

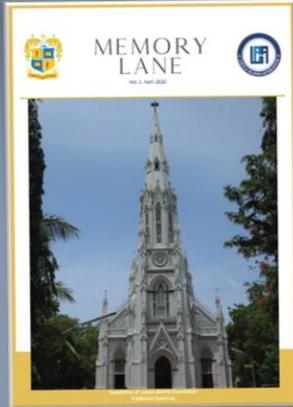


MEMORY LANE

Vol. 1, April 2020



Newsletter of Loyola Alumni Association
Published Quarterly



Patron

Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham
Principal/Director LAA

Editorial Committee

Ilango Raphael
Ravi Murrugaiah
Arun Prasanna
Masiullah Mohamed
Karthikeyan Murugan

Content Resources

Mohan Raj Balasundaram
Vanathu Suresh A

For Private Circulation
All Rights Reserved

Contents

From the desk of Fr Rector	3
From the desk of The President	4
From the desk of Fr Director	5



News

Chennai Province	6
Chapter- <i>International</i>	8
Chapter- <i>Domestic</i>	14



Other News

Loyola Awards	12
JAAI	17





Dear Friends,

Greetings. I am happy to meet you all through these few lines. We have been through the ordeal of Coronavirus Pandemic. We wish, hope, and pray that the crisis gets over soon and that life returns to normalcy.

We have experienced the helplessness of medicine, science, and technology to dispel the threat and onslaught of the invisible coronavirus. We have experienced among our friends and kith and kin, people being affected and infected with this fearsome virus. I appreciate the helping hands of alumni/ae to help the needy, especially the stranded migrants. Loyola staff and students volunteered to be of service at Chennai Corporation to counsel the people in lockdown. The helpline set up at Loyola helped our students who needed counselling and guidance. The outreach program of Loyola extended all possible helps to the affected in their adopted areas, especially the domestic workers and widows. The Jesuit Management is thankful to all the generous hearts for extending helps to the needy.

The officials at Loyola have been at work day and night training our faculty members to pick up proficiency in online teaching (for the post-corona period). The Faculty Development Programs and the numerous Webinars have enriched our faculty members and have enhanced their teaching ability. I appreciate the efforts of the Secretary and the Principal to enhance the research level in the campus. The committee on Loyola University is working on the application process. Hope all goes well.

I wish you all for the forthcoming academic year. May the year bring us prosperity in life, peace of mind and joy of heart.

With kind regards,

Francis P Xavier, SJ

Rector



Dear Alumni of Loyola, Chennai!

Greetings to you all!

It gives me immense pleasure that Loyola Alumni Association is bringing out its first e-News Letter under the name Memory Lane. I am sure it would be welcome by all the Alumni. It has been my dream to see that this kind of communication is done and it happening now. Let us appreciate the team which has toiled in getting this work done.

As I use to regularly tell that renaissances of our life at the College Campus were always discussed whenever there were gatherings where we could meet the Alumni. I am sure all of you will have your pleasant memories of your days at Loyola.

I have been gifted to make a number of values of Loyola as my own values in life. Discipline, Punctuality, Hard work, Time spirit, Social responsibility, and perfection in whatever we do were all qualities Loyola fostered in me. I find many of the Loyolites of my days saying the same proudly and loudly.

A number of such experiences of the Alumni, the happenings in different chapters could be shared regularly through this media. I am sure collecting and compiling must have taken quiet a bit of a time since data is not available as we would want it to be. I wish to congratulate the team which worked for this News Letter.

I wish to congratulate Fr. Thomas Amirtham SJ, the Director of Alumni Association for mentoring the Association with concrete agenda year after year. It is during his time that we were able to start a number of International Chapters and also revive the Local Chapters in various cities of India. I am sure his role in getting this News Letter done must have been a strong motivation to the team.

To all of you in different chapters let this News Letter be an inspiration to become 'men and women for others'.

Let your Light Shine for the Greater Glory of God.

Dr. G. Viswanathan

President, Loyola Alumni Association



Dear Beloved Alumni,

Greetings!

It is an immense joy to remain connected with one another. The e-newsletter brings to you all that we, members of alumni, have cherished as one well-knit unit. It is heartening to note that Loyola Alumni Association spreads her wings across the globe and necessitates a platform for seamless communication. *Loyola Connect* is the new website with its all social media apps has been hosted by the core team in Chennai to facilitate communication among all our members. It has further brought members of our family closer to the alumni family. During the world-wide lock down due to Covid-19, all these channels of communication have, more importantly, given us enormous opportunity to get quickly connected and offer support to those who were deprived of their basic needs especially migrant families, gypsies and widows in slum areas. Therefore, let me take this opportunity to thank the core team for making all these possible and each one of you for your overwhelming support. The newsletter is yet another channel to strengthen our bonding. A special word of appreciation is due to Ilango Raphael who brings forth the newsletter in a graphic representational form.

Dear Loyolites, the crisis arising out of Covid-19 has demonstrated how vulnerable we are and how interconnected we could be. Let the lessons learned during the pandemic guide us in our collective journey and strengthen our commitment to protect Nature and humanity. As individuals and as members of Loyola family, we can make the world a better place for all to live in peace and harmony. The clarion call for all of us is to safeguard interest of the weak and the marginalised. The Jesuits at Loyola College extend to you their warm greetings and assure you of their prayers. May God shower His choicest blessings upon each one of you and may you stay safe and live in peace.

Rev.Dr. A.Thomas, S.J.

Principa I& Director

Loyola Alumni Association



News Chennai Province



An important milestone in the annals of the Jesuits of Tamilnadu was the bifurcation of the Madurai Province into two viz., the Chennai Province and the Madurai Province with Rev Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj as the first Provincial of the newly crowned Province.

The Chennai Province comprises part of the state of Tamilnadu north of Cauvery River.

Right now, the province has many institutions including

Schools

Loyola Higher Secondary School

Loyola Academy (CBSC)

St. Anne's Primary School

St. Mary's Higher Secondary School

Colleges

Loyola College of Arts and Science

Loyola College of Education

Industrial Schools

St. Joseph's Industrial School

Loyola Industrial School

ICRDCE - Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education

Professional Colleges

Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA)

Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology



An introduction to our First Provincial of Chennai Province



Rev Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj SJ has been appointed

by Fr General as the first Provincial of the Jesuit Chennai Province. (CEN).

Born in 1962, Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj SJ entered the Society of Jesus in 1982, was ordained a priest in 1993, and pronounced his Final Vows in 2000. He holds a Bachelor's degrees in Maths, Philosophy, and Law; Master's in Political Science and Theology; and a PhD in Criminology. He has authored 19 books and co-authored two books in Tamil on various social issues and theological themes and has written more than 50 articles. He has served as Director and Team Leader of PALMERA (People's Action and Liberation Movement in East Ramnad Area), Devakottai (1996- 2000), Province Coordinator of Social Action (1999-2003), Director and Team Leader/Superior of IDEAS (Institute of Development, Education Action and Studies), Madurai (2000-2008), Rector of St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Madurai (2008-2013), and since 2013, has been serving as the Jesuit Chennai Mission Superior. He has been teaching in theologates and, since March 2019, has been a Member of the Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission.

Loyola Alumni Association wishes Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj SJ the best in his new responsibility.



News chapter-*International*



In the last two years LAA saw many International Chapter being inaugurated.



Loyola Alumni Victoria Chapter was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Amirtham, in the august presence of Dr. G. Viswanathan, President of our Alumni Association. The meeting was held on 24th March 2018 in a Modern Indian Restaurant, Melbourne. More than 40 members of the Loyola family attended.



Loyola Alumni Sydney Chapter was inaugurated on 25th march 2018 by Dr G Vishwanathan in the presence of Rev. Fr. Thomas Amirtham, Mr. Balamurugan Secretary, LAA and Mr. Masiullah EC Member of LAA and In-charge of Loyola Alumni

International Chapters. Fr Thomas Amirtham also gave the Easter message on SBS Radio, Sydney.



Speech by Mr. Viswanathan, President, Loyola Alumini



Easter message & interview given by FR. Thomas Amirtham on SBS Radio, Sidney



At this time the New Zealand Chapter was also inaugurated.



Meeting held by section of the New Zealand Chapter



UAE Chapter, inaugurated on 17th Feb 2018, is one of the vibrant and with a large number of members of the Chapters. This Chapter is mentored by Mr. Surendar Singh Kandhari who is a recipient of Loyola Alumni Award. He was the Chief Guest at the Loyola College Day recently.



Annual meet of UAE Chapter



The European Chapter of Loyola International Alumni was inaugurated by our Rector, Rev. Fr. Francis Jeyapathy on 14th April 2018 in London.





Loyola Alumni Malaysian Chapter was inaugurated on 23rd April 2018, by Rev. Fr. Jacob, the then Vice Principal, Loyola College. This was followed by another meeting on 21st July 2018 attended by Rev. Fr. Andrew, the then Principal, Rev. Fr. Thomas Amirtham, Mr. Balamurugan, Secretary, LAA, Masiullah Md. K, Prithvi G, Karthikeyan Murugan, all members of the EC, LAA.



The Singapore Chapter was inaugurated on 22nd July 2018 by Rev Fr Andrew and was attended by the above team. This Chapter has recently come up with scholarships to the deserving students at Loyola College



Sri Lankan Chapter was inaugurated on 29th March 2018 by Rev Fr Thomas Amirtham in the presence of Mr Ravindaran and Mr Mano Selvanthan, leading industrialists of the country.





Canadian Chapter is very active among all the International Chapters. More than 150+ members clustered mostly in Toronto but spanning up to Vancouver, the Chapter members meet regularly. They have also registered this as an association. Its Mentor Mr Mohan Paul Verghese was here in Chennai recently and attended the LAA General Council Meeting.



The following Chapters in the USA were inaugurated between 15th and 23rd of Sep 2018. Fr Francis Jayapathy, Mr J Balamurugan, Mr Masiullah Mohammed, Mr Ravi Murrugiah and Mr Suresh Moopanar traveled to USA and participated.



Recently four new International Chapters have been added to our International Alumni, namely

Loyola Alumni Sweden Chapter

Loyola Alumni Poland Chapter

Loyola Alumni China and Hong Kong Chapter

Loyola Alumni Korea Chapter

These groups are currently very active and new members are added.

More details of these Chapters will be shared in the coming issues.

Loyola Awards- 2018

Presented on 27th Nov 2019

One of the most important events in the calendar of our College is the Loyola Award. This award is given to a most outstanding Alumnus who not only had made a mark but contributed immensely to the society. N. Ramachandran, Executive Director, India Cements Ltd. And

former President, Madras Chamber of Commerce was awarded The Loyola Award for 2018 in recognition of his yeoman service to persons with Down Syndrome, revitalizing the youth of our country with his substantial contribution to Sports & Games. Further, Shri. N. Ramachandran was hailed as the one who manifested the finest values of maintaining human relationship, being a Good Samaritan and transforming the youth of India all through his career, acquired from his formative years at Loyola College in 1964 for PUC and later Anna University for B.Tech. His wife Dr.Surekha Ramachandran, Vice President of Down Syndrome Federation of India was also present and addressed the gathering on Down Syndrome.

Presenting the award to Shri N. Ramachandran, Rev. Dr Francis Xavier, SJ, Rector, Loyola College said that it is the responsibility of everyone in the society to be supportive to persons with Down Syndrome and applauded the family of Shri Ramachandran that has dedicated its time to the upliftment of these differently abled persons. Rev. Dr A.Thomas, SJ, Principal welcomed the guests and explained the purpose of Loyola Award as an act of recognizing alumni of Loyola College for their outstanding and committed service to society. Dr Melchias Gabriel, Deputy Principal Proposed vote of thanks and Prof. Antoine Lebel,

Vice Principal introduced the chief guest. Dr. Dorathy Pushparani, Vice Principal (shift II) anchored the programme. Executive members of LAA and some notable Alumni members were also present for the programme.





Following Chapters met during 2019-20:

8th Nov 2019 – Thanjavur Chapter meeting

10th Nov 2019 - Delhi Chapter meeting

16th Nov 2019 – Singapore Chapter meeting

23rd Nov 2019 – Kerela Chapter Meeting

14th Dec 2019 - Reunion of the Alumni of Tuticorin Region

19th Jan 2020 – Trichy Chapter meeting

Fr Thomas Amirtham, Mr Balamurugan and other EC members attended the above meetings.

Golden Jubilee:

The batch of 1969 celebrated their Golden Jubilee on 7th Dec 2019. It was a day to be remembered as some of them had come back to the college after a long time.



Golden Jubilee of batch 1970 was celebrated on 18th Jan 2020. Again, it was a memorable day for the participants to revisit their Alma Matter after so long.



Inauguration of the refurbished office of the Loyola Alumni Association was on 30th January 2020 with the blessing of Fr Francis Xavier, Rector in the presence of Fr Thomas Amirtham and other EC members. Now the office has an ultra-



modern look and is opened from 9.30 am till 5.30 pm except on Sundays and Holidays. LAA thanks its EC member Mr Robin Jacob for not only conceiving the design and the execution but also his generosity in footing the entire bill.

Christmas Dinner:

Every year LAA celebrates Christmas with its EC members with pomp and this year was no different. Besides, Fr Rector and Fr Principal (who is also our Director) we had invited the Deputy Principal and the Asst Principals. It was a fun filled evening with games and music followed by a sumptuous meal. Not to mention Fr Rector and Fr Principal gave thought provoking messages that evening.



Other News :

'Kavalan' a Mobile SOS App introduced by the Chennai Police for the safety and security of women. This is a much needed and well thought out App and is widely used by all sections of women in Tamil Nadu. For the women student of Loyola, this was inaugurated by the Commissioner of Police, Chennai our Alumnus and the recipient of Star of Loyola – 2018, Mr A K Viswanathan.



ThinkEdu 2020 instituted by The Indian Express was conferred on our college for the consistent quality of education. The award was presented by the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu Shri E Palanisamy and was received by Fr Prinicpal.



— — — — —
— — — — —
— — — — —
— — — — —
SHOP @ 1925
— — — — —
— — — — —
— — — — —
— — — — —
DOWN MEMORY LANE
BY LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Shop @ 1925

Souvenir shop of LAA has been inaugurated. It will be moved to a new premises soon!

JAAI



The Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) is an association of all alumni associations of Jesuit academic institutions in India. It hopes to bring together all Jesuit alumni in the country together and direct their energies for the betterment of the society

JAAI is a forum for networking between alumni from across India to play a role in shaping public policies in favour of secularism, poverty alleviation, women empowerment, upliftment of marginalized, safeguard human rights, preservation of environment and spread of literacy

The 9th National Congress of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) was held between 17th and 19th January 2020. Around 650 Jesuit Alumni delegates and more than 100 Reverend Jesuit Priests from different part of the globe attended at St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli.

Dr P Thomas, PRO of Loyola College Society represented Loyola College

Notice Board

Alumni Office

Mon-Sat---9.30-17.30
(Except on holidays)

Mohan Raj & Suresh

Please send your high resolution photos with your write up for better visual effects

Soon to be released..|

Special edition on Loyola's Role in the time of Corona

Forward your feedback and news for future issues to :

alumni@loyolacollege.edu