



UNIVERSAL SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." —Martin Luther King Jr.

The Universal Solidarity Movement (USM) continues to serve as a beacon of inspiration, nurturing the values of compassion, harmony, and fraternity among students. For decades, it has remained an integral part of St. Joseph's College, guided by its enduring motto, "Transforming the World by Transforming Self."

During the academic session 2025–2026, the office bearers of the USM Association worked with dedication and enthusiasm to plan and organise activities that fostered leadership, confidence, and social responsibility among students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Principal, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva, whose constant encouragement inspired us to give our very best. We sincerely hope that the programmes organised by the Association enabled students to develop self-confidence and overcome the fear of public speaking.

The highlight of the year was the successful organisation of the Model G7 Inter-school Parliamentary Summit, held on 12 August 2025. Modelled on the prestigious Model United Nations (MUN) format, the summit simulated the deliberations of the G7 nations on pressing global issues such as climate action, economic equity, sustainable development, international security, and contemporary geopolitical challenges. The event exemplified the Association's commitment to promoting youth leadership, diplomacy, critical thinking, and global solidarity.

The summit witnessed the enthusiastic participation of eight leading schools from the region, bringing together nearly 100 student delegates and their faculty mentors. Representing the G7 nations—Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States—and the European Union, participants demonstrated remarkable research, analytical ability, diplomacy, and public speaking skills during

committee deliberations. Awards for Best Delegate, Best Position Paper, and Outstanding Diplomacy were presented to deserving participants from the respective committees.

The event not only strengthened ties among participating schools but also established the Universal Solidarity Movement as a pioneering platform for inter-school parliamentary simulations in Prayagraj. Despite minor logistical challenges posed by the monsoon, the event was conducted successfully through effective planning and hybrid streaming arrangements. Building upon this success, the Association looks forward to expanding the summit to include more schools in the coming years while embracing innovative approaches to learning and debate.

I express my sincere gratitude to our Chairperson, Mrs. Ancy Thomas, for entrusting me with the responsibilities of the Association and for her unwavering faith and guidance throughout the year. My heartfelt thanks also go to Mrs. Manjula D'Cruze and Mrs. Shruti Rajauriya for their constant encouragement and support. I am equally grateful to my fellow office bearers—Daksh A. Lyall (Vice President), Aditya Srivastava (General Secretary), and Shashwat Sheshadri Pandey (Treasurer)—whose dedication, cooperation, and teamwork contributed immensely to the success of every initiative undertaken by the Association.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to our volunteers, partner schools, and every delegate whose enthusiasm and commitment made the Model G7 Summit a memorable success. As I conclude my tenure, I wish my juniors and the future office bearers of the USM Association every success. Though I may no longer be there to guide them, my good wishes will always remain with them. Serving this Association has been a truly enriching and memorable experience, one that I shall always cherish.

Kanishq Singh
President