



Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Roy
(1995-2003)



Most Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Vazhapilly
(2003-2017)



Most Rev. Dr. K. Antony William
(Present Bishop)

after writing on it as a token of his blessings a Latin quotation from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:9). "Caritas vestra magis ac magis abundet in scientia" May your love grow richer and richer in knowledge. The first and the last words of the Latin quotation "Caritas in Scientia" became the inscribed motto in the emblem of the college to ignite the students that love is first and knowledge is second, that love is the end and the knowledge is the means. In his inaugural address, Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar, Maharajah of Mysore declared: "I expect this institution to possess the essential spirit of great educational institutions to give to its alumni the greatest of all gifts namely character and a high sense of duty."

The College has ever since followed its vision and mission of forming and reforming the character of its students with the enrichment of academic excellence for employability and social concern. It has also grown phenomenally with excellent infrastructure of imposing heritage buildings with its vast campus of gardens and attractive ambience, well-equipped Laboratories, Museums, Language Lab, A/V studio, Digital Library, state-of-the-art Indoor as well as outdoor stadium and gymnasium to enhance the richness of experiential learning towards the holistic development of the students. But the true legacy of the college consists in the academic achievements of the students and the faculty. The college has produced many educationists, scientists, artists, bureaucrats, and professionals who have carried forward the torch of learning and social concern lit in their alma mater.

St. Philomena's is absolutely a global village with students from 19 different states of India and many countries across the globe. It has made rapid strides by introducing many new programmes in Science, Arts, Commerce, Business Administration, Computer Applications, Social Work, Tourism & Hotel Management, and Vocational courses. It has a separate Postgraduate and Research Centre offering 14 PG courses in Science, Arts, and Commerce, besides Ph.D., Diploma and Certificate programmes on myriad subjects. The Philomenites feel at home, safe and secure, despite religious, cultural, and linguistic diversity.

The college had the rare privilege of receiving the then President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, in 2007 for its Diamond Jubilee Celebration. In recognition of its contribution to the field of higher education, the college got the NAAC Accreditation in its first phase itself in 2002 as an A+ College with potential for Excellence. It attained Autonomous status in 2011 and in the second phase in April 2014, the peer team of the NAAC Accreditation conferred the CGPA of 3.58 on the scale of 4 points, paving the way for the college to become first in the University of Mysore, 7th in the State and 32nd position in the country. It was further showcased successfully to get the status as a College of Excellence (CE) with effect from 1st April 2015 to the end of March 2020. The Management and the other stakeholders remember with gratitude the noble founding fathers, great and dedicated retired teachers, Principals, administrators, illustrious Alumni, international partners, media friends, well-wishers, parents and the public for their love and support all through these years in making St. Philomena's College spectacular with stellar performance in the domain of education. Therefore, the family of St. Philomena's institutions cordially invites you to be a part of this eventful celebration of its Platinum Jubilee and solicit your solid support in its endeavour to keep this heritage college upscale to become a Degree-awarding University and to grow like a laurel tree in the years ahead

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Platinum Jubilee Celebration
of the College

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On Friday, 23rd December 2022

Eucharistic Celebration:
9.00 a.m. at Indoor Stadium

Valediction: 5.00 p.m. at College Ground

VALEDICTION

PRESIDENT

**His Excellency
Most Rev. Dr. K. ANTONY WILLIAM**

BISHOP OF MYSORE & PRESIDENT OF MDES

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**His Highness
YADUVEER KRISHNADATTA CHAMARAJA WODEYAR**

MAHARAJA OF MYSURU

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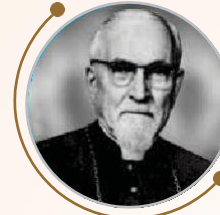
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A Trip down the Memory Lane of a successful Journey of 75 eventful Years



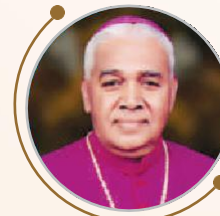
His Highness Sri Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar
The Maharaja of the Kingdom of Mysore (1940 to 1950)



Most Rev. Dr. Rene Feuga
First Bishop of Mysore

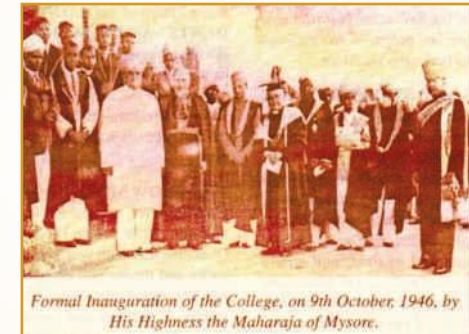


Most Rev. Dr. Mathias Fernandes
(1964-1985)



Most Rev. Dr. Francis Michaelappa
(1987-1993)

Seventy five years ago the nucleus of the college was the then Bishop's house in Bannimantap at the outskirts of Mysore in the backdrop of a vast stretch of barren land with mounds here and there. Yet it offered as a landmark and pleasant silhouette to the tourists entering the city from the North gate. Among the founders and pioneers who belonged to MEP (the Society of the Foreign Missionaries of Paris), Rev. Fr. Audiau as the then Secretary of the Mysore Diocesan Society proposed the idea of having a college. With no hesitation, the first and the last of the European Bishop of Mysore Rt. Rev. Rene Feuga along with his Vicar General, Fr. Maurice Queguiner bore with enthusiasm and excitement the big onus of bringing the college to its birth on 9th July 1946 with 425 students and 15 staff.



*Formal Inauguration of the College, on 9th October, 1946, by
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

Sri. Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the then Maharaja of Mysore declared open the college, after levelling the mound overnight in the surrounding, while bestowing at the same time munificently almost 25 acres of land for the college. Bishop Feuga in his astonishing act of generosity gave away the bishop's house which became the administrative and the Arts Block of the College. Though it began as the first Science College privately managed in the old Mysore region, it soon aggrandized with Arts and Commerce disciplines. Despite its ups and downs, the college forged ahead with spectacular watershed events in its annals, thanks to its stalwart Principals and dedicated star-like staff. The college takes pride even today in having a cosmopolitan community of staff and students welded together with the remarkable spirit of comradeship, fellow feeling and bonhomie.

One cannot ignore the elegant and inspiring Latin motto in the college crest. While touring Europe and America to prepare for the establishment of the college, Bishop Feuga met His Holiness, Pope Pius XII and presented him the picture of the bishop's house in the process of becoming later the college building. The Holy Father returned the picture