

St. Francis de Sales College, Bangalore

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Dignitaries on and off the dais, Rev. Fathers in the college administration, proud parents and the graduates, Principals and heads of SFS group of institutions in the Campus, Rev. Fathers, Sisters, well-wishers and my dear Desalites.

We are witnessing today the 9th Graduation Ceremony and many congratulations to our fantastic graduates here. With due respect, let me accord a personal welcome to Rev. Dr. Joy MSFS, the President of the ceremony and Dr. B S Srikanta, the chief guest of the day. We are indeed delighted today with your presence and my honest words of welcome to you Rev. Dr. Joy and Dr. B.S. Srikanta.

Many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable and then we summon the will, they soon become inevitable. Similarly, SFS College coming into existence in 2004, with the motto Excellence, Transformation and Efficiency stands tall with 1252 students and 63 staff on the roll. Graduation Day is a unique celebration. It is the coming of age, the arrival of maturity and responsibility which makes the heart go aflutter. And this academic year, we have 432 of such blooming buds waiting to flower and flourish without a compromise.

Standing the test of the time, SFS College strides forth relentlessly, pursuing the declared goal of imparting quality higher education. This is rightly proven at the recently held NAAC Accreditation, wherein the college is recognized as one among the quality institutions in the country. On this occasion, the leadership at the institution places on record the concerted efforts of everyone connected with this exercise and thanks profusely.

The academic year 2014-15 rightly began with the Faculty Development Program. A totally democratic and transparent election procedure was put in place in the election procedure was put in place in the election of the student council on 11th and 12th of July 2014. And shortly thereafter followed the investiture ceremony and the inauguration of Associations during which the new office bearers took that oath of Office. On the same day a book titled “The Companies Act 2013 Challenges and Opportunities for Corporate Growth” by the Department of Commerce was released.

Digital Library was inaugurated along with Inlibnet facility providing every faculty and student with an ID and a Password enabling everyone to use the facility, even off the campus. The college organized a national level seminar by the Department of Computer Science DELVE 2014 “Emerging Trends and Challenges in Information Technology”. And the finding of the same was released in the form of a book and many congratulations to the Department of Computer Science and everyone connected with the same.

The best practice of organizing the Department Seminar by the faculty needs a special mention and the department of Humanities, Commerce and Management took the lead sole in materializing the same. Most of our faculty are into research and publication through publishing of articles, research papers, authoring and co-authoring books and thereby keeping oneself updated as quality academicians. The college exhorts every faculty to go on and in finding the rallying points in this regard.

This year we offered as many as six add on and certificate courses by the college faculty and an equal number of the same through external agencies. The students of today need to tune their minds and harness their intellectual capital through academic interaction if they are to float over. Accordingly the students seminar on weekly basis was taken up and is proven to be a distinctive mark in the overall development of every student.

I am proud to say that the college contains student from Asian and African continents. And rightly does it help our students to be open minded, reflective and caring about all cultures, striving to become truly balanced and principled global citizens. To bring out the best in students an Intra-collegiate cultural fest namely Prathibha and a sports fest called Athenia were organized. At the national level SFS organized inter-collegiate sports fest – Igneous and under which different tournaments are held. College has teams formed officially in Basketball, Volleyball, football, Kabadi, Kho Kho, Throw ball and Badminton. They have participated in many national tournaments and made their presence felt in the region both inside and outside Karnataka.

I am very happy that three of our students by name Gavin Iva, Johnson and Albin were selected to Bangalore University Softball team while Jagadeesh found a place in the Kabbadi team. Our students are very much in the frontline in the field of Athletics also. Many congratulations to everyone together with a note of gratitude to the coaches and the Physical Education Director. Organizing the seventh edition of Razzmatazz, an inter collegiate cultural fest with nine items on the content and twenty seven colleges participated was a landmark achievement.

The College has a number of Associations specific to each department and it augments the students to complement the academics and to be impressive. The existing associations in the college are SFS Kannada Academy, Chaucer's Academy, Halcyon Academy, Flair Press, Cyber Spirits, DESMA and ACME.

The Women's Cell and the professional counsellor assist the student and the faculty to be what they are and to be at their best.

The NCC unit of SFS with a Cadet strength of 80 is under the 1Karnataka Battalion NCC Banaglore, comprising of Army, Navy and air Wing. Cadets are introduced into various camps and activities both at the state and national levels. Lt. Sampath Kumar, the ANO of the college attended the Republic Day parade in Delhi representing Karnataka and Goa Directorate. One of the Cadets by name John Basumathy was selected for NCC football national games in Delhi and Pooja S attended TSC Camp in Delhi and secured gold and silver medals at FCBC and received DDG commendation award. Many congratulations to the Cadets and the ANO.

The college also has a Karnataka Civil Defense Corpse unit with 100 students as members and they participate in different programs of National importance besides the training modules. Many congratulations to Lt. Sampath Kumar, the Associate NCC officer at SFS College for his dynamism and being awarded with the D G Commendation and Excellence award from the Chief Army to his credit.

The NSS unit at SFS organized various programs like the cleanliness drive, green effect, pulse polio and awareness programs of different types besides the live in the experience of a week-long camp at Kallampura Village, Ramnagar district. Words of appreciation to the NSS Officers at SFS College, Dr. Shantaraju and Mr. Druvakumar.

To enhance and uphold the value based students in the institution, the college has instituted Endowments for the academic topper, the best outgoing student, the course toppers in all the departments and also the best knowledge centre user.

My words of appreciation to you dear parents and I place on record your keen interest, support and cooperation that you extend to the college. This is facilitated through Sammilina, a meeting of the parents and the faculty once in a semester. Further, a continued accompaniment is ensured through the mentor system towards self-actualization.

The College has a placement cell which is very vibrant and active. So much so, about 132 graduates of the present batch are already placed through campus interviews. The cell functions with the motto-reducing the distance the distance between industry and the Academic institution by organising HR meet at regular intervals. Congratulations to Mr. Kumaraswamy and his team at the Placement Cell. The leadership at the college is thankful to the entire body of parents for the moments of listening and dialogue. The management is appreciative of the student body for the academic excellence and the overall growth. I place on record the professionalism and commitment of every faculty, teaching and non-teaching. They deserve the best of appreciation and thankfulness. It's a lovely thing for me to remember and thank everyone connected.

Finally let us remember, graduation is only a concept, in real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. And if you can grasp that, you will make a difference. "Wherever you go and whatever be the weather, always be at its best!"