

## **PRO-LIFE FORUM**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Loyola Pro-Life Forum is an organization based at Loyola College. With its pressing aims and vision, it seeks to raise awareness on life-issues in an increasingly pro-death world. Some of the issues it focuses on are abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, and contraception. Formed in 2007, it has since been involved in various constructive activities. And this academic year 2009-2010 has been the most important year for the Loyola Prolife Forum as it had victoriously conducted many activities.

### **THE GENERAL BODY MEET:**

The inauguration and the General Body meet for this academic year was held on 5th August 2009.

Mr.Subhaveerapandiyan was the chief guest. Dr. Antony Samy, the Dean of Student Affairs and Dr. Joseph Chandra, the Dean of Arts were present. Prolife theme song was released and the forum's website '[www.loyolaprolifeforum.com](http://www.loyolaprolifeforum.com)' was launched.

### **INPUT SESSIONS:**

An input session on "Abortion" was conducted to all proliferers on 4th September, to create awareness on this social evil that is been in prevalence. Bro. Richi Vincent, the founder of the forum was the resource person. Also a host of audio visual input sessions were arranged to all the Prolifers on various prolife themes to equip them to lead their life as true Prolifers.

### **UNWANTED '09:**

The organization, along with the Catholic Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, organised a cultural-day 'Unwanted 2009 on 3rd October 2009, with a special focus on female infanticide, which was attended by over 500 school kids. The Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore , Most. Rev. Dr. Chinappa, and the auxillary bishop of Madras-Mylapore, Most.Rev. Lawrence Pius, were the special guests.

### **GREEN WARRIORS:**

The Prolife Forum in collaboration with a music band organised a music concert on "WORLD WAR III" on 27th November 2009, emphasising the effects of pollution, global warming, e-waste, deforestation etc. The band w as rightly named as 'Green Warriors'.

### **ORGAN DONATION CAMPAIGN :**

The Prolife forum took up "Organ Donation" campaign as the major event of this academic year. With the high spirit and commitment of the proliferers, this event was a phenomenal success, gloriously achieving the target of collecting 2000 organ donors. The campaign was inaugurated on 22nd February 2010 by Honourable Mayor of

Chennai, Mr. M. Subramaniam, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Principal and Rev. Fr. Secretary. The campaign consisted of creating awareness programmes among the college students throughout the state to unveil the misconception on Organ Donation and registering the names of those willing to donate their organs.

**PROLIFE AWARDS 2010:**

In order to honour those who rendered commendable service to the Loyola Prolife Forum, Prolife Awards 2010 - an award giving ceremony, was organised on 15th March 2010. Dr. James Jacob Raj, senior consultant surgeon of Madras Medical Mission was the chief guest and honoured the Prolife Awardees.