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"The hostel was a place I felt like I belonged, even though I was away from home."

St. Xavier's College Hostel strives to provide its students with a conducive atmosphere for learning and a comfortable place to reside. Currently, the hostel has 53 students and seven Professors, completing three years of its existence. The hostel provides its residents every opportunity to ensure they live their lives in an enriching and fulfilling manner. The hostel rules serve as guiding principles for the students, making them fully aware of their rights and obligations.

Due to lockdown restrictions, the hostel was closed between March and December 2020; however, part-3 students returned to the hostel on 1st September to prepare for their final examinations which were conducted from 28<sup>th</sup> September till 16<sup>th</sup> October. It is worth mentioning that the new admissions were more than earlier years.

- On the occasion of the birthday of our Blessed Mother, a meaningful Eucharist was celebrated in the morning. The evening featured a candle procession with the statue of our Lady, all united in recitation of the rosary and melodious singing of hymns. On July 26, St. Ann's feast was celebrated on a limited scale due to COVID-19.
- After three years of dedicated service as Warden of the Hostel, Sr. Mariana moved to St. Ann's Home Bheemunipatnam on 17th September 2020. We are grateful for her pioneering role in the Hostel and extend our heartfelt thanks. Similarly, we thank Sr. Mercia for her two year tenure at the Hostel, before moving to serve as Animator at St. Ann's Home Udaya Bhawan on 25th June 2020. We wish them both the best in their new endeavors and pray for God's blessings in their future endeavours.
- With great joy we warmly welcomed our new Warden, Sr. Lisa Rose, and also welcomed Sr. Poonam Dang who has joined us. Our prayers and good wishes to Sr Lisa to share her passion for service and work diligently with this team for a brighter tomorrow!
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - On National Day of Prayer we had special adoration and prayer. A meaningful prayer for an hour was conducted by Sr. Kaslin. Mainly praying for peace, prosperity and stability of the nation and the challenges it faces.

- October 7<sup>th</sup> - As month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, honoring Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives us and specially praying for our final year students who were preparing for their final exam we had a special rosary procession in the campus with lighted candles.

## **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Pope Francis said at the end of our lives, success, power and money will be seen as illusions, while love will be shown to be true riches. “If we do not want to live life poorly, ask for the grace to see Jesus in the poor, to serve Jesus in the poor.”

Observing the World day of the poor, We reached out to the most primitive aboriginal tribe of Korwa in three villages of Mahuadanr subdivision of Latehar district of Jharkhand. Since the villages are far away from Mahuadanr we sisters reached out to the people in their own villages to provide them at least two meals. We packed rice and daal and made 40 packets, one packet can feed 10 people. We went to the most primitive tribe of Korwa in sohar kattaltoli. There are 17 Korwa houses in this village and all of them received one packet each. We then moved to sohar karchatoli that has six Korwa houses. Our next destination was chappipath Korwa village. Chappipath has 17 Korwa houses; the smiling Korwas was indeed a silver line. Thus, we completed ‘feed the hungry’ mission on 19.11.2020, feeding 400 needy people.

## **CHRISTMAS**

God came among us in poverty and need, with the message that if God has loved us so much, we need to serve the poor. Observing this, we celebrated Christmas as we helped out 3 poor students to get new dress and reached out to our adopted village for carol singing and prayers. Distribution of cake and sweets made them very happy in the season of Christmas.

In January, regular offline classes were opened and students were instructed to properly wear masks, maintain social distancing in Hostel and Mess timing. Entry into the Hostel was only permitted after submitting a Covid-19 negative test report. In addition, students were made aware of the importance of getting inoculated against Covid-19. Apart from institutional declared holidays, all inmates had the opportunity to go home and they were also taught to constantly clean their hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. Daily sanitization of hostel blocks and strict adherence to physical distancing measures were

enforced. Rooms were rearranged accordingly to ensure proper social distancing. To attend to the needs of the students, medical kits were purchased. Furthermore, a concerted effort was made to reach out to far-flung poor villages and provide raw much needed food materials for their sustenance.

## **FORMATION OF COMMITTEES**

**Effective leadership is prioritizing the essential tasks. Effective management is being disciplined and completing them.**

Various committees have been formed to involve students in hostel administration by assigning them various responsibilities. These include Liturgy, Choir, Cultural, Sports, Mess, Discipline, Decoration, Cleanliness and Charity Club Committees. Additionally, there are also Session Representatives.

The committee members drew up action plans for the year. Their responsible roles in the hostel give them the opportunity to reach their full potential and become accountable leaders of tomorrow's society.

## **FACILITIES:**

The hostel offers a tranquil atmosphere and clean-living environment for students to live in and study. A new generator has been acquired, an open well has been dug which turned out to be a reliable water source. Mosquito mesh has been installed in the living surroundings, the construction of the compound wall is complete, two additional Acqua water plants have been installed to provide fresh drinking water, additional cots have been purchased for Loyola block, and supplementary tables were arranged for dining purposes.

## **EXPERIENCE OF THE STUDENTS**

I am Mamta Kujur from Daltunganj which is 100 kilometer far from the college. I am in hostel since the beginning of my degree course. I am grateful to the benefactors for starting the hostel here. It was really a dire need as our villages are far away from the college. We could not have continued our degree education if the hostel had not started here. The hostel is another home for us. We have all the facilities and we are happy here. The hostellers' number has increased from 13 to 90 and it would reach 100



this year itself. The continual development of the hostel based on the increasing number is very encouraging. We are not deprived of anything. We have a fixed timetable for various activities along with our studies. We do visit the families and pray in their houses during first week of the month. Prayer and adoration are held in 2<sup>nd</sup> week for our personal growth. Moral value related movies make the theme for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Charity works are carried out during 4<sup>th</sup> week. We have weekly, monthly and yearly plan for various programs and activities. At times we don't feel like going home even during the holidays. We get a lot of time for study as we have personal study rooms and also common place for study. There is special time for games and recreation. The spiritual growth also is taken care of as we have regular prayers, mass and confessions. We get help from each other as we discuss and clarify our doubts regarding subjects during study hours. We are becoming fluent in speaking in English since we have spoken English classes twice a week. If this college and hostel had not been started here many would not have got the chance of higher education. We are indebted to the administration. Thank you!

**I am Divya Bharati** from Rampur village belongs to very poor family. I am in the hostel for two years. I get a lot of opportunities to develop myself to become a self-reliant person. By living, sharing and working with my friends and classmates I gain knowledge and development. In the beginning, we didn't have proper water and power supply. Now we get sufficient water for our personal use and power supply for our studies. Sisters and Professors are like guiding stars for us, who are always ready to help and guide us. I am very happy in the hostel as the atmosphere in the hostel is very suitable for my study.



I could get many friends from different backgrounds. The various celebrations in the hostel unite all of us together without any discrimination and enable the mixture of diverse cultures. By staying here, I get a lot of opportunities to fulfil my life's dreams. I have learnt to adapt to different environments in order to be successful in my life journey. Discipline helps me acquire excellence in academics and become a self-motivated person. Participation in social and charitable activities in the hostel makes me to give more than receiving.

Rev. Fr. Stanslaus D'Souza, the Jesuit Provincial of South Asia, graced our hostel with his presence on November 23rd. He had a wonderful interaction with the students and imparted an inspiring homily during Mass that was celebrated with the hostellers. It truly was a day to remember.

**“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others.” –Cicero**

We are thankful for God's meticulous care and protection of all of us during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for God's providential love, care, and accompaniment. God has been with us every step of the way. We praise God for His all-pervading strength and glory. Our successes and achievements can be credited to Him; He leads us and walks beside us as we strive each day. In humility, we thank Him for His unseen guidance.

Thank you all. Wishing you blessings.

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