

FMM Educational and pastoral Ministry in Bangalore

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) began our mission in Karnataka in 1966. Over the years, Our Lady of Providence Convent developed rapidly and became an important centre of formation as well as the Provincial House.

The Franciscan Institute Primary School was originally started by OFM Fathers on the Friary campus. Later, in 1967, the school was handed over to the FMM Sisters. Due to practical difficulties, it was subsequently shifted to the Providence Convent campus.

Today, the institution has grown into a full-fledged educational centre, offering classes from Primary to 10th Standard in both Kannada and English medium. The school mainly serves children from economically disadvantaged families, many of whom have migrated to the city in search of livelihood. Despite their hardships, the students show keen interest in academics and remarkable determination to pursue their education.

With a special concern for poor and needy students, the institution extends support through various projects by providing uniforms, books, stationery, tuition fees, and other educational assistance. Nearly 250 Kannada medium students benefit from these initiatives every year. The Sisters and teachers also visit nearby slum areas to ensure that children attend school regularly and continue their education without interruption.

Along with academic growth, the school gives great importance to the holistic development of students. In today's world, where many young people are vulnerable to mobile addiction and substance abuse, the institution regularly conducts peer-group monitoring sessions, emotional well-being workshops, adolescent awareness programs, and value-based training. These efforts have brought visible improvement in the behavior, confidence, and academic performance of the students.

Besides the educational ministry, the Sisters are actively involved in pastoral activities within the parish community. They participate in Small Christian Community (SCC) gatherings, prayer meetings, and Sunday Rosary services. The convent also welcomes Catholic Nepali groups who gather on the campus once a month for Holy Mass. During special liturgical seasons such as Christmas and Easter, reconciliation services are organised to help the faithful prepare spiritually.

Through our dedicated educational, social, and pastoral ministries, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary continue to spread compassion, faith, and hope among the people.