Visit to Alamo Colleges and Organic Garden

Dr.Sundari Krishnamurthy travelled to the U.S.A between July 15th and November 10th 2017. Being invited to visit she visited Alamo group of colleges in San Antonio, Texas from October 30th to November 1st 2017. She met with faculty of the Communications Department of San Antonio College like Dr. Mark Hogenson and Dr. Alba de Leon to discuss their visit to SMC for the International conference organized by the Fine Arts Department of SMC in Jan 2018. Dr.Sundari had a meeting with Vice Chancellor Federico Zaragoza and District International Director Carol Fimmen and discussed collaboration between Alamo group of Colleges and Stella Maris College, Chennai. A meeting was also held in St. Philipps College to discuss with Dr. Rafael Brisita, Vice President and HOD of Aeronautical Engineering to further bi- lateral visits of faculty and students. Dr. Sundari also visited the World Heritage Missions of Alamo, along with Mr. Jose Luna and his wife.

On her return to India Dr. Sundari.K embarked on an organic initiative to cultivate vegetables and medicinal herbs. As Dr. Sathya Bama was teaching a paper in '*Horticulture*' Dr.Sundari worked in a collaborative effort with her and the students of horticulture to establish a vegetable garden in which a variety of gourds- bitter, ash, bottle and snake gourds along with pumpkin were grown and harvested till May 2018.

Dr.Sundari, Vice Chancellor Zaragoza and International Director Ms. Carol Fimmen in a discussion

Mr. Steven Lewis flanked by Dr. Sundari and Dr. Meredith Miller, Director of the William Sinkin Eco Centro in San Antonio, Texas

Dr. Rafael Brisita ,Vice-President of St.Phillipps College and HOD od Aeronautical Engineering watched a power-point on Stella Maris College, Chennai

Dr.(Sr) Jasintha Quadras fmm, Principal and Sr.Susan Matheikal fmm, along with the gardener Rajan ,Dr.Sundari and Dr. Sathya Bama observed the newly growing vegetable garden in November 2017