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[LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL-DAR-ES SALAAM]

SCHOOL PROFILE JUNE 2014

Brief History

Loyola High School (Dar-es Salaam) took shape in 1989 when the late Fr. Louis Plamondon, S.J. was appointed to organize the building project. The Tanzanian government offered various plots, but the Jesuits decided on the suburb called Mabibo Farasi. The school designed to serve the needs of the local population. The Jesuits wished to offer quality education for those with the ambition to study but were not able to afford such education.



A section of the school compound

The school is built on a 5.5 hectare, two-tiered plot, and is approximately 10.6 km west of the city. Construction of the first building (Block V) began in 1994 and it was completed by 1995.

In July the same year, Fr. Richard Twohig, SJ from the Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, joined as the first Headmaster of the school. He admitted the first batch of students: 70 girls and 70 boys for the first Pre-Form One (now

known as the Human Development Program, HDP). The Jesuit residence was then built followed by block VI and the temporary Canteen in 1996 and then Block IV in 2000. Block III was completed in 2002, while the chapel was completed in May 2011.

In 1999 the first Pre-form One intake sat for their Form Four National Examinations. They were ninety-one students. In July 2000, an Advanced Level was initiated by the school with the first batch of Form Five students. Loyola was officially inaugurated by the Provincial Superior, Fr. Fratern Masawe, SJ, on October 5, 2002.

Student & Staff Population

Presently, the school has 1,038 students, out of whom 380 are girls and 658 are boys. The school has 68 teachers, 44 Support Staff and 4 Administration Staff.

Academics & Performance

The school curriculum is based on the Tanzanian Secondary School education curriculum. The main subjects include Mathematics, English, Geography, Civics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Commerce, Book Keeping and Literature. Computer Studies and Literature are compulsory to all students. Since the inception of the school, 17 years ago, 3,461



Beside: Sch. Michael Rossman teaching a Commerce lesson

students have graduated; 1,790 have completed form 6, while 1671 have completed O levels.

Mission Statement

Inspired by Jesuit intellectual tradition Loyola high School educates young people to become morally responsible men and women for others who think critically, act wisely, and work skillfully to advance the common good.

School Motto

Men and Women for Others

Programs

- a) **Human Development Program (HDP):** was initiated to help students to get to know the school, Jesuit education as well as to brush up on their English and Mathematics. Currently, there are 3 HDP classes. The program is not compulsory to all students.
- b) **Feeding:** All students have breakfast and lunch at the school. The program began in 2004 to address the problem of some children being unable to buy their own food.
- c) **Grant in Aid (GIA)/ Jesuit Endowment Fund:** The school supports approximately 100 students every year through scholarships. These children have their school fees paid either entirely (about 3% of them) or in part (about 2%). Those supported are those from poor families and cannot afford the cost of education. At the moment 91 students (56 girls and 35 boys) are being supported.
- d) **PTA Orphans Fund:** established by the Parent-Teachers Association. Each parent contributes about USD\$ 4 per year per each child who is studying at the school. The fund is designated to support children who become orphaned after joining the school, and thus risk dropping out. It currently supports two students, 1 boy in Form two and 1 girl in Form 4.
- e) **Committed Youth for the Poor (CYP):** is an organization started by students to support poor people in general and poor students in particular. The organization gets money through conducting raffles, showing movies to fellow students, soliciting funds from students and staff through special forms etc. During the December 2011 floods that affected Dar-es Salaam, the students raised about USD\$ 1,900 to support the victims.
- f) **Loyola Alumni Association:** was formed by former students of the school with the intention of helping students to keep the ideals of the school. The association also assists in fundraising for small activities run by the school.
- g) **Community service:** is a program that reaches out to the outside community where students learn to put their generosity into practice. Students invest at least 4 hours yearly to help the poor, visit orphanages, remand prisons for children, homes of the sick and elderly etc. under

supervision. During these visits, students engage in small cleaning works and spending time with those communities.

- h) **Child Protection in Practice Course:** Child Protection In Practice is an initiative by the Jesuit Mission in Dublin responding to the need of protecting vulnerable children in school from abuse either by those mandated to care for them or the structures that are oppressive to the children. In this case, Loyola high school participated by presenting one staff member who underwent an online training successfully and received a merit certificate with grade of 82 per cent.
- i) **Enrichment Program:** The project aims at sharpening the skills of children from Mabibo suburb and surrounding areas. It intends to provide 100 children who do their primary education in the neighboring, less equipped public schools with skills in English and Mathematics in order to prepare them to compete equally with those who do their primary education in better equipped private schools. The Enrichment Program bridges this gap by uplifting the standards of the children from the neighboring public schools. These students attend two hours of coaching/tutoring every day for ten months, and thus can compete for places at Loyola.
- j) **Campus Ministry:** Campus Ministry in Loyola is mandated to support the spiritual formation of all members of Loyola High School. It also oversees an ongoing leadership program for student leaders, as well as community service program. In addition, it coordinates foreign immersion programs for Loyolite students, and organizes ongoing seminars for the Campus Ministry's Staffs.

Facilities

The school has the following facilities:

- 32 classrooms
- 1 Geography Room
- 1 Sick Bay
- 1 Multi-Purpose Hall
- 1 Maintenance Block
- 8 laboratories (2 each for Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Computer)
- 1 library
- 1 Administration Block with 12 offices
- Temporary Canteen
- 3 Examination Halls
- A Chapel – St. Ignatius Chapel



*Left: Students at a Biology lesson; Below
left: Students in the Library; Below Right:
ICT laboratory*



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