Key Events and Celebrations

1. Holy Spirit Mass - Academic Year Start (June 2024):

- The academic year was inaugurated with a special Holy Spirit Mass, invoking God's blessings for a successful year ahead. This Mass was attended by both Catholic and non-Catholic students, with the aim of fostering spiritual unity and peace among all students as they began their academic journey.



Motivational Speech by Non-Catholic Students (June 2024):

- To promote interfaith dialogue and inclusivity, a motivational speech was delivered by non-Catholic students. The speech focused on the importance of inner strength, perseverance, and the role of values in academic and personal success.



2. Patron Saint St. Ignatius Feast and Homage (July 2024):

- The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with a Holy Mass in honor of the patron saint of our institution. The entire Loyola community gathered to pay homage, reflecting on St. Ignatius' life and his call to serve God and others with passion and humility.



3. Feast Day for the Assumption of Our Lady

The solemn mass of assumption of Our Lady was celebrated at the Jesuit residence for the Catholic students alone.

4. The Feast of Birthday of Our Lady

The feast of the birthday of Our Lady was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Danish Ponnaiah SJ at 12.00 pm at the Jesuit residence for the catholic students alone.

5. The Thanks Giving Mass of Newly Ordained Priest

The newly ordained priest Rev. Fr. Albin SJ and Re. Fr. Thomas Alva Edison celebrated the Thanksgiving mass at the Jesuit residence for the Catholic students of the hostel.

6. Homage to Mrs.Vinnarasi - Non – Teaching Staff

The Loyola College Mettala as whole the Jesuit priests, teaching and non teaching staff and students paid a heartfelt tribute to Mrs.Vinnarasi, a non teaching staff who passed away previous day.





7. Birth of Virgin Mary Feast (September 2024):

- A Feast Mass in celebration of the Birth of the Virgin Mary was held, bringing the Loyola community together in prayer and reflection. This event reminded the students and staff of Mary's humility, faith, and maternal care for all.

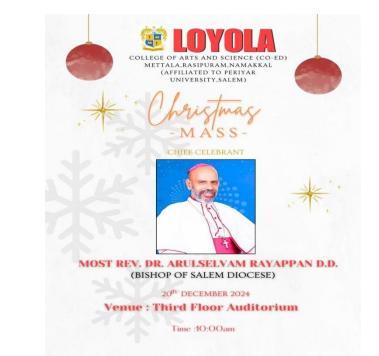
8. Gloria for Christmas Celebration (December 2024):

- The Christmas celebrations were carried out with a deep sense of joy and reverence, including the Gloria for Christmas, a musical event. The celebration was organized with the collaboration of parishes and schools under the Salem Dioceses, with a Carols Competition held in conjunction with the Epiphany Center, Salem Dioceses. This competition encouraged students and community members to showcase their artistic and musical talents in honor of the birth of Christ.



9. Christmas Celebration at Loyola College (December 2024):

- The Christmas celebration at Loyola College was a joyful occasion that included carol singing, a special Holy Mass, and a community gathering. The event emphasized the spirit of giving, peace, and unity.



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10. Lourdes Matha Feast (February 11, 2025):

- The Lourdes Matha Feast was celebrated with a Mass, followed by a Car Procession with Lights. The procession wound its way through the campus, culminating at the Grotto, where the Blessed Sacrament was honored. This event served as a beautiful expression of devotion and faith among the college community.



11. Ash Wednesday Mass (March 05, 2025)

- Ash Wednesday Mass marked the beginning of the Lenten season at Loyola College. During this service, both Catholic and non-Catholic students participated in receiving ashes as a sign of humility and repentance, symbolizing the start of the 40 days of Lent. The Mass focused on themes of self-reflection, renewal, and preparation for the Easter season.



12. Way of the Cross (Lenten Season - March 2025):

- During the Lenten season, the Way of the Cross was conducted for Catholic students, non-teaching staff, and hostel students. This event was a spiritual journey, walking together in prayer and reflection, commemorating the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Way of the Cross allowed the Loyola community to reflect on the meaning of Lent and its message of penance and renewal.



13. Retreat for Catholic Students (April 2025):

- A Retreat was organized for Catholic students to help them reconnect with their faith through prayer, reflection, and spiritual talks. The retreat was an opportunity for students to deepen their relationship with God and focus on personal spiritual growth.

Motivational Speech for Non-Catholic Students (April 2025):

- A motivational speech was again conducted for non-Catholic students, encouraging them to stay focused on their goals, remain positive, and develop a strong sense of inner purpose and ethics, irrespective of their religious background.

14. Retreat for Staff (Lenten Session - April 2025)

- A Lenten Retreat for the college staff was conducted to help them renew their spiritual commitment. The retreat focused on the themes of sacrifice, reflection, and spiritual growth during the Lenten season, with sessions dedicated to deepening the staff's understanding of Christian values and how they can apply them in their roles as educators.

Conclusion:

The Campus Ministry at Loyola College, Mettala, has had a fruitful year with a variety of events and celebrations that have catered to both Catholic and non-Catholic members of the community. Through these spiritual activities, we have fostered a sense of unity, inclusivity, and faith, creating a welcoming environment for all. As we continue to grow in faith and knowledge, the Campus Ministry remains committed to serving the spiritual and academic needs of our students and staff.