

CONGREGATION OF MOTHER OF SORROWS SERVANTS OF MARY (MSSM)

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I Introduction

1. **Name of the Society :-** CONGREGATION OF MOTHER OF SORROWS SERVANTS OF MARY (MSSM)
2. **Year of Establishment:-** 08/12/1954

3. Brief background of the Society:-

The foundation of our Congregation was found by young Tamil Woman Maria Soosai Natchathiram in Tiruchy, Tamilnadu. She was the sixth child from the family of piety who lived in the parish of Dharmalingapuram, Tiruchy which was dedicated to our Lady of Seven Dolours.

Maria Soosai Natchathiram Wanted to live for God alone like her brother Michael who joined the Congregation of the Sanyasis of Our Lady of Seven Dolours which was founded in 1850. Parents were shocked when they heard about her aspiration. They tried to dissuade her saying that in the Society of that time, a woman remaining unmarried was an anomaly and could not even be thought of. In this state of affairs, she began to share with her friends about her desire and the kind of life she wanted to live. A few among them were drawn towards the life of total dedication in God. So they strictly refused the marriage. Hence their parents forbade them.

Under the guidance of Maria Soosai Natchathiram the girls were very firm. With great trust in God they spent time in prayer. In tears they repeatedly requested their parents to grant their request. God touched the heart of their parents and finally they gave them a long awaited permission to live religious life.

After getting their parents' permission, the six young women were overjoyed and went to Fr. Peter Meccati. They expressed in detail of their desire to live religious life and the difficulties they had met with. Fr. Meccati who in turn communicated it to Mgr. Alexis Canoz. But the foundation of the congregation was getting delayed indefinitely. Around 6 January 1854 one of the six young girls named Muthamma died. So the strength of the group was reduced into five.

Finally in the year 1854, Mgr. Canoz placed the small group of women under the care of Fr. Mecatti and accepted this small group of five young women as a religious congregation on 8 December 1854.

4. Number of Institutions Under the Society:- 02 (Karnataka State Board)

Pre Primary :- Nursery to U.K.G (Servite Pre Primary School)

Primary :- I to VII Standard (Servite English Higher Primary School)

II. Vision and Mission - Vision:

Drawing inspiration from Mary, the Mother and Servant of the Lord, we aim to transform the society into the people of the Resurrection

Mission: Empowering women and setting fire in the hearts of youth for the reign of God is the mission entrusted to us by the Church through our Constitutions.

III. Society Activity Reports

SERVITE SISTERS MSSM – SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

We, the Servite Sisters MSSM (Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary), are committed to serving society through various ministries rooted in love, compassion, and faith. Inspired by Mother Mary, we reach out especially to the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized, striving to be instruments of God's mercy and love.

1. Educational Ministry: Education is one of our primary missions. We provide quality education that forms not only the intellect but also the character of students. Along with academic excellence, we instill moral values, discipline, and sense of responsibility. We especially support children from poor backgrounds, helping them grow into confident and compassionate individuals.

2. Medical Ministry: In the medical field, we serve the sick, the elderly, and the neglected with care and compassion. Through health services, visits, and support, we bring healing and comfort. We also provide emotional and spiritual care, helping people find strength and hope in times of suffering.

3. Social Ministry: Our social ministry focuses on uplifting the marginalized and empowering the poor. We organize programs that promote awareness, self-reliance, and human dignity. We work especially for the welfare of women and children, helping them to lead better and more secure lives.

4. Evangelization Ministry: Evangelization is at the heart of our mission. We share the Good News through prayer, teaching, and witness of life. We conduct faith formation programs and encourage people to grow in their relationship with God and live according to Gospel values.

5. Counselling Ministry: We offer counselling services to those facing personal, emotional, and spiritual challenges. By listening with care and understanding, we guide individuals to find peace, clarity, and strength to face life's difficulties with courage.

Conclusion: Through all these ministries, we strive to be witnesses of God's love. With faith and dedication, we continue our mission of bringing hope to the needy, healing to the suffering, and peace to all.

