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The supreme resource and might of any nation is its youth. The destiny of a nation lies in the hands of its future generations. The caliber of its young people decides the type of future the nation will have. Thus, if we wish to secure a prosperous future for our country, what we need first and foremost is to strengthen and empower our youth. They are the powerhouse and repository of immense energy. The youth represent the national pride of any nation.

The optimal way to foster our youth is to equip them with the correct type of education. Not only any kind of instruction, but one that will cultivate their character, making them scientific, reasonable, broad-minded, and showing respect for oneself and others, responsible and truthful.

St. Xavier's College Hostel provides such an opportunity for young women; it not only imparts educational knowledge but also equips them with the skills necessary to excel in life. The holistic development provided to a Xavierian truly transforms her into a unique individual in any place she goes, be it in the workplace or at home. It is exciting to observe the evolution of an innocent girl who comes through the doors on their first day, to a powerful woman as she departs after completing her degree.

Another successful year has been recorded in the history of Xavier College Hostel. We are delighted to accommodate 85 vibrant and youthful female residents.

Sr. Lisa Rose, Sr. Kaslin, Sr. Chandrodaya and Sr. Pratima are mainly responsible for the management of the hostel. Session representatives, a link between students and administration, aid in ensuring the smooth functioning of the hostel and a close relation between both sides is fostered. Collective decisions related to daily life in the hostel are made in consultation with these individuals. Annually, student representatives are elected to create the Student Office Bearers team.

Xavier Hostel provides an optimal environment for rural and economically disadvantaged students, especially first-generation learners, to succeed academically.

## FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

**Leaders attain greatness not due to their authority, but rather through their capacity to bestow power on others.**

Several committees have been established to engage students in the administration of the hostel and delegate various responsibilities. These committees encompass areas such as liturgy, choir, culture, sports, magazine, mess, discipline, decoration, and cleanliness, each with representatives from every block and specifically for Catholic students. On July 21st, Sister Lisa organized a leadership training program to educate the elected leaders on crafting action plans for the year ahead. Through these significant roles within the hostel, student leaders are honing their potentials and are poised to become responsible members of society in the future. Congratulations to all student leaders for demonstrating remarkable teamwork throughout the year!

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

**You crown the year with your benevolence, and your pathways are filled with abundance.**

The academic year began with a prayer service conducted by the Liturgy Committee to invoke God's blessing. On June 14th, Fr. M.K. Jose, Principal of the college, celebrated Holy Spirit Mass, asking for the outpouring of divine gifts and fruits upon the students and staff. After the mass, the entire hostel was blessed. Every day starts and ends with devotion to God when devotional songs are played. A short prayer is offered at 8:30 pm after which announcements are made and birthday celebrants' names are read out loud with love and affection. Furthermore, everyone is encouraged to participate in the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. They also pray rosaries every evening in honor of Mother Mary. Special prayers are held during festivities such as Diwali or Christmas or for birthdays of sisters residing in hostels. On the first Friday of each month, students lead adoration regardless of their religious beliefs. Lastly, on October 7th -on Feast Day of Our Lady of Rosary- a special Rosary procession was conducted around campus where all students engaged wholeheartedly and filled it with God's presence.

## CULTURAL COMMITTEE

### Teamwork facilitates the realization of dreams.

The Cultural Committee organized a series of cultural events throughout the year to allow students to express their creative talents in writing, singing, dancing, drawing etc. On Fresher's Day, the seniors hosted an awe-inspiring cultural program to warmly welcome the new members into their community. Assistant Professor Surabhi Sinha spoke about her experience in the hostel and encouraged the first years to embrace unity and responsibility. In return, the juniors treated their seniors to a vibrant show of appreciation for their welcoming gesture.

On Teachers' Day (5th September), students in the hostel campus honored their sisters and staff members with a lively celebration. On 4th November 'The Festival of Lights' – Diwali was celebrated with a beautiful prayer service followed by a cultural event. The Christmas celebration on 22nd December brought out the spirit of Christmas through creative expressions; Fr Gyan SJ -the chief guest- delivered an uplifting message about love, care, and sharing during his speech. Additionally, on 18th December there was carol-singing competition which many groups participated in.

On 27.06.2022 for the first time a grand farewell function was arranged which began with a thanksgiving mass at 07.00 am for outgoing students in which Principal Fr. M.K. Jose SJ was the main celebrant. He explained the dilemmas in choosing their future profession and how the students should prepare themselves for their future endeavors. The evening function had begun with the theme "Every ending has a new beginning". The students were asked to give their feedback about the institution and the staffs. All the students were felicitated by Sr. Lisa the warden of the hostel. While addressing the students, she appreciated the outstanding qualities and contribution of the students and wished them best of luck. Finally, the final years thanked the management and everybody for the well-planned program.

## SPORTS COMMITTEE

### "The Greater the Challenge, the Sweeter the Triumph"

The Sports Committee orchestrated a diverse array of exhilarating competitions, encompassing the dynamic realms of throw ball, kho-kho, and relay races. From the inception of the selection rounds to the electrifying crescendo of the finals, their dedication and



perseverance shone through, ensuring a seamless and spirited journey for all participants. Beyond the confines of organized competitions, the committee played a pivotal role in fostering a culture of physical activity and well-being within the hostel community. Recognizing the intrinsic link between regular exercise and holistic health, they actively encouraged students to engage in recreational play on the hostel playground. By providing a conducive environment for active pursuits, they empowered students to prioritize their physical health and cultivate habits that promote overall well-being.

In essence, the Sports Committee's efforts transcended mere competition, embodying a broader commitment to nurturing a generation of individuals who are not only athletically proficient but also cognizant of the importance of leading balanced and healthy lifestyles. Through their tireless advocacy and unwavering support, they have left an indelible mark on the hostel community, inspiring students to embrace the transformative power of physical activity and pursue excellence in all facets of life.

## **DECORATION COMMITTEE**

**You cannot exhaust creativity; the more you utilize it, the larger your store of it.**

The Decoration Committee stands as a cornerstone in the heartbeat of our hostel, its influence resonating through the very fabric of our events and communal spaces. With an artistic flair that knows no bounds, they breathe life into every occasion, transforming mundane spaces into captivating realms of wonder and delight.

Their mastery of color and form is evident in every brushstroke, every embellishment, as they infuse each event with a kaleidoscope of vibrant hues and captivating designs. Whether it's adorning the walls for cultural celebrations or crafting thematic displays for special occasions, their creative touch elevates the ambiance, turning moments into memories that linger long after the festivities have ended.

Moreover, the committee's dedication extends to the hostel notice board, where their artistic endeavors serve as a beacon of inspiration for all. With meticulous attention to detail, they curate visually stunning displays that capture the essence of different occasions, from festive holidays to solemn remembrances. But their impact goes beyond mere aesthetics; nestled among the decorations are uplifting quotes and words of wisdom, carefully chosen to ignite the spirit of motivation and encouragement among the student body.

In essence, the Decoration Committee is more than just a group of artists; they are the

architects of atmosphere, the purveyors of joy, and the custodians of inspiration within our hostel community. Through their boundless creativity and unwavering dedication, they enrich our lives with beauty, color, and meaning, leaving an indelible imprint on our hearts and minds.

## **DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

**The quality of life can lead to a shift in one's perception and understanding.**

At the helm of maintaining order and decorum within the hostel stands the Discipline Committee, entrusted with the paramount responsibility of upholding standards of propriety and fostering a conducive living environment for all residents. Comprising representatives from each block, the committee operates as vigilant custodians of discipline, ensuring that rules and regulations are adhered to with steadfast diligence.

During the sacred quiet study hours, the committee members conduct regular rounds, their presence serving as a gentle reminder of the importance of maintaining silence to facilitate focused academic pursuits. With a keen eye for detail and a commitment to excellence, they uphold the sanctity of these hours, ensuring an atmosphere conducive to deep learning and concentration.

Moreover, the committee extends its purview to cultural and community events, where they serve as guardians of decorum, preserving the integrity of collective gatherings and ensuring that interactions are conducted with respect and dignity. Their watchful presence lends a sense of order and harmony to such occasions, fostering an atmosphere of inclusivity and mutual respect.

Central to the administration's approach is the belief in peer-based disciplining methods, recognizing the transformative power of accountability and collective responsibility. By empowering students to take ownership of their actions and uphold community standards, the administration cultivates a culture of mutual support and accountability, wherein students serve as stewards of their own conduct and that of their peers.

## **CLEANLINESS COMMITTEE**

**When your surroundings are tidy, you experience feelings of joy, enthusiasm, and wellbeing.**

At the forefront of maintaining a pristine and hygienic campus environment stands the diligent members of the Cleanliness Committee, charged with the vital task of preserving

cleanliness and promoting sustainability within our hostel. With a steadfast commitment to excellence, they undertake a multifaceted approach to ensure that every corner of our campus remains immaculate and free from clutter.

Central to their mission is the conduct of weekly inspections of student rooms, where meticulous attention is paid to ensure that tidiness is maintained at all times. Armed with a keen eye for detail and an unwavering dedication to cleanliness, they address any lapses promptly, implementing corrective measures to uphold the highest standards of hygiene and organization.

Moreover, the committee is deeply committed to creating a plastic-free environment, recognizing the urgent need to reduce plastic consumption and mitigate its adverse impact on the environment. Through targeted initiatives and educational campaigns, they advocate for the adoption of eco-friendly alternatives and strive to minimize the use of single-use plastics across the hostel premises.

In addition to their efforts in maintaining cleanliness indoors, the committee also plays a pivotal role in promoting outdoor cleanliness and waste management practices. By encouraging students to keep their areas and surroundings clean and organized, they instill a sense of pride and responsibility in preserving the beauty of our campus environment.

Furthermore, the committee actively promotes segregation of waste by providing separate bins for biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste, fostering a culture of sustainable waste management among residents. Through educational outreach and awareness-building activities, they empower students to make informed choices and adopt eco-friendly habits that contribute to the collective well-being of our hostel community and the planet at large.

## **SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLUB**

The inception of the Skill Development Club marks a significant milestone in our hostel's commitment to empowering students with the tools and competencies necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving job market. Founded with a clear vision and purpose, the club serves as a catalyst for personal and professional growth, offering a diverse array of resources and opportunities aimed at enhancing students' employability and career prospects.

At the heart of the club's mission lies the objective of equipping students with a comprehensive skill set that transcends traditional academic knowledge. Through a curated curriculum and hands-on workshops, members are afforded the chance to hone their communication abilities, fostering effective dialogue and collaboration with peers.

Additionally, emphasis is placed on refining problem-solving skills, empowering students to tackle complex challenges with creativity and resilience.

Recognizing the pivotal role of literacy in today's knowledge economy, the club is committed to boosting reading speed and comprehension levels among its members. Through targeted exercises and reading sessions, students are encouraged to cultivate a voracious appetite for knowledge and expand their intellectual horizons.

Moreover, the club recognizes the importance of sound decision-making in both personal and professional contexts. To this end, members are provided with frameworks and tools to enhance their decision-making abilities, equipping them with the confidence and acumen to navigate the complexities of the modern world with clarity and conviction.

## **BATCH REPRESENTATIVES**

The role of a leader is not to have all the ideas, but rather to cultivate an environment in which everyone can come forth with their ideas and feel that their contributions are valued.

Batch Representatives are vital to the hostel's operations. Every night, they take attendance to verify occupancy and serve as a liaison between students and Wardens. Their commitment to service is highly appreciated. In addition, they aid members of the Cleanliness and Discipline Committee in safeguarding neatness and order on the floor.

The students greatly appreciate the warm, homely and friendly atmosphere of the hostel. The warden provides individualized and personal care to attend to the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of the students. Counselling and guidance are made available for them as well. Furthermore, directors have taken it upon themselves to build strong relationships with the students by conducting periodic meetings and talks on various topics such as need-based subjects and inspirational talks which aim to help cultivate healthier lives.

On November 11th, 2021, Father Rajeev Tirkey held an inspirational talk to motivate the youth on the topic of "Handling Life with Care." He shared inspiring stories from the life of figures of great leaders to encourage students to reach their potential by utilizing their skill and talents. Furthermore, Father Tirkey also noted that one should heed the advice given by parents as it can guide them along the right path.

On April 12th, 2022, Father Roshan Kerketta gave a motivating address on character development. Living a life of strong principles will lead to eventual joy. His reflective anecdotes moved us all, and he insisted that we be mindful of the patterns of our thinking, as

those thoughts can manifest into words and actions which in turn dictate our lives.

**Gratitude provides perspective for our past, brings peace in the present, and generates hope for the future.**

I express my profound gratitude to everyone involved in the efficient running of the hostel. I thank God for His guidance and support, which has enabled us to empower our students in ways that will help them reach their highest potential. All of us are working together to create something truly remarkable, and I am very grateful for all the hard work done by each and every one of you.

Altogether, Xaverian life has provided invaluable learnings and wisdom that can assist and cultivate the aspirations of our hostel's burgeoning youth to cultivate exemplary leadership skills for a more prosperous India

Thank you all. Wishing you blessings.

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