

M. Sheila O'Neil FMM

(Fourth Principal)

Original Name: M. Joseph Michael
Nationality: Welsh
Education: M.A. English Literature
Active years as Principal: 21 April 1966- 31 May 1968



Sr. Sheila O'Neil fmm came to India at the age of 21 in 1950 and completed her studies at Presidency College, Madras. She joined the staff in 1954. She held the office of Vice Principal from 1963 to 1966. When M. Carla Rosa went to Rome for a meeting on 20 April 1966, Sr. Sheila O'Neil fmm became Principal due to the election of Mother Carla Rosa as Vicar General of the Institute.

She was a paper setter and examiner at B.A and M.A level for both Trivandrum and Madras Universities. She fulfilled a long felt need for a new canteen, which was inaugurated in December 1966. On 11 February 1967 the foundation stone was blessed for a new convent and the construction was completed a year later. The extension of the Social Welfare Center was completed and inaugurated on 16 August 1967. She led student excursion wide across India.

She stepped down as Vice- Principal on 31 May 1968 to allow the first Indian Sr. Irene Mathias fmm to take up the leadership. She served the Institution for twenty years. She was the Superior of St.Thomas Convent from 1974 to 1980 and went back to Rome.

From then till 2020 she played many roles in different counties. She is a Polyglot and contributed much be it simultaneous translations or history writing. Sr. Sheila O'Neil is now 92 years old and had celebrated her birthday on 11 March 2021. SMC took pride in wishing this great stalwart, our former Principal.