറിളി ആതി ഏറ്റെടുത്തു കോളജ് മാനേ ഞ്ഞന്റും രംഷാകര്ത്താക്കളും ഈ മാതുകം ദൗത്യത്തിനു പി തുണയും സഹായനും നര്മമിയ തോടെ മാസംങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളിൽ നി ടായി. എൻഎസ്എസ് മൂൻ പ്രോ ഗോം ഡെനര്ക്ട് ഫോ. വിന്റസി നത്യത്വം നര്ഷി. കോളജ് മാനേ മർ കൂടി ആയ കർദ്നാഗർ മാർ വസേപിയോസ് ക്ലിമിസ് കാരോ പ്രമാ പാക്കിഞ്ഞ നിവസം കോൽ നര്ഷി. എൻഎസ്എസ് പോളന്റിയേഴ്സിന് ഒപ്പം കോളജ് പൻസിപ്പർയ് ഡോ. കൈ.എ. പൻസിപ്പർ ഡോ. കെ.എ. കാച്ചു നിളത്തിൽ, എൻഎസ്എ സ് പ്രോഗ്രാം ഓഫീസർമാരായ ഡാ. ആർ. തോർസ്മുകാർ എന്നി മി ഉയ്കുറക്ക്. നാട്ടുകാർ എന്നി മി ഉയ്കുറക്ക്. മാട്ടുകാർ എന്നി



Mar Ivanios College team has won the Overall championship trophy in the Kerala University Youth Festival for the academic year 2019-20.



Mar Ivanios College Cricket team- intercollegiate champions (2021'-22)



Mehreen of Riza 2nd Economics Sankar and Prasad of 2nd U BA Communicative English got selection to the Indian team for the Asian Badminton Championship to be held at Malaysia.

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Aparna Roy of 3rd B.Com won Silver medal in 100m hurdles at Bhubaneswar in All India Inter University Athletics Championship for women.





Muhammed Lazan of 2nd B.Com won the Bronze medal in 110m hurdles in the All India Inter <u>University</u> competition held at Mangalore.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Suboj Babykutty, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, won the Kairali Research Award (Gaveshana Puraskaram) instituted



by the Government of Kerala, awarded to Faculty members of Universities or Colleges of Kerala, in the areas of Chemical Science/Physical Science/Biological Science/Social Science/Arts and Humanities, excelled in research/pursuing research in cutting edge areas. The award carries an amount of Rs. One lakh and a Research grant of Rs. Twenty Four lakhs.

Dr. Daisy Philip, Former Associate Professor, Department of Physics was recognized among the top 2% Scientists in the world as recorded by Standford University, USA. She is the only faculty member in this list from the colleges in kerala.



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Dr Jijimon K Thomas, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Physics and IQAC Coordinator, was awarded the prestigious Fr Dr lose Thekkan Best Teacher Award 2020-21 instituted by Christ College Ininjalakuda in memory of Fr Dr Jose Thekkan. The award carried a citation and an amount of Rs. 50000/-



Dr Suja Mathai, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, was awarded "Outstanding Woman Researcher in Chemistry" on March 2021 for the contribution and achievement in the discipline of Science by Venus International Foundation Chennai.



Farewell To Our Collegues

Au Revoir, Beloved

DR. GEORGEE K I

DR. GEORGEE K I, the beloved and charismatic Principal of Mar Ivanios College for three years, Started his official life in 1988, after completing his post



graduate degree from M G University. He worked in St.John's College Anchal for five years before moving back to Mar Ivanios College. With an M Phil and PhD from the University of Kerala, he was also awarded MBA from the University of Pondicherry. Dr. Georgee is an inspiring teacher and a highly acclaimed scholar. He has served as the convenor of the Admissions Committee, Chairman of IOAC, Chairman of the Academic Council, Secretary of the Governing Council, Head of the Department of Commerce and finally as the Principal of the College. He was a member of the Board of Studies of the University of Kerala as well as that of Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), Vice President of the Principal's Council of Kerala, Member of the technical support Group, RUSA. He has been an active member of the activities of the NSS as its Programme Officer, Secretary of the PTA, President of the MIC Cooperative Society, ED Club Convenor lending timely support and guidance to students and teachers alike.

Dr. Georgee a researcher par excellence and an approved Research Guide, University of Kerala , has produced 10 Ph.D, has published several research papers in approved research journals of national and international repute and completed two major Research Projects

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Ms. SUMA P OOMMEN

Ms Suma P Oommen, retired as Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry has been an enthusiastic presence on the campus of MIC. She has been



a devoted, dedicated and committed teacher who conveyed the beauty and elegance of Chemistry to her colleagues and students during her 31 years of commendable service in St John's College Anchal and Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum. A duty bound person, she has always carried out her responsibilities efficiently and laudably. She is married to Mr Mathew Varghese and has two daughters Veena Mathew and Sangeetha Mathew.

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Dr. Neeta Sharma Dr. Neeta Sharma, an enlightened teacher and a consummate scholar started her teaching career immediately after completing her research at



the Institute of English. When she joined Mar Ivanios on 1st August 1996, she had already completed her doctoral research under the erudite guidance of the literary maestro, Dr. Ayyappa Panicker and this was indeed a commendable achievement in those days. It is indeed memorable that her Silver Jubilee year of service coincides with her year of retirement and she has proven herself as an epitome of dedication, diligence and devotion. Her rigorous academic discipline and comprehensive knowledge have distinguished her as one of the greatest scholars of the department. She was never hesitant to take up the challenges that came her way. She held various offices inside and outside the college as the convenor for internal examinations for consecutive years and had also rendered her service for the National Testing Agency, Government of India which serves as an affirmation of her conscientiousness and commitment.

Welcome to Ivanios Family

On March 18 2021, **Dr Sreeja R** Assistant Professor, Dept of Physics was transferred from St. John's College, Anchal and Dr Benzon K.B, Assistant Professor,



Department of Physics was transferred to St. Johns College, Anchal from Mar Ivanios College.

Obituary:

Prof. Mathew P.J., retired Professor of the Department of Chemistry (1969-2001) of our college, was called to the eternal abode on 1st March

A FAREWELL ADDRESS TO DR LEENAMMA JOSEPH

Dr Leenamma Joseph, Head and Associate Professor of the Department of Zoology, was a dedicated teacher who unreservedly gave her time



and talent for 29 years to the college. She started her service on 21/07/1992 at St John's College, Anchal with M.Phil and B.Ed and was transferred to Mar Ivanios College on September 1998. She has completed her research under the guidance of Dr P V George, retired Professor of Zoology, Mar Ivanios College and was awarded PhD in 2006. She was transferred to St John's College, Anchal as the Head of the Department in the academic year 2010-11. From 2011 onwards, she has served as the Head of the Department in Mar Ivanios College.

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Mar lvanios College owes its existence to the far- sighted vision of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios of Trivandrum. Started in June 1949 as a College affiliated to the erstwhile University of Travancore, it stands affiliated to the University of Kerala since 1957. The College offers Degree Courses in Economics, English, Commerce, Journalism and Mass Communication, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Biotechnology, BVoc programmes in Tourism and Hospitality Management and Software Developments and Post-Graduate Programmes in English, Malayalam (with Media Studies), Commerce, Tourism Management, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Zoology. Two new courses Analytical Economics and Statistics UG courses have been introduced this year. In its endeavour to achieve excellence in academics, the Institution has established Research Centres attached to the Departments of English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Commerce. The College Library is fully automated and there is a computer centre with all reprographic facilities available. Mar lvanios College is the first Institution in the University of Kerala to receive accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), and also to be re-assessed and re-accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC. The College has been re-assessed by the NAAC Peer team as part of the Fourth Cycle of re-accredition process with A grade. It is the first Private College affiliated to the University of Kerala to receive the status of CPE (College with Potential for Excellence) from the UGC. It has been conferred with Autonomy status by the UGC from June 2014.

Another golden feather has been added to the cap of Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum when it acquired a positionwithin the first 50 ranks in the All India NIRF ranking of the Ministry of Human Resources.

The College has been acclaimed for its high research presence which is as high as all India sixth position, student teacher ratio, extra curricular activities, graduation outcome etc. The College has been hailed as the pioneering educational Institution in the State with its students topping the Sports, literary and Cultural events of the State. Mar Ivanios College is the winner of the Inter University Basketball Tournament. University Youth festival winners for the last decade. The much acclaimed IVANOFEST is touted as the best inter collegiate fest in the state with more than 75 colleges from across the State taking part in the event.

Towering over the Mar Ivanios Vidya Nagar on the verdant Bethany Hills in the Northern outskirts of Trivandrum, the capital city of 'God's own country' Kerala,Mar Ivanios College, is the true embodiment of a visionary's sacred dream. Founded in the model of Santiniketan on 1 August 1949 by Servant of God His Grace Archbishop Mar Ivanios of revered memory has maintained its reputation as a centre of excellence in the academic, cultural and social life of our land. Veritas vosliberabit- Truth Shall Liberate You- is the motto of the institution in its journey towards moulding generations... Today 68 years later, it is the flagship of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church and adorns pride of position in the Mar Ivanios Vidyanagar educational complex which has facility for education from kindergarten to post-doctoral studies. It is affiliated to the University of Kerala and runs under the patronage of His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Major Archbishop of Trivandrum. The present Principal of Mar Ivanios College is Dr.Georgee K I.

From its modest beginnings with 145 students, Mar Ivanios College has grown exponentially in terms of courses offered and the intake of students. Currently there are 2308 students on its rolls for its First Degree (UG), Post-Graduate and PhD programmes. There are currently ten aided FDP programmes in Arts, Science and Commerce-Economics, English, Commerce, Mass Communication &Video Production, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Botany & Biotechnology along with two self-financing FDP programmes in English and Commerce. There are also two Bachelor of Vocation (BVoc) programmes under DeenDayal Upadhyaya Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood (DDU-KAUSHAL) Kendra, in Software Development and Tourism & Hospitality Management There are eight PG courses in Arts, Science, Commerce and Tourism, one M.Phil programme in Malayalam (approved in 2016 but not started). The two B.Voc Programmes, the two self-financing UG programmes in English and Commerce, and M.A in Malayalam with Media Studies are the new started after attaining autonomous status. In its endeavour to achieve excellence in academic pursuit, the Institution has established six Research Centres attached to the Departments of English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, and Commerce. The College has also been awarded the Life Science Strengthening Programme by the Department of Biotechnology of the Government of India under the scheme of Star Colleges PARAMARSH

The College has ten add-on, skill-oriented certificate and diploma courses. It has been one of the best performing Business English (Vantage) Certificate test centres of Cambridge University. It has one of the best-run FLAIR (Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research) programmes, initiative of the, Govt of Kerala, winning accolades for its performance in Additional Skills Acquisition Programme (ASAP), Walk with Scholar (WWS) and Scholar Support Programmes (SSP).

The staff strength is currently 117 with 80 permanent staff and 37 Guest Lecturers. Among the permanent staff 57.5% are PhD holders and 75% are either UGC or CSIR NET qualified. Four of the teachers were awarded UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowhships and two were awarded foreign Post Doctoral Fellowships (one from Harvard Medical School and one from the University of Texas)

Innovative strategies like MOOCs for assignments, online MCQs, open book tests, are used to evaluate students. MOODLE LMS platform is used for conducting classes and exams. Pandemic has made the students and teachers techno savvy enabling them to take classes through G suits.

The college has a great track record in games and athletics with our players donning national and international caps and winning national and international accolades. Our students have been romping home champions at the University Youth festivals with an overall performance in Arts, theatre, literary and sports events. The social and patriotic temperament of our students are chiselled and polished by their enrolment in the NSS and the three wings of the NCC. Empowerment programmes for Women, Dalits and Financially backward students ensure social justice.

Mar Ivanios College has been able to leave its indelible signature in the media, administration and socio-political-cultural-spiritual scenario of the State. From the vice president of the World bank to media personnel to bishops to judges to cine artistes and playback singers to MLA's and MP's and Ministers to Civil servants to academicians and sports persons Mar Ivanios can boast of a galaxy of eminent alumni who lend a brilliant hue to the fabric of Ivanios. It has the goodwill of Keralites, the intellectual, cultural and political elite, and of the Malayalee diaspora worldwide.



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