

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Glory to God.

By the mercy of our Lord God, the European Online Sunday School (MJSSA Europe) has just completed its third academic year successfully. At this proud moment, with due respect and great veneration, we value the patronage and blessing of our beloved Metropolitan, H.E. Dr. Kuriakose Mor Theophilose, Patriarchal Vicar of the European Diocese; without H.E.'s blessings and periodical interventions, this tangible progress in its third year of operation could not have been achieved. At the same time, the invaluable services and directions provided by all reverend Diocesan priests, especially the dedicated services of Rev. Fr. Joshy Vettikkattil, as also the selfless services of all Deacons and teachers contributed vehemently to attain the set target. However, invariable support of parents was the main thriving force behind the successful conduct of the programme all these years. Even though over 100 children, hailing from 16 European countries, do appear in the roster, some could not attend regularly owing to various personal and schooling inconveniences. It is noteworthy that teachers, from various countries, were invariably discharging their duties to the utmost satisfaction of the children. The medium of instruction continued to be Malayalam/English. However, other languages like German, Swedish and Norwegian were also used in the best possible way.

Another remarkable contribution of MJSSA Europe was that, considering the vast number of German-speaking children, Rev. Fr. Joshy Vettikkattil, with the support of a German professor Dubiel Siegi, translated the entire MJSSA textbooks from classes 1 to 10 into German language and made them available in colour-printed form. This precious achievement was a blessing for MJSSA, especially for our German-speaking students.

Total duration of classes was 90 minutes, divided into three sessions; first session of 20 minutes is devoted for initial prayer, announcements, and practicing Christian/liturgical songs, which is invariably managed by Rev. Fr. Joshy Vettikkattil, Mr. Eldo Palpath, Sindhu Aegbin and Mr. Christo Yohannan. Subsequent two sessions of 30 minutes each are devoted to studies of Old Testament and New Testament portions of the MJSSA textbooks. The fourth session of 10 minutes is devoted for interaction and winding up.

Periodical parents-teachers' meetings were organized, which provided improved insight into the adopted methodology of curriculum. It is to be underlined that those parents who participated in such meetings contributed precious suggestions. Teachers' meetings were organized regularly to discuss and resolve various impending problems and difficulties faced or likely to face in attaining the intended output.

The academic year was from the first week of September 2022 through end of June 2023. The course program was as per a calendar, which was circulated in advance to the students and their parents. Adhering to

it, mid-term and annual examinations were held on 22 January and 11/18 June 2023 respectively. While students from Classes 1-4 enjoyed oral examinations, students from Classes 5 upwards underwent written examinations. Despite limitations in online conduct of classes and exams, the management cared for best coaching and a tension-free method for exams. By God's grace, children actively took part in both the examinations and secured stunning results.

With a view to improve their multifarious abilities and aptitudes of interest, extra- curricular activities, such as class-room seminars, two talent's day celebrations, Bible Quiz and an Essay competition were also organized. These common programs invariably evoked interest in Sunday school studies.

Another remarkable achievement was that of the bringing out of a digital magazine, named Cherubim, which presented ample opportunity to exhibit the abilities and interest of all children. It is noted with satisfaction that this attempt evinced awareness and eagerness and extended the children as well as the management much enthusiasm.

During the vacation period of July August, various programs of language studies, JSVBS, variety entertainment/cultural activities, etc. are being designed and will be intimated shortly.

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