

# Loyola College, Vettavalam



JWL program was officially started in our campus on October 10, 2017. This unique program was started to provide our underprivileged students with not only basic survival skills for college life, but enriching experiences to shape their future as well.

Prior to the beginning of its launch in LCV, Fr Alphonse Manickham, the then secretary and Prof Deepa Prem of English department were provided with an opportunity to attend a training program in Srilanka held in the month of July 2017. Mr Adrian Doff, the writer of course books was the trainer.

With the inputs received from there, efforts were taken to start a fresh batch of 20 students. The program took shape in October 10. The classes started with the formal inauguration program presided over by Fr superior, Fr Secretary, Fr Principal and heads of the departments. The classes were handled by Prof Deepa Prem. An online entry test was conducted for the students to gauge their level of English proficiency.

The students were instructed to attend classes from 3.15 to 4.45 pm every day after regular college hours. It is heartening to note the periodical visit made by Fr Rajarathinam, the site coordinator. Their attendance is maintained and their regularity is appreciable.

After 2 months of time the students were given a break off for their semester exams which is scheduled by the university. Moreover, the students on roll are from different semesters and so it was difficult to continue the program during the exam dates.

To add more, with the transfer of Fr Alphonse to Loyola Chennai, Fr Rajarathinam took up the place.

Mention should also be made of our facilitator, Prof Deepa Prem who was appointed as a trainer for the new facilitators of Kerala province scheduled for 2 days, 15 and 16th of 2017.

The JWL classes in our campus resumed from 2nd January 2018. On 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan, an online test was conducted after completing the A1 level. At present they are doing their A2 level. It is a happy note to announce that our students are provided with 9 tabs for better learning. Students find it very easy and effective to learn through tabs.