

Asst. Headmaster's Message



The year 2014 is a historic year for St. Mary's A-I. Hr. Sec. School which celebrates 175 years of its founding. It has come a long way from its humble beginnings, yet the indomitable and insurmountable spirit of St. Mary's has taken us through the hard times and challenges to success and resurgence. Our school's performance, in pursuit of excellence synonymous with our motto 'Act like a man' has been at the forefront of excellence in both academics and sports. Today the school stands tall in the hearts of chennaiites and continues to enlighten the lives of thousands of its students.

The year-long jubilee celebration of the school is dedicated to the Patron Saints - Mary, help of christians and St. John Bosco. It is an occasion to remember the contributions made by great men who made the reckoning - former Rectors and correspondents, Principals, Staff and, in particular, Rev. Fr. G.P. Whyte an Irish Salesian priest who served as Rector and Principal of this great institution for twenty seven years.

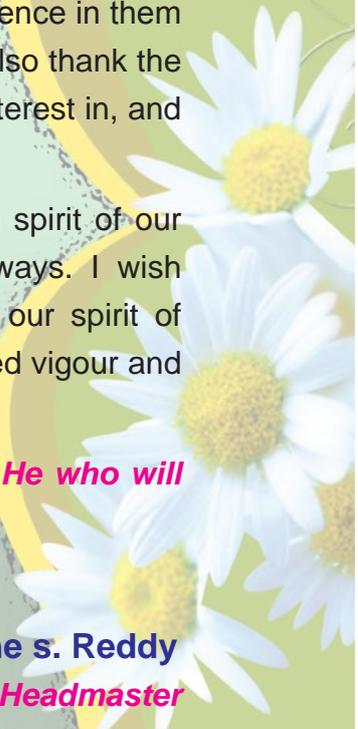
I would like to express my profound sense of gratitude to the Salesian Fathers for their support and guidance and the staff for their dedicated and committed efforts to inculcate in the children moral and social values and instil confidence in them for all-round development of their personality. I also thank the parents and the past pupils for their continued interest in, and overwhelming support for, the school.

May God's abundant blessings and the guiding spirit of our Founder and the early leaders be with us always. I wish and pray that these celebrations help deepen our spirit of working for the greater glory of God with renewed vigour and commitment.

"It is God who brought us thus far and it is He who will continue to lead us in the years to come."

Eugene S. Reddy
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An Institution with a long history of 175 years is something to reckon with. Much has changed and much has remained. It has had many ups and downs in its long chequered history of 175 years. It has seen the brightest days and the darkest periods.

St. Mary's has seen the great Mother Teresa addressing the students in its very hall - St. Mary's Hall. It has seen the British ruling India and leaving India. It has seen the home rule movement started by Dr. Annie Besant in the Gohale Hall in the same Armenian Street and Pandit Nehru addressing the crowd in the same hall. It has seen the freedom struggle right from the sepoy mutiny in 1857 culminating in India's independence in 1947.

St. Mary's has seen once thriving Armenian church fade into a monument. It has seen the making of Madras as it is today. It has seen the industrial revolution changing the face of the world. It has seen the World Wars changing the geographical boundaries of nations.

Everything around it today is passe. Yet St. Mary's remains alive, marching on gloriously, passing on its rich tradition and striving towards excellence.

Eminent Salesians and great teachers have walked along the corridors of this great institution. They have toiled and moiled to make St. Mary's what it is today. They have left behind a rich legacy.

The illustrious past pupils who have passed out of this hallowed institution have one common refrain to share, "**what we are today is because of St. Mary's**".

Abraham Lincoln once said, "This land is worth fighting for, not killing for. The soul must be won. That's the battle worth dying for." In strikingly similar fashion Don Bosco, a contemporary of Abraham Lincoln (albeit from a different continent and under different context) said, "**Give me souls, and take away the rest**". Winning the soul and shaping it is the crux of all education. That's the kind of education St. Mary's has been striving to impart in the last 175 years.

Together with the Brook in Lord Tennyson's poem, St. Mary's can proudly say, "**Men may come and Men may go, but I go on forever**" Let the rich legacy of St. Mary's go on...

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