



Celebrating

125

years of

**CANOSSIAN
LOVE**



MYANMAR
(BURMA)

St. Anthony's Province
Singapore-Myanmar
1894 - 2021

SINGAPORE
1894

Canossian Daughters of Charity

Arrival of 4 Canossian Sisters from Macau on 11 December 1894



Invited by Bishop Medeiros of Macau and
Singapore (Portuguese Mission)

In 1895 : Canossian Sisters took over St Anthony's Girls School

**St. Anthony's Convent, Singapore,
1894—1919.**



1906



Da sinistra: M. Teresa Frisanco, M. Vittoria Garrè



School changed name to
St Anthony's Convent
(Portuguese Convent)
Sisters known as
"Portuguese Nuns"

Start of Boarding School & Orphanage In SAC



1941 - CANOSSA CONVENT completed four months before war starts



WAR THREAT - 2 DEC 1941



Canossa Convent
used as Air Raid
Shelter for
families of the
British Army

Sisters and orphans
took shelter in a
wooden shed built
by the British



7 Dec 1941

**Beatification of
Foundress in Rome**



8 Dec 1941 – 4.30am

**1st bomb dropped in
Singapore**

War has started



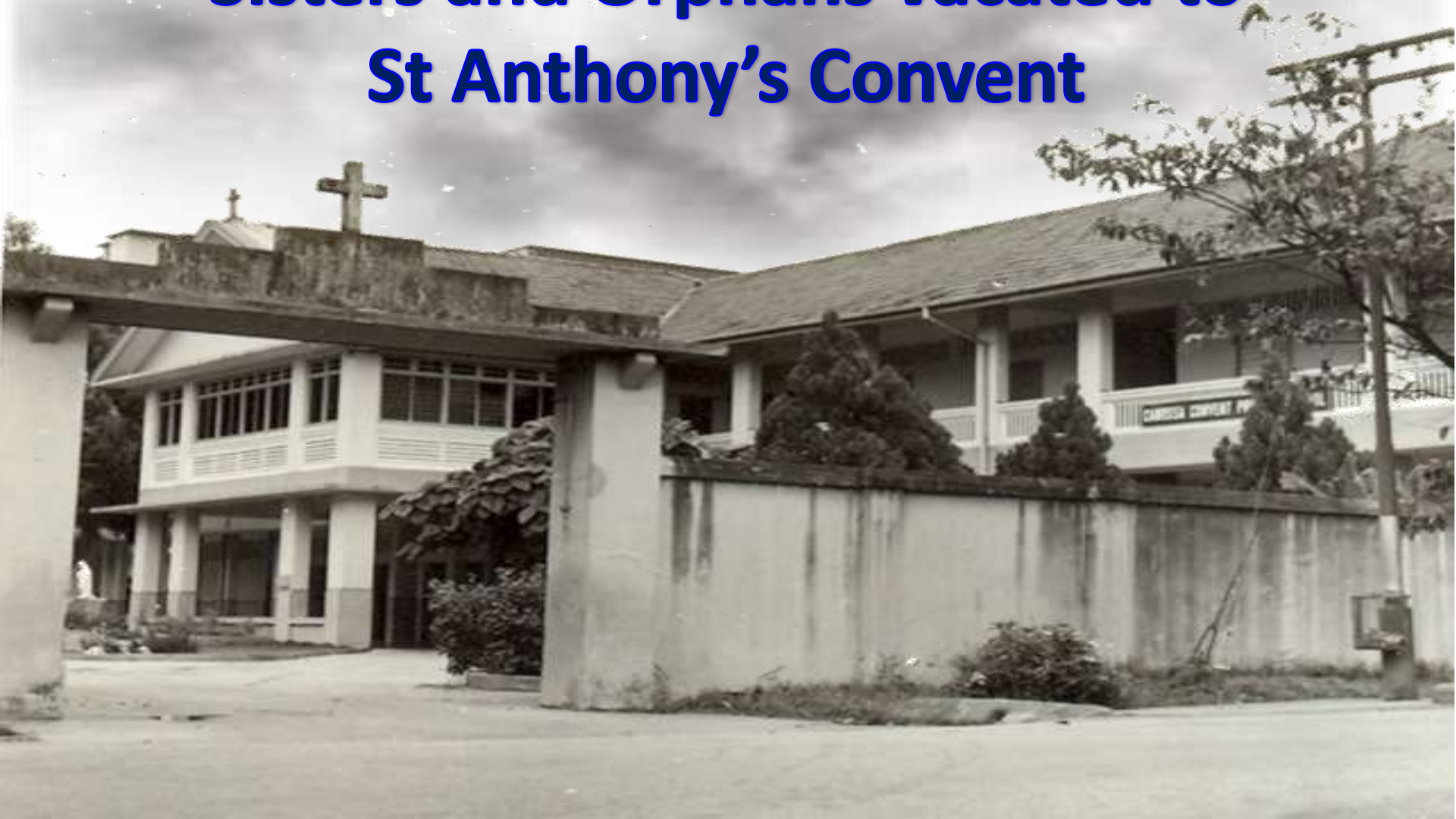
15 February 1942



SINGAPORE renamed "SYONAN-TO"

17 Feb – 08 March 1942

**Japanese army occupied Canossa Convent
Sisters and Orphans vacated to
St Anthony's Convent**



May 1942

Schools
Resumed



*St. Anthony's Convent
Singapore*

under
Japanese
admin



Canossa Convent

1943

**Italy broke alliance with
Japan. Italian Sisters under
house arrest**



**Sr. Magdalene Tan
replaced Sr. Ada Nardi as
Principal of
Canossa Convent School**



Principals of Canossa Convent School during Japanese Occupation 1942 -1944



Vittoria Garre'
May 1942 to
Mar. 1943



Ada Nardi
Mar to Oct
1943



Magdalene Tan
Oct. 1943 to
Jun 1944

1944-1945 : BAHAU

6 Sisters and 90 orphans told to go to Bahau (Malaya). Life was hard, surviving on snails and sweet potatoes.



AUGUST 1944-1945:

**Japanese Army took over Canossa
Convent as their district quarters.**



12 September 1945

JAPAN SURRENDERED



*ending Japanese occupation in S'pore

*Canossa Convent returned to the Srs.

*Sisters and orphans returned from Bahau





1946: Canossa Primary registered as a Chinese school, for children of poor Chinese migrants.



1951: School reverted to English medium, catering to all races

1949 Expelled from communist China

Srs Virginia Crimella, Maria Redaelli, Angioletta and Pia Gorza arrived in Singapore.



Sr Virginia Crimella



Sr Maria Redaelli



1952 – FATIMA HOME built for

**Special
Needs
children
and 170
orphans**





The WOODEN SHED
used for:
Weekdays – dormitory
for orphan boys



Weekends – place of
worship until
St Stephen's Church
was built in 1976



Start of **Mobile Clinic** to serve the villagers

1967





1969

**The new
Provincial House
& Novitiate at Jalan Merbok**





a house
by the sea

STELLA MARIS
@ CHANGI





In mid 1970s
Land at Stella Maris
was acquired to
build Changi
Airport

1979 – end of mobile clinic;
St Joseph's Home opened
@ Gek Poh Rd under
Catholic Welfare



Pioneers of SJH (L-R)
Srs Maria Rizzetti,
Mary Tan, Elizabeth Yeo





The present
St. Joseph's
Home that
was rebuilt
at Jurong
West.

It has an Infant Care
catering mainly to
children of SJH staff



1979 Nativity Church Centre



1979 Fatima Home revamped, changed to

Canossaville Children & Community Svc





1980
JOYVILLE
open house for
Postulants
and Searchers

1989
Canossian
Formation House for
Novices, Sojourners,
Counselees



11 Dec 1994 – After 100 years

**St. Anthony's Canossian Convent & Schools
leave 111 Middle Road, the original site,
relocate to Bedok North Ave.4**





St Anthony's @ Bedok North Ave. 4





June 30, 2010
St Anthony's
Canossian
Convent closes
its doors...

... gives up its
premises to the
2 Schools
SACP and SACS



Sisters involved in the two SAC Schools move to a Housing Board Flat, overlooking the schools.



Changes in CANOSSA

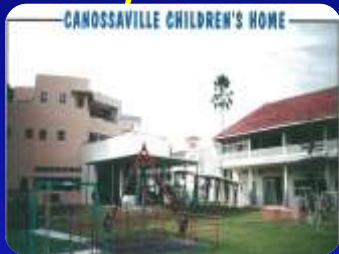


1941

**Canossa
Convent**



**CANOSSIAN
VILLAGE**



**The Borderless
Way**



1999

**Canossian
Eduplex**

2018

**Canossian
Village**



1996 - Myanmar Mission Outreach

requested by the
Bishop of Taunggyi





2012 CANOSSA HOME opens in Thanlyin, Myanmar





Canossian Formation House Myanmar





Celebrating 120th Anniversary - 2014



Thank You!

Province of St Anthony - Singapore / Myanmar

SONG: BIG HEARTS, CANOSSA

