

Inauguration and Blessing of AUXILIUM HOME 19- 20 May, 2019



May 19, 2019 was a red letter, historic and memorable day for the members of Auxilium Family, Agartala. In the presence of very many eminent guests and invitees the newly built residence cum hostel for girls "AUXILIUM HOME" was inaugurated and blessed.

The entire programme was centered around the theme: "The Lord himself will build a house for us." (1 Sam 7:11) and "Now is the time to Give Thanks For all that God has done for us". The residence was solemnly inaugurated by Sr. Elizabeth George FMA, Provincial of Shillong Province and Sr. Alphonsa Kurisinkal FMA Provincial of Guwahati Province, who was the pioneer of FMA presence in Tripura and who was responsible in buying the land, way back in 1998-99 and putting up a small residence that served the community for almost 20 years. Present for the occasion were Sr. Ivy D'Souza, former Provincial of the undivided Province of Shillong, Sr. Isabella Suja, former Provincial of Shillong, Sr. Christina Kharkongor the first Principal and Animator of Auxilium Girls School, Agartala and the members of the Provincial Council and other sisters who had come from Shillong, Bishramganj as well as from Mandwi.



"Auxilium Home was solemnly blessed by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, DD, Bishop of Agartala in the presence of several priests and religious from nearby parishes and religious institutions; Salesian Cooperators, Past Pupils, Staff Members, and friends and well wishers of Auxilium. The well built house, esthetically designed and beautifully maintained, and gracefully decorated was the attraction of the day. After the blessing there was the solemn Eucharistic celebration in the spacious and wonderfully and artistically decorated school auditorium, presided over by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro with several priests from the Diocese of Agartala concelebrating. The meaningful Liturgy, the lively choir and the beautiful atmosphere made the whole event very prayerful and devotional. After the Eucharistic celebration there was a short felicitation ceremony, which was coordinated by Sr. Celine D' Cunha, the Animator of the community, during which Most Rev. Bishop Lumen was congratulated and felicitated on his 23rd Episcopal Ordination Anniversary to be celebrated on the 26th of the month, as well as all the major superiors, sisters, Priests, Cooperators and Members of Managing Committee were also felicitated. She also gave a brief history of the house and the struggles and challenges that the pioneers had to face in establishing the institution with just 43 students in 2003, which has now become a premier educational

institution in the state catering to about 2300 girl children, 'Giving wings to young dreams and aspirations.'"



After the cake was being cut to solemnize the events of the day and to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the Diocese, a tasty meal was served for all in the open ground beautifully decorated with lights and music, meticulously planned and organized and making the day indeed memorable with gratitude and thanks to God for his bountiful blessings and

graces to Mother Mary to whom the newly blessed home is dedicated as a token our thanks and gratitude.



On May 20, 2019, a short felicitation programme was organized in the school to welcome and felicitate all the sisters who had come from Shillong and Guwahati. The Sisters were awestruck with the spectacular performance of the students who performed in huge numbers with perfection and grace, with an aura of joy and happiness and cheerfulness – truly a Salesian atmosphere, depicting

wonderful cultural extravaganza of the region. To name some of the items: Tripuri Dance, Bengali Dance, Manipuri Dance, Karate Display, and with a message of Care for our common home and with songs and instrumentals – one better than the other – a wonderful feast to the soul. Earlier all the sisters were called to the stage and were felicitated with a school Sash, a Bouquet of flowers and a School Memento. Messages from the dignitaries only brought out praise and admiration for the Management, Staff and the Students who seem to excel in every way. Truly a tiny seed that was planted with vision and passion has grown into a mighty tree spreading its wings and making Auxilium an educational institution with a difference.