

BANGALORE AUXILIUM SOCIETY

Secretary – **Sr. Margrat Mathai**

1. Introduction

- **Name of the House:** Auxilium Welfare Centre
- **Name of the Society:** Bangalore Auxilium Society
- **Year of Establishment:** 1998



Brief background of the Society

Auxilium Welfare Centre began in 1968 when the land was purchased from George DaCosta. The pioneers, Sr. Edith Mascarenhas and Sr. V. R. Mary, initially established it as a novitiate. The first batch of 16 novices made their profession in 1970. In 1978, the novitiate moved to a new building (now the Provincial House), and the original building became a Working Girls Hostel for poor and middle-class factory workers nearby.

In 1980, Grihini Training started to support village girls from agricultural families. In 1981, the house was divided for administrative purposes, creating a second community called Auxilium Centre. In 1987, the two communities were merged again due to practical difficulties.

On May 31, the province was bifurcated from the Chennai (Madras) Province, and the novitiate house also became the Provincial House. New initiatives such as Family Integral Development and Educational Society (FIDES), a school, and formation houses (Aspirantate and Postulancy) were started. Due to the growth of activities, a reorganization was undertaken in 1998.

Auxilium Welfare Centre was officially established on May 27, 1998, with Sr. Marie Vazhapilly as Superior. Its apostolates included Contact Period Candidates, Auxilium School ICSE, Auxilium Working Girls Hostel, Grihini Centre (closed in 2004), Parish Animation, Salesian Cooperators, village and family visits, and land cultivation.

Over time, some works were replaced due to changing needs and the impact of COVID-19. In 2022, a Nursery School and Auxilium Pre-University College were started, and in 2024, ISC was introduced following NEP recommendations.

Currently the following works are taken care by the Community:

1. Auxilium Nursery school
2. Auxilium ICSE
3. Auxilium ISC
4. Auxilium Pre-University College
5. Parish Apostolate

2. Vision and Mission

Vision: Following Jesus the Good Shepherd, and inspired by Mary we journey together as pilgrims of hope, to foster a spirit of sodality and commit to build a more just, humane and sustainable world.

Mission: The formal and non-formal institutions will be known by the FMA Identity in the public domain and among the decision-makers for our expertise and quality service to the people we serve. Filled with Salesians spirit, the Past Pupils, VIDES and people around us become vibrant collaborators and partners in mission by voluntarily offering their expertise and linking us with external opportunities.

3. Society Activity Report

The **Auxilium Welfare Centre**, through its PU College and School (Nursery to Class XII – ICSE Board), plays an active role in education, social service, and parish life. Catechism classes are conducted regularly according to the diocesan syllabus, with examinations to support students' spiritual formation.

The institution strengthens community bonds by visiting families of students, staff, and parish members, and provides special assistance to poor and underprivileged students as well as support to staff in need.

Throughout the academic year, the school and PU College organize competitions, cultural programs, Charity Day, feast celebrations, and festivals. National and state events such as Independence Day, Republic Day, and Karnataka Rajyotsava are celebrated with great enthusiasm. Awareness days like Yoga Day, Anti-Drugs Day, Sports Day, and Environment Day are also observed to promote health, discipline, and social responsibility.

Students receive regular value education and participate in awareness programs that encourage moral and civic responsibility. They are also motivated to share food, clothes, and essential items for distribution to poor villages and needy families, fostering compassion and service.

The institution runs Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls units, where students receive training and engage in community service activities with strong parental support. For student safety and well-being, the school follows a Child Protection Policy, and the PU College has an Anti-Drug Cell, Anti-Ragging Committee, and Women Cell.

Through these efforts, Auxilium Welfare Centre continues to nurture responsible citizens rooted in values, faith, and service.

