



Hostel

LOYOLA HOSTEL



The Loyola hostel with a theme 'Home away from Home' stepped dynamically into the academic year 2009-2010. Fr. A. Louis Arockiaraj S.J the 22nd LOHO Director took charge from his predecessor Fr.P. Susai.S.J. With gratitude we would like to thank him and the former assistant directors Brs.Thomas and Robin.

The present team comprises of Brs. Jayaseelan, John Paul, James, Mr. Robert Selvam, Mr. Sebastian Rajan and Mr. Arul Jagan, all young and energetic persons ready for hardwork and dedication to form students as the leaders for tomorrow.

The Loyola Hostel accommodated 1350 students and continued to provide mess for 200 additional students. The hostellers were from diverse places, cultures, languages and even countries. They were groomed into holistic formation. They were initiated, oriented and successfully trained. Every hosteller was forged with physical, intellectual, social, spiritual and cultural formation. Every activity enabled the hostellers to let their light shine.

On the 22nd August 2009 the hostel delegates were oriented by Fr.Wenisch S.J which made the delegates take up leadership with responsibility and various forums were formed for systematic development. A workshop was conducted for all the hostellers on 21st September 2009. The basic personality empowering titles were chosen and the students benefitted a lot from the workshops.

Sauliere Trophy the Inter blocks Football Tournament was held on 24th September 2009. It created space for students to come together, play together and grow together as Loyolites.

Special Eucharistic Celebrations for the hostellers on the Freshers' day, on the feasts of Our Lady of Vailankanni, St. Francis Xavier and St. John de Britto helped us with spiritual nourishment to make our life more meaningful. Annual Retreat was also held for hostellers separately under the guidance of Jesuit Theologians from Arulkadal. Active participation was visible during the mass and litany of Our Lady on Tuesday's.

Christmas, Deepavali, Ayutha Pooja and Pongal were celebrated in the hostel for the students and in particular for the Co-workers of our hostel. Celebrations give joy, encouragement and enthusiasm for every one of us to go ahead with satisfaction. A unique feature was the preparation of Crib by many blocks kindled our creativity and interest paving way for cherishing inter-relationships. Fr.Maria Arul Raja.sj from Jesuit Theological Institute, Arulkadal, inspired the students through his Christmas message. This year a team of students went to different institutes in the campus singing carols.

'Karnan' a One act Play of Film Actor Mr.Nazer was an enthralling and enriching experience for us. Environmental Day with Major Pores, General Manager, HCL technologies and alumnus of Loyola as the chief guest was celebrated meaningfully inviting the students to save the earth and save oneself. TALENTS' EXPO-2009 Inter Blocks Cultural Competition, wore an elegant caption of Exhibit- Encourage- Enjoy. The students' potentialities and capacities were brought to limelight. Team spirit, feeling of oneness, sharing of resources, learning the art of organizing and building up leadership qualities were the fruits of such a show. LOHO alumni day with a theme 'United to Cherish' motivated us to relish the old and golden experiences with gratitude and wonder.

The Sauliere Hall was renovated and it had a bright and beautiful appearance inviting students to perform on the stage that had an elegant look. The new modern facilities were implemented in the kitchen and a new boiler was brought into function for the preparation of food in the kitchen. The domestic staff and workers were provided with 2 sets of uniforms. Musical instruments like Tabla, Casio, and Parai were bought in view of encouraging the hidden talents of the students in music. Digital camera and L.C.D Projector were also bought newly for the hostel.

Hostel day was celebrated on March 13, with Shri M.O.H.F.Shajahan, Hon'ble minister of Public Works and Collegiate education as the Chief Guest and Shri. S.J.Surya, Film director and Cine artist as the Guest of Honour. In view of the hostel day many competitions like, singing, debate, drawing, Essay writing, Chess, Caroms, Table Tennis, Basket ball match were organized to bring out the talents and enjoy the togetherness of LOHO family.

We thank the contribution of all the Office staff, Mess workers, blocks staff for their dedicated service and commitment. They remain forever the back bone for LOHO.

