

ST. ANN'S CONVENT, HUBBALLI



St. Ann's Convent, Hubballi, was founded in the year 2002. The Sisters came to Hubballi at the invitation of Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, the Bishop of Belgaum Diocese. The initiative was taken by the then Provincial Superior, Rev. Sr. Charlotte Sequeira. Initially, the Sisters stayed in the parish house at Keshwapur, Hubballi. Rev. Fr. Fernandez was the parish priest at that time.

The community had a humble beginning. Over the years, the Sisters who were part of the community faced many challenges. We are grateful to God, who has guided and sustained us providentially according to His plan. At present, the community has reached a certain level of stability.

On 21 January 2015, Sr. Jesintha Mariappa, the Provincial Superior, laid the foundation stone for a new school building at Airport Road, Gokul, Hubballi. Rev. Mother Francesca Sarcia, the Superior General, inaugurated the new building of St. Ann's High School on 13 January 2018. Subsequently, a portion of the third floor of the school building was converted into a residence for the Sisters. The new convent building for the Sisters was inaugurated on 10 May 2025. It was a gracious gift from God, as the Sisters had not had a proper convent residence until then.

The main mission of the community is **education and parish apostolate**. The presence of the Sisters in a place where there is little Catholic presence makes a significant difference. Through our dedicated service, commitment and love, we strive to be witnesses of Christ. The number of students is increasing year by year, and this growth also challenges us to live our Christian witness more faithfully.

The parish church is located about 20 kilometres from our convent. There is a floating Catholic population in the area. We render our service in the parish by teaching catechism, preparing for Mass, and offering any other assistance requested by the parish priest. We thank God for the opportunity to participate in daily Mass, as the priest comes to the convent to celebrate the Eucharist.

The distance from the Catholic families makes it difficult for us to be more actively involved in the parish, especially in the family apostolate. However, during the month of October, we visit Catholic families and join them in praying the Rosary. Through our presence, service and prayer, we continue to strengthen our mission and witness to Christ in the local community.