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MAJOR AND MINOR ORDERS 2016

ETC is greatly delighted as 27 of her students getting closer to the altar of our Lord by receiving different orders on 20th December 2016. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna and Mar Antony Chirayath, the bishop of Sagar conferred the orders. Nine sub deacons were raised to the order of *M'shamshanusa*, Five were given the order of *Heupdiaknusa* and eleven brothers received the order of *Karoyusa*. The liturgical ceremony started with a procession at 10.30 am. During the ceremony, Mar Antony Chirayath preached a homily explaining the roles and the theological significance of the orders. A number of priests and religious from different dioceses and congregations participated in the liturgical celebrations. Some family members and relatives of some of our brothers also joined for the celebrations. During the agape, bishops congratulated the new ordained ministers with bouquets.



Priestly Ordination Priestly Ordination



ETC wholeheartedly congratulate her 17 children ordained to lead, teach and sanctify the people of God and to become a sacrifice pleasing to God. ETC prays and wishes that they all may be human faces of divine compassion, partakers in human pathos and an incessant stream of divine grace so that the thirsty may drink and find rest.

**Congratulations to our dear
New priests**



Christmas Celebrations 2016

Celebrating the birth of the saviour in a land in which the message of the saviour almost unknown is the foremost mission of St. Ephrem's Theological College. In this regard every year ETC celebrates Christmas in villages and conveys the message of the incarnation of our Lord.

JOY OF CHRISTMAS IN JAWAHAR NAGAR VILLAGE

On 14th December 2016, Christmas celebrations were conducted in Jawahar Nagar village with the blessings of V. Rev. Fr. Rector.



The programme started at 6.00pm. Most of the villagers were participated in the celebrations with much enthusiasm. A programme lasted for about two hours comprised of drama, dances, Christmas messages etc.



JOY OF CHRISTMAS IN PURWA VILLAGE

The Christmas celebrations in Purwa village were conducted on 15th December 2016. The programme invited the attention of almost all the villagers and marked with



the wonderful performances of the village children. After the programme, fathers and brothers visited the houses of Mr. Savio, Mr. Shino and Mr. Christopher to greet the happiness of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN ETC

Christmas celebration in ETC on 20th December 2016 was a unique one. All the members of Ephrem Pariwar participated in the celebrations with vigour and joy. The programme started at 6.30 pm. Rev. Fr. Rector cut the cake and inaugurated the celebrations. During the programme, DST community performed a wonderful dance. The group song performed by Kumari Alma, Joyal, achu, Master John was much appreciated. A thoughtful drama conveying the message of Christmas



was staged by brothers of ETC. The melodious performance of Vincentian brothers also enriched the programme. The programme came to an end with Agape at 8.00pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROL 2016

The joy of Christmas was at its pinnacle with the carol singing in Barakala village which is the nearest village to the seminary. Carol singing started from the house of Mr Pandey and ended in Claretian house. It was one of the most



joyful days of Christmas celebrations in ETC in which the villagers also participated with much interest and devotion. During the carol, Ephrem community visited all religious houses in Ephrem Pariwar and greeted the joy of Christmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

It was with great fervour and delight the Ephrem community celebrated the birthday of V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the rector on 07th December 2016. He celebrated the Holy Qurbana and expressed thanks to the community for the prayers and support during the homily.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

ETC shared her joy of the birth of Jesus with her non-teaching staff. On the eve of Christmas Very Rev. Rector Joseph Ottapurackal cut the Christmas cake in the presence of the non teaching staff members and extended the joy of peace to them. Together with the warm greetings, they were also given Christmas gifts.

St. Ephrem's through the ages....

2002-'04

On 1st and 2nd of July 2003 Satna diocese had arranged two days classes on civil law by Rev. Fr. Mathew, the member of Indian social institutes, a voluntary institution. Thirty brothers from ETC attended this class. On 15th August 2003, ETC had solemn celebration of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary combined with independence day celebrations. In connection with the independence day celebrations, P.K Jain from Satna government college presided over the meeting arranged in ETC.



On 18th August 2003 R.K Gandhi, the superintendent of the central jail Satna paid a visit to ETC with his family, and he organised a prison ministry meeting with ETC staff and students. On 28th and 29th September 2003, a seminar on consecrated life was conducted by St. Ephrem's Theological College. Rev. Fr. Joseph Maleparambil welcomed the dignitaries. His excellency Mar Abraham D. Mattam inaugurated the seminar. Rev. Fr. Xavier Parambil, Rev. Fr. Lonappan Arangassery MST, Rev. Br. Thomas Attangattil, Rev. Br. Francis Kolenchery Rev. Sr. Anne Maria SABS, Rev. Sr. Salomy DST, and Rev. Sr. Alphonsa FDSHJ presented the papers.



seminar on consecrated life

On 4th October 2003 ETC had solemn Seminary day celebrations. The chief guest of the day was Rev. Fr. James Athikalam, the rector of the Ruhahaya major seminary.

On 5th October 2003 brothers were sent to different dioceses like Ujjain, Jhabua, Jabalpur and Ranchi for mission exposure programme. 18th December 2003 was a day of great happiness for St. Ephrem's Theological College. Brothers received minor and major orders from Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal VC. Rev. Fr. Mathew Naickomparambil, the provincial of the St. Thomas province of Vincentian congregation was present for this auspicious occasion. On 18th February 2004, ETC conducted a seminar on 'Eastern Theology and Post Modern Trends in Theology'. On this occasion Rev. Fr. Jose Parayarathottam VC was the chief guest. Fr. Mathew Mullassery was the moderator of the seminar. Five papers were presented by brothers.



On 25th February 2004, under the guidance of village apostolate, ETC, conducted an eye check up for the villagers. More than three hundred people came for eye check up.

On 28th February 2004, ETC bid farewell to Rev. Fr. James Kurianal after having four years of his valuable service to ETC. On 04th April 2004 all brothers went for holidays with memorable gratitude to ETC.



Major- Minor Orders

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