

SEVANILAYA PROJECT

1. Name and address of the Project:

Sevanilaya Project of Home for the Destitute
Sevanilaya convent
Lower Bendur, Mangalore – 575002, D.K.

2. Origin and History of the Project:

In the year 2014, Miss. Lucy S. of the illustrious family of S. of Bendur Parish, called Msgr. Edwin Pinto, Director of Mount Rosary, Alangar, Moodbidri, and Very. Rev. Sr. Prescilla D’Mello, Superior General of the Religious Congregation of Helpers of Mount Rosary and Administrator of Mount Rosary Charitable Institutions, to Colaco hospital, Bendur, Mangalore, where she was ill and was taking medical treatment, to meet with her. She said, she was a spinster and had in her name 53 cents of land in Lower Bendur, touching the main road, running from Bendur to Kankanady. The 53 cents land was earlier called St. Rita’s compound. She offered to donate the said land to Sisters, Helpers of Mount Rosary, Alangar, Moodbidri, and asked us to prepare necessary papers for the Registration of the land, if we accept the offer. She placed two requests on her behalf.

(1) to take care of her and her widowed sister, till death.

(2) to use the gifted land for a charitable purpose in her name.

The offer was accepted, and the first request of taking care of Miss. Lucy S. and her widowed sister till death is fulfilled.

The present Sevanilaya Project of Home for the Destitute, is to fulfill not only Miss. Lucy S. wish but to fulfil a felt need of the destitute of Mangalore town and elsewhere.

3. The main aims of the Project:

(1) to admit 30 destitutes, both men and women, and take care of them spiritually and physically, till death

(2) to house half a dozen Sisters of Helpers of Mount Rosary at Sevanilaya, to secure education in spiritual subjects, in development classes, in academics, in pedagogy, in health subjects, in Secretarial practices; all the above in Christian Institutions.

(3) to help in Pastoral activities, not only in Bendur but in needed surrounding town parishes.

4. A small explanation of the Aims of the Project:

(1) Mount Rosary Charitable Institutions is presently an Ashram. It takes care of 250 inmates

-who are convalescent patients and who have nobody to take care of them

-destitutes, both men and women, who were on the streets, sent to us by Parish Priests, or S.V.P societies (St. Vincent de Paul), or Police department.

-Senior citizens whose children either do not take care of them, or children who are away from Mangalore on employment elsewhere.

Our Ashram is overfull and more and more, needy people are knocking at our Institutions, for shelter and care. They come from Mangalore town parishes also. So, we thought, we could make best the use of Sevanilaya for the purpose.

(2) Besides the Sisters who would take care of the destitute at Sevanilaya Home for the destitute, the

project is to house and educate half a dozen sisters in different service giving studies in the church administered education Institutions in Mangalore, like St. Agnes College, Fr. Muller's Medical Institutions, St. Joseph's Seminary, St. Ann's B.Ed college, Roshni Nilaya, St. Aloysius College, Vijayamari Technical Institutions, etc. Our Sisters have come from village background and backward village schools. But their vocations for Sisterhood are genuine and religiously motivated. Therefore, education in Christian Institutions in Mangalore is a must.

(3)Presently five Sisters are living in an old three roomed house, where Mrs. Lucy S. and her widowed sister lived. Some of them go for studies to different Christian Institutions already. On Saturday and Sundays, the Sisters help in the Bendur parish liturgy, church music, catechisms, visiting families to meet with the elderly, S.C.C. activity etc. They would later extend these services to other parishes as well.

5. Physical description of the building of Sevanilaya under construction:

On the death anniversary day of late Miss. Lucy S., after the Eucharistic celebration at Bendur Church, the foundation stone for the Sevanilaya project was blessed by the Parish Priest of Bendur and was laid by Very. Rev. Sr. Prescilla D'Mello. The foundation work of the building is underway.

The total cost of the physical structure is Rupees three and half crores. We depend upon the generosity of Bendur parishioners and elsewhere to help us realize the project. We have already handed over our appeals and we trust the Bendur parishioners who welcomed us in their parish will support us in our endeavour.

To make it practical, we have enumerated the various structures like, rooms, verandas, kitchen facilities, laundry, chapel cum sacristy, etc and indicated their cost estimates. We will commemorate the donors sharing, on a marble plaque in the particular place donated. It will help the inmates and the Sisters, to remember the donors and pray for them. The said list of structural items and the cost amount is shown.

6. Viability of Sevanilaya Project:

How is the Project maintain itself? How will we raise the financial resources to feed the 30 destitute and the Sisters who take care of them?

The present Sevanilaya Project is to occupy around 40 cents of land, out of 53 cents we have. So, there are 13 cents available, out of which 3 cents would go for the road margin. Still there are 10 cents of land available to build a commercial complex. The said land is already converted for commercial purposes.

Our present intention is to find out a Catholic building Contractor, who would not only advise us in planning such a commercial building but get us bidders for various space items in the building, for Banks, shops, show rooms etc who would give us rent. This income by rent could take care of the maintenance expenses of the destitute, and Sisters who would take care of them, but even the sisters who stay in Sevanilaya and do their studies.

7. Conclusion:

We trust in Divine Providence and we daily pray to the Lord to help us, to help others. Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary has not abandoned us. So also the generous catholic lay donors men and women have stood by us, not only by advising us and sharing their rich experiences, which we have

found priceless but also given us their generous financial donations, in shape of money and materials. We need not only finance but articles, furniture, etc after the building is over to house the destitute and the Sisters. Daily at the Eucharist and the Holy Rosary, we pray for the donors and their loved ones. We are sure that Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, will present our petitions to the Almighty Father.

Msgr. Edwin C. Pinto
Director

V. Rev. Sr. Prescilla D'Mello
Administrator & Superior General