### **RUBY JUBILEE REPORT 1984-2024**

#### **40 YEARS OF BLESSINGS!**

THE PSALMIST SAYS "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations (PS 100:5)".

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift".

Four decades ago, a dream took root. Today that dream has blossom into reality. St. Theresa Higher Secondary School, a cherished institution is celebrating its ruby jubilee, forty years of service in the field of Education. As we gathered here to witness this great milestone let us re-visit the past, rejoice in the present and embrace the future with ever throbbing vision.

This ruby jubilee marks a significant landmark, a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and holistic development. As we reminisce about the past, let us honor the pioneers who laid the foundation and the educators who contribute their might to the growth and progress of the school at different levels.

It was in the year 1984, an idea germinated in the mind of the Bishop of Khandwa Diocese His Grace late Arch Bishop Abraham Viruthakulangara to educate the young minds of Burhanpur in order to make their future bright. Hence a humble beginning of Theresa Hr. Sec. School, with the strength of just 45 students and two teachers inspiring these young buds to blossom.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1984 the school was inaugurated by late Mr. Mahendra Singh Thakur, the Mayor of Municipal Corporation along with many other leading citizens of Burhanpur. The school initially housed at Khrist Nivas Nursery School in the afternoon session under the able guidance of Rev. Fr. Jose Thotapalli, the first manager and Rev. Sr. Lourde Mary CMC as the first Principal.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 1986 the foundation stone was laid for the extension of the new wing by late Rev. Fr. John Thayil, gradually the second space of the infrastructure was designed by His Excellency Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD with the cooperation of Rev. Fr. Cyriac, the manager and Rev. Sr. Johncy CMC to further the progress of the school and it was blessed and inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2005 by his Excellency Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011, a new administrative cum academic block was blessed by Most Rev. A.A.S. Durairaj SVD, Bishop of Khandwa and inaugurated by His Grace Leo Carnelio Arch Bishop of Bhopal under the direction of then Manager Rev. Fr. Benny Puthenpuriyal and Rev. Sr. Johncy CMC the Principal. Taking into consideration of two shifts of our school still St. Theresa Hr. Sec. School was incomplete without the extension east wing and so it was

inaugurated and blessed by Most Rev. A.A.S. Durairaj SVD on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019, under the managerial ship of Rev. Fr. John Victor and Principal Rev. Sr. Tesly CMC.

# Back bone of St Theresa Hr. Sec. School, Burhanpur:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Manager Rev. Fr. Jose Thotapalli 1984 to 1986.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Manager Late Rev. Fr. John Thayil 1986 to 1997.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Manager Rev. Fr. Jose P. A. 1997 to 2002.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Manager Rev. Fr. Cyriac 2002 to 2009.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Manager Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph 2009 to 2017
- 6<sup>th</sup> Manager Rev. Fr. John Victor 2017 till date.

## Pillars of St. Theresa Hr. Sec. School, Burhanpur:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Principal Rev. Sr. Lourde Mary CMC 1984 to 1989.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal late Rev. Sr. Grataus CMC 1989 to 1991.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal Rev. Sr. Sajeeva CMC 1991 to 1994.
- 4th Principal Rev. Sr. Jyothis CMC 1994 to 2003.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Rev Sr. Johncy CMC 2003 to 2012.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Rev. Sr. Roslin CMC 2012 to 2013.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Principal Rev. Sr. Tesly CMC 2013 to 2019.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Principal Rev. Sr. Abhaya CMC 2019 to 2024.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Principal Rev. Sr. Mony Grace CMC 2024 till date.

"GOLD MEDALS ARE MADE OUT OF SWEAT, BLOOD, AND TEARS AND EFFORT IN THE GYM EVERY DAY". – GABBY DOUGLAS.

<u>Academic excellence</u>: Success comes when opportunities and preparation meet. The opportunity to achieve the best is a natural gift given by the Lord and the realization of one's potentials by molding and shaping efforts are done by our dedicated staff. In 1995 the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of 12<sup>th</sup> Science passed out in flying colors. The institution year by year marched towards excellence giving 100% result in 12<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> board examination.

Indeed, St. Theresa Hr. Sec. School has produced many Engineers, Doctors, IlTians, industrialists and many public servants for the last forty years, many stakeholders are witness to this truth.

Sports: Talent wins games, but team work and intelligence wins champions. Sports and games are the very fabric of a students life in the school. It holds them together, builds character and promotes team work. The school has always been taking initiates every year to encourage our students to activity participate in various sports events at inter school, District, Division, State and National level competitions and they brought laurels to St. Theresa Hr. Sec. School in the past.

Modern Technology: Technological progress has merely provided with more efficient means and tools to face the challenges of today. Our school is equipped with 128 CCTV cameras, 27 smart class, two smart LED panels and updated computer labs and introduction of Never Skip Apps. Which smoothens the communication with parents, students and teachers.

<u>Investiture Ceremony</u>: The school cabinet elections were held by ballot paper and school cabinet members pledged their loyalty and commitment to school community in the presence of dignitaries, teachers and students.

<u>Save Environment</u>: Take care of the earth and she will take care of you, it is with aspect in mind we, the Theresians observe the month of July as environmental day with the same theme 'Save Mother Earth'. This year 40 sapling were planted in and around the school campus. A group of students and teachers had gone to Nimbola village to disperse 2000 seed balls.

### Be the reason for someone's heartbeat:

On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024, blood donation camp in collaboration with District Hospital staff was organized in our school. Teaching, Non-teaching staff along with the parents donated their blood generously for the welfare of humanity, this was an eye opener for all our students.

Unity in Diversity: To create awareness and interest for our culture and tradition a variety of celebration both national and state festivals of different religions and observance of important days in awe and reverence were organized in school such as independence day, EID celebration, Guru Purnima, Teacher's day, Patroness day, Gandhi Jayanti, Dusherra, Diwali, Manager's day, children's day, Christmas. The students with lot of enthusiasm and Diwali, Manager's day, children's day, Christmas. The students with lot of enthusiasm and zeal have participated in the international Yoga day, NCC day; Scout & guide day, constitution day, M.P. foundation day celebrated at the stadium.

Talent Hunting: Various competitions are organized in the school on different occasions such as Elocution, solo singing, dance, pencil drawing, Rakhi making, Story telling, Rangoli, Diya decoration and Rangosav competition, Hindi day competition, Prerna utsav competitionorganized by CBSE. The international English Olympiad.

Awareness programme: Teaching is a learning process, staying updated is the key to education. Keeping this in mind our school management organized seminars and workshops to equip our teachers, students and parents in the modern arena.

"The basis of human rights is happy life. Everyone wants to lead a happy life for which we included."

Inculcating values are essential in one's life, hence, along with Academics, St. Theresa Hr. Sec. School emphasizes the importance of value education and character formation as part of syllabus to become better citizens of our country.

" Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow".

Once again I am deeply grateful to all the pioneers, former managers and principals, teachers, students, parents and well wishers for playing a vital role to make Theresian family of what it is today.

"Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is a progress, and working together is a success".

<u>Conclusion</u>: St. Theresa Hr. Sec. School is an institution that recognizes every child as a unique diamond that must be polished to sparkle with brilliance. To become a diamond you have to be cut, and polished in order to become a shining stars.

Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is a progress, working together is a success.

Let's lake our school to it's greater heights of success. We will travel together and work in unison to keep St. Theresa school flag flying high up to the sky mounted with love hoisted with dignity and encompassed with grace.

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it SUNI NA NAMBIDIYADAN (PRINCIPAL)

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