

Kunderi 2000

Kunderi is a small village in Peravoor Taluk in Kannur District in Kerala state. Kunderi is reachable from Tellichery railway station. It had been a long cherished desire of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy to have a community in the northern part of the state of Kerala. An effort was made in the late 80's and 90's to find a suitable place in Calicut diocese but did not succeed in finding one. The idea was shifted for the time being as Calicut diocese was in the process of being bifurcated. The diocese of Calicut was spread out in an area of 13,051 sq. kms in 6 revenue districts. In the context of such an extensive area, there was the need of a new diocese for the benefit of the faithful. Bishop Maxwell Noronha, in consultation with the priests, religious and the laity requested the Holy See to establish the new diocese of Kannur. The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II by the Apostolic Brief, dated 5th November 1998, separated the diocese of Kannur from Calicut. When Sister Amedee visited her relations in Kannur, she came in contact with some priests who showed interest, in starting a Convent in the newly formed diocese to help in its growth and development. She reported the matter to the Superiors who were seriously thinking of renewing their effort to begin a Convent in this area.

The Convent at Kunderi was built on a hill and it was surrounded by other hills big and small with houses here and there. Behind and in front of the Convent many fruit trees were planted. On one side of the Convent was the vegetable garden. A well was dug in the yard very close to the kitchen. The scenic beauty around the Convent and the silence and freshness prevailing there are something enviable. In front of the Convent, a little brook runs swiftly passing over stones and pebbles, producing inspiring music. The road that goes to the Mysore forest, which is not far away, passes by the Convent. On 21st May 2000, the land was bought and registered in the name of the Society of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy. The Convent building was completed and was ready by October 2001. ***On 8th October 2001, it was blessed by His Grace Most Rev. Varghese Chakkalakkal,*** the bishop of Kannur and inaugurated by Sister Gerard.

