

ST. ANN'S CONVENT, SANQUELIM



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent, Sanquelim, Goa was established on 19 March 1964. The convent was named Our Lady of Perpetual Help by Fr. Andrade, who desired that the Sisters' mission would flourish and grow under the loving protection of Our Lady. He also gifted the convent a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, which is lovingly preserved in the convent chapel to this day.

From the beginning, the Sisters' mission focused primarily on the social and educational upliftment of the people of Sanquelim. They empowered women and young people by imparting practical skills such as needlework, embroidery, flower-making, painting and candle-making, enabling them to develop their talents and improve their livelihoods. In the same year, they opened a free dispensary in a rented house to alleviate the suffering of the sick and provide medical assistance to those in need.

Recognizing the importance of employment opportunities for young people, the Sisters also established a typing and shorthand institute to equip them with skills for earning their livelihood. In addition, they opened a boarding facility to

provide educational opportunities for underprivileged children attending the parish school.

Over time, changing social circumstances and the evolving needs of the people led to a gradual transformation of these activities. Today, the Sisters continue their educational mission through the Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary School, providing quality education and nurturing the holistic development of children while responding to the educational needs of families in the locality.