

## **Social Outreach Programme 2018-19- Degree College**

### **(Aided Section)**

The Social Outreach Programme now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year was conducted for students of SYBA/BCOM. The objective of the programme is sensitize students of hardship faced by the poor and marginalized people of the society in keeping with the teachings of Christ. As a college of the Archdiocese of Bombay, the SOP was started in 2006 with the collaboration of Fr. Allwyn D'Silva, (now Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay). The College now collaborates with Ms. Deepika Singh for organizing the Social Outreach Programme.

The Students are divided into groups and assigned to our NGO and Institutional Partners. These include old age homes, slum community programmes, municipal schools and educational programmes, hospitals and orphan age. Every student must complete 20 hours of service which includes teaching street or municipal school children, reading/grooming/assisting the elderly, assisting in the kitchens/laundry of hospitals, assisting in home visits by palliative caregivers, conducting slum surveys for sanitation/energy usage/health, taking up environment issues. Since the programme is compulsory, it has an almost cent percent compliance. At the end of the programme, students hand in a self-report along with their completion certificates. The reports invariably indicate that our students are deeply moved by the people they meet and their circumstances. From compassion to empathy and a burning desire to help, most students begin to be grateful for what they have and to be generous with their time and resources. It has been our experience that even when their 20 hours' service is complete, many students return to their centers having developed a bond with the children or elderly. The Social Outreach Programme requires dedication and service but it is truly a rewarding experience

At the Annual day function held in January 2019, 4 students were awarded the Social Outreach Programme Scholarships. These scholarships were:

1. Rev. Fr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship for two students in the Social Outreach Programme who are deserving Rs 10,000
2. Mrs. Marie Rodrigues Scholarship for one student in the Social Outreach Programme who is good in either Mathematics, Accounts or Science Rs 5,000
3. Mr. Ivan Rodrigues Scholarship for one student in the Social Outreach Programme who is good in hockey or any other sport Rs 5,000

We thank the donors for the scholarship amounts.

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