

# FATIMA COLLEGE HOSTEL

## HOSTEL ANNUAL REPORT 2015 -16

“Living together is an art. It's a patient art, it's a beautiful art, it's fascinating.”  
Pope Francis



Yet another successful year has passed in the history of Fatima College Hostel. Life may move faster, the road of life twists and turns, and no two directions are ever the same. We have 945 energetic and aspiring young women residing in seven blocks, which are Amaleeta, Vimalita, Loretto, Madona, Maryzone, Annuciata and Marietta. The hostel administration is mainly managed by Sr.Bindu Antony, Sr.Victoria, Sr.Arul Mary, Sr.Stella and Sr.Swpana assisted by Ms.Kala, Ms.Jeya and Ms.Saraswathy. The office bearers, J.Shiny Sebasty – III B.A. English, F.Lourdes Cremoline – I MBA and D.M Kamini – II B.Sc. Maths along with the wardens enhance the functioning of the hostel. They act as liaison between the students and the administration and facilitate better participation of the hostellers. Day to day decisions, related to the students is taken in

consultation with them, ensuring collective and concerted decision making process. From each year batch, student representatives are elected to form the students' office bearers.

Fatima Hostel creates an excellent milieu for the rural and economically poor students, particularly the first generation learners and slow learners to excel in their academics. 95 deserving students have been given hostel fee concession this year to the tune of Rs.12 Lakhs. I am grateful to all my hostel committee members for supporting the cause of the poor.

### **Formation of Committees**

**“Leadership is unlocking peoples potential to become better”**

Bill Bradely



**WELCOME PRAYER SERVICE**

Various committees are formed to involve the students in hostel administration and to hold diverse responsibilities. Committees such as liturgy, choir, cultural, sports, magazine, mess, discipline, decoration and cleanliness have been formed. It creates an ample opportunity for them to develop their full potentials and become women for others in the future society. I am sure the future of the society is very bright and colourful through the eyes of our own students as it will bind their unyielding power to lead our

country on its journey towards self reliance. Kudos to all the student leaders as they have exhibited commendable teamwork.

### **Liturgy Committee**

**“Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a steering wheel that directs the right path throughout”**



This academic year, we started our journey by imploring showers of blessings from God with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration on June 25, 2015, followed by blessing of the hostel buildings. In order to begin the day in the divine presence, devotional songs are played in the morning followed by a short prayer and Eucharistic celebration. The study hour starts after a short prayer.



The names of the birthday babies are read out and they are greeted with affection and divine blessings are invoked every day during night assembly and special prayers are offered for various intentions. Students pray Rosary every day in devotion to Mother Mary. Special prayer services are conducted on special occasions like Deepavali, Christmas, Pongal and Birthdays of sisters. Every first Friday of the month, our students conduct adoration in a meaningful way in which the majority of the hostlers are present irrespective of their own religions. To deepen our devotion to Mother Mary, on October 7, 2015, we had a procession from college premises to Hostel Grotto by reciting Rosary. Our enthusiastic choir members add energy to the spiritual environment of the hostel campus. By their melodious and beautiful singing, the feast and birthdays of sisters of both Shanthinilaya and Fatima College Community are made extraordinarily special occasions to cherish for a life time.



**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CHENNAI FLOOD**

### **Cultural Committee**

**“Art is the overflow of emotion into action.”**

Brian Raif



**HOSTELDAY-WELCOME DANCE**

Cultural committee frequently organizes an array of cultural programs in order to help the hostel students to bring out their hidden talents such as oratory, creative writing, singing, dancing etc., and utilize and optimize their talent. The freshers were welcomed by the seniors through an exuberant cultural program, which created the feeling of oneness among them. On this occasion, Rev.Dr. Sr. K. Fatima Mary, our Principal, Rev.Sr.Francis Pouline, our Secretary, delivered inspiring messages and shared their insights especially with the freshers on students strategies by fully engaging themselves both in academic and affective endeavours and that will enable them to meet opportunities and challenges of managing tomorrow's Indian life. As a preparation to celebrate Christmas on December 19, we had crib competition based on the theme – “Nan virumbum Christmas”, where the students brought out their creativity and imagination, followed by carol singing competition. Christmas celebration was organized on December 20, 2015 with cultural programs and other meaningful entertainment. Rev. Fr. Rex, Asst. Parrish Priest of Pudhur gave an inspiring message on the importance of sharing.



## Sports Committee

“Finding good players is easy, getting them to play as a team is another story”



The sports committee actively organized carom and throw ball competitions. They worked persuasively through selection to final, which not only helped the students to gauge their sportive spirit and develop themselves for innovative rewards and energizing relaxation.

## Magazine Committee

**“Writing is like daydreaming through your fingers.”**

Jenna Alatari



Our hostel magazine “Infinita - 16” is the brainchild of the magazine committee, which gives a room for the creative outlet of our students. Committee also created hostel blog to exhibit the creative writings of the students. Be assured, future scintillating novelists and exciting writers are here with us. Magazine committee members take the lead in reading out the news headlines daily.



## Decoration Committee

**“Creativity is putting your imagination to work, and it’s produced the most extraordinary results in the human nature”**

Ken Robinson



Decoration committee helps to add sparkling colours to each event of the hostel with fabulous decoration. They reveal their creativity while preparing greeting card during the birthdays of warden sisters. Their efforts in decorating the hostel notice board for various celebrations are tangible expressions of their talents and skills. They take initiative in displaying inspiring captions on the notice board.

## **Discipline Committee**

**“Without discipline, there is no life at all”**

Katharin hupburn



The committee ensures a peaceful atmosphere during the evening prayers by going on rounds. Apart from this, they take care of discipline during various cultural activities. A conducive atmosphere results in, from such efforts and the administration proudly believes in the power of peer-disciplining techniques.

## **Mess Committee**

The mess committee prepares the menu and gives periodic suggestions regarding food. They also help the administration by bringing to the notice any complaints concerning food or about the preference of the majority. They willingly extend a hand in serving food during special occasions.

## **Cleanliness Committee**

The cleanliness committee takes care of the cleanliness of the hostel campus with a special emphasis on cleaning the living rooms. They bring to the notice of the hostel administration in case the places are not cleaned properly or any complaints with regard to maintenance.



## **Floor Representatives**

Floor representatives play an important role in the hostel. Physical verification of the students is done with their help. They assist the discipline committee in taking care of the discipline in the hostel.



The students cherish the warm, homely and family atmosphere of the hostel. They nourish a sense of mutual understanding and moral support from each other. The directors of the hostel take special, individual and customized care not only to provide the physical needs of the students but also take care of the psychological and spiritual needs. This is done by offering counseling and guidance to the students. Students are gathered periodically in order to build a cordial relationship with each other and remind them of their responsibilities as Fatimaites.



During this academic year, need-based talks were arranged to help the students to lead a better and healthier life. The Principal Dr.Sr.K.Fatima Mary gave an orientation to the new students of the hostel. She introduced various opportunities that is being provided by the College and make use of all these and to grow as a responsible citizen. Rev.Sr. Poulaine motivated the students and advised the students to cultivate good relationship among them and to have the determination to achieve the goal. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Rev. Dr. Joe Arun SJ from St.Joseph's College, Trichy enriched the students through his session on "Your Life Your Choice". He inspired the students by saying "everything you do is based on your choices you make. You are responsible for every decision and choice you make. Everything in your life is a reflection of your choice you have made, if you want a different result, Make a different choice". This message enlightened the students and instilled life decision-making skills in them. Wardens take effort to meet the students periodically in different group and interact with them. This gives them an opportunity to express their view and to help them to have a good rapport with the hostel administration.

Our students contributed Rs.10,000/ - to help the prisoner's children. Many of our students magnanimously contributed by cash as well as in kinds to the flood affected people at Cuddalore and sixteen of our hostel students generously rendered their services along with other students of our College.

Monitored study hours of the students and continual follow-up of their scores in internals and externals help our students to excel academically. 12 students have scored first rank, 7 students scored second rank and 5 students have scored third rank in their studies in first, third and fifth semesters during this academic year. Around 34 students from hostel were placed through campus placement in various companies and schools.

A picnic for the student leaders was organized in order to appreciate their zealous work and support. The day out was on Dec 6, 2015 to Trichy and it was a memorable day for the students. It helped them to value friendship among them. We are happy to have around 55 students, who have willingly accepted to join in the group of friends of Fr. Medaille. They visited the neighboring families and conducted prayers along with our lay associates. Few of our students regularly attended the interreligious dialogue conducted at Gandhi museum, Madurai. It was a soul searching and enriching experience for most of them.

### **Facilities**

The hostel provides a serene atmosphere and clean surroundings to the students for their study and stay. A new kitchen is constructed with modern equipments. The new dining halls are getting ready. Few more washrooms have been constructed and some of the existing washrooms were modified with tiles. Mobiles phones are allowed for all the P.G students and laptop is permitted for all the students. To monitor the movements of the students, CCTV cameras have been fixed in the campus. Sports equipments have been purchased and play ground is getting ready. 75 saplings were planted and it has added the beauty and greenery to the campus.



### **Co-Workers**

Salary of our co-workers was increased during this academic year. Festival allowances and gifts for hostel day were given to them. On December 28, a tour was organized for all the co-workers to Kanyakumari to have relaxation and it helped them to deepen the relationship with one another. To educate them regarding hygiene, a session was conducted by Sr. Victoria. Christmas celebration for our staff was held on Dec 20, 2015 with a beautiful prayer service by Sr. Victoria and sweets were distributed to them. Sr. Arul Mary conducts prayer services for the staff periodically. Regular meetings with the staff members help to have a better understanding and bring out their best into their area of work.



**Dear friends “It is only with Gratitude that life becomes rich”**

In all achievements, there is a considerable contribution of many persons. I take this opportunity to thank and express my deep felt gratitude to all who are directly and indirectly participating in the effective administration of the hostel.

I express my thanks and appreciation to the Principal Rev.Dr.Sr.Fatima Mary for treasured support and valuable suggestions for the smooth running of the hostel. Gratefully I place on record the responsibility shouldered by Rev. Sr. Francis Poulina, Secretary of the College for her interest in the growth and development of the hostellers. I also take this opportune moment to thank all the sisters from Fatima College community for their encouragement shown in the growth of the students. Special thanks to Sr.Susheemtha for rendering her service in arranging for Mass and decorating the altar.

I express my appreciation to Rev.Fr.Kennedy CSSR, our Parish Priest from Arulaham, Rev. Fr. Arulandham, the Director, Sathangai, Rev. Fr. Sahayaraj, the Principal, Rev.Fr. Thiruthua raj, the Vice Principal of St.Britto Matriculation School, Gnanaolivupuram, Rev.Fr. Baiju, Rev.Fr.Jerone and Rev.Fr. Jini CMF from St.John’s Matriculation Hr.Secondary School, Kochadai and fathers from Loyola Technical



Institute, Gnanaolivupuram, who are always ready to participate in the spiritual formation of the students. With profound affection, I record my gratitude to our Provincial, Rev.Sr. Emily Joseph, and also to the Provincial Councilors, Sr.Syriapushpam, Sr.Mary Joseph and Sr.Celin Sahayamary, for their wholehearted support in all our endeavors towards the development of the hostel.

I thank Dr.Venkteswaran and Dr.Mrs.Radha Rukmani, Sakthi hospital, Doctors in Rasi Hospital and Sugam Hospital for rendering medical assistance to our students at any time of the day and night.

On behalf of the hostel family, I express my appreciation to Sr.Victoria, Sr.Arul Mary, Sr.Stella and Sr. Swapna, for their unstinting support and splendiferous encouragement in all the initiatives undertaken this year. I feel proud to be part of this team that is just synonymous with commitment. I am very much inspired by their generosity in spending time and energy and their flawless cooperation in every decision we make. I express my profuse thanks to the wardens, Ms. Kala, Ms. Jaya and Ms. Saraswathi and all the staff members, with whose tireless efforts and self sacrifices, Fatima Hostel has been journeying on successfully and triumphing with glorious progress. I thank all the office bearers of the hostel, particularly the committee members and floor representatives for sharing the responsibility with me.

I thank God, the Almighty who is always with us in every activity and guides us in the true spirit of service to direct and orient the capabilities of the students in the best possible way to achieve greater heights in their lives. All in all, the Fatima life has brought forth some deep insights and takeaways that can help and manage the promising youth of our hostel to develop leadership fitness for a better and brighter India.

Thank you one and all. God Bless You.

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