

LOYOLA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE (Co-Ed)

Mettala, Oilpatty Village, Rasipuram Taluk, Namakkal District - 636 202 Tamil Nadu, India.

BEST PRACTICE -5

Introduction

Encourage mutual respect and understanding between students and staff by accepting a range of religious beliefs in order to foster tolerance. Encourage harmony and togetherness among the faculty and staff in order to create a sense of community on campus.

1. Title of The Practice:

PROMOTING INTER RELIGIOUS HARMONYTHROUGH PRAYER

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- Regardless of one's religious background, to provide people with spiritual sustenance to promote wellbeing and personal development.
- > To promote the growth of moral principles among the university community by encouraging moral behavior and honesty.
- > To establish a welcoming and inclusive campus culture by fostering an atmosphere where people are appreciated and accepted for their religious convictions.

3. The Context:

The institution reflects the cultural diversity of the area by admitting personnel and students from a variety of religious backgrounds. Recognizing the importance of spirituality and moral development in education, the organization works to create a space where people feel free to practice any religion they practice.

4. The Practice:

On campus, prayer sessions are held regularly at 9.00 am on all working days and include hymns and religious songs from all major faiths. The religious traditions that are practiced by everyone in this institution are respected and acknowledged in the way that these sessions are run. Students and staff are welcome to participate in the prayer sessions at their discretion, in accordance with their religious views.

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5. Evidence of Success:

Religious harmony is evidently seen from the positive attitude and approach of the students in curricular and co-curricular activities that establish their active participation in religious festivals. Moreover, any kind of indifference towards religion is totally absent inside the campus as well as the in the villages from where the students hail from. All the religious festivals are equally well celebrated with piety and reverence to Gods and Goddesses.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

At first, the organization faced difficulties in guaranteeing fair representation and inclusiveness of every religious group at prayer gatherings. To solve this, it was necessary to have resources such a dedicated area for prayer sessions, audio-visual equipment for playing religious music, and concerted efforts to properly arrange and manage the sessions. With the aid of these resources, a warm and inviting space will be created where people of many religious backgrounds could take part in prayer sessions with peace and harmony.



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