

## Bangalore 1970

Karnataka is one of the southern states of the Republic of India and Bangalore is its capital. Bangalore is India's third most populous city. It has a pleasant climate all throughout the year. The city is well known as a hub for India's information technology sector. Bangalore is known as the "Garden City of India". It is also known as the Silicon Valley of India because of its position as the nation's leading IT exporter. For the Catholics in India and the religious in particular, it is the national centre for faith formation. It has many amenities that are beneficial to religious formation and the courses given here are well appreciated by the laity and religious all over the country.

The Provincial with another team member reached Bangalore to look for a suitable house. It was providential that Father Long C.Ss.R. put them immediately in touch with the owners of a house at Hutchins Road, as he knew that property was on sale. The Sisters found 13 Hutchins' Road an ideal place for a Convent. After negotiation the house was registered in the name of the Society of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy. ***The sisters were free to take possession of it any time after 20th April 1970.***

There were requests from many young working women, asking for hostel accommodation. This gave rise to the idea that perhaps the Sisters should open a hostel for working women or a Home for the Aged. But the small Convent of 13 Hutchins's road with no compound was insufficient for either. The Superior of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate, having heard what had happened, told Sister Marie de Chantal that the house next door to their Convent was on sale. This house and property seemed to be more suitable but the negotiations were long drawn out because contracts had to be made in Switzerland as well as in Delhi and Mumbai. Finally, the present house, 16 Davis Road passed into the hands of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy on ***31<sup>st</sup> May 1972 on the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady.*** On 13th June agreement to sell 13 Hutchins' Road was reached with a party from Hyderabad. On 20th August, it was handed over to the new owner. The Sisters shifted to Davis Road and made it their home. ***It was blessed and a Mass was celebrated in the new chapel on 20th August 1972.***

**1972**  
**Caring for the elderly**

**1973**  
**Students**

**1988**  
**Formation**

**1988**  
**Sacristy Work**

**1995**  
**Catechetical work**

**1997**  
**Collaboration with the SDB Fathers**

**2001**  
**Working Women's Hostel**