

Madhurawada 2013

Madhurawada is a major business area of Visakhapatnam City in the Andhra Pradesh State. It is located on the Visakhapatnam –Vizianagaram stretch of NH 16 at around 16km from Visakhapatnam City Centre. Dr. YSR International Cricket Stadium and Shilparamam Jathara of Visakhapatnam also lie in this suburb. Madhurawada is famous for its IT HUB. The Visakhapatnam IT Special Economic Zone is located in the proposed digitally-enabled smart urban city. The six marquee projects of A.P. tourism, the Madhurawada project would include a five star Hotel, convention centres and amusement park to be developed in 250 acres. The DPR is completed and many investors have shown interest to be part of the project.

The St. Joseph's School of Nursing proposed to have a Community Outreach Centre in the city within 25K.M. from the School of Nursing. The Sisters approached different sources and they came to know that diocese have land in Madhurawada. After much prayer and discernment the Provincial approached the Bishop and the diocese Bursar to get 3 acres of land in Madhurawada. First they refused to give us and the persistence of the Provincial they agreed to give us the land. There were some other hurdles to register the land. With influence of the local politicians and some of our benefactors, above all the help from the Almighty God they managed to register the land on **5th July 2010**. On January 27th 2012 we got the building plan approved and the foundation stone was laid on 22nd February 2012. The work was very slow and it took time to complete it. At last **on 30th October 2013 the building was blessed by the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam** with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the presence of many Priests and religious. Though the house was blessed, we had many more problems to settle with the Municipality like the door number, property tax, the building and other issues etc. The original apostolate was not able to materialize there due to some change in the rules and regulations in health department. The Sisters tried to take up different apostolates still we have not found an effective mission according to the need of the place and signs of the time.

