

Community Leaders Meeting held on 17th August,2011

The community leaders meeting was held on 17th August, 2011 at MRF hall in the presence of Fr. Joseph Antony Samy S.J., Director – Dept of Outreach and Prof.Gladston Xavier, Asst Director of Outreach.

The meeting started with a prayer song led by Ms.Priya and Mr.Jai Prakash. Mr.Nachimuthu welcomed the gathering. The purpose of the meeting was explained by Mr.John Kaviarasu, Head – Department of Outreach.



Purpose of the meeting

- To explain the concepts and dynamics of Outreach with the Community Leaders.
- To avail the service of community leaders as animators of the students in the respective areas.
- To share with the students of Outreach about the slum and to make them realize their responsibility to become partners of development.

Prof. Gladston Xavier, Assistant Director – Department of Outreach in this talk mentioned the history of Jesuit education and the reason for starting the department of outreach, its history and the need for transforming the society through students.

Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy S.J., the Director of Outreach shared that only 14 percent of students who have passed out of higher secondary education are entering into higher education in India. In this context, we encourage the leaders to motivate the students from slums for college education and can claim through the Department of Outreach for admission into Loyola College.

He asked the Community Leaders of the slums to find a place to plant trees wherever space is available. He added that cleanliness is very important in slum areas. He asked the leaders to be of help to the students to conduct various need-based programme in the slums.

In the evaluation, 43 leaders representing 25 slums areas participated and shared the following points.

- ✓ The representative thanked the Director and outreach staff members for admitting 22 students hailing from slums into Loyola College for various undergraduate courses.
- ✓ Mr.Shagayam, Representative from Chepet slum requested the Department of Outreach to conduct a skill based training for the adolescent girls living at chetpet slums. Moreso, he said that he is ready to send the college girls to learn street theatre. Prof.Gladston said, "once you send the college girls of your area to Loyola College, we will be able to train them in street theatre within a week's time".
- ✓ Mr.Ravi from Shastri Nagar asked the Outreach department to start a tuition centre in the area and for this, he is ready to give or arrange the place for the tuition centre.
- ✓ More than 3 leaders expressed their concern about the disposal of garbage wastages.
- ✓ The Community Leaders expect the outreach students to help the aged person to get the old age pension from the government.

