



Fatima College
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“Hostel is a place where I felt like a home away from home”. *Thomas*

Life is always colourful with varied experiences along with many facets of blessings and success. Life at home is formed by blood bonded relationship that is natural. But in the hostel is built by relationship that a person develops with other she knew not. She makes that home beautiful by her love, friendship, care, generosity, unity, mutual cooperation and adjustment. She learns the value of discipline. It teaches them a sense of responsibility. It will not be an exaggeration to say that only hostel is the place where an all-round development of personality is possible. Hostels provide the best atmosphere for study.

Another successful year has passed in the history of Fatima College Hostel. We have 980 energetic and young women residing in the hostel. They hail from 23 districts of Tamilnadu, few students are from Kerala and Maharastra. We are also happy to have six students from Srilanka with us. This is the first year that we given accommodation for five students who are doing their Diploma in Lab Technician in WEAT, The Women Empowerment And Training, a wing of Fatima College.

The hostel administration is mainly managed by Sr. Bindu, Sr. Victoria, Sr. Biji, Sr.Vinnerasi and Sr. Jenita assisted by Ms.Shobhana, Ms.Ramya and Ms. Uma Maheswari. The office bearers, Deepthy JR – III B.A. English, Riolin – II BSc Physics, Jerusha – II MSW and Amalu Sathesh – I BSc Physics along with the wardens enhance the smooth functioning of the hostel. They act as link between the students and the administration and facilitate better relationship between the administration and students community. Day to day decisions, related to the life of the hostel is taken in consultation with them, ensuring collective and concerted decision making process.

Fatima Hostel creates an excellent milieu for the rural and economically poor students, particularly the first generation learners to excel in their academics. 170 deserving students have been given concession for the hostel fee this year to the tune of Rs.15,50000/-. I am grateful to all my hostel committee members for supporting the cause of the poor. We also find some benefactors who are generously help the poor

students financially and number poor students benefit out of it. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

Formation of Committees

"Leaders aren't born they are made" Vince Lombardi

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. There are also representatives for each block and representatives for the catholic students. The responsible role they hold in the hostel helps them to develop their full potentials and become responsible leaders in the future society. Kudos to all the student leaders as they have exhibited commendable teamwork.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

"For with God nothing shall be Impossible" Lk 1:37

The beginning of academic year we were welcomed with a beautiful prayer service by the Liturgy Committee. It helped us to start the academic year with the blessings of God. On July 7th 2017 we had a Holy Spirit Mass celebrated by Rev.Fr.Yesu Karuna and Rev.Fr.Ignaci, followed by the blessings of hostel buildings. We start our day imploring the presence of God through devotional songs played in the early morning through intercom, followed by a short prayer and we end our day with a short prayer at 10.00pm. At 8.30 pm we have hostel prayer followed by announcements during which the names of the birthday babies are read out and they are greeted with affection. A minute of silent prayer is prayed for various intention of the world. Students pray the Rosary every evening in devotion to mother Mary. Special prayer services are conducted on special occasions like Diwali, Christmas, Pongal and on birthdays of sisters. On the first Friday of every month our students conduct the adoration in a meaningful way in which the majority of the hostellers are present irrespective of their religion. On October 7th on the feast of Our Lady of Rosary, a special Rosary was conducted in which the students went around the hostel campus praying Rosary. The students participated with full involvement and the campus was filled with God's presence.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

“The Quality of Life is Determined by its Activities”

Cultural committee organised series of cultural events throughout the year, in order to help the students bring out their hidden talents such as creative writing, singing, dancing, drawing and other kind of refined art. A colourful cultural programme was hosted on freshers day by the seniors to welcome their juniors, which created a feeling of oneness among them. On this occasion, the chief guest Dr. Delicia Fernando, Associate Professor, Research Centre of English, enlightened the students by sharing her own experience in the hostel. She also insisted that the students be united and to care for each other as responsible adults. ‘The festival of Lights’ –Diwali was celebrated on 15 October 2017, where in a beautiful prayer service was conducted bring out the meaning of the festival followed by a cultural. On 22nd at 6 pm we had Christmas celebration in the hostel. The students brought out the meaning of Christmas in creative and beautiful manner and they were appreciated well for their efforts. The chief guest of the day, Rev.Fr.Makhilzhimannan cmf and he gave a beautiful message stressing the importance of loving, caring and sharing. We had crib competition based on the theme ‘If Jesus were to be born today’, the students brought out their creativity and imagination and depicted the theme very well. Many groups participated in the carol singing competition conducted on 16th December. .

SPORTS COMMITTEE

“Sport is not just about entertainment. It is equally about winning and losing and the energy of the youth, upgrading people's physical fitness and mental prowess”.

Nita Ambani

The sports committee organized various competition like throw ball, khokho, relay race etc., They worked persuasively from the selection round to the finals. The students are encouraged to play every day, in the hostel play ground which can enhance their physical well being.

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

“Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart” ~ William Wordsworth

Magazine committee of our hostel is very active and energetic. With their constant effort we have opened a Library with a good collection of books and magazines. Our hostel magazine –

colours of life, is a masterpiece of magazine committee. They provided the opportunity for entire hostel students to bring out their creativity in writing and drawing which comprise the magazine. They also update the hostel face book.

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 play an important role in all the functions of our hostel. They add sparkling colours to each event of the hostel with artistic decoration. They exhibit their creativity while they decorate the hostel notice board for various celebrations and write inspiring quotes to motivate the students.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

“True freedom is impossible without a mind made free by discipline”

The discipline committee takes care of the discipline in the hostel. In each block there discipline committee members. They go for rounds specially during silence study hours and see that silence is maintained in hostel. They also take care of the discipline in hostel during various cultural activities or common gathering. The administration believes in the power of peer disciplining techniques.

MESS COMMITTEE

The mess committee prepares the menu, monitors the quality of food and give periodic suggestions regarding food. They bring to the notice of the administration the feedback received from students concerning food. They willingly extend a helping hand in serving food during special occasions when the items are many.

CLEANLINESS COMMITTEE

The members of the cleanliness committee are in charge of maintaining a clean campus. They visit the rooms of students weekly to check the cleanliness of the room and makes a note of it. They take necessary steps to create a plastic free and clean environment in the hostel campus. They motivate the students to keep their room and surrounding clean and tidy and disperse the waste in separate dustbins specially for degradable and non degradable waste.

INTERACT CLUB

This year we have introduced the Interact club. The aim of this club members is to make the students speak in English fluently. It is a process of peer group leaning where the students are grouped into small units and they are taught.

FLOOR REPRESENTATIVES

Floor representatives play an important role in the hostel. They take attendance every night to verify the physical present in the hostel. They link students with Wardens. Their generosity in rendering their service is appreciated well. Along with this they assist the cleanliness and discipline committee members to see that discipline and cleanliness of the floor.

Acknowledging the varies services rendered by the students, an outing was organised for all the committee members and representatives to Kodaikanal on 5th november 2017. It was an enjoyable experience to all. It also deepened our relationship with one another. We are grateful to thankful to our sisters for arranging this outing.

The students cherish the warm, homely and friendly atmosphere in the hostel. The directors of hostel take special individual and personal 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 counselling and guidance to the students. The students are met by the directors in charge periodically in order to build a cordial relationship with each other and remind them their responsibilities as fatimites. During this academic year many need based and inspirational talks were arranged to help us lead a better and healthier life. An inspirational talk to motivate the youth was held on 8th August 2017 by Rev Dr.Joe Arun SJ, Director, Josephs Institute of Management, Tirchy. He spoke on various social issues that demand women of today to be independent and empowered. He also said that the wisdom and the experience of the parents needs to be listened to, which will lead us in the right path. There was an awareness cum input session on “manual scavenging” on 22nd August 2017, by Rev Fr .Philomin Raj who is a social activist & Lawyer. Father began the session with spotting light on the ignorance of people towards a particular section of society who keeps the city clean. He also stressed on the importance of self cleanliness. As a part of session a documentary film “thotti” was screened, which helps us to realise the pain that scavengers undergo.

We learned to respect them and to take responsibility for cleanliness. The house keeping staff who are working in our hostel were honoured with a shawl, acknowledging their great service. An awareness program on dengue was organized on 20th October 2017, by Rev. Sr. Victoria and Sr. Marcy who are professional nurses. They briefly explained about the symptoms and cause of dengue and the preventive measures. . Sr. Fatima Antony, former Principal of Fatima College, presently involved in the Prison ministry, gave an inspiring talk on character formation. Live a life with good values, that only can give ultimate happiness. We were touched by her inspiring sharing with life experience. She asked us to be women of substance and not just be women of flesh and blood.

Monitored study hours of the students and continual follow-up of their scores in internals and externals help our students to excel academically. During this academic year 12 students have scored first rank, 6 students scored second rank and 4 students have scored third rank in their studies in first, third and fifth semesters respectively. Around 34 students from hostel are placed through campus placement in various companies and schools.

Facilities

The hostel provides a serene atmosphere and clean surroundings to the students for their study and stay. For the entertainment of the students there is home theatre connected with Tata sky. One more rainwater sump is constructed connecting the entire hostel building. A new generator is purchased. A new bore well is dug and good water source is found. Mosquito mesh is fixed in Annuciata and Marrita block. To ensure the safe and secured stay of students, CCTV cameras are fixed in each block. Four more Aqua water plant has been installed to provide good drinking water. Extra cots were purchased to accommodate the students in Marritta block.

Co-Workers

Regular meeting with staff members enable them to have better understanding and bring out their best into their area of work. Prayer is conducted regularly for the staff, which help them to grow in God consciousness. On 15th of November, an outing cum pilgrimage to Velakanni was organized for all the staff members. It was a day of

refreshment and relaxation and it helped them to deepen the relationship with one another. Dengue awareness program was given to the staff.

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow”

Dear friends in all achievements, there is a great 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.

First all 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.

I express my gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Francisca Flora, Secretary of the College for her interest shown in the growth and development of the hostellers. Gratefully I thank our Principal Rev.Dr.Celine Sahaya Mary for her support and valuable suggestions. 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 Srs. Stella and Selvi for arranging the Chapel for daily Mass.

I express my appreciation to Rev.Fr.Kennedy CSSR, our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Arulandham, the Director, Sathangai, Rev. Fr.Maria Michel, V.F and Parish Priest Christ the King Parrish, Rev.Fr.Edward, and Rev.Fr.Joseph ,Assistant Parrish Preast Christ the King Church, Rev. Fr.Maria Selvam, Assistant Headmaster, St.Britto Hr.Sec.School, Gnanaolivupuram, Rev.Fr.Rudalf, Rev.Fr.Victor and Rev.Fr. Thomas CMF from St.John's Matriculation Hr.Secondary School, Kochadai, Rev.Fr.Arulrayan from St.Sebastians church Ellisnagar , Rev. Fr.Anbu from Sathangai and fathers from Loyola Technical Institute, Gnanaolivupuram, Fathers from Bishop house, and Pallotine fathers, from Thirunagar 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. Cecily Savariar, Rev.Sr.Fatima Kanikai , Councillor in charge of our community and also to all other Provincial Councilors, for their wholehearted support in all our endeavours towards the development of the hostel. I thank Dr.Venkteswaran and Dr.Mrs.Radha

Rukmani, Sakthi hospital, Doctors in Rasi Hospital and Dr.Bala Subrahmanin for rendering medical assistance to our students at any time of the day and night. On behalf of the hostel family, I express my gratitude and appreciation to Sr.Victoria, Sr.Biji, Sr.Vinnerasi and Sr.Jenita, for their generous contribution, support and 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 bountiful thanks to the wardens, Ms.Shobana, Ms. Ramya and Ms.Uma Maheawari, and all the staff members, with whose tireless efforts and self sacrifices, Fatima Hostel has been journeying on successfully. I thank all the office bearers of the hostel, the committee members and all the representatives for sharing the responsibility with me.

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.