

PROVINCE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER – INDIA - CENTRE

EMPOWERING THE GIRL CHILD

We have 967 girls (children and youth) in 9 hostels/boarding houses lovingly cared for by 17 sisters, assisted by committed lay persons. This challenging ministry, often taken for granted, cares for and empower girls of school/college going age would otherwise have no access to education.



PROJECT GIRL CHILD

We launched an appeal to the province for volunteers to respond to one of the big challenges facing urban India – the increasing number of children, particularly girls, on our streets. The spirit of St. Magdalene urges us to reach out to these unfortunate ones on the fringes of the society and we hope to dedicate a Bi-centenary memorial to the cause of these - victims of our globalized world. The Project Girl Child is set to take off on 8 May 2008, on the same day when the Institute completes 200 years.

COLLABORATION WITH THE LAITY

In the spirit of the XIV General Chapter calling for collaboration with the laity in our ministries, we have constituted a Governing Board for our hospital at Talasari composed of committed lay persons – Christians and non-Christians. They have very effectively collaborated with us in upgrading the hospital and continue to make significant contribution.



CANOSSA ASHRAM SPIRITUALITY CENTRE - ANDERI

It is a holistic centre which provides facilities to update and replenish psycho-spiritual resources. We conduct preached and guided retreats, weekend retreats in daily life, prayer sessions, parent and couple effectiveness programmes, love-language sessions, communication skills, women's empowerment programmes, confident building skills and individual counseling. Our premises are also made available to lay people, religious sisters, brothers and priests for retreats and seminars. The feed back so far has been positive as people have experienced a new energy and life in the Spirit.

