



### History:

Gulbarga Diocese Education Society is a separate entity formed by Gulbarga Diocese to carry out its Educational apostolate in the most backward and remotest places of the diocese. It was formed in 2006, after the formation of the diocese, until then, few schools and educational apostolate was carried out by the Parent Dioceses namely- Mangalore and Bellary diocese. Gulbarga Diocese Education Society shares the same Vision and Mission of the Education Commission of Gulbarga Diocese.

Vision: "Our Educational Institutions as Centres of Good News for all especially for the poor and the marginalized."

Mission: "Empowerment and Liberation of every human being especially the poor and marginalized through holistic education centred on Gospel values leading to transformation of self and society."

After incorporation of the Gulbarga Diocese Education Society (GDES), all schools run by Mangalore and Bellary Dioceses were entrusted to GDES, started with a few schools in Bhalki, Bidar, Gulbarga and Shahapur. The Society gradually extended its territory to the distant and remotest areas such as Itga, Chincholi, Kotnoor, Shahabad, Hebbala, Talikote, Santhpur, Ekamba and Aland.

### The Present List of Schools of GDES

| Sl: | Name of the Schools                           | Places    | Students |
|-----|---|-----------|----------|
| 1   | Divya Jyothi Nursery, Primary & High School   | Bhalki    | 450      |
| 2   | Holy Cross Nursery, Higher Primary School     | Santhpur  | 332      |
| 3   | Milagres Nursery and Primary School           | Itga      | 315      |
| 4   | Sacred Heart Nursery & Primary School         | Bidar     | 288      |
| 5   | St. Joseph Convent K.M. Higher Primary School | Bidar     | 858      |
| 6   | St. Joseph Nursery, Primary & High School     | Bidar     | 843      |
| 7   | St. Joseph K.M. Composite PU College          | Bidar     | 359      |
| 8   | St. Paul's Nursery & Primar School            | Ekamba    | 94       |
| 9   | VPM E M Nursery, Primary & High School        | Talikoti  | 455      |
| 10  | Little Flower Higher Primary School           | Chincholi | 700      |
| 11  | St. Mary Nursery & Primary School             | Aland     | 55       |
| 12  | St. Mary Nursery, Primary & High School       | Cathedral | 1410     |
| 13  | St. Mary Nursery, Primary & High School       | Kotnoor   | 866      |
| 14  | St. Thomas Higher Primary School              | Shahabad  | 641      |
| 15  | St. Mary PU College                           | Cathedral | 136      |
| 16  | St. Alphonsa Higher Primary School            | Shorapur  | 265      |
| 17  | St. Peter Nursery, Primary & High School      | Shahapur  | 644      |

## Former Secretaries- GDES

| Names               | Years of Services |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Fr. Stany Lobo      | 2006-2010         |
| Fr. Santhosh Dias   | 2010-2013         |
| Fr. Stany Lobo      | 2013-2015         |
| Fr. Vincent Pereira | 2015-2021         |
| Fr. Steevan Veigas  | 2021-             |

The church in Kalaburagi has been earnest in its efforts in imparting education and has been facing various challenges in carrying out its Evangelization through these institutions. To support its effective operations, the Education Society is governed by an elected body, who are Priests and persons engaged in the active administration of schools or specialists in the related fields, where Bishop is the President.

To aid and further the development of these under remote villages, the society carries out the following activities:

- Education to all catholic children up to PU college in their own schools.
- Hostels for children in need from distant villages.
- Concession for all needy catholic children.
- Scholarships for meritorious children.
- Encouragement to Higher education through educational assistance.
- Creation of poor student funds to support the growing & recurring aid needs.
- Periodic seminars and carrier guidance to help children to make right choices.
- Support for professional studies for meritorious students through other agencies also.
- Identification and selection of eligible candidates for specialized training for Competitive exams and Govt. positions.
- Impart of faith, moral, ethics and rights to all.
- Training in life skills (Job oriented skills).
- Impart of formal and non-formal education.

The changing scenario in Karnataka state and the hostile environment towards Christian institutions together with the implementation of New Education Policy, the Catholic Church is faced with enormous challenges in carrying out its Evangelization through Education Apostolate. This only further confirms the need and urgency in forming and strengthening our children with strong education and life skills so that they would become more effective, efficient and productive members of the church and society at large, with the right values and right knowledge of their rights, resulting in overall development of their villages and society.

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