CHAPTER VI

Educational Service
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Religion and education are coeval with man. To be religious does not mean to be away from or free from the secular callings. The mind is man’s nerve centre, the controlling power and the seat of ideas and feelings. It is the expression of the type of man who possesses it. Training of mind can trim it and give it a direction. Education can train the mind for proper understanding and clear thinking of the world in which he is living. It gives direction to man to choose a way for him. If one wants to be religious it is necessary to train it in that way. Then only God’s message can take root in him. For that reason, education has to be linked with religion. In fact, both religion and education go hand in hand.

According to Swami Vivekananda, “Education is the manifestation of perfection in man”. Education helps man to seek the truth\(^1\). In Latin, education means “leading out"\(^2\) i.e., to seek and find out. The teacher has a role in directing the student to take up the proper way in finding out the truth. According to Plato, a teacher is the doctor of the mind. More than that the teacher is psychoanalyst of the mind of the taught, who needs some proper diagnosis of his problems so that he can solve them and have a better tomorrow. Tiruvalluvar says that, “education is the deathless (invaluable) wealth of a man\(^3\)”

According to Fr. Adrian Caussanel, the founder of the Institute, “Education is worthless if it doesn’t shape and mould the minds and hearts of the students”\(^4\). The educational service of the Sacred Heart Brothers is a tangible testimony to the commitment to discern the needs of the time and respond to their Charism and the

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directives of the founder\textsuperscript{5}. The Congregation has approached the problem of educating the mass in a systematic way. It has concentrated on educating the poor, the down-trodden and the neglected sections of society\textsuperscript{6}. They emphasize that their schools should not remain as places of mere academic excellence and pursuit but they are efficient agents for integral human formation. In order to achieve this, their educational programmes should emphasize the physical, intellectual, social, moral and spiritual growth of the Individual left to their care and concern. Above all, their commitment to the poor and the marginalized should in the first place be reflected in their educational institutions\textsuperscript{7}.

In India, in those days, all couldn’t have the social privilege of educating themselves. It was the private right of a few privileged sections of the society. The European Missionaries have a lot to break this vested interest of the privileged classes in India and usher in an era of education for all irrespective of caste, colour and creed.

Soon after the founding of the Congregation, the Brothers who had hitherto bear working in the schools managed by Parish priests took over the management of some schools and opened new ones of their own\textsuperscript{8}. The Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart has been in the field of education from its very inception. Bro. Francis was the first Superintendent of schools when the Congregation came into being. Education of the poor, down trodden and neglected sections of Society has been the prime concern of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart\textsuperscript{9}.

\textsuperscript{5}Ibid., p.71.
\textsuperscript{6}N.S. Nelson Devadoss “Contribution to Education by Brothers of the Sacred Heart”, 100 Years Anniversary Souvenir – Our Founder’s Mission in India, 1889-1989, p.43.
\textsuperscript{8}N.S. Nelson Devadoss, Op. Cit, p.43.
\textsuperscript{9}“Committed for a Better Tomorrow”, Brothers of the Sacred Heart (India), Palayamkottai, 1994, p.12.
A modest beginning made during the years 1907 to 1924 in the field of primary education marked an era of fruitful service. Soon after the founding of the Congregation of Brothers who had hitherto been working in schools managed by parish priests, took over the management of some schools themselves and opened new ones of their own. The Sacred Heart Primary School at Irudayakulam was the first to be managed and run by the Brothers as early as in 1907. A new school at Kattalaimalai for the Hill tribe Kanis was their second venture. More and more Brothers took to teaching. They spread themselves out even to remote villages. From the year 1939, the Brothers began to provide education to the children beyond elementary level. The Brothers stepped into the sphere of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in the year 1944. Their Education Programme is geared towards the people who live below poverty line. Education Ministry among the poor is a real sign that the Charism of the Congregation “Good News to the poor in the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus” has been and is being translated into reality.

In 1946 the Congregation was registered with the Government as a Society for the “Promotion of Education-Vocational and otherwise-for the diffusion of useful knowledge and for charitable purposes including all aspects of Rural reconstruction and Sanitation”. As a registered body it is easier for the Brothers to approach the Government for the aid. The Brothers have been committed in various ministries right from the beginning. One Brother from the foundational group namely E.M.J. Angelo was working as a Tamil Pandit in St. Xavier’s High Secondary School, Palayamkottai. The second one had been appointed as the Supervisor of all the educational institutions in the Trichy Diocese. Today is the process of shaping the

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10 Ibid.
11 Ibid.
12 Ibid., p.10.
society, education plays a very significant role and it is very happy to know that one third of the strength of the Congregation is involved in educational service\textsuperscript{13}. Hence, for the past 100 years, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus dedicated their services to humanity by establishing many schools, orphanages, etc. and lakhs of students especially from rural backward areas came out of their institutions with good moral and discipline\textsuperscript{14}.

At Palayamkottai, in the Generalate the Brothers run very useful educational institutions, viz., Christuraja Higher Secondary School, Angelo Matriculation High Secondary School, The Brothers Educational Union, Fatima Printing Press, and Fatima Institute of Graphics and Arts. By means of these institutions, they spread the light of the Almighty to the people of Palayamkottai.

**Christuraja Higher Secondary School**

The Congregation has a mission in starting the Christuraja School on 8\textsuperscript{th} June 1947 at Palayamkottai as an Elementary School with 12 boys. Its mission is to impart education to the young generations and shape them as good citizens of the country. Bro. Visuvasam was it first Headmaster\textsuperscript{15}.

It aims at raising the heads and hearts of the students towards God and nation and to make them trust worthy and sincere persons in their individual and common lives\textsuperscript{16}. The motto of the school is ‘Education and Service to God\textsuperscript{17}'. On 9\textsuperscript{th} August 1951 the government recognized the school under orders L.Dis. 422/51\textsuperscript{18}.

\textsuperscript{13} Bro. R. Casimir Sahayanathan, “100 Years Mission A Flash Back”, Centenary Jubilee Souvenir (1903-2003), Brothers of the Sacred Heart – India, 2003, p.44.
\textsuperscript{14} M. Subramanian, Centenary Jubilee Souvenir (1903-2003), p.41.
\textsuperscript{*} The date is differed in the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School Calendar 2012-2013 is 18\textsuperscript{th} July 1946.
\textsuperscript{15} Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p.233.
\textsuperscript{17} The Students Hand Book 2012-2013-Christuraja Hr. Sec. School (Tl.), Palayamkottai, p.3.
\textsuperscript{18} Monthly Accounts, p.1.
the school is 1000 squaremetres. It is sufficient for more than 1200 students. The area of the school garden is 1 ½ acres. The area of playground is 4000 sqm\textsuperscript{19}.

This school had the service of many efficient Headmasters. By the hard work of Bro. Dominic, this school had been a lot of improvements in its early days. He himself directly went to the nearby villages and admitted the children in the school. He encouraged the students through songs, games and cultural programmes. The students participated in many inter-school programmes and earned good name to the school. Then during the days of Bro. Lawrence and Bro. James the school made much progress\textsuperscript{20}.

**Functioning of the School**

The classes function from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM and again from 1.20 pm to 4.10 pm. The first 30 minutes of every morning, the Catholic students have catechism class and non-Catholic students have moral class. Nobody should go out of the school without the permission of the Headmaster in class hours. Students should maintain absolute silence during class hours. The late comers can enter the class only after getting permission from the Headmaster. On every Monday the school has common Assembly\textsuperscript{21}.

The students should not take meals in the classroom. They are not permitted to use cell phones in the school campus. Cycles should be kept in the stand only. Those who have committed malpractices in the examinations are dismissed from the school\textsuperscript{22}. The students should not damage any school materials and they are expected to keep

\textsuperscript{19} Ibid., pp. 1-2.
\textsuperscript{20} Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 233.
\textsuperscript{22} Ibid.
cleanliness always in the school campus. The students are not permitted to use the two-wheeler bikes.\(^{23}\)

The students have 3 main examinations for 3 terms. Monthly tests are conducted for X and XII std students regularly. The school has both parallel mediums i.e., Tamil and English. Progress reports are regularly sent to their parents and they have to return it with the signature of their parents.\(^{24}\) All leave letters should be addressed only to the Headmaster.\(^{25}\)

In the Catechism classes, the Brothers try to touch the hearts of the children by instilling in them the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.\(^{26}\) The academic excellence of the teachers are improved by conducting conferences, association meetings, seminars and trainings. Many backward students are studying in this school.\(^{27}\) Bro. James was instrumental in raising the Fatima building to a good position. He raised the road of the building and constructed the class rooms.\(^{28}\) Bro. Amirtha Samy established a science laboratory. He opened a Book Bank for the benefit of poor students.\(^{29}\)

Earlier according to Government rules, graduates with B.Ed, Degree or Tamil Pandits could alone be appointed as the Headmasters. But in 1976, many minority institutions including Brothers of the Sacred Heart filed a case in the Madras High court and got approval from the Director of School Education that according to the will and wish of the minority institutions, any person whether graduate or secondary grade can be appointed without consent of the employment department.\(^{30}\) Bro. A. Thomas, the

\(\begin{align*}
23\text{ Ibid., pp 14-15.} \\
24\text{ Ibid., p. 16.} \\
25\text{ Ibid., p.14.} \\
26\text{ Bro. T. Gabriel (ed.), op. cit., p.35.} \\
27\text{ Bro. S. Sebastian Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 234.} \\
28\text{ Ibid., p.233.} \\
29\text{ Ibid., p. 234.} \\
30\text{ “A list of dioceses, congregations and societies approved as Minority Institutions by the High Court of Madras”. A judgment Record of Office file, Madras, 24.09.1976.}
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then General Manager of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Palayamkottai filed a case in the Madras High Court and got permission that the Secondary Grade Teachers could be appointed in the place of higher grade vacancies\(^{31}\).

In 1971-72, the Silver Jubilee of the Christuraja Middle School was celebrated. In 1990, it celebrated its 42\(^{nd}\) sports day and Annual day on 4\(^{th}\) and 5\(^{th}\) April\(^{32}\). In the academic year of 1996-1997, the Christuraja Middle School became High School\(^{33}\) and in the year 1997-1998 English Medium classes were started\(^{34}\). In the same year the Golden Jubilee of the Christuraja school was celebrated. In the academic year 1999-2000, the Christuraja High School becomes the Higher Secondary School\(^*\)\(^{35}\). It celebrated its 52\(^{nd}\) Sports day on 5\(^{th}\) November 1999 and its 52\(^{nd}\) Annual Day on 12\(^{th}\) November 1999. The sports day functions were presided over by the Rotary Governor Mr.S. Jeyadesan and the prizes were given by him. The 52\(^{nd}\) Annual Day functions were celebrated under Superior General of the Congregation Bro. I. Victor. In that function Mr.M. Subramanian, the leader of the International Religious Freedom Association emphasized the policy of Religious harmony. Prizes were given for best cultural performers\(^{36}\). Like this in every year the school celebrates its Annual day and the sports day in a grand manner.

**Sports Achievements**

In the sports especially, the Christuraja School students performed a lot. On 12.06.2007 in the fourth National Youth Athletics Games at Bangalore, the Christuraja School student U. Nikil got first prize in the High Jump. Again, he got first

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\(^{32}\) “Iruperum Vizha Azhaipidal” a pamphlet, Palayamkottai, 27.03.1990.


\(^{34}\) Ibid., p.18

\(^{35}\) Nam Seythi, (Tl.), Journal, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, December 1999, p.31.

\(^*\) See Plate No. 5.

\(^{36}\) Ibid., pp.30-32.
prize in the Hurdles Running in the National Games conducted at Hyderabad on 13.08.2007\textsuperscript{37}. On 30.07.2007, the Christuraja School students played well and got Sarah Cup at Anna Stadium of Palayamkottai for the Hockey Tournament. On 26.07.2007 in the Courtallam “Charal Vizha” Swimming Competition, this school students K. Rajkumar and Dhilipkumar secured first and third prizes\textsuperscript{38}. In the District Chess competition conducted at Bell School in Palayamkottai, the Christuraja School student Selva Ganapathi got first prize on 02.11.2007\textsuperscript{39}.

The Christuraja school students shined in many Games like shuttle and Hand ball matches and got first prizes. In the Regional Sports Summit conducted on 02.011.2007 at Anna Stadium in Palayamkottai, this school students secured first prizes in Swimming and Boxing and they qualified for state level competitions\textsuperscript{40}.

In the academic year 2006-2007 Murali Subramanian held first place in Disc Throw. Rajesh won first place in Pole Vault. Nigil and Yogaraj got first and third places in High Jump. In the year 2007-2008, this school team became Super Senior in Hockey Tournament. In the year 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-2011, the Christhu Raja School team got selected in the State Level Hand Ball Tournaments\textsuperscript{41}. Again on 2011-12 also this team has selected\textsuperscript{42}. In the year 2012-13, many students secured first places. Hand Ball, Shuttle, Beach Volley Ball, Boxing, Tennis, Silambam, High Jump, 1500 meter running, 400 meter running and 100 metre running and many other games, the students of Christuraja school are champions and have made history\textsuperscript{43}.

\textsuperscript{38} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{39} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{40} Ibid., p.7.
\textsuperscript{41} All Commissions Six Years Report (2006-2011), p. 91.
\textsuperscript{42} 65\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report, op. cit., p.3.
\textsuperscript{43} “Selection of Students for District competitions” a type written material provided to me in person by Bro. A Maria Joseph Antony (Headmaster), p. 1 n.d.
The inauguration of Students Development Movements was conducted on 24.07.2009 in the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School. This meeting was presided over by Bro. I. Arockiam. Prof. Maria Selvan of St. Xavier’s College gave a Special Address. Each movements displayed their aims and achievements on the stage\(^\text{44}\).

There are many students Associations in the Christuraja Hr. Secondary School. They are Veeramamunivar Literary Association, Caussanel Science Club, Bharat Scout, Y.C.S. Y.S.M., Junior Red Cross, Road Safety Patrol Movement, Sports Club, Inter-Religious Movement, Fine Arts Association, N.S.S. N.C.C., English Literary Association, Maths Club, Heritage Club, Computer Educational Club, National Green Corps., Red Ribbon Club, Environment Club, Tourism Association and Consumers Club\(^\text{45}\). Every Year, these associations conduct many cultural entertainments. Chances are given to the students to sharpen their future career with the encouragement of Best teachers\(^\text{46}\).

In the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School, the students learn handcrafts, drawing and other arts also. Each year, they celebrate Teachers day, children’s day and other functions. In that functions the students participated in drawing competitions, music competitions, fancy dress competitions and oratorical competitions and get prizes\(^\text{47}\). In the Inter-school competitions also the students contributed a lot. For Constance, the Caussanel Province Education Commission conducted inter-school programmes on 14.11.2009 at Sahalayam in Vickramasingapuram. In this programme, the Christuraja School students got prizes in Essay Competition, Oratorical Competition and Poetical Competition. Thus this school student earned name and fame to the school\(^\text{48}\).

\(^{44}\) Athirvalai (T.I.), Journal, September 2009, p. 16,
\(^{45}\) The Students Hand Book (2012-2013), Christuraja Hr. Sec. School, pp. 16-17.
\(^{46}\) The 65\(^{th}\) Annual Report (T.I.), Christuraja Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai, 13.08.2011, p.3.
\(^{47}\) The 39\(^{th}\) Annual Report (T.I.), Christuraja Middle School, Palayamkottai, 22.11.1986, p.1.
The 65th Annual day of the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School was celebrated on 13.08.2011 at 6.30 p. The Chief Guest of this function was Mrs. C. Padmavathy, the District Educational Officer. The Annual Report was read by the Headmaster Bro. Maria Joseph Antony. In that function the Visual Education was introduced in that school with the help of NEXUS India of Mumbai. The students can learn the subjects with the help of Touch Screen system. For this purpose the school spent 5 lakhs for the students 49.

Parents – Teachers Association is also functioning in the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School. On 15.10.2011, the Parents Teachers Association meeting was held. The parents met the teachers and the Headmaster regarding their children 50.

The organization of Caussanel Educational Learning Lab (CELL) was started on 15.10.2011. This meeting was held under T.A. Prabhakar, Advocate and the leader of the Rotary Club of Tirunelveli. The MEXUS company representative Ms. Mobin Banu gave a brief explanation about this system. Computer smart classes were conducted for the students and even at present these classes are conducted in the school regularly 51. Yoga classes and moral instruction classes sharpen the mind and body of the students. Hindi classes are also conducted for aspiring students 52.

It is to be noted that many of the students of this school came from surrounding villages. Students from these areas are attracted to this school by the welfare measures provided by it. More than 180 boys are getting benefited by the nutritious meal scheme of the Government. Scholarships are provided for poor background students and

49 The 65th Annual Report (Tl.), Christuraja Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai, 13.08.11, p.4.
51 Ibid., p.19.
52 School Board, Christuraja Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai.
minority students. The small savings plan i.e., Sanchayika is also introduced for the benefit of the students\textsuperscript{53}.

Usually, the school arranges many excursions to places of historic, natural and religious importance. For instance, according to 39\textsuperscript{th} Annual Reports, the teachers had gone to Courtallam and Papanasam in the year 1986\textsuperscript{54}. According to the 40\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report, from 17\textsuperscript{th} to 20\textsuperscript{th} of February 1988, the students had gone on a long tour to Palani, Coimbatore, Mysuru and Bangaluru\textsuperscript{55}. Last year 2011, 120 students had gone to Tanjore, Velankanni and Rameswaram along with teachers and Headmaster. Another group of students went to Coimbatore, Ooty and Black Thunder\textsuperscript{56}.

The students have also been benefitted by holding seminars and conferences. For this purpose, a multi-purpose building was put up in 1987 known as the Lawrence Memorial building Multipurpose Hall*. The donar of the building was Manos Unidas of Spain. It was opened and blessed by Most Rev. Irudayaraj, Bishop of Palayamkottai Diocese on 21\textsuperscript{st} November 1987. In this hall many conferences, meetings and other cultural entertainments of students have been held\textsuperscript{57}. In the Golden Jubilee Year 1997 eight rooms were constructed and it was blessed by the Catholic Bishop of Palayamkottai Rt. Rev. S. Irudayaraj and opened by the then Superior General Rev. Bro. P. Jeyaraj on 12\textsuperscript{th} September 1997. It is known as Golden Jubilee Building\textsuperscript{58}.

\textsuperscript{53} Interview with Rev. Bro. A. Maria Joseph Antony, Headmaster of the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School at Palayamkottai on 17\textsuperscript{th} November 2012.
\textsuperscript{54} The 39\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report, Chrituraja Middle School, p.2.
\textsuperscript{55} The 40\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report, Christuraja Middle School, p.3.
\textsuperscript{56} The 65\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report – Christuraja Hr. Sec. School, p.
\* See Plate No. 6
\textsuperscript{57} Rev. S. Irudaya Raj (Bishop of Palayamkottai), the tablet on a building of Lawrence Memorial Multipurpose Hall, Palayamkottai, 21.11.1987.
Ambrose building was constructed and it was opened by the then Tamil Nadu State Minister of Law Sri. Aladi Aruna on 12th April 1997. The total strength of the students of the Christuraja Hr. Sec. School is 1597. The total strength of the staff members are 49. Among them 20 posts are sanctioned post. Others are paid by the Management. Four staff are working as non-teaching staff. The present Correspondent of the school is Rev. Bro. K.P. Arul Joseph who has completed 50 years service in the Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Headmaster of the Christuraja Hr Sec. School is Rev. Bro. A. Maria Joseph Antony at present. In the public examination this school secured good results. The result of the X standard of this school in the year 2011-2012 is 96.4% and XIIth std. is 99.4%. Refresher courses are conducted for the teachers very often. For instance, on 01.10.2011 an One Day Refresher course was conducted for the teachers at the Christuraja school campus regarding the relations of the teachers with society, students and management. Mr. Nambikai Manian delivered a well known speech to the participants. This has created a record of its own.

Angelo Matriculation Higher Secondary School:

The Angelo Matriculation Higher Secondary School* is run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Fully aware of the truth that educational institutions are an extension of the Church, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart have been conscious of it right from the time of the founding of their Congregation at the turn of the 20th century. Their

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59 Sri Aladi Aruna, Tamil Nadu State Minister of Law, the tablet on the school Library Building, Palayamkottai, 12.04.1997.
* See Plate No. 7
pioneering service in the field of education for nearly 100 years has won the recognition of the government.

The school is named after the first Superior General of the Congregation Bro. E.M.J. Angelo. It was started in the year 1996 and the medium of instruction is English. The first Superior General of the Congregation was Bro. E.M.J. Angelo who was known as the co-founder of the Congregation. From 1905-1922, he was the Superior General of the Congregation. He was a scholar in his own right and was proficient in Tamil, English, Malayalam, French and Latin. He was a dedicated teacher and a paragon of many virtues. He served as the in charge of Scout Movement. Hostel Warden, Tamil Pandit, etc. He had real involvement in the Congregation and worked hard for the development of the Congregation. This dedicated Apostle died on October in 1968 in the age of 88.

This school named after Bro. E.M.J. Angelo is a thumb-nail account of their Educational Apostolate. Upto 2008-09, the motto of the school was ‘Empower through Education’. From 2009-10 the Motto of the school was changed into “Learn and be wise”. The vision of the school is to promote the values of Gods’ Kingdom by empowering the students to become the creative agents to bring about a just society, where love, justice, peace and joy flourish. The mission of the school is to disseminate this vision.

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64 Ibid.
65 Alasanai Peravai-1997, Brothers of Heart Sacred Heart, Palayamkottai, p.29.
66 “Committed for a Better Tomorrow”, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Palayamkottai, 1994, p.3.
68 Ibid.
71 Hand Book 2011-12, Angelo Matric Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai, p.6.
The aim of the school is to impart a value-oriented education through learning skills which enable the students to become enlightened about their active responsibility towards family and society. Their aim is to provide the students with an opportunity to reflect on the critical social, economic, cultural, moral and spiritual aspects of life and thereby prepare them not only to accomplish their personal objectives but also to contribute to the progress of the society\textsuperscript{72}.

Their goal is to build communion in society by liberating it from ignorance, fear, selfishness and discrimination and encourage the students to have a special concern for the poor and the marginalized. In carrying out its aims and realizing the vision, the school as a minority institution reserves for itself the inherent and constitutionally recognized rights of management and administration\textsuperscript{73}.

Admissions are made in Pre-KG, LKG, UGK classes and for standards I to X. For direct admissions children should satisfy the age rule i.e., 2+ for nursery, 3+ for LKG, 4+ for UKG, 5+ for the I Std and so on, on or before 31\textsuperscript{st} July of the year of admission. Students coming from unrecognized institutions will not be admitted\textsuperscript{74}.

An Entrance test will be conducted in Languages and Maths for the students seeking admission for UKG to X stds. and those who are selected on merit alone will be allowed to join the institution\textsuperscript{75}.

The working hour of the school is 9.20 Am to 12.30 Pm in the morning and 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM in the afternoon. The lunch break time is 12.30 Noon to 1.00 PM. Every second Saturday and Sundays are Holidays for the school. The uniform for the

\textsuperscript{72} Hand Book, 2010-2011, Angelo Matric Hr. Sec. School, Palayamkottai, p.9.
\textsuperscript{73} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{74} Hand Book, 2011-2012, op. cit., p.19.
\textsuperscript{75} Ibid., p.19.
Boys is Red-checked shirts, belt, tie and fawn coloured shorts with socks and black shoes. The uniform for the girls is Red-checked coloured pinafore and black shoes\textsuperscript{76}.

There will be three terminal examinations in a year in September, December and April in addition to the monthly tests conducted every month from July to next February. A pupil is promoted to the next higher class on the basis of the performance during the whole year. Hence regularity in attendance and studies is imperative. The school will not hold any special test or examination or practical for the absentees during test and examination\textsuperscript{77}.

Fees will be collected for 12 months (i.e.,) from June to May. A pupil detained twice in a class in succession will be removed from the rolls and T.C. will be issued. Students should be punctual in attending the school. Late coming should be avoided. It is compulsory for every pupil to come to school in full uniform, clean and tidy including foot wear\textsuperscript{78}.

Any communication, report or complaint of the parents should be addressed to the principal or correspondent. Free medical examinations will be conducted for the students by the school and reports will be sent to parents. The Management is appointing well qualified, trained and experienced Teachers to handle the classes. Monthly progress report will be sent to the parents for their signature\textsuperscript{79}.

The Angelo School has got a good Library and adequate laboratory facilities for science and complete science. Hindi and computer education is imparted to the students from UKG to X std. The school have Pentium processor with multimedia computers\textsuperscript{80}.

\textsuperscript{76} Ibid.  
\textsuperscript{77} Ibid., p.20.  
\textsuperscript{78} Ibid., pp. 20-21.  
\textsuperscript{79} Ibid., p.22.  
\textsuperscript{80} Ibid.
The Digital classes are also conducted regularly\textsuperscript{81}. Physical education is given by well-trained physical education teacher. Daily the school students telling prayers in the morning, lunch time and evening time regularly \textsuperscript{82}. Every year time school celebrates children’s day, school day, sports day, Christmas and Pongal Festival, etc., regularly. For instance, on 23\textsuperscript{rd} December 2000 Christmas function was celebrated in the Angelo School at 2 PM. The welcome speech was delivered by the then Correspondent of the school, Rev. Bro. Lawrence. The school students read some passages from Quarran, Bhagavad Geeta and the Holy Bible. Cultural programmes were organized\textsuperscript{83}. Some gifts were provided to the poor children of Seethaikurichi Village by Mr. Prabhakar who was a lawyer. Gifts were presented to the Non-teaching staff by the then Superior General Rev. Bro. I Victor and delivered a Special Speech for Christmas. Mr. Devadoss of Salvation Army and Rev. Stephen Daniel of Church of South India presented gifts to the orphan children of Anaiyarkulam. All programmes were arranged by the then Principal Bro. Rajan\textsuperscript{84}.

The school celebrates Annual day every year. For instance, on 30\textsuperscript{th} August 2004, the Annual Day of the Angelo school was celebrated. The welcome speech was delivered by Bro. Rajan\textsuperscript{85}. Special Speech was delivered by Bishop Ambrose. The Annual Report of the school was read by the then Principal Bro. Antony Tamil Selvan. After the cultural programmes, the vote of thanks was given by Bro. John Peter\textsuperscript{86}.

In the Angelo Matriculation school, upto 5\textsuperscript{th} Std. Hindi study is compulsory for all children. The students participated in the various extra-curricular activities like yoga, Karate, Skating, Chess class, Silambam, Western Dance, Drawing Abacus,
Drums band, Keyboard class, etc., A well equipped library is inside the school. The Catholic Christian students attend the catechism classes regularly and other students should go to the moral classes\textsuperscript{87}.

The students are having Smart computer classes. Spoken classes are also arranged for students. Once in a year, a special seminar on spoken English is organized by the school. Every year books exhibition is conducted and the students are encouraged to buy some books. The school organized excursions every year. For instance, in January 2010, the students of IX, X, XI and XII stds. had gone to Kodaikanal. They have organized an outreach programme every year. For that the students are visiting the Anaiyarkulam handicapped orphanage every year\textsuperscript{88}.

In the public examinations, these school students secured high marks. In the year 2007-08, this school student T. Dominic Savio Fernando secured first mark in the XII std\textsuperscript{89}(1146).

In the same year the Angelo School X std. students secured centum results. In the year 2009-2010 the Xth std. students secured centum results and one Savio Sharon got 474 marks out of 500. In the same year the XII Std. students scored centum result. In the year 2011-2012, Savio Sharon got 1146 in the XII std. exam: and this year the X std. students secured centum result\textsuperscript{90}.

Regarding the Jubilee year of Co-Operative Society, the school celebrated the function of planting of saplings. On 23\textsuperscript{rd} November 2012, the school Principal Mrs. Soma Sundari planted small saplings in the function conducted at Anglelo Matriculation Hr. Sec. School. Many saplings were planted in the school campus.

\textsuperscript{87} Interview with Bro. Benjamin on 10.08.2011 at Angelo Matriculation School, Palayamkottai.
\textsuperscript{88} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{89} All Commissions six years report, p.84.
\textsuperscript{90} Ibid., p.86.
The cooperative sub-registrar Mr. Sivanu, the Secretary Mr. Renganathan, Students and staff members participated in this function\(^91\).

The present strength of the school is 610. From 2007 to 2012, Brother Benjamin was the correspondent of Angelo Matriculation Hr. Sec. School. The present Correspondent of this school is Brother. Casimir Sahayanathan. The present principal of the Angelo Matriculation Hr. Sec. School is Mrs. P Soma Sundari. The present strength of the teachers are 33\(^92\). Thus the Angelo Matriculation Hr. Sec. School brings laurels to the institution of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

**Brothers Educational Union:**

When the need to consolidate the educational efforts of all arose the Congregation found a way out by forming the Educational Union of the Brothers of Sacred Heart in 1946. In the beginning only 9 schools participated in the union. But now it is on the increase\(^93\). It functions mostly as an examining body. It prescribes text books, guides, the working of the syllabi issued by the Government now and then and holds common examinations from IV to VIII standards. Before nationalization of education coaching in a special way was given to students. Their answer papers were valued according to the Government standards by examiners, specially appointed for that purpose\(^94\).

Experienced teaching Brothers referred best books and took questions. From 1\(^{st}\) standard onwards they conduct best exams with standard questions. Many schools joined in this union and got good results\(^95\).

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\(^{92}\) Ibid.  
\(^{94}\) Ibid.  
\(^{95}\) Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 138.
Periodical tests were conducted for VIII standard to create a healthy competition among schools. That the union catered to the good of schools was proved by the fact of its rapid expansion. A Brother is set apart to look after the business of the Union. There was an unanimous opinion among Headmasters that the union was responsible for the higher percentage of pass in the E.S.L.C examination\textsuperscript{96}.

Choice of best text books by the experienced teachers had also helped to produce this result. Common syllabi and examination among the member schools of the union had also helped to promote good standards\textsuperscript{97}. From 1956 onwards, question papers were prepared for high schools and had been sent to many high schools of Tamil Nadu. Then from 1980 onwards, question papers had been printed for Hr. Sec. Schools and sent to many schools\textsuperscript{98}.

The union in the course of time, has come forward to extend its services to all the schools in Tamil Nadu and the Union territory of Pondicherry. More than 1300 schools were regularly getting the benefit of the Union. Almost all the schools in Pondicherry were the regular participants of the Union\textsuperscript{99}. It has also extended its services to Kerala, Andhra and Karnataka. Thus more than 1500 schools have derived its benefits\textsuperscript{100}.

From 1994-95 onwards, question papers had been prepared for Matriculation schools and it had yielded good benefits to the students. From 1996-97, question papers had been printed from this union to catechism and moral studies. Many Diocesan schools got questions for that and had been much benefitted\textsuperscript{101}.

\textsuperscript{96} Bro. T. Gabriel (ed.) Op. Cit., p.34.
\textsuperscript{97} Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 138.
\textsuperscript{98} Alosanai Peravai, Palayamkottai, 1997, op. cit., p. 83,
\textsuperscript{99} Statement of Ranjit Singh”, a pamphlet, Brothers Educational Union, Palayamkottai, 1990.
\textsuperscript{100} ‘Good News to the Poor: Lord and Service”, a pamphlet n.d.
\textsuperscript{101} Alosanai Peravai, op. cit., p. 83.
The main income of the Brothers comes from Brother Educational Union. To strengthen the financial matters of the Union, the Brothers sought financial assistance from some foreign institutions\textsuperscript{102}. For instance, Pietrocalver from Italy, Missio from Brussels and Confrenza Italiana were some of the agencies which provided fund to the Brothers for the purpose of the improvement of the House and the Union\textsuperscript{103}.

By setting question papers, the Brothers Educational Union gained much. According to one financial report of them, the outstanding balance in the year 1999-2000 was Rs.11349216.05, 2000-2001 was Rs.11798250.65, 2001-2002 was Rs.12266217.25, 2002-2003 was Rs. 9333567.45, 2003-2004 was Rs. 14352907.30, 2004-2005 was Rs. 16803000.30 and 2005-2006 was Rs.16322890.55\textsuperscript{104}.

From their rich experience as educators for many years they set the questions of high standards in accordance with the pattern and blue print prescribed by the Education Department and the Government of Tamil Nadu from time to time. It is evidently true that more than 70% of the questions prepared by Brothers Educational Union have been found asked in the government examinations these years\textsuperscript{105}.

It is an added advantage of the Union that many of the outstanding students of various schools in the state who turned to be Rank holders are mainly from their member schools who continued to make use of their question papers and study materials. This makes them feel proud of. Their deep-seated standard and quality is the exhibit that stands a testimony for their efforts in this venture for more than 70 years\textsuperscript{106}.

\textsuperscript{102} 12\textsuperscript{th} Chapter, Pontifical Commissary’s Three Years Work Report 2003-2005, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Palayamkottai, p.12.

\textsuperscript{103} 12\textsuperscript{th} Chapter’s Annexure Procurator General Reports, 1999-2005, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Palayamkottai, p.48.

\textsuperscript{104} Ibid., p.85.

\textsuperscript{105} The Brothers Educational Union, Syllabus Standards VI to XII, 2010-2011, Palayamkottai, p.1.

\textsuperscript{106} Ibid.
The Tamil Nadu Government is launching “Samacheer Kalvi” from 2011 onwards. Consequently question papers will be prepared accordingly to suit the needs of the children\textsuperscript{107}

The Brothers Educational Union made the programme of common tests and examinations. They set questions for Monthly tests, Mid Term tests, Revision Tests, Quarterly and Half-yearly examinations, preparatory test, one mark test, English Grammar Test, and Optim* Test series\textsuperscript{108}. The Union has a team of experts in the field of preparing question papers\textsuperscript{109}. Special question papers are prepared for physical education, Ariviyal Tamil and Environmental Studies\textsuperscript{110}.

English Grammar Test and One Mark test are conducted for XII std. students. “The English Grammar Test” consists of ten units and each unit will have a separate test.

The “One Mark Test” in five units is conducted for the subjects of Tamil, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Zoology, Botany, Business Maths, Commerce, Accountancy, History, Economics and Computer Science. “The Optim Test Services’ introduced by Brothers Educational Union aims at implementing a simplified test series for X and XII standards by dividing the syllabus into small portions so as to make the learning materials easier\textsuperscript{111}. With a view to encounter the challenges of the modern trends in Indian education that go through changes every now and then, test series are based on a common method of testing entirely different from that of the tests

\textsuperscript{107} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{*} The Optim test series introduced by Brothers Educational Union aims at implementing a simplified test series for Xth and XIIth standards by dividing the syllabus into small portions so as to make learning materials easier.
\textsuperscript{108} Ibid., p.2.
\textsuperscript{109} Ibid., p.1.
\textsuperscript{110} Ibid., p.2.
\textsuperscript{111} Ibid., p.4.
held in schools and private tuition centres. With that a good number of schools are benefited much and by the way to success\textsuperscript{112}.

Question papers along with answer booklets are supplied to the subscriber schools. When the exams are over, the answer booklets are to be sent to the Brothers Educational Union Office at Palayamkottai. They will be evaluated by experts at this office and the mark sheets will be dispatched to the respective schools. This helps the Heads of the schools and parents to know the academic standard of their awards. A special feature of the programme is awarding of prizes to State and District level rank holders by the Brothers Educational Union\textsuperscript{113}.

Question papers will be sent promptly to various respective destinations securely packed and correctly addressed. The Brothers Educational Union has two branch offices, one at Chennai and the other at Trichy that are functioning for easy administration and accessibility in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. They serve as nodal points to cater to the needs of schools in the various districts\textsuperscript{114}.

The Branch Office at Chennai is located in Sacred Heart Foundation, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai. This will attend to the queries of the schools in the Northern districts such as Chennai, Chengalpattu, Pondicherry, Thiruvalluvar, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Kanchipuram, Krishnagiri, Vellore and Vilupuram\textsuperscript{115}. The branch office of Trichy covers nearly 16 districts like Trichy, Tanjore, Nagapattinam, Coimbatore, Sivagangai, Perambur, Puducottai, Namakkal, Madurai, Ramnad, Karur, Thiruvarur, Salem, Dindigal, Dharamapuri, Nilgris, Erode and Theni\textsuperscript{116}. A Special Unit is functioning separately at Palayamkottai. This unit will serve the needs of the schools

\textsuperscript{112} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{113} Ibid., p.5.
\textsuperscript{114} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{115} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{116} Ibid., p.6.
of the southern districts of Tamil Nadu. They are Virudhunagar, Kanyakumari, Tuticorin and Tirunelveli. The branches will ensure easy access, instant followup, adequate and prompt service. But they function under the control and supervision of the Head Office at Palayamkottai. The Heads of schools are asked to place their orders only to Head Office at Palayamkottai\(^\text{117}\).

Thus with true sense of devotion and commitment the Brothers continue to serve the teachers and the student community in the midst of challenges. It is sure that the Brothers Educational Union has a warm corner in the hearts of every one who are benefited through their selfless services. The Brothers Educational Union has two more units. One is Caussanel Publishing House and Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts.

**Caussanel Publishing House:**

The Brothers Educational Union has a unit called Caussanel Publishing House. It created in the name of the founder Fr. Caussanel and serves along with the Brothers Educational Union from 1952. Various kinds of books, notes and other religious pamphlets are published by this House\(^\text{118}\). In the beginning years it had the right to even publish the text of Tamil Nadu and Kerala\(^\text{119}\).


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\(^{117}\) Ibid.  
\(^{118}\) Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 139.  
\(^{119}\) Ibid., p. 140.  
\(^{120}\) Brothers Educational Union Syllabus Standards VI to XII, op. cit., p.7.
Brothers Caussanel Publishing House is publishing Italic Copy Writing books in 5 grades which can be applied from standards I to XII. These teach the students in writing the proper shape of the letters. These books are found to be highly useful to the students. They are prepared with great care keeping in mind the standard and the varied ability of the students who make use of them.

Along with the service for the students our Brothers have also contributed much for the animation of religious and laity. One of the important things of work mentioning is publication of *Christu vil Vazhu* (Life in Christ) a quarterly magazine for the nourishment of the religious. The articles were written on the integration of contextual theology and religious spirituality. So far 110 volumes have been published in the past 25 years from 1970 to 1995. To cherish the values of the Kingdom of God a Tamil monthly magazine namely *Ithaya Sudar* was started in the year 1965 to reach out to the lay people. *Ithaya Sudar* is a Catholic social monthly magazine for the propagation of Sacred Heart devotion and to serve as an instrument of social change. It highlights social and ethical values and promotes interest in arts and culture.

The Caussanel Publication published many books of Sacred Heart Brothers. They are Oliyai Ettuvom, Ithaya Oli, Irupatham Nurtrandil Thirusabhai, Thiruvazhipattu Kondattam, Uravadum Iraivan, Thennagathin Oli, Nilavin Thavam, Viluthugal, Oppatra Thottakaran, Onpathinmar Alumai, Enthai Vazhi Urimai Chothu etc. All these educational works are done through their reputed press known as Fatima Printing Press.

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122 Brothers Educational Union Syllabus stds, VI to XII, p.7.
123 100 years Mission – a Flash Back by Bro. R. Casimir Sahayananathan, Centenary Jubilee Souvenir (1903-2003), Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Palayamkottai, p. 45.
124 Brothers of the Sacred Heart (India), p. 25.
Fatima Printing Press and Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts (FIGA):

The variegated works of the Union needed the help of some printing press to publish its books and pamphlets. Thus, Fatima Printing Press was started with the motto of ‘Education through Missionary works’\(^\text{126}\). The press was installed on 13\(^{th}\) November 1948\(^\text{127}\). With a small printing machine and some old printing mechanical materials which were purchased for the amount of Rs. 15000/- from Theni in October 1948. It was started by Bro. Lawrence and then Bro. Maria Rathinam become the Press Manager in June 1949\(^\text{128}\). Many Brothers have contributed their mite for the growth of the press.

Initially, it had only one treadle machine and cutting machine and letters only in Tamil and English. In 1957, they bought 2 more treadle machines, one cylinder machine and also Hindi letters. Again one more cylinder machine and one treadle machine were added in 1966 and 1970\(^\text{129}\).

On 26\(^{th}\) August, 1967, the Commissioner of Palayamkottai Municipality granted permission to install 2 HP Electric Motor for running treadle and cylinder in the Fatima Printing Press situated in T.S. No. 242, Ward III, Block 3. This is the first approved copy for Motor License by the Municipality of Palayamkottai\(^\text{130}\). On 15\(^{th}\) February 1986, the Press received its factory license, accordingly the press has been permitted to install 10 HP electric Motor\(^\text{131}\).

\(^{127}\) P. Valanarasu (ed.), Centenary Celebration Souvenir of St. Xavier’s Cathedral, p.49.
\(^{128}\) Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 139.
\(^{129}\) Director-Diocese of Palayamkottai-1989, pp. 132-133.
\(^{131}\) Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories, Factory License (Renovation), Tirunelveli, 1986.
In 1988, an automatic machine print master is added in the press to fulfill its purpose more effectively\textsuperscript{132}. The press consists of some tidily organized machines such as Battiboi & Co manufactured by Yoda Machinery Co. Ltd. of Japan, Veb Optima Fabrik Graphischer Maschinen of Germany, J.M. Cotta from Madras, Chandler of Prince Company Cleveland Ohio from U.S.A. and E.S. Cropper & Co from Nottingham in 1989\textsuperscript{133}.

Now many Automatic Printing machines, Graphic Arts H.M.T. Opcet Machines and Modern Cutting machines are purchased and it used to develop as Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts. In the centenary year, (2003) the Fatima institute of Graphic Arts came into being. It published and printed all the works of Brother Educational Union in a highly excellent method. Many poor and Handicapped students joined in this Institute and learned the latest printing technology\textsuperscript{134}.

New buildings were constructed for the development of Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts. A new H.M.T. OPCET Machine was purchased for Rs. 1754500/- and a latest cutting machine was purchased for Rs. 95,590/-\textsuperscript{135}. A spiritual training in Graphic technology is given to the Handicapped students. In this Institute 20 students got training in every year. Later they obtain good job opportunity in many printing presses. During their training period, they got free lodging, boarding and everything is free\textsuperscript{136}.

The Brothers Education Union was closely united with Fatima Printing Press and Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts. All are functioning under one control. The present

\textsuperscript{132} Directory- Diocese of Palayamkottai, 1989, p.133.  
\textsuperscript{133} Interview with Bro. Savariyar on 02.08.2007.  
\textsuperscript{134} Athirvalai (T1.), Journal, May 2007, pp.15-16.  
\textsuperscript{135} Alosanal Peravai 1997, op. cit., Palayamkottai, p.83.  
\textsuperscript{136} Ibid., p. 84.
Secretary of the Union is Bro. R. Arockiam Peter\textsuperscript{137}. More than 200 workers are working in the Union. In the administration matters, the standing orders are meticulously followed. The labourers are classified into permanent, probationers, temporary, and apprentices. Workmen may be granted casual leave for fifteen days in aggregate in a calendar year\textsuperscript{138}.

Wilful insubordination or disobedience whether alone or in combination with another or others of any lawful and reasonable order of a superior and strike of work or inciting others to strike work in contravention are treated as misconduct\textsuperscript{139} A workman may be fined upto two percent of his wages in a month as punishment for misconduct\textsuperscript{140}.

Every permanent workman shall be entitled to a service certificate at the time of leaving the service, dismissal or discharge\textsuperscript{141}. Every workman shall retire on attaining the age 58 years which shall be the age of superannuation provided that the management may in their discretion extend the period of service of any workman on reaching the said age of superannuation for such longer period as may be considered necessary\textsuperscript{142}. The main section of the workers are printing, binding and counting. All composings are done through computer. Mainly the question papers, guides and text books of Brothers Educational Union are printed here. In addition to this, religious books, greetings, wedding cards, etc. are also printed here. The working hours of the labourers are from 9 AM to 12.30 PM in the morning and 1.30 PM to 6 pm in the afternoon\textsuperscript{143}.

\textsuperscript{137} Status: 2012-2013, Institute of the Brother of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Palayamkottai, p.1.
\textsuperscript{138} The Standing Orders of the Fatima Printing Press, Palayamkottai, pp. 2-4.
\textsuperscript{139} Ibid., p.12.
\textsuperscript{140} Ibid., p. 15.
\textsuperscript{141} Ibid., p. 21.
\textsuperscript{142} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{143} Interview with Mr. Sudalai Kannu, a machine operator of Fatima Graphic Arts, Palayamkottai on 19\textsuperscript{th} February 2009.
The Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts is developed with latest machines. The brothers purchased Mini Set Hidle Park Double Colour Machine from Sivakasi. Single colour Hidle Park Machines, 2 H.M.T. Double Demmy Machines, Program cutting machines, Pasting machines, Holding machines, Auto Printing Machines, Lamination machines all purchased by the Brothers from various countries to develop the Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts. Recently the Institute purchased two Miller Machines. They purchased latest type of Holding Machines. With the help of these holding machines they are making paper cups, paper plates and other paper products.

The Brothers have taken a big step forward in training and rehabilitating the school drop-outs and the physically handicapped by starting the Fatima Institute of Graphic Arts at Palayamkottai at which they are trained in printing technology. Thus the Brothers Educational Union with Fatima Printing Institute, on the whole, has acquired a good reputation over the years.

**Christuraja Teachers Training Institute**

One of the reputed educational institutions of Brothers is Christuraja Teacher Training Institute. It was in the Mother House campus at Palayamkottai upto January 10th 1999. Due to some inconveniences, it was shifted to Caussanelpuram, which is situated 20 kms from Palayamkottai Mother House. The Christuraja Teachers Training Institute was started on 1st August 1953 with Higher Grade Training under orders from the Director of Public instructions. It was started with certain basic aims and goals. They are to promote service mind in students regarding God and the nation, to promote discipline in mind and body as best witnesses

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144 Ibid.  
145 Ibid.  
146 Brothers of the Sacred Heart (India), p. 18.  
147 Interview with Bro. K.A. Chimnappan Prasad at Caussanelpuram on 10.11.2012.  
of the nation, to enlighten them to the spiritual way of life, to promote teacher-taught relations, to promote cooperation among them and to develop leadership qualities among the students\textsuperscript{149}. Its motto is “Service to Children is service to God.”\textsuperscript{150}

In 1956, it changed its nomenclature into the Junior Basic Training School. Again on 6\textsuperscript{th} July, it changed its nomenclature into the Senior Basic Training School. In September 1975, it introduced Diploma course in Teacher training\textsuperscript{151}.

The curriculum perused in the institute are Tamil, English, Maths, Science, Geography, Psychology, Teacher Training, Social Studies, Physical Education and Vocational Training\textsuperscript{152}. Their extra-curricular activities include making and using of aids, training in handicrafts, practicing asanas, retreat and transmental meditation, prayer in different ways, group prayer, catechism, value education, literacy talks, practice in playing of musical instruments, practice of dramas and debates, group games, competitions short and long study tours\textsuperscript{153}.

The students have a two years study in the institute. When Bro Immanuel was the first principal of this institute, he framed certain rules and regulations for the students. Special training was given to backward students to improve them in their studies\textsuperscript{154}.

In 1960, under Bro. M. Lawrence two buildings came up, one for office and the other for library\textsuperscript{155}. In 1975, by the effort of this institute the state level common examination for all Training schools was introduced. By the concerted effort of

\textsuperscript{149} The 37\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report – Christuraja Teacher Training Institute (Tl.), Palayamkottai, 17.11.1989, p.1.
\textsuperscript{150} Bro. T. Gabriel (ed.), op. cit, p.39.
\textsuperscript{151} Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p. 300.
\textsuperscript{152} The 37\textsuperscript{th} Annual Report-Christuraja Teacher Training Institute, p. 2.
\textsuperscript{153} Ibid., p.3.
\textsuperscript{154} Bro. S. Sebastian, Oliyai Ettuvom, p.301.
\textsuperscript{155} M. Lawrence, the Tablet on the building of Christuraja Teacher Training institute, Palayamkottai, 1960.
Bro. Sebastian, many laboratory equipments and newly published books were purchased for the institute in the year 1982\textsuperscript{156}.

It was during the period of Bro. R. Amaladhas as Principal of the institute, two associations have been acknowledged APCACTITN and APCATTITN in the year 1988. They were the Associations of the Principals and correspondents of the Teacher Training Institutes. In 1989, Angelo Nilayam was constructed\textsuperscript{157}. It consists of a Classroom, a prayer hall, a meeting hall and a separate office for the training students\textsuperscript{158}. It was opened by Rev. Bro. I. Victor, the Superior General on 18\textsuperscript{th} March 1989. It is a memorial erected in the memory of the first superior General Bro. E.M.J. Angelo\textsuperscript{159}.

On 09.07.1973, the Government recognized the Christuraja Teacher Training Institute under order T.S. No. 67175/73. On 27.11.1996, the Regional Director of National Council for Teacher Education recognized this Institute under order no. SRO-96/NCTE/214\textsuperscript{160}.

From 1953 to Present day, Seven Correspondents and Eleven Principals have worked in this Teacher Training Institute\textsuperscript{161}. From 1989 onwards, Mr. Samuel Koil Pillai has worked as Principle of this Institute. The present correspondent of this Christuraja Teacher Training Institute is Rev. Bro. K.A. Chinnappa Prasad. On January 10\textsuperscript{th} 1995, the Christu Raja Teacher Training Institute was transferred to 10.5 Acres of

\textsuperscript{156} Angelo Nilayam Opening Ceremony Souvenir, (Ti)., Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Palayamkottai, 1989, p. 16.,
\textsuperscript{157} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{158} Ibid., p.9.
\textsuperscript{159} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{160} Notice Board, Christuraja Teacher Training Institute, Caussanelpuram.
\textsuperscript{161} Ibid.
land at Caussanelpuram for administrative convenience from the Mother House\textsuperscript{162}. Now 160 students are studied there and it functions in good manner.

**Other Educational Activities of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in the Generalate:**

The Education commission and members have been formed by the General Team in 2006 to govern, administer and to disseminate all educational activities in the schools and other institutions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart\textsuperscript{163}. The Brothers education ministry has been spread over through 72 formal and non-formal educational institutions. Now the Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus run 72 Educational institutions in South India\textsuperscript{164}. Mostly in Tamil Nadu some institutions in other states. Now they spread over other continent also. They run St. Dominic Catholic High School at Monrovia District of Liberia in Africa. Among 72 Educational Institutions, they have to run three Arts and Science Colleges, one Educational College, ten Higher Secondary Schools, one Teacher Training Institute, two Special Schools, six High Schools, three Industrial Training Institutes, eleven Primary Schools, fifteen Matric Schools, ten Crèches, two non-formal Training Institutes, seven Diocesan Institute and one Nursing College\textsuperscript{165}.

According to the statutes of the Congregation, the Education Commission arranged meetings each year to discuss, share, frame, ventilate and to execute for the better implementation of the Educational Policy in their Educational Institutions. On 24.06.2006, the Commission meetings were held at Generelate in Palayamkottai.

\textsuperscript{162} Interview with Rev. Bro. K.A. Chinnappa Prasad, the Correspondent of Christuraja Teacher Training Institute at Caussanelpuram on 12.11.2012.

\textsuperscript{163} All Commission’s Six Years Report, p.71.

\textsuperscript{164} Ibid., pp. 71-72.

\textsuperscript{165} Ibid., pp. 72-73.
Matters of Long Term Plan and 12th Chapter Educational Policy were discussed in the meeting.\textsuperscript{166}

On 09.05.2008, at the Generalate the Appointments, Transfers and Promotions of 2008-09 were discussed. The pre-planning of Headmasters and Correspondents Meet of 2008-09 was also discussed.\textsuperscript{167} The Commission has convened a meeting for Headmasters and Correspondents of all Educational Institutions on 27\textsuperscript{th} and 28\textsuperscript{th} January at Ithaya jothi, Caussanelpuram. Many of the Educational institutions participated in this meeting. Rev. Bro. N.S. Jesudoss, Superior General of the Congregation awarded the Rolling Shields to the best 3 schools and cash and prizes to the best students who scored high marks in public examination.\textsuperscript{168}

On 12\textsuperscript{th} and 13\textsuperscript{th} of July 2008 meeting was convened for all the heads of the various Educational Institutions of the Congregation at Caussanelpuram. Rev. Fr. Alex Thomas S.J., the Principal of St. Xavier’s College of Education delivered lectures ‘Impact of Modernization process in Education’ and ‘Modern Management Techniques in Education’.\textsuperscript{169} In another meeting was held on 17\textsuperscript{th} July 2010 at Caussanelpuram. Mr. S. Martin, B.Com, M.L. Advocate High Court Branch, Madurai, delivered lectures on Samacheerkalvi and Rights to Education and Minority Rights.\textsuperscript{170}

Refresher courses were conducted for the Teachers on 24.03.2007, 13.04.2010 and 14.04.2010. The Commission arranged a seminar on “Environment Education” in which Rev. Fr. Manickam, SJ was the Resource person for Primary Schools teaches in Caussanel province on July 2006.\textsuperscript{171}

\textsuperscript{166} Ibid., p.76.
\textsuperscript{167} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{168} Ibid., p.78.
\textsuperscript{169} Ibid., p.79.
\textsuperscript{170} Ibid., p.81.
\textsuperscript{171} Ibid., p.82.
The Brother Coordinator attended a Legal Cell Seminar convened by the Tamil Nadu Catholic Educational Association in Chennai on 02.02.2007 to 04.02.2007. The Superior General Bro. N.S. Jesudoss and other Brothers Benjamine, P. Jeyaraj, Muthu, Xavier, Casimir Sahayanathan, Jesu Arulanandam and Maria Joseph Antony participated in the Seminar\(^{172}\). The General Education Commission conducted interviews for appointment of teachers and non-teaching staffs\(^{173}\).

The Education Commission has forwarded as per the Government norms, the category wise vacancy and the suggestive lists for the General Council’s approval for appointment. From 2006-2012 out of 108 Regular appointments 20 Dalits are appointed i.e. 18.52\(^{174}\).

The Education Coordinator has visited all Primary, High and Higher Secondary Schools, Special School for the Blind, Industrial Training Schools, Teacher Training Institute and Arts and Science Colleges. In general, the discipline of all their school is considered to be good. Necessary instructions have been given to all Staff and School authorities to achieve their targets in implementing their ‘Action Plan’ to secure 100% result in SSLC & XII Public Examinations and to participate in all Sports events and extra-curricular activities\(^{175}\).

Inspection reports of all institutions mentioning appreciation and corrections to be made have already been sent to all Headmasters and Principals, marking a copy to Superior General. Copies of Inspection Report have also been sent to the Provincial Superiors and Coordinators for their information and to supervise these schools.

\(^{172}\) Ibid.
\(^{173}\) Ibid., p.95.
\(^{174}\) Ibid., pp. 97-98.
\(^{175}\) Ibid., p.115.
periodically of their jurisdiction and also to verify their corrective action taken on the inspection Report\textsuperscript{176}.

By the decision of the Education Commission and the General Council an Intensive Training Camp was conducted for the newly appointed teachers on 13\textsuperscript{th} to 27th April 2010. In the later speeches Teachers are friends and they should spare their time with students are stressed. Teachers are advised to read more and to have reading habits. In order to have good command in English and “Communication Skills” in English was given\textsuperscript{177}. In the opening session, the key note address was given by Rev. Br. Lourdu. Teachers are called to devote themselves to the cause of education, was rightly spoken by Angelo Provincial Rev. Br. S. Pancras. He gave a different name called ‘seventh sense’. It was stressed that, “Leadership quality was given to the students”\textsuperscript{178}.

The Brothers while teaching at Schools, set excellent personal example of hard work, faithfulness in the execution of duty by reason of the sublime human qualities that emerge from the religious life\textsuperscript{179}.

**Educational Service of the Brothers Abroad**

In the year 1996 and 1997 Bro. A. Divyanathan and Bro. S. Xavier had gone to New Orleans in USA and studied and served there for two years and returned to India. In Rome Bro. Gragory Yogan participated in 6 months training in theology in the year 1996. In 1997, Bro. Chinnappan Prasad went to Rome and got training in theology\textsuperscript{180}. Bro.N.S. Jesudoss obtained Ph.D., degree in theology from Rome and returned to India.

\textsuperscript{176} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{177} Ibid., pp. 126-127.
\textsuperscript{178} Ibid., p. 129.
\textsuperscript{179} Ibid. p. 140.
\textsuperscript{180} Alosanai Peravai-1997, p.21.
Bro. Benjamine did Educational Service in Philippines and returned in 1996\textsuperscript{181}. Bro. Robin and Bro. Caspar also performed educational service in Philippines\textsuperscript{182}.

Bro. Edward Francis, Bro. Adaikalam. Bro Royappan, Bro. V. Lourdhu, Bro. Antony Cruoose, Bro. Michael Raj, Bro. Jesuraj, Bro. I. Joseph and Bro. Mathalai Muthu got training in Rome\textsuperscript{183}. In 2006, Bro. S. Innasi Muthu had studied in Germany and got special training there. He was elected as an Asian Representative of Catholic Foreign Students Service which was supported by the German Bishops Conference\textsuperscript{184}.

The Brothers are now doing a remarkable achievement in educational service in Africa. After hundred years of the establishment of the Congregation, they made their foot marks in Africa\textsuperscript{185}. The Republic of Liberia is a country on the Western Coast of Africa. The proposed mission place for the Brothers is called Bomi Hills\textsuperscript{186}. This is a diocese property in which one Fr. Gareth Jenkins, a SMA missionary started the Saint Dominic Catholic School* on 1\textsuperscript{st} March 1977 and the initiative was welcomed by the local community. During 1979, land was acquired and six classrooms were constructed. The school had its first high school graduates in 1986. The civil conflict resulted in the abrupt closure of the school on several occasions\textsuperscript{187}.

On February 18, 2008 Father Gereth Jenkins, the parish priest of Saint Dominic Parish officially announced the take over the management of the Saint Dominic Catholic School by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who came from India. Now Bro. Britto and Bro. Stephen are as Principal and School Manager respectively\textsuperscript{188}.

\textsuperscript{181} Ibid., pp. 21-22.
\textsuperscript{182} 12\textsuperscript{th} Chapter, Photicial Commissary Report op. cit, p.35.
\textsuperscript{183} Ibid.
\textsuperscript{184} Athirvalai (T1.), Journal, Irudayakulam, October 2006, pp. 34-36.
\textsuperscript{185} All Commissions six yeas report, op. cit., pp.71-72.
\textsuperscript{186} Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart (English Journal) Palayamkottai, September 2007, pp.1-4.
\textsuperscript{187} * See Plate No. 8.
\textsuperscript{188} Athirvalai (T1.), Journal, Irudayakulam, June 2008, p. 14.
Previously, the militias systematically destroyed the children’s schooling system. Teachers were considered ‘enemies’. But the condition is fast changing. The school was renovated and refurnished. The school is co-educational. At present the school has 720 students on the roll from kinder garden to senior high school. 65 students are staying in the boarding who are from farthest places of Bomi Hills Counties\textsuperscript{189}.

Education is one of the noblest pursuits of knowledge in the civilized world. When it is combined with religion, then its moral output is great. The Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart tries to do that through their educational institutions. About 90% their educational institutions are in rural area only. Their contributions have direct impact on the social and cultural aspect of our society. By their institutions, they spread the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Their contribution is very distinct and a remarkable one.

\textsuperscript{189} Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart (English Journal) Op. Cit. pp.3-4.