

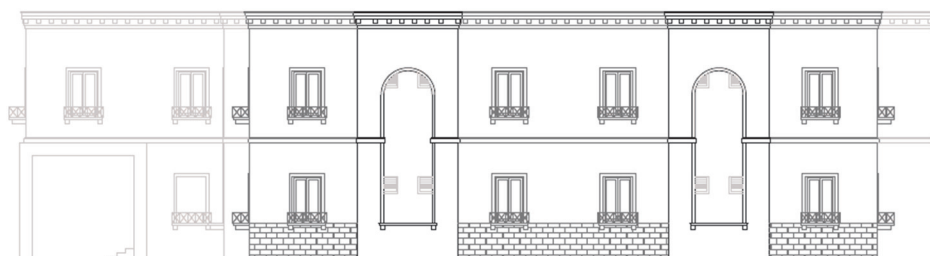
# Orphanage



Miss Maria Xavier, a new postulant at the orphanage, and Misses Rosilda and Roselind who have both departed for the mother house in Italy to commence their novitiate with the Consoling Sisters in Vigne, Italy.



Nine young ladies became the first Children of Mary at Palayamkottai on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The purpose of the Sodality of the Children of Mary is to encourage its members to become true “handmaids of the Lord” by imitating the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Construction of the first phase of the New Orphanage Project is about to commence at the “New Land”. Sr. Maria Immaculata was given six month’s notice to leave the existing property in October which means that there has been little time for dawdling. Planning permission has been granted and contracts are about to be signed. The girls have been indulging themselves in some hand-wringing panic when they were told to save plastic bags to make a roadside shelter in case the new building was not ready.



The bright, shiny, new orphanage bus is a welcome addition to the orphanage fleet consisting of a jeep, 2 scooters and 4 bicycles.

## THE TWO ROSES

On 16th September the ‘Two Roses’, Rosalind and Rosilda, embarked upon the journey of their lives. Nervously clutching brand new passports they both boarded an aeroplane for the first time to leave their native shores for a world completely different to their own. They were on their way to Italy to finish their two years of postulancy and commence their novitiate. They will be away from home for two years in all. It is hard to imagine what a huge sacrifice it is to change diet (pasta, olive oil, ciabatta and deep red wine instead of Indian spices, curry and rice), to change weather (5°C instead of a minimum of 18°C), change clothes (blouses and skirts and thick woolly socks instead of chudidah [see photo]), change language (Italian instead of Tamil & English) and not to see their family and friends for so long. Miss Roselind was reportedly wearing two thick jumpers when autumn was only just beginning!

## IF YOU WANT TO HELP

Donations to the orphanage can be made through the SSPX (see back page of this newsletter), but please include a note “for the Orphanage”. Ω