

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Prayer services were organized at the start of the academic year 2008 – 2009 for various groups (Freshers, Seniors and Post Graduates) as and when they began classes by the Campus Ministry Team under the leadership of Fr. M.S. Jacob, SJ the new campus coordinator. Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated with much devotion and fervour. Every month Holy Eucharist was celebrated with specific themes for all the catholic students and staff of Shifts I and II. A common prayer service was conducted at the same time for the brethren of other faiths.

Catholic students were given an ample opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God, with oneself, with others and with the environment and the cosmos during one day retreat systematically organized year wise and language wise. Fr. M. S. Jacob, SJ the campus coordinator organized these retreats with the generous help of Mr. Ramesh and Mr. Michael, our non teaching staff, Dr. Albonse Raj and Prof. Amaladhas and the Loyola Prayer Group members.

On the eve of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Society of Jesus and the patron of our College, homage to the saint was organized for all the staff and the students of the college in front of the statue of St. Ignatius. Fr. Thamburaj SJ the former principal of the college gave the festive message on the life of the saint and challenged all the students and the staff to follow his foot steps bravely. On the Feast Day Mass was celebrated in the college church and Fr. Joe Arun, SJ the Director of IDCR preached during the Mass.

On the eve of the Feast of the Christ the King, the titular feast of Loyola college Church, we conducted the Corpus Christi Procession. Fr. Sebastian from Christ College shared the message on the occasion. To honour Our Lady of Lourdes, Candle Light Procession was organized on the 11th of February. Catholic students and staff along with their family members participated in the procession with lighted candles and received the blessings of Our Mother. Fr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam SJ gave the message on Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Loyola Family undertook the annual penitential walk to St. Thomas Mount on 28th February on Saturday as a meaningful preparation for the Lent. Nearly 500 faithful attended the pilgrimage and the Eucharistic celebration.

With the generous help of some dedicated members of the administration staff as well as teaching staff, students from the Loyola Prayer Group, the Jesuit students of Berchmans Illam and Loyola Hostel and the college choir – both Tamil and English, the Campus Ministry team is profusely happy to have rendered meaningful service in terms of spiritual activities to the staff and the students of our college.