

**Eucharistic Celebration**  
**The Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola**  
**&**  
**Inauguration of the Academic Year 2023-24**

The Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola and the inauguration of the academic year 2023-24 were celebrated with the Eucharist on Tuesday, 1 August 2023 at 11:50 am, in the University Auditorium. Monseigneur S Jayanathan, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Bengaluru, presided over the Eucharist.

In his homily, he emphasised the qualities of St Ignatius that made him a saint. He urged the students to practise the following 3 Ds – Discipline, Dedication and Devotion. He shared that he himself was a product of Jesuit education and considered himself a Jesuit. He recollected his own journey in various Jesuit institutions in India and around the world. He also thanked St Joseph's for the service rendered to the Church. The concelebrants were all the Jesuit priests of Arrupe Nivas. The festal mass on the occasion of the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola brought together the staff and students.

The Eucharistic celebration was the conclusion for the Ignatian week events hosted for all the students on campus. Campus Ministry coordinated the conduct of the Eucharistic celebration. This was followed by fellowship lunch for all the staff of the University. All the students who attended the Eucharistic celebration were provided refreshments. The members of Jesus Youth of SJU distributed prayer cards to all the attendees.

For the III Shift students, the Eucharistic celebration was held at 8:00 pm in the University Auditorium. The main celebrant was Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology. After the mass, refreshments were provided to all the staff and students.

For the Images of the Eucharistic Celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola & Inauguration of the Academic Year 2023-24, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery: <https://www.sju.edu.in/gallery/22>