

Mangaluru: Mount Carmel Central School celebrates 150th Foundation Day

15/07/2018 07:05 by admin

Mount Carmel Central School celebrated the feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel and also the foundation day of the Apostolic Carmel Congregation founded by venerable Mother Veronica in 1868 at Bayonne, France.

Holy Eucharistic celebration was held in the beginning. The 150 lighted candles at the entrance procession carried by the students, parents and staff signified the sesquicentennial celebrations. Fr Prakash Dâ€™Cunha OCD celebrated the thanksgiving Eucharist. On this auspicious day, ceremonious initiation of the Carmel Blossoms was also held. At the end of the Mass, a souvenir with a prayer to venerable Mother Veronica and scapulars were blessed and distributed.

After the Mass, nearly 75 students of Mount Carmel School along with couple of teachers visited St Agnes Special School, and entertained them with skit and dance, and also handed over note books and stationery to the 275 plus differently-abled children of St Agnes Special School and also a cheque of Rs one lac fifty thousand to the principal of St Agnes Special School Sr Shruthi A C, towards the school children's Mid-Day Meal Fund. These funds were exclusively raised through cash contribution made by the teachers of Mount Carmel School- indeed a unique initiative taken by these dedicated and hard working teachers, and sharing part of their earnings among the less-privileged special children.

The programme at the special school began with welcome address by the principal Sr Shruthi A C, where she highlighted the significance of the day. The special school children performed a dance sequence portraying on Mother Veronica-the Foundress of Apostolic Carmel Congregation, followed also by a short skit on Mother Veronica and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and also a dance and song by the "Carmel Blossoms" and Classes III / and X students of MCCS.

On 14 July, the students of grade 3A and 3B gave a stellar performance. This programme commenced with a befitting prayer service. Heaps of talent was exhibited through a meaningful skit in which manifestation of the power of prayer, faith and submission to God's will was showcased. The dances and songs which were fused in the skit received an overwhelming applause. The Chief Guest of the day Sr. Carissima acknowledged, appreciated and applauded all the performers, the staff for their sense of belongingness and the parents for their presence which was a proof of their love for their children.

The students of class 10 then shed light on the history of this great day, the Foundation Day (1868 – 2018) highlighting the vision and mission of the Apostolic Carmel through song and a short skit. The joy of the celebration was expressed by a floor-tapping dance. An educative skit by class XII with a hint of humour was enacted on social media.

The Chief Guest Sr Josline Joseph AC addressed the gathering and highlighted the connect we have with each other as children of one God and as apostolic Carmelites. She awarded the winners of the quiz on Mother Veronica, conducted as one of the activity of the sesquicentennial celebration.