

Report on Christmas Celebration

Date: 23rd December 2020

Venue: St. Francis College

Number of Participants: 60 (Management, Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff, Accounts, Admin, and Housekeeping Staff)

Organized by: Association of Christian Franciscans (ACF)

Masters of Ceremony: Ms. Sowmya & Dr. Tessy Tom

1. Introduction

The Association of Christian Franciscans (ACF) organized a joyous Christmas Celebration on 23rd December 2020 at St. Francis College, bringing together teaching and non-teaching staff, administration, accounts personnel, and housekeeping staff in a spirit of unity and festivity.

The event was designed to foster spiritual reflection, brotherhood, and joy, emphasizing the true meaning of Christmas—love, peace, and giving.

2. Objectives of the Celebration

- To understand the deep significance of truth in spiritual life.
- To recognize Jesus Christ as the personification of Divinity and reflect on His teachings.

3. Pre-Celebration Activities

To build anticipation and engage the staff in the festive spirit, several pre-celebration activities were conducted:

- Secret Santa Draw & Gift Exchange: Organized for the teaching staff, culminating in the gift exchange on 22nd December 2020.
- Christmas Decorations:

- The Christmas Tree and College Building were beautifully decorated through a combined effort by Ms. Jincy, Dr. Tessy, and Ms. Benita.
- The Christmas Crib was meticulously set up and decorated under the leadership of Dr. Krishnan and Dr. Iyyappan.
- Carol Singing Preparation: Teaching staff practiced carol songs under the guidance of Ms. Shoba.
- Online Carol Singing Competition: A special Solo or Family Carol Singing Competition was organized for students on 18th December 2020, allowing them to celebrate the joy of Christmas remotely.

4. Highlights of the Celebration

The main Christmas celebration on 23rd December 2020 was filled with meaningful and joyful moments:

- Christmas Message: Delivered by Dr. Jain Mathew, Professor & Dean, School of Business and Management, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, who emphasized the essence of Christmas—faith, love, and gratitude.
- Carol Singing: Faculty members, irrespective of caste and creed, united to sing carols, spreading warmth and joy.
- Cake Cutting & Gift Distribution: A symbolic moment of sharing happiness and unity among all attendees.
- Special Recognition for Housekeeping Staff: As a gesture of gratitude, teaching staff collectively presented special Christmas gifts to the housekeeping staff.
- Announcement of Carol Singing Competition Winners: The results of the Online Carol Singing Competition (held on 18th December 2020) were announced, adding excitement to the event.

5. Outcome of the Celebration

- Strengthened the bond among staff members across various departments.
- Encouraged interfaith harmony through collective participation in Christmas traditions.
- Reinforced the spirit of giving and gratitude, especially towards support staff.
- Allowed participants to reflect on the significance of faith, kindness, and joy in everyday life.

6. Conclusion

The Christmas Celebration organized by ACF was a heartwarming and spiritually enriching event, bringing together the entire St. Francis College community in the true essence of Christmas—faith, togetherness, and joy.

The success of the event highlighted the spirit of unity and goodwill, making it a memorable experience for all who attended.

