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CENTENARY MAGAZINE

A TAPESTRY OF HOSTEL MEMORIES OF THE CENTURY

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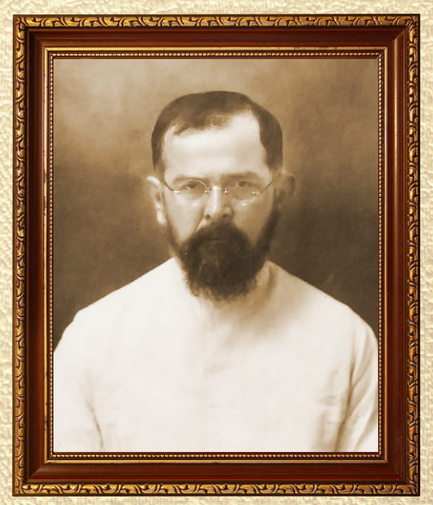

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PREFACE

Loyola Men's Hostel: A Century of Transformation

With profound pride and heartfelt gratitude, we present this Centenary Edition of the Loyola Men's Hostel Magazine, a testament to a century of transformative growth, camaraderie, and excellence. This historic milestone is not merely a celebration of time but a reflection on the enduring legacy of Loyola Men's Hostel, which has nurtured generations of young men, molding them into responsible individuals dedicated to service, integrity, and leadership.

For a century, Loyola Men's Hostel has transcended its role as a residence, becoming a sanctuary where character is forged, friendships are cultivated, and the minds of young men are prepared to confront the challenges of life. Grounded in the Jesuit ethos of holistic education, this hostel has instilled discipline, intellectual curiosity, and a profound sense of social responsibility within its hallowed corridors. The legacy of this institution is deeply intertwined with the experiences of thousands of students who have traversed its halls and the Jesuits and administrators who have guided them.

This special edition of the Centenary Magazine serves as a poignant testament to these lived experiences-a collection of narratives from alumni, former directors, and Jesuit mentors who have shaped and been shaped by Loyola Men's Hostel. Through captivating stories, reflective essays, and rare archival photographs, this magazine endeavors to rekindle the spirit of this institution, bridging the past with the present and inspiring the future.

A Personal Odyssey of Learning and Growth

I am deeply moved by the profound impact this institution has had on the lives of its students and all who have had the privilege of being associated with it. As an Assistant Director for more than a decade, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of this hostel in shaping young minds into compassionate, responsible individuals. The invaluable lessons imparted by the students-of resilience, ambition, and the significance of community-have profoundly influenced my personal and professional growth.

Loyola Men's Hostel serves as a microcosm of life itself, fostering the convergence of students from diverse backgrounds who engage in shared experiences and cultivate enduring friendships. Within its walls, education transcends traditional academic settings, encompassing the profound lessons learned through late-night discussions, the strength of friendships, the silent teachings of discipline, and the shared triumphs and struggles of its residents. Loyola Men's Hostel has consistently been a bastion where values are not merely imparted but embodied, ensuring that its residents emerge as authentic "men for and with others."

As we commemorate this centenary, we extend our deepest gratitude to those who have been instrumental in sustaining and enriching this legacy.

We owe a profound debt to the former directors whose visionary leadership and unwavering dedication have shaped the hostel's cultural fabric and core values. My sincere appreciation extends to all the Jesuits, whose unwavering faith in my abilities guided my journey as an Assistant Director. I extend my sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Louie Albert, S.J., our esteemed Director, whose unwavering leadership has been instrumental in bringing this magazine to life.

A heartfelt expression of gratitude is also due to Rev. Fr. Jebamalai Raja, S.J., the Provincial; Rev. Fr. Antony Robinson, S.J., the Rector; Rev. Fr. B. Jeyaraj, S.J., the Secretary; and Rev. Fr. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, the Principal, for their unwavering guidance and support in upholding the values and mission of Loyola Men's Hostel.

Furthermore, we honor our alumni and students for their contributions to the institution's legacy.

No celebration of Loyola Men's Hostel would be complete without acknowledging the remarkable alumni who have left an indelible mark in various fields. Their successes serve as a testament to the robust foundation established within these walls. Many of them have shared their experiences in this publication, providing an invaluable glimpse into the transformative impact of their tenure here.

Equally, we extend our sincere gratitude to our current students, whose enthusiasm and contributions have made this celebration truly exceptional. Their articles, reflections, and creative expressions breathe life into the vibrant spirit of Loyola Men's Hostel today, ensuring that its legacy continues to inspire future generations.

Acknowledging the Dedicated Team Behind the Magazine

Assembling a publication of this magnitude is a significant undertaking, and I extend my deepest appreciation to the dedicated team that made it possible.

* Associate-editors: Mr. M.N.R. Rutheesh and Dr. Dhiyanesh, for their meticulous contributions in shaping the content.
* Design and Layout Editors: Mr. Sri Dharshan & Mr. Johan J Jonex whose artistic vision has imbued this magazine with its distinctive aesthetic appeal.
* Photography Editor: Mr. R Shri Krishna, for capturing the essence of hostel life through compelling visuals. Managing Editor: Mr. R Akash, whose unwavering dedication to excellence has been instrumental in the magazine's success.
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* Masiullah Mohammed (Executive Committee Member & Coordinator of Loyola Alumni International) for his efforts in reaching out to our alumni group and facilitating the collection of articles . His support has been invaluable in making this process seamless.

A Vision for the Future

As we honor the past, we must also envision the future. The values that have sustained Loyola Men's Hostel for a century-discipline, camaraderie, service, and academic excellence-must continue to guide the generations to come. The Jesuit ideal of nurturing "men for and with others" remains the cornerstone of our mission. In an ever-evolving world, Loyola Men's Hostel will remain a sanctuary of learning, leadership, and service, empowering young men to shape a more prosperous future for themselves and society.

Closing Thoughts

This centenary magazine transcends mere recollections, embodying the indomitable spirit of Loyola Men's Hostel. As we stand at this pivotal moment, I am humbled to have been a part of this extraordinary odyssey. Loyola Men's Hostel shall forever serve as a sanctuary that nurtures character, forges enduring friendships, and instills a profound sense of purpose within all who enter its hallowed gates.

On this auspicious occasion, I extend my most heartfelt wishes to our esteemed students, alumni, faculty, and well-wishers. May Loyola Men's Hostel continue to serve as a paragon of transformation, guiding generations of young men toward excellence, compassion, and service to the greater good.

With profound gratitude,

Dr S. Arul Francis

Editor-in-Chief

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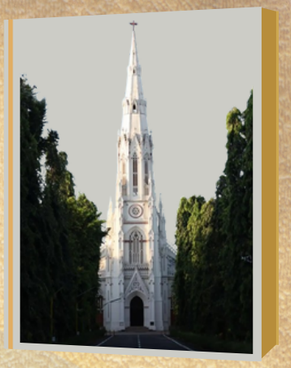

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Felicitation by the Provincial

Rev. Dr Jebamalai Irudayaraj, S. J.
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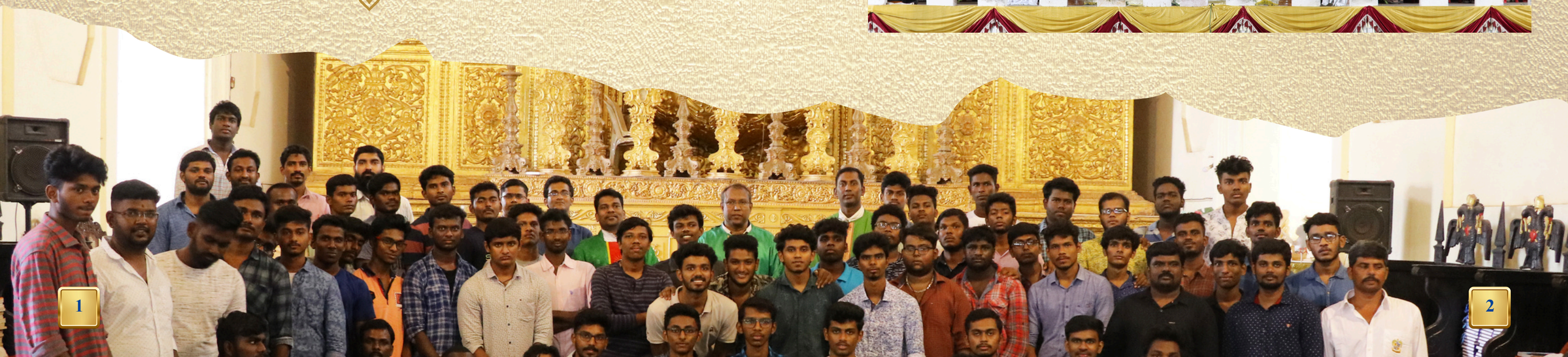
As we commemorate the momentous centenary of Loyola College and eventually the Loyola Men's Hostel, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable journey of a century. This milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication of the Jesuit community, the administrators, staff, parents and most importantly, the countless students who have called Loyola home.

For a hundred years, this institution has been a beacon of light, nurturing minds, fostering character, and empowering generations to be men and women for others. The Loyola Men's Hostel, in particular, has been a nurturing space, a home away from home, where students have forged lifelong friendships, learned invaluable lessons, and grown into responsible citizens.

I commend the administrators, past and present, for their selfless service and commitment to upholding the Jesuit values of excellence, compassion, and social justice. Your dedication has shaped the lives of countless young men, equipping them to face the challenges of the world with courage and integrity.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also look to the future with hope and renewed vigor. May Loyola College and the Loyola Men's Hostel continue to be a place where dreams are realized, where knowledge is pursued, and where values are instilled. May God bless this institution and all those who are part of its rich legacy.



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The Director's Centenary Message

Rev. Dr A. Louie Albert, S.J.
Director

With profound joy and gratitude, I extend my heartfelt greetings as we celebrate the 100th-year c centenary of Loyola Men's Hostel (LoHo). This milestone is not merely a passage of time but a celebration of a legacy-a century of nurturing young minds, shaping leaders, and fostering a spirit of excellence rooted in Jesuit education.For a hundred years, Loyola Men's Hostel has stood as more than a place of residence; it has been a home , a transformative space where students have discovered their purpose, formed lifelong friendships, and imbibed values that define their character. It has been a crucible where individuals have grown intellectually, morally, and spiritually, preparing themselves to serve society with integrity and compassion. Generations of Loyolites have carried the essence of this institution into the world, upholding the ideals of excellence, service, and justice.

The Jesuit philosophy of **cura personalis-care for the whole person-**has been at the heart of everything we do. Loyola Men's Hostel has not only provided a structured and disciplined environment but has also cultivated a deep sense of responsibility, leadership, and fraternity. It has been a melting pot of cultures and perspectives, shaping individuals into well-rounded citizens committed to making a difference. The Jesuit educational framework has ensured that students leave not only with academic laurels but with the wisdom and strength to face life's challenges with courage and conviction.

As we celebrate this historic occasion, I express my profound gratitude to the visionaries who laid the foundation of this great institution and to the countless individuals who have upheld its values over the years . I extend my sincere appreciation to our Provincial , Rev. Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj L S. J., our Rector , Rev. Dr Antony Robinson S.J, our Secretary , Rev. Dr B. Jeyaraj S.J. and our Principal, Rev. Dr A. Louis Arockiaraj S. J., for their unwavering support and guidance. Their leadership and dedication have ensured that Loyola Men's Hostel continues to be a beacon of excellence and transformation.

A special note of appreciation to the Centenary Magazine Team for their relentless efforts in bringing out this commemorative edition. Your dedication to capturing the essence of LoHo 100 in these pages is truly commendable. This magazine stands as a testament to the history, legacy, and aspirations of Loyola Men's Hostel, preserving its cherished memories for generations to come.

As we step into the next century, let us reaffirm our commitment to the ideals that have shaped Loyola Men's Hostel into what it is today. To the current residents, embrace the Jesuit principles, uphold the values instilled in you, and strive for excellence in all that you do. To our esteemed alumni, your journey began here, but your bond with LoHo remains eternal. I invite you to continue being a part of this community, to guide and inspire future generations with the wisdom and experiences you have gained over the years.

This centenary celebration is a reflection of the strength of our community, the dedication of our mentors, and the unbreakable bond that unites us as Loyolites. May God continue to bless Loyola Men's Hostel and all who have been a part of this incredible journey. May LoHo remain forever a place where young men find wisdom, friendship, and the true purpose of life.

Felicitation by the Rector

Rev. Dr Antony Robinson, S.J.

With a heart full of gratitude and joy, I extend my special blessings to Loyola Hostel as it completes a glorious century of existence. This hostel has not merely been a shelter for students but a vibrant space where young minds are nurtured, character is strengthened, and values are instilled. As a cornerstone of Jesuit education, Loyola Hostel has played an instrumental role in shaping individuals who have excelled in diverse fields while remaining grounded in the principles of integrity, compassion, and service.

One of the greatest strengths of Loyola Hostel has been its ability to create a deep sense of belonging among students. Here, individuals from different backgrounds have come together, learned from one another, and forged lifelong bonds of friendship and mutual respect. The camaraderie and discipline that this institution fosters have been pivotal in shaping well-rounded individuals who embody the Jesuit ethos of "men and women for others."

As we look back on a century of excellence, it is essential to recognize the sacrifices and dedication of the Jesuit fathers, administrators, staff, students, parents and alumni who have contributed tirelessly to its success. Their commitment has ensured that Loyola Hostel remains a sanctuary of learning, faith, and holistic development. As we embark on the next hundred years, may this institution continue to thrive as a beacon of excellence, providing students with the guidance, knowledge, and values they need to illuminate the world. May God's blessings be upon Loyola Hostel today and always.

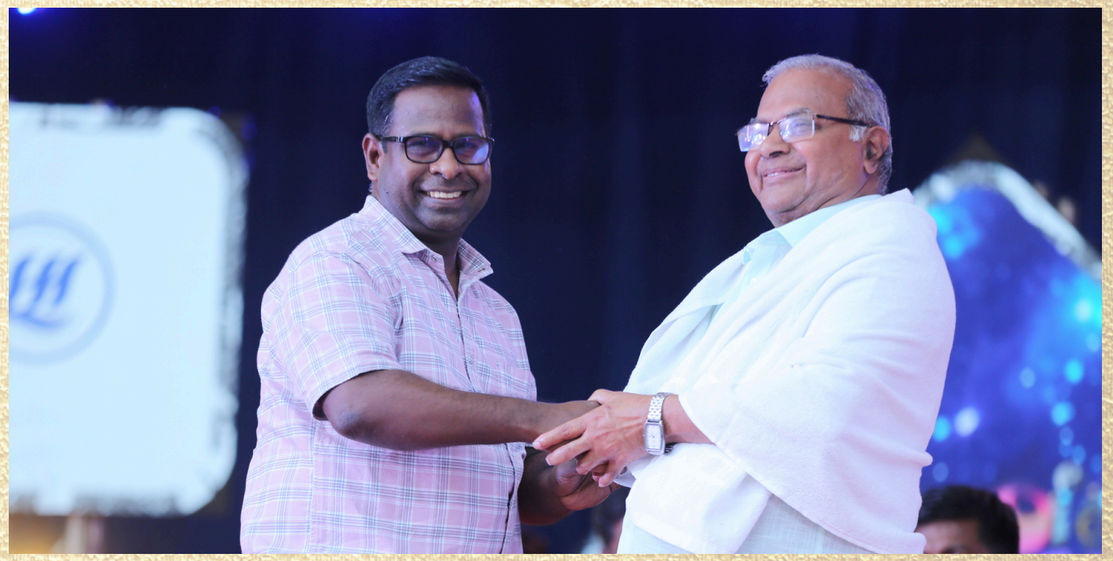
Felicitation by the Secretary

Rev. Dr B. Jeyaraj, S.J.

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt felicitations to Loyola Hostel (LOHO-100) as its centenary It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt felicitations to Loyola Hostel as it celebrates its centenary year, a milestone that speaks volumes about its enduring legacy of excellence, discipline, and holistic education. This institution has witnessed generations of students grow into accomplished individuals, carrying forward the spirit of Loyola into the world. Today, as we commemorate a hundred years of nurturing young minds, we also celebrate the spirit of resilience, learning, and transformation that defines this hostel.

Loyola Hostel has always been more than just a place to reside. It has been a melting pot of cultures, ideas, and aspirations. The experiences gained here whether through intellectual discussions, sports, or moments of quiet reflection, have shaped individuals into strong, ethical leaders who continue to leave their mark on society. The values of responsibility, cooperation, and self-discipline that students imbibe here become the guiding force of their professional and personal journeys.

This landmark achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of the former and present Hostel administration, stakeholders and our students whose relentless efforts have made Loyola Hostel a place of growth and transformation. We also owe a great deal to our distinguished alumni who continue to inspire us with their contributions in various fields. As we embark on the next phase of this remarkable journey, let us renew our commitment to upholding the values that make Loyola Hostel an institution of distinction. May its legacy continue to shine for centuries to come.



Felicitation by the Principal

Rev. Dr A. Louis Arockiaraj, S.J.

A centenary is not just a measure of time but a reflection of a rich heritage, an unwavering commitment to excellence, and a community that has thrived for generations. Loyola Hostel, in its hundred-year journey, has exemplified the very essence of holistic education, where academic rigor meets personal growth, and discipline merges with camaraderie. It is an honor to witness this grand milestone, knowing that the hostel has been instrumental in shaping individuals who carry the spirit of Loyola across the globe.

Beyond academics, Loyola Hostel has fostered an environment that encourages leadership, resilience, and a sense of purpose. Many of its alumni have become trailblazers in their respective fields, crediting their formative years in the hostel for instilling in them the confidence to dream and achieve. The hostel has been a crucible of experiences with late-night study sessions, engaging debates, spiritual reflections, and friendships that last a lifetime. These moments shape the moral fiber of students and prepare them for the greater challenges of the world.

As we celebrate this incredible milestone, I extend my deepest appreciation to the Jesuit fathers, faculty, and staff who have dedicated their time and efforts to sustaining this institution's high standards. To our students and alumni, you are the torchbearers of this rich legacy. May Loyola Hostel continue to stand as a guiding light, nurturing young men of character, wisdom, and service for generations to come. May its next hundred years be even more impactful and inspiring.

LOHO 100 at a Glance

Loyola Hostel (LOHO 100) was established in 1925 and it gracefully steps into 100th year of its existence of excellence in service learning and creating leaders. In her arms, the hostel nurtured luminaries who now adorn prominent positions across the globe. The hostel is more than just a collection of buildings; it is a place that fosters filial bonding, where happy memories are cherished. Its influence on the development of character in early life is enduring. Staying at Loyola Hostel (LOHO - 100) is an exciting and an enlightening experience. It is an energizing opportunity to meet students from different parts of the country, to establish fruitful relationships, to enjoy varied socio-cultural events and to create a meaningful impact on their lives.

Loyola Hostel (LOHO 100) is an entity of Loyola College Society that provides accommodation to boys of UG, PG, and Ph.D. programmes. It is administered by the Society of Jesus. The hostel is governed by the Director along with his team of Assistant Directors.

Our Vision

LOHO 100 pursues the Ignatian hallmarks to perceive God in everyone and be compassionate. It aims to promote holistic formation and learning in order to become responsible persons in society.

Multi-Cuisine Mess Halls

A variety of appetising and hygienic food is served for hostellers and guests at three different mess halls: vegetarian, non-vegetarian & Metro. Also, mineral water plants are available in different places within the campus to provide both hot and cold drinking water.

Counselling / Career Guidance

At LOHO 100, the psychological well-being of the students is profoundly cared for to facilitate a hassle-free learning environment and hence creates a strong mind to carry out academic tasks successfully with proper guidance and counselling services. Career-guided talks are also given to the students in order to strengthen their aspirations and help them choose a better career and programme.

Internet Facilities

The Wi-Fi campus provides free internet access to students 24x7 with high speed for instant references, resources, and research, enhancing their digital learning experience and fostering a tech-driven academic environment.

Scholarships

Deserving students who are socially disadvantaged and physically challenged receive financial support and scholarships to pursue their studies comfortably.

Remedial Programmes

Remedial classes are arranged for students 'who strive for excellence.' They are guided and supported academically by the senior students and Assistant Directors.

Health and Physical Wellbeing

Free medicines and medical services are provided to sick students. Managing a well-equipped gym, indoor and outdoor games facilities are available to cater to the physical fitness of all hostellers.

Reading Room

An exclusive reading room is open to students to update themselves with daily news and interesting information from dailies, books, and magazines. Furthermore, common reading halls are available for the students to have study discussions.

Guest Room

Guest rooms are available for the parents and the guests of the inmates. Students can book the guest rooms in advance by obtaining permission from the Director.

LOHO Shop

A shop is honed within the hostel premises to meet all sorts of stationery and personal requirements of the inmates.

Laundry and Tailoring

There is a salon within the LOHO 100 premises. Besides, the hostellers can make use of laundry facilities which are open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm every day. Also, tailoring is available on the premises to stitch new clothes or mend the old.

Blanket Distribution

Loyola Hostel provides ample opportunities for all the students to get equipped in various fields. One such opportunity is to reach the unreached. Every year, before Christmas, our hostel boys use to go out in the city, search for the poor platform dwellers, the destitute, and the unreached people to provide them with blankets and protect them from the shivering winter.

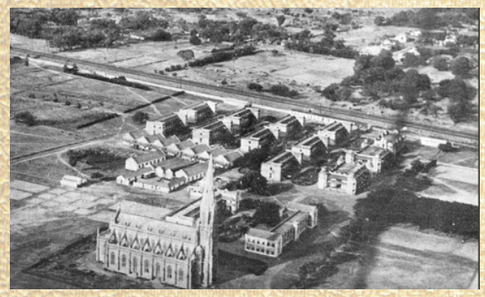
The students, accompanied by the Assistant Directors go out for the distribution at night while the people are on the roads sleeping, and keep the blanket next to them without their notice and leave the place. This sharing of joy brings hope in those people and make them feel that there are human beings with generous hearts around them.

“I learned to give not because I have a lot,
but I know how it feels to have nothing.”

LOHO from 1925 - 2025

A Century of Tradition and Growth

Foundation and Early Development (1925–1938)



Loyola College, established in 1925, aimed to provide students with a structured and conducive living environment through its hostel system. The initial hostel blocks, Aelen and Willingdon, were built with 30 single rooms each, providing individual accommodations while fostering a community-driven atmosphere. The design ensured adequate space, privacy, and a comfortable setting for academics while also promoting social interactions.

Accessibility was initially a challenge before a road was built connecting Sterling Road to the college site. The design of the hostels allowed flexibility, with small rooms convertible into larger spaces by removing partitions. Water supply was a significant concern, and to address it, a deep well was dug to provide a reliable source of clean water. The hostels also included bathing areas and mess halls to cater to student needs.

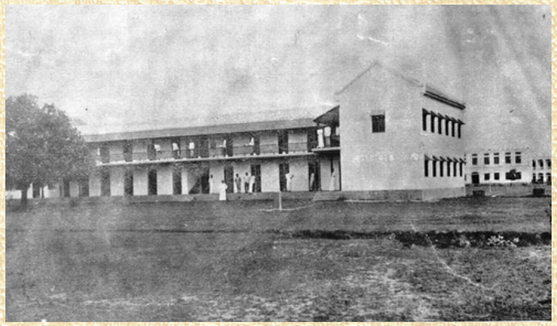
By 1926, an additional block, the Balcony Hostel, was constructed, featuring a unique architectural style with small recesses that could be converted into balconies. This design improved ventilation and allowed more natural light into the rooms. As student numbers increased, the college added six new blocks between 1927 and 1930, designed with two floors and 26 rooms per floor. These blocks were built with pre-cast concrete verandahs to reduce costs and construction time, marking a significant advancement in infrastructure development.

Hostel administration followed a decentralized model, where students managed their own mess sections. By 1928, the number of hostel residents had exceeded 300, necessitating further expansion and improved facilities, including additional mess halls, recreation areas, and expanded water supply systems. Sporting activities such as football, hockey, and cricket were introduced, with dedicated fields to promote physical well-being.

Infrastructure Expansion and Student Life (1939–1978)

Between 1939 and 1978, the college expanded its hostel infrastructure significantly, adding multiple new blocks, including six additional student hostels, bringing the total capacity to over 500 students. Additional blocks were constructed with improved ventilation, better sanitation facilities, and a more optimized space design to enhance the students' living experience.

By 1936, the hostel reached full capacity, housing 400 students, all in single rooms. Efforts were made to ensure comfort by upgrading dormitory designs, improving sanitation systems, and establishing a structured governance system to oversee hostel operations.



Catholics Hostel
Loyola College, Nungambakkam

The hostel community was diverse, comprising students from various regions and cultural backgrounds. This diversity fostered an environment of learning beyond academics. Hostel life was vibrant, with societies and clubs formed based on interests such as fashion, academia, and sports. Cricket became a widely followed sport, and students actively participated in tournaments. Literary and debate clubs flourished, encouraging intellectual discussions and the sharing of ideas.

The hostel mess system evolved to cater to dietary preferences, maintaining up to 12 different mess sections. Each section was student-managed, promoting responsibility and self-governance. The mess halls expanded, accommodating the growing student population, and food quality improved with modernized kitchen facilities.

Challenges during this period included water shortages and health crises. A cholera outbreak in 1933 led to strict sanitation measures, including deepening the hostel well and improving the water supply system. Additional bore wells were dug to supplement the water supply, and hygiene standards were reinforced through regular inspections.

Modernization and Autonomy (1978–2000)

With Loyola College gaining autonomous status in 1978, hostel infrastructure saw significant modernization, including the installation of advanced sanitation systems, improved ventilation, enhanced recreational spaces, and upgraded mess facilities to cater to a growing and diverse student population.

Technological advancements were introduced, including Wi-Fi connectivity, a centralized communication system, and digital record-keeping for hostel management. Mess facilities were further upgraded to accommodate various student preferences, and dedicated health centers were established for medical emergencies. A fully equipped medical bay was introduced to provide round-the-clock healthcare services.

The Loyola Hostel Young Men's Union played a vital role in organizing guest lectures, debates, and cultural programs. One of the most notable events was a lecture by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in 1929, which inspired students to engage in national discourse.

During the 1990s, additional recreational spaces were introduced, including sports fields, common rooms, and study areas. A library extension was established within the hostel premises to encourage academic excellence among residents. Security measures were also enhanced, ensuring the safety of students.

Financial support schemes were improved to ensure hostel accessibility for economically disadvantaged students. Scholarships and subsidies were introduced, making quality hostel accommodation more inclusive. Funding support from alumni networks enabled further development projects, including the addition of computer labs and multimedia centers.

Recent Developments and Present-Day Facilities (2000–2023)

As of 2023, Loyola College hosts approximately 1,500 students across 19 hostel blocks for male students and a dedicated four-storey building for female students, as per the latest official records. The hostels are equipped with modern amenities, including high-speed Wi-Fi, reading rooms, multiple mess halls, and indoor recreational spaces.

The mess facilities now offer a diverse menu catering to various dietary needs, ensuring high-quality and nutritionally balanced meals. The kitchens have been modernized with automated cooking facilities to enhance efficiency and hygiene standards.

To sustain Loyola's hostel legacy, continuous renovations, digitalized hostel management, and enhanced security measures have been implemented. Surveillance systems and biometric entry were introduced to maintain safety standards. Solar energy initiatives have been integrated into hostel facilities to promote sustainability. Additionally, green initiatives such as rainwater harvesting and waste management systems have been implemented to reduce the environmental footprint.

A dedicated grievance redressal system has been established to address student concerns effectively. A counseling center within the hostel premises provides mental health support, academic guidance, and career counseling to ensure the holistic well-being of students.

The hostel system remains a cornerstone of Loyola College, embodying a century of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and holistic student development. With a strong legacy and continuous advancements, the Loyola College Hostel system is poised to serve future generations with the same commitment to excellence that has defined it for nearly a century.

A New Development Era for the Students' Welfare (2023- 2025)

Loyola Hostel then experienced a period of substantial development, prioritizing student welfare and infrastructure enhancements. Paver block pathways are laid everywhere inside the hostel, improving accessibility. The Arrupe Wellness room provides a dedicated space for sick students. In February, a foundation stone was laid for co-worker housing and it is ready to be inaugurated, acknowledging their crucial role. Infrastructure upgrades encompassed common block, toilet, and kitchen renovations, alongside the installation of an LED display in front of Sauliere Hall. The renovated Andrew Administrative Block and messes were blessed in September 2023, followed by the installation and blessing of a new generator in November 2024, ensuring power continuity. Commemorating its centennial, the Sauliere Centennial Park was inaugurated in January 2025, celebrating the hostel's rich history and future.

Front view of "Sauliere Centennial Park (1925 - 2025)"

Hostel LED Display

LOHO's CENTENARY LOGO

Rear view of "Sauliere Centennial Park (1925 - 2025)"

Co-Workers' Residential Block

New Generator Installation

MOMENTS CAPTURED

Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Directors - 2025

Office Staff - 2025

Delegates - 2025

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Experiences of Former Directors

God By My Side

Rev. Fr. V. Joseph Xavier SJ is currently the Director of St. Joseph's Institute of Management

Fr V. Joseph Xavier, S.J.
1980 - 1982 & 1989 - 1991

One fine day, after the completion of my post-graduation in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay, I received a mail from the newly-appointed Rector Fr. Casmir Raj that I have been appointed as the director of the hostel for the next academic year onwards. My immediate reaction was that I would not be able to take up this responsibility as I had little knowledge about hostel administration. I wrote a letter to him declining the appointment. He replied to me saying that it was the decision after a through consultation. I had no choice but to accept it. I expressed my hesitation and fears to one of former director Fr. M. A. James, who held the post three years earlier. Based on his experiences, he encouraged me to take up the work and offered valuable tips on the administration of LOHO. Among many things, one of the important wisdom he shared that struck to my memory to this day was this. He said, "Remember that you are not going to do this work. If you are open to God's promptings, God will be by your side, guiding you". With reluctance I accepted the responsibility in the year 1980.

In those days, there was a habit among the students to fire crackers in the middle of the night to disturb the silence. A group of students would keep a loud firecracker in the toilet, with a lit cigarette at one end of the wig. So, by the time the firecracker went off, students would have safely dispersed to their rooms and there would be no way to identify them. They would enjoy the fun.

advised not to come out of my room at those times as it would be useless to look for the culprit. Students were also taking stock of how the new Director is reacting to such incidents.

I was worried as the situation was becoming worse. I was asking God for some guidance of what I could do. One day, in the middle of the night, I was walking around the hostel, deep in thought regarding this issue. I have no idea or reason to enter a block. It was around 12 in the night. As I was walking along the corridor, a door was opening, and a student came with a handful of crackers. The time he came out and my reaching the place was almost the same. I stretched out my hand towards the student and to this day , I cannot understand why I did that. He was surprised to see me there and he had no option but to hand over the crackers. The news of this spread like wildfire among the students next morning. That put an end to this menace for the rest of the year.

I remembered what Fr. M. A. James told me when I was hesitating to take up the work. I realized that it was not me who was administrating the hostel. It is someone above who guided me, if only I was open to him and raised my heart to him. This is one of the memorable incidents of my life as the Director of the Loyola Hostel.

Experiences of Former Directors

Rev. Fr. Xavier Vedam SJ is currently serving as the General Secretary of AIACHE, New Delhi.

MY MEMORIES AS THE DIRECTOR OF LOHO

Fr. Xavier Vedam, S.J.
General Secretary
AIACHE, New Delhi

During my tenure as the Director of Loyola Hostel, I strongly believed that hostelers should feel at home. And that belief became the driving force behind many of the improvements we introduced at LOHO. I wanted the hostel to not only be a place where students resided but also a place where they could thrive, feeling both comfortable and cared for. One of the most pressing concerns I noticed was the increasing number of food delivery boys waiting at the hostel gate. It became clear that students were not with the food we provided. This motivated me to take immediate action. I upgraded the quality of groceries from second to first quality to ensure that we served nutritious, delicious meals that students would enjoy. To enhance their dining experience, I renovated the dining hall, creating a welcoming ambiance where hostelers could sit and dine comfortably.

Recognizing the diverse tastes of our students, I also introduced a North Indian mess that served non-vegetarian food every day of the week. This addition was well received, and to further elevate the dining experience, we implemented a buffet system that offered unlimited meals. These changes were pivotal in transforming the students' experience at LOHO.

Beyond the dining experience, I took steps to improve the overall living conditions at the hostel. The garden received extra care, adding greenery and serenity to the hostel premises. We installed a large TV in Sauliere Hall, which became a hub for shared entertainment, and provided a separate TV for the North Indian hostelers to cater to their specific preferences.

The hostel's operational systems were also modernized. We computerized the accounts system and installed RO water plants to ensure that hostelers had access to clean, treated water.

With the growing demand for hostel admission, I increased the capacity by adding 500 new cots, bathrooms, and dining spaces, and we revamped the drainage system for better sanitation. A centralized kitchen was introduced to streamline food preparation and improve efficiency. Equally important was the welfare of the staff. I made it a priority to increase the salary scale of both the hostel administration and kitchen staff to ensure they were fairly compensated for their hard work. I also took the initiative to set up a new canteen, where the profit was equally shared among the staff. This helped provide additional financial support for their children's education.

Additionally, we strengthened the compound wall to enhance security. A new tar road was laid on the premises, improving accessibility and the overall look of the hostel grounds. We also installed a new gate towards the college church, enhancing both the aesthetics and security of the hostel. Several hostel blocks were upgraded to provide better living conditions for the students. Blocks 1, 2, and 13 were renovated with new tiles, giving the buildings a modern, and clean look.

All these efforts, slowly but surely, contributed to Loyola Hostel shining like a bright star. I often reminded my hostelers, "I make sure that you get good food, better accommodation, and games articles to play. In return, you must study well." This balance of care and responsibility became a cornerstone of the hostel's environment, fostering both academic and personal growth.

These memories and experiences, I believe, have played a significant role in shaping the remarkable legacy of LOHO. As we celebrate this monumental milestone, I am proud to have been a part of it.

As LOHO steps into its next century, my wishes for this beloved institution are filled with hope and optimism. I envision LOHO continuing to be a nurturing home for students, where they not only receive the finest education but also develop a strong moral compass, guided by the values of integrity, discipline, and inclusivity. May the hostel remain a place where friendships are forged, and where students of diverse backgrounds come together to learn from each other, and become responsible citizens of the world.

I aspire for LOHO to keep up with the changing times, embracing innovation while holding on to the traditions that make it such a special place. From modernizing facilities to enhancing student services, I hope LOHO continues to evolve in ways that meet the needs of future generations. More than anything, I wish for the hostel to remain a beacon of warmth and camaraderie, where every student feels supported in their personal and academic journey.

Let's make this celebration a beautiful tribute to an institution that has shaped so many lives and will continue to do so for centuries to come!

Experiences of Former Directors

Celebrating a Century of Excellence: A Reflection on Loyola Hostel

Rev. Dr A. Louis Arockiaraj, S.J.

As Loyola College marks its centenary of excellence, it is with immense joy that I share my cherished experience as the Director of Loyola Hostel from 2009 to 2012. LOHO – Home Away from Home was not merely a phrase but a lived reality, where the vibrant diversity of young minds was nurtured in an environment of holistic education.

Loyola Hostel was more than just accommodation-it was a true home for a majority of our hostellers, especially first-generation learners, students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and those with single or no parents. It served as a transformative bridge, connecting students from the academic realm to comprehensive personal growth. In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Go forth and set the world on fire." Loyola Hostel instilled this Ignatian spirit, empowering students to become men and women for others.

Grounded in the Jesuit tradition, Loyola Hostel fostered a deeply Catholic environment where students began their day with prayer in the college church, attended morning Mass, and ended it in reflection before the grotto. This spiritual foundation cultivated values of human dignity, friendship, mutual respect, and compassion-core principles of cura personalis, or care for the whole person.

Student formation at Loyola Hostel was deeply rooted in Jesuit pedagogy, which emphasizes the development of the whole person-intellectually, morally, socially, and spiritually. Human values were woven into daily life, fostering resilience, empathy, and a commitment to justice. "Love ought to manifest itself more in deeds than in words," said St. Ignatius, a principle deeply embedded in hostel life.

Friendship and respect for humanity were at the heart of the hostel experience. Students learned to value diversity, build lifelong bonds, and support one another through challenges. The environment encouraged open dialogue, cooperation, and an appreciation for differences, strengthening their sense of unity and shared responsibility.

Resilience was cultivated through various structured activities that challenged students to grow beyond their comfort zones. Whether through cultural engagements, leadership opportunities, or academic rigor, students developed confidence, adaptability, and perseverance-qualities essential for professional and personal success. Loyola Hostel provided the foundation for young minds to evolve into ethical leaders prepared to face the complexities of the modern world.

The hostel provided a dynamic atmosphere where no student felt unattended. Everyone was engaged in activities that fostered their intellectual, cultural, and social growth. Events such as inter-block cultural competitions, the prestigious Saliure Trophy (inter-block sports), motivational talks, hostel day celebrations, and the lending library all contributed to an enriching hostel life. These engagements reflected the Jesuit emphasis on magis-the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of life.

Decentralized functioning within the hostel instilled a sense of accountability and responsibility among students. Students' volunteers became part of various forums as delegates in Mess, Sports, Cultural, Enviro, Liturgy and Prayer, Library etc. They engaged in organising programs and events for the hostellers. They actively participated in organizing events, managing resources, and maintaining a harmonious environment. This empowered them with leadership skills and a strong sense of dedication to their community.

Loyola Hostel embodied the Jesuit vision of education: to form individuals who are intellectually competent, morally upright, socially responsible, and spiritually driven. As St. Ignatius wisely said, "Teach us to give and not count the cost." The hostel experience inspired students to lead with integrity and serve society with compassion.

As we celebrate a century of excellence, Loyola Hostel remains a testament to the Jesuit commitment to holistic education, shaping young minds to become leaders, thinkers, and agents of change. May this legacy continue to inspire the present and future generations.

Let Your Light Shine!!

Experiences of Former Directors

Rev. Dr Samuel Jeyaseelan, S.J.
2012 - 2022

When I reminisce and nostalgically muse over the journey I traversed through Loyola Hostel, the ever inspiring words of Rabindranath Tagore flash in my mind as Loyola Hostel is 'Where the Mind is without fear and the Head is held high'. The serene and tranquil ambience nestled in a thick line of green cover, spacious and sprawling campus dotted with majestic and imposing blocks, the chirping of the birds at dawn, pollution free environs, delectable dishes served at Mess make Loyola Hostel an abode of heaven on earth.

I am amazed and awed at the transformation and metamorphosis of the young lads who step in the first year with dream laden eyes, impish smiles into matured, morally upright and integrated personalities with passion and desire to venture into the world to soar and fly high.

Compassionate Heart

The characteristics of Jesuit Education is to form leaders to serve, men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment. In Loyola Hostel, we initiated an effort to instill a kind, noble, humane, compassionate heart to alleviate the misery of the pavement dwellers in December nights from the vagaries of Nature. Hostellers every year contributed 1000 blankets, visited the platform, homeless poor and distributed the blankets in winter nights. An encounter with the afflicted exposed them to the bitter reality.

LOHO Entrance in 2016

Expression of Altruism

The cyclonic storm 'Vardah' made landfall on 06 December 2016 in Chennai. The gusty winds ravaged the green canopy of Loyola Hostel and uprooted nearly 150 trees blocking all the pathways. Hostellers swung into action within hours of devastation and removed the fallen trees, branches and cleared the campus for the smooth movement. Subsequently they planted 1000 saplings within a few months and restored the natural environment.

Further, Loyola Hostel is blessed with cohesive band of Assistant Directors serving with care and diligence, devoted managerial, maintenance staff and unsung heroes in the Mess.

Personally, my stay in the hostel in those halcyon days was a transformative experience in shaping the individuals into confident, independent, resilient adults.

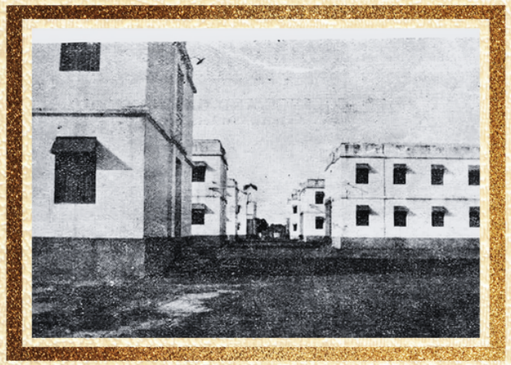
As Loyola Hostel turns a glorious 100 years of its existence, I wish it may continue to provide shelter, comfort and unforgettable memories to the countless generations to come and open the doors to new experience, opportunities and adventure.

The Grand Opening Ceremony
(A Block - 2019)

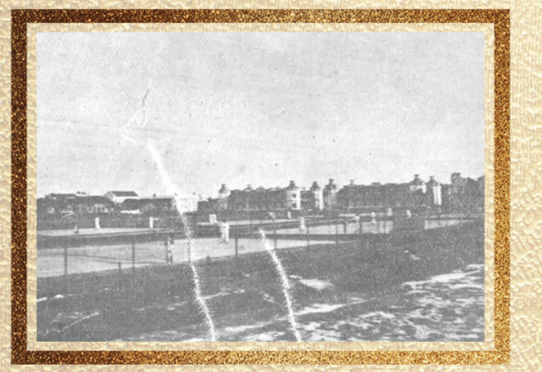
Group Photo - 2016

FRAMES OF LOHO

The New Hostel.
(Photo By Shrestra, II U.C)



A North - South Street - Loyola College Hostels
(A. S. Balraj, III U.C)



Playgrounds and Hostels from N. W.

Hostels from E. W

Third Prize - The Hostels Panorama, from the terrace of the Fathers' House
(Shresta, II U. C)

FRAMES OF LOHO

The Catholic Hostel

The Rock Tower Hostels

Common Block

Common Block

Rocket Blocks

Experiences & Memories

My years at Loyola College and Hostel

Dr G. Viswanathan
(1957-61)
President,
Loyola Alumni Association
Founder & Chancellor,
VIT, Vellore

My years at Loyola College and Hostel from 1957 to 1961 profoundly shaped my life. It transformed my personality, enhanced my career prospects, and broadened my vision.

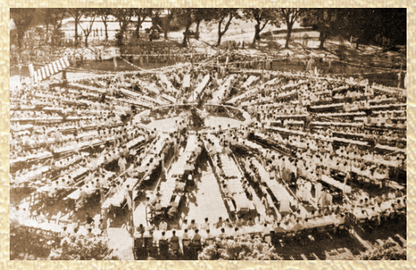
The hostel housed students from diverse backgrounds, fostering a sense of global citizenship. The Students from several states of India, mainly from the southern states, in addition to students from Asian counties like Sri Lanka, Malaysia and also from East African countries stayed in the hostel. There were six messes. A and B were vegetarian, C was called Andhra Mess, D was called Kerala Mess E was called European Mess and F mess was called ordinary non-veg Mess. Messes other than A and B were non-vegetarian , catering to the needs of various groups of students. As a steadfast vegetarian, I was with either A or B messes.

In MA. class, I was studying in my room at 2nd Floor, Catholic Block. One night , the Hostel Warden, Fr. Rapina, who was from Italy, was on rounds. He entered my room and saw me reading a book. He looked at the photo of Periyar E V Ramasamy hanging on the wall in my room. Though he could not recognize Periyar, I was afraid that he might punish me for my political affinity. He asked me who it was, and I replied that it was my grandfather. He smiled and went away. Our silence hour was from 8.30 p.m. when we had to remain in our rooms. Our Warden was strict, but at the same time, he was considerate to the needs of the students. One fine morning, when it was drizzling, the hostellers hesitated to go in the rain. The Warden asked the students not to go to the College. He met the Principal and persuaded him to declare a holiday. He appealed that, “If my students get drenched, they will get fever and I will be held responsible. So, it is better to declare a holiday." The Principal, Fr. Arulsamy, who was also very strict, yielded to the pressure of the warden and declared holiday on that day. All the day scholars who reached the college had to return to their homes in the rain, while we the hostellers remained safe in the hostel

While studying B.A Economics, I started participating in Tamil debates. Within a year, I was selected for the college Tamil Debating Team. My Tamil Professor, Mr. Arulanandam, constantly encouraged me to hone my oratorical skills. After I joined M.A. Economics, I began participating in English debates also. I represented the

Loyola College Tamil and English debating teams.My English Professor, Fr. Lawrence Sundaram, who later on became the Principal, encouraged me to further develop my English language skills. He advised me that it will be useful in my future endeavours. I will never forget his valuable advice, which shaped the course of my political and academic administration careers.

Political activities were not allowed inside the campus. However, some students sympathized with the then ruling party (Congress) or the main opposition (DMK). Elections for the messes were conducted, in which students from both sides used to contest. Mr. M.O.H. Farook Maricar (who later on became the Chief Minister of Pondicherry, and a Union Minister) led one side while I led the other.



Students gathered for a meeting
(CIRCULAR SEATING)

Since political leaders could not be invited directly to the College, we used to invite them for intercollegiate functions. We invited the former Chief Minister, Mr. C. N. Annadurai (Anna) and the former Governor General, Mr. Rajaji. With the help of Prof. Arulanandham, we invited Paavender Bharathidasan, who was known as the Revolutionary Poet. Perhaps, this was the formal beginning of my political career..

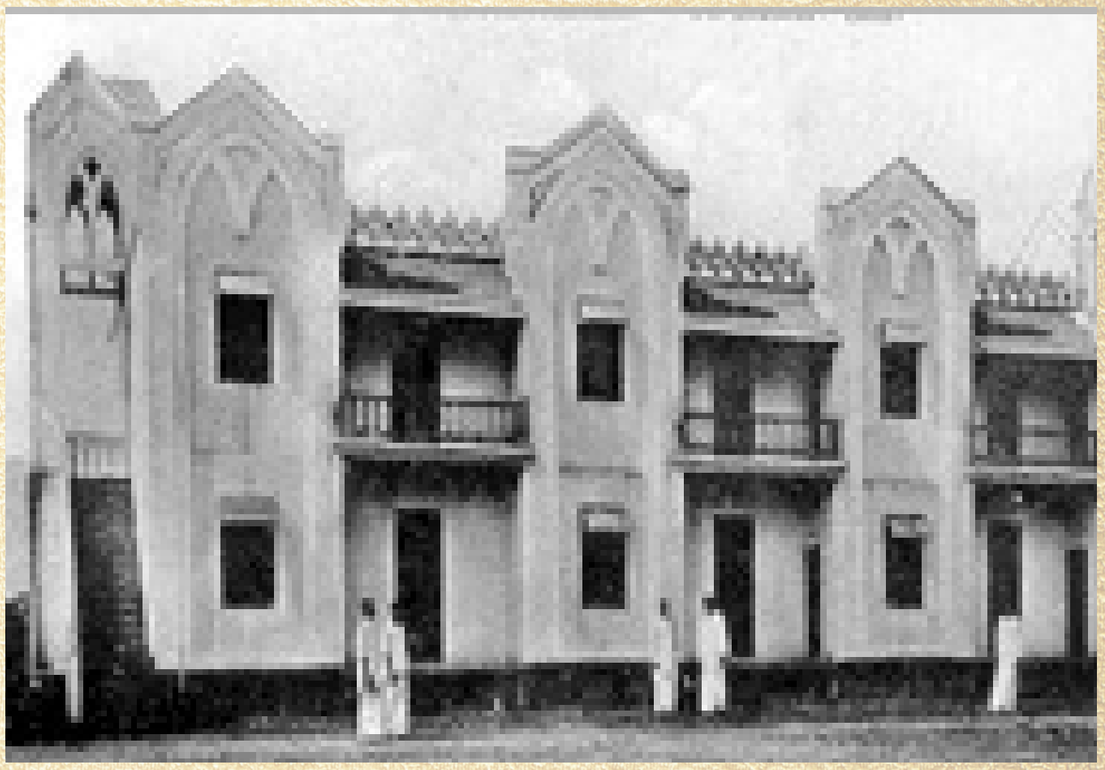
We used to elect the College Union President every year by voting in the election meeting at Bertram Hall. Mr. V. Selvaraj (Retd. IAS) and I contested the election. In my address to the students, I spoke the first sentence in Tamil and then switched over to English. The Non-Tamil students considered me as a Tamil fanatic and voted against me. Therefore, I lost the election. Loyola College used to produce a number of IAS, IPS and IFS Officers every year. Inspired by this, I also wrote the Union Public Service Commission exam and got through in the first attempt itself. I was offered IPS, but since the posting was in Tripura, Manipur Union Territory Cadre, I did not join.

I was a disciplined student. I had cent percent attendance in all four years. In the four years that I was in Loyola, I never applied for leave. We had many Fathers from foreign countries. Our Head of the Department of English, Fr. Murphy, was from England, the Head of the Department of Economics, Fr. Basnec, was from Germany and the Hostel Warden Fr. Rapina was from Italy.
When I established Vellore Engineering College in 1984, which is now Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), I had Loyola College as my model. I wanted to have the quality and discipline of Loyola, which we attained to a large extent. Today, VIT has evolved as an institution with 1,00,000 students in four campuses at Vellore, Chennai, Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh) and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).

M. A. Economics
(1959-1961)

In my political career, I was a Member of Parliament, a Member of the Tamil Nadu State Assembly and also a Minister in the Tamil Nadu cabinet. Currently, in my capacity as the Founder and Chancellor of VIT, I am gifted with the opportunity of leading thousands of students, faculty and staff members. The experience I gained in Loyola is a guiding factor in many of my decisions. I owe my growth and success to the discipline and education that I obtained from my alma mater, Loyola College.

I am eternally grateful to Loyola College for shaping me into the individual I am today.



Experiences & Memories

A Tribute to a Century of Excellence and Transformation

Dr S. Maria Jesu Raja
Assistant Director
2017 - till date

As the Loyola Men's Hostel commemorates its 100th anniversary, I take this opportunity to reflect on its profound legacy and the positive influence it has had on generations of students. After completing my M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Mathematics at Loyola College and currently pursuing my M.Sc. in Data Science, I have witnessed the transformative nature of this institution. Since 2017, as the Assistant Director of the Loyola Men's Hostel, I have seen how it fosters lifelong friendships, intellectual growth, and strong values. On this momentous occasion, I extend my heartfelt wishes to Loyola Men's Hostel for its century-long journey in nurturing scholars and responsible citizens. May it continue to inspire future generations.

A Home of Transformation

Sch. A. Vivekraj S. J.,
Assistant Director
2023 - till date

As an assistant director at LOHO and a Jesuit scholastic, my journey in this hostel has been one of profound learnings and transformation. LOHO is more than just a place of residence; it is a home where students from diverse cultural, linguistic, and religious backgrounds come together in harmony, forming a unique family bound by mutual respect, care, and academic support.

A Community of Care and Support

One of the most inspiring aspects of LOHO is the way students look after one another. When someone falls sick, it is heartwarming to see how the others step in, offering care and companionship. Their concern for each other is genuine, reminding me of the essence of true brotherhood. This environment of empathy fosters a sense of belonging, making LOHO not just a hostel but a second home for many.

Academic and Personal Growth

Beyond emotional support, the students at LOHO uplift each other academically. They share knowledge, help one another with studies, and encourage each other to reach greater heights. This collective effort in learning creates a positive and motivating atmosphere where everyone thrives together. Their enthusiasm and determination inspire me every day, pushing me to grow alongside them.

A Place of Transformation

LOHO is not just a shelter; it is a place of transformation. Here, students mold themselves for a better society and a stronger family when they step out into the world. The values they imbibe (compassion, unity, and perseverance) shape them into responsible individuals who will contribute positively to society.

But transformation is not one-sided. While the students evolve, I too am transformed by them. Their resilience, kindness, and unwavering support for one another constantly remind me of my own purpose as a Jesuit. LOHO is not just where I serve; it is where I grow, learn, and become a better person.

As LOHO celebrates its centenary year this year, I extend my heartfelt wishes for its continued legacy of shaping lives and building a stronger, more compassionate community.

From an Inspired Student to an Assistant Director: An Enthralling Experience

Rutheesh M.N.R.
Assistant Director
(2022–till date)

Inspiring hope, igniting minds, and instilling wisdom have always been the hallmarks of education at Loyola College. A student's behavior and character are profoundly shaped by their experiences in college and the hostel. My journey from a student pursuing four degrees (B.A. English, M.A. English, M.Phil. English, and Ph.D. English) till becoming an Assistant Director at Loyola Hostel has been nothing short of transformative.

LOHO-100, "**A Home away from Home**," provided me with countless opportunities that helped me to step out of my shell as a student and to serve the students in the possible ways as an Assistant Director. Among my cherished memories, there are some which are very special such as participating in hostel cultural events, making daily announcements, leading the prayers, volunteering, organizing activities, supporting students with disabilities through the Helen Keller Club, taking part in the Jallikattu protest, celebrating and participating in Hostel Day, and enjoying my final-year trip to Goa. Each of these experiences contributed to shaping my personal and professional growth.

The hostel environment instilled in me essential life skills such as self-discipline, time management, leadership, teamwork, and organizational abilities that eventually paved my path to become an Assistant Director. One of the most valuable lessons I learned was how to enjoy the freedom that comes with responsibility. Over the past three years in this role, it has been an exciting journey working with students, fostering the same discipline and holistic development that shaped me during my student days.

I owe immense gratitude to the Directors, my Assistant Directors, and my present colleagues, whose guidance, support, and encouragement have played a crucial role in my growth. They have been my torchbearers, and their influence continues to inspire me.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this journey is hearing from former students. Some reach out to share their experiences under my oversight, while others send nostalgic reminders like the student who kept his late-form slip as a cherished memento. The bonds I've built with students, who see me as one of their own, are truly special and fulfilling.

Being part of the Hostel Administration during the centenary celebrations of both the hostel and the college fills me with immense pride and privilege. As Loyola Hostel enters its next century, I hope it continues to transform the lives of many more students, just as it did for me.

Cherishing Countless Memories

Fr Maria V. Gladwin, S.J.
Assistant Director
(2014-2016)

Serving as a hostel warden in a Jesuit hostel was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life, as it gave me the chance to balance two seemingly contradictory roles: maintaining discipline and being a friendly, approachable figure for the students. Jesuit education places great emphasis on values like cura personalis (care for the whole person), magis (the pursuit of excellence), and community, and my approach to being a warden reflected these ideals. While I firmly believed in upholding the rules of the hostel, I also strived to be someone who was relatable, approachable, and willing to listen to the students. One of the first things I focused on was fostering a sense of community. LOHO, as a Home away from Home is not just a place for a stay but a paradise where a hosteller experiences a life in abundance. “The shepherd must kno “Shepherds must live with the smell of the sheep” says Pope Francis. I knew every student entrusted to my care personally.

As the Chief Cultural Coordinator, I had the privilege of organizing regular group activities such as inter-hostel cultural nights, Welcome Freshers, Christmas, group dyanamics sessions, sports tournaments and literary discussions on various themes, SYS (Sing your Soul), “Nilachoru (Moonlight Dinner)”. These activities helped students bond with each other and build friendships that extended beyond the hostel.

From the very beginning of the academic year, I knew that the arrival of freshers was a crucial moment to shape their experience at the hostel. Many of them were understandably nervous, unsure of what to expect, and often struggled with the loneliness that comes with adapting to a new environment. Recognizing this, I designed two programmes namely “Vaanga Pazhagalam” & “Moodar Koodam” that aimed specifically at easing their transition and encouraging mingling with their peers through icebreaker games and group discussions. I encouraged cultural exchange through events where students from different regions or backgrounds could share their traditions, food, and stories. This helped not only in breaking the ice but also in celebrating diversity within the hostel. Through these events, the freshers began to see the hostel as a place where they could both contribute and learn from each other’s experiences. The focus was on fostering friendships rather than just facilitating small talk.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role was enhancing the cultural environment within the hostel. Jesuit education places a strong emphasis on holistic development, where students are not only encouraged to excel academically but also to grow in their cultural, spiritual, and personal lives. I took this principle to heart, especially when it came to cultural competitions, which were a key aspect of community life in the hostel.

When I first took on the role of warden, I noticed that while cultural competitions were a regular feature, they lacked the level of engagement and excitement that could truly bring students together. I realized that there was a significant opportunity to revitalize these competitions and make them more inclusive, engaging, and reflective of the diverse talents within the hostel community. My first step was to rethink the format and structure of the cultural competitions. I named it as “Terra Talents” and introduced competitions in different phases, where students could hone their skills in various art forms such as music, drama, dance, painting, and poetry. The term ‘Terra’ was then gaining fame as the digital era was moving from giga to terra. Also, the term terra indicating the soil was to encourage the folk arts was liked and much appreciated by Fr Jayapathi, the Rector.

To ensure these competitions were more inclusive and diverse, I introduced categories that would appeal to a wider range of talents. In addition to the usual singing, dancing, and acting, I added events like gaana-maana, photography, videomaking, storytelling, and memes-masters, which attracted students with different skills and interests. This shift allowed us to showcase the full spectrum of creativity within the hostel and gave more students the confidence to participate. Instead of individual performances, I encouraged team-based events where students could come together and combine their unique skills.

To add an extra layer of excitement and make the events feel more like a celebration, I brought in Jesuits and faculty members to serve as judges, ensuring that the competitions had a formal yet friendly atmosphere. The involvement of alumni in Hostel Day also helped students feel more connected to the larger Jesuit community and gave them the opportunity to interact with role models who had once lived in the same hostel.

During Ovations 2014, I found a group of hostel students among the audience dancing offstage and sounding nuisance while there was an actual performance on stage. I found it a kind of disrespectful act from the audience’ end.I thought a while and came out with the poster on the noticeboard at LOHO entrance on the same say. It read “DJ Nite _ A platform to dance offstage. All are welcome!” This is how I introduced the much-loved DJ Night, which quickly became one of the most anticipated and enjoyable events in the hostel's social calendar. The idea was to create a space where the stress of

academics could be momentarily set aside, allowing everyone to recharge and foster a sense of camaraderie. I worked closely with the Director, the hostel's student leaders and the administration to ensure that the event aligned with the values of the Jesuit ethos-while it was a fun event, it was important that it also promoted unity and respect for one another. To ensure inclusivity, I made sure that the music selection for the night was diverse, representing various genres and tastes so that everyone could find something they enjoyed. Sebastian and Eric, the student volunteers were my first DJs.

We also organized many counseling sessions with trained professionals and set up an open-door policy, where students could freely come to talk about any concerns they had.

Reflecting on my time at LOHO, I find myself cherishing countless memories that will stay with me forever. It was more than just a job-it was a deeply enriching experience that allowed me to be part of a community of diverse individuals, all of whom were navigating their own journeys of growth and self-discovery. My role allowed me to serve, mentor, and, most importantly, connect with students in ways that were both personal and meaningful.

A Journey of Learning and Inspiration

Sch. M. Zenith Lawrance, S.J.
Assistant Director
2020-2022

The Loyola Hostel has always been a space of transformation where students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn, grow and shape their futures. As the Assistant Director from 2020 to 2022, I had the privilege of witnessing and being part of this remarkable Journey. My tenure began in a unique period amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first-year numbers were low, yet the spirit of the hostel remained resilient.

My tenure began in a unique period amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first-year numbers were low, yet the spirit of the hostel remained resilient. By the second year, the hostel was bustling with life once more and the inauguration of A Block marked a new chapter. I was entrusted with the care of students in this block, a role that allowed me to see their everyday struggles and triumphs up close.

Simultaneously, I was pursuing my MA in English Literature at the University of Madras. As a Jesuit scholastic, it was in the hostel that I found a renewed inspiration for my studies. The students, with their passion for learning, their creativity and systematic approach to academics, motivated me to dedicate myself more deeply to my own educational journey.

Beyond academics, my role as the cultural coordinator gave me the chance to witness extraordinary talents. The hostel is not just a place for study, it is a hub of artistic expression, intellectual debates and vibrant cultural activities. Each event and performance reflected the richness of talent that our students possessed.

Yet, the most fulfilling aspect of my time at Loyola Hostel was being there for students who struggled whether in academics or with personal difficulties. Walking with them in their moments of doubt, encouraging them to believe in themselves and seeing them rise above their challenges was truly rewarding.

Loyola Hostel is not just a residence, it is a home away from home. It nurtures dreams, builds character and creates a spirit of camaraderie. As we celebrate the 100th Hostel Day, I cherish these experiences and look forward to seeing generations of students continue to shine.

Unity in Diversity

Lazar John, S. J.
Assistant Director
2021- 2023

As I look at the Loyola College Hostel (LOHO) building, I am reminded of the strength of my commitment to Christ, as its foundation is solid and unwavering. The hard work of our forefathers (Jesuits) is reflected in the beautiful structure of the buildings, which inspires me to actively embrace the responsibility as an Assistant Director entrusted to me by the Society of Jesus.

As I encounter a diverse group of students, I am reminded that LOHO fosters an environment of unity in diversity, where individuals from all walks of life come together.

The vastness of LOHO teaches me to remain open to the creativity and ideas of the students who call it home.

Upon entering LOHO, I can truly feel that it is more than just a hostel - it's a “Home away from Home” for all students, a place where bonds are formed and cherished.

Looking back on my two years at LOHO, I feel a deep sense of happiness and satisfaction, grateful for the experiences and growth it has offered me.

As LOHO celebrates its Centenary year, I wish all past and present students the best. Wherever you are planted, may you find joy and peace, and may you continue to live as men and women for others. Together, let us work to create a new society based on Faith, Hope and Charity.

LOHO's CHRONOLOGY

1924
LOHO - 001

Two tower hostel blocks were constructed with 72 rooms.

1925

The construction of the third Block (the balcony hostel) began in January with 28 rooms. The first director, Fr Sauliere S.J., was appointed as in-charge of the hostels, and he served until 1948.

1927

In July, the admission in hostel reached a total of 280. The 4th hostel Block was constructed in November.

1928

There were 11 blocks containing 330 single rooms housing around 550 students.

1942

Two more 3 storey hostel blocks were built.

1952

An addition of two hostel blocks, new mess rooms, a store cum dispensary and a temporary indoor games facility was constructed.

1970

Sauliere Hall was blessed and open for hostellers on 31st July.

1980

22 Blocks were refurbished with gardens in the front.

1990

The student strength of the hostel was around 800.

2008

The guest rooms for students' parents underwent a facelift with renovations.

2010

The grotto of Our Lady of good health at the entrance of the Hostel was erected and inaugurated.

2011

Free midday meal was started for 300 students.

2012

The hosteller's strength rose to 1300.

2013

The fifth block was renovated.

2014

LICET Engineering Hostel Block was inaugurated with 150 students and the volleyball court for the workers was laid.

2015

A new lawn was laid in front of Sauliere Hall.

2016

The mess kitchens were renovated with an additional room. The administrative block that was damaged due to the strike of Vardha storm was renovated. The storm had badly hit the hostel and 678 trees were uprooted. Planting of 1000 saplings was done.

2017

The new mess Metro was introduced and Open stage was built at Teak wood garden. At this time, mess facility was expanded to feed 2000 students every day.

2018

Inigo Kiosk was inaugurated for the hostellers with Wi-Fi and reading facility.

2019

The construction of the new building started. 53 CCTVs in the premises were installed and additional water bore wells have also been installed.

2021

'A Block' was inaugurated for the students with best facilities.

2022

30 Mahogany plants were planted near A Block, LOHO 2 and all LOHO-Blocks were refurbished, mess halls where renovated, interlocked pathways were inaugurated, a paver block road laid in front of LICET Hostel, and Sauliere Hall was renovated.

2023

Office Block and guest rooms were fully renovated, and it was named as Andrew Administrative Block. Pathways between Hostel gate and jubilee mess and veg mess were laid and inaugurated. Arrupe Wellness room was opened and made available for the sick students to take rest.

2024

Foundation stone was laid by Fr. Provincial and the site was blessed by Fr. Rector on 4th Feb for the construction of Building for Co-workers. Refurbishments of common block and toilet doors and windows and a complete renovation of the Kitchen area is done. An LED Display was set up in front of Sauliere Hall. Paver block pathway was laid between Sauliere Hall and Line block.

2025

LOHO - 100

100 Years of Excellence
Transforming Lives

Experiences & Memories

Three Solid years at Loyola

P.M.S. Ilyas
B. Com., 1962 -1965

I am an octogenarian, and when I think of LOYOLA, a lot of past college thoughts flash back to me.

Those thoughts still linger in my mind. Each year I spent in college as a Football team custodian for three years, had something lingering in my thoughts.

The first year I joined, we had the experience of seeing all-important figures of our Madras State, and then it was known as that, on one stage at our Bertram Hall. That time the Chinese army occupied our Indian Northeastern border and a war was going on. That time the whole country showed solidarity to support the nation. Then our college students' council took a bold step to gather our state's important political / academies/actors etc to our college to give lectures to show their solidarity with our nation on one stage. The three very important figures with different political thoughts like Shri Rajagopal Achariar of Swandira Party, Shri K.Kamaraj of Congress, and Shri Annaurai of DMK on one stage were the talk of the town.

The second year passed on peacefully with my participation in our football team fully, as a custodian for all three years, taking part in various matches, and traveling to Bangalore, and Trichy to play against various colleges. We were the champions of Madras City inter-collegiate matches. There used to be African, Malaysian, Chinese, Burmese (now Myanmar) and Sri-Lankan besides various state students in our team. With such different cultured friends, I learned a lot in both my games and my social participation. Regarding many matches we played on a very important day I could never forget when we lost a very important match against one of our city colleges (I presume may be Pachaiyappas). It was on the same day President Robert Kennedy was assassinated in the USA. In those days there used to be an English Newspaper THE MAIL. It flashed the USA president's assassination in bold figures on the first page and the last page sports column with big bold letters 'Ilyas lets down Loyola'. Well it was not totally my fault. My football colleagues with their influence with the regular reporters flashed this message.

Third year started and I started concentrating on my studies. That time in Madras politics the DMK party was getting very prominent and at the same time, they started campaigning against Hindi. This kind of anti-Hindi started because our Govt started dumping Hindi as our national Language and made it compulsory in schools. Then the big brains in DMK party took the policy of catch them young, they made their anti-Hindi campaign among the college students level. It was the first time in LOYOLA history to take part in this kind of political demos. The students in our Hostel started on a small level and took a procession from hostel to the college taking a roundabout college main building. And the talked about decision was to go to classes. However, the leaders who were leading took the procession to the outer gate and continued to the nearby railway station to stop the trains. Then the police intercepted, arrested the whole lot of students and straight took them to Madras central jail. They were there for a few days or a week. Me with my friends as a volunteer outside went to the Jail daily, took food, snacks etc for the student inside. The jail warden was sympathetic towards the young boys and so we were allowed to see individual friends at the visiting time and allowed us to give such things to them.

Well in my 3 years in College, I couldn't forget the 3 legendary principals each year. In my First year, Fr. Seqiura, very pious by himself, was the principal. Every student is subordinate to his requests. In my Second year Fr. Susai who came from St.Xavier's College Palayamkottai where I did my PUC and where he was the principal. At LOYOLA he served as our hostel warden in my first year and was elevated to be the Principal. A great man I couldn't forget because I was under his care for 3 years, twice as principal and as an hostel warden. Both those two great figures passed away in my time at the college and the third year Fr.Francis was the principal who was also very simple and friendly with students.

Lots of Hearty Occurrences

I, an octogenarian, have a few remembrances I would like to share in this Century year.
Hostel Names: Ink Bottle Block, Stable Blocks, RCs Blocks, General
Hostel Messes: A, B, C, D, E.
A- Regular Southern Vegetarian
B- Andra Vegetarian. Morning full course and afternoon tiffin
C- Non-Vegetarian
D- Malayali Non-Vegetarian
E- Euro style dishes
Royal paths:
We have our own royal paths to enter the hostel after the study hours, say at 9:00 PM. We also have the same escape route for going to late-night cinemas. After the shows, eating hot Idiyappam with Paya Curry at Bilal Hotel is the best time. The next morning, one can see sign boards snatched from the road 'STOP LISTEN AND PROCEED' signs in front of the hostel toilet hall's main entrance.
Mischiefs:
About the landmark big banyan tree. When the whole hostel is in silence at study hour, in about 20 – 25 minutes there will be a big cracker sound followed by lots of bird sounds flying away from the tree. All the boys will be out to see what is happening. The trick is to tie a burning cigarette with a cracker and leave it near the tree.
In General:
That was the best of our life in our student days.

NOSEBALL

Faisel
PLE64
1993-94

I entered Loyola in 1993, where I found lifelong friends. One day at the hostel mess, I sat next to a group of seniors who struck up a conversation. I shared my background and mentioned securing my seat through the football sports quota. Impressed, they quickly shifted to topics like football, Maradona, and FIFA World Cup.

They invited me to their hostel room, where one casually asked if I'd ever played "noseball." Confused, I asked what it was.

He crumpled a piece of paper into a ball, tossed it on the floor. My relaxed mood changed as they insisted that I play. I bent down and started playing with my nose. With chairs as goalposts, they wanted goals and commentary. Concealing my frustration, I began, "Faisel dribbling the ball with his nose, running, shooting, and it's a goaaaaal!"

After nearly 15 exhausting minutes, I declared the match over. "We didn't hear the final whistle," they replied. I tried to blow with my fingers under my tongue. After several attempts, I finally succeeded with a "wheeeeeee" - my first whistle.

"Good!" they said, letting me go and calling it as an "introduction". But I remembered it was the quarter-finals and I should perform better in the semis…. Oh mighty mighty seniors!

There are no specific rules on how friendships begin.

LOYOLA COLLEGE HOSTEL
TRANSFORMING LIVES

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years of
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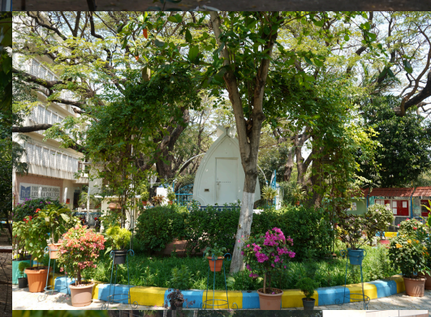
ANDREW
ADMINISTRATIVE



SAULIERE CENTENNIAL PARK
1929 - 2019

Sauliere Hall

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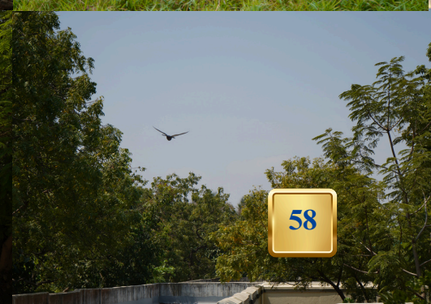
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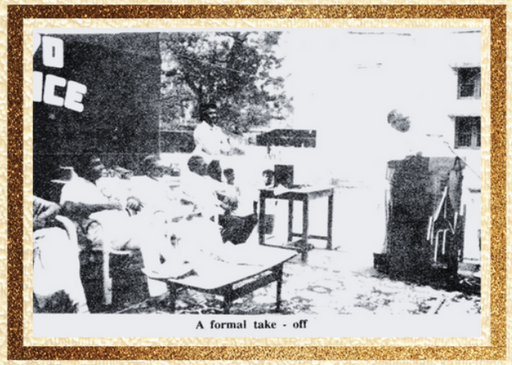
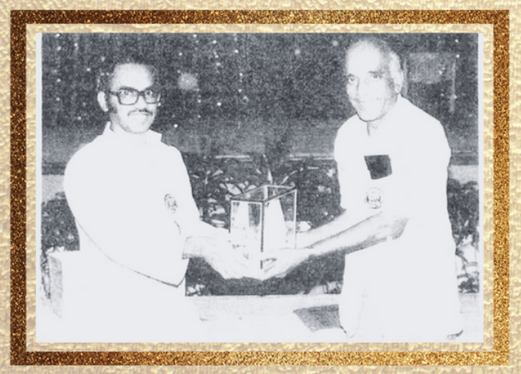
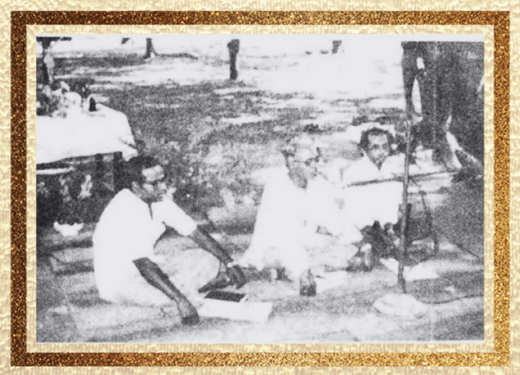


A formal take - off

With the Chief guest





LOYOLA HOSTEL DAY NEST 2008

ANDREW
ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK

CLUB
INAUGURATION

LOHO SPORTS

LOHO Kabaddi Team
who won in Bertram tournament 2024-2025

Block Wise Chess Match

Block Wise Basketball Match

Differently-abled Cricket match

Block Wise Volleyball Match

LOHO Football Team won in the Rev. Fr. L. D. Murphy, SJ, Memorial Football Tournament

LOHO CULTURALS

Terra Talents

Terra Talents

Creative Writing

Drawing

JAM

IPL Auction

LOHO Nostalgia

Mahadeva Sharma. V
1953-55
BSc. Physics

Many students from rural areas and small towns in Madras Presidency had joined Loyola College and Hostel. They were proficient in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam. They had a little skill to speak in English. Everybody was a stranger. The Hostel provided the platform to interact in broken English with others. The strangers became acquaintances and friends fluently conversed in English, enjoying their lives in the hostel with wits, whims and fancies!

There was much time for leisure after college hours. Sports such as Tennis, Basketball, Cricket and Table Tennis were not known to many. So, much of our evenings were spent at playgrounds with much enthusiasm. We were fortunate to see in action great sportsmen of national fame, namely Ramanathan Krishnan, Mammen, Narayanan, Venkatesan, Kripal Singh, and Pattabhiraman, to name a few.

The interest of the students in sports and games did not deter them from pursuing their studies. They were disciplined, entered their rooms on time and engaged in studies every day. The occasional and surprise visits of the warden at night ensured that the students did not form groups and waste time in chitchats. Many of us reached Himalayan heights in our respective career. For instance, one Natarajan became an Accountant General, Ananthacharya became the Director General of BSF, Dhanushkoti turned out to be the HOD in Annamalai University, Raja became the Director of Central Research unit in Bihar, Ramakrishnan emerged as Chartered Accountant professional in Kumbakonam, Ramalingeswsra Rao went to Germany for career in technology, and Parthasarathy to the USA.

The hostel did not confine the students to studies alone. We were taken to areas around the hostel where the public lived in abject poverty. We helped them with food, clothing, and medicine, as part of Hostel's social service initiatives. It helped us understand certain public problems at very young age. Two years of life in Loyola Hostel moulded teenaged students like me into a versatile and responsible citizen.

My Memories of LOHO Complex

K. Raja
B.Sc. Chemistry
1954-1955

From the college complex, a wide and shady road leads to the LOHO Complex. On the right lies the mighty Bertram Hall and tennis courts, while the large playground and College church are on the left. At the entrance, the Rector's/Chief Warden's office is on the left. My father, in Burma Service, sent money for my expenses in the Rector's name.

My room was in the right wing, third row, first floor of a Block. The complex had a canteen and five messes at that time - Andhra, Anglo-Indian, Kerala, and Tamil (A & B sections). Weekend feasts in messes and MGM movies at Bertram Hall brought joy. The synchronized cheer during the MGM logo still echoes in my memory. The beautiful indoor Recreation Club added to the charm.

I remain in touch with one B.Sc. classmate and LOHO friend, Sri Mahadev Sharma of Hyderabad. Tennis star Ramanathan Krishnan often visited a friend near my block. Watching him, along with other greats like K. E. Mammen, A. G. Kripal Singh, V. V. Raman, and John K. John in their respective fields, was a privilege.

Now, at 90+, as a retired scientist, I am deeply grateful to the Almighty for His blessings.

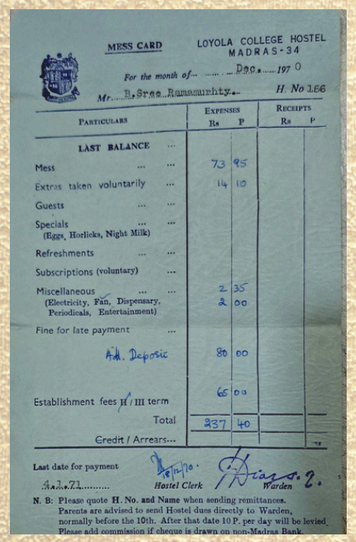
Life in LOHO

B.Sree Ramamurthy
BSc Botany, EB 47
1969-72

Osmania University in July 1969 closed all affiliated colleges indefinitely due to separate Telangana agitation.

In the first week of July 1969 my father and me went to Loyola College, Madras. The huge and beautiful building looked like a Palace to me. We waited before the principal office to meet him. As we waited the principal Rev. Fr. G. Francis S. J. came and while talking to my dad took us the office of the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. V.T. George S.J.

On the request of the principal, I was I allotted room no.454, 11th block that evening. As the college commenced, I had to join immediately, BSc Botany. EB 47.



MESS CARD — LOYOLA COLLEGE HOSTEL MADRAS-34

For the month of— Dec. 1970

Mr. B.Sree Ramamurthy. H. No 166

Particulars	Expenses Rs	P	Receipts Rs	P
LAST BALANCE				
Mess	73	95		
Extras taken voluntarily	14	10		
Guests				
Specials (Eggs, Horlicks, Night Milk)				
Refreshments				
Subscriptions (voluntary)				
Miscellaneous (Electricity, Fan, Dispensary, Periodicals, Entertainment)	2	35		
	2	00		
Fine for late payment				
Ad. Deposit	80	00		
	65	00		
Establishment fees II / III term				
Total	237	40		
Credit / Arrears...				

Last date for payment 5.1.71 — Hostel Clerk — Warden

N. B: Please quote H. No. and Name when sending remittances. Parents are advised to send Hostel dues directly to Warden, normally before the 10th. After that date 10 P. per day will be levied. Please add commission if cheque is drawn on non-Madras Bank.

LOHO Bill in 1970

We had single room accommodation. Occasionally we had the warden knock on the door. Fr. would come into the room and enquire about how we were doing. If I had any problems with the food or hostel issues, Fr. would give a patient hearing and resolve them.

I was in the “E” mess (European mess) which served very good non-veg. In fact, it was the Principal who advised me to join the mess.

There was a college fest in the second year. I put up a stall which consisted of throwing a ring on the items. It was for half a day and had lot of fun and enjoyed it.

In the third year I was in room no 438. I used to do daily weightlifting in the evening after class. My routine was ; at seven, have dinner and go for a walk on sterling road. The roads were empty in 1969-72 and it was pleasant walking, which I can never forget. On Sundays it was movie day with friends at Devi, Safire or Odean theatre where English movies were shown.

I always remember Rev. Fr. G. Francis, S.J., Principal who was instrumental in my admission to the great institution. He was extremely kind and very helpful to the students. I will always remain grateful to this noble soul.

Reflections on my Hostel Journey

Abdul Cader P.M. Ilyas
VVC-42
LOHO: 1999-2002

As Loyola College Hostel marks its 100th anniversary, I reflect on the transformative experiences that shaped my that shaped my artistic journey. One standout moment was designing the LOHO T-shirt for the 2000 ‘Platinum Jubilee,’ featuring a famous pop-icon in the shape of '75.' However, guided by our hostel director, Fr. Susai, I revised it to create a self-portrait that captured the spirit of a proud student. This revision won the contest, and I was honored with a trophy larger than those awarded in sports.

My time at LOHO honed my design skills and helped me overcome shyness. Stepping onto the stage as a mime artist at LOHO FEST 'Sugantham' in 2001 was pivotal. After graduation, I continued to thrive, winning design and photography contests, including one from BMW that earned me my first MacBook.

At the college's 100th alumni meet in Colombo, I fondly shared memories with our acting principal, Fr. Louis Arockiaraj. He reminisced about a humorous birthday card I made for him that resembled a "late-slip" from his time as our hostel's assistant director, evoking nostalgia for the valuable slips that felt like gold to us. Loyola College Hostel fostered academic growth and lasting friendships, making my journey truly unforgettable

My Experience with LOHO

Alvin Palani from Malaysian Chapter

When studying in Loyola college Chennai in the 70's We had a very interesting life in the hostel.

After classes the evenings were spent playing outdoor or indoor games. The food at the hostel was truly amazing. There were four types of Mess that you could choose from. Vegetarian, non vegetarian, Brahmin and Western. Each of these served a variety of dishes daily. Following dinner we used to sit on the corridors of our rooms and chat for about two hours. Then most students engaged in serious study until late night. Sometimes at midnight a few of us got together to tip off the hostel guards and go out to have late supper or at least a hot cup of tea.

Weekends were packed with hostel activities, otherwise the Malaysian students group got together to go out to the city for all kinds of fun activities. Though the college enforced strict rules at night, managed to watch midnight movies in the city and come back walking after midnight. We tip the guards to open the gates and slowly sneaked into bed. Fortunately none of us ever got caught with these illegal activities.

Some weekends were spent gambling (just small scale). We normally played rummy and these too were done behind closed doors in one of our rooms. Unlike me, Most of my friends were very serious about their college work. I was too engaged watching tennis cricket volleyball and basketball games in which my college team was involved. Though I managed to complete my Pre University exams with good grades it wasn't sufficient to earn me a place in any Medical college in the state. Honestly that wasn't a disappointment for me, because I got to continue either a degree in English Literature at Loyola. It was a rather small class with just 20 students. Nevertheless we had the opportunity to study under English experts like Father Jerome DeSouza - member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly(1949, 1951–1952, 1955, 1957). Don't seem to remember the names of the others.

One of my classmates happened to be the brother of the famous Miss Universe from Thailand Apasra Hongsakula.

The sad thing is after completing the degree some gave me their home address but no contact numbers at all. Unlike now we have our mobile numbers and emails ready to be contacted at any time. Sadly I have lost touch with all of them.

My Experience

D. Joseph Rozario
AO 65 (My number)
1981 B. Com. batch

I had the privilege of studying under the dynamic stewardship of Fr. Kuriakose for four years, PUC and B. Com. from 1977 to 1981. We were the last batch of the PUC system, a system of 11 years of Schooling and one year Pre-University in a college. We were also the first batch of Loyola Autonomous system under the University of Madras.

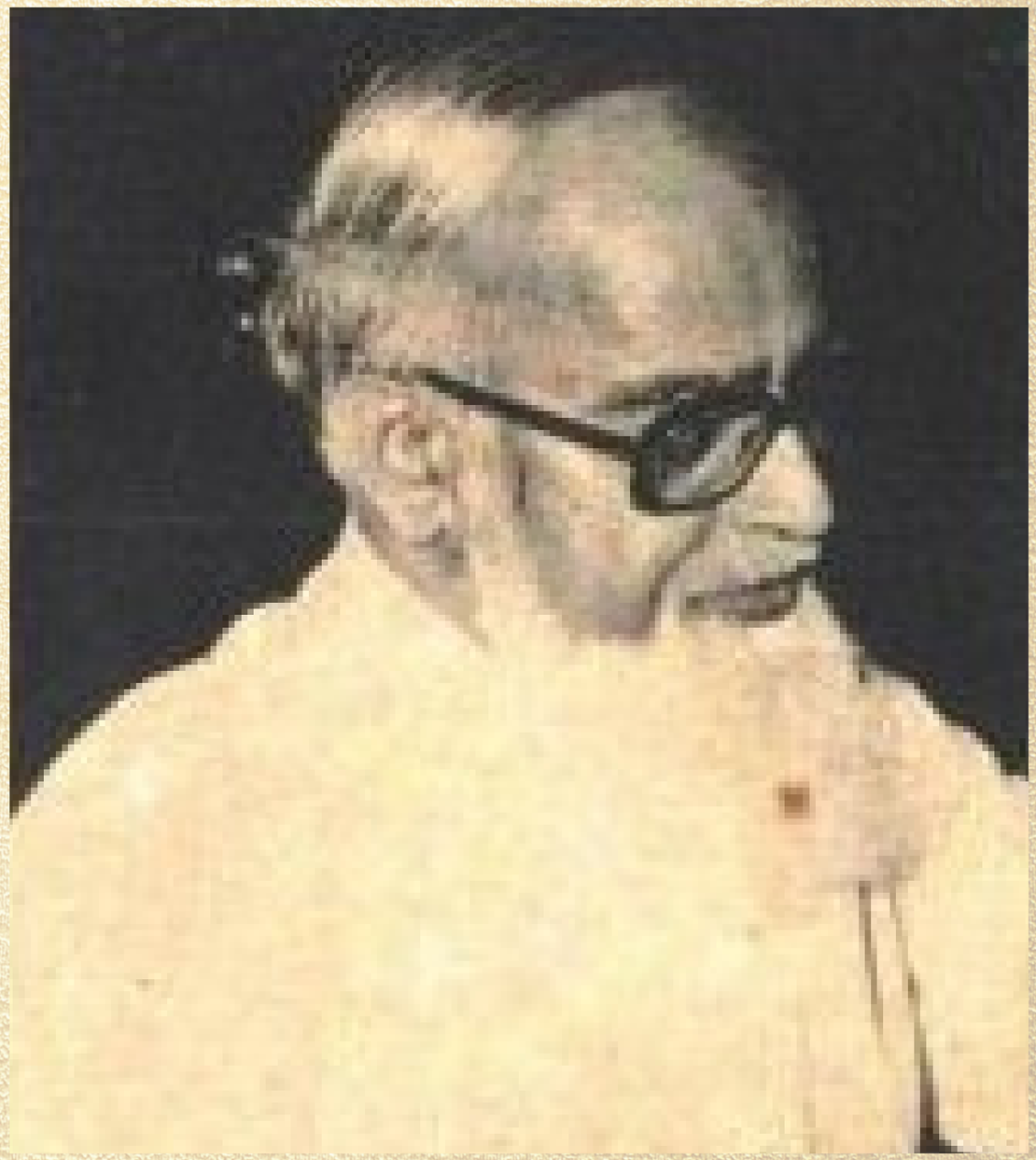
In those four years I experienced the dynamic but very dignified leadership of Fr. Kuriakose. There were couple of huge student unrest/Strike. But the way Fr. Kuriakose handled it was amazing.

Very stern but very respectful and in a problem solving mode of handling issues was exemplary. He was always open to talk to student leaders on any issue. His office was always open and he was accessible (except during admission times).

He was ably assisted by Fr. Casmir Raj, who taught us Statistics. Immediately after finishing B.Com, I was summoned by Fr. Kuriakose, on the recommendation from Fr. Casmir Raj to do a project for him. Father wanted to know the pros and cons and the contrast of the Old marking system and the new Grading system (GPA) introduced as part of the new autonomous model. The new model gave 50% weightage to continuous learning(internal assessment) like attendance, quizzes and periodic tests and 50% for the final examination.

Father gave me a hand written 6 or 7 questions he was looking for answers. At that time there was no computers. They gave me a huge register which had all the marks and grades for the entire 1981 batch of B.A, B.Com., and all the B.Sc. courses. I did the manual counting of all the various scenarios and prepared multiple tables and my conclusions and submitted it to Father in a informal hand written report. He was very pleased and gave me Rs.150 for my work. That was my first earnings of my life and was very glad to pay it back today into the Fr. Kuriakose memorial Scholarship fund.

I am for ever grateful for the lessons I learned from those great Jesuit fathers which helped me shape my life and career.



Fr. Kuriakose S. J.

FRAMES OF LOHO

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The Hostel that Built Hundred Homes

C. Thiagarajan

When I joined Loyola College in June 1958 as a 16-year - old PUC student, I had little idea of the profound impact this revered institution would have on my life. I entered as a naïve teenager and left as a young man, ready to face the world. Those formative years not only shaped me into the businessman, father, and grandfather I am today but also gifted me some of the happiest and most carefree moments of my life.

My first accommodation, Room No. 74, was a single-occupancy space tucked into a quiet corner of the hostel block. Surrounded by neighbors from Sri Lanka (then Ceylon), Kerala, and various parts of India, the hostel was a melting pot of cultures and youthfulness. Students from diverse backgrounds came together like flowers in a beautiful garland, creating a vibrant community that moulded our young minds. The bonds we formed, free from discrimination and prejudice, are hard to replicate in today's world.

Over time, I moved to Room No. 545 and later to Room No. 204, each marking a different chapter in my Loyola journey. Hostel life was affordable, with a monthly rent of Rs. 16/- and mess charges of Rs. 45/- for vegetarians and Rs. 55/- for non-vegetarians-a stark contrast to today's world where Rs. 90 wouldn't get you much.

The rooms were simple but functional, furnished with a cot, chair, study plank, cupboard, and a mud jar for drinking water. Daily life in the hostel was meticulously organized. Sri Santhappan and his team ensured drinking water was available for all residents, while a cobbler visited every morning to meet our needs.

The wardens played a pivotal role in shaping the hostel's atmosphere. Rev. Fr. Rabina, the warden when I joined, was a man of principle and compassion who dedicated himself too the students' welfare. His passing was deeply felt by the entire community.

Other wardens, like the disciplined Rev. Fr. Anthony and the witty and approachable Rev. Fr. Soosai, also left lasting impressions. I still chuckle when I recall the harmless prank where students tied a donkey to Rev. Fr. Soosai's door-a moment he handled with equal parts amusement and sternness. His phrase, "Kovil Poonai Eesanukku Anjadhu" (The temple cat fears no one, not even the deity), still resonates with me. Together, these wardens were like three facets of the same gem-each shining in their unique way, contributing to the brilliance of Loyola's nurturing environment.

The six hostel mess offered an impressive variety of meals that catered to different tastes. From traditional Tamil vegetarian dishes to spicy non-vegetarian fare for Keralites and Continental cuisine, the food was both diverse and delicious.

Rasam, served in pineapple, lime, and tomato variations, was a standout. I often joke with my wife that even Loyola's hostel food rivaled her cooking-a playful debate that always ends in laughter.

Friday evenings were reserved for entertainment, with English films screened at Bertram Hall and regional movies on special occasions. Walt Disney classics and Alfred Hitchcock thrillers were crowd favorites. On other days, I'd take the train to Egmore to watch movies at theaters like New Elphinstone, Odeon, or Mambalam's Rajakumari. Those long train journeys remain some of my fondest memories-a sense of peace and liberation that feels almost impossible to replicate now.

Hostel life wasn't just about academics and leisure; it was also about community and celebration. Hostel Day festivities and visits from notable figures like Sr. F.V. Arul, then IG of Madras State and later Director of Interpol, and the legendary actor M.R. Radha added a special charm to our lives.

Some of my hostelmates went on to achieve remarkable success in their fields. Dr. G. Viswanathan, founder and chairman of VIT, was a powerful orator who excelled at representing our college and is now a world-renowned educationist. Dr. A. Loganathan, founder and chancellor of Chidambaram Pillai College for Women in Mannachanallur, Trichy, became a successful entrepreneur managing a chain of estates. Sri Dastagir of Keelakarai made his mark in both education and business as a trustee of the Sadak Trust. Sri Farook Maraikayar, initially managing director of Maraikayar Motors in Pondicherry and Karaikal, later served as the Governor of Pondicherry. M.D. Ilyyas of Kayalpatnam became a respected trustee of Kayalpatnam College and Wavvoo Wajeeha Women's College. state levels, further enhancing the college's reputation.

Sri T V Masillamani, a High Court judge in Chennai, was renowned for his scrupulous honesty and integrity, earning several governmental honors even after retirement alongwith holding esteemed position at Kongu Group of Educations. A.Y.S.P. Benjamin played a pivotal role in establishing a chain of hotels, lodges, and educational institutions.

Clement Elango, a successful IAS Officer, went on to become a prestigious and revered District Collector. Sports also played a significant role in hostel life. LOHO students excelled in football, hockey, volleyball, and tennis. Our hostel boasted six tennis courts, where I even actively played.

Sri S.M.K. Muthaiah and Sri M.S.M.R. Srinivasagam represented Loyola in volleyball at both university and state levels. Reflecting on those years, I realize that Loyola was more than just a university-it was a sanctuary of growth, youth, joy, and camaraderie. Even today, our annual hostel reunions, LOHOS, allow us to relive those golden days and strengthen the bonds we forged back then.

Loyola will forever remain a cherished chapter of my life, one that shaped me in countless ways.

Hostel Day

Hostel days were major events with chief guests of eminent personalities. Inspector general F.V.Arul, who later occupied the post of director Interpol. His speech is still ringing in my ears.

In the hostel I was under three wardens.

1.Rev Fr Rabina (French)

2.Rev Fr Antony

3.Rev Fr Soosai

With a few exceptions, all rooms were of single occupancy. Sri Santhappan and his team will provide drinking water in a mud jug every morning.

With six messes serving tasty, delicious, and nourishing food, they deserve special mention.

Vegetarian
A - Mess with morning meals.
Vegetarian
B - Mess with head cook Sri Natesa Iyer with a tuft and his son-in-law Sri Rajamani.
Vegetarian
C - Mess with spicy food mainly for Andhra students.
Non-Veg
D - Mess mainly for fish meant for Kerala students.
Non-Veg
E - Mess in European style.
Non-Veg
F - Mess outside, non-veg in our Tamil Nadu style.

Sports

In the field of sports, Loyola is proud of
Sri K. Muthaiah
Sri MSMR. Srinivasagam
who represented not only at the university but also as state players in volleyball and brought laurels to the alma mater.

Feeding Thousands:

A Tribute to the Loyola Hostel Mess

K. Tarunn
22-USO-075

Food, clothing, and shelter are the fundamental human needs. While shelter and clothing are essential, it's food that truly sustains us. In the bustling Loyola Hostel Mess, feeding thousands of students daily is no small feat. This complex operation, a testament to Loyola's spirit of diversity, offers a remarkable range of choices with its Vegetarian, Non-Vegetarian, and 'Metro' mess options. From freshly baked bread to steaming hot chicken soup, the menu is a culinary journey.

The mess is more than just a dining hall. It serves as a common ground for hostellers, faculty, staff, and even the mid-day meal beneficiaries. The atmosphere is further enhanced by the inclusive music selection, ranging from religious hymns to movie songs in vogue. Special events like farewells, Diwali, Christmas and Hostel Day transforms the mess into a theatre of celebration, weaving memories that forever remains in our soul.

Beyond the culinary delights, the mess becomes a vibrant hub for social interaction and intellectual discourse. It's where heated debates on national politics unfold, global economic trends are analyzed, also some purely unnecessary chats that drags for hours, and friendships are forged over shared meals.

Yes, we do receive warnings for arriving late to mess, we do plead for extra servings of chicken, we do eagerly anticipate the arrival of ice-cream, these moments contribute to the unique and cherished memories associated with the mess and hostel life. At the heart of this operation is Mr. Appuchi, a legendary figure behind the Loyola Hostel Mess, known for his unwavering passion and distinctive attire. His three decades of dedicated service are a testament to his commitment. His integrity and hard work is mirrored in the his entire team, who rise before dawn, serve with the care of parents, and prioritize the needs of the students above their own.

Criticism is easy, but understanding the immense efforts and dedication that goes into each meal is crucial, especially for us hostellers who never stood in the heats of the kitchen, facing the demands of thousands of hungry tummies. As the saying goes, "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well." I am deeply grateful to the entire mess staff for their tireless efforts in nourishing our bodies and souls, and for creating a space that is not only a dining hall, but also a vibrant center of community exchange.

Counting Success: A Student's Rise to Accountant

A. Suji Sahayaraj (Anbu)
Accountant
Loyola Hostel

I joined Loyola as a young student with big dreams but I had great reluctance about how I will complete my studies. With this reluctance I joined Loyola Hostel where the ambience and the formation has transformed my life. Coming from a humble background, I knew that education was my only way to a better future. However, financial difficulties made my journey tough. Loyola Hostel was more than just a home to me. It became my guiding light. Here, I learned Jesuit values like honesty, hard work, and service to others. These values gave me strength during my hardest times.

To support myself, I worked part-time while studying. It was not easy to balance both, but I never gave up. I faced sleepless nights, exhaustion, and many obstacles, but my determination kept me going with the support of the Jesuits and professors. After completing my UG programme, I got an opportunity to work as an office assistant at Loyola Men's Hostel. Though it was a small role, I saw it as a chance to grow.

I learned accounting, took on more responsibilities, and pursued higher studies alongside my job. With hard work and dedication, I was promoted step by step. Finally, after years of perseverance, I became the Accountant of Loyola Men's Hostel, a position I never imagined when I first started.

Looking back, I feel immense gratitude. My journey was not just about my efforts but also about the people who helped me along the way. I sincerely thank all the Jesuits for their guidance, the Assistant Directors for their encouragement, and my coworkers for their unwavering support. Without them, this journey would not have been possible.

LoHo shaped my life, and I will always be grateful. My story proves that with faith, patience, and determination, anything is possible. No dream is too big, and no struggle is too hard if we have the right people lifting us up.

இன்றும் நினைவிருக்கிறது...

வெ.மணிகண்டன்
(17-UTL-001)

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அழுகையுடன்
சென்னையில் அலைந்த
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Our Little Universe

Rayon Angelo G.
24-UPH-001

A world within, where students reside,
With laughter and lessons side by side.
LOHO - a chapter to be told
A treasure of tales, worth more than gold.

Our mornings begin with hurried strides
We go to our mess where the friends all meet
Then to the classes and lectures, where knowledge resides
Back in, to the silence hour in feat

Beneath the moon, chatter and cheers through the kiosk flow
The stories of different cultures, we come to know
Each room a world, each bed a dream
Each memory flows down a stream

One day we'll leave, but never apart,
For LOHO lives in every heart.
Its spirit travels wherever we roam,
Loyola Hostel, forever a home away from home.

A Moment!

Rudra Ghosh
23-UCH-220

One day, a boy
Filled with curiosity and joy

Different emotions, one of which was confusion
1000s of questions without solutions

Forging his path, he walked and walked
With nowhere to go, he talked
To people who were the same
Came here with expectations, to achieve fame

Some expectations were too much, some were far less
But knowing the world not, creating a mess

Got scolding several times, Stood back again
With new causes, created mess again

The memories, the moments
With a few atonements
Sometimes the friendship broke and forged back again.
Then some faces leave, and new ones join again.

A place where new path is forged and a life is reborn,
The legacy of LOHO moves on and on.

Life in LOHO

Melbin George
23-UAF-018

Loyola Hostel, fondly known as LOHO, is truly a home away from home. Over the past two years, my time here has been nothing short of transformative. It's more than just a place to stay-it's a space that shapes us, supports us and brings out the best in us.

What makes LOHO special is its vibrant ambience. Here, friends become family and the management who goes above and beyond to create an environment where we feel supported in every step of our journey, whether it's planning our future or navigating the challenges of student life, there is always someone to guide you.

LOHO helps us to maintain a perfect balance between academics, sports and co-curricular activities. While the hostel fosters a culture of academic excellence, it equally encourages participation in sports and various other events. This blend ensures that we not only excel in studies, but also develop holistically as a skilled individual.

For me, LOHO has been a place which paved the way for immense growth. From late-night study sessions to cheerful conversations during meals, every moment here is a memory I'll cherish forever. It's a great place with endless opportunities and I am grateful to call it my home away from home for these unforgettable years.

A Home away from Home

Rithesh A.
22-UPH-046

I still reminisce about the day I joined LOHO, and now I'm drifting toward the end.

LOHO has always made me feel at home. It has never stood between me and my aspirations; instead, it has embraced them. It aligns closely with the college's vision: The holistic formation of youth. It constantly engages students through clubs and other activities. I was a member of the Church Choir for two years and part of the Orchestra club during my first year, thanks to LOHO.

I had the privilege of attending numerous lectures by Nobel laureates and professors from around the globe. For many of these, I requested permission to return late, and I deeply appreciate that it was always granted. The assistant directors of Block 5 and Block A1, where I stayed, Mr. Ephrem Wilfred and Mr. M.N.R.Rutheesh, were approachable and resolved issues quickly, enhancing not only my overall experience but also everyone's. The distinguished phrase "We love you; we like you; and we care for you" perfectly embodies their and the overall management's dedication and care.

LOHO develops students in all aspects of life. This is seen by the activities it organises, like the Blanket Distribution. Every winter, with the help of fellow students, we distribute blankets to the homeless and the needy, making a real difference in the community. LOHO also fosters healthy competition through sports events between blocks, which always brings students together. But the activities don't end there.

Every year, Terra Talents, a cultural event that showcases both individual and group talents, is held. It's always a highlight, followed by the grand celebration of Hostel Day, filled with exciting and fun activities.

When it comes to food, LOHO offers a variety of options. I can choose between three messes-Veg, Non-Veg, and Metro-and even switch between them every month. The menu is updated based on suggestions from the students, ensuring their satisfaction. On special occasions, LOHO hosts unique dinners, with the Moonlight Dinner being a particularly memorable experience, where we share a meal and celebrate the joy and camaraderie of togetherness. LOHO also goes out of its way to make parents feel welcome. So, whenever they visit me, they can stay in the guest rooms.

What truly stands out about LOHO is its unwavering support for the blind. It's something I deeply admire and appreciate. Ultimately, LOHO has been more than just a place to stay-it's been a welcoming, inclusive community, truly a "Home away from Home".

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My Journey of Holistic Growth and Memories

C. M. Infant Nishanth
22-UPH-020

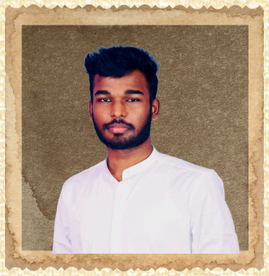
As I ponder my time in Loyola Men's Hostel, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and nostalgia. For the past three years, LOHO has been much more than just a hostel – it has been a home that has nurtured friendships, fostered personal growth and gifted me many cherishable memories.

Entering LOHO as a fresh-faced student, I was first struck by its vibrant community. The friendship among residents, rom diverse backgrounds, created an environment of inclusivitfy and shared learning. From late-night discussions in the corridors to group studies before exams, these moments have shaped not only my academic journey but also my perspective on life.

The structured yet flexible lifestyle of the hostel taught me discipline while allowing me to pursue my interests freely. The serene campus with its century-old memories and historical architecture inspired reflection very often. LOHO did not teach me academics; it taught me resilience, adaptability and how to live in harmony with others. As LOHO and Loyola College celebrate their 100th year, I feel privileged to be part of this milestone.

The final year feels bittersweet, as I prepare to leave behind this cherished abode, carrying with me lessons, memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. LOHO has been a silent witness to my growing horizon and a cornerstone of my transformation. The special place it will hold in the fabric of my heart cannot be measured.

Cherished echoes of Hostel days



AkashV.R.
22-UHT-272

Beneath the sky so wide and blue,
I found a home, a world so true.
In laughter, bonds, and stories spun,
Hostel days, where dreams begun.

Through shared meals and midnight talks,
We built our paths on steady walks.
I whisper to the stars above,
And cherish every moment of nostalgia!

These Walls Have No Rhyme

Manit Sachin Makhecha
23-BBA-FR-035

These walls have no rhyme,
Yet tell the tales of another time.
Stories etched in brick and stone,
A century lived, a legacy sown.

Echoes of laughter, traces of dreams,
Footsteps whisper through endless streams.
The air hums softly, memories near,
Of friendships forged, of hopes sincere.

Not merely a shelter, but a soul,
A haven where hearts are made whole.

Melting Pot

Sivalakshmanan K.
22-UHT-201

பள்ளியில்
படித்த போது,
புரிந்தும்
புரியாமலும்
மனனம்
செய்தும்
செய்யாமலும்
உணராமல் கடந்தேன்
இச்சொல்லின்
அழகியலை!!
LOHO,
இதன்
அரவணைப்பில்
சமூக அடுக்குகளான
மொழி, மத, சாதிய
அலைகள்
ஒன்றோடொன்று
கலந்து
தெளிந்து
மனிதர்களை
நூறாண்டுகளாய்
கரையேற்றி
வருவதைக் கண்டு
இப்போது
உணர்ந்து கொண்டேன்
LOHO-தான்
அந்த MELTING POT என்று!!

Cherished Echoes of Hostel days

Prabhakaran M.
22-UBU-131

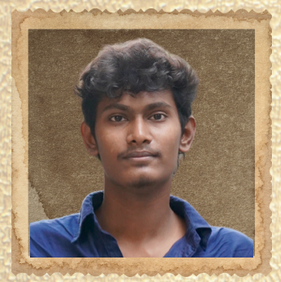
My name is Prabhakaran, and as I sit in my room at Loyola Men's Hostel on this quiet morning of March 8, 2025, I reflect on the three years that have shaped me. Loyola College is celebrating its 100th year, and for me, this milestone is personal-three of those years belong to my ourney at "LoHo."
I arrived in August 2022, a nervous freshman from Minnappalayam, a small village near Erode, holding my admission letter to the BBA program. The lush greenery and colonial charm of the hostel made an immediate impression. My modest room in the 5th block became my home, where I adjusted to structured study hours, evening prayers, and a disciplined routine.

Loyola Men's Hostel is more than a place to stay-it is a community that shapes character. Students from diverse backgrounds live together, fostering friendships and cultural exchange. The hostel's structured schedule, including study hours and lights-out, instills discipline and responsibility. Though strict, these rules helped me develop time management and focus.

The hostel offers much more than academics. Sports facilities, cultural events, and inter-hostel competitions create a vibrant social life. Basketball and volleyball matches build camaraderie, while talent shows and hostel day celebrations bring everyone together. The mess, though simple, is a place of togetherness where festivals and birthdays are celebrated with joy.

Living at LoHo teaches independence, resilience, and adaptability. Managing daily life, balancing studies with extracurricular activities, and forming lifelong friendships make this journey unforgettable. Loyola Men's Hostel is not just a residence-it is an experience that shapes us into responsible individuals, preparing us for the future. The lessons and memories from these years will stay with me forever.

Cherished Moments and Lasting Bonds



Miphael Karol Joey L.
22-UCO-033

Staying at Loyola Men's Hostel is a unique experience filled with a mix of discipline, camaraderie, and personal growth. The hostel environment fosters a sense of brotherhood, where students from different backgrounds come together to share their academic journey.

Mornings usually start early, with the peaceful atmosphere of the campus setting the tone for the day. The hostel mess serves simple yet satisfying meals, and over time, even the most basic dishes start feeling like home-cooked food.

The common areas buzz with life, where students gather for discussions, casual chats, or late-night study sessions.

Evenings often bring a sense of relaxation-whether it's a game of cricket or football in the grounds, a stroll across the green campus, or simply sitting with friends under the trees, sharing stories and laughter. Though hostel rules ensure discipline, they also encourage a structured lifestyle that helps students balance their academics and social life. Despite occasional homesickness, the hostel slowly becomes a second home, filled with countless memories of shared struggles and friendships that last a lifetime.

A Flame That Never Dies

Shri Krishna R.
24-UCS-119

Within these walls of LoHo bright,
We shape our dreams, we chase the light.
A home away, yet close it stays,
Through sleepless nights and golden days.

The trees whisper, the corridors hum,
Echoes of laughter, where friendships come.
In shared old rooms with books in sight,
We forge our bonds by study light.

The evening bells at half-past eight,
A prayer, a pause-we contemplate.
Through silent halls, through whispered dreams,
We build our hopes in moonlit beams.

Through rules and time, we learn to be,
Disciplined, strong, yet wild and free.
A hundred years, and yet we find,
Loyola's spirit stays alive

And when we leave, we'll still belong,
To LoHo's tale, its love, its song.
For youth once lived in walls so wise,
Becomes a flame that never dies.

A Journey of Chaos, Change, Connection and Cherished Memories

Alan James
22-UCO-404

Being a silent kid, then a timid and naive youth, stepping into hostel life felt like an entirely different ball game. The days leading up to it were filled with preparation, anticipation, and countless expectations. One thing I promised myself during my hostel stay was to embrace and savor the essence of every emotion.

Chaos

As a spoon-fed and well-pampered kid, hostel life initially felt overwhelming. Sharing rooms, making new friends, staying away from family and constantly being surrounded by people was a tough adjustment. The chaos and all-time buzz were hard to handle at first. However, once the initial storm settled, I realized how much this environment helped me discover my true self. Without stepping into hostel life and navigating its challenges, I can't imagine how I would have recognized my full potential.

Change

Coming from a small town, LOHO life marked a turning point in my journey. It exposed me to people from different languages, cultures, and traditions, offering an endless stream of new perspectives and lessons. This experience not only broadened my horizons but also transformed the way I saw the world. The challenges of adapting to such diversity gave me the courage to face people confidently and embrace my individuality. It helped me develop faith in myself and take pride in my beliefs. LOHO life was the catalyst for this change, shaping me into a more open-minded, self-assured, and resilient person.

Connection and Cherished Memories

The number of amazing people I met during this journey was incredible. Everyone had something to admire and learn from. The memories we created together are countless - moments of annoyance, worry, extreme happiness, and everything in between. These memories, which seemed ordinary at the time, hold deep meaning now as my journey in the LOHO comes to an end. They were never made intentionally, yet they have become something I'll always look back on and cherish.

Though life at Loyola Hostel was a rollercoaster of emotions, it was absolutely worth it. It not only brought discipline to my life but also helped me become a better version of myself.

LOHO: Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence

Kevin A.
22-UCS-044

As a student of Loyola College, it's an honour to reflect on the 100- year legacy of the loyola hostel. Established in 1925, the hostel has been a cherished home away from home for generations of students, and I am fortunate to be a part of this vibrant community during its centenary year.

The hostel's vintage charm, steeped in history, creates a unique environment for personal and academic growth. I often find myself reminiscing about late-night study sessions, the energy of festival celebrations, and the sense of belonging fostered through the friendships built with students from diverse backgrounds. The sense of camaraderie among us is one of the many things that makes this place truly special.

Guided by the dedicated staff and Jesuit priests, the hostel provides more than just a space to live and study. It emphasizes holistic development-academic excellence, personal growth, spirituality, and mutual respect. These values continue to shape us, preparing us not just for exams but for life itself.

As we celebrate this monumental milestone, it's a time to honour the countless lives Loyola College Hostel has impacted over the past 100 years. Here's to 100 years of excellence, leadership, and a legacy that continues to inspire.

கவிதை - எனது கல்லூரி

ஆ.நவீன் லூர்து ராஜ்
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தோள் பை சுமந்து
துள்ளிக் குதித்த
சுற்று வட்டாளம்!
ஒரு சோற்றுச்
சட்டியில்
ஒன்பது கைகள்!
உணவு இடை வேளையில்
உணர்வுகள் பரிமாற்றம்.
திண்டாட வைக்கும்
திடீர் பிரச்சனை! -அதையும்
கொண்டாடி ரசிக்கும்
எம் நட்புகுழுமம்!

அத்தனை இதயங்களும்
தத்தளிக்கும் ஒரு நாள்
கல்லூரியின் கடைநாள்!
உலகம் சுற்றும்
வாலிபனானாலும்
கல்லூரிக் கூட்டில்
சிறகடித்த நினைவு,

அறிவுப்பசியை
நிறைவு செய்யும்
ஆசான்களின் குரல்அலைகள்...
அவையனைத்தும்
என்றும்
எம் நினைவலைகள்!
என் சுவாசம்
உள்ளளவும்
கல்லூரியின் வாசம் பரப்புவேன்...

A Friend in the Hostel

L.Vijay Amirtharaj
23-UBC-222

Although I was happy that my wish had come true, I was worried that I would be away from my family. I had many friends during school but no close friends. I had the feeling of separating those friends too. Sadness surrounded me all those lonely days at the Loyola hostel. The school years of blooming memories came and went before the eyes. I was confused about whether to stay in this place or not.

Although I met new people and made many new friends, I was also worried that my one close friend would not be available even after coming here. Then that one person came and he became my friend. That friend cleared my confusion. As days went by that friend became a very close friend. He was completely aware of me. He was the solution to my doubts and problems. No one gave me up under any circumstances. I spent a lot of time with him. He guided me steadily on the right path, even if the path sometimes changed or went astray. He shared not only my joys but also my hardships. That close friend's name is Vijay Amirtharaj. That person is me. When I was alone, my inner feelings began to speak. I had the solution to my confusion and problems. I was able to learn more about myself. I grew to believe that I am there no matter who is not. My patience made me forget my loneliness. The purpose of sharing this is that many people like me may be lonely in many places. Be confident that you will be there for yourself. Whatever problem or confusion arises, if you think calmly, the solution will appear within you.

You could be that solution too. Although many subjects are learned in school and college, experience is the best life lesson. The best experience I had was this Loyola men’s hostel. I am happy to share this as a small collection of my experience. Until I get the answer to the question of whether there will be another person who will be my best friend in my journey of life, my quest will continue...

விடுதியில் ஓர் நண்பன்

ஆசை நிறைவேறியது என்ற மகிழ்ச்சி இருந்தாலும், வீட்டில் இருப்பவர்களைவிட்டு தள்ளிப்போகிறோமே என்ற கவலை இருந்தது. பள்ளி பருவத்தில் அதிகமாக நண்பர்கள் இருந்தாலும், நெருக்கமான நண்பர் யாரும் இல்லை. அந்த நண்பர்களையும் பிரிகிறோம் என்ற எண்ணம் இருந்தது. இலயோலா விடுதியில் தனிமையாக இருந்த நாட்கள் எல்லாம் சோகம் என்னை சுற்றி வளைத்தது. மலரும் நினைவுகள் என்ற பள்ளி பருவம் கண் முன் வந்து சென்றது. இந்த இடத்தில் இருக்கலாமா வேண்டாமா என்ற குழப்பம் ஏற்பட்டது. புதிய நபர்கள் அறிமுகமானாலும், பல நண்பர்கள் புதிதாக கிடைத்தாலும், எனக்கான அந்த ஒரு நெருங்கிய நண்பர், இங்கே வந்தும் கிடைக்கவில்லையே என்ற கவலையும் இருந்தது. அப்பொழுது தான் அந்த ஒரு நபர் வந்தார், அவர் என் நண்பனாக ஆனார். என் குழப்பத்தையும் நீங்கச்செய்தார். நாட்கள் செல்ல செல்ல அந்த நண்பர் மிகவும் நெருங்கிய நண்பராக மாறினார். என்னை பற்றி முழுமையாக தெரிந்தவராக இருந்தார். எனக்கு ஏற்பட்ட சந்தேகங்களுக்கும், பிரச்சினைகளுக்கும் தீர்வாக இருந்தார். எந்த நிலையிலும் என்னை விட்டு கொடுத்தது இல்லை. அவருடன் அதிக நேரம் செலவழித்தேன். சில நேரங்களில் வழி மாறி சென்றாலும், வழி தவறிவிட்டாலும், என்னை சரியான பாதையில் சீராக சென்றவர். என்னுடைய சந்தோஷங்களை மட்டுமல்லாமல், கஷ்டங்களையும் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டவர். அந்த நெருங்கிய நண்பரின் பெயர் விஜய் அமிர்தராஜ் . அந்த நபர் நான்தான். தனியாக இருக்கும் பொழுது என்னுள் இருக்கும்

என் உணர்வுகள் பேசத்தொடங்கியது. என் குழப்பத்திற்கும், பிரச்சினைகளுக்கும் தீர்வு என்னிடமே இருந்தது. என்னை பற்றி இன்னும் அதிகம் அறிந்து கொள்ள முடிந்தது. யார் இல்லாவிட்டாலும் நான் இருக்கிறேன் என்ற நம்பிக்கை வளர்ந்தது. என்னுடைய பொருமை என் தனிமையை மறக்கச் செய்தது. இதை பகிர்ந்து கொள்வதற்கான நோக்கம், என்னை போல் பல நபர்கள் பல இடங்களில் தனிமையில் இருக்கலாம். உங்களுக்காக நீங்கள் இருப்பீர்கள் என்ற நம்பிக்கை வரவேண்டும். எந்த பிரச்சினை வந்தாலும், குழப்பம் வந்தாலும் அமைதியாக யோசித்து பார்த்தால் தீர்வு உங்களிடமே தோன்றும். அந்த தீர்வாக நீங்கள் கூட இருக்கலாம். பள்ளியிலும், கல்லூரியிலும் பல பாடங்கள் பயின்றாலும், அனுபவமே சிறந்த வாழ்க்கை பாடமாக திகழ்கிறது. அதில் மிகச்சிறந்த அனுபவத்தை எனக்கு கொடுத்தது இந்த இலயோலா மாணவர் விடுதிதான். என் அனுபவத்தின் சிறிய தொகுப்பாக இதை பகிர்வதில் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன். என்னுடைய வாழ்க்கை பயணத்தில் என்னைத்தாண்டி வேறு நபர் எனக்கு நெருங்கிய நண்பராக இருக்க மாட்டாரா என்ற கேள்விக்கு பதில் கிடைக்கும் வரை, எனது தேடல் என்னும் பயணம் தொடரும்...

My LOHOgam!

S.A. Krisaanth
22-PHT-010

படிக்கக் கிடைத்த இடத்தில்
படுக்க இடம் வேண்டி
விரல்கள் தட்டச்சில் அடிக்க
இதயம் அச்சத்தில் துடிக்க
கிடைத்தப் பேரிடம் LOHO!

அருட்தந்தையின் ஆசி பெற்று
அறைக்குள் ஆசையாய் நுழைய
தூசித்துகள்கள் என்னைத் துரத்தியும்
கிருமிநாசி கொண்டு விரட்டியும்
நினைவுகள் மட்டும் விலகாமல் படர்ந்தது
என் நெஞ்சோரத்தில்....

வேலி சுவர் காத்தும்
வேலை நேரம் மறந்து காக்கும்
காவல் அண்ணன்களின் நினைவுகள்
என் இதயக்கதவுக்குள்
நாற்காலி போட்டு
எக்காலமும் அமரும்!

அனுதினக் கழிவுகளை
அயராமல் அகற்றிடும்
துப்புரவு அண்ணன்களின் நினைவுகள்
தீராத்துயர் தொற்றியும் அகலாது!

வட்டியின்றி ரொட்டிகள் இட்டும்
சனிக்கிழமைப் பாயாசம் வைத்தும்
என் ஏழரைச் சனியிலும்
எட்டிப்பாய்ந்து ஊக்கம் ஊட்டிய
சமையல் அண்ணன்களின் நினைவுகள்
நாவரண்டப் பாலையிலும்
கானலாய்க் கடக்கும்!

LOHO-வை நிர்வகித்து
பரிசோதனைகளில் கைகொடுத்து
பெருஞ்சாதனைக்கு வழிவகுக்கும்
A.D. அண்ணன்களின் நினைவுகள்
எவரெஸ்ட் உச்சி சென்று வென்றும்
மரியானா ஆழம் கண்டும் நொந்தும்
மறக்காது!

LOHO-வில் மட்டுமே
லோகத்தின் ஆசைச் சிக்கனத்தை ஒதுக்கி
முற்றாத நினைவுகளைப் பதுக்கினோம்!

ஆக,
என் நினைவுக்கும் முற்றில்லை
இதை முடிக்கவும் பற்றில்லை....

A Journey of Growth and Inspiration at LOHO

Tonyprem P.M.
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For the past eight years, Loyola College, Chennai, has been more than an institution to me - it has been a way of life. Having completed my undergraduate and postgraduate studies here and now pursuing a Ph.D., my connection with Loyola Hostel runs deep. Every day spent on this campus feels like a new beginning, filled with opportunities to learn and grow. The college hostel has been my second home throughout this journey. Beyond being a place to stay, the hostel offers a first-class living experience.

The management ensures everything is well-maintained, from clean and comfortable rooms to nutritious meals that keep us energized. The staff's dedication to creating a safe and supportive environment has made the hostel a space where we can focus on our studies while feeling completely at home.

From late-night study sessions to shared meals and laughter echoing in the hallways, the hostel has been a haven of warmth and camaraderie. Loyola's vibrant atmosphere, combined with the excellent hostel facilities, constantly inspires me to aim higher.

Back in 2018, a boy I came, now as a man, I stake my claim. Once an amateur, now refined, with skills and purpose well-aligned. This place, a blend of old and new, yet dreams in view. So simple, yet sophisticated. A cradle of wisdom, Strong and Bold. As I continue my Ph.D., I cherish these moments, knowing that Loyola has given me more than just an education-it has given me a family, a supportive home, and memories to last a lifetime.

Thanks a Ton, LOHO!

My Experience in LOHO

Sree Hari.S.D
22-UAF-020

In 2022, I stepped into Loyola Hostel (LOHO) as a freshman, filled with nervous excitement. A new world of routines, unfamiliar faces, and independence awaited me. I bonded quickly with my seniors, who became mentors and friends, and was fortunate to have great roommates-though one hilariously set alarms that woke me up instead of him. I shamelessly took my laundry home on every holiday, dodging the task of cleaning.

My second year was a whirlwind. Storms and heavy rains brought floods that tested our endurance, leaving us with minimal power. But one thing stood steadfast amidst the chaos: the food. Despite the adversity, the hostel never let the storms interrupt our meals-a simple but profound gesture of care.

Even as the rain turned the campus into a waterlogged playground, it gave us the unexpected joy of playing football in the downpour, making memories that would last forever.

Now, as a senior, I cherish the growth LOHO nurtured in me. From learning to wash my clothes to respecting others' opinions and taking responsibility, it has been a journey of transformation. For the shelter, sustenance, and lessons, I owe my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you, LOHO-you've shaped the person I am today.

Loyola Hostel-A HEAVENLY ABODE

A Home Away From Home

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Reflecting on my time at Loyola Hostel evokes a profound sense of gratitude and cherished memories. As a postgraduate English literature student from 2007 to 2009, I initially dreaded the unfamiliar experience of hostel life. However, upon arriving at Loyola, any anxieties I harboured quickly dissipated.

While navigating the new campus initially presented a challenge, I soon found myself embracing the hostel environment. The warm welcome and guidance from Rev. Father Xavier Vedam, the then-warden, who consistently emphasized the importance of both nourishment and academics

("நல்லா சாப்பிடுங்க, நல்லா படிங்க")

significantly contributed to my positive experience. The introduction of the North Indian Mess during my stay elevated the dining experience, and the special occasions like moonlight dinners, Saturday treats, Christmas celebrations, and high tea added a delightful touch to the routine.

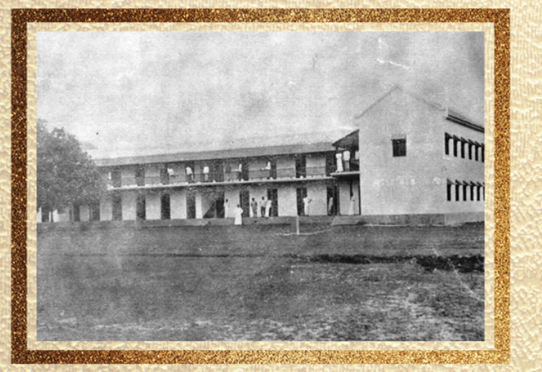
The hostel provided a supportive and enriching environment that extended beyond academics. My experience tutoring undergraduate students from other districts within the hostel allowed me to further develop my teaching skills and gain valuable insights.

In conclusion, I acknowledge the profound impact of Loyola College and, in particular, Loyola Hostel on my personal and professional growth. I am deeply grateful for the nurturing environment and the invaluable experiences that shaped me into the educator I am today.

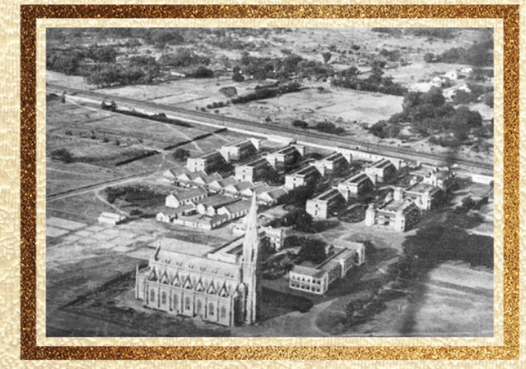
FRAMES OF LOHO

Common Block

Top view of the Hostel



The Catholic Hostel
(The College in the Background)
Photo by M. Doss Bros., Madras.



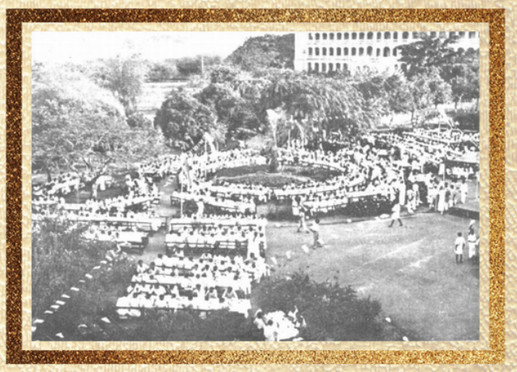
College Church and Hostel from the Air

The new Science Hall

Hostel Mess Delegates

FRAMES OF LOHO

Between the Hostel blocks



Hostel day in 1950

Chapel and Adjoining Hostels

The New Hostel., Block No. XL.
Photo by Kevin and Peyerl

Not on the College Rolls

The old Block

My Experience in LOHO

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22-UMT-303

I am truly honored to be a part of Loyola hostel, especially as it celebrates its centenary year. This institution has been a major influence on my academic and personal growth. The supportive environment, and the many resources available have helped me push my limits and achieve greater heights. Loyola hostel has given me numerous opportunities to learn, grow, and build meaningful connections with peers and faculty. The experience here has not only helped me gain knowledge but also shaped my values and ambitions. I am grateful to be part of this 100-year-old institution, which continues to empower students to excel and make a positive impact in the world. Finally, I would like to add something about this hostel and that is "Home away from home".

Framing Memories

Johan J Jonex
24-UDJ-021

In LOHO's halls, where memories happen,
I capture moments, keep them alive.
Through screens and edits, light and shade,
A digital story, carefully made.

Cameras rolling, stories made,
Events turned into golden memories.
From average hostel nights to festive nights,
Every frame speaks loud and clear.

Not just pixels, not just sound,
But every frame here speaks something.
In every click, in every post,
I share the stories that matter most.

Beyond the edits, the screens, the art,
Lies LOHO's spirit burning in the heart.

LOHO - Media Team 2025

நண்பர்களின் நினைவுகளை புரட்டுகிறோம்!

அ. பெர்த்தி வினித்
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புகைப்படங்களை
புரட்டிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறேன்
புன்னகை என்னை அறியாமல்
லயோலா விடுதியை முத்தமிடுகிறது
முத்தத்தால் சிவக்கிறது நினைவுகள்!

விடுதியில் கிடைத்த நட்பு வட்டாரம்
விடைபெறாமல் என்னை அணைக்கிறது
என்னோடு அறையை பகிர்ந்த
என்னோடு கலைவிழாவில் நடனமாடிய
என்னோடு திநகரில் அலைந்துதிரிந்த
என்னோடு சட்டையை பகிர்ந்து அணிந்த
என்னோடு கதைப்பேசி துணி துவைத்த
என்னோடு கண்விழித்து தேர்வுக்கு படித்த
என்னோடு அமர்ந்து சோற்றை ருசித்த
என் காய்ச்சலுக்கு மாத்திரை வாங்கிவந்த
வெற்றியில் உடன் நின்ற
தோல்வியில் கரம் தந்த –
என் நண்பர்களின் நினைவுகள்
காலத்தால் அழியாத சுவடுகள்!

சாதி மதம் இனம் அறியாத
உறவுகளால் நிறைந்த வீடு!
கல்வியோடு கலையும் அனுபவமும்
அறமும் ஆளுமையும் விளையாட்டும்
தானாக வளர்கின்ற தடாகம்
லயோலா விடுதி வளாகம்!
விடுதியிலிருந்து விடைபெற்ற நாளில்
கண்ணில் கசிந்தது கண்ணீர்
அன்னையாய் அரவணைத்த விடுதிக்கு
கைமாறாய் நான் என்ன செய்வேன்?
என்னால் விடுதியும் விடுதியால் நானும்
பெருமைப்பட என் இலக்கை அடைவேன்!

வாழ்வில் மறக்க முடியாத காலங்கள்
லயோலா விடுதியில் கழித்த நேரங்கள்!
விடுதி நினைவுகள் கொடுத்த
முத்தத்தின் ஈரம் என்றுமே காயாது
அது விடுதி அல்ல, என் வீடு!

കോളേജ് ഹോസ്റ്റൽ വീടുവിട്ടാൽ മറ്റൊരു വീട്

Sayyid Shadil K.M.P
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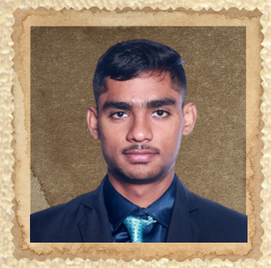
ജനിച്ച നാടും വീടും വിട്ട് ജീവിക്കുമ്പോൾ
ഗൃഹാതുരതയാൽ
സങ്കടപ്പെട്ടു പോകേണ്ട അവസ്ഥയായി
രിക്കും പല കുട്ടികൾക്കും. എന്റെ
അനുഭവം മറിച്ചായിരുന്നു. നൂറുകണ
ക്കിനു മൈലുകൾക്കിപ്പുറം മറ്റൊരു
സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന എന്റെ
കോളേജ് ഹോസ്റ്റൽ എനിക്ക് വീടു വിട്ടാൽ മറ്റൊരു വീട്
എന്നതായിട്ടാണ് അനുഭവപ്പെട്ടത്.
മതപരമായോ മറ്റേതെങ്കിലും രീതിയി
ലോ ഉള്ള യാതൊരു വ്യത്യാസങ്ങളുമി
ല്ലാതെ എല്ലാവരേയും സമൻമാരായിക്കണ്ട
ഒരു ഹോസ്റ്റലായിരുന്നു എന്റേത്. ഹോസ്റ്റൽ വാർഡൻ, മറ്റു
സ്റ്റാഫുകൾ എന്നിവർ എല്ലാവരോടും
സ്നേഹത്തോടെ പെരുമാറി. അവരുടെ
ഹൃദ്യമായ ആ പെരുമാറ്റമാണ് എന്നെ
കൂടുതൽ ആകർഷിച്ചത്.
വൃത്തിയും വെടിപ്പുമുള്ള അന്തരീക്ഷവും, രുചികരമായ
ഭക്ഷണം
യഥാസമയത്ത് തയ്യാറാക്കിത്തന്ന കാന്റീൻ സുഹൃത്തുക്കളും
അഭിന
ന്ദനമർഹിക്കുന്നു. മൂന്നു വർഷത്തെ
ഹോസ്റ്റൽ ജീവിതത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് എനിക്ക് നല്ലതേ പറയാനുള്ളൂ

లోయోల హోస్టల్ మా స్వర్గం



Bukke Dhanush Naik
22-UEC-007

లోయోల హోస్టల్... ఒక మధుర జ్ఞాపకం,
స్నేహాల గలిగిన మా స్వర్గ ప్రదేశం.
అలసటను మర్చిపించే ఈ గదులు,
ఆసక్తితో నిండిన మా రోజువారీ కలలు.

దివ్యా, సుందర్, సత్య, జస్వంత్, దీపక్ –
ఒక కుటుంబమై మేమందరం కలిసే,
హాస్యంతో నిండిన సంభాషణలు,
అరుదైన మధుర జ్ఞాపకాల సరులు.

ఉదయం అలారం మోగినా లేచేదెవరు?
గదిలో గందరగోళం మొదలైన వేళ,
బాత్‌రూమ్ కోసం యుద్ధం మొదలవుతుంది,
అక్కడే మొదలవుతుంది మా మజిలీ.

బ్రేక్‌ఫాస్ట్ – అప్పటికీ నిద్ర పోని కళ్ళతో,
క్యాంటీన్ దగ్గర నిదానమైన అడుగులు.
ఇడ్లీ సాంబార్‌తో చేసిన నష్టపరిహారం,
అప్పుడే ఫ్రెష్ అయిపోయే మధుర అనుభవం.

క్లాసులకు వెళ్లే ప్రయాణం ప్రారంభం,
కొంతమంది బస్ కోసం పరుగులు,
కొంతమంది ఫస్ట్ బెంచ్ రిజర్వ్ చేసే పందెం,
మరికొందరేమో ఇంకా బెడ్ లోనే!

సాయంత్రం – గ్రౌండ్స్ మీద ఆటలు,
క్రికెట్, బాస్కెట్‌బాల్, కొన్నిసార్లు కబడ్డీ,
ఒకరిపై ఒకరు గెలిచేందుకు పోటీ,
కానీ చివరికి అంతా నవ్వుల పండుగే.

రాత్రి డిన్నర్, ఆపై గ్రూప్ స్టడీస్,
కొందరికి చదువులు, మరికొందరికి గేమ్స్,
ఓపెన్ టెర్రస్ మీద చల్లని గాలి,
చీకట్లోనూ కమ్మని కలల దారి.

ఈ హోస్టల్ అనుభవం మరపురానిది
నాలుగు గోడల మధ్య ఆత్మబంధం,
స్నేహితుల చేతులు జోడించి నడిచిన మార్గం,
లోయోలలో గడిపిన ప్రతి క్షణం అపురూపం!

కాలం గడిచినా, జీవితం మారినా,
ఈ లోయోల హోస్టల్ స్మృతులు చిరకాలం!

LOHO: A Legacy of Brotherhood and Glory

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As Loyola Hostel (LOHO) celebrates its centenary, it stands tall as a testament to a hundred years of memories, friendships, and triumphs-a legacy unmatched. LOHO has always been more than a place to stay; it has been a sanctuary of learning, camaraderie, and growth. The mornings within these hallowed walls began with a sense of purpose.

Residents rushed about with youthful energy, their laughter filling the air. Afternoons brought vibrant life to the campus cricket matches on the sprawling fields, heated volleyball duels, and heartfelt conversations under the shade of ancient trees.

Our hostel's signature events, like Hostel Day, are cherished traditions. They brought the entire LOHO family together to celebrate unity and talent. The DJ nights were the crown jewel of our festivity's courtyards transformed into pulsating dance floors where generations of LOHOites celebrated life, youth, and togetherness.

The warden brothers played a pivotal role in this glorious journey. With their wisdom, discipline, and unwavering support, they have been the guiding force behind the hostel's success. They weren't just administrators; they were mentors and caretakers, shaping countless lives with love and leadership.

As we reflect on the past, we honour the residents who built this legacy brick by brick. The famed present shines through the vibrant culture and spirit of today's LOHO. And as for the future it's nothing short of splendid. LOHO will continue to nurture individuals who carry the values of loyalty, brotherhood, and excellence into the world.

Here's to a hundred years of LOHO a home that has given us memories to cherish, friendships to treasure, and a foundation to build our dreams upon. The rich history and legacy of this hostel inspire us to dream bigger, live better, and uphold the timeless spirit of LOHO for generations to come.

"A Hundred Years of LOHO, A Legacy for Eternity."

Life at Loyola College Hostel, Chennai: A Blend of Tradition and Modernity

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Nestled in the heart of Chennai, Loyola College is renowned not only for its academic excellence but also for the vibrant life within its hostels. Living at Loyola College Hostel was more than just a convenience-it was an experience that shaped my personality and left me with countless memories.

The First Impression

Stepping into the sprawling campus of Loyola College was a dream come true. The lush greenery, historic buildings, and serene chapel painted a picture of calm, but the hostel buzzed with the energy of youth. The hostel building, though simple, felt like a space where countless stories and friendships had been written. On my first day, I was welcomed warmly by the hostel staff and my fellow students. My roommate was a second-year PG student who immediately made me feel at home, giving me tips about the mess timings, the best study spots on campus, and the vibrant college culture and Hostel rules.

The Daily Routine

Life in the Loyola hostel revolved around discipline and camaraderie. Classes kept us busy, but the hostel evenings were when the real bonding happened. The mess served traditional with the wonderful food which is like our home food. While the food was healthy, the chatter and laughter during meals made it special. The chai break in outside of hostel in the evenings were a highlight, with hostellers gathering to discuss everything about today classes and experience.

Cultural Diversity and Festivities

One of the standout aspects of living at Loyola College Hostel was the incredible cultural diversity. Students from different states and countries brought their unique traditions, enriching the hostel life. Festivals were celebrated with enthusiasm. Pongal, for example, was a grand affair. The Hostel courtyard would come alive with kolams (rangoli), traditional music, and special meals. Christmas was equally magical, with carol singing,

decorations, and a sense of togetherness that transcended religious boundaries. DJ night makes a vibrant enjoyment during events like fresher's day, Christmas celebrations. Moon light dinner before Christmas break is one of the exciting moment where we all sit in playground and share our happiness and bonds together.

Challenges of Hostel Life

No Hostel experience is without its challenges. Sharing a room with one other meant learning to compromise on space and habits. The Chennai heat, especially during the summer, tested our endurance. But these difficulties became opportunities to adapt and grow. The grand silence hour begins at 8.30 pm everyday in which 8.30 to 10.00 pm is the study hour we need to study. It is a very peaceful time which makes us to realise inner peace inside us. The hostel environment during semester Examination is very calm and Assistant Directors will ensure that we are studying or not. Thus is a really a very good approach that we should be discipline and punctuality which is useful in future too.

Bonding Through Extracurriculars

The Loyola College campus is famous for its vibrant extracurricular activities, and the hostel students were at the heart of it all. From inter-hostel sports matches to cultural fests like Hostel day, we were always part of something bigger than ourselves. Late-night rehearsals for drama competitions, preparing for debates, or practicing music with fellow hostelers created bonds that were unbreakable.

Lessons Learned

Living at Loyola College Hostel taught me invaluable life skills. Time management, conflict resolution, and the ability to live in harmony with people from diverse backgrounds were lessons I will carry with me forever. The Jesuit values of discipline, service, and integrity subtly shaped our outlook on life. It also taught me that we should be discipline.

Friendships That Last forever

The friendships formed within those hostel walls are among the most treasured aspects of my Loyola experience. My roommates, who started as strangers, became brothers who celebrated my successes and supported me through challenges. Our late-night discussions about life, politics, and dreams were as educational as any classroom lecture.

The difference

Loyola hostel stands for unique in discipline. It's a other home in which we feel comfortable and happy like being in home. It's a second home for us. In first time I was really bored in Silence Hour but later realised it's for out good and being discipline. AD's will care us like parents. I was really happy to be a inmate of Loyola Hostel.

Final Thoughts

Living in Loyola College Hostel was not just about accommodation; it was about transformation. It offered a balance of structure and freedom, tradition and modernity, community and individuality. For those considering Loyola College and its hostel, my advice is simple: immerse yourself in the experience. Take part in the activities, embrace the challenges, and build relationships. The time spent here will not only enrich your college years but will prepare you for the journey ahead.

"Loyola Hostel was more than a home; it was a family, a community, and a foundation for a brighter future."

Paintings

Prince Andrews A.
23-UHT-008

Eventhough we have 5 different fingers, it's all in our hand.

Anil Gandhi
09-EC-272

The Art of Beauty

Alexander Felix A.
97 physics batch

The Art of LOHO

A Journey of Bonds and Memories in LOHO

Sri Dharshan V.
22-UMT-212

Everything started in August 2022 when I first stepped into LOHO with a mix of excitement, fear, and uncertainty filled in my mind. It was then that I met Varun, a final-year PG Statistics student. From the very first day, he treated me like his own brother, a bond that remains unbroken till this day. As time passed, I met more wonderful people in LOHO, each one making me feel like part of a family.

During the same academic year, I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Rutheesh while working on an invitation design. Initially, it was just for work, but over the time, our conversations deepened, and he became one of my closest friends.

Later, I joined the Hostel Media Team, under the guidance of Sch. Hansel S.J., our in-charge and Ronaldin, my senior. Together, we worked on covering cultural events, Terra Talents and most notably, Hostel Day 2024 (Harmonia). The day before Hostel Day, I had my first conversation with Dr. Arul Francis, who playfully called me Paasamalar, a name my close friends often used for me. That simple gesture strengthened our bond, and he too became a guiding figure in my hostel journey.

As the new centenary academic year (2024-2025) began, we welcomed freshers with a spectacular Freshers' Day celebration. As Media Team Secretary, alongside Ronaldin, we ensured an unforgettable event with the support of Sch. Vivek S.J., our media team in-charge. Our efforts continued into Terra Talents, and soon after, Dr. Arul Francis approached us again, this time with a special request.

"We are making our LOHO Centenary Magazine," he said, "and I need your help." Initially, it was just an offer to assist, but by the end of January, he called me again and said, "You are the magazine designer. Complete it before Hostel Day."

Doubts filled my mind. Questions like "Why me? What if I can't do it? Why does he trust me so much?" citcled my mind. But as I worked through the project, the answer revealed itself. Trust isn't given without reason; it's earned through dedication, passion, and sincerity.

At that moment, I remembered something Prof. Emanuel had said on my first day at Loyola, "We are not just students and staff here; we are a family." And on my first day in the hostel, Fr Louie Albert, S.J., Director had said, "Here, we are all friends and brothers."

Today, as I look back, I realize how true those words are. I am not just a student or a media team member, but I am a part of a chosen family. LOHO has given me unforgettable memories and bonds, especially with Rutheesh and Dr. Arul Francis, who believed in me when I doubted myself. Their trust has been my greatest reward, and for that, I am forever grateful.

LOYOLA-வின் ஒளி வீசட்டும்,
LOHO-வின் கதை பேசட்டும்!

My Tryst with LOHO

Dr. Dhiyanesh Ravichandran,
Assistant Director

Student hostels have an enduring connection with the advancement of social justice in India. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the champion of civil rights and political liberties for the oppressed in the country, realized that the opening of schools alone could not advocate for the education of the downtrodden. In 1928, he established the Depressed Classes Education Society to improve their access to and success in education. He appealed to the then Bombay Government to help establish hostels for poor students.

With the government sanctioning a scheme of five hostels, he set up one such Depressed Classes Student's Hostel in Koppadakeri, Dharwad, Karnataka, in 1929. For many years, he personally served as the managing trustee of the society and administered the hostel, with B.H. Varale, his follower, serving as the superintendent. His wife, Ramabai, also served the hostel with great concern.

A couple of years before Ambedkar's initiatives, Thanthai Periyar E.V. Ramasamy's pivotal moment in his struggle against social inequalities came in the form of the Cheranmahadevi Gurukulam incident. The residential school, run by nationalist V.V.S. Iyer with support from the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee, was plagued with rampant caste discrimination, including the segregation of non-Brahmin students during meals at the hostel. Periyar vehemently opposed the practice as a violation of the secular principles that educational and hostel premises should uphold. The Congress party's apathy on the issue was a major factor that led to his resignation. He then started his quintessential Self-Respect Movement in 1925.

These two anecdotes underscore the fact that student hostels have historically been more than just places of residence. They have been crucial battlegrounds in the fight against social injustice in India. They have acted as 'mirrors' of the larger society, reflecting its prejudices and inequalities. However, history has also shown us that hostel have offered spaces for resistance and reform. For marginalized students, they emerged as battlegrounds for equality and empowerment and were conceived to provide a sense of community and solidarity, beyond mere shelter and sustenance. Both Ambedkar and Periyar saw student hostels as essential for navigating the challenges to the education of the underprivileged.

It is more than just a coincidence that Loyola Hostel (LOHO) was born around the same time in 1925, a crucial period in India's social reform movements. Established amidst this fervent atmosphere echoing calls for justice, it inherited a legacy that extended beyond its physical walls. Nurtured by the Jesuit philosophy, the hostel upheld the ideals of inclusivity and justice from its inception. The echoes of Ambedkar and Periyar's struggles resonate within its corridors even today, reminding residents of the often-taken-for-granted justice principles that this hostel embodies. That, in fact, is a testament to the successful integration of those values into the core identity of the institution.

My tryst with LOHO began in 2010 when I joined the hostel as an undergraduate student. Hailing from a humble family background, my exposure to the outside world was quite limited. Of course, the new place did take some getting used to; my first couple of weeks at the hostel were dreadful. But the sheer diversity of students, each with their own unique backgrounds, stories, and aspirations, opened up new avenues for all of us. The time that this campus gave us to heal and better ourselves was really significant. The hostel became my classroom for understanding the complexities of social interactions, the importance of empathy and humanism, and the power of collective action. Fifteen years later, when I returned to LOHO as an Assistant Director in 2024, it was indeed a full circle moment that allowed me to witness the hostel's continued evolution and its enduring commitment to its founding principles. LOHO, in many ways, mirrored the larger societal shifts, yet retained its core values.

The centenary of Loyola Hostel is not just a celebration of its longevity, but also a moment to reflect on its role in shaping the social fabric of our society. It is a testament to the affirming role of student hostels as catalysts for social change. As we look towards the future, we must reaffirm our commitment to upholding the values of equality and justice that our predecessors fought so hard to establish. Loyola Hostel, like the institutions championed by Babasaheb Ambedkar and Thanthai Periyar, must continue to be a beacon of hope—a place where the seeds of social transformation are sown and nurtured, just as what the Jesuits of Loyola call "social engineering." That way, the legacy of these great reformers lives on in the hearts and minds of our generations to come.

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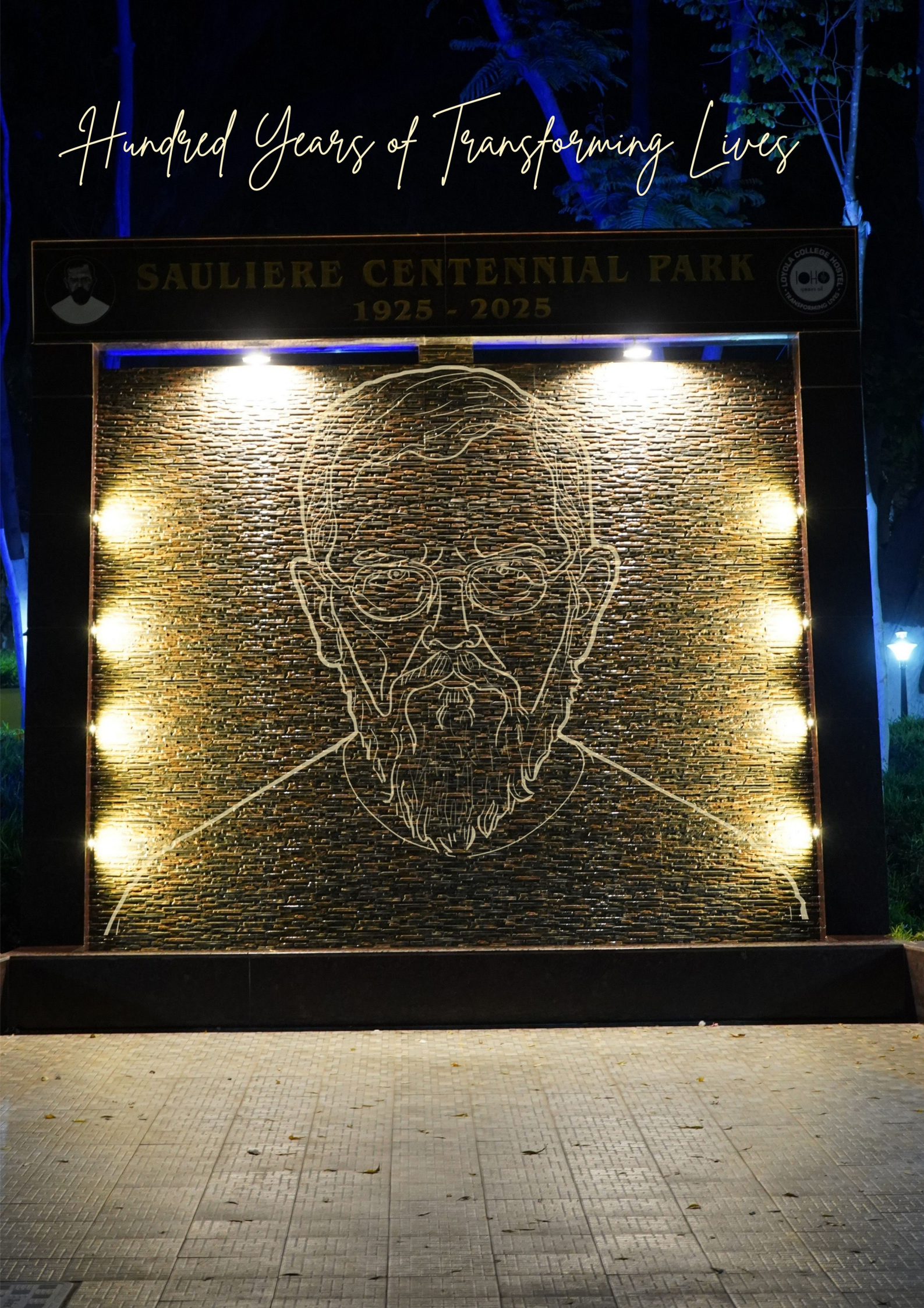
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