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The power of youth is the common wealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in the society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of the young people. – **Kailash Satyarthi**

St. Xavier's College Girls' Hostel fosters a nurturing environment conducive to students' holistic growth and development. Year by year, the hostel facilities are enhanced to ensure a comfortable and secure living space for its residents. The devoted service rendered by the Sisters and staff instills discipline, guiding students to responsibly exercise their freedoms and discover their self-worth. Here, students are exposed to a diverse array of activities, empowering them to explore their interests and chart their paths for personal growth.

Integral to this journey are spiritual awakenings, cultural events, sports, and community service initiatives, which collectively shape students' future aspirations and instill a sense of unity and purpose. This academic year saw a notable increase in enrollment, with the hostel now accommodating 90 students. This growth is a testament to the efficiency of the hostel management and the individualized care extended to each student.

Reflecting on another fruitful year, the hostel's theme of "The Power of Youth in Nation Building" underscores its commitment to nurturing future leaders. Embracing exploration as a pathway to knowledge, the hostel celebrates the unique journeys of its residents, recognizing that each holds the potential to contribute meaningfully to society.

Within the vibrant confines of Xavier Block and Loyola Block, a total of 90 spirited and driven young women find their home. Overseeing the hostel's operations are Sr. Lisa Rose, Sr. Kaslin Juliet, Sr. Chandrodaya, and Sr. Pratima Surein, supported by a dedicated team including Asst. Prof. Shalini Bara, Asst. Prof. Shephali Prakash, Mrs. Sunita Toppo, and Miss Manju Negasia. The Hostel Leaders play a pivotal role as mediators between the student body and the administration, fostering increased engagement and participation among residents. Discussions regarding student welfare are conducted in collaboration with them, ensuring a comprehensive and responsive approach to addressing student concerns. Annually, student representatives are elected to assume leadership roles within the

organization, further enhancing student involvement and empowerment.

Recognizing the importance of relaxation and rejuvenation, a day out was organized on February 18th, 2023, providing students and staff with a well-deserved respite from their daily routines. Amidst the serene backdrop of nature, participants immersed themselves in playful activities by the riverbank, forging lasting memories and strengthening bonds within the hostel community.

Formation of Committees

"The most effective leader is not necessarily the one who achieves the greatest accomplishments. Rather, it is the one that is able to inspire and motivate others to reach their highest potential."

A plethora of committees has been instituted to engage students in hostel administration, assigning them diverse responsibilities reflective of their interests and talents. These committees encompass a wide spectrum of areas, ranging from liturgical affairs and choral performances to cultural events, sports, mess management, discipline, decoration, and cleanliness. Moreover, representatives are designated for each academic session and for the Catholic student community, ensuring comprehensive representation and inclusivity.

In their respective roles, these student leaders are afforded the opportunity to cultivate their leadership skills and realize their fullest potential. Empowered to make meaningful contributions, they serve as catalysts for positive change within the hostel community and beyond. Their dedication, initiative, and collaborative spirit exemplify the essence of effective leadership, inspiring others to follow suit.

A heartfelt commendation is extended to all student leaders for their unwavering commitment and remarkable teamwork. Their collective efforts not only enhance the hostel experience but also sow the seeds for a brighter and more cohesive society. Together, they exemplify the transformative power of unity and collaboration in fostering a culture of excellence and inclusivity.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Prayer is not a request; it is entrusting oneself to God and paying attention to His voice within our souls.

At the onset of the academic year, we commenced with a reverent Eucharistic celebration on June 17th, 2022, seeking divine blessings for both our endeavors and the consecration of our hostel buildings. Each day began with a sacred ambiance, as devotional songs echoed through the halls, followed by a brief prayer to set the tone for our daily pursuits.

Our commitment to spiritual nourishment is evident in the daily rituals we observe. Mornings are punctuated with heartfelt prayers, while evenings are marked by the joyful recognition of birthdays, accompanied by blessings bestowed during our night assemblies. Furthermore, special prayers are offered for various intentions, with students gathering daily to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary.

In observance of October, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, we partook in a solemn procession illuminated by flickering candles on October 31st, symbolizing our reverence and devotion. Adding to the spiritual ambiance, our choir members lent their melodious voices to feast-day and birthday celebrations, enhancing the atmosphere of reverence and celebration within the hostel community.

Throughout the academic year, several significant events were commemorated at the hostel, enriching the spiritual and cultural tapestry of the community:

On June 27, 2022, a Thanksgiving Mass was held at 7:00 AM to bid farewell to departing students. Principal Fr. M.K. Jose SJ delivered a poignant message, emphasizing the importance of preparing for future endeavors.

The Feast of St. Ann was solemnly observed, with Fr. Simon Murmu SJ presiding over the Holy Eucharist. Additional prayers were offered by Fr. Jose SJ, Fr. Gyan SJ, and hostel students, seeking blessings for all and society at large.

Spirituality Day on September 12th, 2022, served as a platform to celebrate the legacy of Fr. Wilhelm Meyer, highlighting his philanthropic contributions. Competitions were organized, recognizing the achievements of participants with awards.

Hostellers are regularly motivated and guided in alignment with the hostel's faith. They actively participate in prayers and Holy Eucharistic celebrations, lending their tuneful voices to hymns of praise.

Special rosary processions are conducted on significant occasions, fostering a sense of communal devotion among hostel students as they gather to pray and reflect together.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Art is the overflow of emotions into action

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Asst. Prof. Shephali Prakash, embarked on a journey to unearth the hidden talents of hostel students, orchestrating a myriad of cultural programs encompassing oratory, creative writing, singing, and dancing. Their concerted efforts aimed to foster a nurturing environment where students could explore and showcase their artistic abilities.

To extend a warm welcome to incoming students, seniors orchestrated an exuberant cultural presentation, fostering a sense of camaraderie among them. Sr. Lisa, a beacon of wisdom, imparted invaluable insights to the freshers, encouraging them to embrace academic pursuits alongside extracurricular activities, equipping them to confront challenges and seize opportunities with confidence.

On June 18th, 2022, the hostel bid a fond farewell to Fr. John Tirkey, a pillar of support for the past five years. A heartfelt thanksgiving mass and a brief program served as tokens of appreciation for his invaluable contributions to the hostel community.

May 24th, 2022, marked a poignant occasion as outgoing students were honored with a thanksgiving mass led by Principal Fr. M.K. Jose SJ. Reflecting on the challenges of career choices, Fr. Jose SJ inspired students to prepare diligently for their future endeavors. The evening event, themed "Every Ending Has a New Beginning," saw Sr. Lisa commending each student for their exceptional qualities and contributions, while final year students expressed gratitude to the management and organizers.

The spirit of Christmas infused the hostel with joy and reverence. A special prayer meeting and recollection, led by Fr. Rajeev Kumar Tirkey, instilled a sense of spiritual renewal and preparedness to welcome the infant Jesus. Subsequently, on December 22nd, students and staff came together to celebrate the joyous occasion, exchanging heartfelt gifts and partaking in festive merriment.

The Feast of St. Ann was commemorated with solemnity, as hostel students gathered for a modest yet meaningful gathering, accompanied by recreational activities and a delectable lunch.

Sr. Sandrina, Provincial of St. Ann's Society, graced the hostel on March 20th, delivering an inspiring speech on the significance of personal values in shaping success and fostering harmony.

Fr. Vincent Hansdak SJ, Provincial, motivated students on April 16th, urging them to strive for excellence through diligence and dedication.

On February 2nd, 2023, Fr. Bob Slattery and Mr. Sivakumar engaged with students, emphasizing the importance of setting objectives for success despite the challenges of an isolated environment, instilling hope and determination for a brighter future ahead.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

"The Greater the Challenge, the More Rewarding the Triumph"

Throughout the academic year, the Sports Committee, led by Assistant Professor Surabhi, demonstrated unwavering commitment to promoting physical fitness and well-being among hostel students. With meticulous planning and execution, they orchestrated a diverse range of sporting events aimed at fostering a culture of athleticism and camaraderie.

The committee's efforts culminated in a series of exhilarating competitions, including throw ball, kho-kho, and relay races, providing students with ample opportunities to showcase their sporting prowess and competitive spirit. From the initial selection rounds to the electrifying finals, the committee members worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth conduct of each event, fostering an atmosphere of healthy competition and sportsmanship.

Recognizing the importance of regular physical activity, the committee also took proactive steps to encourage students to engage in recreational sports. They designated a dedicated area within the hostel playground for daily use, providing students with a convenient and accessible space to engage in various sports and fitness activities. This initiative not only promoted physical health but also served as a platform for students to unwind, socialize, and build lasting friendships.

Through their concerted efforts, the Sports Committee played a pivotal role in instilling a love for sports and physical activity among hostel students, contributing to their overall health, well-being, and holistic development. Their dedication and passion for promoting an active lifestyle exemplify the hostel's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped to excel in all facets of life.

DECORATION COMMITTEE

You cannot exhaust creativity; the more you utilize it, the more you will have.

The Decoration Committee stands as a cornerstone in the fabric of our hostel community, infusing every occasion with a burst of color and vitality. Their meticulous attention to detail and artistic flair breathe life into each event, transforming ordinary spaces into vibrant, immersive experiences.

With a keen eye for design and a knack for creativity, the committee members craft visually stunning decorations that captivate the senses and evoke a sense of joy and celebration. From festive banners and intricate centerpieces to whimsical displays, their imaginative creations serve as the perfect backdrop for memorable gatherings and festivities.

One of their key contributions lies in adorning the hostel's notice board, where they showcase their talent by curating visually striking displays that reflect the essence of each celebration. Whether it's a festive holiday, a cultural festival, or a special milestone, the committee infuses the notice board with uplifting words, inspiring quotes, and cheerful motifs, creating an atmosphere of positivity and inspiration that resonates throughout the hostel.

Their dedication to their craft extends beyond mere aesthetics; it serves as a source of motivation and encouragement for the entire hostel community. Through their thoughtful decorations and inspiring displays, the Decoration Committee not only enhances the visual appeal of our surroundings but also fosters a sense of unity, belonging, and pride among students and staff alike.

In essence, the Decoration Committee is more than just a group of decorators; they are the artisans of ambiance, the architects of atmosphere, and the purveyors of joy. Their unwavering commitment to excellence and their passion for creativity enrich every aspect of hostel life, making each event a truly memorable and magical experience for all who participate.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The quality of life itself produces a new level of awareness.

The Discipline Committee serves as the backbone of order and decorum within our hostel, diligently overseeing and upholding discipline to foster a conducive living and learning environment for all residents. Comprising members from each block, the committee conducts regular rounds, particularly during study hours, to ensure a peaceful and focused atmosphere

conducive to academic pursuits. Their vigilant presence instills a sense of accountability and responsibility among students, encouraging them to adhere to the designated rules and maintain decorum at all times.

Moreover, the committee plays a crucial role in enforcing rules and regulations during various cultural activities or group gatherings, ensuring that events proceed smoothly and respectfully. Whether it's a festive celebration, a group meeting, or a recreational event, the committee members are vigilant in maintaining order and ensuring that all participants adhere to the established guidelines.

The Administration's confidence in the peer-based disciplinary approach underscores their belief in the students' ability to self-regulate and uphold standards of behavior. By empowering students to take ownership of their actions and contribute to the maintenance of discipline within the hostel, the Discipline Committee not only promotes a sense of accountability but also fosters a culture of mutual respect and cooperation among residents.

In essence, the Discipline Committee serves as a guiding force in promoting a harmonious and orderly hostel environment, where students can thrive academically, socially, and personally. Through their dedicated efforts and unwavering commitment to upholding discipline, they play a pivotal role in shaping a positive and conducive living experience for all members of the hostel community.

MESS COMMITTEE

Nourishment is essential for achieving a good quality of life; Consistency in how we treat ourselves is also key.

The Mess Committee holds a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth operation and quality of food services within our hostel. Tasked with various responsibilities, they meticulously oversee every aspect of the dining experience, from menu planning to food preparation and service.

One of their primary duties is the preparation of menus, where they meticulously curate balanced and nutritious meal plans that cater to the diverse dietary preferences and requirements of the hostel residents. Drawing upon their culinary expertise and understanding of nutritional needs, the committee members strive to offer a varied and satisfying dining experience for all.

In addition to menu planning, the Mess Committee also monitors the quality of food served, conducting regular inspections to ensure adherence to hygiene standards and food safety

protocols. They take proactive measures to address any concerns regarding food quality promptly, liaising with kitchen staff and administration to maintain high standards of culinary excellence.

Furthermore, the committee serves as a conduit for student feedback, actively soliciting input and suggestions from residents regarding their dining experiences. They collate and convey this feedback to the administration, facilitating ongoing improvements and adjustments to the food service operations based on the evolving needs and preferences of the hostel community.

During special occasions and events, the Mess Committee extends their support by assisting in food service and logistics, ensuring that meals are served efficiently and with a touch of hospitality. Whether it's a festive celebration, a cultural event, or a communal gathering, the committee members play a vital role in enhancing the dining experience and fostering a sense of community spirit.

Overall, the Mess Committee's dedication and diligence contribute to the smooth functioning of the hostel's food services, ensuring that residents are provided with wholesome, delicious meals that nourish both body and soul. Through their proactive approach and commitment to excellence, they uphold the hostel's reputation for culinary excellence and hospitality, enriching the overall living experience for all residents.

CLEANLINESS COMMITTEE

When your environment is tidy you experience a sense of contentment, motivation, and well-being.

The Cleanliness Committee plays a pivotal role in upholding hygiene standards and fostering a clean and sustainable environment on campus. Tasked with the responsibility of maintaining cleanliness, the committee members carry out regular inspections of students' rooms on a weekly basis, meticulously documenting their findings to ensure accountability and compliance with cleanliness guidelines.

In addition to overseeing room cleanliness, the committee is dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and reducing plastic usage on campus. Taking proactive measures, they spearhead initiatives to create a plastic-free environment by implementing necessary steps such as reducing the use of single-use plastics and promoting alternatives.

Furthermore, the committee actively encourages and motivates students to adopt eco-friendly practices by raising awareness about the importance of waste segregation. They advocate for the separation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste into separate bins, facilitating proper waste management and recycling efforts on campus.

Through educational campaigns, workshops, and interactive sessions, the committee fosters a culture of environmental responsibility among students, empowering them to make informed choices and take tangible actions towards preserving the planet. By instilling values of sustainability and cleanliness, the committee contributes to creating a healthier, greener, and more eco-conscious campus community.

In essence, the Cleanliness Committee's dedication to maintaining cleanliness and promoting sustainability reflects their commitment to fostering a safe, healthy, and environmentally conscious living environment for all residents. Through their proactive efforts and advocacy initiatives, they inspire positive change and empower students to become stewards of the environment, ensuring a brighter and cleaner future for generations to come.

CHARITY CLUB

“no Matter What Happens In Life, Be Good To People. Being Good To People Is A Wonderful Legacy To Leave Behind.” — Taylor Swift

The "Charity Club" within the hostel embodies the spirit of compassion and altruism, dedicated to extending support and assistance to those in need within our community and beyond. Through a variety of meaningful activities, ranging from fundraising initiatives to hands-on volunteering efforts, the club endeavors to make a tangible and positive impact on the lives of others.

At the heart of the club's mission is the aspiration to create positive change through selfless acts of service and generosity. Whether it's organizing charity drives, participating in community service projects, or advocating for social causes, club members are driven by a shared commitment to making a difference and uplifting the lives of others.

In collaboration with Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati, the club has been able to provide vital support to vulnerable communities, such as the distribution of free mosquito nets to safeguard against diseases like malaria. This initiative not only addresses immediate health needs but also underscores the club's dedication to promoting health and well-being among those in need.

Beyond individual initiatives, the Charity Club serves as a platform for fostering empathy, compassion, and social responsibility among hostel residents. By engaging in collective efforts to address social issues and support marginalized communities, club members develop a deeper understanding of the power of empathy and the importance of giving back to society.

Through their unwavering commitment to philanthropy and service, the Charity Club exemplifies the hostel community's ethos of compassion and solidarity. Their efforts serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration, demonstrating the profound impact that acts of kindness and generosity can have on individuals and communities alike.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLUB

The Skill Development Club is dedicated to empowering students to excel in their professional endeavors by honing their existing skills and acquiring new ones. With a mission to enhance their employability and career prospects, the club focuses on a wide range of skill sets essential for success in today's competitive job market.

Central to the club's objectives is the improvement of communication skills among students. Through workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions, members are provided with opportunities to enhance their verbal and written communication abilities, fostering effective collaboration and teamwork in professional settings.

Furthermore, the club emphasizes the importance of sharpening problem-solving strategies, equipping students with critical thinking skills and analytical techniques essential for navigating complex challenges in their respective fields. By engaging in hands-on exercises and case studies, members develop the ability to devise innovative solutions and make informed decisions.

In addition, the club recognizes the significance of continuous learning and self-improvement, offering programs aimed at accelerating reading speed and comprehension. Through targeted exercises and strategies, students are empowered to absorb information more efficiently, enabling them to stay abreast of industry trends and developments.

Under the dynamic leadership of Associate Professor Shalini Bara, the club organizes a plethora of programs and interactions designed to inspire and motivate students in honing their skills and maximizing their potential. Through her guidance and mentorship, students are encouraged to explore their strengths, identify areas for improvement, and take proactive steps towards personal and professional growth.

In essence, the Skill Development Club serves as a catalyst for students' personal and professional development, providing them with the tools, resources, and support needed to thrive in an increasingly competitive and dynamic world. By fostering a culture of continuous learning and skill enhancement, the club empowers students to embark on successful career paths and realize their aspirations with confidence and competence.

BATCH REPRESENTATIVES

Batch representatives fulfill a crucial role within the hostel community. They conduct regular physical inspections of residents' quarters and assist the Discipline Committee in maintaining appropriate standards of conduct and behavior.

Orientation on the Power of Youth in Nation Building:

Sr. Saleena and Sr. Christy were welcomed warmly by the students of St. Xavier's College Girls' Hostel on 27th March 2022. Their presence added joy to the students during their two days of stay with us. The orientation they provided about "**The Power of Youth in Nation Building**" was informative and motivating. We were excited and challenged regarding the role of Young generation.



Visit of Dr. Fr. M.K. George, General Assistant of the Jesuits

26th August 2022 is a memorable day in the history of St. Xavier's College Girls' hostel, as Dr. Fr. M.K. George SJ, the General Assistant of the Society of Jesus from Rome officially visited the hostel. We had a very enriching interactive session with him. We were challenged to be 'agents of justice and reconciliation'. He emphasized on our mission to show the way to God and accompany the youth to build a hope filled future.



• **Visit of Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas**

On 7th July 2022, during his pastoral visit to Mahuadanr, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the newly appointed Apostolic Administrator of Daltonganj Diocese, was welcomed grandly in the hostel. The Bishop offered Holy Eucharist, after which, the students performed a short cultural program. The Bishop gave a heart- touching message to the students, ‘The youth has a much more important role in nation-building than all of you might think’.



• **Jhaan Youth Meet:**

In October 2022 Chhechari valley became widely known because the Third Jhaan (Jharkhand and Andaman) Youth Convention was held in Mahuadanr Parish from 03-05 October 2022. About 5500 youth from all over Jharkhand participated in it. It was organized by Daltonganj diocese closely guided by Rt. Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas, the Apostolic Administrator of Daltonganj. The Nuncio to India and Nepal, the Ranchi Archbishop and six other Bishops were also present. Their words boosted the morale of the youth. The hostel students managed various facets of the Youth Meet.

SETTING GOALS FOR LIFE:

Sr. Sajita and Sr. Nirmala Mathew, both seasoned High Court lawyers, delivered a thought-provoking address to the students, shedding light on the significance of setting life goals and understanding the Constitutional rights and social responsibilities that underpin India's integral development.

Drawing upon their extensive legal expertise and practical experience, the esteemed speakers emphasized the importance of goal-setting as a foundational step towards personal and professional success. They underscored the value of clarity in one's objectives, highlighting how a clear vision and defined goals can serve as guiding principles in navigating life's complexities and achieving one's aspirations.

Furthermore, Sr. Sajita and Sr. Nirmala Mathew delved into the Constitutional framework of India, elucidating the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution and the corresponding social responsibilities incumbent upon citizens. They elucidated how a deep understanding of these rights and responsibilities is essential for fostering a just, equitable, and inclusive society, where every individual's dignity and freedom are upheld.

Through engaging anecdotes, real-life examples, and interactive discussions, the speakers encouraged students to actively engage with issues of social justice, equality, and civic participation. They highlighted the pivotal role that informed and empowered citizens play in shaping the socio-political landscape of the nation and driving positive change.

By imparting valuable insights into the legal and ethical dimensions of citizenship, Sr. Sajita and Sr. Nirmala Mathew inspired students to become conscientious and proactive members of society, equipped with the knowledge and awareness needed to uphold the principles of justice, equality, and democracy. Their enlightening discourse served as a catalyst for reflection, instilling in students a sense of responsibility towards nation-building and social progress.



In essence, life at Xavier Hostel has profoundly influenced the young women residing within its walls, fostering their holistic development and equipping them with the tools to make a

positive impact on society, both locally and globally. Through the nurturing environment provided by the hostel, students have been empowered to cultivate their talents, hone their skills, and broaden their horizons, thus preparing them to become catalysts for change in the world.

The hostel experience has ignited a flame of enlightenment within the minds of these young women, illuminating their path and guiding them towards a future filled with promise and potential. Armed with knowledge, compassion, and a sense of purpose instilled by their time at Xavier Hostel, they are poised to confront the challenges of the world with courage, resilience, and determination.

As we reflect on our journey and the growth we have experienced, we are filled with gratitude to God for His boundless love and mercy, which have sustained us and enabled us to progress joyfully on our path. With His blessings as our guiding light, we look forward to embracing the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, confident in our ability to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Thank you all. Wishing you blessings.







