

Meeting of Religious and Seminarians studying in Loyola College

LSSS (Loyola Students Support Services) organized a meeting for all religious (priest & nuns) and seminarians on 6th September 2014 at 9.00 am in MCA Block. The meeting started with a prayer sung “Bind us together Lord” song by all. Totally 120 religious people attended the meeting.



Rev. Fr. M S Joseph Antony Jacob SJ has delivered the welcome address and gave the dynamics of the meeting. After the welcome address, we had a panel discussion on “Giving witness to values of Jesuits Education. The panel discussion was guided by Rev. Fr. Henry Jerome SJ, Dr. Bernard D’Sami, Director of Outreach and Ms. Christina, Students Counselor were the panelists and they shared how the religious and seminary students could play a vital role in the campus to develop the lives of the poor students and also bridge the gap between the management and stakeholders such as staff and students.



The gathering was specially addressed by Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy SJ, the Principal. He challenged the gathering whether they could excel first and foremost in their studies and help out deserving and poor students. He also invited us to go beyond our own culture, caste and creed. We could stand united on the mission of Christ, not as an individual congregation (or) a seminary. We all share the same mission and vision of Jesus.



After that we conducted an interactive session which was free and frank. During that session religious people shared their experience in the college and expressed their views and gave suggestions for better functioning of the college regarding the improvement of infrastructure and facilities in various places. The people appreciated all the initiatives taken by the LSSS to respond to the various needs and problems of the poor and deserving students.

Some important suggestions:

- Whatever promised in the “Students Open Forum” yet to be fulfilled by the management in terms of improving the facilities for the students.
- There must be a small chapel (or) a prayer hall in a prominent place where all students could come and pray.
- They appreciated some professors as well as criticized some professors for not teaching properly and not behaving with students in a good manner.



Finally the meeting was ended with Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. A.M Jayapathy Francis SJ, our beloved Rector, inviting all of them to live up to the ideals and characteristics of Jesuit Education.

We have planned for some more meetings of this kind in the month of December & March.

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