

St. Xavier's College Girls' Hostel

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"To whom much is given, of him much shall be required, and from him, much will be asked."

We thank God for the gratuitous blessings flowing unceasingly. Counting on the abundant blessings on our material, physical, and spiritual life we experience inner freedom to make use of the innumerable opportunities to take up greater responsibilities to give the best and transmit the values of Jesus our Master to the students we cater.

The youth of any nation are its ultimate source of wealth and strength. The future successes of a country depend on the quality of its current generation, so if we seek to guarantee an optimistic future for our nation, we must invest in empowering and strengthening our youth. The young represent an inexhaustible wellspring of energy and enthusiasm, giving them the potential to be true beacons of national pride.

Xavier's College Hostel provides young women with the education needed to reach their full potential. Not only are they taught traditional academic lessons, but this institution also equips its students with the skills required for success in life. Through its comprehensive formation program, a Xaverian is able to transform and become empowered, ready to take on any challenge in the workplace or as a homemaker.

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As we watch persons leaving their simplicity behind and blossoming into independent adults by the end of their studies, it is clear that the environment of this institution gives them the best chance possible to strengthen their future. Education is truly one of the most powerful tools for developing our youth and Xavier's is definitely setting an example of excellence.

Another successful year has gone by in the history of St. Xavier's College Hostel. We have 56 energetic and spirited young women living at the hostel, all coming from different districts of Jharkhand.

Sr. Mariyana Marki, Sr. Mercia, Sr. Kaslin and Sr. Chandrodaya primarily oversee the hostel, and Session representatives aid in ensuring that the hostel runs smoothly. The representatives serve as a bridge between students and administration, fostering a better relationship between

them. Decisions affecting the daily life in the hostel are made collectively in consultation with these individuals. Each academic year, student representatives are elected to constitute the Student Office Bearers team.

The new academic year commenced on 12th June 2019, themed 'Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony'. An array of events and competitions relating to the theme took place throughout the year. It was inspiring to witness the young women at our campus engaging with the subject matter, expressing themselves in numerous ways. They demonstrate immense potential to effect positive change inside and outside of our community. We are proud to be sending such strong and capable women out into society.

#### FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

# Effective leadership involves prioritizing, while effective management requires consistency and follow-through.

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Several committees have been established within the hostel framework, aimed at actively engaging students in administrative affairs and assigning them diverse responsibilities. These committees encompass a wide array of domains including liturgy, choir, cultural, sports, mess, discipline, decoration, cleanliness, and the Charity Club. Additionally, each session is represented by a designated individual, ensuring comprehensive participation and representation. On the 12th of July, Asst. Prof. Dipti Shradha Tirkey orchestrated a leadership training program tailored for the elected leaders, facilitating the formulation of strategic action plans for the ensuing year. Through her guidance and mentorship, committee members were empowered to devise comprehensive strategies to address pertinent hostel-related matters, fostering a conducive environment for collective growth and development.

By actively contributing within the hostel milieu, student leaders are afforded a platform to realize their full potential and cultivate essential leadership skills, poised to make meaningful contributions to society in the future. This collaborative endeavor not only nurtures individual growth but also cultivates a culture of teamwork and mutual support, essential pillars for fostering effective leadership.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all student leaders who have demonstrated exceptional teamwork and dedication throughout the course of this year. Your unwavering commitment and

collaborative spirit serve as a testament to your exemplary leadership qualities, laying a solid foundation for continued success and positive impact within the hostel community and beyond.

#### LITURGY COMMITTEE

Joy is a form of prayer; Joy is a source of strength: Joy embodies love; joy is an instrument of love which can capture souls.

The Liturgy Committee opened the academic year with a prayer service that invoked the blessings of God. On June 22nd, 2019, Reverend Fr. M.K. Jose SJ held a holy Eucharistic celebration showering everyone with blessings from the Almighty. The entire hostel was filled with divine grace and awe as God's mighty blessing graced each of the rooms. Every morning begins and ends with devotion to God with devotional songs.

At 8:30 pm, we host a prayer session followed by announcements in which the names of those having birthdays are read out and greeted with cheer. We then enter into a minute of silent prayer for different intentions around the world. Every day, Hostel chapel hosts Holy Eucharistic Celebration and all Catholic students are encouraged to participate. Every evening, devotion is expressed to Mother Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. Special prayer services coordinated by the Liturgy Committee are organized for special occasions such as Diwali, Christmas, Pongal and on sisters' birthdays. Finally, on the first Friday of every month our students lead meaningful adoration in which most hostellers take part regardless of their religion. As month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, we had a special rosary procession on 7th October with lighted candles. It was to honour Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection she gives us and specially praying for our final year students who were preparing for their final exam

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#### **CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

"As a team, we can come together to achieve remarkable results."

The Cultural Committee, under the direction of Sr. Chandrodaya, organized an array of cultural programs in order to help the hostel students harness their hidden talents and abilities. On this

occasion, Sr. Mariyana encouraged the students to stay motivated and engage in both academic and effective activities that will enable them to better navigate the opportunities and challenges of everyday life. Moreover, the freshers were welcomed with enthusiasm by the seniors through a vibrant cultural program, fostering a sense of unity among them. As a gesture of appreciation for their warm welcome, the first-year students treated their seniors with a colorful cultural event. On September 5th, the students in the hostel campus organized a Teachers' Day celebration to honor the sisters and staff of the hostel. On October 24th, 2019, the festival of 'Lights', Diwali was celebrated with a meaningful prayer service followed by a cultural program. The students participated enthusiastically in all the events, demonstrating their creativity. Christmas was celebrated in a grand manner. The students conducted a cultural event to illustrate the birth of Jesus Christ through Skit and carol songs. The Principal, Fr. Dr. M.K. Jose, delivered a moving speech about living in harmony with one another.

#### **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

#### Champions persist until they have achieved success.

The Sports Committee orchestrated a diverse array of competitions, ranging from the fast-paced intensity of Throwball to the strategic agility of Kho-Kho, along with the adrenaline-fueled Relay Race and the precision-demanding Shuttle. Through meticulous planning and execution, they established an efficient selection process, meticulously honing talents until they reached the pinnacle of competition: the finals.

Moreover, recognizing the paramount importance of fostering a culture of physical well-being, the committee actively encouraged student participation in daily physical activities at the hostel playground. This proactive approach not only encouraged camaraderie and sportsmanship but also yielded tangible benefits by enhancing the students' physical health in a remarkable manner. By instilling a routine of regular exercise and spirited competition, the committee played a pivotal role in nurturing a generation of individuals poised for both athletic success and holistic well-being.

#### **DECORATION COMMITTEE**

Creativity entails utilizing one's imagination to yield remarkable outcomes in human nature.

Under the adept guidance of Sr. Mariyana, the Decoration Committee emerges as a cornerstone of our hostel's vibrant tapestry of events. Their impact resonates across every function, infusing each gathering with a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors and a palpable sense of life. Through their meticulous attention to detail and boundless creativity, they transform mundane spaces into captivating realms, where every corner tells a story and every embellishment sparks joy.

From festive celebrations to solemn occasions, the committee's touch is unmistakable, breathing a sense of enchantment into the atmosphere. With an arsenal of innovative ideas and an eye for aesthetics, they weave together elements of design, texture, and thematic cohesion to craft immersive experiences that leave a lasting impression on all who partake.

Beyond the realm of events, the committee's influence extends to the very heart of hostel life. Their artistic flair adorns the notice board with a symphony of colors, capturing the essence of various festivities and infusing the surroundings with an air of celebration. Moreover, their choice of uplifting quotations serves as a beacon of inspiration, guiding and motivating students on their journey of personal growth and self-discovery.

In essence, the Decoration Committee, under Sr. Mariyana's adept leadership, stands as a testament to the transformative power of creativity and collective endeavor. Their contributions not only beautify our surroundings but also elevate the collective spirit, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie that enriches the hostel experience for all.

#### **DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

"Real liberty is unattainable without a mind that has been liberated by self-control."

The Discipline Committee assumes a pivotal role within the hostel, diligently upholding standards of conduct and ensuring a harmonious living environment for all residents. Comprising dedicated members stationed in each block, the committee operates as vigilant custodians of order, particularly during the sacred quiet study hours when academic pursuits take precedence. Their regular patrols serve as a reassuring presence, gently reminding students of the importance of maintaining a conducive atmosphere for focused learning.

Moreover, the committee's responsibilities extend beyond the confines of study hours, encompassing the supervision of student behavior during cultural events and other collective gatherings. With watchful eyes and a commitment to fairness, they navigate the delicate balance between fostering an atmosphere of freedom and expression while upholding the principles of mutual respect and decorum.

Central to the committee's ethos is the belief in peer-based approaches to discipline, recognizing the transformative potential of accountability and mutual support among peers. By empowering students to take ownership of their actions and contribute to the collective welfare, the administration fosters a culture of responsibility and empathy that transcends mere rule enforcement.

In essence, the Discipline Committee serves as both guardians and guides, steering the hostel community towards a shared vision of integrity, civility, and mutual understanding. Through their unwavering dedication and adherence to principles of fairness and compassion, they embody the administration's commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also character development and ethical leadership among the student body.

#### **MESS COMMITTEE**

#### "Food is the element that connects us."

The Mess Committee stands as the linchpin of our hostel's culinary operations, entrusted with the vital task of ensuring that every meal is not only nourishing but also a source of delight for the residents. Charged with a multifaceted mandate, the committee's duties encompass menu preparation, vigilant monitoring of food quality, and the invaluable role of serving as a conduit for student feedback to the administration.

With a keen appreciation for the diverse tastes and dietary preferences of the hostel community, the committee meticulously crafts menus that strike a delicate balance between nutritional value, culinary variety, and culinary excellence. Their discerning palate and culinary acumen guide them in selecting ingredients and recipes that cater to a spectrum of tastes while adhering to stringent quality standards.

Beyond the realm of menu planning, the committee remains steadfast in their commitment to ensuring that each meal meets the highest standards of freshness, flavor, and hygiene. Through rigorous quality control measures and proactive engagement with kitchen staff, they uphold a culture of excellence that permeates every aspect of the dining experience.

Moreover, the committee serves as a vital conduit for student feedback, facilitating open channels of communication between residents and the administration. By soliciting input, addressing concerns, and advocating for improvements, they play a pivotal role in shaping the evolving culinary landscape of the hostel.

In addition to their administrative duties, the committee willingly lends a helping hand during special occasions, providing invaluable assistance in serving food and ensuring that communal gatherings are imbued with warmth and hospitality.

Furthermore, the committee takes a proactive stance on combating food waste, recognizing it as both an ethical imperative and a sustainability issue. Through educational initiatives and awareness campaigns, they instill in students a sense of responsibility and mindfulness towards food consumption, fostering a culture of conscientiousness and stewardship.

In essence, the Mess Committee epitomizes the ethos of service, dedication, and culinary excellence, ensuring that the dining experience transcends mere sustenance to become a source of community, nourishment, and shared joy for all residents.

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#### **CLEANLINESS COMMITTEE**

When your environment is kept tidy, you will experience feelings of happiness, motivation, and wellness.

The Cleanliness Committee serves as the stalwart guardians of our hostel's environmental hygiene, committed to fostering a campus environment that is not only aesthetically pleasing but also sustainable and eco-conscious. Tasked with the crucial responsibility of maintaining cleanliness across all facets of hostel life, the committee members embark on a relentless pursuit of tidiness and order.

Their duties encompass a wide spectrum of tasks, ranging from periodic inspections of student rooms to the meticulous monitoring of common areas and outdoor spaces. Armed with a keen eye for detail and an unwavering dedication to excellence, they conduct thorough assessments to evaluate the cleanliness levels and identify areas in need of improvement.

Central to the committee's mission is the promotion of a plastic-free environment, recognizing the urgent need to reduce plastic consumption and minimize our ecological footprint. Through educational initiatives and awareness campaigns, they advocate for the adoption of sustainable practices and encourage students to embrace eco-friendly alternatives.

Moreover, the committee actively engages with students to cultivate a culture of cleanliness and responsible waste management. By fostering open dialogue and constructive communication, they empower residents to take ownership of their living spaces and play an active role in preserving the cleanliness and hygiene of the hostel.

In their efforts to combat environmental degradation, the committee places a strong emphasis on waste segregation, promoting the separation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. Through practical demonstrations and educational workshops, they impart the importance of proper waste disposal techniques and encourage students to adopt sustainable habits in their daily lives.

In essence, the Cleanliness Committee stands as a beacon of environmental stewardship, embodying the values of responsibility, integrity, and sustainability. Through their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to excellence, they inspire and empower the hostel community to embrace a cleaner, greener future for generations to come.

#### **BATCH REPRESENTATIVES**

#### "A true leader is not one who finds agreement, but one who shapes it."

Batch Representatives have a vital part to play in the Hostel. Every night, they take attendance to confirm that students are physically present in the Hostel. Additionally, they support the members of the Cleanliness and Discipline Committees with maintaining standards of cleanliness and order on each floor. Their willingness to lend a helping hand is greatly appreciated.

The students appreciate the warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere in the hostel. The directors of the hostel are attentive to providing for both physical and psychological needs through individualized care. Counselling and guidance is provided to students so as to cultivate a strong bond between them and their Professors. During this academic year, talks were held that addressed various needs-based topics, as well as inspirational themes. A particularly inspiring

talk was given by Fr. John Tirkey on the subject of enthusiasm, vision and dedication; it illuminated how these qualities can lead to success in all aspects of life.

#### **CARE FOR MOTHER EARTH:**

Even though there were no students staying in the hostel for more than five months due to the lockdown caused by the pandemic Corona Virus Disease, yet the hostel looks very fresh and ever green. Srs. Mariana and Mercia with the help of the candidates have transformed the barren surroundings into a vegetable garden!

#### **COVID-19 OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

Our Founder Fr. Wilhelm Meyer's inspiring words, "Need of the Time is the Will of God," enabled us to identify the most urgent needs of the people in Mahuadanr during the lock down period. After the problem identification, we responded to the urgent needs of the people. As there were no masks available in Mahuadanr due to the sudden and unexpected lockdown, we in coordination with the college made available thousands of masks for distribution among the people. On the first day of the first phase of the *Prevention Covid-19 Mission*, more than 500 masks were distributed to the public who were coming to the market and in the villages of *Kala Kuro* and *Rajdanda*. This work was carried out from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020. As per the directives of Provincial Superior, Sr. Pradeepa we purchased food materials and packed them in different bags and distributed among the identified needy villages of Mahuadanr Sub-Division from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020. We reached out to the most primitive aboriginal *Korwa* tribe of *Kurund Katal Toli*, *Sohar Path*, *Chhappi Path*, *Dathukhar*, *Injothkhar*, *Udalkhar*, *Myle*, and other minor tribes *Baraiks* and *Lohars of Kala Kuro*, *Khurd Kuro and Rampur* villages. We made the door to door visit of the houses of these villages and distributed food materials and masks.

In essence, Xavier Hostel has been beneficial to the young women by cultivating and promoting holistic growth that will lead to positive global impact. It has ignited a spark of confidence and insight in them that will bring light into the corners of not just our nation, but all around the world.



