## St. Joseph's Degree & PG College

## **Department of English**

## October 2016

## <u>Activity-I</u>

Title : Environmental Awareness Day at St. Joseph's

Date : 18 October 2016

Venue : St Joseph's Degree and P G College

Coordinator : Dr Sangeetha M

Resource Person : Second year students of UG

Target Audience: Students of St Philips High School

The Second year students of BA, B. Sc, B.Com and BBA of St. Joseph's played the dual role of teachers and environmental activists as they inculcated environmental awareness among the students of St. Philips High School by hosting an Environmental awareness programme at their college premises on 18 October 2016. The program began on an inspirational note as the students took a pledge to be committed to the protection of the Environment. The pledge read:

I will do my part to protect the Earth I will take care of and clean up the environment I will be kind to and respect all life forms I will never litter I will always recycle I will reduce the waste I create I will reuse what I can I will conserve energy & water

I will encourage others to conserve our natural resources

At the very outset the welcome banner spelt out the theme of the day through the slogan: *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle* and in the welcome address Dr.Sangeetha, HoD, Department of English, reiterated the urgent need for environmental awareness, lest we should be struck by a

catastrophe, with no air to breathe, no water to drink and no earth to live on leading to the extinction of human existence.

Josephites enthusiastically spread Environmental awareness among the school students through presentations, videos, charts and models that not only educated them on environmental concerns like Global Warming, E-waste, Nuclear Hazards, Pollution, etc, but also highlighted special topics like Twin cities pollution, Hussain Sagar Pollution, Central and State Government Environmental policies and Environmental ethics.

The civic engagement program undertaken by Josephites to educate the neighbourhood on environmental concerns was very effective and beneficial as the student participants posted positive feedback stating that they gained many useful insights into environmental issues and also learnt of ways to protect environment for future prosperity of mankind.

