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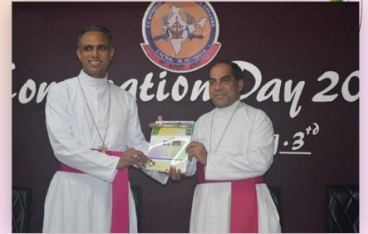
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EPHREM NEWS PUT ON THE WALL

It was indeed a proud moment of ETC to publish an online leaflet named *Ephrem News* which portrays the events of importance in ETC. It is purely a staff - students initiative to keep in touch with the wellwishers of the seminary. The publishing of this online leaflet was held on 3rd August 2016 by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil by handing over it to His Grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara during the convocation ceremony.



CONVOCATION DAY- 2016

August 03, 2016, Wednesday

11th Convocation day of St.Ephrem's Theological College was conducted on 3rd August 2016. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the chairman of the synodal commission, presided over the meeting. The function was blessed with the presence of His grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, the bishop of Faridabad. Rev. Fr. Philip Chakkummoottil initiated the distribution of the certificates. 16 new priests of ETC were eligible for the certificates. H.G. Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara gave away the certificates of merit in the presence of many dignitaries and distinguished guests. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kochappilly VC and Fr. James Kavunkal, the rank holders, were awarded the scholarship for the academic excellence. The first year theologians put forth a colourful cultural event immediately after the function.



NEW PRIESTS' DAY- 2016



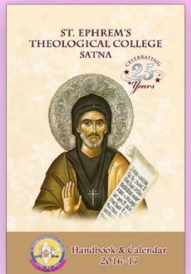
ETC celebrated the New Priests' day in the presence of her 13 new priests on August 4th, the feast day of St. John Maria Vianney, the patron of all priests. The centre of the celebration was the Holy Qurbana celebrated by Rev. Fr. Paul

Kalathoor and concelebrated by all the new priests. It followed the blessing of Vianney quarters. Fr. John Pariyathumalil led the prayers. Another attraction of the day was a friendly basketball match between the Brothers the new Priests of ETC.



HANDBOOK & CALENDAR 2016 - 2017

The Handbook and Calendar of St Ephrem Theological Seminary 2016-'17 was released on 8th August. The 1st copy was given to Rev. Fr. George Puthenpura CSSR by Very Rev. Fr. Rector in a function held in the ETC Refectory. Rev. Fr. Philip Chakkummoottil, the Dean of studies thanked everyone who stretched their helping hands.



Sports and Arts Competitions 2016

Human Formation is an important part of the Seminary Formation and the Arts and Sports play a vital role in this. With this in mind, ETC conducts the Arts and Sports Competitions this year also. The preliminary meeting for this

cause was conducted on 11th August under the

leadership of the Fathers and Brothers in-charges of the Sports and Arts. The whole Ephrem community gathered in the lecture hall and 2 captains were elected.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



ETC proudly celebrated the 70th Independence Day of Mother India along with the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August. After the high solemn Qurbana, Rev. Fr. George Puthenpura CSSR, hoisted the National Flag in front

of the salute hands of the Fathers and Brothers and gave an inspirational message. Later a meeting was held in the ETC auditorium remembering the freedom movements in which Mr. Vijay James, the Patwari of Satna presided over. The meeting was packed with speeches and other cultural programmes which spilt nationalism in the hearts of the audience.



SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

With a contented heart of working in the vineyard of Our Lord for 25 years, His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the chairman -synodal mission seminary, celebrates the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood along with his two batch mates, Frs. Augustine Pullolil and Thomas Marottickal. The three of them offered Holy Eucharist in the Seminary and they were felicitated during supper in ETC refectory.



SEMESTRAL OUTING DAY

25th August was an outing day of the semester. The Deacons and the 3rd year theologians visited Dewra and Satna respectively. The first and 2nd years enjoyed their trip to Khajuraho and Chitrakoot which are the famous tourist destinations and pilgrim centres of Madhya Pradesh.



FIRST YEARS 2016



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

1994-'96

St. Ephrem's Theological College

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In 1994 new appointments were made in the staff. The Patron appointed Rev. Fr. George Thumpanirappel from the Eparchy of Kothamangalam as Vice-Rector and Rev. Fr. Jose Moosariett from the Eparchy of Palai as the Dean of studies. Rev. Dr. Thomas Srampickal CMI took charge as the Spiritual Father cum Professor and Rev. Dr. Philip Thayyil VC from the Mary Matha Province of Vincentian Congregation as a semi-permanent staff member.



Physical plant



The Foundation Stone of New Building

The formal blessing and inauguration of the Seminary buildings at Ephrem's Nagar, Chaura Khurd was on 15th August 1994. Many ecclesiastical dignitaries were present to grace the occasion. Though the formal inauguration was on 15th August, it was only on 30th December, 1994 that the complete shifting of the seminary to the newly constructed building had taken place. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mundakathil, who was serving in the seminary as professor and Rector and Rev. Fr. Sebastin Mampillikunnel as the spiritual Father, and Rev. Fr. Paul Edassery VC, as the procurator, after having completed a few years of their valuable service, bid farewell to the seminary.



Fr. Joseph Maleparambil Fr. George Thumpanirappel



Fr. Paul Edassery Fr. Jose Moosariettu

In 1995 new appointments were made in the administration. Bp. A.D Mattam appointed Rev. Fr. Joseph Maleparampil from the Eparchy of Palai as the new Rector. Rev. Fr. Michael Vallavanthara from the Arch-diocese of Changanacherry was appointed as one of the Spiritual Fathers. Rev. Fr. Jose Peruvelil VC from the Mary Matha Province of Vincentian Congregation took charge as the new Bursar of the seminary. This year, the strength of the seminary has gone up to 51. On 18th October 1995, the blessing of the new Chapel was officiated by Mar Abraham D Mattam in the presence of His Excellency Mar Paul Chittilappilly, bishop of Kalyan. In



Blessing of the new chapel



Fr. Thomas Srampickal Fr. Philip Thayyil VC

the evening Mar Paul Chittilappilly presided over the cultural programmes. On 28th October 1995, Bp. A.D Mattam laid the foundation stone of Vincentian study house in the presence of Rev. Fr. Antony Plackal, the then general of VC. It was the beginning of a period marked with new academic ventures and achievements in the epoch of ETC.

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