

ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY, FATHIMAPUR



In the year 1989, the desire to continue God's mission in Fathimapur became a reality when Sr. Benjamin Joseph, the then Provincial Superior, willingly accepted the invitation of Rt. Rev. Dr. J. B. Sequeira, Bishop of the Diocese of Chikmagalur.

Fathimapur is surrounded by acres of coffee plantations in the Western Ghats of Karnataka. The place is named after Our Lady of Fatima, as the parish church is dedicated to her. Most of the people in the locality are farmers or work in coffee estates as daily wage labourers.

The Sisters began their mission in the school on 6th June 1989. Sr. Ancilla was appointed as the Headmistress of Fathima Higher Primary School. Since the Kannada-medium school building was very old and unsafe, the foundation stone for a new school building was laid on 27th March 2007.

As time passed, the management decided to extend the school by introducing Classes VIII, IX, and X in English medium. The first batch began with nine students on the roll. Later, on 10th June 2019, Fathima Kindergarten School was opened, enrolling 30 students of different age groups. With the growth and development of the institution, we are now able to accommodate more students and cater to the educational needs of the locality.

Today, nearly 300 students study from Kindergarten to Class X. The school is fully English medium and is now known as **St. Ann's School**.

The presence of the Sisters, both in the school and in the parish, is greatly appreciated by the people. We gratefully remember all the Sisters who, in spite of various challenges and difficulties, served here with great zeal, love, and sacrifice, making this mission a fruitful one.

May the Providence of God continue to sustain and guide us always in this noble mission of education and service.