

## **Distinctiveness of our Institution**

Today's world is simply a world of haste. People are just in the run of life to make ends meet, but in between it's too saddening to know of the plight of people who live under the shade and shelter of Palliative Care Centers, who live the last of their lives in no hope of a return back. Well it's a cursed moment to be crossed, where the pain they go through is more killing than death. It's indeed more killing the world of isolation they are thrown to.

The Medical Mission under CSI, the South Kerala Diocese runs Nine Palliative Care Centers in and around the outskirts of the college. The 'Sparsham Unit', is a distinctive unit of the college encompassing all its members - teaching, non-teaching, and most importantly the students, formed for assuring a sparsh, a touch into those lives that wait their last in these palliative care centers.

As the college runs, 9 departments, each department is in care of each Palliative Care Center. It's one visit minimum made per month by the team. It's a whole day spent to give a touch, to give some words which would ease their pain, while the main focus goes to reducing their mental downfalls in the state of isolation they are thrown into. As there is no rescue to their illness, it's a moment of solace, the time our students give for them.

The experience, that the youth imbibe, this greatness would reflect their entire life. They learn kindness again, they learn compassion again, they learn empathy again and not simply sympathising. It would be strengthening them for future life, for they would never leave their parents or elders to assisted living homes or retirement houses. And ultimately they are socially responsible citizens and of no doubt pride of every parent and teacher.