

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOCIETY MADURAI

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## 1. Introduction

- **Name of the Society :** **Immaculate Conception Society Madurai**
- **Year of Establishment:** **1956**
- **Brief background of the Society:** Through this we are doing service Evangelisation, Postural, Medical, Education and Social Services. We established our mission in various state of India and abroad.
- **Number of Institutions under the Society:**

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| PG & UG                                                             | 1 Arts and Science Colleges |
| Technical Institutions                                              | 1                           |
| Pre University Colleges (PUC) / HSC                                 | 2                           |
| CBSE Board Schools (CBSE - High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools) | 1                           |
| Matriculation School                                                | 1                           |

## Vision and Mission

**VISION:** Walking in the loving footsteps of Mary Immaculate

**MISSION:** Preaching the Goodness to the poor in simplicity and love

## 1. Society Activity Report

The Congregation of the Immaculate Conception, Madurai began at Panjampatti in the late 19th century. Under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Julius Larmey, S.J., Augustine Pereira, a man from an aristocratic family in Tuticorin preparing for priesthood, assisted in pastoral work. Inspired by these leaders, four dedicated women began community life in a small hut on 2 February 1899. Rev. Fr. Julius Larmey, S.J., Rev. Fr. Augustine Pereira, and Rev. Fr. Eugene Nespoulous, S.J., are honoured as the founders of the Congregation.

Fr. Augustine Pereira was ordained in 1900 and became the Director of the small community. With permission from the Bishop of Trichy, Fr. Nespoulous sought help from the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph of Lyons in Madurai to start a Novitiate. On 2 July 1911, the first group of seven sisters was taken to Madurai and placed under the guidance of Rev. Mother Patrice, marking an important milestone in the Congregation's history.

The sisters focused on primary education in remote villages, faith formation, and service to the sick, treating diseases such as cholera, chickenpox, and smallpox using Siddha medicine. The first five nuns made their profession on 8 September 1913. Over time, the Congregation expanded across India and to other countries including Zambia, South Africa, Italy, Sri Lanka, and Germany.

To improve administration, the Congregation was divided into three regions—Madurai, Paramakudi, and Palayamkottai—on 25 March 1984. Their mission includes education from primary to higher levels, medical services through hospitals, and social work to create awareness.

During the Platinum Jubilee in May 1986, steps were taken to obtain Pontifical status. The Congregation was granted Pontifical status by Pope John Paul II on 19 January 1993. Later, during the Interim Chapter in February 1997, the three regions were elevated to provinces: Madurai, Sivagangai, and Palayamkottai.

## Education Ministry

1. To give priority to the poor students and helping them to grow.
2. To impart value-based education.
3. To develop integrated personality.
4. To impart economic, political, social awareness.
5. To promote multifarious skills and talents.

## Medical

"To render medical services" is one of the objectives of the CIC. Their medical mission includes hospitals, dispensaries, siddha (Native Medicine) centre and a Leprosy Control Centre. With the aim of healing the body and mind Sisters render their services in the medical centres.

1. To provide primary health education in the villages
2. To give treatment through Siddha and Allopathic
3. To follow holistic approach through counselling
4. To arrange special camps/treatments and rehabilitation for Leprosy, Cataract and Tuberculosis persons.
5. To give AIDS awareness, voluntary counselling, testing and treatment.
6. To organize general medical and health counselling, testing and treatment.

## Social Ministry

"To engage ourselves in social action" is one of the objectives of the CIC. The commission for social services guides the Sisters of the C.I.C. to help eradicate illiteracy and provide the poor with self-respect. The purpose of all their social services is the holistic development of the individual person.

The Sisters of the CIC know for certain that poverty cannot be abolished by personal conversion alone. Radical changes should occur at the social and economic levels. For the blossoming of the life of the poor is the motto of the CIC. The administration has taken sufficient care and keen interest in making the Sisters fit for this noble responsibility.

1. Imparting awareness education.
2. Mobilizing the women and promoting women development programmers.
3. Collaborating with other like-minded, religious groups.
4. Rehabilitation of the children.

