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Dear Alumni, Staff, Students, Parents and Collaborators of Loyola, Chennai!

Greetings. I would like to express, on behalf of the Jesuit management, our solidarity with you all on the eve of May 1st, the World Workers' day. The feast of St Joseph, the Worker, is celebrated.

I write this note mainly to thank you for your generosity at a critical time, when Loyola took up the task of doing its bit to the stranded migrant workers. **You have very much supported this cause.** I appreciate that many of you have been doing a lot of work to support the needy at the local level too. That is Loyola's Spirit and we need to live as '**men and women for others**', wherever we are. Thank you very much for living out the Vision of Loyola.

We have completed distributing Dry Food Provisions to 2000+ families. The beneficiaries are very grateful to this timely help. We had, a couple of days ago, a short evaluation of the programme and thanked the volunteers who dared to do this distributing work.

I am sure all of us are affected in one way or the other due to Covid-19. Some of us have seen a big blow to our professional activities, lost jobs, loss in business and are in great stress to find a way out from this global mess. We need to develop enormous resilience and collective resolve to handle the impact of this pandemic. Do not lose courage – We shall keep working together. Meanwhile, **stay safe, stay healthy.**

We are getting ready to distribute the Dry Food Provisions to the stranded migrants for the second lap from 3rd May 2020. Our college has started the Help Desk for the students and staff from the 25th of April 2020 and the Help Desk can be reached using one of the phone numbers: +91- 44 - 2817 8291 & +91- 44 - 2817 8292. Hope it will be a useful programme giving the user a sense of belonging to Loyola family.

The College of Commerce building is serving, at present, as the quarantine area for the Chennai Corporation – Let us hope that all those in quarantine get well soon. Let us hope and pray that the situation returns to normalcy soon.

God Bless! With regards,

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