



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous)

(Recognized as "College with Potential for Excellence" by UGC & Accredited at A⁺⁺ grade with CGPA of 3.66/4 in IV Cycle by NAAC)

Palayamkottai – 627 002

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

CAMPUS MINISTRY & MAGIS CLUB



1. Centenary Thanksgiving Mass: 01.07.2023, the Centenary Thanksgiving Mass: The Campus Ministry together with the Centenary Liturgy Committee organized the Centenary Thanksgiving Mass marking the completion of 100 years on 02.07.2023. Rt. Rev. Dr. Antonysamy, D.D, Bishop of Palayamkottai was the Main Celebrant. The Jesuit community and Priests who are the Alumni of St. Xavier's College were invited for the Mass. About 40 Jesuits and 10 clergy from Palaymkottai Diocese concelebrated the Mass. Approximately about 2000 Students and 150 staff of our college participated in the Holy Mass.
2. A one-day Ignatian Retreat was organized on 02.09.2023, which spiritually animated about 550 catholic students from various departments.
3. Blessing and Opening of the Centenary Buildings: On 06.10.2023, the Blessing and Opening of the Centenary Buildings named after Fr. Bonhore and Fr. A. Gnanapragasam, S.J., were held. Rt. Rev. S. Antonysamy, Bishop of Palayamkottai, led the Prayer of Blessing and opened the South Block. Fr. Thomas Amirtham, S. J., Provincial of Jesuit Madurai Province, blessed and opened the North Block.
4. Centenary Valedictory Thanksgiving Mass: On 06.10.2023, the Centenary Valedictory Thanksgiving Mass was held. The Students Council members carried the Portraits of Fr.

Causannel, S.J., Fr. A. Gnanapragasam, S.J., Fr. Lebeau , Fr. Bonhore and Fr. Mahe - the founding fathers of the College, and led the procession. Most. Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai solemnized the mass along with Rt. Rev. Antonysamy, Bishop of Palayamkottai, Rt. Rev. Nazarene Soosai, Bishop of Kottar and Rt. Rev. Stephen Antony, Bishop of Tuticorin and Rt. Rev. Jude Paulraj, Bishop Emeritus. Fr. Thomas Amirtham, Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province and about 50 Jesuits including the Former Rectors, Former Secretaries and Former Principals besides all those who worked in St. Xavier's Institutions concelebrated the Mass. A Congregation of 1500 including current students and well-wishers joined the Mass. During the offertory procession, 150 fans and 195 tube light fittings were given by the students and staff.

5. Other Significant Events:

- 08.11.2023: 180th Anniversary of Fr. Louis Du Ranquet S J., Pilgrimage to Sri Vaigundam was held. About 200 members consisting of Jesuits, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff and their family members participated.
- 09 & 10.12.2023: 5th State Level Youth Prayer Convention held with 200 beneficiaries.
- 12.02.2024: Our Lady of Lourdes Feast- Candle light Procession held. About 800 Hostellers, Staff and people from the neighborhoods joined.
- 17.02.2024: Catholic Staff Retreat held. 160 members from both Teaching and Non-teaching fraternity joined the Retreat. It was held in Christuraja Hr. Sec. School Campus, Palayamkottai.
- First Friday Masses are organized for catholic staff and students of both Shift I and Shift II. General Awareness talks are arranged for Non-Catholic Staff and students.