



FATIMA COLLEGE

HOSTEL

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“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller.

The supreme wealth and strength of any nation is its youth. The future of a nation lies in the hands of its posterity. The quality of its youth determines the kind of future, the nation will have. Therefore, if we want to ensure a bright future for our country, we first need is to strengthen and empower our youth. The youth are the powerhouse and storehouse of infinite energy. They are the ones who are the pride of the nation.

The best way to strengthen our youth is to provide them education. Not just any kind of education, but the right kind of education that will form their character and that will make them scientific, logical, open-minded, and respectful for their self and others, responsible and honest. Fatima College Hostel is one such place which provides a young woman not only knowledge based on lessons but also all the skills required to excel in life. The all round formation given to a Fatimite indeed transforms, empowers and makes her unique wherever she is, may it be in the work place or as a home maker. It is here in this Fatima abode, she opens up and spreads her wings as she comes out of herself to exhibit her skills, talents and abilities. It is very much exciting to see her growth from an innocent girl as she stepped into the first year, to an empowered woman as she goes out from the campus after completing her degree.

Yet another successful year has passed in the annals of Fatima College Hostel. We have 785 energetic and young women residing in the hostel. They hail from 26 districts of Tamilnadu, two students are from Kerala and one from Maharashtra. We are also happy to have six students from Srilanka with us.

The hostel administration is mainly managed by Sr. Jenita, Sr. Victoria, Sr.Stella and Miss Suganya, the associate of our congregation, assisted by Ms.Shobana, Ms. Uma Maheswari, Ms. Girija, Ms. Nancy and Ms Maria. The office bearers, Ms Amalu Satheesh of III B.Sc.Physics, Ms A.Reena of II M.Sc.,Maths , Ms J.Josephine Jesika of II B.A. English and Ms R.Abarnaa of I B.Sc.,Statistics along with the wardens enhance the smooth functioning of the hostel. They act as a liaison 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. The student representatives are elected from each year, to form the students’ office bearers.

Fatima Hostel creates an excellent milieu for the rural and economically poor students, particularly the first generation learners to excel in their academics. 180 deserving students and have been given concession for the hostel fee this year to the tune of Rs.16,20,000/-. I am grateful to the leaders of my province and all my hostel committee members for supporting the cause of the poor.

On 16th June the hostel was reopened for the new academic year 2019-2020. The first year students were admitted on 18th June and the same day parents meeting was held for the 1st year students. Sr. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal and Sr. Jenita, the Director of the hostel addressed the gathering. There was a special address on emotionally balanced living to the parents and freshers by Rev. Dr. S. Francis Pauline, the counsellor of Fatima College.

Yuva Sparks (இளமையின் ஒளிக்கதிர்கள்), the theme chosen for the year is inspired by Pope Francis, as he exhorts the youth as “*The now of GOD*”. The year was filled with variety events and competitions based on the theme. Yet again, it is marvelous to see how the young women in our campus were in taking the theme and portraying it in different forms. It is encouraging and hope giving indeed it is such solid and capable women we are sending into the society. These young women surely have the potential to change society.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

"Effective leadership is putting first things first. Effective management is discipline, carrying it out. - Stephen Covey

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. On 20th July there was a leadership training programme by Dr. Saira Banu, Associate Professor of English for the elected leaders. Action plans for the year were drawn by the committee members. The responsible role they hold in the hostel helps them to develop their full potentials and become responsible leaders in the future society. Congratulations to all the student leaders, as they have exhibited commendable teamwork through the year.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Joy is prayer; Joy is strength: Joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

-Mother Teresa

The academic year was started with a beautiful prayer service invoking the blessings of God by the Liturgy Committee. Hostel campus reverberated with showers of blessing from the Almighty through the Holy Spirit Eucharistic celebration on 22nd June, 2019 by Rev. Fr. Arockia Raj. All the blocks and the entire hostel campus were blessed and the hostel was enthralled in God's mighty blessings. We start and end our day with God- Every morning devotional songs are played through intercom, followed by a short prayer and there is a night prayer at 10.00 pm. 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 intentions of the world. Every day there is Holy Eucharistic Celebration in the college chapel and all the catholic students are encouraged to participate in it. They pray the Rosary every evening in devotion to Mother Mary. Special prayer services prepared by liturgy committee 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. Pianist James, a US citizen, who spreads gospel among the youth through music addressed the catholic students on 17th July, 2019 and urged them to do something for Christ, to start where they are to do what they can and use what they have. On the 4th of September catholic students went to Our Lady of Velankanni Church, Anna Nagar as pilgrims and participated in the Novena and Holy Eucharistic celebration. During the season of Christmas, Friends of Fr. Madaille, a band of students went around all the departments and neighbourhood, spreading the joy of the season through carol singing. We have a crew of young women in the choir who add serenity to every Holy Eucharistic celebration and prayer services. Thanks to Sr. Pauline who animates the liturgy team and the choir.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

“As a team, we can pull together to do some incredible work”- Randy West

Cultural committee under the direction of Sr. Jenita organizes an array of cultural programs in order to help the hostel students to bring out their hidden talents and abilities.

The freshers were welcomed by the seniors through an exuberant cultural program, which created a feeling of oneness among them. On this occasion, Rev. Sr. Emily Joseph, the Co-ordinator of Fatima College Convent enlightened the students on staying motivated. She especially stimulated the freshers to engage themselves both in academic and effective endeavours which will enable them to meet opportunities and challenges of managing day to day living. The first year students also treated to their seniors with the vibrant cultural event as a token of gratitude for the warm welcome they received from them. On 5th September teachers' day celebration was organised by the students in the hostel campus to honor the sisters and staff of the hostel. 'The festival of Lights' –Diwali was celebrated on 24th October 2019, where in a beautiful prayer service was conducted bringing out the meaning of the festival followed by a cultural program. Many groups participated in the carol singing competition conducted on 24th November. We had live crib competition on 1st December based on the topic 'Naan Virumbum Christmas', the students brought out their creativity and imagination and depicted the theme very well. Due to unexpected holiday day announced by the state government, the Christmas and New Year celebrations which were supposed to be held on 22nd December 2019 was postponed to on 4th January 2020. The students brought out the meaning of Christmas in creative and beautiful manner and they were appreciated well for their efforts. Rev.Fr. Maria Doss SDB, Administrator, St. Lourdes Shrine, K. Pudur gave a beautiful message on Christmas and also gave some hands-on tips to lead a happy and stress free life in the New Year. Series of competitions were spread throughout the year namely, verse writing, essay writing, art from waste, hairdo, face painting, nail art, fashion parade, group dance, solo and group singing. There was enthusiastic participation of students for all the events, where they showcased their creativity. All the competitions conducted revolved around the theme- YUVA SPARKS.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

“Champions keep playing until they get it right” - Billie Jean Kin

The sports committee organized various competitions like throw ball, kho-kho, relay race and Shuttle. 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

“In a magazine, one can get - from cover to cover - 15 to 20 different ideas about life and how to live it” - Maya Angelou

Magazine committee of our hostel under the able guidance of Dr. V. Suganya is very active and energetic. Our hostel magazine – **YUVA SPARKS** that is just released is the masterpiece of magazine committee. This provided the opportunity for entire hostel students to bring out their creativity in writing and drawing which comprises the magazine.

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 led by Sr. Stella plays an important role in all the functions of our hostel. They add sparking colours to each event of the hostel with their fabulous 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”- Mortimer J. Adler

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

MESS COMMITTEE

“Food is the ingredient that binds us together”

The mess committee with Sr. Victoria 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. They also take special interest in insisting the students not to waste food.

CLEANLINESS COMMITTEE

“When your environment is clean you feel happy, motivated and healthy” –Lailah Gifty.

The members of the cleanliness committee are in charge of maintaining a clean campus. They visit the rooms of students periodically to check the cleanliness of the room and make 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 surroundings clean and tidy and disperse the waste in separate dustbins especially for degradable and non degradable waste.

FLOOR REPRESENTATIVES

“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a moulder of consensus”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Acknowledging the various services rendered by the students, a day out is planned for all the committee members and representatives in the month of February 2020.

LANGUAGE TRAINING COMMITTEE

“The conquest of learning is achieved through knowledge of languages”- Roger Bacon

To help students develop fluency in English and to equip them face interview, spoken English is being taught to interested students by language enchanter's group who have the desire to light the candles of others with their light. Classes are conducted every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 6 and 7 P.M. The trainers and the trainees deserve accolades.

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 for 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 of 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 on the theme of the year was given by Rev. Bro. Kulandhai Arul SHJ. The talk inspired the youth, by throwing light on the zeal, vision and dedicated work required for goal achievement and success in all walks of life.

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 19 students have scored first rank, 10 students scored second rank in their studies in the semester exams.

FACILITIES

The hostel provides 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. Rewiring of Loretta, Mary's Own and Madonna blocks were done during the summer holidays. Realising the energy crisis, the hostel management has installed an additional 8 Kilowatt on-grid solar power with the already existing 10.5 KW solar power that converts the solar energy into electricity, the natural power generation which will lead to energy conservation. All the blocks of the hostel is equipped with RO water system. 500 new chairs were purchased to facilitate better seating facility during common functions.

Mosquito mesh is fixed in the blocks of Loretta and Vimalita. To ensure safe and secured stay of students, the entire campus and all the blocks are equipped with CCTV cameras. One more Rain water harvesting sump has been constructed near the kitchen during the year. The washing area behind Amalita has been modified and we have also kept washing machines available for the students in pay & use mode. An musical key board for the use of choir and a LCD projector for outdoor seminar and entertainment purpose has been purchased. A beautiful kitchen garden is made and maintained by Sr. Victoria with the help of our co-workers. More than fifty trees were planted in the campus during the year.

CO-WORKERS

Regular meeting with staff members enable them to have better understanding and bring out their best into their area of work. Before starting the day's work, the staff members gather at

the grotto of Our Lady for their prayer which helps them to grow in God consciousness. On 10th of November, an outing was organized for all the staff members to Amaravathi Dam, Aliyar Dam, Thirumoorthi falls near Coimbatore. It was a day of refreshment and relaxation and it helped them to deepen the relationship with one another.

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others.” -Cicero

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 Sr. Lavanya for making arrangements in the Chapel for daily Mass.

I express my appreciation to Rev. Fr. Lourdu CSSR, our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Arulandham, the Director, Sathangai, Rev. Fr. Maria Michael, V.F and Parish Priest, Christ the King Parish, Rev.Fr. Cruz and Rev. Fr. Edward, Assistant Parish Priest Christ the King Church, Rev. Fr.Maria Selvam, Assistant Headmaster, St. Britto Hr.Sec.School, Gnanaolivupuram, Rev. Fr. Rudolf, Rev. Fr. Magilchi and Rev.Fr. Thomas CMF from St.John's Matriculation Hr. Secondary School, Kochadai, Rev. Fr. Arulayan Rev Fr. George Raja.SJ from St. Sebastian's church, Ellisnagar , Fr. Jesu Nesam SJ, Fathers from Bishop house specially Fr. Adaikala Raj, who are always available for 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.Bala Subrahman, Suba Ram Hospital, Dr. Venkteswaran and Dr. Mrs. Radha Rukmani, Sakthi hospital, and Doctors in 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 gratitude and appreciation to Sr.Francis Pauline, the co-ordinator of our community Sr.Victoria, Sr.Stella and Ms. Suganya, 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.Shobhana, Ms. Uma Maheswari, Ms. Girija, Ms Maria and Ms.Nancy 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.

In essence, Fatima Hostel life has benefitted the young women here by bringing and nurturing all round development who would go out into the world to make a sure difference. The spark is lit; they are bright, intruding into the minds of young women here, which will illumine the darkness in every part of the nation and in every part of the world.

Thank you one and thank you all. May God be Praised!

