

220th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR MOTHER FOUNDRESS

July 31st, 2016 marked the 220th Birth Anniversary of our Mother Foundress St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier who founded the Congregation of our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd in 1835. So on July 29th, the entire school gathered for celebration. The management, staff and students worked together to understand and imbibe the values practiced by St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier. Venerating the same, many competitions such as *Sketch Your Thoughts* portraying the values; *Know Me More*, a quiz on Mother Foundress; *Jig-Saw Puzzles* portraying her famous Quotes were conducted and prizes were given.

Being a historical year for the Good Shepherd Community, the school band led a procession with the Palanquin carrying the portrait of Mother Foundress, followed by the Sisters of the Community, Teachers, Non-teaching staff and students appearing for Board Exams. With the traditional Invocation dance and lighting of the lamp, the prayer service enhanced solemnity. Depiction of the twelve values practiced class-wise, was portrayed through mime, dance and enactment right from the tiny tots to the senior students. Poems on St. Mary Euphrasia, the reverberating prayer song, "*Oh My Soul..*" and *The Lord's Prayer* sung in French were indeed the hallmark of the day apart from the conventional Cake cutting by a girl emulating St. Mary Euphrasia and a Speech by a student disguised as Mother Foundress. Above all, one cannot forget the Palanquin which made an everlasting mark in the minds of the students who were awestruck.

The school was thankful for the life of St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier for the mission carried on is because of the vision our Foundress expressed.

