

Report on Christmas Celebration 2022

Date: 23rd December 2022

Venue: Quadrangle, St. Francis College

Organized by: Association of Christian Franciscans (ACF) & AICUF

1. Introduction

The Association of Christian Franciscans (ACF) organized the Christmas Celebration 2022 at St. Francis College on 23rd December 2022, bringing together students, faculty, and staff to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. The event aimed to reinforce the spiritual significance of Christmas, promoting faith, unity, and the joy of giving.

The celebration took place in two sessions:

- For Students: 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM
- For Staff: 11:00 AM onwards

The event featured prayers, music, dance performances, and a joyful exchange of gifts, fostering a sense of togetherness and Christmas spirit within the college community.

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 of love, faith, and compassion.

3. Christmas Celebration for Students

- The student celebration began at 9:00 AM in the Quadrangle, with AICUF office bearers Shreya and Alfred as the Masters of Ceremony (MCs).

- Christmas Message: The Director, Bro. Antony Vayalil, delivered an insightful Christmas message, inspiring students to embrace the true spirit of Christmas.
- Carol Singing & Nativity Performance:
 - The College Choir presented beautiful Christmas carols, creating a festive atmosphere.
 - A dance performance depicting the Nativity of Jesus Christ was performed by students, capturing the essence of Christmas.
- Awards & Felicitations:
 - Winners of the Carol Singing Competition were announced.
 - Winners of the AICUF Sports Meet were felicitated on stage, celebrating their achievements.
- Cake Cutting Ceremony: The program concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the joy of Christmas.
- Conclusion: The event ended at 10:45 AM, leaving students with a sense of spiritual enrichment and festivity.

4. Christmas Celebration for Staff

- The staff celebration commenced at 11:00 AM in the Quadrangle, with Ms. Shalin, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Aviation, as the Master of Ceremony (MC).
- Christmas Message: Deputy Director, Bro. Peter, delivered an inspiring Christmas message, emphasizing the importance of faith, kindness, and gratitude.
- Secret Angel Gift Exchange: Staff members participated in a Secret Angel gift exchange, fostering a sense of bonding and goodwill.
- Carol Singing Winners:

- Ms. Ramya and Ms. Bindu's team emerged as the winners of the staff Carol Singing Competition.
- Cake Cutting & Gift Distribution:
 - A cake-cutting ceremony was held, followed by the distribution of Christmas gifts by the Management.
- High Tea Gathering: The Management invited all staff members for a special High Tea in the Canteen, allowing them to celebrate in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.

5. Pre-Celebration Activities & Competitions

To enhance the Christmas spirit, several pre-celebration activities were conducted:

a. Christmas Crib Decoration

- A beautifully designed Christmas Crib was set up under the leadership of the Student Council members and students from the BCA department, adding a traditional and festive touch to the celebrations.

b. Carol Singing Competition (22nd December 2022)

- Venue: Quadrangle
- Participants: Five teams
- Judges: Ms. Ipsitha Chakraborty and Ms. Kirana Kumari

Winners of Carol Singing Competition

1st Prize – *Prathana Prashanth & Team*

2nd Prize – *Christina Mary & Team*

3rd Prize (Joint Winners) – *Oscar Rosario & Team* and *Graceson Zauzianlung Gonmei & Team*

6. Outcome of the Celebration

- Strengthened faith and unity within the college community.

- Encouraged student and staff participation in Christmas-themed events, fostering joy and fellowship.
- Recognized and celebrated talents through competitions and performances.
- Reinforced the values of gratitude, kindness, and giving, making the celebration meaningful.

7. Conclusion

The Christmas Celebration 2022 at St. Francis College was a joyous and spiritually uplifting event, bringing together students and staff in faith, gratitude, and celebration.

Through music, dance, gift-giving, and shared moments, the event truly embodied the spirit of Christmas—love, peace, and togetherness. The Association of Christian Franciscans (ACF) and AICUF successfully created an inclusive and meaningful celebration, making it a memorable experience for all.



