

ABHAYADHAMA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Whitefield Bangalore -66

Annual Report 2024-2025

History of Holy Cross:

After the French (1789-1799) Revolution, In 1820 Jacques Dujarie, a French priest realized that The society has been under turmoil and chaos,. He has to help the youngsters. Dujarie has started to gather the youngsters and gave some training .Those youngsters were known as the Brotehrs of St. Joseph.The education has been a pressing need, many youngsters have no education, it was under poverty stricken area. He worked for 15 years, he was suffering from ill health and his health become weak and he requested another young priest named Antony Basil Moreau from the same Diocese to take care of those young Brothers. Moreau took up the responsibility and shifted the Brothers to another place and formed the priest, and sisters. Thus under the same founder All these three autonomous societies , The Brothers, the Priests, and the Sisters are called ‘ The Congregation of Holy Cross. Today Holy Cross has been spread out across the world in 18 countries. It went to America , Canada, south America, Asia, African Countries and so on. From Canada, they came to India and established Holy Cross.

Abhayadhama : History.

Abhayadhamameans a place where the children could live fearlessly. Abhayadhama started by “The Brothers of Holy Cross” represented by Bro. John Paul Pearson, a Canadian Brother. It Startedfor the downtrodden and abandoned children in the year 1975, on St. Mark’s Road, Bangalore. The following year 1976 it shifted to this place where we are now.Abhayadham is not a Hostel but a home for the needy.

Vision:

To care and upliftment of the under privileged children through school education and technical education giving them “Hope” that they may live a better life in the society and privileged citizen in our country.

Change of Directorship:

Bro. James Sebastian, C.S.C.has been the Director in the previous years and got transferred to Salem, Tamilnadu, and Bro. Chacko V. Andrews, C.S.C. has been appointed new Director since June 2024. I take this occasion to thank Bro. James Sebastian for his dedicated and committed service rendered to this institution of Abhayadhama.

When the new Director took over there were 25 children were with us and 6 of them completed their training or wants to come from home and gone away.

Presently we have 25 children.

5 children studying in HC school and PU College, English medium,

6 children studying in Kannada medium ,

14 children studying Welding ,Carpentry, and automobile.

We have Mr. Nepolian, M.S.W., (Master of Social Work)a professional Social worker who takes care of the Office matters and stays with the children as house parent, and care for them in the Bhavan.

On 5thJune re opened the Abhayadhama after the children's holidays. .

The new director interacted with the staff and the children and had meeting with the Abhayadhamastaff, discussed about the quality of improvement of Abhayadhama and Children learning.

On 9th July 2024, a team,Ms.Roopa& Ms. Priyanka has been visited the Abhayadhama from NERAVU program supported by UNICEF for the purpose of visit is to **IMPROVEMENT OF DOCUMENTATION** in Child Care Institutions. On 12thMs. Roopa and Sr. Celine conducted Child Rights training (Motivational Talk) for our Children the whole day they engaged with different activates to the Children.

- **Visited CWC (Child Welfare Committee).**

We, along with the children have visited Child Welfare Committee (CWC) which is located Near to the NIMANS Hospital Bangalore, As per the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 we

have presented the 18 Abhayadhama Boys and their reports to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), (Govt.Dept) and got Form No -18 permission for keeping children in Abhaydhama. On this day all the boys along with their parents/Guardians met Child Welfare committee members interacted with them. They have approved those children at Abhayadhama.

On 8th August 2024, Rev Bro ChackoV. Andrew, CSC Director conducted Children meeting discussed with children about their studies, training, learnings, and progress. A guideline has been prepared and delighted the children in their behavior and improve the quality of living in the Bhavan.

On 15th we celebrated 78th Independence day celebration in the morning all children went to Holy cross School & PU college for flag hosting. At 2 PM to 4PM we had life skill training to our children conducted by MsRoopa Maria from UNICEF.

HEALTH CARE :

On 20th August 2024, we have taken our children to **O Grady Health Centre** Whitefield for Medical Checkup. Medical check up has been done for all children.

I thank Mr. Nepolean, M.S.W., Coordinator & the House parent of Abhayadhama human development centre for coordinating the activities. I thank the team members from UNICEF for their service and guidance.

- **Test for trade Boys**

Conducts time to time written test for trade boys. All the training boys Carpentry, Welding and Automobile section boys have written test and every day they have practicals. It helps them to improve their learning in the training.

- **Ayudhapooja Celebration**

We have celebrated Ayudhapooja in Abhayadhama with all the staff and boys. We have participated Ayudhapoojacelebration in the Holy Cross School. Children were very happy to make Pooja with their learning Machine and the Tools.

- **School Boys Sports**

We have 6 boys studying in St Joseph's Kannada Medium School they have participated cluster level Sports activities Kabadi, Football and Volleyball and they win the Match in Volleyball and Kabadi they were happy to participate in the Sports and Cultural activities.

- **Rosary Prayer**

Conducted Holy Cross Family Rosary prayer on 29-10-2024 evening. All the Brothers, Abhayadhama Boys were participated in the Rosary prayer

Mission Sunday

On 17th our Boys were Conducted 2 Games (ring throw and Dart Board arrow shooting) at 'Our Lady of Lourdu Parish' Church Whitefield as part of Mission Sunday collection. It was an experience , Enjoyment and children were happy on this day. The Parish Priest has appreciated our participation.

- **Catechism Class**

The Catechism class was taken by Carmelite Sisters (CSST) (Novices) on every Sundays 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Along with their teaching they were conducting many different activities for the children.

- **Internship programmes :**

3 students from Christ University, Celine MariyaJobi, ElizebethSoby, Jahvavi S sharma conducted Basic

englishcommunication skills. They also conducted indoor activities.

- **Children's day Activities**

As part of the Children's day we have conducted Drawing, Essay writing, Dance, Singing Competitions for the children.

- **Children's carnival day**

We have participated in the Children's Carnival day the event had been arranged by District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), (govt.Dept) Bangalore East at Bidaralli. All the boys participated in the different games and activities they enjoyed. The DCPU have given certificates to all the participants as a certificate of appreciation.

- **DECEMBER 17TH NGO MEETING:**

On December 17th, the Director Rev Bro Chacko V. Andrews, C.S.C. and the ProgrammeCoordinator and House Parent Mr. Nepolian attended the meeting 'NGO networking' conducted by DON BOSCO in Gandhi Nagar Bangalore. Many Child care institutions from various places of Bangalore 42 members participated, shared about their nature of work and discussed how we can work with children together. It was from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm, followed by lunch and departure.

- **CARROL SINGING**

All the Abhayadhama boys along with Mr. Nepolian , house parent and Rev Bro Chacko Andrews CSC and Bro Peter Paul CSC participated in the Carol singing at 5pm to 9pm the following places.

- St Joseph Convent -Old Age Home
- Our lady of LourduParish Church (Our Parish)
- Cheshire old age home
- 'O'Grady Convent
- CottelengoConvent , where differently abled children. Our children helped them to be happy.They all appreciated our children for their performance.

- **December 18TH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Celebrated the Christmas program at Abhayadhamaat 5.00PM. All the Brothers Bro. BalasamyMundru, Principal, Bro. gnanasekar S, Administrator, Bro, Peter Paul joined in the celebration . Bro. Peter Paul trained the boys for Dance. Dr. Sr. Lalitha ,Superior of St Joseph Convent has been the Chief guest, gave the Christmas message and other sisters participated in the Christmas Celebration. From 22nd December to 2nd January 2025 declared holiday for the Abhayadhama children.

Benefactors / sponsorship:

S.No	Name	Cash/Kind
1	Asha&Santhosh, HC Parents	cash
2.	JyothiPurohit& Jai Sagar	Lunch
3	Old students of ABHDC, under the leadership of Prem,saravana, Stanley, John Karna, Peter Joseph. & all old students.	Lunch
4	ArjunVisvanathan, Dean Accademy, whitefield	Lunch
5	Holy Cross School & PU College, Students, in the same Campus.	Grocery
6	Nithin, Delhi based, working in whitefield	Dinner
7	Mr. Shahit	Lunch
8	Carina	Dinner
9	Mr. Patrick	Snacks
10	Mrs Mary	Dinner
11	Mrs. Jeni	Dinner
12	Hridaya Mohan	Snacks
13	Mr. Babu Chandra	Lunch
14	Mrs. Vinodini	Breakfast,Lunch,dinner
15	AshishPurwar	Snacks
16	Mrs. Praveen Kumar	Lunch
17	Mrs. Nitisha Gupta	Sweets

18	Mr. Sanmayee	Grocery
19	Mr. SubashKapoor	snacks
20	SreeNivasRao, whitefield	Dinner
21	Mr. Antony , old student of ABHDC	Pants & T shirt for all our children
22	Haripriya&hercoleauges, whitefield	Dress & sweets
23	Mr. Chithanya	Breakfast.
24	Mr. Timir	Snacks, Grocery
25	Mr. Annadurai& Family	Dinner
26	Sarang& family	Few Dress, stationary articles, grocery

We acknowledge , appreciate and grateful to our Benefactors / Sponsors.

Graciously I thank all the sponsors for your kind heart and generosity of support, caring for our children in cash or in kind. You are in our prayers.

Gratitude;

Once a month from the Govt. Department – DCPU (District Child Protection Unit)visit Abhayadhama for Inspection. Thanks to various department UNICEF, CWC (Child Welfare Committee) and DCPU for your co-operation, guidance and support.

❖ Staff Training:

Mr. Nepolian & Mr. Edwin went for case management training for one day. Conducted at Asirvad, St. Marks road, Bangalore.

Mr. Pushparaj (welding Instructor): 3 days workshop session attended by Pushparaj, organized by DCPU, KR Puram.

Abhayadhama sponsored file Rags to the new Office of the DCPU, KR Puram.

❖ Financial Assistance :

Abhayadhama is not self sufficient. Its charity continues. The income from Carpentry and welding is not sufficient to manage the expenses. In order to meet the expenses of Abhayadhama from our head office, The Brothers of Holy Cross, Bangalore, have granted Rs.7,50,000.00 (seven lakhs fifty thousand only) during the year, up to now. On behalf of abhayadhama we express our gratitude and thankful to our Provincial Superior and the Province administrator for their caring and generosity of financial support.

Bro. Chacko V. Andrews, C.S.C.,

Director.

Vote of Thanks :

- First of all let me thank the Almighty God for the beautiful day and the blessings you have showered up on us this evening.
- Thank Our children, it has been a wonderful experience with you all, during the year your interactions, your attitude, and your support and cooperation in the bhavan and in the campus. And special thanks to you all for today's performance of prayer, dance, skit, all the events of today made interesting and joyful. Some of you expressed your experiences or shared your feeling and thoughts. Thanks to Likit, subrav, Kishore, Venkatesh, and Bernanrd.
- Thanks to our parents – you came here today from far and near. I Know some of you are working for the daily

wage. But You kept aside and gave importance to your child. for your understanding and support.

- Thanks to Bro. Peter Paul for giving training for our children in dancing and other activities.
- Thanks to brothers Bro. BalasamyMundru, Holy Cross & PU College Principal, Bro. gnanam, Holy Cross school & PU college Administrator, For their readiness, availability and continuous support .
- Thanks to our children's teachers both Holy Cross school English medium & St. Joseph's school, kannada medium. Thanks to the sisters from St. Joseph's school.
- I express our gratitude and thanks to our trade Instructors, Mr. William and Mr. Pushparaj and Mr. Edwin for training the children in carpentry, welding and Automobile trades.
- Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Fathima for preparing delicious food. Stella.
- Thanks to Mr. Vislin for accepting to take the photographs.
- Each and every child of Abhayadhama deserve an appreciation and recognition because all of you worked hard in difference ways to make this campus clean and beautiful and this evening programme a joyful one. Thank you dear children.
- I am very much grateful and thankful to Mr. Nepolian, Coordinator & house parent for the entire

programmeorganized . Well done. From bottom of my heart Thank you very much.

- In case I have left out any body once again Thank you each and every one of you. Love you all.

- One of us I did not thank . Because I cannot thank alone. Who is that ?we all of us thank together. **Likit.**
MC. Deserve a big applause.

Bro. Chacko V. Andrews.

Director.