

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

Welcome to the RCJPS family, to Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthusserry, CMI, Director, the parent community, my dear teachers as well as students, both old and new. A special welcome to the newest class, Class XI. You must be bubbling with excitement at the thought of being on the threshold of a stream of studies that you have chosen for yourselves and yet wondering when you will be able to be in school, physically. Let me assure you all, that once the restrictions lift and it is safe for you, you will whole-heartedly be welcomed into school. So till then, stay home and stay safe.

The first day of June is a red-letter day in the RCJPS calendar, heralding the start of a new academic year. It is hard to believe that a whole year has flown by since we met virtually for our first digital Initiation in 2020 and here we are back again on the same virtual platform.

At Christu Jayanthi, we have never lacked the drive to prove that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. We'd like you to witness how we maintained enthusiasm and motivation with purposeful thinking, to give what each Christu Jayanthian at every stage, from the KG to the outgoing batch of the 12<sup>th</sup>, requires to grow, even in the online mode.

Knowing the importance of entrusting the youth with responsibilities, month-long interviews of Class 11 potential leaders, were held to gauge their leadership qualities. Finally, a well-informed and enthused Senate was chosen. And we haven't been disappointed with our choice. These youngsters have never shied from fulfilling the duties entrusted to them, albeit virtually. The virtual Investiture Ceremony followed, with the leaders being invested with their badges at home, by their parents.

In September, our dear Director, Rev Fr Augustine Mampilly, CMI was transferred.

The new Director of RCJPS, Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthusserry, CMI was formally introduced to the RCJPS family, by Rev.Fr. Benny Nalkara, CMI, Provincial, Sacred Hearts Province, Kalamassery and Manager,

Rajagiri Group of Institutions and the Principal, RCJPS. Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthusserry, CMI, remarked in his opening speech that students must make the best use of the digital platform to ensure that they make the most of the academic year.

To successfully harness the innate talents and energy of our young ones, a slew of activities was envisaged, from the CCA competitions, to a month-long Reading Challenge. The Environment Day, International Yoga Day, Independence Day, Onam, Gandhi Jayanthi, Children's Day, Christmas and Republic Day were celebrated joyously as students practiced, dressed and completed video shootings, all at home.

Fresco, our annual inter-school competition, was also conducted online successfully, with over a dozen schools participating.

Students participated in the Eat Right Creativity Challenge, India International Science Festival where a Guinness World Record for washing hands was held and in the Maths Club Day Celebrations organized by the RSET's Mathematics Club as well as in the International Adolescent Life-skills Summit, held in New Delhi.

We also participated and won prizes in Darpan, an online news presentation held by St. Peter's School, Kolenchery. In Fringes, held by The Choice School, in Splendore-2020 which was hosted by the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Shrushti-2020 hosted by Bhavan's Munshi Vidyashram, Thiruvamkulam and in Glittering Literati-2020 hosted by Vidyodaya School, we have had winners.

It is very creditable that most of the participants prepared for the events online. Thanks are due to their parents who supported their wards immensely and helped the teachers.

EducationWorld India School Rankings awarded us with the first place in Kerala in the Co-ed Day school category and the 63<sup>rd</sup> in India. It is something to feel proud of and give ourselves a pat on the back for.

Some commendable achievements of our students were of Kathryn Biji (5B) who was adjudged the best Child artiste (Female) at the 50<sup>th</sup> Kerala Film State Awards 2020 and of Ann Maria Martin (8E) who received the National Child Artist Award. The Rajan siblings, Seles, Rowan and Varghese, have once again covered themselves with glory by winning the 12<sup>th</sup> Kerala State Kurash Championships.

One very positive outcome of going virtual, was the increase in our global connections.

A global student exchange programme was initiated with the Academy of International Studies, Norfolk.

Under the aegis of this Sister Cities International, 18 students have currently participated in the Young Artists and Authors Showcase competitions.

We have also enrolled for the United Nation's Global Schools Programme, which will ensure that as partners of the Global School Advocate Programme, the students learn about 17 sustainable goals.

In the Rajagiri Outreach Programme, our teachers prepared interesting videos on Yoga, Zumba, Aerobics, Tabata, Cardio, Dynamic and Active exercises, along with Maths puzzles, stories, art, cloth-folding and growing micro-greens.

Our teachers interacted and conducted sessions for students of Rajagiri School, Doha who were appearing for the Board Exams.

In February 2021, we collaborated with Venture Village Learning Solutions to raise awareness in students on waste management.

This is a very brief summary of the activities we have undertaken to exploit the immense talent and energy of our students. Much has been done, but we definitely require your cooperation to do more.

This year, too, there is bound to be heavy dependence on digital devices. Children, by now, you are accustomed to the virtual mode of schooling. You have also had a long hiatus of 2 months where you must have explored fresh avenues on the internet. A strict word of caution,

here. Do lessen screen time. Use it for class and home-work. After that, engage in personality building exercises, to think out of the box and enhance your creativity to think of novel ways to do things differently.

At school, we have lessened the burden of extra books in all the subjects from Classes 1 to 8. An exciting and novel concept of workbooks have been created for you to be able to understand the syllabus better and yet be creative, with minimal use of the internet.

As I have mentioned earlier, although at present we are in the virtual mode, we will open up as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Each one of you will have separate interactive sessions with me as well as your teachers.

Knowing the financial constraints that everyone is going through, along with the 10% decrease in the school fees last year, we are giving a further 10% decrease, this year. Hence you will have a 20% decrease in the fees.

We know you and understand you at RCJPS, as we consider ourselves one big family. We are with you all the way, so please don't panic.

We also miss having you as much as you miss being in school, with your friends.

Here is wishing each one of you a very successful year. Do walk strong with faith in God.



**Mrs. Saji Varghese**  
**Principal**