Spiritual and pastoral activities at Jyoti Nivas College, autonomous

We, at Jyoti Nivas College believe that spiritual growth and development can help students stay grounded and contribute to overall academic success. Having an organized programme to enhance the spiritual care also makes the transition into and out of college life easier.

Inaugural Mass:
The spiritual activity of the year began with an inaugural Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. Anil D'Sa on the feast of the evangelist John the Baptist. (June 24). The catholic community of the College prayed for God’s blessings upon the College as we step into the new academic year.

On the mission of preparing leaders
Final year students Brunda S, PMC and Pavithra M, PCM attend a national programme ‘The Leaders for Tomorrow’ organized by the AIACHE at the YMCA College of Physical Education, Chennai from the 26th to the 28th of June 2017.
Connecting with god

The annual retreat for catholic students was conducted on July 26 & 27, 2017 in Jyoti Auditorium. Catering to the spiritual needs of over 250 students in the campus, this year’s retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Francis Rozario OFM along with Mr. Kennedy D’Silva and Mr. Sansiew D’Silva from Goa. The theme of the retreat being ‘Connecting with God’, the trio, through talks, interactive session and dance & music stirred up the total involvement of students while they enumerated the importance of Scripture, Eucharist, family and self as significant aspects of being witnesses of God to the world. It is an endeavor of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes to impart faith formation to the catholic students who enter the portals of Jyoti Nivas College and the students did benefit from this experience. It was indeed a deep experience of spiritual nourishment for all involved.
**Enhancing leadership skills**
Staff and students of Jyoti Nivas College, Autonomous attended the Annual Seminar and General Body Meeting of Xavier Board, Karnataka Region and Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka on August 25, 2017 at Catholic Centre in Mysore.

![Image of seminar attendees]

**Mistletoe Masala – Charity food fest**
Enter Advent! We, at Jyoti Nivas College autonomous prepare for the season with various activities that focus on the attitude of giving and sharing. In a kind gesture, students of the College came together on Friday, December 15, 2017 to organize a food festival for the benefit of the deprived. More than 2,500 students joined hands to prepare and sell a varieties of mouth-watering dishes. Mistletoe Masala, which is an annual event, is an occasion to raise money for the compassionate ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes.
Bon Noel 2017, the Christmas Celebration of Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous was held on December 20 with the tag line ‘The reason to be reborn’. The college makes this day a truly meaningful one as we invite amidst us less privileged children from various organizations in the city to participate in the joy of sharing and giving. Delivering her Christmas message, Dr. Sr. Elizabeth encouraged the students to be truly humane through acts of charity, generosity and joyful giving. The specially-abled students of Jyoti Nivas College shared their talents as well to the delight of the audience. The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. James Theophilus SDB expressed his immense appreciation for the celebration which he said was in true Christmas Spirit. Dr. Alex Martis OFM, the guest of honour shared his Christmas wishes to the college fraternity. A short cultural programme on Christmas theme was presented by students and the invited institutions. Part of the fund collected during Mistletoe Masala was given by Dr. Sr. Elizabeth to each of the institutions. At the end of the celebration, the students from the invited institutions were treated to a sumptuous lunch which was organized by AICUF unit of the college.
The giving and sharing act continued the next day (December 21) as well as we celebrated Christmas with 60 construction workers in the campus. The students’ contribution during Mistletoe Masala was shared with these migrant workers as each of them was given a blanket and a travel bag along with lunch.

As is the culture of JNC campus, the staff of all the units of Jyoti Nivas College came together to celebrate Christmas on December 22. The forenoon celebration was organized by a team of lecturers from Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous. The management of Jyoti Nivas College delighted the staff with a delicious lunch.

**The catholic community of Jyoti Nivas College observes Ash Wednesday**

Jyoti Nivas College has always provided spiritual care to meet the needs of the Catholics of the college particularly during the holy season of Lent. This year Ash Wednesday mass was organized on February 14 in the convent Chapel at 1:40 p.m in order to enable all in the campus to participate in the liturgy. Fr. Jeorme Mariadhasan of the department of Sociology was the main celebrant. The Pastoral care team organized weekly Stations of the Cross thereafter on all the Fridays of Lent. Students and staff took turns to prepare and pray the Stations of the Cross with deep devotion.

**The College family gathers for thanksgiving**

The management, staff and students of Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous came together on March 1, 2018 to express our heartfelt gratitude to God for all the favours bestowed on us during the Academic year 2017 – 2018. The Thanksgiving Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Kenneth Crasta, an MBA student from Christ University. Exhorting everyone to imbibe an attitude of gratitude, Fr. Kenneth elaborated on the Gospel passage of healing of 10 lepers. The intentions of the College were prayed for during the prayer of the faithful.
Regular Activities:
The Spiritual and Pastoral team organized the weekly hours with various topics for the I & II year catholic students. This year the topics covered were, Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Mary, the woman in Jesus’ Mission, Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Sacrament of the Eucharist.