# LITTLE FLOWER SEMINARY, ALUVA

## MILESTONES OF FAITH, FORMATION & SERVICE

**1959, May 19**
Foundation stone of Little Flower Study House

**1960, June 1**
Students began residing at the seminary.

**1961, May 12**
Blessing and inauguration of Little Flower Study House

**1962, June 4**
Formal inauguration of philosophical formation by Mar Joseph Parecattil

**1969**
The Grotto of St. Thérèse of Lisieux was constructed by Fr. Basilius in honour of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil.

**1979**
Catechetical ministry began at the seminary for children of St. Dominic's Parish, Aluva.

**1982, August 27**
Prathibha Youth Centre (PRYCE) was inaugurated by Bishop Sebastian Mankuzhikkari to promote the spiritual, intellectual, and social development of young people in Aluva.

**1986**
Silver Jubilee Celebration of Little Flower Study House

**1991–92**
Jesus Fraternity began functioning at the seminary, focusing on pastoral ministry among prisoners.

**1998**
The Yachaka Sahodara Sangham (YSS), a social-service initiative for people in need.

**1999**
Friendline Wall Magazine Launches for encouraging the creative talents of the seminarians

**2000**
'Hermeneutics of the Social Experience' was introduced as part of the academic programme to develop seminarians' social commitment. The curriculum also introduced innovative programmes such as Contextual Philosophy Programme (CPP) and Philosophical Colloquium.

**2000**
The official emblem of the institute was unveiled.

**2001**
The establishment of computerized library (Santhome Library).

**2001, August 21**
The opening of Institute of Science and Religion (ISR)

**2002**
The Basilius Computer Lab (BCL) was established.

**2002, December 15**
The first issue of *Omega*, published by the Institute of Science and Religion (ISR), was released

**2004, January 17–18**
A National Symposium on "Human Person in Context"

**2004**
The 'office of President' of the Institute was formally instituted.

**2005**
The Fr. Felix Memorial Language Lab was established to improve seminarians' skills in English and other foreign languages

**2010**
Preparations began for the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the seminary.

**2010, Aug 30 – Nov 28**
Foundation stone of the new church (Aug 30); Fr. Emmanuel Arakkathottam Auditorium inaugurated (Nov 10); New church and grotto blessed (Nov 11); Golden Jubilee symposium on Fr. Basilius (Nov 27–29); Statue of Fr. Basilius unveiled (Nov 28).

**2011**
The seminary began publishing its own bimonthly periodical, *Aletheia*.

**2011, Jan 8–10**
The Institute of Science and Religion (ISR) organized an international symposium on bioethics as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

**2011, Sept 9**
The Death of Br. Justin Pooneli

**2011, Sept 29**
The foundation stone of the new Academic Block was laid beside the new church.

**2012, Feb 8**
The application for affiliation with Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth (J.D.V.), Pune was formally submitted.

**2014**
The J.J. Foundation was established in memory of Br. Justin Pooneli and Br. Joby Ottaplakkal to provide educational assistance to deserving poor students and scholarships for outstanding philosophy students.

**2015**
Little Flower Seminary to Little Flower Major Seminary. Admission was opened to seminarians from other religious congregations and dioceses.

**2016**
Trained seminarians assisted the Aluva Traffic Police in traffic management as part of a traffic-volunteering initiative

**2018 October**
Third-year theology students undertook a Cultural Philosophy Project (CPP) in Punjab.

**2019 January 13**
New Academic Block was formally blessed and inaugurated by Cardinal Baselios Mar Cleemis.

**2020 March 12**
The 60th anniversary celebrations were inaugurated by Superior General Fr. Francis Kilivallikkal.

**2020**
The process of affiliation with Jnana-Deepa, Pune, was completed under the leadership of President Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil.

**2020**
Establishment of the Research Centre

**2021 January 30**
Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Seminary

**2021 August 2021**
Little Flower Institute of Philosophy and Religion, was established by a decree of the Superior General of the Little Flower Congregation.

**2023 Octobher 21–23**
Pontifical Dicastery of Culture and Education elevated Jnana Nikethan to the Status of an Ecclesiastical Higher Education Institution.

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