



Children's Day Celebration

BANGALORE, India - "Let the little children come to me for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 19:14). This was the core message of the children's day celebration that we conducted on 19th November 2017 at Maria Bhavan community. It was indeed a great day to get rid of our usual busy schedule to cherish little moment with the kids. There were more than 85 children who came from three different communities, like *Anugraha*, *Ashadeep* and *Virginia Nivas*, etc. They all arrived at around 9:15 in the morning. We began the day with the prayer and then lighting of the lamp. Fr. Selva Kumar, the Rector of Maria Bhavan, gave a beautiful speech on the importance and the relevance of celebrating the children's day. It was an inspiring message for all those present there.

The program began with games followed by prize distribution. We had a sumptuous lunch at 1:00pm. The children really enjoyed the meal together with a new

group of friends, sharing their happiness, delight and joy with everyone. After having lunch at around 2:30 pm we began the cultural activities. The children came with different creative performances and it was a wonderful time to explore their talents and potentials in our auditorium. At the end of the program the Maria Bhavan community distributed some gifts to all the children. This year many of our Fathers came to our house to witness this event and we are grateful to Fr. Michael our Provincial, Fr. Joseph our Vice Provincial, Fr. Jerome, Fr. Jesu Raj, Fr. Prem and Fr. Deepak for their valuable presence and encouragement. Then around 5:00 pm we concluded the programme with evening tea and snacks and it was indeed an enriching experience to organize this program in our community.

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