

FOUNDATION STONE BLESSING CEREMONY ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 OF  
**THE ST JOHN'S GERIATRIC CENTRE -**  
**A Ray of Hope for the Elderly**

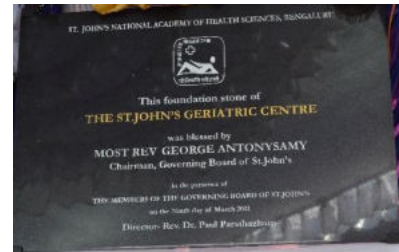


*Architects impression*

**St John's National Academy of Health Sciences Bangalore**, a 57- year old mission institution, is establishing a unique facility for **SENIOR CITIZENS** in need of healing, rest and rehabilitation called "**THE ST JOHN'S GERIATRIC CENTRE**". This Centre will be located on the campus of St John's Medical College Hospital on Sarjapur road, Bangalore. The Foundation Stone of the Centre was blessed at



a brief ceremony on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021** by **Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Chairman of the Governing Board of St John's** in the presence of



the Members of the Governing Board and the Executives of the institution headed by the Director, **Rev Dr Paul Parathazham**. Invited guests included the **Donors and Supporters** of the St John's Geriatric Centre, Heads of Departments of St Johns Medical College/Hospital and others who have contributed at the concept and planning stages of the Centre. **Dr Jovita Crasta**, President of the Friends of St John's, USA and **Dr Priya Pais**, Vice President, St John's Alumni Association, were also present. **Ms Akila Krishnakumar** trustee, Mela Foundation, spoke on behalf of the external advisors and supporters of the Centre. **Dr Arvind Kasthuri**, Team lead, the St Johns Geriatric Centre project, outlined the background and build up to the occasion, and said that the Centre will aim to be functional by the end of 2022, given continued support.



The St John's Geriatric Centre is planned as a **65-bed care facility** for elderly persons requiring short stays of 4-6 weeks. It will offer **transitional care** (for those discharged from hospitals following a fracture or stroke for example but not ready to go home), **intermediate care** (for those elders whose caregivers find it difficult to look after them because of a change in their health status) and **respite care** (for those elders whose caregivers need respite for short periods). It will **not** function as a place for permanent stay. The Centre will also be a base for **TRAINING** of different cadres of personnel for care of elders, a **RESEARCH** Centre for Research on Aging and Geriatrics and a base for **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**, where educational and other activities will be organized for elders and their caregivers in Bangalore. It will be managed by St John's, and will draw on the expertise of St John's Medical College, Hospital, College of Nursing and Research Institute.








The St John's Geriatric Centre is being built and equipped through **PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT**. Early generous commitments by individual and institutional donors have enabled a beginning, and additional support is keenly progressed. St John's is and 80G of the Income Tax Act individuals and corporate entities under CSR programs. For more information please write to Dr Arvind Kasthuri, Professor & Team lead, St John's Geriatric Centre Project at: <arvindk@gmail.com>



**SUPPORT OPTIONS**

All donors will be acknowledged at a special "DONOR COURT" to be established at the St John's Geriatric Centre. Cheques may be made out to "The CBCI SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION". Account details for direct bank transfer are available on request. Please contact **Dr Arvind Kasthuri** at <arvindk@gmail.com> for more information.

While any support is gratefully received, **please find below** specific support/naming options to help build and equip the St John's Geriatric Centre:

				
<b>BRICK</b> Rs 1 Lakh	<b>SLAB</b> 5 bricks Rs 5 Lakhs	<b>PLAQUE</b> 10 bricks Rs 10 Lakhs	<b>WARD/UNIT</b> 100 bricks Rs 1 crore	<b>FLOOR</b> 500 bricks Rs 5 crore