



Fatima College Hostel
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“Good company in a journey makes the way seem shorter”

Izaak Walton

Life in a hostel makes a student self dependent. It makes her smart, active and disciplined. It gives the students an ample chance to learn how to lead an independent, interdependent and responsible life. It plays a vital role in the development of the personality of the students. Students of different personalities, characters, family background, habits and tastes live together under the same roof

Yet another successful year has passed in the annals of Fatima College Hostel. We have 995 energetic and aspiring young women residing in the hostel. They hail from 23 districts of Tamilnadu, few students are from Pondichery, Kerala, Maharashtra and Andaman. The hostel administration is mainly managed by Sr. Bindu, Sr. Victoria, Sr. Biji, Sr. Jenita and Sr. Hepsy assisted by Ms. Arul Fatima, Ms. Girija and Mrs. Kavitha. The office bearers, M. Kavya Shree – III B.A. English, E.Perarasi Ilakiya – II BSc Physics, A.Nirmala Anandhi – II MA English and K.Janany – I BSC IT 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. 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 and slow learners to excel in their academics. 167 deserving students have been given concession for the hostel fee this year to the tune of Rs.14 Lakhs. I am grateful to all my hostel committee members for supporting the cause of the poor.

Formation of Committees

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." *Ronald Reagan*

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 women for others in the future society. Kudos to all the student leaders as they have exhibited commendable teamwork.

Liturgy committee

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at his disposition, and listening to his voice in the depth of our hearts"

We started our journey for this academic year, by imploring showers of blessings from God with a meaningful prayer service conducted by Sr.Jenita. We had a special Eucharistic celebration imploring Holy Spirit on July 10, 2016 followed by blessing of the hostel buildings. To begin the day in the divine presence, devotional songs are played every day morning followed by a short prayer and Eucharistic celebration. Every day evening at 8.30 pm we have a short prayer followed by the study hour. 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 the Rosary every evening in devotion to Mother Mary. Special prayer services are conducted on special occasions like Deepavali, Christmas, Pongal and Birthday 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 take part irrespective of their religion. On October 7, 2016 we organised a special Rosary in the Chapel as we commemorated the feast of our lady of Rosary. We also had a special prayer service on our founder's day. The prayerful atmosphere in the hostel helps us to be united with God and to experience His presence.

Cultural committee

“Art is the overflow of emotions into action” - Brain Raif

Cultural committee under the direction of Rev. Dr. Biji 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 a feeling of oneness among them. On this occasion, our secretary Rev. Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora delivered inspiring message and shared her insights. She especially motivated the freshers to engage themselves both in academic and effective endeavors which will enable them to meet opportunities and challenges of managing day today living. The Bible quiz was conducted on 15.12.2016 by Rev. Dr. Peter Roy, in a creative manner. It was good to see the enthusiastic preparation and participation of our blooming buds in the Bible quiz competition. As a preparation to celebrate Christmas, we had the carols and crib competition on December 17 and 18. The theme for the crib completion was “Thirst of the earth”. The students brought out their creativity and imagination both in crib and carol singing competitions. Christmas celebration was organized in our campus on 22 December 2016 with cultural programs and other meaningful entertainment. Rev. Dr. Stephan, director, Madhamaiyam gave an inspiring message on the importance of Christmas and asked the students few questions related to Christmas and widen their knowledge.

Sports Committee

“Champions keep playing until they get it right” – Billie Jean King

The sports committee organized kho-kho, throw ball, relay and badminton competitions . They worked persuasively through selection to final, which not only helped the students to gauge their sportive spirit. The students are encouraged to play every day, in the hostel play ground to enhance their physical wellbeing.

Magazine Committee

“Writing makes an exact man”-Francis Bacon

Our hostel magazine “Resurrect me: The thirst of the Earth” is the brainchild of the magazine committee, which gives a room for the creative outlet of our students. They update the hostel blog and 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 plays an important role in all the functions in our hostel. Decoration committee adds 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 and decorating stage in all the functions like freshers day, Diwali, Christmas etc.,. 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

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

Mortimer J. Adler

The committee ensures a peaceful atmosphere during the evening prayers. Apart from this, they take care of discipline during various cultural activities or any gathering. 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

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness”

The members of cleanliness committee are in charge of maintaining a neat and clean Campus. They visit the rooms of all students weekly, and make note of their cleanliness. They take the necessary steps to create a plastic free and clean environment in our hostel campus and to motivate the students in maintaining clean and neat environment.

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 also they help the cleanliness committee to make sure their respective floor is kept clean.

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 all students of the hostel. She shared her personal experiences with the students which enriched them to make use of various opportunities that is being provided by the College and hostel and to grow as a responsible citizen. On 22nd September, Rev. Fr.Rufus SJ from Arul Anandar College, Karumathur enriched the students through his session on “Journey towards my goal”. His sharing gave a push to the students, to be focused on the goal and purpose of their life. When focus is clear journey becomes easier. His message enlightened the students to have the desire to attain their goal. Wardens take effort to meet the students periodically in different groups and interact with them, instill in them good values and evaluation is being done frequently for the betterment of the hostel. This gives

the students an opportunity to express their view for the development of the students and to help them to have a good rapport with the hostel administration. A debate was conducted on “media is a boon or ban”, moderated by Rev.Sr.Amala, St.Joseph Convent. It was an eye opener for everybody. It helped the students to understand how the media can be a blessing to individuals and the societies and how it has to be used properly, when the media is not used rightly how it can badly affect the life of the individual. Students were given opportunity to reflect and to express their view. Everyone appreciated this effort.

Monitored study hours of the students and continual follow-up of their scores in internals and externals help our students to excel academically. 10 students have scored first rank, 3 students scored second rank and 6 students have scored third rank in their studies in first, third and fifth semesters during this academic year. Around 35 students from hostel were placed through campus placement in various companies and schools. 30 of our first year students have willingly joined in the group of friends of Fr.Medaille. They visit the neighboring families and conduct prayers along with our lay associates.

During the season of Christmas, students expressed their desire to share their joy with the less fortunate in the society. For this purpose, students generously contributed and the amount was to the tune of Rs.15,000/-. This amount was used to help the prisoner’s to get spectacles and mentally challenged and old age people in Mother Theresa Home. The visit inculcated in the students a feeling of gratefulness to God for the gift of life and the opportunities that they enjoy in their life. The students who were privileged to visit these both places learnt that our joy is doubled when we dare to care and share ourselves. The students were happy to give a beautiful entertainment program in Prison on October 2nd (Gandhi Jayanthi) and December 20th (Christmas Program).

Facilities

The hostel provides a serene atmosphere and clean surroundings to the students for their study and stay. The completion new dining halls have become a blessing to the students. . Around twenty bathing rooms have been constructed and some of the existing washrooms and wash basins were modified with tiles. BSNL smart card system has helped the students to have constant communication with their family members. Fifteen phone have installed in different blocks. To monitor the movements of the students, CCTV cameras have been

fixed in the campus and in the blocks too. Students make use of the Play ground well, which help them to become physically fit and to be relaxed. Office is modified to have more privacy for the students to meet the warden sisters. Acqua water facility is given in different places even in some of the blocks too. A home theater is getting ready with LCD projector connected to HD set box for the students to watch T.V programs. More number of stone benches have constructed. Wash room is constructed for the visitors of the students.

Co-Workers

Regular meetings with the staff members help to have a better understanding and bring out their best into their area of work. Sr.Victoria conducts prayers for the staff, which helps them to grow in God consciousness. On November 11, a tour was organized for all the co-workers to Soorily, Kumbakara and Vaigai dam. It was a pleasant time to relax and it helped them to deepen their relationship with one another. Christmas celebration for our staff was held on Dec 23, 2016 with a beautiful prayer service by Sr. Victoria and snacks were distributed to them.

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

In all achievements, there is a significant 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.Fatima Mary for her constant support and valuable suggestions for the smooth running of the hostel. Gratefully I remember Rev.Dr. Francisca Flora, 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 care and concern shown in the growth of the students. Special thanks to Sr.Princilla 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.Maria Michel, V.F and Parrish Preast Christ the King Parrish, Rev. Fr.Anbu Assistant Parrish Preast Christ the

King Church, Rev. Fr. Maria Selvam, Assistant Headmaster, St. Britto Hr. Sec. School, Gnanaolivupuram, Rev. Fr. Rudolf, Rev. Fr. Victor and Rev. Fr. Thomas CMF from St. John's Matriculation Hr. Secondary School, Kochadai, Rev. Fr. Arulrayan from Ellisnagar Church and fathers from Loyola Technical Institute, Gnanaolivupuram, who are always ready to participate in the spiritual formation of the students, Fathers from Bishop house, Britto School and Palotain father from Thirunagar. 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. Venkateswaran 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 appreciation to Sr. Victoria, Sr. Biji, Sr. Jenita and Sr. Hepsy, for their generous 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. Arul Fatima, Ms. Girija and Ms. Kavitha 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.
