

# Good Shepherd Convent

## *Andheri*

The Archbishop of Bombay Cardinal Valerian Gracious met our Provincial Superior Sr. Francis Xavier and invited the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to open a house in his Archdiocese. In 1964 the sisters started their work in Chembur. Srs. Visitation, Gerard and Theresa Grimes were the pioneers of this mission. On 8th December 1965 Mother Rose was installed as Superior. Since we needed a larger area of land to have a convent, school and hostel we decided to purchase a plot of land in Andheri West and in 1968 they shifted to Four Bungalows in Andheri and started a school and a hostel for low income working girls. In 1971 the school was closed down since there was another school in the same locality. In 1985 the parish church was built on the land given by us and was named Good Shepherd Church.



### Services

1. A hostel for young working women of the lower income group.
2. A crisis Intervention centre for women who are victims of domestic violence
3. Non formal education for women from the neighboring slums
4. Skill development training centre
5. Empowerment of people living in the slums
6. CHALICE sponsorship programme:-
7. Programmes for Catholic Domestic Workers

We have various types of ministries like hostel for low income working girls, Anandini slum development programme, and Crisis centre for women in distress and domestic violence, Life skill training for school drop outs and young mothers, chalice sponsorship programme for migrant workers' children who reside in the slums and timely support to domestic workers. Supplementary coaching classes for slum children who study in the Municipal Schools. The following programmes were conducted during the year 2016-17.

**Domestic Workers** We, the Good Shepherd Sisters in Mumbai are in contact with almost 400 domestic workers both boys and girls among them 90% are Catholics.

#### **International women's Day Programme on 8th March- MUMBAI**

International Women's day was celebrated in Andheri, Mumbai making the women feel special and making them aware of the important role that they play in the families and in the society.





## ANADINI PROGRAMMES

This year we have 90 children in the Coaching Centre. The children come from different slums around Andheri. We have many lay mission partners who come regularly to teach the children in the morning and evening.

## LIFE SKILL TRAINING AND JOB ORIENTED COMPUTER COURSES:

Monday 5th December 2016 the Good Shepherd Convent, Andheri, Mumbai inaugurated a new Computer Laboratory in association with the Rotary Club of Mumbai Green City and Vedanta Foundation. 150 young boys and girls are trained in computer skills, beautician course and are given intensive spoken English classes during the year in an effort to make them self reliant



**Tailoring/Embroidery Training : 30 women are undergoing this training**



**Supplementary coaching classes for the children from the slums.**



**Saritha Hostel; There are 55 girls of low income category residing at present there. In a Metropolitan City like Mumbai this is a much needed ministry for their protection and their growth.**



## Chalice project

150 children and families are supported through this project and is aimed at the all round development of the children from poor families. They are assisted for their formal education, moral, spiritual and social development through various programs. Many women have taken up micro credit/IGP activities.



**Chalice children celebrate Christmas**