

LOYOLA HOSTEL

2022-2023



A home away from home, Loyola Hostel is committed to the holistic, integral, and comprehensive formation of the students. In order to learn and interact with life in an informed way, students are exposed to a variety of fields. They are placed in a setting that encourages and comforts them while they learn about life itself. As they blossom in goodness, the surroundings are perfumed by this learning formation. The students are brought to a formation in a variety of subjects, including education, personality development, social services, spiritual transformation, cultural development, art and aesthetics, competitions, awareness programmes, leadership programmes, counseling sessions, sports and fitness, etc.

Administration

Rev. Dr. Louie Albert SJ, the Director of Loyola Hostel under his administration, motivates and guides the Administration Team and students with the commitment of providing opportunities and avenues for the holistic formation and welfare of the students. The Assistant Directors who join in hand with the director are Sch. Lazar SJ, Sch. Hansel, Dr. S. Arul Francis, Dr. Maria Jesu Raja, Mr. Mario Cassion Anand, Dr. S. Irudhayaraj, Mr Ephrem Wilfred, Mr. M.N.R. Rutheesh and Dr. J. Samuel.

Gratitude

Loyola Hostel extends its heartfelt thanks to the former Director Rev. Dr. Samuel Jeyaseelan SJ for his 10 year service and for Assistant Director Sch. Zenith SJ, Sch. Naveen, Dr. Antony Vinoth and Mr Arun Raja for their commitment and services rendered towards the growth of the hostel.

Refurbishments

The buildings and furniture of LOHO 1 & 2 and the metro mess were refurbished. The Non-Veg mess was renovated.

Veg mess of Loyola Hostel was inaugurated and blessed by Rev. Dr D. Selvanayakam SJ, Campus Treasurer on 29 August 2022 at 6.45 AM. The Director, Assistant Directors, Office staff, Mess manager and mess workers were present.

The road between the Hostel gate & Hostel mess and Hostel gate & Church was newly laid with paver blocks. Sauliere hall was renovated and Mother Mary Grotto was newly replaced. The inauguration, Blessing and the Holy Eucharist was held in Sauliere Hall on 8th December 2022 at 6.30 PM. Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector blessed and inaugurated the newly laid road, newly placed Mother Mary Grotto and renovated Sauliere hall in the presence of other Jesuit priests, Brothers, Director, Assistant Directors, office staff, co-workers and student fraternity. The blessing was celebrated by a mass which was held in Sauliere Hall.

A new RO Water plant is fixed and the cooking takes place with Mineral water. Paver Block work and works for new sitting area is taking place in the LOHO: 2 area.

The renovation work of First block, Metro and Jubilee Mess began on 19-04-2023 with a special blessing done by Rev. Dr D. Selvanayakam SJ, Treasurer.

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Novena Prayers were conducted on account of the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Loyola Men's hostel took the turn on 26th July 2022 and conducted the prayer to intercede the blessings with the theme of "Solidarity with the suffering people".

On July 31, 2022, St. Ignatius of Loyola's feast day was celebrated. After the Holy mass at the College Church, the Loyola Men's Hostel had arranged a special breakfast. During the same occasion, the newly renovated Non-Veg mess was inaugurated and blessed by Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector. On the same day, work on renovating the Veg mess began as well.

Clubs

Club activities are conducted in Loyola Hostel to create contributing citizens. Mercy in Motion (To act for the poor), Helen Keller (To help the differently-abled friends), Kondraimara Vaasagar Vattam (To arrange Guest Talks, Tamil Debate and Novel Discussion), Shakespeare's Stone (To practice English Debates, oratory and Soft Skills), Nurture Nature (To safeguard the nature), Art and Media (To decorate for Hostel Celebrations, preparing Backdrops for events, Animation Works/ Photography/ videography/ Promo makings and providing media support to the hostel celebrations), Orchestra (To be trained with various music instruments/ vocals etc.) and LOHO Theatre club (To train for various Theatrical events like Mime/Street Play/Variety/Adzap and to help mastering the Theatrical Skills). Google forms were circulated among the students for registration.

The club activities were officially launched on August 23, 2022, at 8.30 p.m. in Sauliere Hall. A Mr. Nandhakumar IRS was in attendance as the chief guest. Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert, SJ gave the Welcome Address. An audio-visual presentation was made regarding the dynamics of various clubs. The guest was honoured by the director with a book and shawl. The incharges of all the clubs were badged and led by Mr. Hernest Varun, Club Secretary, in taking an oath. The chief guest delivered an enlightening speech to the students after being introduced by Mr. Arul. Mr. Calvin's proposal of vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Mental Health Awareness Programme

A Mental Health Awareness Programme was organized in collaboration with Institute of Mental health, Kilpauk for the students of Loyola Hostels (Loyola Men's Hostel, LICET Hostel and Loyola Women's Hostel) on 21 September 2022 at 8.15 PM in the Teakwood Garden, Loyola Men's Hostel. The theme of the programme was 'Creating hope through action'. This initiative was designed to encourage mental wellness and stop suicide among younger generations. Dr. Vignesh, Psychiatrist, IMH, Kilpauk and Dr. Mary Jessy Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Social work, Loyola college were the chief guests. Dr. Vignesh, Psychiatrist, IMH, Kilpauk and Dr. Mary Jessy Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Social work, Loyola college were the chief guests. Rev. Dr A. Louie Albert SJ, Director Men's Hostel, Rev. Sr. Alice Mary, Director, Loyola Women's Hostel, Rev. Sr. Reesha, Assistant Directors of Loyola Hostels, Co-workers and students of Loyola Hostel were present. After the welcome address, Rev. Dr A. Louie Albert SJ, Director Men's Hostel explained the dynamics and importance of the programme. The chief guests were felicitated and honoured by the Directors of Loyola Men's and Women's Hostels. Their addresses shed light on a variety of topics, including how technology destroyed human connections, how emotions shouldn't rule a person's behaviour, the negative effects of substance abuse, the value of seeking assistance, human connection, physical activity, enough sleep, periodic rejuvenation, and the importance of good friendships. They also emphasized the need of students supporting one another by identifying,

listening to, assisting, and recommending one another to the counselors. Following their address, there was a Q&A session. A formal vote of thanks marked the conclusion of the gathering.

Threefold Celebration

Loyola Hostel had a threefold celebration at Teakwood garden on 19 October 2022 from 8.15 PM. It was conducted to inaugurate TerraTalents- an inter-block Cultural competition to offer a platform for the hostel students to exhibit their talents and also to celebrate Diwali and Eid Milad un Nabi. Dr. J. Amirtha Lenin, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil had been invited as the Chief Guest. The Hostel students Mr.Arun Kannan and Mr.Abishek were the Masters of Ceremony. The celebration began when Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of LOHO, Dr. J. Amirtha Lenin, the chief guest, and student representatives from various religions lighted the lamp. The Welcome Address was delivered by Mr. Sharon, Chairman of the Hostel Students Cabinet. Followed by that, an orchestra performance was given by Mr.Arularasu and Club. The special address and message for the celebration were then delivered by Dr. J. Amirtha Lenin. He underscored how Loyola continues to be a melting pot, the significance of national integration, and the necessity of awareness among young people today.

Motivational Talk

Loyola Women's Hostel in collaboration with Loyola Hostel conducted a motivational session on 9th December 2022 at 10.30 AM in Sauliere Hall. Mr. Jagan, a motivational speaker from Madurai was the chief guest. Students from Loyola Hostel participated and were encouraged.

Blanket Distribution

It has been Loyola Hostel's tradition to distribute blankets to the destitute platform dwellers during the Christmas Eve. The Hostel Administration Team took the initiative and a sum of Rs.1,47,070/- was collected. Blankets were bought and distributed by the team of Assistant Directors and Students in various areas in Chennai.

Pongal Celebration

Pongal celebration was conducted in Loyola Hostel on 12th January 2023. Pongal was prepared by the mess manager and team in front of the Hostel and it was distributed to the students after the blessing by Rev. Fr Director. A special dinner was provided to the students along with sugarcane. Events like Pot breaking, Tug of war were also conducted to entertain the students. The event came to an end with DJ Night.

Happy Day

Happy Day was celebrated as a day with Slum Children on 19-02-2023 in Sauliere Hall. Students of Loyola Hostel conducted various fun games for them. A talk on Children Parliament was delivered to them in the afternoon. The children were sent off with prizes and gifts.

Hostel day

“Sinfonia - 2023” Loyola Hostel Day was conducted on 11-03-2023 in the Jubilee Quadrangle at 5.30 PM. As a part of Hostel Day celebration, on 10 March 2023 in Teakwood Garden, ThanksGiving Mass was conducted at 6.30 PM for which Rev. Dr Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector Loyola campus was the main-celebrant and Prize Distribution ceremony was conducted at 8.30 PM in which Mr.Dina - Actor and Yaathisai movie team was invited as Chief Guests. Fun Games were conducted on 11 March 2023 in the morning and it was followed by a grand lunch. The Hostel day celebration kick-started around 5.30 PM. Thiru. Dinesh Kumar, Mayor of Thirupur was the chief guest. Rev. Dr Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector - Loyola Campus, Rev. Dr B. Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary & Correspondent, Rev. Dr. A. Thomas SJ, Principal, College officials, Various unit heads, Hostel officials, Hostel office members, co-workers were present along with the students. After the formal inauguration and felicitations, cultural talents were showcased by the students of Loyola Hostel. Prizes were also distributed to various committee members, officials, office members, cabinet members and stars of LOHO.

Speech competition

As per the guidance received from the Higher Education Commission, a speech competition was organized on the topic The impact of the preamble of the Indian Constitution on the rural India on 28-03-2023 in Sauliere Hall at 8.30 PM. Scholastics from Berchmans Illam were the judges and the list of winners were sent to the commission for the prizes.