

## The Congregation of Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary (OSM)

**Brief history of the congregation:** The congregation of Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary founded by five young girls under the guidance of Mother Maria Soosai Natchathirammal, on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1854, at Trichy, Tamil Nadu, South India. And the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary by the church happened on the same day and same year.

At present our congregation has three provinces, two in India, one in Myanmar, one region in North India, three mission stations in Australia, Italy, and Philippines.

**Charism:** The gift of the spirit to the Church and to the world through our congregation is "*Compassion*" which was manifested in the life of Jesus Christ. It is understood as the influence of three elements:

- a) To be with those in suffering.
- b) To unite oneself with them in their struggles in life.
- c) To work for their liberation in solidarity.

Vision and Mission: Formation of just and fair society where the underprivileged women and children are liberated, empowered, and intellectually well informed. In order to realize the vision, we the sisters of the congregation of Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary anchored in Lord Jesus are committed to the transformation of society through various apostolate of education to be the instruments of social change and to live a life of dignity with self confidence, social apostolate for the child labours, street children, and for the empowerment of disadvantaged and the underprivileged women, medical apostolate through hospitals, dispensaries, herbal healing, and rehabilitation for the leprosy deformities, spirituality centres, and pastoral ministry.

Presence and pastoral involvement in the parish: We are present in two communities in our parish namely Davis Road and North Road. We cooperate in the pastoral ministry of our parish by distributing the Holy Eucharist and attending the SCC prayer meetings.

HISTORY OF SERVITE CONVENT, NORTH ROAD, BANGALORE: Servite sisters have stepped at Bangalore in Karnataka state in the year 1970, for study purpose, and Sr.Conrod Mary got admission in St. Johns Medical College and started her MBBS studies in the year 1970. Deep dream of Sr. Conrod came into being in the year 1973. We bought a small house in Clients Road and started a community.

We got permission for 8<sup>th</sup> std in the year <u>2007</u>. Our school has become Servite High School. Sr.Gladys Mary was the principal at that time. Then 9<sup>th</sup> standard was started in 2008 during the leadership of Sr.Gladys Mary.

In the year 2023 – 2024 There are 254 poor children are studying in our school. We thank God the almighty for his providence thought-out our mission in Bangalore.











