



She joined Loyola School nearly 26 years ago in the year 1983. It is interesting to note that our present Principal Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy was the Principal of the school at that time. What a coincidence that Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy, the person who welcomed her into the school, is the one giving her a warm send-off after so many years of dedicated service.

"Loyola is so special to me and it is mainly the small boys who have made it so " she said, during our conversation with her. In Loyola she has been in charge of Standard I. She was always like a mother to the little ones, loving and patient— we too have experienced her love and care when we were that age. She admits that with the passage of time Loyola has also been a hapless victim to change. Some of the changes were welcome while some were not. According to her, "the lack of proper parental care due to the busy work schedules and lifestyles, in tandem with the harmful effects of television and the Internet has had a negative impact on the children. But despite these changes, Loyola is still the best school of its kind in the city", she states proudly.

She clearly remembers the students of the initial batches of 1983, '84 and '85 and recognizes any child whom she has taught. Young children have always been her favourite. She acknowledges all those who have helped her throughout her career. She gives the credit of her success to all the teachers and the Principals of the school both past and present.

"Fr. M. M. Thomas has really been so inspirational", she states.

Her desire is to take a year's break, but she will be

THIS LITTLE GUIDING LIGHT OF LOYOLA...

ducation helps an individual to recognize and understand his true worth and to discover the meaning of his existence. Teachers light that very lamp of education-the lamp which removes ignorance, spreads the light of knowledge, and shows the way to tomorrow's success; a lamp that glows forever in the ignited minds of the students. The following lines acknowledge (in a very minimal way), the great contribution of one such lamp – a guiding light that has ignited hundreds of little lamps and helped to spread the light of knowledge in Loyola- our very own Bhanumathy madam , who is retiring this year.

ready to rejoin Loyola if the Management so desires . Madam, we sincerely hope you will be back as soon as possible for another satisfying innings. A dedication to you:

Students see you as an understanding mother, Teachers view you as a helpful sister,

Most of all Loyola considers you as an asset. Which none can ever substitute.

Here's what we think of you Madam: Broadminded, Honest, Able, Neat, Understanding, Methodical, Amazingly patient, Terrific teacher, Hardworking, Yearning for perfection.

Madam, Goodbye for now. Welcome back anytime.



Ramgopal A., Mohammed Ziad, & Kiran Manoj



cience says: The sum of angles of a triangle is always 180. Has anyone of you ever thought that it may be false? Well consider a triangle with equator as the base formed by the intersection of two longitudes at the poles and if you are good at Maths you will realize that the sum of angles is greater than 180. So says the man who made learning Physics truly 'JOY'ful.

Here we get close and personal with our very own Joy Sir.

Excerpts from the interview:

Q) Sir this is a question that has nagged many generation of Loyolites. Are you an IIT-ian?

A. (Smiles) No. To be frank during those days we hadn't even heard of IIT's.

A) I studied in St .George's High School, Arakkunam, Ernakulam. Then I did my pre-degree from the Maharajas College, Ernakulam (1972) and went on to take B.Sc. from Sacred Hearts College, Thevara and I was the topper there. Later on I took M.Sc. from UC College, Aluva.

Q) Physics teaching as your profession.....?

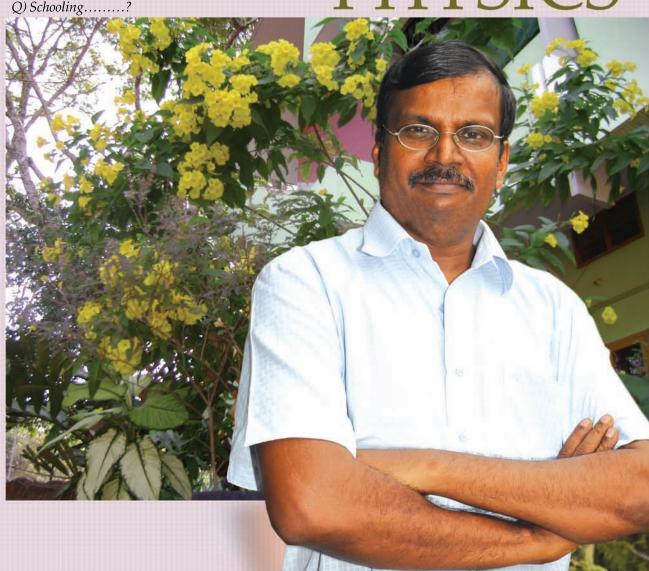
A) From the beginning itself I had a penchant for Physics. See for example (points to the canteen). When you look there, you notice Nature or children playing. But I look at the structure of the building, the radius of the hemispheres and so on. So, different people conceive the same thing in different ways. However, Maths was and is my favourite subject.

Q) Same life, different profession.....?

A) Oh! I don't know.

Q) Arrival at Loyola....?

JOY OF PHYSICS







- A) It was sheer coincidence. I had actually come to Trivandrum to visit my Uncle. Then I began teaching at OUR College. Then I saw a job vacancy here and....well I joined here on December 7, 1981.
- *Q)* That fateful day....?
- A) On arriving at the school I was struck by the beauty of the campus and the attitude of friendliness between the students and the teachers. However, I was not very tense on taking my first class as I had already taught at OUR College.
- Q) Your unique style....?.
- A) (Pauses for a while) Yes, I am like that. I think I am a bit lazy and short tempered. Ah! You know that.
- Q) The sudden rise of tuition centres....?
- A) Well, in a school we can't assure the parents that their sons will get into IIT or secure a good rank in AIEEE. However, at the tuition centres you have people who are ready to guarantee that, and so you can't really blame parents for sending their



children for tuitions. I also take tuitions.

- *Q)* Your favourites....?
- A) Favourite actor: Sreenivasan.

Favourite actress: All of them are equally good (looking).

Favourite toffee: Kaccha Mango, Coffee Bite. Favourite hangout: Men's staff room while at school.

- Q) Co-education....?
- A) (Smiles) Why not? I am definitely for coeducation. It helps in the development of discipline, moral values etc.
- Q) The Dynamic Men's Staff Room.....?
- A) Yes in the school I feel most comfortable in

the Men's staff room and over the years, I have developed a good rapport with all the teachers. The staff room is a place where we freely express our ideas on anything under the sun and it has been a silent witness to many a free chats and debates.

- *Q)* More than anything else your teaching?
- A) Over the years, I have enjoyed my teaching to the maximum but I do admit that earlier teaching was more a challenge for me. Students used to ask me challenging questions which I needed to think in order to answer. But nowadays I can predict the questions that are going to arise and so in a way teaching has become less challenging but that is inevitable.
- Q) Your advice to aspiring teachers....?
- A) Basically, to be a good teacher one should
 Love the subject
 Know the subject
 Love the students
- Q) Tips for aspiring IIT-ians.....
- A) IIT or whatever it is, you have to Study the subject to the core Enjoy your studies, Enjoy your work and Enjoy your life.

For IIT you have to do problems on your own.

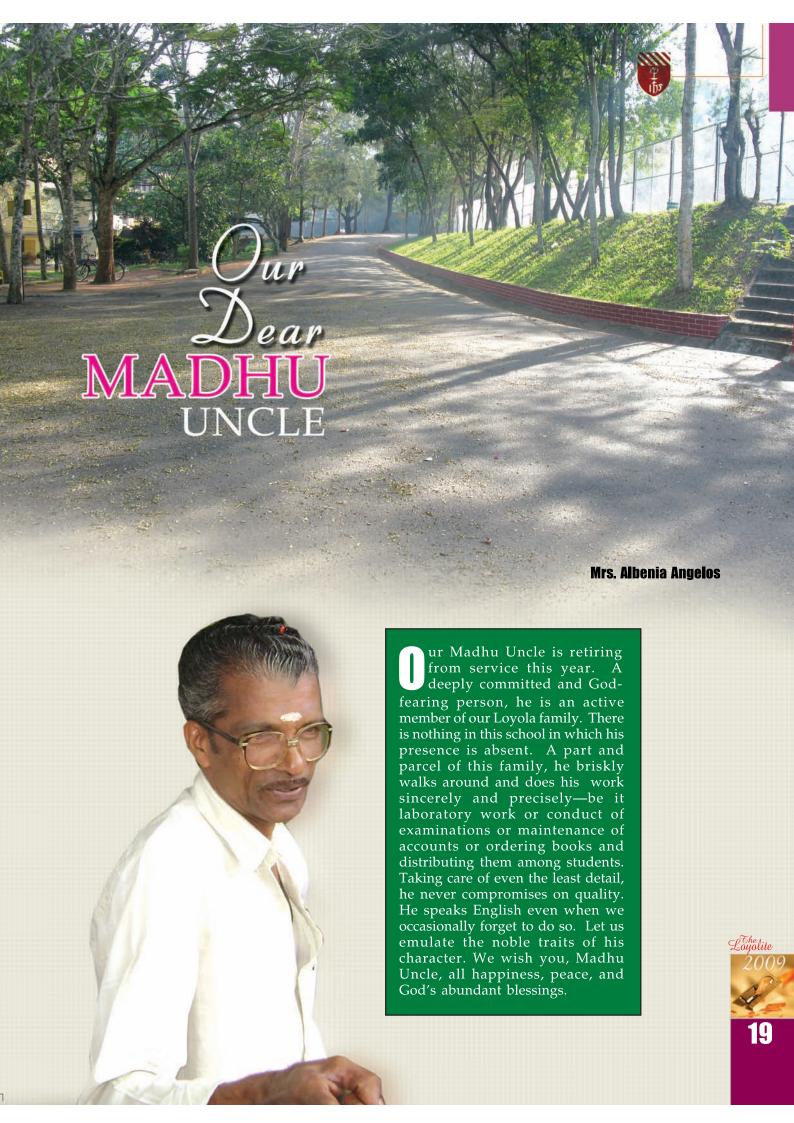
- *Q)* Tips for perspiring failures.....?
- A) There is no point in scoring marks without studying. The mark is just a measure of where you stand and there is no difference between 40-the pass mark and a 38 or 36 but still you are called a failure. Another common notion is that the failures don't study anything but the ones who get higher marks study very well. Actually, both the students are studying but the failures study more of mistakes whereas the others study less of mistakes.

So failures should try to learn from their mistakes rather than passing somehow. However, don't infer that I am saying that failing is OK. Indeed marks matter.

- *Q)* Finally Sir, where will you be 5-6 years later?
- A) Well I don't have a clear answer to that. I may still be teaching or I may turn to agriculture in my native place because I am interested in agriculture. But definitely I'll miss Loyola.

Sir over the years you have given us many wonderful memories that we will forever cherish. So Sir, even if you leave Loyola you will continue to live on in the memories of thousands of Loyolites as one the best teachers ever!







LA FEST 08



Syam Thomas (XII B)



the hot favourite inter-school cultural fest because Loyola School only plays host and does not compete in any of the events. For a fest organized entirely by the students and without any sponsors, LA FEST has proved that fair play is possible and sheer will power, dedication and hard work can make the seemingly impossible happen.

On 12 July 2008, Sutter Hal

On 12 July 2008, Sutter Hall stood host to the latest LA FEST in which ten prestigious schools took part. Mr. Radhakrishnan, IAS, inaugurated the function. The guest of honour at the closing ceremony was the renowned singer Nithin Raj.









The prelude to LA FEST 2008 was the group music competition named 'Harmony'. The events that followed were: Reality d'Fantasia, Whinie-Whichie-Quizie, Block and Tangles, and the personality contest 'La Persona.' Dance O' Mania marked the grand finale to the festival. Holy Angels ISC emerged as the winners and St. Thomas Residential School, the runners-up. Raj of Trivandrum International School and Radhika Rajendran of Holy Angels ISC were crowned Mister and Miss LA FEST, respectively.





THE 47th ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET





Loyola, the Sports meet began in the true Olympic fashion with a torch relay and a disciplined march past. The athletic events started with the 100 m. dash for the senior boys. The colourful P.T display and show of martial art techniques by the junior boys were a feast for the









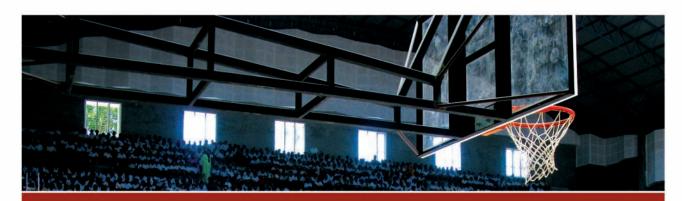












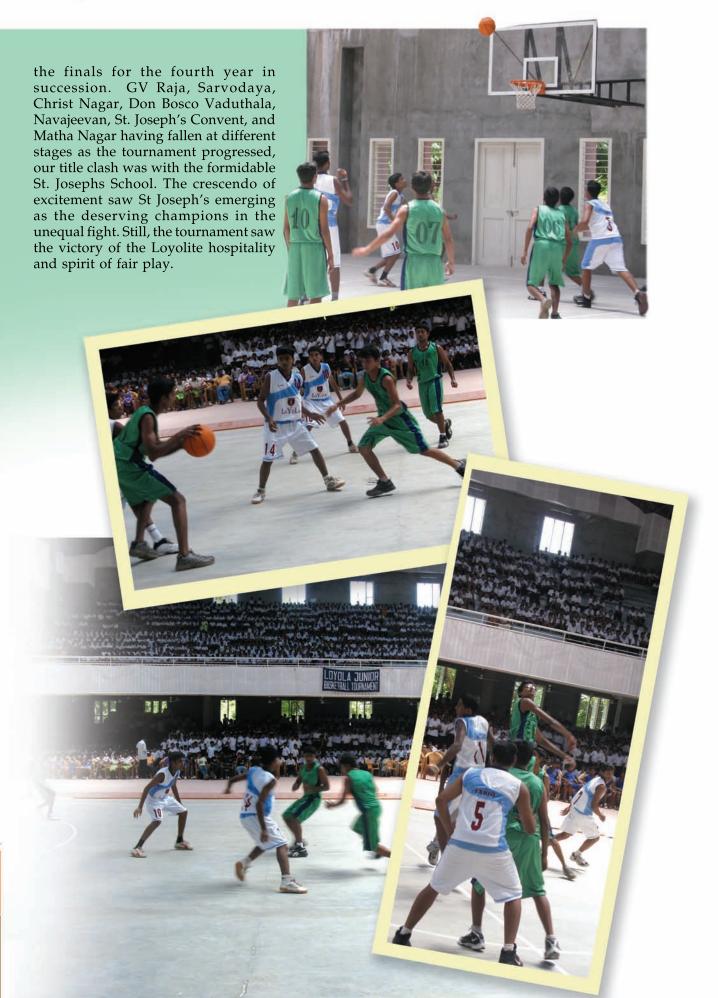
LOYOLA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Conducted for the first time in the imposing Indoor Stadium, the 33rd Loyola All Kerala Junior Invitation Basketball Tournament (22-24 September) was the second major inter-school event hosted by our school this year, the first one being La Fest 2008. Dr. S. S. Hasrani (Principal, L.N.C.P.E, Trivandrum) inaugurated this prestigious tournament which enjoyed enthusiastic participation. Begun on a solemn note with the customary welcome song, aerobic dance, march past, and pledge of sportsmanship, this event generated increasing excitement as our team defeated St.John's, Mar Thoma, and Don Bosco Irinjalakkuda and advanced to











SCHOOL DAY CELEBRATIONS











NON-TEACHING STAFF

Sitting (L to R): Mr. Gopakumar K., Mr. Robin P. Joseph, Mr. Georgekutty, Fr. Joseph Edassery S. J., Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy S. J., Mr. Ramachandran Nair J., Mr. Surendran, Mr. Madhusudanan Nair G., Mr. Joseph S., Mr. Lazer E. Standing First Row (L to R): Mr. Radhakrishna Kurup, Mr. M. Valsalan, Mr. Sajan V. A., Mr. Santhosh A., Mr. Sasikumar, Mr. Jijin V. P., Mr. Ahamed Kannu, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Pankajakshi, Ms. Blaisy Standing Second Row (L to R): Mr. Ram Kumar, Mr. Abdul Azeez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Sasidharan Nair, Mr. Mohanan, Mr. Jagathappan Chettiyar, Mr. George A., Mr. Thomas John, Mr. Sumesh R., Mr. Sreelal S. V., Mr. Justin Raj, Mr. Jose S.







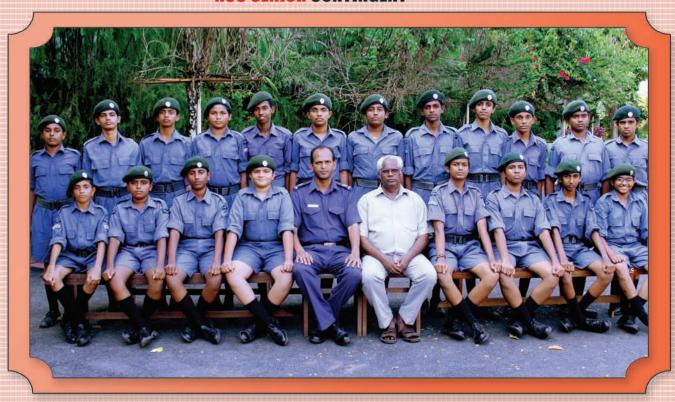


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(Vice Principal), Fr Varghese Anikuzhy S.J. (Principal), Fr M. M. Thomas S.J. (Vice Principal), Mr Thomaskutty M.T., Mr Philipose V.G., Ms Elaine Jobe, Ms Merl Murray, Ms Grace Thomas, Ms Ranjini Pereira, Ms Hazeena S., Ms Sasikala R., Ms Bhanumathy, Ms Geetha Thomas, Ms Subha Reji, Ms Shiny John Standing Second Row (L to R): Ms Sabita Nayar, Ms Ann Pius, Ms Lovely Romin, Ms Sr Jijimole K. Thomas, Ms Kalarani, Ms Sindhu N. Sharma, Ms Beena Thomas, Ms Sreeja T.I., Ms Manjula A., Ms Latha K., Ms Vineeta Ms Sathi Antharjanam S., Ms Jaya Xavier, Ms Malathy S., Ms Selvi Christudas, Ms Mary M. Dominic, Ms Geetha P. Kumar, Ms Nandini Pant Standing Third Row (L to R): Ms Jinsam Shibu, Ms Albenia Angelose, Ms Padmam A., Ms Mary Mathew, Mr Jean Michael, Mr Chacko, Mr Joy Thomas, Fr Toby Joseph S.J., Mr Mohanan Pillai A., Ms Brinda A. Nair, Ms Susan Samuel Standing First Row (L to R): Mariyam Shanthi David, Ms Prathima Sreedhar, Ms Mini Aravindakshan, Ms Beena Kutty, Ms Elizabeth Mathew, Ms Sony B. George, Rajeesh T., Mr Pratap Chandran, Mr Anil Kumar R., Mr James Thomas, Mr Sunil Kumar V.T., Mr Remesan P.L., Mr Sunil Kumar T.V., Sitting: Ms Sudha K., Ms Anitha Kumari S.I., Ms Bindu P., Ms Mini Thomas, Ms Annie Koruth, Fr Biju Joy S.J., Fr Joseph Edassery S.J Mr Praveen S.S., Mr Shijo Sunny



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