

ANNUAL REPORT
LOYOLA MEN'S HOSTEL
2024-2025

With a century of excellence, transformation, and commitment, this year marks a historic milestone for Loyola Men's Hostel (LOHO-100), celebrating 100 years of existence and excellence in education and Transforming Lives. Since its inception, LOHO -100 has been more than just a place of residence. It has been a home away from home, fostering holistic development in students. Over the decades, it has played a crucial role in shaping individuals into responsible citizens by providing them with a strong academic foundation, leadership opportunities, cultural enrichment, spiritual guidance, and social responsibility.

The Centenary Year 2024-2025 has been a time of reflection, celebration, and renewed commitment to the values that LOHO-100 stands for. Through a series of meticulously planned events and activities, the hostel has upheld its mission of creating an inclusive, dynamic, and nurturing environment for students. This report captures the vibrant events, achievements, and milestones that made this centennial academic year truly remarkable.

Administration:

The administration of Loyola Men's Hostel, under the visionary leadership of Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of Loyola Hostel, has been instrumental in providing students with a structured and enriching experience. Assisting him in this noble mission were the Assistant Directors namely Sch. Antony David SJ, Sch. A. Vivekraj SJ, Sch. Antony Rex SJ, Dr. S. Arul Francis, Dr. S. Maria Jesu Raja, Mr. S. Ephrem Wilfred, Mr. M.N.R. Rutheesh, Mr. I. Michael Raj, and Dr. R. Dhiyanesh. LOHO-II operates under the leadership of the Deputy Director Rev. Fr. Justine Emmanuel SJ, with Sch. P. Jacob SJ and Mr. D. Beni Arul as Assistant Directors.

Their dedication ensured smooth hostel administration, fostering an atmosphere of discipline, academic rigor, and community building.

1. Orientation for Assistant Directors:

An orientation program was conducted at LIBA Auditorium on June 13, 2024 for all Assistant Directors of Loyola College hostels. The session, led by Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert SJ, Director of Hostel and Rev. Dr. Joe Arun SJ, Director of LIBA, focused on leadership strategies and handling Gen Z students. A discussion and planning meeting followed, laying the groundwork for the centenary academic year.

2. Hostel Admissions 2024-2025

Admissions for senior UG and PG students took place on June 17 & 18, 2024, while first-year UG students were admitted on June 25, 2024, followed by PG students on July 1, 2024. Around 2,147 students were admitted for the academic year. Parents of first-year UG students were invited to a special orientation session at Sauliere Hall, where Fr. Director introduced the hostel facilities, rules, and regulations.

3. Academic Support & Daily Study Sessions

To help students in their academics, study hours were conducted from 8:30 PM to 10 PM, with Assistant Directors supervising and providing guidance. Special coaching was arranged for students with special needs.

4. Spiritual Formation

Catholic students were encouraged to participate in the weekly Litany service every Tuesday at 08:15 PM in front of the College Church, reinforcing their spiritual connection.

A special Holy Mass with the theme "Transforming Lives" was celebrated on July 08, 2024 with Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson, SJ, Rector of Loyola Campus as the main celebrant invoking divine blessings for a successful academic year. A Holy Spirit Mass was conducted for the LICET Hostel students as the academic year began for the first year students. The Holy Mass was held on September 26, 2024 in front of LICET hostel.

To celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, The hostel was decorated magnificently, and nine-day Novena prayers were conducted leading to the grand feast, followed by a special lunch for students and staff after the mass.

Corpus Christi Procession was conducted in the College campus on October 08, 2024 at 5.30 PM. Hostel students and staff participated in large numbers and took part in the procession. The decoration was done in front of the hostel and petitions were made when the procession arrived.

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Students also participated in large number in the Annual Lenten Penitential Walk to St. Thomas Mount on March 15, 2025.

5. Freshers' Day

With the theme "Nootrandin Naayagane", the Freshers' Day celebration was a grand welcome with moonlight dinner and with event featuring various cultural performances like meme videos, variety entertainment, fusion dance, and a DJ Night on July 11, 2024.

6. Inauguration of Clubs

Several clubs were inaugurated enhance students' personal and social development, including Helen Keller Club (supporting differently-abled friends), Competitive Exam Preparation Group and Folk Arts Team. The club activities were officially launched on July 15, 2024 at 8.30 p.m. in Sauliere Hall in the presence of students of both Loyola Men's Hostel and Loyola Women's Hostel. Thiru. Dheva Baskar was in attendance as the chief guest and he delivered an enlightening speech on the theme "Transcending Career and Transforming Lives". The official Centenary Logo of Loyola Hostel was also launched by the chief guest. The delegates of the academic year were introduced.

7. Year-wise and Block-wise Meetings

A series of meetings were conducted where rules, regulations, and expectations were reinforced by Fr. Director and Assistant Directors throughout the year at various occasions.

8. Sports

Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Cricket, Kabaddi, Table Tennis, Carrom and Chess matches were conducted in various fixtures like batch wise, block wise, seniors vs juniors, Differently-abled, for workers etc. Selection was also held for various games and the students were given practice. A mega Sports fest was conducted on 31st July on account of St. Ignatius feast. Students of Loyola Hostel also participated in Bertram Tournament and Murphy Memorial Tournament, the inter-collegiate Sports events organized by Loyola College and brought laurels to our Hostel.

9. Cultural Performances in Loyola Centenary Celebrations

LOHO's Folk Team delivered an electrifying performance at the Loyola Centenary inaugural function and civic celebrations on July 31 and August 1, 2024.

10. Guest Lectures and Career Guidance

In order to motivate the students, several guest lectures and career guidance programs were organized. A talk on "Early Preparation for Competitive Exams" was delivered by Prof. Abdul Kadhar on August 8, 2024. A motivational talk themed "Vaanam Vasappadum" was given by Thiru. B. Ilangoan IRAS on September 4, 2024. To highlight the importance of early preparations and to guide freshers on exam dynamics in Loyola, A talk on "Dynamics of Loyola Academics" was delivered by Dr. Robert Selvam on October 9, 2024.

11. Social Service & Outreach Programs

As directed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hostel students and staff of Loyola Hostel were gathered on September 16, 2024 in front of the Hostel office and took Social Justice Day Pledge. A mega Blood Donation camp was organized as a part of Loyola Centennial Celebration by

Loyola Alumni Association in Sauliere Hall & Students' Common Room on December 05, 2024. Director, Assistant Directors, Staff members, co-workers and students participated in large numbers and donated blood.

12. Blanket Distribution

The decade old tradition of distributing Blankets to the platform dwellers and poor people was conducted on December 14, 2024. Students had contributed a sum of Rs. 2,34,827/- + 57 blankets. The students, encouraged by Fr Director and accompanied by the Assistant Directors, went across the city and distributed blankets. It was a great opportunity for the students to reach the unreached and to feel the joy of giving during the Christmas Eve.

13. Cultural Events and Entertainments

A two-phase Terra Talents – Cultural Extravaganza was conducted between September 2024 and January 2025 with variety of events like Creative Writing in Tamil & English, JAM, Tamil Oration, Drawing Competition, Junk art, Thirukkural recitation, Mono-acting, Movie Review, Radio Jockey, Adzap, Mime, Street Theatre, Tamil & English Debate, Meme Creation, IPL Auction, Dance, Singing and Mr. LOHO with a Grand Finale on January 6, 2025. A karaoke night was organized in Loyola Hostel on September 05, 2024 (Thursday) in the Open area in front of Sauliere Hall at 08.30 PM. Students were encouraged to bring karaokes of the song and they were encouraged to sing the song and lead the audience. More than fifteen students including special students sang different songs and entertained their friends. Refreshments were served at the end.

14. Special Festivities & Celebrations

In order to promote pluralism and amicable co-existence, various festivals were celebrated like Ayudha Pooja Celebration in October 14, 2024, Diwali celebration with Special Dinner on October 23, 2024, Pongal Celebrations with traditional games and special dinner with delicious Pongal on January 9, 2025, Christmas & New Year Moonlight Dinner on December 15, 2024.

15. Inauguration of Sauliere Centennial Park

To mark the 100 years of existence of excellence, Sauliere Centennial Park was blessed and inaugurated on January 06, 2025. An introduction regarding the chronology of LOHO was given along with the welcome address. Rev. Fr Rector blessed and inaugurated the park at 07:00 PM in the presence of other Jesuits, Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, co-workers and students. The contractor of the Jose construction was also honoured for their support. The ceremony came to an end with a Vote of thanks and group photo session.

16. Installation of New Generator

A new electric power generator was installed in LOHO on November 15, 2024. A prayer was conducted and it was blessed by Rev. Fr Rector in the presence of Fr Director, Assistant Directors, Office members, co-workers and installation team members. It was brought to use during power shut downs for the welfare of the students.

17. Workers Trip

All the workers of the Hostel were taken on a rejuvenation trip to Ooty and Mettupalayam accompanied by Fr Director, Fr Deputy Director and Assistant Directors. The trip began on October 10, 2024 in the Evening by bus and they returned on October 13, 2024 by Morning. They visited various places like Karnataka Garden, Pykara lake, Boat House, etc. on the first day and Black Thunder on the second day. Everyone enjoyed and got rejuvenated during the trip.

18. LOHO Centenary Magazine

To commemorate the centenary year of LOHO, an open invitation was extended to both current students and alumni, inviting them to share their experiences. These heartfelt contributions were meticulously compiled by the Hostel Editorial Board, whose unwavering dedication and countless hours of effort brought this collection to life. This special compilation will be officially released during the Hostel Day celebration, marking a significant milestone in our shared journey.

19. Inauguration of Co-workers' Residential Block

Loyola management remains committed to the well-being of its hostel co-workers. As part of this effort, a dedicated residential building was constructed to provide them with comfortable and secure accommodation. This facility was officially inaugurated on **March 19, 2025**, marking a significant step in enhancing their living conditions and overall welfare.

20. Loyola Hostel Day

A thanks giving Eucharist with the theme of “Maatrathin Karuvigalaagida” was conducted on March 21, 2025 at teakwood garden having Rev. Dr Antony Robinson SJ, Rector as the main celebrant. Prize distribution ceremony was held followed by the Mass. Centenary Loyola Hostel Day was celebrated on March 22, 2025. Rev. Fr Jebamalai irudayaraj SJ, Provincial was in attendance as the Chief Guest and Shri. K. Lakshminarayanan, Hon’ble Minister, Govt of Puducherry was the guest of honour. Former Directors, Dignitaries, Assistant Directors, staff members, delegates, alumni stakeholders, longest serving staff and winners of various events were honoured. After the felicitations, a mega cultural expo was exhibited by the students of Loyola Hostel.

21. Farewell

Loyola Hostel organized a farewell celebration for the outgoing students on March 29, 2025 at Teakwood garden with a theme of “Idhayangalil Ini”. After the prayer and welcome address, three student representatives shared their experiences and enthralling journey with LOHO. Junior students entertained the seniors with songs and dance. Rev. Dr A. Louie Albert SJ, Director address the students and expressed his note of gratitude. The event came to an end with DJ Night.

As Loyola Men's Hostel completes a glorious century, we reflect on its profound impact on thousands of students who have walked through its doors. This centenary year has been a testament to the unwavering spirit of Loyola, celebrating its legacy of academic excellence, personal growth, and social responsibility. As we step into the next century, LOHO remains committed to transforming lives, fostering a harmonious learning environment, pluralism, and

nurturing leaders of tomorrow. With faith, unity, and an enduring commitment to excellence, we look forward to another century of success and service to society.

Long Live, LOHO!


