



LOYOLA COLLEGE
(AUTONOMOUS)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

COMMEMORATES

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

ON 25TH JULY 2024
WITH A STREET PLAY



TIME: SHIFT I : 11:00- 11:25 AM

SHIFT II: 04:15- 04:40 PM

VENUE: HUMAN RIGHTS CORNER

Report on the Commemoration of World Refugee Day 2024

The Department of Sociology commemorated World Refugee Day on the 25th of July, 2024, with a street play performed by the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the department. The play was staged during the break times of Shift 1 and Shift 2, ensuring maximum engagement from the college community.

The performance aimed to bring the audience's attention to the myriad problems faced by refugees, both in their home countries and in the host nations. Through compelling scenes and powerful dialogues, the students highlighted issues such as the ravages of war, the struggle for citizenship rights, the denial of voting rights, and the pervasive stigma surrounding refugees in host countries. The play also touched upon the psychological trauma and the socio-economic challenges refugees endure in their quest for safety and stability.

After the street play, Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert S.J. addressed the gathered audience. He spoke about the gravity of the refugee crisis, urging students to recognize and empathize with the plight of refugees. He encouraged everyone to uphold the Jesuit values of compassion and social justice and to actively work towards acknowledging and solving the problems faced by refugees.

The street play received widespread applause from both students and staff for its clear and impactful portrayal of the various dimensions of the refugee issue. The performance not only educated the audience but also inspired many to act in support of refugee rights.

The event was a testament to the department's commitment to raising awareness of critical social issues and fostering a sense of responsibility and activism among the students. By addressing such a vital global issue, the Department of Sociology continues to exemplify its dedication to social justice and community engagement.

Post the spectacular efforts in successfully putting up the street play, an online questionnaire was created to collect feedback from the student audience as responses. From the questions posed to the students, it came to light that most of the students only sometimes showed interest in reading and getting to know about the struggles that Refugees go through. Students also responded that

post the play, they were able to better empathize with the Refugee crises and the struggles that accompany them. Most of the students commented on the play to have been well staged with excellent coordination; students, in their space to express their honest feedback in the questionnaire provided, also highlighted some of the touching dialogues and mentioned them to be truly stirring their minds to strive and mitigate Refugee crises. Students, some of them however, said that the play could be staged during grand events such as Loyola's Ovarions and can also be put up for a longer time than having it during the break timings.





Rev. Dr. Louis Albert S. J. addressing the audience



