

ST. ANN'S CONVENT, NELAMANGALA



The milestone in the history of St. Ann's Convent Nelamangala, Bangalore has its letters written in red when the sisters of St. Ann of Providence began carving their history here in the land of Nelamagala in the year 1998. The dream of the sisters of St. Ann of Providence came to reality when Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Alphonses Mathias invited the sisters to start the educative mission at Nelamangala. The sisters decided to purchase the land measuring around $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre with a small one storied building from a Redemptorist Priest Fr. Varghese Kochery. The registration was done on May 22nd 1998. The Pioneer Sisters, Sr. Pauline and Sr. Sunitha Saldanha had stayed in the small temporary shed in the beginning as the building was not suitable to stay and needed repairs. During this period the sisters visited all the houses located in the area and informed the people that they would be starting the educational Institution in the coming academic year 1999-2000. Sr. Clarence Machado who was the Superior at Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore would visit the place daily in spite of having a distance of 30 kilo meters and irregular transport means. 15.06.1999 was a red-letter day in the history of Nelamangala as the Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Pinto blessed the new house and Rev. Sr. Charlotte Sequeira inaugurated the new building. Sr. Elvira, Sr. Bernice, Sr. Loretta, Sr. Janet D'Souza and Sr. Marina D'Mello were the pioneers who toiled hard to impart education to the children of the locality. The sisters did not have celebration of the Eucharist daily as there was no Parish and the priest was coming from Doddaballapura to celebrate the Eucharist only on Sunday. The sisters would go to the house which was one kilo meter away from the convent for the Sunday Mass.

On 24th October 1999 the Foundation Stone for the school building was laid and on 01.12.1999 the construction work began. The seed that was planted in the soil of Nelamangala has grown in to a huge tree. The school which started only with 150 students and 3 staff members in the year 1999 is today grown to huge tree having 1300 students, 48 teaching and 10 non-teaching staff. As the children's population began growing extensively, so we have today classes from Kindergarten to High School.

For the expansion of the mission extra land has been purchased in order to have a separate building. May the Lord of the harvest bless this mission to evangelize through educative mission.