

# **CASA – Carmel Alumni Students' Association**

## **Alumni meet – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, after a long hiatus due to the pandemic the **Carmel Alumni Student' Association (CASA)** had a wonderful gathering in the school auditorium.

The program began with prayer followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The Superior General of the Apostolic Carmel Congregation, Sr. Nirmalini, Sr. Annie Manager, Sr. Tina Maria Principal, Teacher representative Mrs. Shipra Sarkar and Student representative Ms. Alka Bhargava of the 1981 batch were invited to come forward to light the lamp.

It was indeed a happy moment for the alumni to have Sr. Nirmalini, Superior General of the Apostolic Carmel Congregation grace the evening. The alumni were informed by Ms Preeti Shenoy CASA coordinator, about the celebrations of the bicentennial birth anniversary of Mother Veronica, Foundress of the Apostolic Carmel Congregation, who had founded the Apostolic Carmel in Bayonne France in 1868 and in India in 1870. Mother Veronica had envisioned that education for the girl child in India was not only the need of the hour but also a golden opportunity to empower the girl child to be transformed into an independent, bright, and self-reliant woman.

The trailer of a movie being made on the life of Mother Veronica by former student, Miss Jigyasa Taneja was shown.

Sr. Tina Maria, school principal addressed the gathering and in a colourful presentation “Glimpses of Carmel” showed the various school activities, events and ventures. A presentation showing glimpses of the activities of CASA that had been conducted over the years since its inception in 2004 was shown. Students were excited to hear Sr. Nirmalini share her experiences and listened attentively to her encouraging and loving words.

Alumni Ms. Pooja Dhameja of the 1994 batch and Ms. Ruhi Arora of the 2005 batch, shared their experiences of their journey in Carmel and how Carmel had shaped and moulded their lives.

Crispy pakoras, a Carmel favorite were served.

