# St. Thomas Institutions, Kurichy, Tirunelveli, India - 627 005

### **Annual Report**

#### 2010 - 2011

Caussanel Inter Religious Students Movement was started at Thirunelveli, in Tamil Nadu State, with the motto of Universal Brotherhood. At present the movement is being spread out in various districts in the state and is functioning in full swing.

19.06.10 The planning Meeting for the whole year was held at Kurichi St. Thomas High School. All the members attended the meeting. Rev. Br. M.D. Sebastian welcomed the gathering. The planning for the year 2010 – 11 was discussed and the following points are taken unanimously.

- 1. Celebrating the annual Day for the Inter Religious Students Movement in all the schools.
- 2. Preparing the Prayer service for important religious festivals by the Secretary and sending them to all the schools.
- 3. Visiting the Holy places of various religions.
- 4. Conducting Inter Religious Prayer service in all the schools on each Friday
- 5. Celebrating all the important Religious festivals in all the schools.
- 5. Arranging and conducting Inter Religious Prayer Service in common places at least four times a year.

# Meetings conducted in the year 2010 -11.

Chennai – Velacherry – The Annual Day of Inter Faith Religious Movement was Celebrated in St. Antony's HSS. Velacherry on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010. The Parents and Students cleaned the streets close to the school. A



Rally was conducted insisting on the Religious Compromise.

Sr. Amalarani, Thiru Abdul kather, and Thiru Krishnan were the chief speakers on the day. The same theme was insisted in all the talks and cultural activities. Rev. Br. Sebastian distributed the prizes. Vote of thanks was given by Rev. Sr.Regi, HM of St. Antony's School.

Madurai - On the 18th September, the Annual Day for the Inter Religious



Movement was celebrated in Nirmala Hr. Sec. School Madurai. Nearly 17 Schools participated in the Celebration. Three Religious leaders talked on Religious Compromise. Sr. Amalarani in her talk emphasized that Religious Compromise is an urgent need for the present tensed situation of the world. Prize distribution was

done by Rev. Br. Sebastian. After the inter Religious prayer service The Celebration came to an end.

**Panjampatti**. The Annual Day for the inter Faith Religious Movement was celebrated on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Students from 15 Schools participated in the function. The President and the secretary of the Movement encouraged the gathering by their august presence. Various Competitions were conducted and



Rev. Br. Sebestian gave away the prizes for the winners. Inter Faith Prayer Service was conducted by the Parents.

N.G.O.A.Colony - Nearly 19 Schools in and around of Tirunelveli joined



together and celebrated the Annual Day of Inter Religious Movement in N.G.O.A Colony, Tirunelveli. Thiru. Mathew, Chairman of SACC was the President and Thiru Ariyanayahipuram Subramaniam was the Chief guest of the function. Thiru Mathew in his talk insisted on Living in Harmony at this age will pave the

way for Universal Brotherhood. *President Mr.* Subramaiam felicitated and garlanded Thiru **Thomas Mathew** for his getting the Inter Faith Visionary

Award from the Temple of understanding Newyark for his selfless service. As a gift of appreciation Caussanel Inter Religious Students Movement also offered a fine memento. Rev. Br.Sebastian explained about the activities of Causanel Inter Religious Movement. Sr. Amalarani stressed about the Religious Relationship. The winners of the competitions were appreciated and awarded by Rev.Br. Sebastian. Rev. Sr. Pushpa HM of NGO A Colony delivered the Vote of thanks.

**Kurichi** – The inaugural function of Inter Faith Religious movement was conducted on the 15<sup>th</sup>. July 2010. The Headmaster conducted the prayer service and Rev. Br.Sebastian welcomed the gathering. Cultural activities performed by the students and the talks by the Speakers insisted on the Religious harmony. Rev. Br.William delivered the vote of thanks.



Ernakulam – The Inter National level meeting for the Youth was Conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Ernakulam. Five representatives from Causanel Inter Religious Movement got a chance to participat in the meeting. Importance was given on Human Right Education. 8 representatives from Causanel Inter Religious Movement were participated in the National level meeting at Ernakulam From 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## Juvenile Home at Palayamkottai

In the Juvenile home at Palayamkottai Inter Religious Prayer Service and Cultural activities were conducted on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup>. The program gave enjoyment and awareness to the inmates of the Home.



#### Souvenir

Rev. Br. Sebastian released a Souvenir published by the Inter faith Movement on 17<sup>th</sup> November at Mayiladuthurai. We appreciate Br. Sebastian for his presentation of the article – **Relationship Bloomed on Religious Values** in the magazine.

## **Human Right Education**

President of Gausanel Students Movement Participated in a meeting held at Indpur on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December, and at Mailaduthurai On the 10<sup>th</sup> &11<sup>th</sup> January and distributed the Certificates.

# Inter Religious Festivals Xmas Day Celebrations

Xmas Day was celebrated at St. John's College, Tirunelveli on Dec 23. Leaders from other Religions participated in the function. Br. Sebastian, President of Causanel Inter Religious Students Movement delivered the Xmas message. He explained very clearly that Jesus Christ brings Peace and Harmony to the world and the Birth of Jesus is the beginning for Religious Relationship..



## Pongal Festival



Pongal festival was celebrated by the College Students at Saratha College on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011.. A number of students from Causanel Movement participated in the function. Thiru Sankaranantha Swamigal presided over the

function. Samapanthi Dinner was given to the participants to insist the Universal Brotherhood Pongal is a golden festival which develops fraternity and Humane. Thiru Sankaranantha in his Presidential address revealed his satisfaction in celebrating the festival without any disparity.

# Conclusion

In our earthly life journey

Let us be ready not to be united by religions but by our minds.

Forget our hatred and enmity and develop our Human relationships

Let us all grow in love and Harmony instructed by all the religions

**Thanking You** 

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