

# **St. Francis de Sales College, Bangalore**

## **Annual Report 13-14**

Honorable Chief Guest of the day, Dr. Siddappa, Rev. Dr. Abraham Vettuvellil, the President of the ceremony, Fr. Thomas Kalary, the Manager, Fr. Timson, the Vice Principal, Fr. Jose, the Finance Administrator, dear Parents and guardians of De Salite family, dear alumni friends, Principals and heads of SFS group of Institutions in the campus, Rev. Fathers, Sisters, College faculty and my dear students,

We are witnessing today, yet another important event in the life and history of SFS College where, 299 of our students belonging to five streams, are graduating on this 14th day of April-2013. It, indeed, is a fantastic morning, what adds extra colour to the day is the memorizing presence of the magnetic Dr. Siddappa, the Chief Guest at the Graduation Ceremony, and of Dr. Abraham, the president of the ceremony. I see this morning everyone, all bright and rosy in the mesmerizing presence of Dr. Siddappa the chief guest and Dr. Abraham, the president. The magic spell of your personalities have already kept us all spell bound. To both of you, Dr. Siddappa and Rev. Dr. Abraham, my sincere words of welcome

Taking inspiration from its patron St. Francis de Sales, SFS College came into existence in the year 2004 with the motto, Excellence, Efficiency and Transformation. A seed, in the form of student does not give out a sapling until it is watered in the form of education a concept constantly enunciated by its founding fathers. The year 2004 saw the birth of SFS College with just nine students on the roll and five faculties, witnessed the year 2012 with 1122 students in 63. This points to us the five departments with a faculty strength of 63, SFS though young indeed, its growth envious, marvelous, fantastic and tremendous. It is said when rain drops fall on an oyster a pearl is born. So is the story of SFS College. Hence, attracting and benefiting every one of good will, SFS strides along relentlessly pursuing the declared goal of imparting quality higher education. And to this effect is designed and meticulously carried out a plan of action throughout this academic year.

"Be ready for anything and be equal to anything" were the words of exhortation from Dr. Abraham and his team at the start of the academic year 2012 at the faculty enhancement program. The SWOT analysis that followed opened the eyes of the management and the staff to explore the gamut of realities that they need to reckon with.

The academic year at SFS College officially began on 6th June 2012 with the Bridge course for self enhancement followed by retreats and value education programs till the 17th of June. Further the faculty, with their uncommon skill at galvanizing the students into serious academics, exhorted everyone to be resilient and adaptive and not to look for the quick fix, the short cut or the on-the spot solution on academic matters. Thus began the year in all its seriousness. Shortly then witnessed the spectacular sight to behold, the immaculately dressed, chosen office bearers enter in unison marking the investiture ceremony of St. Francis De Sales College for the academic session 2012-2013. At the event, the new office bearers took the oath and pledged their solidarity in uplifting the honor and glory of their Alma Mater.

"Achievers never expose themselves, but achievements expose them," is a concept constantly enunciated and strictly adhered to by the faculty at SFS College and everyone is exhorted to find out a budding area of scholarly endeavour besides their academic responsibilities. Keeping this in mind and encouraging the faculty to be authentic and analytical, the management makes it a point to organize hands on training at regular intervals. Accordingly, BA department organized a national level seminar on "The Current Trends in Advertising, Targeting the Adolescence, a Psychological Perspective" and the BBM department organized a departmental seminar calling forth every one's attention on to "Business Ethics- Issues and Challenges". The academic pursuit and the quest for knowledge were very visible at the decision to hold a national level seminar during every academic year and a departmental seminar in every semester. Presently, five of our faculty members are pursuing their Doctoral studies and four are into M.Phil. With deep sentiments, I place on record, the commitment, dedication and the concerted efforts of our faculty in molding the young minds and taking the institution to dizzy heights.

Human civilization has come a long way resulting changes in lifestyle, living conditions, thinking pattern as well. The advancement in science and technology has led to globalization within the gamut of a global village, throwing open myriad ways of acquiring knowledge. The plethora of service is thrown open on our platter that includes pay per click, social media optimization, and email marketing, resulting in generating leads and on line sales. Amidst such a scenario, the students of today need to tune their minds and harness their intellectual capital through academic interaction, if they are to float over. Hence, programs like, bridge course in English, communicative skills, personality development programs, value education, retreat, hands on training on leadership, industrial exposure visits, extension lectures, short courses of complimentary nature befitting each student is meticulously planned and carried out.

On the occasion of the Ethnic day celebration, witnessing the spectacular ethnic wear all over, the chief guest exclaimed "Is not at SFS, where the world goes to college"? That is to say that the college contains students from practically all the states in India and from a number of the African Countries. And I proudly say that it helps our students to be open minded, reflective and caring about all cultures, striving to become truly balanced and principled global citizens

Education is the full flowering of one's personality, make it how we flower and flourish without a compromise. To this end in mind, SFS organize annually, PRATHIBHA-an intra-college cultural fest and ATHENYA the sports fest. At the national level, SFS organizes inter collegiate sports fest with the name IGNEOUS and under which different tournaments are held. Currently, it is confined to Basketball for men and women and to football for men. This years' Basketball for men saw a very nail biting finish in which Sathyabhama University, Chennai, lifted the champions' trophy while SFS came out as the runners up. In the Women's contest, Sathyabhama University, Chennai, secured the first place while Jain University from Bangalore reached the second Spot. Football finals saw a very closely contested match in which Hopkins College, Bangalore, lifted the champion's trophy while SFS remained runners up.

I am also very happy to announce that three of our students, Pavan, Bhaskar and Kushal from BBM-II, got selected to Bangalore University Soft ball team and represented the same in the All India Inter – University softball tournament held at Indore. Congratulations, dear students.

Organizing the fifth season of Razzmatazz, an inter-collegiate cultural fest, was yet another landmark in the history of SFS College. There were seven items at the contest for which as many as nineteen colleges participated and at the end of the day SFS proved their worth by bagging the overall champion's trophy.

The college hosts a number of associations to inspire and motivate the students to launch into the new horizons of life. The existing associations in the college are SFS Kannada Sangha, Chaucer's English Academy. HALCYON ACADEMY for Psychology, FLAIR PRESS for Journalism, CYBER SPIRITS for BCA, DESMA for management, ACME for Commerce and DCA which functions as a moral directive to guide the students along.

The NCC unit of SFS comprises of 107 cadets. Besides the regular training and exposure programs, the cadets also undertake humanitarian services like blood donation, pulse polio program, and different programs of national integration in nature. Manish D from the SFS unit stood out very distinctively and won gold medal at the [All India Thal Sainik Camp held at Delhi. Hearty congratulations to Manish and the cadets at SFS College.

The NSS unit at SFS stuck to its motto of getting education through experience and experience through education in all their activities and endeavors during the year. They include humanitarian service, awareness programs of diverse nature, value based trainings for its members, exposure programs, talks on the icons of our mother land, and a lived out experience in the form of a camp at Mayasandra village of Anekal taluk. Besides these, the makes it college a point to celebrate the days of national importance fittingly, like Independence Day, Republic day and the days connected to the national leaders.

The college also provides opportunities in counseling to the disturbed ones. Students from SFS also participated in a number of co-curricular activities and competitions at different colleges and bagged number of prizes. With a view to uphold the academic standards, college conducts mid semester and model exams to prepare the students adequately, to face the university exams confidently and courageously.

Success belongs to people of integrity and character and not to the super intelligent. To encourage (enhance) and uphold the value based people in the institution, the college has instituted endowments for the academic topper, the best outgoing student award and the course toppers in every stream. Besides availing of governmental scholarships to the deserving students, the college allocates an annual fund of Rs.7,00,000/-for the benefit and academic pursuit of the economically backward students.

The shaping of a student's personality is the joint venture of the family, the academic institution and the teachers. Strongly believing in this philosophy, the college organizes SAMMILANA, a meeting of the parents and the faculty, once in a semester. Furthermore, the college follows the mentor system, in which the mentor, a teaching faculty, accompanies and guides the mentis towards self- actualization.

Gratitude is not a by product of any circumstance but its' a world view. Placing myself amidst such a conviction, I am thankful to the entire body of parents for the moments of listening, dialogue, encounter and encouragement. The management is appreciative of the student body for the academic excellence that they exhibit in realizing the vision of the College. The faculty at SFS is known for its professionalism and commitment and it deserves the best of appreciation and thankfulness. It is said, while eating bamboo sprouts, one must remember the person who planted them. Hence, it's a lovely thing for me to remember and thank everyone associated with the college, specially the SFS group of institutions on the campus, together with Rev. Fathers from Mermier Bhavan community and Suvidya College.

Finally, my dear graduating students: You are like an aircraft waiting at the launching pad ready for the takeoff. Your Past is experience, present is experiment and future is expectation. And so,