



FATIMA COLLEGE

HOSTEL

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“The Best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched.

They must be felt with the heart” – Helen Keller.

One best thing in life as humans we enjoy is relationship. The relationships built in love energise us and rejuvenate us especially in moments when we feel down in emotions. It does not matter that we need to be connected to the other through family bond to develop relationship. When we are in acquaintance with someone for awhile, there is mutual trust created between us and we start to develop a relationship. This relationship has many names such as friendship, brotherhood, fraternity and at times leads to creating our own family. Staying together and helping each other is a part of our Indian culture that flows from our joint family system.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers:

None goes his way alone:

All that we send into the lives of others

Comes back onto our own. - Edwin Markham

Life is very beautiful to live in fraternity. Life in Fatima hostel gives such wonderful memories to cherish for the one who has passed this way even after many years. Although as strangers they enter in to Fatima campus, it does not take much time for them to a close connectedness. The bond of friendship that exists with each other wipes away their heaviness of being away from home. The fun, support, encouragement, unity and belongingness surpass all their differences based on economic status, religion, caste and linguistics.

Parents are very particular and prefer to put their girl in Fatima Hostel although there are many hostels around Fatima College. What makes Fatima Hostel unique is the best atmosphere that exists in the campus. Besides the safety and security of the students, and their academic excellence, the Hostel administration takes utmost care in the all round formation in the physical, psychological, spiritual and personality development. Hostel life is the best life which changes the life style of a student. A new life starts here where they enjoy the little thing in their life. One day as they look back, they realize that the hostel life is the best thing ever happened in their life.

Yet another successful year has passed in the history of Fatima College Hostel. We have 870 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. We also have 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. Jenita, Sr. Bindu, Sr. Victoria, Sr.Vinnarasi and Miss Suganya, the associate of our congregation, assisted by Ms.Shobhana, Ms.Ramya, Ms. Uma Maheswari Ms. Girija and Ms Valarmathi. The office bearers, Ms S.Nivedha Priyadharshini of III B.A English, Ms M.Pavithra of II M.A.English Ms C.Johxy of II B.Sc Physics and Ms Amrisha Bavatharani of I B.Com CA along with the wardens enhance the smooth functioning of the hostel. They act as a 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.

On 17th June the hostel was reopened for the new academic year. There was Parent's Meeting on that day for the 2nd, 3rd and 2nd PG students. On 19th June the parents meeting was held for the 1st year students. Sr. Celine Sahaya Mary, principal, Sr. Fransica Flora, Secretary and Sr.Jenita, the director of the hostel addressed the gathering. There was a special address to the parents on the topic "Happy Parenting" by Rev. Fr. Jeyaseelan CMF, a professional person in counselling psychology.

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 have been given concession for the hostel fee this year to the tune of Rs.13,50,000/-. I am grateful to all my hostel committee members for supporting the cause of the poor. We also find some benefactors who generously help the poor students financially and number of poor students benefit out of it. Our sincere thanks are due to each one of them.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

"Leaders become great not because of their power but because of their ability to empower others" John Maxwell

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 21st July there was a leadership training programme by Sr. Vinnarasi 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

*"You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths overflow with plenty." Psalm 65:11*

The academic year was started with a beautiful prayer service invoking the blessing of God by the Liturgy Committee. On 27th June, we had the Holy spirit mass in our hostel premises celebrated by Rev. Frs. JeyaRaj and Prabeen SDB during which the outpouring of gift and fruits of the Holy Spirit were invoked on the students and staff. After the mass the entire hostel campus was blessed.

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 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. 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.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

“Team work makes the dream work”

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 arts. A colourful cultural programme was hosted on fresher's day by the seniors to welcome their juniors, which created a feeling of oneness among them. On this occasion, the chief guest Rev. Sr. Francisca Flora, the secretary 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 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 2018, where in a beautiful prayer service was conducted bringing out the meaning of the festival followed by a cultural program. 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. Britto Packia Raj, Parish Priest Rosary Church gave a beautiful message stressing the importance of loving, caring and sharing. We had crib competition on 16th December based on the theme 'sahodharthuva samudhayam padaithida', the students brought out their creativity and imagination and depicted the theme very well. Many groups participated in the carol singing competition conducted on 18th December.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

“The Harder the battle, the sweeter the Victory”. - Les Brown

The sports committee organized various competitions like throw ball, kho-kho, 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

“Don’t wait for the perfect moment; take the moment and make it perfect” –Zoey Sayward

Magazine committee of our hostel is very active and energetic. Our hostel magazine – **Fatimite- A fraternal community builder**, 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 page.

DECORATION COMMITTEE

“You can’t use up creativity; the more you use, the more you have” Maya Angelou

Decoration committee plays 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

“Quality of life in itself creates a new order in consciousness”

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 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

“Nourishment means a quality of life; Consistency in the way we treat ourselves”

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

“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 weekly 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

“The role of leader is not to have all the ideas, it is to create the culture where everyone can have ideas and feel they are valued” – Collin Powell

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

Acknowledging the various services rendered by the students, an outing was organised for all the committee members and representatives to Rameshwaram on 8th December 2018. It was an enjoyable experience to all. It also deepened our relationship with one another.

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 to motivate the youth was held on 8th August 2018 by Rev. Fr. Xavier Antony on the topic “Handle life with care”. He quoted the life of inspirational personalities like Mother Theresa and former president Honourable Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam and inspired the students to achieve substantial heights in life using one’s ability and talents. He also said that the wisdom and the experience of the parents need to be listened to, which will lead us in the right path. On 18th September 2018 there was a social awareness cum dance program “Theenda, Theenda” by a dance troop “Virali” facilitated by Fr. Anbarasu SJ, Arul Anandar College. This program dealt on the theme “Honour Killing” that resulted due to the caste based division among the people.

On 21st November 2018, Dr. Janet Vasantha, Principal of Madurai Institute of Social Service also a professional counsellor gave an inspiring talk on character formation. Live a life with good values which will lead to ultimate happiness. We were touched by her inspiring sharing with life experience. She insisted on watching over our thinking patterns which will become our words and that eventually becomes our actions and life pattern. On the 25th November a debate competition was conducted in our hostel on the topic “Women Harassment – who is to be blamed the Victim or Victimiser?” Students participated in the event actively and their clarity of thought with high societal thinking was very much appreciated by all the onlookers. Mr. Madurai Voice Christo moderated the debate.

During the month of November the Hostel Management provided Nilavembu Kasayam to the students on alternative days as precaution for preventing Dengue and other monsoon related sicknesses.

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 9 students have scored first rank, 10 students scored second rank and 6 students have scored third rank in their studies in first, third and fifth semesters respectively.

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. Realising the energy crisis, the hostel management has installed an 8 Kilowatt on-grid solar power system that convert the solar power into electricity, the natural power generation which will lead to energy conservation. A new solar water heating system is installed above the Vimalita block. A green connect biogas plant was installed to produce cooking gas and organic manure which is an effective decentralized waste management solution. This will operate on food and vegetable waste. Mosquito mesh is fixed in the entire blocks of Amalitta and Annunciatta. To ensure the safe and secured stay of students, the entire campus and all the blocks are equipped with CCTV cameras. One more Rain water harvesting has been constructed 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 Kodivery near Coimbatore. It was a day of refreshment and relaxation and it helped them to deepen the relationship with one another.

“The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness.” —Dalai

Lama

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 Lavanya 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 Parish, Rev.Fr. Mathias 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.Victor and Rev.Fr. Thomas CMF from St.John's Matriculation Hr.Secondary School, Kochadai, Rev.Fr.Arulayan from St.Sebastians church Ellisnagar , and fathers from Loyola Technical Institute, Gnanaolivupuram, Fr. Lawrence, Director, MMSS, Fathers from Bishop house specially Fr. Madhan Babu, 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.Bindu, the co-ordinator of our community Sr.Victoria, Sr.Vinnarasi 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.Ramya, Ms. Uma Maheswari Ms. Girija and Ms Valarmathi 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, Fatima life has brought forth some deep insights and takes away that can help the promising youth of our hostel to develop leadership fitness and self management for a better and brighter India.

Thank you one and Thank you all. God Bless You.