



LEGACY LEAVES

THE MARIAN MUSINGS





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The Society of the Brothers of St. Patrick and Mount St. Mary's School



Bishop Daniel Delany -
Founder of Brothers of St. Patrick

Bishop Daniel Delany founded the Congregation of The Brothers of St. Patrick in the year 1808 in Kildare, Ireland to educate the boys and people of his diocese in the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church. Under British rule for several centuries, the Catholic faith in Ireland had been suppressed by the British and thus near forgotten by the Irish. From the small country town of Tullow, the Brothers reached out across Ireland and to every corner of the globe. From Tullow to Los Angeles, from Aitape to Chennai, from Dormaa to Sydney, the Brothers travelled with their primary message Christus in Corde Omnium: Christ is in all people and in all of His creation.

In 1963, Mount St. Mary's School was established by the Society of the Brothers of St. Patrick. They have a long glorious history of providing quality education to countless students around the world. Their mission, rooted in the values of love, humility, and simplicity, has transcended time and space,

and their impact continues to resonate in the hearts and minds of those they have touched. They earnestly believe that every child is uniquely endowed with innate talents. It is their vision to nourish and nurture the basic talents with the right guidance and support. They take this as their primary duty to inculcate young minds with values of honesty, integrity, kindness, and empathy towards others.

MSM school provides a collaborative, multi-dimensional and conducive environment for education and learning bundled with self-discipline that facilitates the learner to become a socially desirable child who will be an inventor, innovator, contributor or entrepreneur.

Mount St. Mary's School observes February 2nd as the Foundation Day.



Mother Mary, our Patroness



St. Patrick, our Patron



Excellence is not a destination; it is a journey that never ends.

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We are thrilled to announce the publication of our first coffee table book, marking the Diamond Jubilee of Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt. 'Legacy Leaves - The Marian Musings' is a testimony of our rich legacy, the essence of our collective commitment to excellence, and a tribute to the heroes who transformed the lives of every Marian who traversed the hallowed portals of this magnificent educational hub.

We express our gratitude to the pioneering brothers, principals, teachers, and all those who have contributed to the growth and success of our institution. Without their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts, we would not have reached this significant milestone. Our alumni have played a pivotal role in the service of society, and their remarkable achievements are a testament to the values instilled in them during their time at Mount St. Mary's School. Their continued commitment to making a difference serves as an inspiration to all.

As an institution, we aim to continue our mission of providing exceptional education while nurturing the holistic development of our students. Our vision is to produce responsible citizens who contribute positively to society and make a lasting impact. Looking towards the future, we are excited to embark on the journey in the service of shaping lives and giving wings to their dreams, and we can't wait to see the future milestones...platinum, centenary and much more...for we are in the service of humanity.

The premise of this coffee table book is that both the future and past are integral to the path taken by an institution of excellence. Having a wide, far-seeing vision is not an indulgence but an activity that is necessary to give meaning to our present, and to give an institution a sense of purpose, direction and imagination. Yet in imagining the future, we must not lose our grasp on the past that has made us what we are today.

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every stakeholder for their constant support and encouragement throughout the past 60 years. Congratulations to Ms. Shikha Machhral and the entire editorial team who rummaged through every possible literature /file/magazine and collected information from the horse's mouth to ensure the accuracy of facts as far as possible. Leaving out certain significant events was much painful but to ensure the page limit, we had to filter many times through the chronicled milestones that marked the chequered history of our alma mater, MSM.

Bro. Tomy Varghese
Principal
Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt





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PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Message

Dear Rev. Brother Tomy,

I am pleased to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mount St. Mary's School on the momentous occasion of the School's 60th Anniversary. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication and steadfast commitment of the entire Mount St. Mary's community.

As the school celebrates this momentous achievement, let us not only reflect on the rich history and accomplishments of Mount St. Mary's but also look ahead with optimism to the promising future that lies before us. The values instilled within your institution will undoubtedly continue to shape the lives of countless students, contributing to the growth and prosperity of our nation's educational landscape.

Best wishes!

NewDelhi
05th March ,2024

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MESSAGE

Dear Rev. Bro. Tomy Varghese,

It brings me boundless joy to learn from you that the illustrious Mount St. Mary's school celebrates a momentous milestone, marking 60 years of excellence since its inception in 1963. Throughout these six decades, the school has not only instilled the flame of knowledge within its young students but has also fostered the emergence of numerous brilliant prodigies, whose achievements have brought laurels to this esteemed institution.

In honoring this joyous occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the distinguished Management, esteemed Principal, dedicated Staff, and exceptional Students for their remarkable accomplishment.

Truly, the realization of great works and monumental achievements is a testament to the unwavering zeal, relentless determination, and indomitable labour exhibited by all involved. Guided by the noble charism of the Brothers of St. Patrick, who are impassioned by the teachings of their founder, Bishop Daniel Delany, the school has spared no effort in sculpting its students into pillars of society.

As one of the most revered educational institutions in our nation, Mount St. Mary's has birthed numerous luminaries across diverse fields, whether in governance, armed forces, sports, or the arts. The Marianas, like glistening diamonds, radiate brilliance and serve as beacons of inspiration for generations to come.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire Mount St. Mary's community on the auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. May the spirit of excellence continue to illuminate your path as you embark on the journey of the next glorious sixty years.

God bless!


(+Anil Couto)
Archbishop of Delhi

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Dear Brother Tomy,
I write to congratulate you and all who have served at and who are currently serving Mt St Mary's School on celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, some 60 years of quality education in the Patrician spirit.

Mt. St. Mary's has grown in numbers and stature since its humble beginnings 60 years ago. Many Brothers, lay teachers and other staff have worked very hard together to make the school what it is today. I have visited in the past and I have been most impressed with the quality of staff, the friendliness of all the children and of its outreach to those less fortunate than themselves. I look forward to visiting again this year and to be able to congratulate everyone personally.

Best wishes for the jubilee year and the various functions organised to celebrate this achievement.

Yours Sincerely,

Brother Paul O'Keeffe
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*THE SOCIETY OF
THE BROTHERS OF ST. PATRICK, INDIA
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On the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee, I would like to extend congratulations and best wishes to the MSM community of students, staff, parents, former students, well-wishers, and all stakeholders of this prestigious institution. I pray and firmly hope that this Jubilee year will be a time to give thanks for the great advances that have been made since 1963.

Parents come to you for schooling, you take them in and educate them all. Over the last sixty years MSM has emerged as a major institution in the field of holistic education that is inclusive of multiple facets of life like intellectual, emotional, social and cultural well-being of young minds.

On behalf of all the Patrician Brothers, I wish and pray that we look forward to your future with clear head and warm heart as we join together in our celebrations. Even after all these sixty years of constant striving to surpass yourself and to be worthy of your own approval, MSM, you stand tall among your competitors. Strive ever to remain unique and refreshing welcoming.

Once again, I am so proud and happy to wish you a very happy Diamond Jubilee. May you be so deeply immersed in the world of hope, positivity, and promise.



Bro. George Mangara Luckose
Province Leader
India-Ghana Province

The School Motto and The Crest



The School Motto – PRO DEO ET PATRIA (For God and Country)

The school's vision is to provide an education that instills strong moral and patriotic values in its students. By emphasizing the importance of faith and civic duty, the school aims to cultivate well-rounded individuals who will be dedicated servants of both God and their country.

The School Crest

Star: The star represents the guiding light that illuminates the path of knowledge and enlightenment.

The Spinning Wheel: The wheel with spokes symbolises the eternal cycle of progress and the continuous pursuit of wisdom.

Harp: The harp represents the harmonious integration of creativity, culture, and academic excellence.

Open book: The open book signifies the endless pursuit of knowledge, the thirst for learning, and the transformative power of education.

Colours: The four colours represent the four Houses – Parkinson (Green), Hogan (Red), Hughes (Yellow), Price (Blue).

Shamrock: Two sprigs of Shamrock represent the Irish connection, the birthplace of the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Patrick.

The Four Houses



In 1808, the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Patrick, was established. Brother Clement Howlin, a veteran of the Papal Wars, secured permission for the Brothers to wear a green sash in honour of St. Patrick during a meeting with the Pope. Later, the Brotherhood welcomed educationist Brothers - Hogan, Hughes, Parkinson, and Price. Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt., commemorates these exemplary men through four houses, pledging to uphold their principles and educational legacy.





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SECTION I - GENESIS

The Birth and Formative Years



The Founding Principal

The founding and the first Principal, Reverend Brother Eugene Timothy Dunne, served MSM since its inception until January 1969. Brother Dunne is fondly remembered for his unwavering dedication and tireless efforts during the institution's formative six-year period of expansion. Described as an affectionate and amiable individual, he preferred to be addressed by the endearing nickname 'Timmy'. Over the course of his distinguished career in India, Brother Dunne oversaw the operations of five separate schools and played a pivotal role in the establishment of three of them, including MSM.

In the words of Ms. Yvonne Sikand:

"He could charm anybody into doing whatever he wanted - it was impossible to resist his kind smile and twinkling eyes."

In the words of Mrs K. Bannerjee:

"With his friendly ways and winning smile, he won the hearts of the students and public alike. He will always be remembered as the builder of this striking school in red."



Rev. Bro Eugene Timothy Dunne



Maj. Gen. Bhagwati Singh - G. O. C., Delhi and Rajasthan area - with staff and pupils

The First Day at School

In the splendid year of 1963, the esteemed Brothers of St. Patrick, in response to a gracious invitation from the Army, embarked upon a noble endeavour in the heart of Delhi. With determined dedication, they sowed the seeds of education, commencing their journey with a humble assembly of four Brothers, a cadre of six dedicated educators, and a gathering of 85 eager young minds.

Guiding this nascent educational venture as its maiden steward was the venerable Bro. E.T. Dunne, who shepherded the institution with wisdom and grace until January 1969. The inaugural cornerstone of this noble institution was ceremoniously laid on the auspicious day of January 6, 1963, a ceremony graced by the presence of Lt. Gen. Bhagwati Singh, the distinguished G.O.C. of Delhi Area at the time, in New Delhi.

The School Song

Step together, boldly tread,
Firm each foot, erect each head,
Fixed in front be every glance,
Forward to success advance,
Loyal hearts we nothing dread
Like a deer in mountain heather,
Tread light,
Left Right,
Steady students step together (twice).

Step together boldly stride,
Comrades all side by side,
Brave in act and pure in mind,
Each one's single power combined,
Moving on with steps sustained
Thus, prepared we care not whether
Foes smite.
Left Right
We shall march and sing together (twice).

Step together self restrained,
Let us show how we are trained,
Ever keen in work and play,
We grow better every day,
Raise the flag with joy and pride
St. Mary's flag in any weather,
Proud sight,
Left right,
Steady students step together (twice).



The school song of Mount St. Mary's School was composed by Mrs Gwen Lobo, former Headmistress, an excellent pianist and composer.

Mrs Gwen. Lobo

The Staff (1963)



L-R (SITTING): Mrs. Batra, Mrs. Pillai, Rev. Bro. E.T. Dunne, Mrs. Seshagiri, Mrs. Sharma
L-R (STANDING): Mrs. Bajaj, Bro. Felix, Bro.J. Dolan, Bro. R. Kelly, Mrs. Dewosop.

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MSM started with four brothers, six teachers and eighty-five students.”

Mrs. K. Banerjee

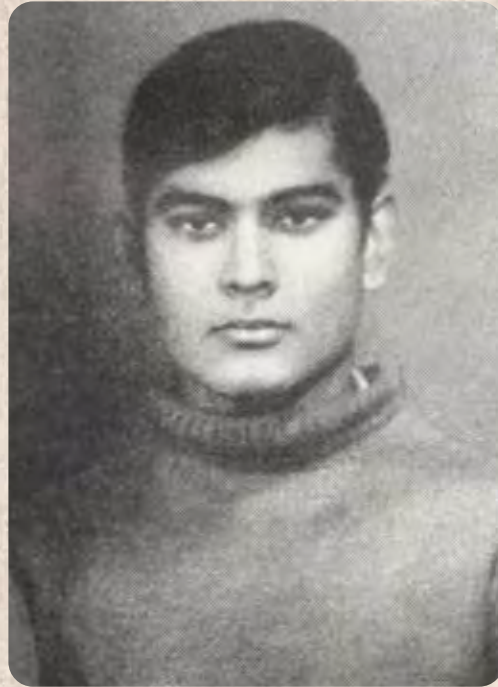
The School Building



The school was initially housed in eight tents (with seven classes) - there were only two students in the seventh standard. The first student admitted was Ajay Kumar Verma, son of Air Commodore Verma. By the end of the year enrolment had reached 310. Building construction began immediately, and they moved into the new building in July 1963. Two floors were completed by December '63. The staff and the

students organised two very successful fetes in 1966 and 1968, which generated a substantial amount of money to help complete the impressive building, that now stands in a symphony of red and grey, with expansive grounds and a beautiful garden. During those days MSM had co-education, as 'The Loreto Nuns' Project had not yet been established.

First Student Council



THE HEAD BOY
Yogendra Sheoran



THE HEAD GIRL
Meenakshi Sheoran



Meenakshi Sheoran and Yogendra Sheoran, the two siblings, were the first Head Girl and the first Head Boy of MSM respectively, from Class XI of 1967.

During the nascent years of MSM, co-education found its roots as young ladies graced the classrooms of X and XI from 1963 to 1969. The dawn of 1970 witnessed the elevation of feminine presence only in the Higher Secondary echelon. However, the scholastic landscape underwent a transformation in 1971, and MSM became an all-boys school. The position of responsibility - Asst. Head Boy was created as there was no Head Girl.

The First Public Athletic Meet - 25th October 1969

It was a fine day, neither hot nor cold, ideal for sports. The field looked clean and neat as it was specially done up for the occasion. On either side were colourful "shamianas", on one side for the visitors and on the other side for the school children, who looked very smart in their uniforms. Major General S. K. Korla D.S.O. M.C, General Officer Commanding Head Quarters, Delhi Area was the Chief Guest. There were 100 m races followed by Broad Jump, Musical Chairs, 2400 metres cycle race, High Jump, 50 metres, 80 metres and 200 metres races. For Juniors, there was a sack race, wheelbarrow race, obstacle race and three -legged race. There was the March past - the Juniors went first, followed by the Seniors. Each class carried its own banner.

At the end, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. K. Korla, Ravi Butalia, Ashok Kumar, Balbir Singh, and Julius Bonaparte got many prizes. Class Five received the prize for the best banner in the Junior School, Class Eight received the prize for the best banner in the Middle School and Class Eleven received the prize for the best banner in the Senior school.



The Principal, Rev. Bro. Byrne with the distinguished guests.
Left to Right : Rev. Bro. Bryne, Gen. Korla, Rev. Mother Francis Clare, Mrs. Korla, Col. Sondhi, and Rev. Bro. Denis Lomasney (Superior General)



A section of the audience



The Champions: David Barker, Ravi Butalia, Dilip Albuquerque



March Past



The Champions: Ravinder Kaur, Virginia Davar and Karuna Behl, Poonam Dua, Rashmi Sandhu, Sushma Gokhale

Lala Amarnath and MSM



Lala Amarnath - India's greatest Cricket Star coached Young Marians in 1970's



Naresh Baliga takes up his stand

Realising the importance of sports in the character building of children, Principal Rev. Bro. Byrne, with the able guidance of outstanding sportsmen Bro O' Reilly, Bro. L.P. Phelan, and with the efforts of the ever-energetic Mr. Kohli, spent time and resources for the development of sports in the school. Playfields were prepared and well maintained throughout the year. Besides usual games, the school organised few coaching camps, and the most important one was in cricket under the supervision of the great Indian cricket veteran, Lala Amar Nath.

After carrying out a careful talent hunt for a week and imparting training in the preliminaries of Cricket, Lala Amarnath picked out a band of young promising lads in the junior sections and gave them intensive training. Our boys also participated in another coaching camp conducted by Indian test player V. M. Muddiah. With this broad-based approach and systematic training, the institution built up formidable school teams. The school not only played matches against local school teams but also played against teams in Meerut and Dehradun.



Naresh Baliga takes up his stand

"The blistering summer of 1971 stands out clear in my memory. Cricket season was at its peak. There was a maddening sports fervour in the air as Mount St. Mary's planned, in military fashion, for the Triangular Sports Meet in St. George's Mussoorie. Lala Amarnath, the legend, was hired by the school to coach us for the forthcoming sports meet. This must have been an expensive proposition, for as the gossip went, the Lala even charged his sons exorbitantly for their cricketing rounds! Lala Amarnath was tough though. After he had neatly parked his old Lambretta and gulped his favorite Gold Spot, it was strict business. The players were put through strict fielding practice: anyone not catching the ball close to his chest, was severely reprimanded. "Front foot drive", or "Back foot square cut". During all these weeks of preparation, Brother O'Rourke was constantly on the sports field. In his sports gear, his was a towering personality, one of a great disciplinarian, yet one so kind and understanding. His inspiring presence, Lala Amarnath's fundamentally-strong coaching, and our physical training instructor, Mr. Kohli's hard work, raised the very best in the form of Mt. St. Mary's cricket teams."



Rajiv Sharma sweeps to leg

– Dr Sameer Mehta, Batch of 1973



Tarun Rishi demonstrates his forward defensive stroke

The Play – Mahatma Gandhi

The first edition of the school magazine – 'ANNUAL 1969' was dedicated to the Father of the Nation. The year 1969 marked the birth Centenary Year of Mahatma Gandhi.

On 29th and 30th October, a play titled – 'Mahatma Gandhi' was performed by the students of MSM at AIFACS Auditorium. This play was about Gandhiji's life: his birth, his marriage, his stay in South Africa, his role in the freedom struggle, and his death. The lighting effects were impressive, and a number of scenes were acted in shadow. In addition, the choir sang appropriate hymns, including the inevitable Ram Dhun. The famous Dandi March as well as other events of the freedom struggle like the Gandhi – Irwin talks, Bapu's meeting with Mohamed Ali Jinnah, were elegantly portrayed by the students. The Seva – gram and Sabarmati ashrams were also shown. The main facts were authentic, and a few fictional parts were added here and there. Even the terrible Jallianwala Bagh massacre was effectively portrayed with the sound of rifles and the screams and shouts of the innocent victims. The climax came when Gandhiji, wonderfully portrayed by Shailendra Verma, fell mortally wounded by Godse's bullets.



Gandhiji with mother Putlibai: S. Verma as Gandhiji and Vineeta Berry as Putlibai



The historic Gandhi-Jinnah talks – Shailendra Verma as Gandhiji and Vipin Ranade as Mr. M. A. Jinnah



The Gandhi-Irwin talks – David Barker played the part of Lord Irwin

“The entire show, held on the 29th and 30th of October, was a great success. This play was a good example of student-teacher cooperation and it certainly brought excellent results.”
- **Abhik Roy (Student of Class VIII B in 1969)**

The Cast



Bright Lights, Big Impact – Dignitaries Who brightened Our School Firmament



U.S. President Richard Nixon

The 37th U.S. President, Richard Nixon, was greeted by the Staff and students of MSM on 31st July 1969. The motorcade stopped, President Nixon alighted and walked towards the enthusiastic crowd of Marians.

Mr. Aleksey Nikolayevich Kosygin

On 24th January 1969, the staff and students welcomed Mr. Aleksey Nikolayevich Kosygin, the Premier of the Soviet Union, at the gates of MSM.





Mr. Gearoid O'Broin

Mr. Gearoid O'Broin, First Secretary of the Irish Embassy, graced the occasion of the Prize Distribution with his wife, Mrs R. O'Broin in 1969.

Rev. Bro. Denis Lomasney

The Superior General Rev. Bro. Denis Lomasney was very much impressed with the activities conducted at Mount St. Mary's during his visit in 1969. During his second visit in 1972, he had lunch and a productive meeting with the staff.



Mrs Sanam Harbaksh Singh

Mrs Sanam Harbaksh Singh, wife of Lt. General Harbaksh Singh, who was the recipient of India's third highest gallantry award, the Vir Chakra, visited MSM in 1969.

Beginnings of Brilliance – Tiny Steps Big Dreams.....



The Qawwali Group - the performance was televised



Pride of Possession - Our first TV



The Winners of K.M. Munshi Memorial Cup

On 5th February 1969, the Biology Laboratory was declared open by Mr. Arvind, the Biology teacher. On 8th February the first Parent Teacher Meeting was conducted. On 9th February the new Head Master - Bro. O' Reilly was introduced and welcomed in the morning assembly. On 15th July 1969 the new Chemistry Lab was declared open by Mrs. Venugopal, the Chemistry teacher.

On 15th November, a Qawwali show was filmed for a TV show. A large TV set was installed in the Multi-Purpose Room on 18th November. A review of MSM's first Sports Day was shown on television on 19th March.

Bhaskar Bhattacharji won the Best Speaker (Hindi Debate) on 1st October 1970 at Dr. K.M. Munshi Interschool Elocution Competition organised by Bhartiya Vidaya Bhawan, in which twenty-three schools participated. MSM also won the Runner Up Shield. Shailendra Verma, X A, was selected to be the announcer at the Shankar's International Elocution Contest and chosen as the Best Speaker. It was a proud day for Mount St. Mary's when Shailendra was garlanded by President V.V. Giri and awarded a silver and brass plaque, as well as, two books.

In February, at the Army Horse Show, held at the Red Fort grounds, Robin Soni, student of class VIII, who later became an Army General, competed and secured third position. It was a proud moment for his parents and MSM when he received his prize from then President V. V. Giri.



Team Marian Mirror

The Class XB of 1969 surprised the whole school by starting a fortnightly newspaper called 'Marian Mirror'. It was launched on 23rd April. Mrs Verma and Bro Phelan were the staff advisors. Ravinder Shahani was elected as the Editor. Six volumes were published during the year.

In 1970, various clubs were introduced for the holistic development of the Marians. On 20th April 1970, a band of Social Service Workers went on their first mission to Jharera, a small neighbouring village. On 23rd April, another Mini Fete was organised with the aim to raise funds to supplement the musical instruments. In the year 1970, Parents Teachers Association (PTA) was also established.



Robin Soni, who later became an Army General receiving award from the President V. V. Giri



Students in the Laboratory

Tiny Personalities, Big Potential...



Scene from 'A Challenge on the Mountain'

At the Children's Theatre Festival, the students of MSM staged a hilarious Hindi play, 'Safar-Ke-Sathi' directed by Mrs. S. Batra. The students also produced an English operetta 'Kala Samiti' directed by Mr. Pulinkala. 'A Challenge on the Mountain' another opera was presented at the Delhi School Concert by the Dramatics Club of the school. It was an outstanding success according to the press reports.

The Music Club of MSM had two Beat Groups. The Senior group was named 'Primitive Art' and the junior group was christened 'The Soul System'. Both groups featured in several musical entertainments in the capital. The Socials at MSM were the most awaited event of the year. Ajei Sarat Gopal of VI A competed with children from the world over in an Essay Competition organised by 'The Rotary International' in 1971. He

was adjudged the best in his age group and was awarded a cheque for thirty dollars.

Jalise Ahmed displayed his prowess at the First Yachting Association of India Regatta for Juniors, held in Poona, in May '71, and secured the fourth position. Trilochan Sastry and Ranjit Suri made MSM proud by winning Junior Science Talent Scholarship in 1973. Kushal Dutt, Ranjit Suri, and Gurtaj Singh of Senior School won the Cadbury Essay Contest in 1973.

Colin and Andrew Gilbert brought laurels to MSM by clinching the Delhi State Inter - School Shooting titles in their respective categories. Rymond Kozikott, of V-B, received the First prize for his painting selected in the competition held by Animals' Friend Society of Delhi in January 1973.



Aloke Mukerjee (lead guitarist), Pradeep Thapa (bass guitarist) and Anthony Bonaparte (bongos) constituted 'Spare Parts'. This group represented MSM at the Eagle Youth Club in the - 'Student Talent Contest' and won honours at this event. Cartoonist Abu Abraham presided over this function.



Empowering Change, Inspiring Future – The Outreach Programmes at MSM



Gifts (fans) for the blind school



Fete in aid of Blind School



Seeing life through blind eyes

Beyond the classrooms, Marians weave a narrative of compassion, extending a helping hand to communities. A frequent slogan, 'They need you', was heard in the corridors of Mount St. Mary's during the year 1973 in response to the pleas made by the newly formed Social League. Throughout the year, the members exhibited a tremendous spirit of service in a number of varied projects.

An important achievement of the League was to adopt the Relief Association for the Blind as a permanent charity. From the numerous visits to the Blind School, the

boys returned extremely impressed with the Institution's efforts to rehabilitate the inmates. In order to help the Association, a fund was started and money was raised by the volunteers, through selling old newspapers, donation tickets, and by organising a Mini-Fete, thereby collecting a total amount of over Rs. 1200. This amount was utilised to donate ceiling fans to the Blind School. A 22 km Peace Walk was organised by the PAX Service Civil International and the boys participated with great enthusiasm.

Inter School Athletic Meet

On 3rd March 1974, MSM hosted the Inter School Athletic Meet at Harbaksh Singh Stadium in which three schools participated – Loreto Convent, Air Force Central School and Army Public School. MSM won the trophy and the best sportsmen awards.



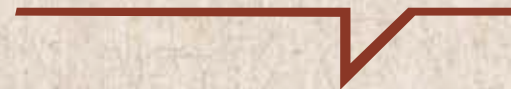
From Left to Right : H.S. Roy, Danilo Sartoni, Anthony Bonaparte and Christopher Brown —who broke the school record as a relay team. They ran with wings on their feet.



The Artful Gesture: Brushed Tales of MSM



"It is a matter of great joy for me when the student discovers that his medium of expression is art. For some it is art, for others, it lies in the realm of higher mathematics, or music, or using a surgeon's knife with great dexterity. The medium could be in the constructive elements of Architecture."



Mrs. Nalini Dandass



About twenty thousand children took part in 'On the Spot Painting Competition 1974' held on February 24, 1974, 500 entries were selected for the exhibition, and 148 entries were awarded prizes. Lovey Mehra of MSM was awarded a silver medal.

20th October – The Concert Day

The preparation for the Annual Concert' 73 was in full swing. It aimed to raise funds for the construction of the school swimming pool.

The concert was held at the Kamani Hall at 6.00 p.m. It was a tremendous success in both fund raising and the performance of each member of the youthful cast.

"A delightful show", commented the Hindustan Times correspondent. Segments from the concert were broadcast through the Yuva Vani Programme at 8.30 p.m. on 21st October' 73.



The Lively Bhangra Dancers Class IV



The Surprise Party Class I |When is the next?



The New Football Boots Class IV | Hey! What's going on?

As the curtain went up, the solemn beauty of weddings in some parts of India was delightfully depicted by the tiny tots of the Junior school. The stage was a feast of colour when young students, attired as brides and bridegrooms from different parts of the country, went through the wedding ceremonies characteristic of each region. The rousing notes of the martial song, 'Kadam Barae Jao' set the pattern for the evening, followed by a humorous play, 'Pardah Uthao, Pardah Girao'. The spirited 'ho ho' of the young pirates as they staged their action song was like a clear clarion call. 'The Puppet Play' an English operetta, gave a touch of light-hearted sophistication to the show.



Hindi Chorus Class I-IV | Keeping in tune!

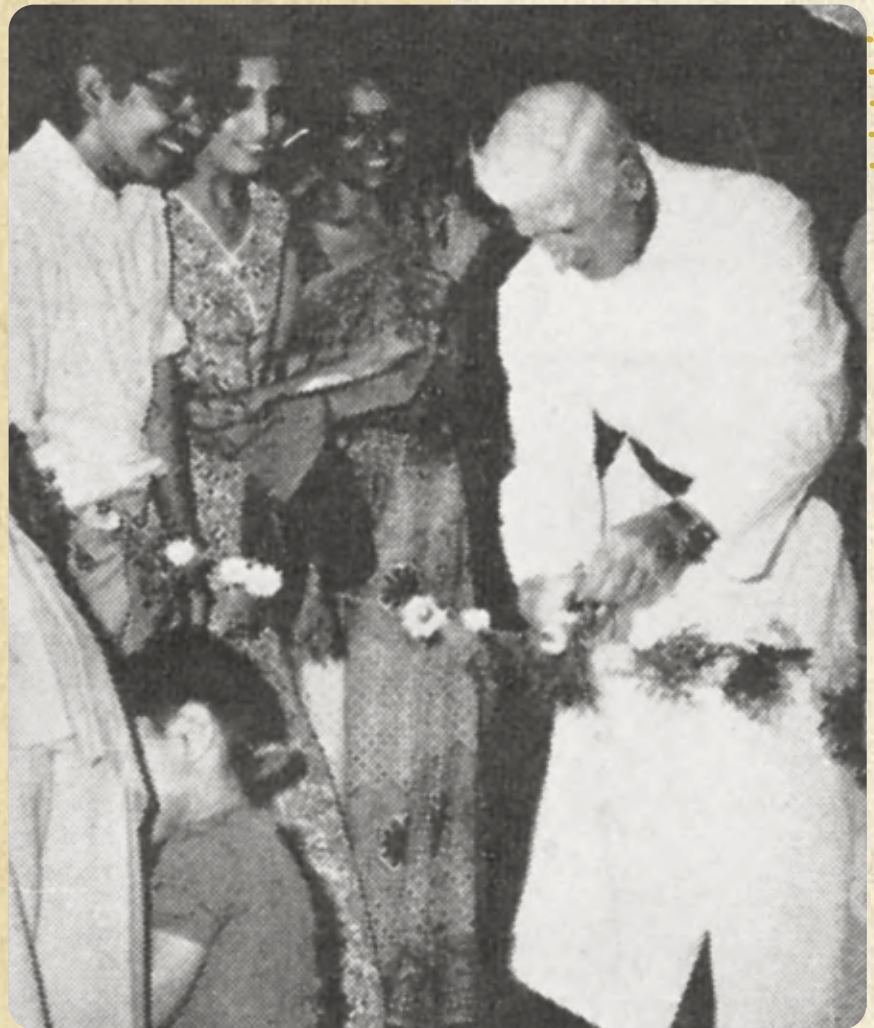
SECTION II

The Journey of Growth and Development

Leadership Training Service

One fine day, in August 1975, the then Head-master, Brother Carroll, announced the commencement of the Leadership Training Service in the school. The LTS was the most popular organisation of its kind among Delhi schools. About ten schools had proper units which were functioning very efficiently. The purpose of this organisation was to make young boys and girls to be responsible young people and be aware of the contemporary issues. The motto of the LTS was: 'For God and Country.' The first project was the Adult Literacy Programme and the next were the Book Bank, Road Safety course and the First Aid course. The Leadership Training Service became a way of life for students.

On August 14, 1981, the LTS organised a Mini Fete at MSM to raise funds for the 'Servants Welfare Reserve'. There were food stalls, and exciting games. There was a jovial and merry atmosphere all around and everyone had a gala time.



Rev. Brother O' Brien inaugurates the LTS mini-fete

Meeting the Prime Minister



The young Marians went to meet Smt. Indira Gandhi.
Rev. Brother Carroll and Sunil Bakshi, the Head Boy, presenting the contribution from MSM to the
Flood Relief Fund to the Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi



Parth Chander brought laurels to school as he received prize from Smt. Indira Gandhi at
Shankar International Children Competition for his performance

A Week of Fame – The Junior School Impressive Exhibition in 1975

This exhibition was the Junior School's way of implementing the new pattern of education introduced by the Delhi Education Department, which placed special emphasis on work experience. Students, along with the teachers, gained first-hand experience by visiting farms, factories, departments, etc., and turning this experience to practical use in the classrooms. The efforts of the Junior School were acknowledged by Mr. Dayal, the Deputy Director of Education in 1975.



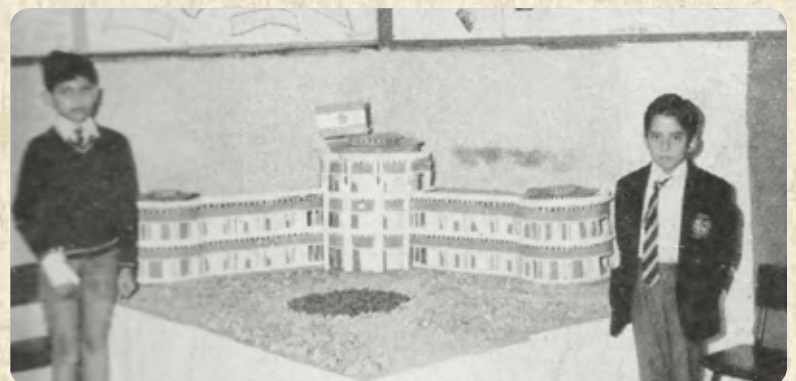
Our founder, Reverend Brother Dunne opens the exhibition and Mrs. Joshua standing on his right.



Various states of India hold a mass wedding



Mr. J. N. Dayal holds a private conversation.



Students with their creation

Exploring Horizons: Co-Curricular Dynamics at MSM

The young and dynamic new Principal, Rev. Brother Aloysius, introduced several innovative ideas into the school curriculum. In the Junior School, films were shown to students, marking the initiation of audio-visual-based learning at MSM.



Mrs. Dandass demonstrates pottery



Macrame Club



Aeromodelling Club initiated by Mr. Coelho

"Our school shows films to all the boys in the school, regularly. When subjects are taught by showing films, all the children are very attentive. 'Kabuliwala' taught us love and devotion."

– **Amit Gupta, student of Class IV C in 1976**

Declamation Contests at the school gained popularity in 1976, even among junior students. The new testing system, the Continuous Assessment System, brought joy to all the boys as it meant no terminal examinations. Promotions were based on monthly tests, leading to "less hours of studies and more hours of games," as mentioned by Shantanu Mukherjee, VIIA (1976).

Swimming became part of the school curriculum in 1976. The army authorities kindly agreed to lend the swimming pool at

the Army Vaughan Club for this purpose. In the same year, with the help of Rev. Bro. I.W. O' Brien, pottery was introduced as one of the subjects in Work Experience in the Senior Art Section. Two new potter's wheels were made and installed in the Art Room, and the second room was allocated to Painting Sessions. At the Annual School Fete of 1976, the Clubs – 'Earn While You Learn' exhibited their ceramic table lamps, batiks, driftwood flower arrangements, painted clay models of piggy banks, ashtrays, flower vases, and toys. This stall was adjudged as 'the most attractive stall'

Brother Bergin Memorial Inter – School Music Competition



On the evening of St. Patrick's Feast Day, 17th March 1976, Rev. Brother C.J Bergin left for his heavenly abode while at Vespers in the chapel at Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt. In his memory MSM hosts an Inter School Music Competition every year. The First Brother Bergin Memorial Inter – School Music Competition was hosted in 1976.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', a rock opera put up by Mount St. Mary's School in 1978, was a lively show that ran to packed audiences for five days at the Kamani Auditorium.



"Way Way Back Many Centuries Ago....."

The opera dealt with the life of Joseph, a man endowed with the power to interpret dreams. Sold by his jealous brothers to a merchant, he reaches Egypt, wins favour, resists the overtures of a seductress and finally makes good with the Pharaoh. The most charming part was the composition as well as the rendition of the lyrics. Michael Brown, playing the lead as "Joseph", made effective and impressive use of his well-modulated voice, especially during the last song – "Any dream will do....."



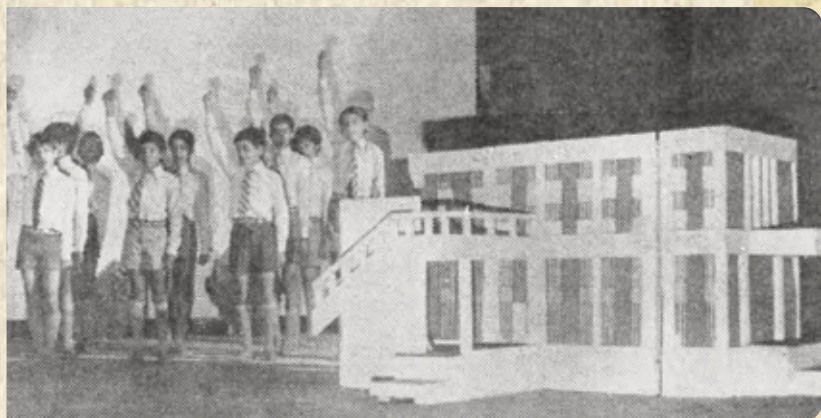
"Pharaoh, he was a powerful man, with the ancient world in the palm of his hand.."



"Give me my coloured coat, my amazing coloured coat..."

The backdrop was used effectively to give the desert touch, and some scenes, like the one in which Joseph was in the cell, were convincingly dramatized. Special mention must be made of Dhruv Dixit as young Benjamin. All in all, the opera left the viewers with a light heart. This was evident in the fact that the audience participated heartily with claps and foot tapping as the music rose to a crescendo in the last scene. With a cast of over 120, the school produced the earliest work of Webber and Rice under the direction of George Pulinkala, a well-known musician. It was a tough job to co-ordinate so many untrained voices which could fulfil the demand of a chorale, but hats off to Mr. Pulinkala whose music direction cast a spell. Narration by Reggie Massey, the accompanying band led by Malcolm Edwards, and the fine articulation of phrases were the show's highlights. This successful attempt facilitated funds for the construction of the auditorium cum gymnasium.

Inauguration of the School Auditorium and 'The Man of Tomorrow'



In March 1980, the red brick building, the auditorium, was completed. The idea of the new building came at the Parent Teacher Meeting when the parents were asked whether they preferred a swimming pool or an auditorium in the school. The majority of the parents felt that the latter would be more useful. The ground floor housed classes X, XI and XII. The first floor was designated for the auditorium.

On the inauguration day, the stage was covered by 140 metres of cloth, the windows adorned by Venetian blinds and the floor furnished with chairs. The red ribbon was cut and with the overture began the musical 'The Man of Tomorrow', specially staged for the opening ceremony in which nearly six hundred students participated. The Annual of the academic year was also dedicated to 'The Man of Tomorrow,' representing the core Marian values – citizenship and character building.

MOSA – Marians Old Students Association



The Masterminds at the MOSA Quiz

Old students often have the urge to stay closely associated with their Alma Mater, after they graduate and Mount St. Mary's was no exception to this rule. Old students like Vikram Roy and Bhasker Bhattacharya have expressed opinions about "Looking forward to a reunion with other old boys and our teachers". But no one was ready to take the first step. The formation of an old students' association had to wait till the Batch of '79. The Marians Old Students Association (M.O.S.A.) was conceived after the graduation of the I.S.C. Batch '79. The idea was forwarded by Nikhil Roy and Alok Batla and was readily accepted. MOSA was launched by Rev. Bro. Bernardine as Chairman and Mrs. Poonam Dutt (I.S.C. Batch' 68) as treasurer and A. Batla and N. Roy as Joint Secretaries. MOSA's initial aim was to conduct a massive enrolment drive to have as many ex-students as possible as members. MOSA's activities included the formation of a MOSA team to participate in various events on Sports Day, to hold a reunion dinner and the bringing out of the bi-annual newsletter. 'The Marianite', Mount St. Mary's Annual 1980-81 was dedicated to MOSA.



The Teachers' Day Celebration in 1980 was made extra special by the members of MOSA – they took over the staff duties. The principal and the staff members left the school to watch a movie at Chanakya Cinema.

To commemorate the Silver Jubilee, MOSA, the Marians Old Students' Association, came together to organise a very interesting and exciting Inter-School Quiz, in which 14 schools participated on 22nd August 1987.

Exceptional Presence – A Memorable Day with the Superior General

The Society of the Brothers of St. Patrick is a religious congregation of Brothers, dedicated to imparting sound education to students in their educational institutions. Coordinating and supervising the work of this international organisation requires a person of unusual intelligence and acumen.

The Superior General of the Society is elected in every six years. This election takes place at an International Conference that includes representatives from all countries with Patrician schools.

In 1980, Superior General, Rev. Brother Patrick Lovegroove paid a visit to India and came to Mount St. Mary's. Brother Patrick Lovegroove was an Australian, and the first non-Irish Brother to be elected for this post.



Superior General, Rev. Brother Patrick Lovegroove with young Marians



Mrs. Radha Suri, Biology teacher, with students.

M. S. M. Participates in the National Science Fair(1980–81)

Mount St. Mary's team of six budding young scientists designed a model titled "Geothermal Energy for Rural Development" for the National Science Fair in the session 1980 – 81 session. The conception was entirely original and the teacher in charge was Mr. Andrady. The participants were B.B. Prakash, Rajiv Kapoor, Sanjiv Chatterjee, Anil Vishnoi and Rajiv Das—all science students of class XII.

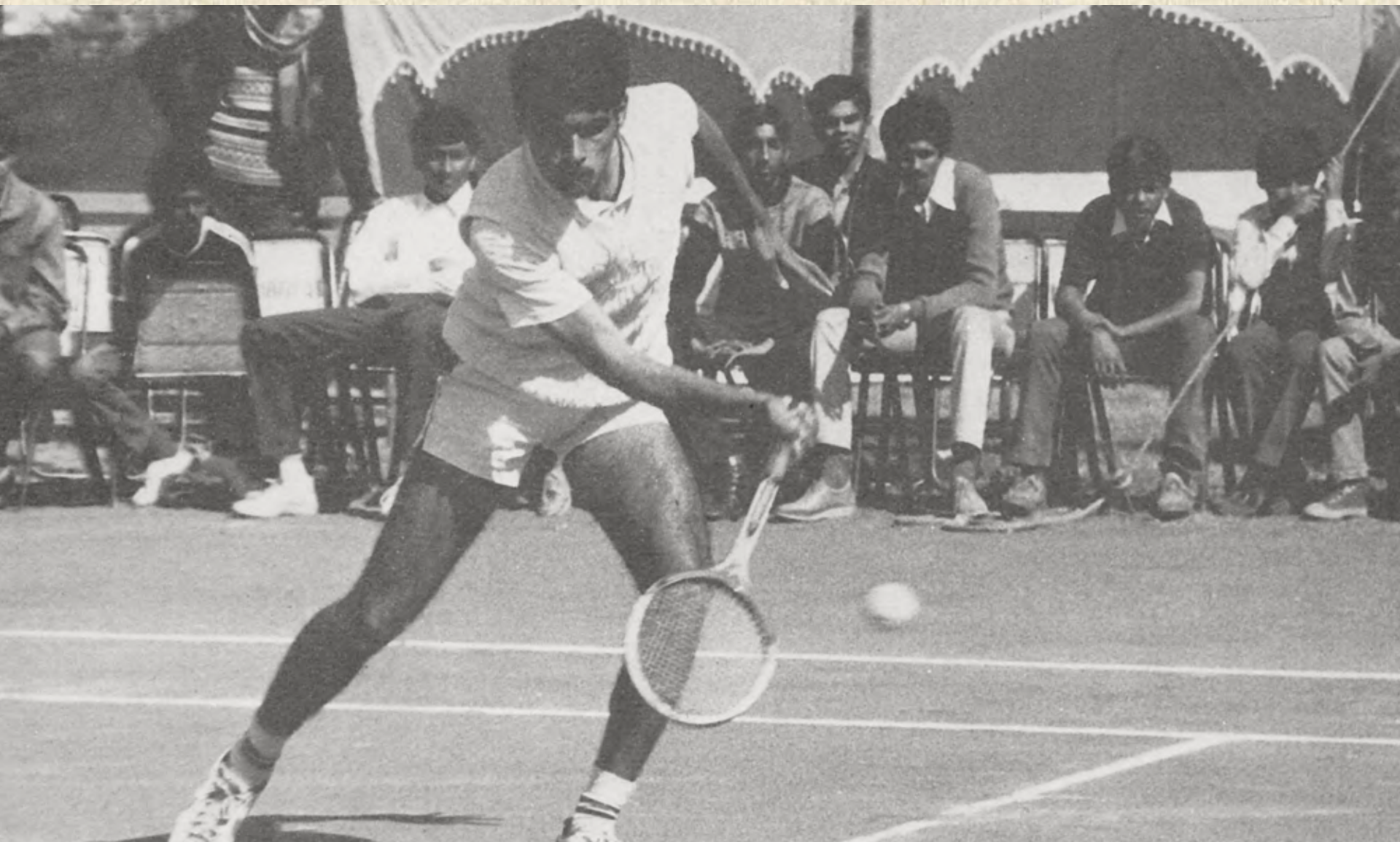
The preparation of the model involved three months of hard work and the painstaking task of consulting various sources of information on this new concept.

First Brother O' Brien Tennis Tournament

Reverend Brother Ignatius O'Brien was the Provincial Superior of the Patrician Brothers when MSM was established in 1963. He served as the principal of MSM in 1975. He was a keen sports enthusiast and took a lot of interest in the promotion of sports activities at MSM. In his memory, the Brother O'Brien Tennis Tournament was initiated as an Inter - school event in 1982.



Bro. Ignatius O'Brien



Champions in the Making: The Sports Legacy of MSM

Sports have always been an integral part of MSM's vibrant spirit. In 1972, the first Marathon added to the rich athletic tradition. In 1973, MSM won the Delhi Schools Invitation Football Tournament and introduced Lawn Tennis. The success continued with victories in the MSM boys' Pentangular Cricket Tournament and four consecutive wins at the Brother Bergin Cricket Tournament in Meerut. In 1985, MSM secured the overall championship in the All India OIKIR-RTU Karate Tournament in Jaipur. By 1987, MSM celebrated wins in both the Limca Soccer Football Tournament and the Inter-school Silver Football Tournament, solidifying their legacy of excellence in sports.

“Staying back after school for sports is a cherished tradition at Mount St. Mary’s. It instills in its students the extra virtues of better physique, athletic ability, discipline and sportsmanship. By 1:40 in the afternoon, the expansive sports ground was filled with exuberant cricketers, hockey and football players, and participants in other sports proudly donning their House colours. Similar to a Yorkshireman’s pride is playing for Yorkshire over England, many of us took great pride in representing our respective House Teams. So even when not competing against rival school teams, there was intense healthy competition and tremendous excitement generated, whenever Hughes played Price, or Parkinson played Hogan, and vice versa, in the algebraic combinations.”

Dr. Sameer Mehta (Batch'73)



YouthQuake

'YOUTHQUAKE' was an Inter-school competition in various disciplines organised by the BANG CLUB. In 1993, it was held on 3rd, 4th, and 5th September. MSM had been participating in it for thirteen years and emerged victorious in 1981, 1984, 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1995.

Embarking on a harmonious journey of artistic excellence, Youthquake, orchestrated by the illustrious Bang Club, transcended the ordinary, becoming a grand symphony of interdisciplinary fervour. Within its hallowed halls, students from esteemed schools, colleges, and universities converged, each a shining star, showcasing their boundless talent in dramatics, dance, debate, and music.

As the curtains rose and the melodies soared, Youthquake emerged as a beacon of inspiration, illuminating the path to greatness.



This prestigious event, an epicentre of inter school and inter college camaraderie, witnessed history unfold as the Marians clinched victory three consecutive times in 1993, 1994, and 1995, etching their name in golden letters upon the rolling trophy – Youthquake. Guided by visionary leaders, Rev. Brother Jerome Ellens, Rev. Brother Christopher, and Brother Leo, alongside the musical prowess of Mr. George Pulinkala, the oratorical finesse of Mrs. Lopez, and the melodic mastery of Mr. Dominic Paul and Mr. Santosh Kumar, the Marians conquered every challenge.

Silver Luminescence: Sterling Splendour

The Silver Era of growth and development commenced during these years. This period witnessed innovation in teaching methods, curriculum design, investment in technology, embracing diversity, fostering culture and regular assessment. These were the pivots of the school's progress. The school focused on building stronger partnerships with the parents' community and ensuring the holistic development of Marians.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

On 7th February 1987, the Silver Jubilee Celebrations commenced with the Thanksgiving Mass, themed: "Praise Him, thank Him for His wonderful deeds"



The Opening Mass



Prayer Service



The Closing Mass



George Pulinkala

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Mr. George Pulinkala, the distinguished former Deputy Principal and esteemed Headmaster of MSM, was the visionary who infused our school with the vibrant essence of dramatics and music. With an unparalleled passion, he meticulously directed the spectacular array of plays staged by Marians, effortlessly transporting his audience into realms of enchantment and fantasy through his opulent musical productions. During the Silver Jubilee Celebrations he directed – 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', a rock opera.

The Silver Jubilee Staff



Sitting-L to R: Mrs. Davis, Mr. Coelho, Mrs. Caprihan, Mr. Andrady, Mrs. Banerjee, Mrs. Bajaj, Mrs. Joshua, Bro. Xavier J. Thonipara, Mrs. Sikand, Mrs. Chadha, Mr. C.K. Sharma, Mrs. Kapoor, Mr. Kohli, Mrs. A. Sondhi, Mr. Murthy.
Standing-1st Row: Mr. O.P. Sharma, Mrs. Chowdhary, Mrs. Anand, Mrs. D'Silva, Mrs. Biswas, Mr. Arya, Mrs. Kumar, Mrs. Rani Suri, Mrs. Radha Suri, Mrs. Ratnam, Mrs. Swamy, Mrs. Andrady, Mrs. Dhody, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. R. Mehta, Mr. Pulinkala.
2nd. Row: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gopalakrishnan, Mrs. M. Mehta, Mrs. Menon, Mrs. Kaul, Mr. Hariharan, Mr. Kumar, Mrs. Coelho, Mrs. Mankoo, Mrs. Bana, Mrs. Sachdeva, Mrs. Chavan, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Bawa, Bro. Leo.
3rd. Row: Mr. Pious, Mrs. Alphonso, Mr. Thapa, Mrs. V. Sondhi, Mrs. Surkund, Mr. Rebeiro, Miss Jayashree.
4th Row: Mr. Dayanand, Mrs. James, Miss Pesikaka, Mrs. Rao, Mrs. Chandra, Mrs. Jamwal, Mrs. Murgai, Mrs. Mathur, Miss Singh, Mrs. Bhalla, Miss Roy, Mrs. Sethi, Miss Komkar, Miss Rozario, Mrs. Lal, Mrs. Singh, Mrs. Ambady.

Scenes from the Rock Opera



SECTION III – CONTEMPORARY ALCHEMY

A Tapestry of Modernisation and Innovation

The year 1984 saw the computer revolution in the school.

The LAN system was implemented in November 1993, under the supervision of Mr. Geo Mathew, the present Senior School Coordinator, and the efforts of Mr. Joshi and Mr. Sharma.



Achievement Chronicles

Triumphs and Milestones in Excellence



In the academic year 1990 - 91, the Royal Commonwealth Society, United Kingdom, organised the Commonwealth Essay Competition where the entries of Aniruddha Shankar, Arvind Ramachandran, Vijai Pillai and Hari Shankar Lakharaju were highly commended. 1992 was an exceptionally active year with remarkable success stories. On July 19th, the MSM Quiz Team made an indelible mark at The Limca Nationals, 1992. The talented members included Ankur Malhotra, Sandipan Bhattacharya and Aniruddha Shankar.

In 1993, the School Quiz Team secured the first position and was declared Zonal Champions at the Limca Delhi City Finals held at the Airforce Auditorium. The Quiz team members - Akshay Syal and M. Mahesh, Justin Murrick, Joe Christy Fernandes, and Jacob Xavier brought laurels home. The competitions won by the school team in 1993 included the Nehru Planetarium, Limca Books of Records Delhi City Finals Contest, The Bang Club Inter School Festival Youthquake, The British School Quiz, Bournvita Quiz Contest (Zonal) Rotoract Inter School Quiz Contest, Bournvita Quiz Contest '93 and Annual NAA (Montfort School). Abhishek Shankar was the Second Runner-up at the Father Agnel Extempore Contest as well as St. Columba's Run'93.



The fledgling Nature Club slowly and steadily grew under the tender and loving care of Mrs Ruchi Mehta and Mrs Marie Kumar. This Club was helped and guided by the World Wild Life Fund For Nature (W.W.F.) This club was initiated by Prasoon Mehta, a Class XI student in 1993.

On 2nd March 1995, at 1800 hrs, Udit Thapar, young Marian of Class One D carried out a solo Para - Sailing launch at Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi. His achievement was shot for the TV Serial, 'Limca Book of Records ki Anokhee Duniya'.



In the academic session 1995 - 96, the MSM Quiz Team won the Quarter Finals, and Bournvita Quiz Contest and were briefed by Derek O'Brien in Bombay.

The Debate Club in the same year secured many distinctions and victories in Inter School Debate Competitions. Arunabha Ghosh bagged the Best Speaker Award at the Bro. Ritchie Memorial Debate held at Meerut and the Second-Best Speaker at the Bang Club Festival.

The Annual Athletic Meet – 1993



“It was a proud moment for me as I stood and surveyed the school field. After eight long years we were reviving the Annual Sports Day. The field lay stretched out in front, looking grand and festive with the shamianas and pavilions having transformed it as befitting the occasion. On 28th November, 1993, I felt proud to be a Marian and the In-charge of the day’s activities.”

- Uday Singh, Sports Captain

Brother Mahoney Soccer Tournament

Braithre Pdraig, Droichead Nua, Co. Chill Dara. 12th November, 1993.
Patrician Brothers, Naas Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. (045) 31475

Dear Bro. Jerome,

Very many thanks for your letter and photographs. The photographs are very good. It was a very nice thought of yours to run the tournament in my honour. It got off to a great start with so many teams taking part. I am glad Mount St. Mary's did so well. It was probably better that an outside team won it the first year. I hope it continues to be a great success. It will be a very interesting event in the school calendar every year.

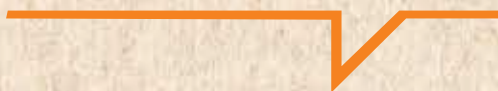
Bro. Mahoney



In 1993, Mount St. Mary's School hosted the first Bro. Mahoney Soccer Tournament. After a week of tough competition, it was M.S.M. and M.N.S.S (RAI) playing in the finals. The first Bro. Mahoney Soccer Tournament was won by the RAI boys. In 1994-95, this tournament was the first ever tournament for Sub Juniors (Class V and below).



"Brother Mahoney was like a conductor of Maverick musicians. He orchestrated children to a team spirit, while all the time encouraging the solo spirit. Today, as I feel the flecks of grey and have to face a little music of my own, I can't but fondly remember those wonder years. I am glad a football tournament has been instituted in Bro. Mahoney's name. If anything, I'm sure it will maintain the sense of fair play which he always stood for."



Ronen Chatterjee (1967 Batch)

Brother Dunne Cricket Tournament



Brother E.T. Dunne, Bro. Jerome Ellens, Mr. Kohli with the winners

To honour Rev. Brother E.T. Dunne, the founder Principal of Mount St. Mary's school, an Inter – school cricket tournament was organised. In total, 10 teams participated. The inaugural match was played on 20th December, '93, in which M.S.M. defeated St. Martin's.

The finals were held on 12th January, in which M.S.M Team A defeated St. Columba's by 4 wickets. Samit Roy of M.S.M was adjudged the best all – rounder, Mandeep Singh Oberoi of M.S.M the best bowler and Gaurav Raina of St. Columba's the best batsman.

The tournament was a grand success.



Achievement Alcove: Spotlighting Success

At the Shankar's International Painting Competition Sameer Guha of Class VIII-C was awarded by the Vice President of India - Mr. K. R. Narayanan for winning the Shankar's Elocution Competition.

Deepak Ranga & Kanish Ranga received scholarships from NIS.

Kunal Dhar represented India in the Lambard World Cup.

Avneet Singh was selected to represent India in the UK meeting

in which 25 finalists from 69 countries were participating. Rohit George was awarded prize for his entry in the 1995 Shankar's International Children's Competition.

Akshay George was the youngest gold medalist in Delhi State Taekwondo Championship.

Alok Bhatla (Batch 1977), a top executive in General Motors (USA), left for his heavenly abode & his wife Mrs Harveen Bhatla instituted an award in his name in 1995.



Celebrities on Campus: A Glittering Affair

It was a proud moment for the students of MSM, when the badges were pinned by the Chief Guest, Dr Kiran Bedi during the Investiture Ceremony. She left the students spellbound with her powerful and gripping speech. She inspired the boys to be morally sound and confident.



Dr. Kiran Bedi at MSM

Mr. Kapil Dev led the Indian cricket team to win the 1983 Cricket World Cup and, in the process, became the first Indian captain to win the Cricket World Cup. In 1994, MSM Cricket Team got a golden opportunity to meet Mr. Kapil Dev, who graced the Bro. Dunne Inter School Cricket Tournament as the Chief Guest.



The excitement of posing with Kapil Dev

On May 10, 1996, Mr. Maxwell Pereira, Additional Commissioner of Police, was introduced by Head-Prefect Manu Chandra to office-bearers at our 34th Investiture Ceremony. The Chief Guest lit the lamp, and office-bearers then lit diyas before the swearing-in and badge-pinning ceremony.



Mr. Maxwell Pereira, Additional Commissioner of Police,

Bonds Beyond Books

Nurturing Hearts

Dear Bro. Christopher, Bro Jerome, Mrs Lopez, Mrs Roo and all members of the Staff.

I have been wanting to write to you ever since we returned, but I did not know how to put in words all that I wanted to say.....

I don't think my husband and I could have survived this ordeal had it not been for people like you who held on to us. As they say " the tree does not realize what its Shade means to the weary traveller " Thank you all for the shade.....

..... Brother, your words still ring in our ears - when you said that God tests only those that he loves..... We have all of you to thank— all of you teachers and students of MSM for praying for our child's well being and return..... Maybe. He listened to the prayers of all the little children who prayed with folded hands at the morning assembly..... I don't think one life time is enough to repay all you'll have done all we can say is "God bless you all"

I am enclosing a picture of Karan . If you notice the number plate of his Car in America reads "MSM-One" - MSM is indeed his first love.

Thanking you all and God bless

Renu Mahendru

(This is an excerpt taken from a letter written by Mrs. R Mahendru after Karan returned from his captivity.)



Karan Mahendru was kidnapped and the whole MSM family supported Mr. and Mrs. Mahendru. Their emotions captured in this letter written by the mother.

Evening School at MSM

The Evening School was initiated with 13 children in 1994, aiming to provide remedial classes for underprivileged children from the nearby village. In 1995, two classes were conducted, accommodating 62 boys under the guidance of Mrs. Lopez, Miss Esther Gregory, Miss Meena, and Bro. Paschal.



Vocational Studies at NOS (NIOS) Centre and Afternoon Classes at MSM



Polytechnic Class: House Wiring & T.V. Repairs



NOS introduced two short courses for Vocational Studies, focusing on Radio and TV Repairs. These government-recognised diploma courses were conducted at the NOS, with classes held thrice a week in the afternoon.

In the academic session 2000–2001, MSM took a significant step by launching an outreach programme to offer afternoon classes for underprivileged children. A total of 350 boys, predominantly under 12 years of age, were enrolled in this programme, supervised by six dedicated teachers. In addition to the core curriculum, the initiative incorporated various co-curricular activities such as cricket matches, cultural programmes, visits to places in and around Delhi, and celebrations of national festivals.

The 11th MSM Inter-School TAEKWONDO Championship



ACHIEVEMENTS

- MSM participated in the Challenge '94 and secured the championship.
- The Invitational J.K.D Championship was held in October and MSM emerged as the Champions.
- MSM hosted the Inter-school Taekwondo Championship in December, and were victorious.
- In the National Taekwondo Championship held at Calicut, Kerala, 12 members of MSM team representing the Delhi Team, won two gold, silver, and bronze medals each.
- In the Black Belt Group our students secured one Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals each.
- In the Kamal Public School Inter- school Taekwondo Championship, MSM won the runners- up trophy.



MSM wins BQC

MSM emerged victorious in the Bournvita Quiz Contest (BQC), with Joe Christy and Maninder Singh representing the school in the final round. Out of 128 selected schools for the Quarter Finals, they navigated through numerous challenging rounds to clinch the grand finale, bringing pride not only to themselves but also to the school.



Derek O'Brien along with Joe Christy and Maninder Singh



Brother Paschal, Joe Christy, Maninder Singh and Mrs. U. Dharuman

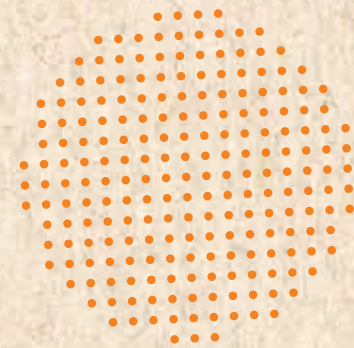
MSM wins National Quiz



Joe Christy and Arjun Dutt, Winners of Discovery Channel Quiz with Kiran Bedi



Ramayana Reverie: A Grand Spectacle at MSM Chronicles



In 1997, the students of Class 7 transported the audience to the world of Ramayana in the school auditorium. They presented captivating excerpts, highlighting the school's commitment to education as a mission. The Patrician Brothers, true to their belief, see the school's objective as producing efficient citizens dedicated to societal and national well-being. Their mission is to illuminate minds, foster secular harmony, and nurture holistic brilliance in the fabric of education.

Harmony Unveils

MSM's Collaboration with National Open School

“We show a preference for those who have the greatest need, and we discriminate in favour of those who are marginalised” – this is a part of the Patrician Philosophy.



National open School Staff Members

In alignment with these principles, the National Open School became a new venture at Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt. In 1997, MSM and NOS (now it is known as NIOS) joined forces, creating a collaborative educational centre. By July 1997, 200 students (both boys and girls) were admitted, a number that soared to 500 in 1998. MSM teachers, including Mr. M. Coelho, Mr. O.P. Sharma, Mr. Arya, Mrs. A. Bist, Mrs. F. Jose, Mrs. R. George, Mrs. A. George, Mrs. C.V. Kumar, Mrs. Bana, and Mrs. R. Mehta, generously contributed their time on Saturdays and other occasions. Rev. Bro. V.P. Bernard, the former Vice Principal, served as the first Coordinator of A.I Centre – 7747 at MSM.



National Open School Students at MSM

Red Cross Accolade

MSM Garners Distinguished Recognition



Mr Vijay Kapoor, Lt. Governor of Delhi, presented the Red Cross Commendation Card to MSM in 1998. Mrs Ruchi Mehta, the Senior School Coordinator, received this honour on behalf of team MSM.

Dive into Excellence – The Inauguration of MSM's Swimming Pool



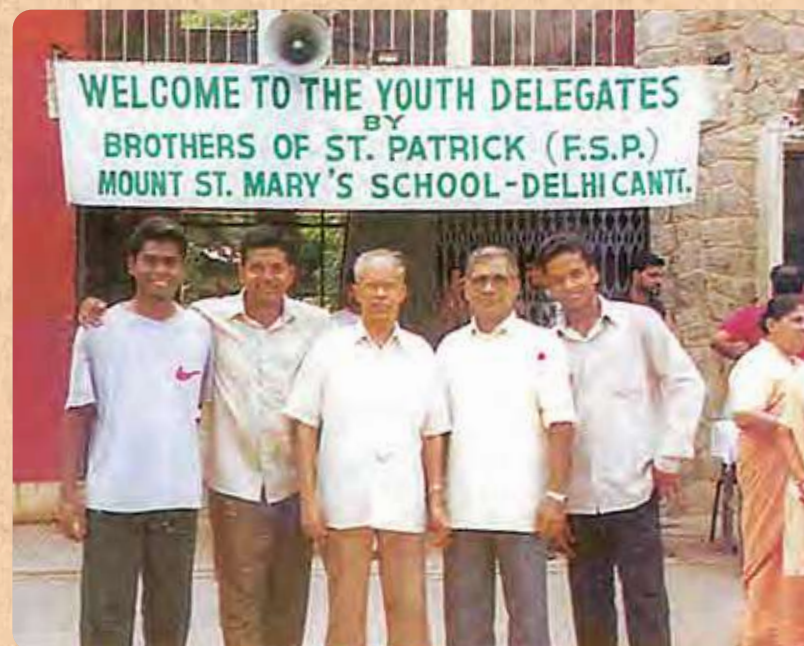
On 1st May 1998, a long-cherished dream became a reality as MSM's very own swimming pool was inaugurated. The birth of an idea, its meticulous execution and the final realisation required planning, dedication and perseverance. This dream was imagined and conceived in 1980s and it took the dedicated efforts of Rev. Bro. Jerome and

Rev. Bro. Christopher to bring it to fruition. The founder Principal, Rev. Bro. E.T. Dunne, graced the occasion with his presence, making the inauguration even more special. Major General Awasthy had the honour of inaugurating the swimming pool.

The National Youth Convention 1998 at MSM



MSM proudly hosted the IV National Youth Convention from 30th September to 4th October 1998. The event garnered participation from 1800 delegates representing India and abroad. On the first day, a central message emphasized the importance of positivity in life through actions such as appreciation, smiles, and mutual respect. The convention focused on three primary objectives: Unemployment and Youth, Unorganised Youth, and Permissive Culture. Rev. Brother Bernard delivered a poignant message to the youth, urging them - "to learn more about the vocation of a Brother"



MSM's Tribute to the Brave and Fearless

In a heartfelt tribute to the brave and fearless soldiers, the staff and students of MSM initiated a fundraising effort. Through newspaper drives, students' contributions, and a Mini Fete held within the school premises, funds were collected for the families of Kargil War heroes. The dedicated staff also generously contributed by donating one day's salary, resulting in a total collection of Rs 2 lakh.

Upon contacting the Army authorities, it was suggested that MSM could extend support to 20 needy families who had lost their brave sons in operations carried out by the armed forces. 25th November is observed as 'Remembrance Day' by the Rajputana Rifles. Rev. Brother Thanicken presented cheques to these families in a solemn ceremony.



The First Aquatic Meet

On the morning of 23rd September 2000 at 8 am, MSM marked a historic moment with its first inter-class Aquatic Championship. The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Brother Berchmans, the Provincial, and former Principal, who honoured the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Millennium Volleyball Debut

Brother Aloysius Tournament 2000



In September 2000, MSM proudly hosted its inaugural Brother Aloysius Inter-School Volleyball Tournament. Six enthusiastic teams participated in this event. In an exciting final match, Shikshya Bharti School emerged victorious, defeating Bal Bhawan.

The Genesis: Ecom Buzz Symposium



On September 9, 2000, Mrs. V. Sondhi and a team of Commerce students organised the first Ecom Buzz Symposium. This inter-school event was an instant success and has since then evolved over the years to sharpen analytical and discerning minds. Through debate and presentation, students' horizons have grown to connect

them to a diversity of viewpoints, as well as to the imperatives of the economic world. It is heartening to note that, this popular annual event has contributed widely to honing business acumen and financial planning skills among our students whose several achievements in the finance sector stand as testimony to this.

MSM's Debut

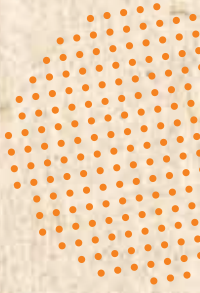
A Radiant Showcase of Science and Tech Brilliance in 2000



On September 22, 2000, MSM unveiled its inaugural extravaganza – a symphony of innovation in the first Computer and Science Exhibition. A month of meticulous preparations culminated in a grand showcase, where enthusiasm met talent, transforming the participants into budding scientists. The Chief Guest was Mrs Vineeta Sharma, an ex-teacher of MSM and employed as Principal Scientific Officer in the Department of Science and Technology.



The First Brother Aloysius Inter School Computer Symposium



'MATRIX' - Marian's Association of Technology Research and Info Excellence ventured into the digital frontier in November 2000 with the First Bro. Aloysius Inter School Computer Symposium. Sixteen students participated in this event, and the Rolling Trophy was bagged by Delhi Public School, Vasant Kunj. Mr Gautam Ahuja, an exstudent and Mr Neelesh Arora served as the judges for the event.

Under the visionary leadership of Mr. Geo Mathew (Head of the Department) and Mrs. Lata Nandakumar, the Computer

Club emerged as a grand prelude to MSM's Cyber Age. In a democratic process, elections were held, resulting in the selection of the first office bearers and executives. Pragav Jain served as the President, lead with dedication and vision. Rohan Nagpal assumed the position of Vice President, making significant contributions to the organization's success. Akhil Chandra took on the role of General Secretary, while Vineet Varghese served as Joint Secretary, effectively coordinating and facilitating communication within the team.





Y.C.S – Young Christian Students' Movement

MSM boys from Classes VIII to XII actively participated in a dynamic national movement called the Young Christian Students' Movement. The primary objective of this movement was to instil a positive transformation in students by fostering reflection on societal values and structures. This movement aimed to make students aware of reality, inspire them through faith, and encourage them to reach out to the needy for a fair and peaceful future. In December 2000, an Inter-school event was organised, featuring carol singing, poster making and street play competitions, where Marians received accolades for their exceptional performance.

The Founder's Day Carnival



The fabric of school life is intricately woven with academic and creative activities, creating a harmonious blend of both serious and celebratory elements of learning.

The Founder's Day Carnival on 10th February marked the grand culmination of a hectic year. Parents, staff, and students, both past and present, united to organise game stalls, food stalls, jam sessions, raffle draws, and brochure advertisements. It was a remarkable display of teamwork, commitment, and camaraderie.

The highlight of the day was the presence of various celebrities and esteemed officials. Daler Mehndi and Ajay Jadeja were among the crowd favourites. The request booth and lucky draws for entry tickets and brochures captivated the crowd. Young children queued up at the Amusement Park, while the 'Super Bazaar' and Horoscope Tarot catered to an exclusive clientele.

The Carnival served not only as a source of enjoyment but also as a means to raise funds. The funds collected were utilised to finance renovation and upgradation of educational facilities, maintenance of infrastructure, and necessary investments to align with the demands of the digital age.



The First Inter School Dramatics Competition



In the academic session of 2002–03, MSM achieved a significant milestone by hosting its inaugural Middle School Inter-School Dramatics Competition. The esteemed Chief Guest for this event was a renowned actor and director, Suneeet Tandon. The competition witnessed participation from some of the most prestigious schools in Delhi, such as

Mater Dei, Father Agnel, Convent of Jesus & Mary, and Loreto Convent. The distinguished judges for the event, comprising Mrs. Neer Mitra and Mrs. Ohri, undertook the challenging task of evaluating the performances. Convent of Jesus and Mary was bestowed with the prestigious Best Performance Award.



Cultivating Character

A Reflection on Values in School's Annual Spectacle



On the 14th and 15th of February 2003, MSM hosted a two-day Cultural Programme as a heartfelt token of love and gratitude to the grandparents. The esteemed Chief Guests, Mrs. Kamla Rana and Mr. R.C. Sharma, graced the occasion with their presence. The programme painted a vibrant tapestry, capturing the essence of everything from the 'Kaleidoscope of Spring' to the stark bleakness of war and devastation. It celebrated the joy, enthusiasm, and diverse cultural expressions of festivals and dances from across the states, delving into the realms of youthful imagination with the 'Flights of Fantasy,' and reflecting on profound themes like the 'Sparkle of Reason' and 'Reaffirmation of Faith.'

A gamut of emotions was intricately woven with heartfelt tributes from the Class XI students to their beloved grandparents. The grand finale culminated in a solemn pledge taken by the students, leaving a lasting impression on all in attendance.

The First Brother Aloysius Inter School Recitation Competition (Juniors) in the Session 2002-03



Mrs. Pavamani and Mrs. Abnash Kaur at the registration desk



The Junior School Choir enlivened the ceremony

Brother Mahony Junior School Football Tournament in 2003



The Winners

Street Play Festival and Art Competition at Junior School (2002-03)



Cultural Rendezvous

Junior School Student Council's Sojourn to the German School, Chanakyapuri



The Junior School Student Council embarked on a Cultural Odyssey on 7th October 2005 during their visit to the German School. The mini auditorium, adorned in the glistening hues of a shimmering blue saree, became the canvas for a multilingual dialogue, unfolding the charm of intimate gatherings and cultural fusion.

Presidential Parley

Radiant Triumph

MSM's Stellar performance at Shankar's International. Akshay Kamboj and Akshay George received the prize from Shree A.P.J Kalam, President of India, at the Elocution Competition held by the Shankar's International in 2003.



Sheila Dikshit Unscripted

A Candid Exchange in Conversation

Rahul Tom Joseph, Chaitaniya Saraf, Anirvan Chowdhary, Aditya George, Aditya Sethi had the privilege of spending a few treasured moments with Sheila Dikshit. Despite being busy with elections, she was very receptive and forthcoming with her comments.



Beyond Textbooks

A Street Play on Mother Teresa

A street play on Mother Teresa was put up by the boys in Gopinath Bazaar to spread the message of peace, love and service among the people. Mother Teresa's love and service for humanity was reinforced through a play - Community Service: To Serve with Love.



Prime Minister National Relief Fund

On 5th February 2001, Mrs V. Mathur (the Junior School Coordinator), Mrs P. Singh and Mr. Clifford, along with a few students, visited the Prime Minister's Office to present a cheque of Rs 3,53,300. The MSM family generously donated money for the Prime Minister Relief Fund in response to the appeal for earthquake hit Gujrat.



The Journey of Discovery in Project – Based Learning

2003 – 2004 was a year of Integrated Development. The Project Days were introduced in MSM, which gave each student an opportunity to speak and every class to showcase their talent with good teamwork and organisational ability. Public speaking and presentations, adventure sports and community service further stretched the abilities of Marians to interact, communicate and empathise. Introduction of Yoga, French (as an option), stay- back games and activities were the various steps taken at MSM to provide more scope for computer-aided education balanced with greater emphasis on environmental concerns. The smartboard paved a way to technology aided learning.

MSM's Co – Educational Transformation

Embracing the ethos of co-education from its inception, MSM heralded an era of inclusivity and collaboration by opening its doors to both genders before the establishment of the Loreto Nun's Project. With the establishment of Loreto Girls Convent, MSM transitioned from an all-boys school to a co-educational institution. Girls illuminated the senior sections during selective academic sessions, leaving an indelible mark on the illustrious history of MSM.

In 2004, MSM embarked on a transformative journey, evolving into a dynamic co-educational environment. This transformation symbolised the school's commitment to embracing diversity, and preparing students for the multifaceted challenges of the modern world. The arrival of girls added vibrancy and depth to the once all-boys school.



Renowned Painter Niren Sengupta, and his Inspiring Artistic Strokes at MSM



Rendezvous with Shiamak Davar

Vaibhav Arora's inspiring meeting with Shiamak Davar was indeed a motivation for all the dancers of MSM in 2007. Vaibhav Arora, a student of MSM, was also a performer and a choreographer at Shiamak Davar Institute of Performing Arts.



"Be yourself, no matter what people say. Anybody who has feet can dance; hence everybody in this world can dance. And everybody who's reading this, I just want you to remember one thing and follow it too - YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE, RESPECT IT AND IT WILL BLESS YOU."

Shiamak Davar

Developing Essential Disaster Management Skills at MSM

In an era of swift modernisation and globalisation, a chilling narrative unfolded as global warming ushered in an unsettling dance of changing seasons—a world seemingly under the wrath of gods. Media channels echoed with BREAKING NEWS of tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, droughts, cyclones, and landslides. Amid this tumult, disaster management skills emerged as the crucial need of the hour, a symphony of order in the face of nature's tumultuous performance.





The Cultural Fiesta

Fostering All - Round Development in the Cultural Week at MSM



The Cultural Week or the Cultural Fiesta is an Inter House co-scholastic activities based competitive week in which all the Houses work diligently to score maximum points for the coveted trophy. This initiative began in the session 2006 - 07. It brought together all the competitions which were spread over the academic year.

It included a plethora of activities: Debate, Poem Recitation, Turn Coat, Marian Round Table Conference, Creative Writing (Hindi and English), RJ, Spell Bee, Quiz, Dumb Charades, Music (Indian & Western) and many more. Graffiti, Web Designing, Marian Fashionista and Task-O-Mania are the recently added competitions.

Superior General Visits MSM

Rev. Brother Jerome Ellens, the youngest and first Indian Superior General, visited Mount St. Mary's School on 10th to 12th April 2007. Brother Jerome was very well-known among the senior teachers in the school and the religious circles of Delhi as he had been the Principal of the school from 1993

to 1995. He made it a point to meet everyone associated with the school, including students, parents, teachers and co-workers. His presence and guidance encouraged everyone on the campus.



Bishop Gyamfi Visits MSM

The students of Mount St. Mary's had the pleasure of interacting with Bishop Matthew Gyamfi of Ghana on 17th January 2008 during his visit to Delhi. He addressed the morning assembly and had a talk with the Christian students in the catechism class.

"My message to the youth is very simple, compared to Ghana you are very privileged. You have a very good education system. Nowadays, education is the key to success. So, my message to the youth is take advantage of the very well-articulated education system. Take your studies very seriously and never forget your culture. This will take you very far in life."



A Visit to Tihar Jail

On April 27, 2007 the LTS Volunteers visited Jail no. 2, Tihar Jail, Janakpuri.

“Under tight security, with a little trepidation and excitement, we entered the jail. But to our surprise, we were greeted by beautiful gardens, with paintings all over the tall walls of the jail and many other things made by the prisoners. The prisoners welcomed us with excitement and cheer. As the students staged their performances (like skits, songs and dances) they not only applauded and encouraged us but also danced and cheered for us. Yes, we learnt a lot from them, about life and how a smile is to be retained forever”.



Nativity Play at Tihar Jail

On 16th December 2014, students from our school went to Tihar Jail to enact the Nativity Play and celebrate the spirit and joy of Christmas.

Skillful Impact

Students Unleashing Potential on SUPW Days

Students of MSM from classes 6, 7, 8 and 9 showcased their talent during the SUPW days held from 4th to 6th February 2008. They exhibited a range of programmes that were both entertaining and informative. Each class was allotted 30 minutes to stage their performance. They aimed to fine-tune all that they had learnt in their SUPW periods throughout the year and present their learning on stage.



Brain Gym

The transformative Brain Gym Activities are for enhanced concentration and cognitive skills. A set of activities in the form of Brain Gym were introduced in the session 2007-08. These activities included simple tasks like physical exercise, exciting games, simple motor movements, and creative art which were for better concentration, communication, increased visual skills, speed reading or writing, and enhanced mental coordination. The Brain Gym was inaugurated with many interesting equipments.



Meeting the Metro Man

Dr. Elattuvalapil Sreedharan, a rare professional who changed the map of Delhi, was voted as the CNN-IBN 'Indian of the Year 2007'. He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan on January 25th, 2008. His phenomenal contribution to the society as the leader of the Konkan Railway and DMRC made him a legend of contemporary times. The Editorial Board of MSM had the rare opportunity of interviewing this extremely down-to-earth and elusive legend.

"My message to the Marians is to develop good qualities and good character. Character is a possession which nobody can take away from you. No matter the amount of wealth that you accumulate, somebody can take it away from you. But nobody can take away your character. I will not even tell you to stand first in class. Just maintain good health, have good moral values and excellent character. You've heard that the crown and glory of life is 'Character', that comes from home".



A Captivating Meeting with Chess Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand



Fostering Spiritual Growth

Faith Formation classes were introduced at MSM in the academic year 2007-08. The main objectives were to emphasise the universality of teachings, appreciate the diversity of rites and rituals, and celebrate all festivals. By the end of the year, students got an insight into major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Christianity, Islam and Zoroastrianism.

These weekly classes and prayer service have been a step towards unifying our country, where the need to respect diverse faiths is necessary to counter prejudice, hatred and fanaticism.

Vipassana, a guided meditation, is an indispensable part of MSM's daily schedule, thanks to Mrs. Meenakshi Bana, our former Senior School Coordinator, whose soothing voice guides us through the practice every day at school.



Prayer Service



Faith Formation Classes



Vipassana





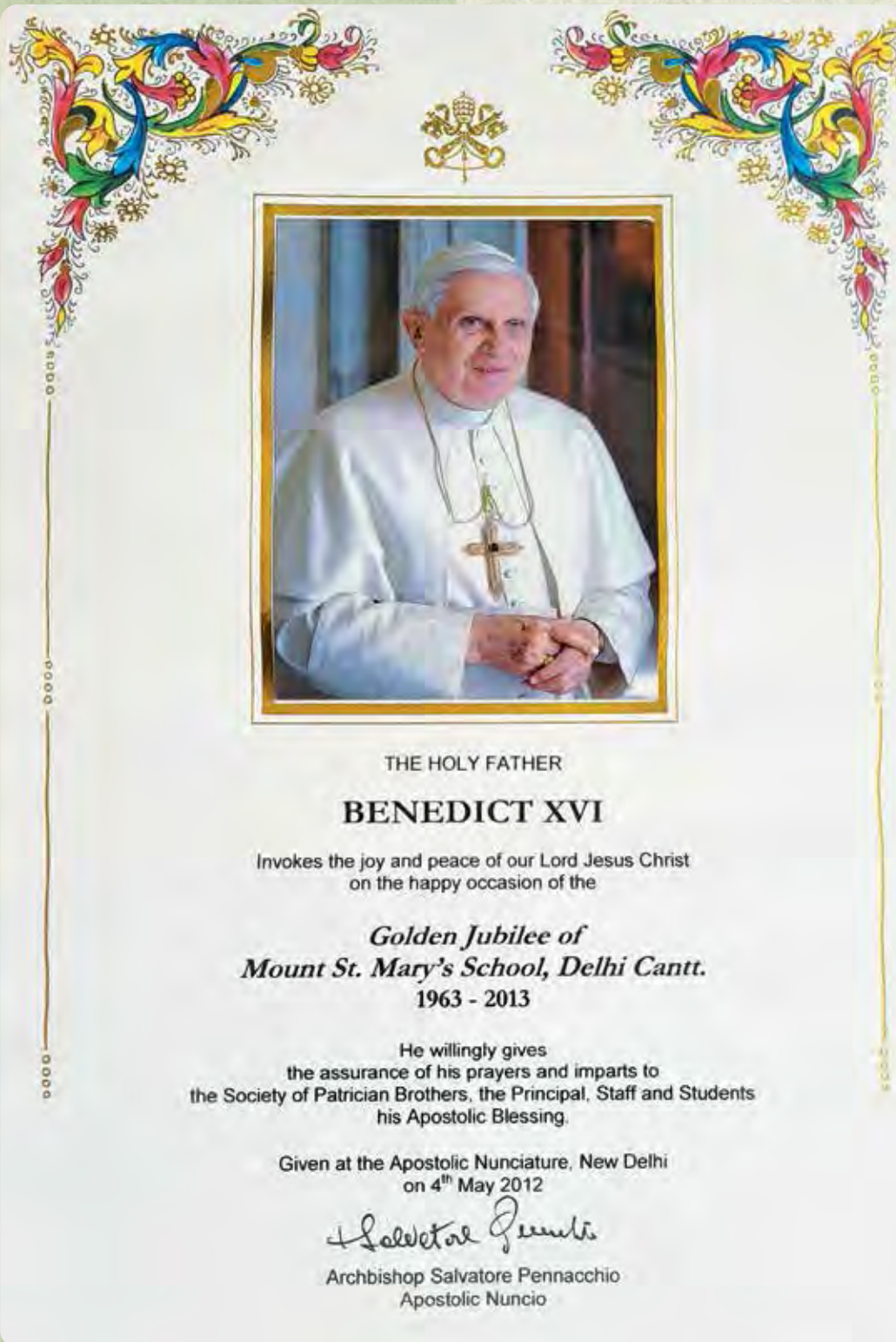
Bicentenary Celebrations at MSM

When we honour the past, we energise our future, and the present becomes a celebration.

The Patrician Bicentenary Celebrations at Mount St. Mary's started on the 23rd of October with great gusto and enthusiasm. The Patrician Brothers - their history of missionary endeavour and apostolic zeal, untold hardships and phenomenal achievements came to life brilliantly in the musical "Imagine". The musical was staged on the 23rd and 24th October. This was followed by the sublime beauty and sanctity of the Thanksgiving Mass on the 25th October. The celebrations came to an end leaving everyone with a feeling of awe and the inspiration to carry the flame of love and service to live together in peace and charity. The event at MSM was part of an international celebration spread over the entire year involving several branches of Patrician schools, located in 5 continents - America, Asia, Africa, Australia & Europe. Over 40 schools from all over India were hosted at MSM to perform at the event. Brothers came from all over the continents to grace this milestone celebration.

SECTION IV :
PATHFINDERS ODYSSEY

Charting
Challenges,
Celebrating
Triumphs



THE HOLY FATHER
BENEDICT XVI

Invokes the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
on the happy occasion of the

*Golden Jubilee of
Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt.
1963 - 2013*

He willingly gives
the assurance of his prayers and imparts to
the Society of Patrician Brothers, the Principal, Staff and Students
his Apostolic Blessing.

Given at the Apostolic Nunciature, New Delhi
on 4th May 2012

Salvatore Pennacchio
Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio
Apostolic Nuncio

The Golden Jubilee Staff



Seated (Front Row) (L to R): Mr. I. Rozario, Mrs. S. Pavamani, Ms. S. Roy, Mrs. F. Singh, Mr. L. Nandakumar (Senior School Coordinator), Bro. Edison (Vice-Principal), Bro. Paul. C (Principal), Mrs. A. Dutt (Junior School Coordinator), Mrs. A. Adishesiah (Middle School Coordinator), Mrs. R. George, Mrs. A. Bhattacharji, Mrs. V. Alphonso, Mr. Dayanand, Mr. T.L. Pious.

Row 2 (Standing) (L to R): Mrs. A. Abraham, Mrs. V. Karki, Mrs. R. Bahri, Mrs. A. Kumar, Mrs. M. Jain, Mrs. N. Kotnala, Mrs. Sonali Sharma, Mr. Devesh, Mr. J. Singh, Mrs. S. Arora, Mrs. Seema Sharma, Ms. D. Sachdeva, Mrs. A. Dua, Mrs. Shobha Sharma, Mrs. N. Sojan, Mrs. R. Jolly, Mrs. A. Justin, M.r S. Sebastian.

Row 3 (Standing) (L to R): Mrs. J. Nijjar, Mrs. K. Pandey, Mr. G. Tiwari, Mr. B. Singh, Mr. .L Kumar, Mrs. M. Kessop, Mrs. F. Jose, Mrs. A. Kaur, Mrs. R. Agarwal, Mrs. T. John, Mrs. R. Saxena, Mrs. T. George, Mrs. Meenu Sharma, Mrs. R. Gupta, Mrs. S. Gayen, Mrs. S. Sahu.

Row 4 (Standing) (L to R): Mrs. R. Verma, Mrs. R. Kaur, Mrs. S. Dhanraj, Ms. S. Saxena, Mrs. S. Sood, Ms. N. Sethi, Ms. Thushara John, Mrs. B.P. Nair, M.r V.H. Sequeira, Mrs. S. Reddy, Mrs. R. Naithani, Mrs. Z. Rebello, Mrs. V. Chand, Mrs. N.W. Chadha, Mrs. J. Maithevi, Mrs. .J Lobo.

Row 5 (Standing) (L to R): Ms. Punita Vijan, Mrs. A. Siwach, Mrs. S. Kumar, Mr. D. Dhall, Mr. Saljo, Mr. M. Tiwari, Mr. G. Mathew, Mr. K.P. Singh, Mr. Pradeep Tiwari, Mr. P. Kumar, Mr. C. Thorpe, Mr. Babu, Mr. Satyapal, Mrs. B. Deol, Mrs. N. Sandhir, Mrs. Meenu Sharma.

Camera Shy: Mrs. N. Sharma, Ms. S. Dawra and Mrs. A. Prasad



Mega Musical Jesus Christ Superstar

As part of the MSM Golden Jubilee Celebrations, our school staged a mega musical titled 'Jesus Christ Superstar', directed by Mr. George Pulinkala, the former Head Master of the school.

This mega musical was a canvas for empathy, connecting with the emotional tapestry of characters. The stage transformed into a dynamic space where internal struggles, divine determination, and the eternal battle between good and evil unfolded—an invitation for the audience to witness a poignant exploration of the human experience. 500 students, including the alumni of the institution, participated in this musical. It had exotic dances, bright costumes and some soul-stirring music. Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit was the Chief Guest on the first day, while Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Lt. General Vijay Kumar Pillai, General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, RK Garg, Director Finance, PetroNet LNG Ltd. were the esteemed guests.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform as Jesus. I am glad that I was chosen for this role," said Clifford Alphonso, an ex-student who played the role of Christ.

The Chief Guest Sheila Dikshit congratulated the school and the staff on managing a magnificent display of art in the form of a concert and said, "This concert must go out of the confines of the school and it should be watched by everybody in the city".





Grotto Inauguration



To honour our school's patroness, and pay homage to Mother Mary, the foundation stone for a new grotto was laid in 2013-14. May, the month dedicated to Mother Mary, was chosen for the Grotto inauguration.



Epilogue The Time Capsule

To pass on the great Marian legacy, a time capsule was created on 25th October 2013. Photographs, school uniform, incentives, journal, badges, mementos, school diary, the jubilee plate, a letter to the future, experiences of Marians – both past and present, and other things were put into the time capsule.



Echoes of Excellence:

A Tribute to the Musical Genius, Krishnakumar Kunnath



In the enchanting realm of music, there exist voices that resonate deeply, stirring the soul and etching an everlasting impression upon our hearts. KK, a distinguished alumnus of our esteemed institution, epitomized this sentiment with his unparalleled talent and unwavering passion. From the sacred corridors of MSM to the illustrious stages of the world, KK's odyssey was nothing short of extraordinary. With his captivating voice and emotive performances, he enraptured audiences far and wide, leaving an indelible mark with his melodies. In his revered memory in 2022, his batchmates have established a prestigious trophy - 'The Star Performer' bestowed upon the finest performer in Indian and Western Music during the Brother Bergin Memorial Inter School Music Meet.



'The Public Day March' at Jantar Mantar



The Public Day March was witnessed by over 10,000 children from different schools and NGOs all over Delhi on 2nd February 2013 at Jantar Mantar. A total of 51 students from classes VII, IX, X and XI along with four teachers witnessed the March organised by "Wada Na Todo Abhiyan" and "Nine is Mine" foundation.

On 15th February 2013, a Peace Walk was organised by the students of MSM to spread awareness among the people of Jharera village, Gopi Nath Bazar and Sadar Bazar to discourage child labour. Marians raised slogans such as - "EK DO TEEN CHAR, BAND KARO YE ATYACHAR".





Astronaut Captain Jon McBride's Visit to MSM

It was indeed a unique morning on April 2, 2012, as Mount St. Mary's School welcomed Astronaut Capt. Jon McBride from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), USA. His interaction with the students was indeed a memorable and an inspirational experience for them.

Mr Arjun Vajpai at MSM

2012 Limca Book Award Winner graced the Annual Sports Meet 2014 as the Chief Guest.



The First Brother E.T. Dunne Inter School Debate



On 18th January 2014, MSM held the very first Bro. E.T. Dunne Inter School Debate Competition for the students of class 8, in the fond memory of Mount Saint Mary's founder Principal, Bro. Eugene Timothy Dunne. Students from many schools in Delhi like Loreto Convent, St. Thomas, Blue Bells and Saint Francis de Sales, took part in this competition.

The Chief Guest for the debate was Mr. Satish Jacob, former BBC Correspondent. The author Dr. Christal Devadawson, an English lecturer of Delhi University, Mr. Frank Christopher, the Director of Lok Sabha Secretariat and Mrs. Amrita Marshall, a manager in communications, were the three judges for the event.

The topic of the debate was 'Social Networking Sites Are Making Us Less Social.'



Threads of Change

The introduction of different uniforms reflects the zeitgeist of different eras at MSM.

Class IX the first Girl's Batch of Senior School 2013-14 had Indianized Uniform



Swachh Bharat, Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan at MSM

On 15th October 2014, MSM inaugurated the 'Swachh Bharat, Swachh Vidyalaya' campaign to formally initiate the Marian effort to contribute to a cleaner, greener India. Launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), the campaign aimed at instilling civic sense and responsibility among the students.



An Interactive Session with His Holiness the Dalai Lama

The student leaders of our school, accompanied by some faculty members, attended an Interactive Session with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in collaboration with National Progressive Schools' Conference for Principals, Teachers, and Student Leaders from all over Delhi on Saturday, 22nd Nov 2014.





Christian Students' Seminar

On 22nd November 2014, Mount St. Mary's School organised the annual retreat for Christian students. This is an initiative undertaken by the school to nurture and foster the spiritual growth of Christian students as a holistic education ensures the development of body, mind and spirit.



Special Education for Inclusive Learning

In October 2014, MSM introduced Special Education. The purpose of this endeavour was to provide and maintain the environmental conditions in school that are most conducive to the growth & learning of children with special needs.

The aspiration of Special Education is to view every child as a unique composite of potential, abilities and learning needs.

Communication Day

The introduction of Communication Day emphasised the transformative impact of public speaking skills on young learners. This initiative nurtured confidence, communication skills, and leadership qualities from an early age.



Desh Bhakti Sangeet Competition



Impactful Oratory



Mastering the art of Public Speaking



Astronomy Club at MSM



Self Defence Workshop at MSM



Distinguished Visits of Army Generals



Lieutenant General Sanjiv Chachra, AVSM, VSM, an alumnus of MSM at the Investiture Ceremony



Lieutenant General Kamal Jit Singh, PVSM, AVSM & Bar at the Investiture Ceremony

The Marian Fiesta



Mount St. Mary's School organised a carnival on 25th November 2017. The Chief Guest, Yuvraj Walmiki, was welcomed and escorted by then, Principal Rev. Brother Saji V.J., and the School Coordinators. Every class had put up their stalls with games and food. The open field was energised by the music played by the DJ, complemented by the general excitement and laughter of Marians, ex-Marians, parents, and teachers.

Beyond Classrooms Horizons: Educational Sojourns and Adventures

Educational excursions stand as pivotal catalysts for immersive learning, elevating comprehension, nurturing experiential wisdom, and cultivating well-rounded development in students.





SECTION V : SPARKLING AT SIXTY

Celebrating 60 years at MSM

Mount Saint Mary's Diamond Jubilee Celebration was a whirlwind of joy and nostalgia, heralding the commencement with an elegant Inauguration Ceremony in April with a delightful musical presentation by our talented Junior School students, casting a spell of enchantment and wonder upon all who beheld it.

The festivities reached a crescendo with the staging of a spectacular Mega Carnival, transforming our campus into a kaleidoscope of vibrant colours and resounding laughter. As the sun dipped below the horizon, 'The Lion King' musical transported audiences to the majestic plains of Africa, captivating hearts and minds with its timeless tale of courage and redemption. The Culmination Ceremony by our Junior School students was a heartwarming finale, showcasing their talents.

In the backdrop of these jubilant festivities, the year 2023 witnessed a plethora of remarkable endeavours. The inception of the sister branch, Mount Saint Mary's, Gurugram, which was a distant dream of the Patrician Brothers. The academic session commenced with the unveiling of the Diamond Jubilee theme - Reflect, Renew, Radiate. The Principal's Cup, an award recognizing excellence in both scholastic and co-scholastic parameters, added a new dimension to our accolades.

Furthermore, the introduction of the one-hour activity period allowed Marians to hone their skills in a myriad of activities, ranging from sports to co-scholastic pursuits. The inauguration of the Diamond Jubilee Park served as the icing on the cake, providing a sanctuary for reflection and rejuvenation amidst the bustling energy of our campus.

As we look back on the year that was, we take pride in the extension and creative facelift of our Activity Area, the fleet of yellow buses equipped with GPS, the introduction of Nursery Classes, and the flourishing of our NCC programme. Interactive smart boards revolutionised learning in our classrooms, while the open gym provided a space for physical wellness and camaraderie.

Truly, the Diamond Jubilee Celebration was a testament to the resilience, creativity, and boundless spirit of Mount Saint Mary's. Here's to six decades of excellence, and to the promise of many more to come!





Diamond Jubilee Celebration Inauguration Ceremony



Diamond Jubilee Carnival



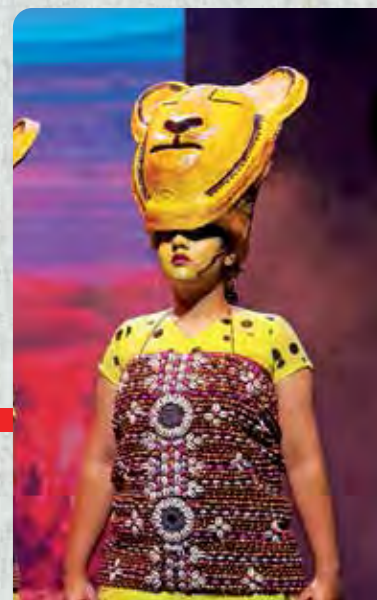






Musical – The Lion King





A Milestone Unveils: Mount St. Mary's School Welcomes Tiny Tots (Nursery) in Diamond Jubilee Year 2023

In a momentous stride towards holistic education, Mount St. Mary's School proudly introduced Class Nursery for the first time in the illustrious history during the Diamond Jubilee Year of 2023. The Inaugural Batch commenced in the month of May, marked the initiation of a new era, when the laughter and curiosity of tiny tots resonated through the corridors, breathing life into the institution.

The decision to include Class Nursery not only expands the academic spectrum but also solidifies Mount. St. Mary's as a nurturing ground for young minds from the very outset of the educational journey. The arrival of these tiny tots has been nothing short of magical. The innocent enthusiasm has injected a renewed sense of energy into the school, creating an atmosphere conducive to curiosity and exploration. The vibrancy and innocence brought by the tiny tots have added an indescribable charm, making the school feel complete in a way that only the laughter of children can.



Nursery A



Nursery B

“Heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Brother Tomy Varghese for his foresight and dedication in making this dream a reality. His unwavering commitment to fostering a dynamic learning environment has truly shaped Mount St. Mary's into a beacon of educational excellence.”

Megha Anand
Class Teacher - Nursery A

Forging Leaders:

The Illustrious Path of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) at MSM



The remarkable journey of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) programme commenced at Mount Saint Mary's School, Delhi Cantt in November 2023 under the vision of Rev. Bro. Tomy Varghese and the efforts of Ms Akanksha Rathi and Ms. Sirat Bakshi. With a pioneering cohort of 26 eager students, NCC is swiftly becoming the heartbeat of our institution, pulsating with the rhythm of discipline, dedication, and unity. Moreover, the ethos of NCC has woven a tapestry of camaraderie and solidarity among them, fostering a supportive environment where each member thrives, uplifts, and inspires the other.





New Horizons at MSM

Activity Period – Skill Development Programme



The Principal's Cup



New Buses



Marian Times – News Channel



Diamond Jubilee Park



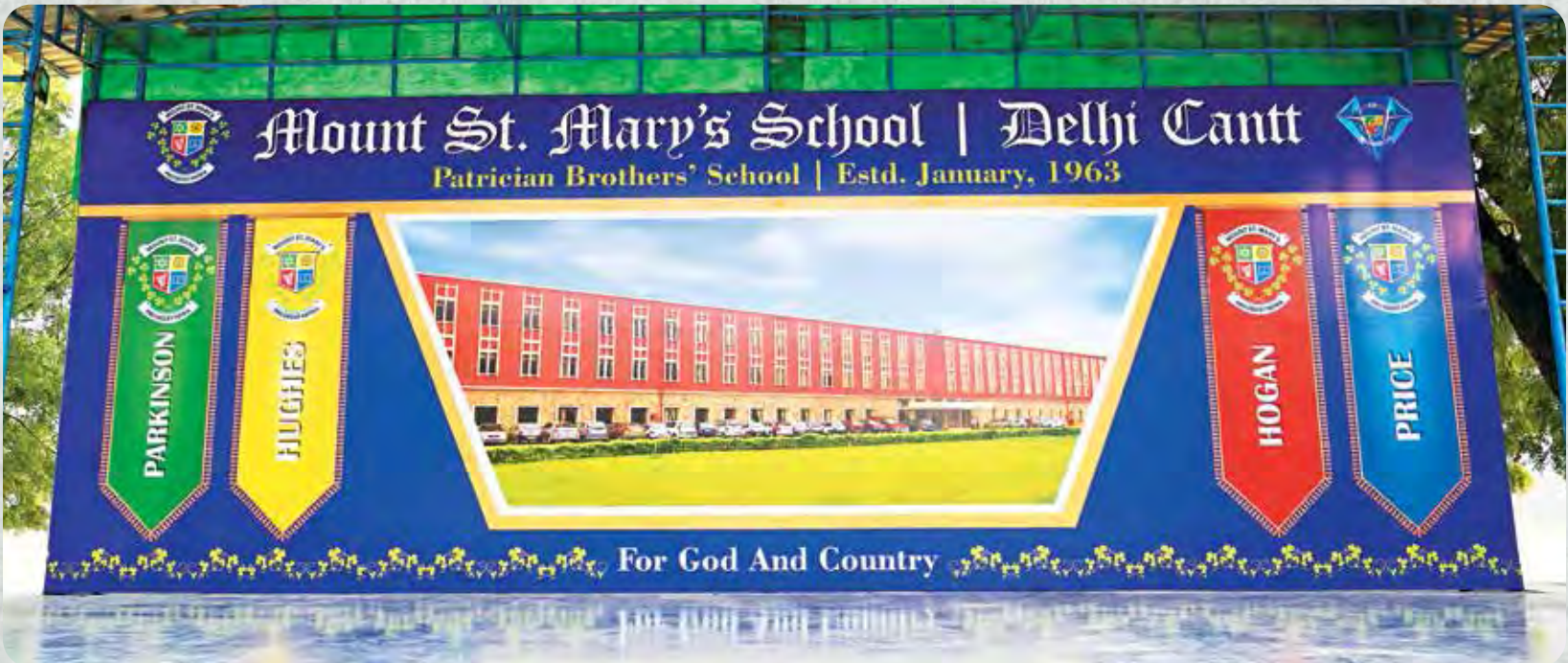
Outdoor Gym



Activity Area



Open Stage



Nursery Classrooms



The Interactive Boards



The Diamond Jubilee Batch

XII Science (2023-24)



The Diamond Jubilee Batch

XII Commerce (2023-24)



The Diamond Jubilee Batch

XII Humanities (2023-24)



Diamond Jubilee - Team MSM



Row I (Sitting – L to R): Mr. Pawan, Mr. Clifford Thorpe, Ms. Tessy John, Ms. Nicy Sojan, Ms. Lata Nandakumar, Ms. Akanksha Rathi (Activity Coordinator), Ms. Aparna Sinha (Cultural Coordinator), Ms. Monica Jain (Middle School Coordinator), Mr. Geo Mathew (Senior School Coordinator), Rev. Brother Tomy Varghese (Principal), Bro. Rajesh Tirkey (Community Leader), Ms. Aanchal Siwach (Junior School Coordinator), Ms. Renu Agrawal, Ms. Vanessa Alphonso, Ms. Reena Jolly, Ms. Jasmin Nijjar, Ms. Reena Saxena, Mr. Birender Singh, Mr. K.P. Singh.

Row II (Standing – L to R): Ms. Shikha Machhral, Ms. Anu Justin, Ms. Nisha Nair, Ms. Rachna S. Bahri, Ms. Sarita Sood, Ms. Anu James, Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Ms. Shivani Malik, Ms. Deepti Sachdeva, Ms. Sheetal Dawra, Ms. Shivani Adlakha, Ms. Shakti Sharma, Ms. Kiran Bisht, Ms. V. Subha, Ms. Tanisha Sood, Ms. Tamanpreet Kaur Khurana, Ms. Priya, Ms. Neha Tandon, Ms. Sakshi Sharma, Ms. Sunitha Reddy.

Row III (Standing – L to R): Ms. Jayashree Deb, Ms. Megha Anand, Ms. Vinita Arunkumar, Ms. Preeti Yadav, Ms. Ann Mathew, Ms. Raj Rani Verma, Ms. Shailja Dubey, Ms. Shalini Bhardwaj, Ms. Shobha K. Dangwal, Ms. Stephenie Michelle Diniz, Ms. Shesy Shaji, Ms. Maninder Kaur, Ms. Mudita Vetal, Ms. Kalpana Jadon, Ms. Kamlesh Pandey, Ms. Meena Sharma, Ms. Kiran Bisht Negi, Ms. Himani Makkar, Ms. Ms. Seema Sharma.

Row IV (Standing – L to R): Ms. Archi Sharma, Ms. Nutan Rai, Ms. Charu Rawal, Ms. Savita Saxena, Ms. Punita Vijan, Ms. Bosky Hasija, Ms. Mona Katoch, Ms. Praveen, Ms. Palak Arora, Ms. Neha Johar, Ms. Shweta Pokhriyal, Ms. Deepa Sethi.

Row V (Standing – L to R): Mr. Vipin Maan, Mr. Harish, Mr. Ngamminlun Vaiphei, Mr. Biswajit Acharya, Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Mr. Arun Kumar, Mr. Mukesh Tiwari, Mr. Saljo, Mr. Devesh Kumar, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Mr. Ghanshyam Tiwari, Mr. Siju Sebastian.

Camera Shy: Ms. Mridula Keswani, Ms. Sirat Bakshi, Ms. Karishma Grace David.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS



Diksha Dagar – The Olympian Golfer and an Arjuna Awardee

Diksha was amongst the first girls in 2008, to be admitted in Class II, the year school became co-ed School. She was part of most school sports activities, won Best Athlete prize in Class IV. At the age of 14, Diksha emerged as India's Number 1 Ladies Amateur Golfer. In 2019, at the age of 18, Diksha found her forte as she took to professional golf and announced her appearance on the international stage during the Ladies European Tour, by winning the South African Ladies Open tournament. She became the youngest and the second Indian to bag this coveted honour. Since

2016, Diksha has represented India at all major International Golf Tournaments. Thus far, she has participated in approximately 130 international tournaments in 40 different countries across all five continents. These include the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, World Championships in 2016 & 2018, Asian Games 2018, Majors in Golf and five years of Professional Golf on Ladies European Tour, Ladies Professional Golf of America, Asian and Australian Tours. In 2024, she has been awarded the prestigious Arjuna Award.

Aashish Arora (Batch 2014)

An entrepreneur and recipient of 'Economic Times 40 Under 40 F&B Leaders', 'Youngest Restaurateur In Delhi & NCR' by Hindustan Times, 'Rising Restaurateur Of The Year' by Times of India, 'Youthpreneur of the Year in Business Awards 2020' by Franchise India at Mumbai, 'Global Young Leader by United Nations' at IIT Delhi, 'Iconic Pure Vegetarian Restaurant Chain' by Times of India, 'Emerging Pure Veg Restaurant In India' at Indian Restaurants Awards by Franchise India.





Advita Sharma (Batch 2023)

An international squash player who won the Bengal Junior Open and the Sanjay Gupta Memorial Open, represented India in the Asian Junior Individual Championship in both 2022 and 2023. She was also chosen to represent India at the 2023 World Junior Championship. Notably, she finished among the top 8 in the U17 category at the 2022 Asian Junior Championship and secured the 30th position overall at the August 2023 Asian Junior Championship. Currently, she is pursuing her Bachelor's in Engineering at Columbia University, an Ivy League institution.



Parikul Bhardwaj (Batch 2023)

She exemplifies courage, bravery, societal leadership, and selfless service on the Himalayas. She is trained to learn how to save lives on high mountains. She is the first and youngest female social worker and rescuer of high altitude. She has been awarded – Bal Shakti Puraskar 2020 by the President of India, Youngest Social Worker of High Altitude Medical Service, India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records, and High Altitude Medal by the Chief of the Army Staff.





Dipanpreet Kaur (Batch 2023)

A sainoist, and author who published her debut book - 'My Mind's Shadow' at the age of sixteen. She's also the 7th Sainoist in the world. She has been designated as the 'Youngest Moderator' in digital poetry forum namely, Motivational Strips (the most active literary forum across the globe) by the administration group. Her many poems like 'YOU MUST HAVE', 'FREE FLIGHT' have been published in BHARAT VISION, an E-magazine by MOTIVATIONAL STRIPS.



Himanshu Bhaskar (Batch 2016)

An alumnus of Class 2016, Himanshu has accomplished the distinguished honour of securing the 308th rank in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2022.

After graduating from MSM in 2016, Himanshu completed his B Tech in Mechanical Engineering from I.K Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar. He was a science student at MSM, and his teachers remember him as much for his cheerful and happy personality as for his brilliant and sharp intellect. We are proud to call him a Marian.



Unchained Changes



Walking down the pathway
That brought me to school
I looked about in wonder
At the beautiful sight beheld

The path was lined with saplings
The school – red, big, majestic
Stood before my eyes
It was to be my haven
For the decades yet to come

Huge rocks stood as sentinels
Guarding the greenery all around
The garden full and fragrant
With myriad flowers
Eagles soared high above
The air was crisp and pure

From an all-boys school to girls and boys
Changes came in many ways
The open spaces gave way to courts
Tennis, Skating, Basketball
A swimming pool, new parking lots
The football field always reigns supreme

The Preppies' Park, the Open Gym,
The latest addition 'The Diamond Jubilee Theme Park'

Assemblies now at the Hub
Meetings in the Multi-Purpose rooms
Our grand auditorium spruced up an impressive
Large, colourful, well-equipped activity rooms
From blackboards and chalks to slick sense boards
Even sporting activities have increased in all
Dramatics and music, we're always at the top

Academics are of course, a part of school life
Results every year lead to pride
So many changes, I have seen
Yet some things stay just the same
I do hope they will never ever change
It's the love, the acceptance, the appreciation for all
Be it for parents, teachers or our girls and boys

Each principal has come and left his mark
In our school and in our hearts!
The driveway too looks the same
Only the saplings have grown into trees

As I walk into school every day
I give silent thanks to God above
For me, Mount Saint Mary's is not just a school
But my very own heaven, here on Earth



- Vanessa Alphonso





SECTION VI : EPISTLES OF LEGACY

Leadership and Alumni tales

Leadership Legacies



Bro. Eugene T. Dunne
(1963-1967)



Bro. Bernard Byrne
(1967-1971)



Bro. James O'Rourke
(1972-1974)



Bro. Ignatius O'Brien
(1975-1976)



Bro. Aloysius
(1976-1978)



Bro. M.J. Bernadine
(1978-1980)



Bro. Anselam N.
(1980)



Bro. Berchmans A.
(1980-1985)



Bro. Xavier Thonipara
(1985-1987)



Bro. Muldowney
(1988-1989)



Bro. K.L. Mathew
(1990-1993)



Bro. Jerome Ellens
(1993-1995)

Sixty Glorious Years of Vision and Guidance - Our Visionary Principals



Bro. Christopher Dawes
(1995-1997)



Bro. Bosco A.
(1997-1999)



Bro. A.M. Thaniken
(1999-2002)



Bro. Dominic Jacob
(2002-2004, 2008 - 2012)



Bro. Augustine Paul
(2004-2008)



Bro. Paul C.
(2012-2014)



BRO. V. J. Saji
(2014-2019)



BRO. Dr. Arockiaraj
(2019-2020)



BRO. Naveen
(2020-2022)



BRO. Tomy Varghese
(2022)



Pioneers of Progress

Headmasters, Headmistresses and Coordinators



Rev. Bro. Aloysius
Headmaster



Rev. Bro. J.C. Carroll
Headmaster



Rev. Bro. Dooley
Headmaster



Mrs. G. Lobo
Headmistress



Mrs. Joshua
Headmistress



Mrs. J. Krishnaswamy
Senior School
Headmistress



Mr. George Pulinkala
Deputy Principal
and Headmaster
(Years of Service: 1970 – 2002)



Mrs. N. Ratnam
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1973 – 2005)



Mrs. R. D'Cunha
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1989 – 1994)



Mrs. M. Lopez
Senior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1978 – 2001)



Mrs. A. Rao
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1983 – 2005)



Mrs. Veenu Mathur
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1987 – 2012)



Mrs. U. Dharuman
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1998 – 2001)



Mrs. Ruchi Mehta
Chief Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1978 – 2009)



Mrs. Meenakshi Bana
Senior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1980 – 2012)

Pioneers of Progress

Headmasters, Headmistresses and Coordinators



Mrs. Rosemary George
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1991 – 2017)



Mrs. Anita Dutt
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1990 – 2014)



Mr. Geo Mathew
Senior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1994 -)



Ms. Sharmila Roy
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1986 – 2022)



Mrs. Lata Nandakumar
Senior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1998 -)



Mrs. Anita Adisheshiah
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 2005 – 2021)



Mrs. Balwinder Deol
Senior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 2012 – 2018)



Mrs. Abnash Kaur
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1993 – 2016)



Mrs. Neelam Kotnala
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 2003 – 2016)



Mrs. Filomina Jose
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1996 – 2020)



Mrs. Monica Jain
Middle School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 1998 -)



Mrs. Aanchal Siwach
Junior School
Coordinator
(Years of Service: 2013 -)

Silver Streaks in Service

Completion of 25 years at MSM



Mrs. Sushma Bajaj

(Years of Service: 1963- 2000)



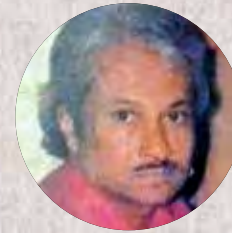
Mrs. S. Chadha

(Years of Service: 1963 - 2001)



Mr. C.K. Sharma

(Years of Service: 1964 - 1997)



Mr. E. Andradý

(Years of Service: 1965- 1998)



Mr. M. Coelho

(Years of Service: 1967 - 1998)



Mr. H.L. Kohli

(Years of Service: 1967 - 2004)



Mrs. K. Banerjee

(Years of Service: 1970 - 2002)



Mrs. Radha Suri

(Years of Service: 1970 - 1995)



Mr. O.P. Sharma

(Years of Service: 1970 - 2001)



Mrs. C.V. Kumar

(Years of Service: 1970 - 2003)



Mr. Y. Arya

(Years of Service: 1973- 2005)



Mrs. N. Phillips

(Years of Service: 1973 - 2008)



Mrs. R. Andradý

(Years of Service: 1973- 2006)



Mrs. Madhuri Mehta

(Years of Service: 1979- 2009)



Mr. Santosh Kumar

(Years of Service: 1980 -2012)



Silver Streaks in Service

Completion of 25 years at MSM



Ms. Shashikala

(Years of Service: 1981 - 2010)



Mrs. B. Kaul

(Years of Service: 1981 - 2011)



Mrs. D. P. Mankoo

(Years of Service: 1981-2006)



Mr. Dayanand

(Years of Service: 1981 - 2015)



Mr. T. L. Pious

(Years of Service: 1984 - 2014)



Mrs. F. Singh

(Years of Service: 1985 - 2014)



Mrs. V. Alphonso

(Years of Service: 1985 -)



Mr. Clifford Richard Thorpe

(Years of Service: 1992 -)



Mr. Lalit Kumar

(Years of Service: 1996 - 2021)



H. Linda Biswas

(Years of Service: 1997 - 2007)



Mrs. Reena Jolly

(Years of Service: 1997 -)



Mr. Birender Singh

(Years of Service: 1997 -)



Mrs. Nicy Sojan

(Years of Service: 1998 -)



Mrs. Tessy John

(Years of Service: 1998 -)

Alumni Chronicles

Defence and Services



Lt. General Sanjiv Chachra VSM, AVSM, PVSM (Batch 1969)

Joined the National Defence Academy and became the Army Commander of both the Northern Command and the Western Command of the Indian Army. After retirement, the Government of India appointed him as a Member - Judge in the Armed Forces Tribunal - the Appellate Court for Servicemen.



General Anil Malhotra (Batch 1969)

Joined the National Defence Academy after school and had a distinguished career in the Indian Army, retiring as Director General of the Army Service Corps.



Ambassador K V Bhagirath (Batch 1969)

Studied History at St Stephen's College, Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University. The first Marian to join the Indian Foreign Service, he has served as the Ambassador of India and posted in Syria, Cuba, the United Kingdom, Mauritius, France and Tanzania. He is the first Indian to be elected twice as Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association, based in Mauritius.



Air Marshal Rajvir Singh, AVSM, VSM (Batch 1973)

A retired decorated Air Force officer who had an illustrious career as a doctor in uniform, held various challenging appointments. He was the honorary surgeon to the President of India and has been awarded the Vashishth Seva Medal, and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for his meritorious service to the nation.



Lt. General Dewan Rabindranath Soni (Batch 1973)

Lt. General Dewan Rabindranath Soni (Batch 1973) PVSM, VSM is a former General Officer-Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Southern Command of the Indian Army. During 39 years of his career, he has been awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2018), the Vishisht Seva Medal (2015), the Chief of the Army Staff's Commendation Card and the Commendation Card of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Western Command.

Alumni Chronicles

Defence and Services



Major General Rajesh Chopra, AVSM (Retd.) (Batch 1979)

With 37 years in the Indian Army's Mechanised Infantry Regiment, he commanded a battalion, an Armoured Brigade, an Infantry Division and also served as the Director of Military Operations at Army HQ. He also led a UN mission in Angola. He received the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal from the President on 26 January 2020 for his outstanding military career.



Major General (Dr.) Prashant Bhardwaj AVSM, VSM & Bar (Batch 1979)

A highly decorated officer who retired as the Director General Medical Services.



Lt Gen Arindam Chatterjee AVSM, VSM (Batch 1980)

An Army General who is the Director General Medical Services, (Army).



Rajiv Talwar (Batch 1982)

He is serving in the Indian Revenue Service and has also been awarded the President of India Certificate for an exceptionally distinguished Record of Service.



Air Vice Marshal Tarun Chaudhary VSM (Batch 1986)

He was commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF on 16 Dec 89. He is presently posted at Air Headquarters, Delhi.

Alumni Chronicles

Scientists/Doctors/Environmentalists

Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan (Batch 1971)

A distinguished professor and Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India since 2018. He is also the former Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology. He was awarded Padma Shri in 2013.



Dr. Yogendra Yogi Sheoran (Batch 1968)

He is an inventor who has several patents to his credit. He worked at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Trivandrum in the Liquid Rockets Division. He was also a Fellow Installation Aero at Honeywell.

Shiva Kumar (Batch 1973)

He is an innovator, a strategist, and a leader of change. He works at the intersection of the Health and Technology industries. He graduated from IIT Kanpur with an M.Sc. (Physics) and Yale University with Ph.D.



Dr. Arunabha Ghosh (Batch 1996)

He is an internationally recognised public policy expert, author, columnist, and institution builder. He is the founder CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, one of the world's 20 best climate think-tanks. He currently serves on the Government of India's G20 Finance Track Advisory Group and advises the Sherpa Track for India's G20 Presidency in 2022-23.

Alumni Chronicles

Scientists/Doctors/Environmentalists

Dr. H.N Bajaj (Batch 1970)

He is presently Senior Director in Orthopaedics, HOD Ortho - Spine Surgery at Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket and also a renowned book writer.

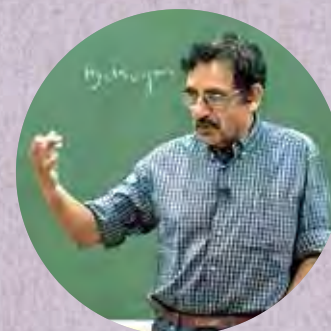


Dr. Moonish Agarwal, MBBS, MD (Batch 1986)

He is a Senior Consultant in the Department of Medicine and Division Warden, Delhi Civil Defence. He is a recipient of IMA Distinguished Service Award, DMA 'Swastha Ratan Award' and Commendation Certificate from the Office of District Magistrate.

Dr. Deshdeep Sahdev

He heads a Science & Tech Company using Indian components for manufacturing scientific equipment for Indian Universities. He is a professor at IIT Kanpur.



Dr. Rakesh Chopra

He is a doctor and novelist. He practises ENT and Family Medicine in the UK. He visited MSM for the launch of his second novel - 'The Mystic Typewriter'.

Alumni Chronicles

Leaders / Industrialists / Entrepreneurs



Mr Aseem Puri (Batch 1997)

An accomplished business leader serving as the CEO of Unilever International with a distinguished track record in the corporate world.

Vinod Khosla

An Indian-American billionaire businessman and venture capitalist. He is a co-founder of Sun Microsystems and the founder of Khosla Ventures. Khosla made his wealth from early venture capital investments in areas such as networking, software, and alternative energy technologies. He is considered one of the most successful and influential venture capitalists. In 2014, Forbes counted him among the 400 richest people in the United States. In 2021, he was ranked 92nd on the Forbes 400 list.



Tarun Chugh

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance and a proud Marathi. He is a seasoned BFSI specialist with over 25 years of experience. He started his career as an Investment Banker, and then moved to the Life Insurance industry.

Alumni Chronicles

Leaders / Industrialists / Entrepreneurs



Kailash Gahlot (Batch 1989)

He is the Transport and Environment Minister of Delhi.

He introduced various successful schemes like Faceless Services in the Transport Department, Pink Pass for Women in buses, Mukyamantri Tirath Yatra Yojna and launched the EV Policy in 2020.

R. S. Rajan (Batch 1980)

Currently MD for Privi Life Sciences and Group CEO of a 2000 crore Privi Group. He is the Co-Founder and Board Member of LIVPURE.

He contributed towards building top water brands in India, namely, Aquaguard, ZeroB, and Rail Neer.



Aditya Ghosh (Batch of 1993)

A Business Leader and Co-Founder of Akasa Air, a lawyer by training and an alumnus of the Harvard Business School. He has completed HBS, coveted and flagship Advanced Management Program (AMP).

Alumni Chronicles

Music / Media / Authors / Artists



Dr. Rajesh Basrur (Batch 1969)

Dr. Rajesh Basrur, a Professor at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, graduated from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, in 1969. He taught History at the University of Mumbai and was a visiting professor at Oxford and Stanford University, USA. With over 20 authored/co-authored books, his works include 'Rising India: Status and Power' and 'Minimum Deterrence and India's Nuclear Security.'



Krishnakumar Kunnath (Batch 1986)

Popularly known as KK, was an Indian playback singer. He recorded songs in Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Assamese and Gujarati. KK began his career by singing advertising jingles and made his film debut in 1996 on an A. R. Rahman soundtrack. He received the 2009 Best Playback Singer – Male Screen Award. He received six Filmfare Award nominations.



Atul Ahuja (Batch 1985)

Atul Ahuja is a professional musician, vocalist, songwriter and actor. He was also appointed CEO of Cricket Canada in 2005. In 2013, he headlined the Georgia Air Show in Atlanta. In 2014, Atul was awarded the ReRock Award for his contributions to Music.



Adil Jain (Batch 1993)

Adil Jain is a passionate photographer, composer, screenplay writer and recipient of two Australian National Emergency Medals.



Arnab Ranjan Goswami

Arnab Ranjan Goswami is an Indian news anchor and journalist. He is the Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief of Republic Media Network. Before Republic TV, he was the Editor-in-Chief and a news anchor of Times Now and ET Now, from 2006 to 2016.

Alumni Chronicles

Music / Media / Authors / Artists



Raghav Sachar

Raghav Sachar is a singer-songwriter, music composer, instrumentalist and a musician. He released his first album "Raghav- For The First Time" in 2003 through HMV Records, followed by three other albums released through Universal Music in 2005 and 2007. He has composed songs for films and has also played numerous instruments in various Bollywood blockbuster films.



Gaurav Kapoor

Gaurav Kapoor is an Indian actor, television and cricket presenter known for being the host of the pre-match Indian Premier League show, Extraaa Innings T20, Cricbuzz Live and his YouTube show 'Breakfast with Champions'.



Shaleen Malhotra

Shaleen Malhotra is an Indian VJ and television actor. He is known for his role as Spl. Agent Karan Shergill in Sony SAB's drama series 'Ziddi Dil Maane Na'. He made his television debut with Star Plus' crime-based action show Arjun as ACP Arjun Suryakant Rawte which earned him recognition.



Ivan Pulinkala (Batch 1991)

He is the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs at Kennesaw State University, USA. He founded the Programme in Dance at KSU in 2005. He was awarded the Board of Regents award for Teaching Excellence from Murray State University in 2005, the Cobb Symphony Orchestra Award for Artistic Excellence in 2010 and the KSU Foundation Award in 2011.



Riya Kataria (Batch of 2017)

A doctor by profession and the author of 'The White Coat- Life on the Frontline'. She is a recipient of research grant from the Indian Council of Medical Research and has published 12 medical papers in various international indexed journals.





The Marian Melange - Student, Teacher & Parent

Felicitations to Mount St Mary's School, the MSM Family of the Patrician community, as it celebrates its Diamond Jubilee. Nestled among the Cantonment environs, perched on the Aravallis, MSM stands rock solid in its sixtieth year- 2023. Chiselled by challenges and embellished by the efforts of six decades, this gem of a school now spreads its radiance far and wide. The multifaceted brilliance of the glorious Patricians- the dedicated Brothers, dynamic staff, alumni, parents and students, spans vast domains of educational excellence.

Treasured memories shine forth with love, longing and gratitude. Symbols of our Patrician legacy arise within, first, as the shamrock, three-leafed sprig of faith - the Holy Trinity. The school crest proclaims the motto Pro Deo Et Patria, reinforcing our commitment 'for God and country'. Indeed, the Patrician ethos pervades every aspect of the school culture. As an Ex-Marian student (first batch 1967 & 1st Head-girl) and also staff member(1880 to 2012) and parent of two Marian sons(Batch of 1992 & 1997), I am ensconced in layers of blessings that nourish my inner core.

During a recent visit to the school, I experienced this all-encompassing Marian-ness. The red brick school structure beckons me with reminiscences. A few lines of the school song waft in to remind me 'to step together, boldly stride' and be brave in the act and pure in mind' and to 'march and sing together' as we traverse life's pathways. Even to this day, I seek protection and power in the Deer's Cry, when I am 'Alone and in a Multitude' so reminiscent of St Patrick's Day Mass.

In 1963, when the founder Principal, Rev. Brother E.T Dunne transformed this barren tract into a flourishing institution, from tents to a sprawling, imposing campus., he built more than the buildings and grounds, for he was a nation builder of youthful citizens. Bro Dunne's loving firmness and sense of humour were reflected in his twinkling eyes and tenacious ways

In 1964, my brother Yogendra, and I, joined MSM as Class VIII students and four years later passed out as the 1967-68 Batch, with flying colours, as the first Head-boy and Head-girl of the school. We would cycle to school and most of our classmates were 'army children'. Rev. Bro. Foley, our class teacher, for two consecutive years, was the epitome of literary talent which came to the fore in all its manifestation when he taught us Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'. He knew the text verbatim and could enact multiple roles of different characters with great aplomb and finesse. An intense and sensitive teacher who was a great mentor too! His remarks and comments on written work assessments were poetic and humorous but always incisive.

The pain and pageantry of army life touched us in many ways, poignant yet magical. The 1965 war and the school outreach in providing woollens and hospital visits is one such nostalgic recall. In happier times we participated in a few events like the Army Horse Show, Band performances and the Army Day Parade. Every January, the Republic Day rehearsals in the Parade ground next door, added colour and music to our wintry mornings.

In April 1980, I returned to MSM to admit my eldest son Gaurav. It was my good fortune that I was offered a temporary teaching post as well. Two months later, I was taken as a TGT for a Middle School teaching post. The school now had a new

block and an impressive auditorium. By the time my youngest offspring, Anurag joined MSM, in 1983, our school had an intercom system and very robust sports facilities.

Some memorable milestones stand like sentinels brightening the memory lane. In my thirty- two years as a teacher, PGT English, Head of the Geography Dept, Head of the English Dept, Senior School Coordinator Managing Committee member and Bicentenary Coordinator - I got the opportunity to work under thirteen Principals. Every School leader brought his own leadership style, governance focus and approach to educational processes. Each one of them, with their unique perspective, missionary zeal, and dedication, has enriched the learning environment in manifold ways. It is to the credit of the Brothers that they have always been very inclusive and progressive in their outlook. The Patrician Vision and mission-activated values into practices leading to praiseworthy achievements. Many new educational initiatives were introduced with great clarity of purpose and purity of intent, from the cultural to the technological, wide-ranging capacity-building workshops, skill development and competency-enhancing practices, were incorporated.

In 1981-82, Bro BK Athakkad, invited a team of Transcendental Meditation Practitioners to train the staff, to build efficiency in a stress-free way. From 2005 to 2008- Rev Bro. Augustine Paul introduced Faith Formation and empowered me to build the syllabus and curriculum. Taking forward this open-minded and secular approach, Rev Brother Dominic introduced Yoga and Meditation in the Curriculum. In 2004, I was sent for 14 days of Vipassana training. Thereafter, my recorded guided meditation was introduced as a morning practice. I believe it is relayed every morning, after assembly, through the public address system.

As a seeker-learner-educator, I am a firm believer in the enchanting possibilities of the human potential to grow from self-discovery to interconnected universality. I am well aware of the challenges confronting the educational arena, however, it is the human mind that fascinates me and I know that a wholesome education can gently steer each consciousness to unfold the sacred powers within. MSM School Alumni and their achievements stand testimony to the evolving successes of this mission.

The best way to celebrate is to reaffirm the Mission and revitalize its implementation, through creative pursuits that have cultural connections and multicultural interconnects. Celebrations are liberating, joyful and energizing. Let us, 'strive for a union of hearts and minds, which will transform us ...Wherever we are, we will promote wholeness, and welcome self-worth So as the future unfolds, our hope remains secure for the MSM Diamond is the crowning glory that will continue to illuminate the educational arena.



Dr. Meenakshi Bana, Ph.D (English)

Student

1964 to Batch of 1967-68

Teacher

1980 to 2012

MSM Parent

1980- 1997



MSM Ranked No. 1 in Delhi

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