

Loyola Hostel

Annual Report 2010-2011



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Hostel Day Report – 2010-2011

Respected Chief Guest Shri. Selvaganesh, IRS (Indian Revenue Service) illustrious alumnus, Rev.Fr. Rector, Principal, Secretary, Deputy Principal, Jesuit friends, Officials of the College and Loyola Hostel, Members of the teaching and non teaching staff, parents, guests well wishers and my dearest students Good Evening to one and all.

We are fortunate to have esteemed Shri.Selvaganesh, IRS as the Chief Guest for this evening function.

Shri.Selvaganesh, IRS did his Schooling at kshatriya vidyasala, Virudhunagar and did his Graduation and Post-graduation in Economics from Loyola college, Chennai. He was a gold-medalist in Economics. During this time he was involved actively in college sports activities and association activities. Later he Joined the Civil Services in 1991 in the cadre of Indian Revenue Service. He has served in Tirunelveli as Deputy Director and Additional Director at Madurai. He has handled the charge of administration and vigilance for the states of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry and posted as Additional Commissioner of Income Tax (Administration & Vigilance). Now currently posted as Additional commissioner TDS, Chennai. He is highly interested in Trekking / White Water Sports, tennis etc. and Was a technical Delegate from India for the Guangzhou Asian games, China. He also regularly lectures at national academy of direct taxes, and various institutions. A hearty welcome to Loyola Hostel Family day and we thank you for honouring our invitation through your gracious presence and support.

With immense joy and gratitude for having passed yet another successful year in the annals of Loyola Hostel, let me present the report of Loyola Hostel for the academic year 2010-2011.

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Loyola hostel –NEST 2010-2011 is another successful year from its origin in the year 1925. “Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant” said Robert Louis Stevenson. Many great Jesuits have served this esteemed institution by planting seeds of values, character and tradition. I consider this as a great opportunity to serve this institution

with same clarity, commitment, hard work and dedication to take Loyola to greater heights of inclusion and excellence.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of interest and will.” With utmost sense of gratitude, the hostel community remembers the services of Sch.Jeyaseelan, Prof. Robert selvam and Prof. Sebastiraj who served the hostel with interest, will and determination as assistant directors. We heartily welcome Schs. Royappan and Victor, Prof. Alexander and Prof. Alex Pereira who have shouldered the responsibility with same vigour this year.

III. ADMISSIONS:

Loyola Hostel is indeed a ‘mini global village’ with students hailing from different nations, classes, cultures and religions. There is a total of 1314 students in the hostel. We are fortunate to have variety of students from, Bangladesh, Srilanka, Tibet and from all over India. Around 150 Liba students, sports men and day scholars also make use of the mess facility thereby extending the services of the hostel to over 1500 students. The office staff has taken great effort in making the admission process flow smoothly. Thanks to Mr.Manimaran, Mr.Doss, & Mr.Louis – our Office staff.

IV. ACADEMICS:

A week long orientation programmes were conducted to help students to get atuned to academic atmosphere of the college and hostel. Frs. Jeyaseelan, Joe Arun, Henry Jerome and Joe Antony were the resource persons. These sessions had really helped our students to focus on their academics. Silent Hours are strictly observed to make sure that students do not get disturbed during their study time. Their mark statements were checked by each assistant director and feed back was given to the individuals to improve upon their performance. There are a few students who have topped in their respective classes. Those studious students who want to do extra courses were also permitted but without affecting the Hostel Time table.

V. FEE CONCESSION:

In Loyola Hostel, we try our best to create amicable atmosphere for study and growth make sure that students should not face any hindrance in their path to success. Keeping this in mind, we provide mess concession to 240 students to the tune of Rs.7 Lakhs per annum. Due to the systematic planning of the hostel administration we were able to raise Rs. 10 Lakhs to Loho Poor boys fund, thus making feasible and comfortable to help many more poor deserving students. "Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." We are sure our efforts would lead us to new ending bringing hope to the poor students.

VI. FACILITIES

The hostel tries to provide everything for enriching the enjoyable stay of its inmates. Doors and windows of 10 blocks were painted. Inner and outer walls of 10 blocks were whitewashed this year. Jubilee mess was renovated and brand new sound systems were installed in Sauliere Hall. Fire extinguishers were also installed in mess and Sauliere Hall as a safety measure.

A new Electrical cable was laid leading to hostel from the main road. Major repair and maintenance of all electrical fuse boxes of the blocks were carried out successfully. Further the Generator for Kitchen and Mess halls were re- installed. A new boiler was also bought in the Kitchen to enhance better facilities for cooking.

We admire the strenuous work of our dear co –workers. To help them to spend their free time in a relaxed way we have installed a new dish antenna in Leo Hall. Further we have given houses for three of our co-workers in the Workers' Quarters this year. We have also enhanced their salary by Rs. 1000 this year and increased the reserve fund to Rs. 7 Lakhs.

VII. VARIOUS FORUMS.

"Everyone enjoys doing the kind of work for which he is best suited." Loyola Hostel provides opportunity for every student to use their talents and potentialities in a productive way through every means possible. Various forums are the means for this great vision.

A. LITURGY FORUM

We at Loyola hostel aim at the integrated development of students. "With God everything is possible." In order to create realization of God's providential care we create opportunities in the hostel for spiritual enlightenment through Liturgy, everyday prayers, Special spiritual talks etc. Hostellers are encouraged to attend daily mass at college church as well as the litany prayer service conducted on Tuesday evenings.

Special Eucharistic celebrations were held on Freshers' day with Fr.Rector presiding over and with inspiring homily of Fr.Joe Arun. In preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius our patron saint, Fr.Victor our Chennai Mission Superior inspired the students through his spiritual talk. On the occasion of Feast of John de Britto Fr.Maria Joe Mahalingam being the Main celebrant, Fr.V.M.Dasan preached a thought provoking sermon instilling great values to student community. In gratitude to the tireless services of Late Fr.Susai to the hostel, Requiem mass was offered in College church on Jan 18 for which a few Loyola alumni participated and also shared their experiences.

This year too, the hostel choir with few more students went around the campus singing Christmas carols during the advent. Our students, led by the liturgy forum, also took active part in Corpus Christie Procession and later Candle Light Procession on the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. Their hard work and creativity was seen in their decorations.

We gratefully remember our Jesuit fathers from the residence like Fr.Ignacimuthu, Fr.Arockiadass, Fr.Loyola, Fr.V.M.Dasan who helped us to have a meaningful Eucharistic celebration for the Co-workers Once a month. Thanks to the members of Liturgy Forum.

B. NUTRITION FORUM

The hostel mess serves us with sumptuous meals throughout the year and deserves a special mention. Our mess caters to students including brothers from other congregations, sports men and even the LIBA students. Day Scholars who avail mid day meals scheme also have their lunch from our mess.

The Periodical meetings helped the mess to function effectively. Taking the suggestions from the delegates we have introduced this year Egg dosa and chilly chicken. Even when we had power problems, the hostel mess functioned with great efficiency providing us with food without much delay. The Mess manager Mr. Antony and his dedicated team of 58 mess workers as well as the nutrition forum delegates under the leadership of Sch. James.SJ deserve our appreciation.

C. CULTURAL FORUM

The hostel provides the students with opportunities to bring out their talents and improve their abilities. The Loyola hostel fresher's day celebrated on July 10th, with its magnificent display of art and talents. The program helped the students to forge bonds and to unite hostellers from different background.

Talents' Expo-10 - an inter block cultural competition was a treat of mixed talents and style. Prof. Mary Swarnambal as the chief Guest of the day inaugurated the Expo and appreciated the students. Fr. B. Jeyaraj our beloved Principal gave away the prizes to Block -5 that won the competition. Congrats to the winners.

On **Human Rights day** a debate was organized on the theme 'இன்றைய கலாச்சாரம் இளைஞர்களின் உரிமைகளை சீர்படுத்துகிறது! அல்லது சீரழிக்கிறது!! Dr. Arul Kamaraj as the judge organized the debate with Prof. Mary Jessy Rani from Department of Social work, Prof. Milton from Vis com, Sundar and Nagappan our hostellers as the debaters. It was both reflective and relaxing.

Pongal Celebration was celebrated meaningfully with variety of entertainments with Prof. Arulraj, HOD, Dept. of Social work as the Chief Guest for the programme.

Cultural forum also made it possible for viewing of English films and documentaries in Sauliere Hall which meets the purpose of both entertainment and education. Congrats to Cultural Delegates under the leadership of Sch. Royappan.sj.

D. SPORTS FORUM

Sports Forum, setup to ensure the physical fitness of hostellers, also conducted many events. On Freshers' day Football tournament was organized between the freshers and the seniors. The Second Sauliere trophy-inter block football tournament was conducted to inculcate the spirit of unity, team work and friendship. The finals was inaugurated by Fr. Anto SJ in which Block – 5 won the Trophy.

Indoor games such as chess, table tennis, caroms and basket ball were conducted in view of hostel day celebration. We appreciate the Sports delegates and Prof. Alexander for their meticulous planning.

E. ENVIRO FORUM:

The sublime state of human wisdom is reached when man realizes that heaven resides here on earth. It is the tradition of Loyola to pass this wisdom to the generation and so, this year too, we did celebrate the environment day in high reverence to mother earth. We also increased the number of plants in our garden. Loyola Hostel is in fact a mini national park with several trees. The beauty of the hostel premises is kept alive by the trees and plants inside the campus. The Enviro team took initiatives in keeping our surroundings clean and tidy. We also arranged an awareness programme through street play during **Enviro Fest '10**, with **Dr. Ramachandran**, Director, Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation Research, Anna university as the main speaker. Enviro delegates under the direction of Sch. John Paul deserve our appreciation.

F. KNOWLEDGE FORUM:

“Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it.” LoHo provides this opportunity of developing our wisdom, skills and values through various training programmes in the hostel precisely. There was a motivational lecture on the ‘Philosophy of Life’ by **Dr. Thierry J. Robouam, SJ**, from Sophia University, Japan. He brought in us a very novel view on life and taught us how to answer the complex questions of life. The

personal sharing on Bhopal Gas Tragedy by Prof. **Dr. Anil Sadgopal**, former dean of Delhi University brought to light the truth about the whole event.

Fr. Emma, SJ as the resource person for the workshop on “Building up one’s personality” our hostellers have enhanced their personality traits. Career development training was held for the outgoing UG and PG students with Mr. Prakash, IAS, Ministry of Industries, Govt. of Tamilnadu, and Our dear Prof. Siluvairaja from LIBA informatics Centre as the resource persons. They injected in us that money is not a matter of concern for career but what matters is Self – determination and hard work. We are optimistic that our students will utilize every opportunity provided in the hostel and college and become great bringing laurels to themselves and this great institution.

VIII. OBITUARY:

There were moments of melancholy and sorrow when our former hostel director, Fr. Susai, SJ was called to His side by the Almighty God on December 18th. The Xmas celebrations were cancelled in reverence to the departed soul. Special mass was conducted in his memory. Sivakumar.T.D, (09-PMT-029) a second year Maths student passed away on 13-09-2010. We place our condolences to the bereaved members of their families. May their Souls rest in peace.

IX. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We extend our gratitude to Fr.K.Amal our dear Rector who had been continuously supporting us in all our ventures. We thank Fr. Jeyaraj who instills in us a thirst to serve with dedication. I remember with joy Fr.Joe Arun who always says yes to all our requests. We thank Fr.Arockiasamy for his friendly accompaniment all through the year. We gratefully remember all our Jesuit friends and all Professors who encouraged us a lot.

We sincerely thank Rt.Rev. Dr.Neethinathan,(Bishop of Chengalpattu) who was the Chief Celebrant for the Thanks giving Eucharistic Celebration this morning. His presence and prayers has surely brought God’s plentiful graces upon every one of us.

We must also remember and thank the contributions of all the Assistant Directors, office workers, mess workers, block attendants and domestic staff in making Loyola hostel a better place to live in. Their contribution is remarkable.

Once again I earnestly thank the Chief Guest of the day, Shri. Selvaganesh,IRS for his loving presence and inspiring thoughts.

Let me thank each and everyone present here for your support and encouragement in making this Hostel Day celebration, NEST 2010, a momentous and memorable one for all of us.

Finally I thank the heroes of the Loyola Hostel - My dear Student friends for your co-operation. "Co-operate, Collaborate and Celebrate" became a reality because of every one of you. Let us celebrate our togetherness and cherish our Loyola life for ever.

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Thank you.

Fr. A. Louis Arockiaraj.SJ

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