

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

At the beginning of the academic year, prayer services were organised by the campus ministry team for every group (Freshers, Seniors and Graduates) as and when they began classes. Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated with much devotion and fervour. Every month Holy Mass was celebrated with specific themes for all the catholic staff and students. For the non catholic students, a prayer service was arranged at the same time.

Catholic students were given an opportunity to have God-experience during weekend retreats organised year wise and language wise. Fr Arokiasamy of Economics Department organized these retreats with the help of a few staff members and students.

On the eve of the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Society of Jesus and the Patron of our college, a common prayer meeting for all the staff and students was conducted in front of the statue of St. Ignatius. Fr. Amalanathan, the Rector of Satya Nilayam shared the message on St. Ignatius. On the Feast Day (July 31), the Loyola Family (especially Catholic staff and students) celebrated Holy Mass.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the renovated Church of Christ the King was blessed by the Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence Pius. Later at 11 a.m. all the Jesuits in Chennai and representatives from other parts of Tamil Nadu participated in a High Mass celebrated by Archbishop Chinnappa. Just before closing for Christmas vacation, Loyola Family came together to celebrate Christmas. Fr Emmanuel, faculty at LIBA, shared the Christmas message.

Candle Light Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Catholic students and staff along with their family members took part in this procession with lighted candles. The Loyola Family undertook the annual Penitential Walk to St Thomas Mount on March 3, Saturday.

With the help of some dedicated members of the non-teaching Staff, students drawn from the Loyola Prayer Group, the college choir - both English and Tamil, and the Jesuit students of Berchmans Illam and Loyola Hostel, the Campus Ministry team is happy to have rendered meaningful service in terms of spiritual activities to the staff and students of Loyola.

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