

**Superior Gonzaga Illam Bodinayakanpatti  
(Via) Suramangalam, Salem - 636 005**

**Tamil Nadu**

**South India**

**To**

THE PRESIDENT JACKY AND MARTINE  
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**Dear Respected Président,**

**SUB: Requesting Financial Assistance for Construction of Sisters Residence(Gonzaga Illam )  
and expenses of Little Star Nursery School at Andipatti, Suramanglam Salem -5, Tamil  
Nadu, South India.**

Greetings and well wishes from Rev.Sr.Rabackal. FSAG the Superior Sisters Community at Andipatti, Suramangalam , Salem.

The Charism of our congrégation is **“Gospel to the Poor** “and to help the needy. To realize our charism **we** help the needy in ail the possible ways. At présent there are four sisters in our community. Three r sisters are working in the School. Other one sister is working in the field of social action and evangelization ministries. Ministries as follows

- To Provide Quality of Education in Andipatty Village specially Female Children
- To Identify the poor children and to bring out the innate potential of the individual
- To ensure their good Hygiene Specially the female Children
- To reduce the Discrimination of female children
- To raise the strength of the School
- To elevate the self esteem of the children
- To pursue the Communication skills
- To ability to enhance the Job opportunity
- To develop their Capacity to Construct Productive meanings for events in their world.
- To visit the sick, homeless and aged people
- To encourage the children to go to School.
- Working for the sexually abused children, by giving them counselling.
- To visit the poor, downtrodden and under privileged Dalit population and counsel them.
- To find out the school drop-outs and non - school going children and promoting them to go to school éducation.
- Stopping child labour by counselling the children and their parents and *motivating* the parents to educate their children.

We do not have proper house to stay for our sisters. Being an indigenous congrégation we have no financial support to carry out this project. So kindly consider this project proposai with sympathy. I have a firm belief that you would consider this project proposai with pleasure.

Sincerely Yours in Christ

Rev. Sr.Rabeckal. FSAG

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## CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

### 01.1. A SHORT HISTORY OF OUR CONGREGATION:

The Congrégation of St. Louis De Gonzaga was started by a Jesuit Priest by name Michael Ansaldo in the year, 1775 in Pondicherry. The first and foremost intention of the founder is to look after the orphans and the destitute. In carrying out the aim of the founder the members of the congrégation look after the orphan children, teach catechism and take care of the growth of the young women in ail possible ways and cater to the needs of the aged, deserted by their children. They also do social services as indispensable part of our Apostolates. We run Orphanages, Primary Schools, a Higher Secondary School and a teacher training school.

### 01.2. Objectives of Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga at St. Aloysius Province.

- The foremost objective of the congrégation is 'preferential option for the poor' and to extend love, concern towards ail those who are marginalized in the society especially the Dalits.
- To provide basic éducation, primary healthcare to the needy and the underprivileged especially the orphans, abandoned and the disadvantaged.
- Provision of training and orientation to identify the human potentials. Providing avenues to improve their technical skills in différent trade.
- To organize the unorganized communities to form their own self-help groups and local associations and strengthen them to promote social action for the community development.
- To create avenues and guide the needy to take up income generating programmes by way of micro crédit schemes to generate employment opportunities and to enhance the income to alleviate poverty and exploitation by the elite in the society.
- To organize and conduct awareness-building measures to sensitize the illiterate and ignorant masses through night schools and adult literacy programmes.

\* To work for économie empowerment and restoration of Human Rights whenever it is warranted; thus provide a supportive rôle for the total émancipation of the woman and children.

## 02. HISTORY AND MISSION OF St. ALOYSIOUS PROVINCE

Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga was instituted to empower and to give a fuller life to the neglected and the underprivileged that are called the Dalits. The congrégation for better administration was divided into régions in 1988. These régions were elevated to the level of provinces in 1994, according to the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter in view of reaching out the less privileged people.

St. Aloysius Madurai province is one among them, which gives preferential option to the Dalit women and children and tribal women and children namely the Matharis, and Mukkuvars. Now for the past two years we have decided to concentrate our service more towards the exploited and abandoned children of Dindigul Dt. In our province, the service to the children envisages creating a better society by éducation and motivation. In our province we have 200 sisters working in as many as 32 places of Tamil nadu particularly in area where the less privileged live.

### 3. PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT:

I Rev.Sr.Rabeckal belong to the congrégation of Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. The superior of the Andipatti community. She involved in teaching profession past 15 years. At présent she has been appointed as the superior of the Andipatti community, Suramangalm, Salem from the year 2014.

### 4. SOCIO ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF THE AREA:

This area has a very hot and dry climate. The cultivation dépends on the monsoon and 68% of their land is cultivated under dry land crops. Most of the people dépend on agriculture as well as marginal farmers and mainly landless agricultural labourers. The total population of this area 7000. The majority of the Catholics live in an area with low éducation. Their food is rice and they are able to purchase this through the Government Public Distribution System at subsidized rates. Their literacy is yet will below the State average at 30% literates. Ail the problems of these poor people are due to their ignorance and poverty.

Everybody knows that India is full and full built on the basis of the caste system. For many âges it has

played a very notorious rôle and has affected every aspects of the life of the low caste people. This caste system has made the Dalits, the lowest of ail and untouchables. This has made them landless poor and so they have to dépend on the high caste for their very survival. So the dalits make their living only by working in the field.

#### **05 Social Problems:**

- Marriage at early âge is practiced
- Low status of women and lack of oppotunities for them to take part in thedécision making process.
- Lack of leadership among the people to take up issues affecting them and work towards change.
- Manipulation of landlords and moneylenders créâtes bonded labors
- Oppressive system of castes and feudalism resulting in migration
- Unemployment problems misguide the youths
- Physically abused in child it self

#### **05.1. Economie Problems:**

- Lack of skill for the alternative occupation
- More agriculture workers dépend on monsoon for works
- Lack of resources to sustain themselves.
- Lack of sources of livelihood.
- Unemployment and low wages.
- Poor do not possess land but work in the land belonging to landowners as labourers
- Exploited by the moneylenders and landlords
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#### **05.2. Educational Problems:**

- More distance to reach the higher éducation institutions.
- The children in most of the Dalit villages have not been encouraged enough to go to school.
- Many of them are engaged in eaming for the families at very young âge or become acaretaker of younger ones and cattle to eam extra income for the family (poverty) and many children also become child labourers due lack of éducation in the absence of schools. When the parents migrate to the towns in search of jobs, the children tend to become child labourers too, like working in the hôtels and workshops
- Lack of motivation for higher studies and alternative studies and Lack of Vocational and Non-formal educational centres.
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#### **05.3. Health Problems:**

- Lack of awareness on health and hygiene
- Cases of malnourished children
- Lack of family planning
- Alcohol and other addictive stuff are used by most people.
- More Mother Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) rate in these areas due to lack of pre and post natal care.

#### **06. NEED OF THE PROJECT:**

Our sisters are working in Suramangalam for more than 50 years, their we started the work by giving counselling for the sexually abused children and the women. Now past 6 years we extend the work for the target people in Andipatti, Most of our people are staying around this side only there is no enough of place for the client so we are going to work for them intensely .Three of our sisters teach in the school and another one sister

is doing social service activities of these sisters offers counselling.

Therefore we have decided to build a proper Sisters House. We also have many people from around the village who come for help. Our Sisters need proper building for their personal religious life, meditation and prayers etc. They also need to meet as a community. To enhance all these community life and ministry, we need to build a Sisters House. This project proposal addresses the problems of the Dalit women who are oppressed socially, economically, politically, culturally, and are poor due to poor access to any of their rightful resources. This project will intervene in their lives of the children through Education which may eventually lead the Children for their better future. It wants to implement the following activities namely, promote the Children to come to School, to connect the children to our school after the nursery for the high school. To reduce the Discrimination of female children, To raise the strength of the School, to elevate the self esteem of the children, to pursue the Communication skills, to ability to enhance the Job opportunity for their future, To Provide Quality of Education in Andipatty Village specially Female Children, to Identify the poor children and to bring out the innate potential of the individual, to Develop their Capacity to Construct Productive meanings for events in their world.

#### **06.1. Little Star Nursery School**

As we are going to take over the Little star Nursery School with the help of your generous heart, we do rely on you for this project we expect your continuous help to run this school, in order to develop the children's skills and ability and to strengthen the school. Since the School has no proper facilities, good teachers, Aaya to look after the children out of the class, and also the school need to get Recognition. We expect the full Economical Support from your side. Our sisters are very committed and they live with dedication. They have good rapport with the people of Andipatti, So it will be very easy to catch the attention of the people, and do their best.

#### **06.2. Outcome of the Project**

- > To improve the Quality of Life in Andipatti
- > To Bring them in the mainstream of the Society
- > To Improve the Standard of the school
- > To raise the strength of the School
- > To use Human resources, talents, and knowledge for the students.
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#### **06.3. Our Expectation**

- A. We would like to continue ten (10) years contract with little Star Nursery School, Andipatti
- B. In Tamil Nadu to run a private school we must get State Government Recognition, Hence for this we look ahead to get your full support
- C. We expect the economical Support from you for the Recognition Process throughout the course of this task
- D. We expect the Seed money at least for three years. We request this as Instalment money once in six months or once in a year, in order to provide salary for the teachers and expense of Administration of the school.
- E. From overall strength we would like to give 10% concession to the poor and needy.

#### **7. Monitoring & Reporting**

Regular implementation of the project and its related activities would be looked after by the Provincial Superior of St. Aloysius Province of FSAG. Monitoring of the program will be done regularly providing managerial guidance, measuring the progress made and assessing the impact made.

Field level monitoring will be undertaken by the Superior of the Convent, presently Rev. Sr. Rabeckal

All the reporting related to the programme will be done by the superior of the Gonzaga Illam. Any Communication in regard to the programme will be handled by the Superior of Gonzaga Illam.

**8. Evaluation:**

An évalúation of the impact of the project in organizing the sexual Abused Centres and sensitizing the participants in community health and hygiene, women’s empowerment, improvement in their socio économic status will be done at the close of the project.

**9. Project Budget Summary**

**School Expenses**

To get Récognition = Rs. 10, 00,000/-  
Teachers Salary (one Year)  
LayTeachers Salary 2X6000X12 =Rs. 1,44,000/-  
Teaching Sisters Salary 2X9000X12 =Rs. 2,16,000/-  
Aaya 1X3000X12 =Rs. 36,000/-  
School Maintenance for One year =Rs. 1, 00,000/-

**Bonus**

Teachers Bous (one years) =Rs. 30,000/-  
Aaya = Rs. 3,000/-

**Rs.15,29,000**

**Construction of Sisters Résidence (Gonzaga Illam )** According to the Estimation = Rs.27, 01,875 /-

**Total Budget Summary**

Project Total Cost	Rs. 42,30,875 = (Eur.63982.86 )
<b>Donor contribution -Request from you</b>	<b>Rs 38,07,788 =(Eur.57584.57 )</b>
Local Contribution	Rs. 4,23,087 =(Eur.6398.29)
<b>As on date 12.03.2015 (Corresponding Eur value lEur = INR 66.125 )</b>	

**10. Conclusion:**

We would therefore request you to help us with your eamest considération to this request so that our Sisters can live a proper religious life and also be of great service to the community.

If you do send us this financial assistance, we assure you to keep Separate accounts and send you the completion report together with the audited statement of accounts from a Government Recognised Chartered Accountant and relevant photographs.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

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