

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 Xavier Rajan, our student counselor, 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. Dr Victor Louis Anthuvan, Professor in LIBA, shared the message on St Ignatius. Being the culmination of the tri-centenary, the campus ministry team organised painting and poetry competitions for the students. There was quite an enthusiastic participation from students of both Shift I and Shift II. The winners were awarded cash prize and certificates during the homage. On the Feast Day (July 31), the Loyola Family (especially Catholic staff and students) celebrated Holy Mass and shared the breakfast in Loyola Hostel.

On the eve of the Feast of Christ the King, the titular feast of Loyola Church, we conducted Corpus Christi procession. Fr.P.Susai S.J., professor, History Department, shared the message on the occasion.

Candle Light Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes was conducted on February 11. Catholic students and staff along with their family members took part in this procession with lighted candles. Fr Henry Jerome, national director of AICUF, gave the message on Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Loyola Family undertook the annual Penitential Walk to St Thomas Mount on February 16, Saturday. Fr Xavier Rajan organized a two day retreat in Dhyana Ashram for students on February 16th and 17th

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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