

Inauguration of Coimbatore Chapter of Loyola Alumni Association

Place: Hotel Zone

Date: 27-08-2016

Time: 6.30 PM to 9.30 PM

Introduction

Coimbatore Chapter of Loyola Alumni Association was inaugurated by Mr. A. K. Viswanathan, A.D.G.P. at Hotel Zone on August 27, 2016. Mr. J. Balamurugan, Secretary of LAA, Dr. S. Bosco Alangarraaj, EC member, LAA, Dr. Thomas PRO and Rev. Dr. A. Thomas Amirtham SJ, Director, LAA graced the occasion. Forty three members from Coimbatore, Thirupur, and Nilgiris turned up for the inaugural meeting.

Prayer and Welcome

The programme began at 6.30 pm with a Prayer by Dr. S. Bosco Alangarraaj, an Alumnus and EC Member followed by the Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries on the dais heralding the inauguration of Chapter Board. Mr. Joseph Beschi delivered the welcome address.

Felicitations by Chapter Executives

Mr. Thalapathy, President of Coimbatore Chapter, Mr. Gopinath, Magistrate, Coimbatore, Mr. Suresh Moopnar and Mr. Ravi Murugaiah felicitated and encouraged the members to strengthen their bonding among the alumni members.



Lighting of the Lamp



Opening of the Chapter Board

Wishes from the Chief Guest

Mr. A. K. Viswanathan, IPS reflected on how Loyola intervened in his life and how the least sought after subject namely History could become a turning point in his life. He also felt proud of the fact that he was instrumental in inaugurating the first meeting of LOHO Meet (Loyola Hostel) in 2004 and carry on with the Meet successfully for over 14 years now with 500 memberships. He underlined the unique role played by Loyola College in fostering the latent talents of students and enabling them excel in those fields. He called this training a unique spirit of Loyola. Further, he invited all the alumni to stay connected with one other and with the college especially in the context of disconnected world.

Dr. P. C. Raju, a member of 1956-57 PUC batch, reminisced his days at Loyola and acknowledged the dedicated services of the Fathers and the Professors of Loyola who made possible for 30 out of 45 batch mates from his group to be Loyolites at Madras Medical College in 1957. **Dr. Ramalingam**, his colleague endorsed the views of Dr. Raju and expressed his joy too being a Loyolite.

Address by Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, SJ, Director, LAA

While felicitating the alumni members, Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, SJ, Director, LAA appreciated the steps taken by Alumni in joining hands to live with the ideals of Loyola and singing the 'Greater Glory of God' in all walks of their lives. He reiterated the need to keep the spirit of Loyola alive in their lives. He invited all alumni members to reflect on the contribution of Loyola in their life and their own commitment to give something back to Loyola especially by accompanying the present students to realize their potentials and goals, and become men and women for/with others. In addition, he invited all those who were present to come forward to participate in every significant activity that happens on the Campus. As a positive response, a number of members expressed their views and suggested ways and means to build up Loyola Alumni Association.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. K. Suresh Ram Aathithan, an alumnus behind the day's preparations proposed the vote of thanks expressing his gratitude to everybody present over there for their support. He went on to request the members to participate actively in the Alumni Day organized at Loyola College, Chennai and also assured Director, LAA of the cooperation of Coimbatore Chapter in the ventures of Loyola Alumni Association in all possible manner.

Appreciation

Mr. J. Balamurugan, Secretary of Loyola Alumni Association anchored the entire programme. The Meeting ended at 9.30 pm with dinner.

Loyola Alumni Association congratulates Coimbatore Chapter members for their overwhelming support. As it is the nature of Kovai to take pride in nurturing any good work that could happen to the society, Loyola Alumni places its faith in Coimbatore Chapter to take the lead in promoting the activities of the Association.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. K. Suresh Ram Aathithan who shouldered the responsibility of organizing the programme with a smiling face and Mr. J. Balamurugan, Secretary, Loyola Alumni Association and Dr. S. Bosco Alangarraaj, EC member who supported Mr. K. Suresh Ram Aathithan and made the day a memorable one.



**Rev.Fr. Thomas SJ,
LAA - Director**



Dignitaries on dais



**Mr. K. Suresh
Ram Aathithan**