

## **Belgaum Diocese Board of Education and Social Welfare (BDBE & SW)**

The Belgaum Diocese Board of Education and Social Welfare (BDBE & SW) had a very humble beginning. It was initially registered as Belgaum Diocese Board of Education (BDBE) under the Mysore Societies Registration act 1960 on 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1969 with the Late Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Lobo, the then Bishop of Belgaum as its chairman. The main objective was to provide quality education for all, with special focus on the poor and the marginalized in society. Forming this society brought all catholic schools in the Diocese under one umbrella.

At first, when the Belgaum Diocese Board of Education came into existence, there were 13 high schools, 01 Teacher Training Institute and 13 Higher Primary Schools in the Diocese. Later, this society also added social welfare to its aims and so the Society was renamed Belgaum Diocese Board of Education and Social Welfare (BDBE & SW).

BDBE & SW has a history of over 50 years and has under its umbrella 110 institutions: Pre-Primary, Primary, Higher Primary, High Schools, P.U. Colleges, Degree Colleges, which is a great leap from the initial number of institutions from 27 to the present 110. These institutions include the schools which are run by other congregations. Belgaum Diocese itself has 46 institutions spread over 05 districts of Karnataka and Chandgad Taluk of Kolhapur District, Maharashtra state.





