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TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 5th September, the birthday of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the former president of India, ETC celebrated the national teachers day. ETC proudly greeted all her professors. Bro. Varghese Kalakkal, the general prefect, spoke about the importance of the day and extended the words of gratitude for the great pain our professors take for the brothers' formation. The brothers greeted them and all the fathers together cut the cake.



SYMPOSIUM 2016

A symposium, an intellectual banquet, was arranged on 08th September by the academic department on the apostolic exhortation "*Amoris Laetitia*", The Joy of Love. In the inaugural session of the symposium, Rev. Fr. Philip, the dean, welcomed everyone. Prof. Dr. Scaria V. Joseph, Professor of Raja Bhoj Govt. College, Mandideep, Raisen, the former Vice-President of the Catholic Council of Madhya Pradesh, lighted the lamp and inaugurated the symposium. There were four paper presentations on various topics like 'The Biblical Appraisal of the vocation of a family', 'The Experiences and Challenges of Modern Families', 'Role of families in the Education of children' and 'The role of 'Family Apostolate' today', by Bros. Thomas Thuruthumalil, Joseph Champakulathil, Sebastian Paimpillil VC, Thomas Kanjiraparambil and Joseph Edathil. Rev. Fr. George Kudilil moderated the session. Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Edattu VC, fathers and sisters from different parishes of Satna, candidates from different women religious congregations and brothers of Vincentian minor seminary and the seminarians of the eparchy of Satna attended the symposium.

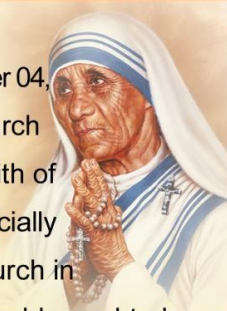


FESTAL CELEBRATIONS



The members of the vincention congregation celebrated the feast of their patron. Festal celebration began with the solemn holy Eucharist in the evening. The brothers of VC arranged a wonderful drama on the famous work of Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*. All the fathers and the brothers of ETC participated in this visual banquet and in a mouth watering dinner.

On September 04, the mother church was on the zenith of happiness, especially the Catholic Church in India as she was blessed to have Mother Theresa, in the row of saints. In the Eucharistic celebration, we thanked God for the gift of saint of gutters and besought her prayers.



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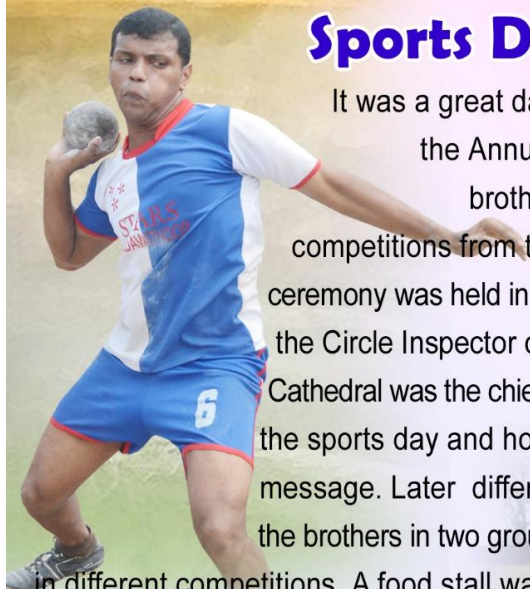
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Sports Day 2016



It was a great day of enthusiasm and zeal to celebrate the Annual Sports day on September 21. The brothers were electrified with the spirit of competitions from the very morning. The inauguration ceremony was held in the ETC stadium. Mr. Renjith Kujur, the Circle Inspector of Rewa and an active parishoner of Cathedral was the chief guest of the function. He inaugurated the sports day and hoisted the flag and shared a wonderful message. Later different competitions were conducted. All the brothers in two groups namely, Pelicans and Phoenix took part in different competitions. A food stall was run by the Premdan in order to raise fund for the charity activities in the year of mercy. The Vincentian, CSN, Bethania and Premsadan communities joined ETC as spectators.

Major Archiepiscopal Assembly

4th Major archiepiscopal assembly of Syro Malabar Church was held in the Eparchy of Irinjalakuda. Rev.Fr. Rector represented the seminary in the assembly and in the following synod. The nutshell of the assembly was recapitulated to the community during a gathering.

ONAM CELEBRATIONS

ETC celebrated the national festival of Kerala Thiruvonam, on September 14 commemorating the peaceful and truthful reign of king Mahabali. All the Fathers and brothers came together and made the arrangements for lunch in the previous night itself. The first year theologians made a wonderful 'athappookkalam' in the refectory in the previous night and also conducted the Onam games dividing the whole community in two



teams. The second year theologians prepared an appetizing 'onasadya' and the third year theologians made other necessary arrangements. 'Mahabalithamburan' together with 'Vamanan' reached here on time and joined the community for the lunch. In the afternoon the brothers went around different communities in Ephrem Pariwar to participate in their Onam celebrations.

EXTENSION LECTURE ON

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

An extension lecture was arranged by the Academic department on women



empowerment for two days. The lecture was taken by Sr. Mary Scaria of the congregation

of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary (SCJM), one of the leading advocates of the Supreme Court.

Qurbana in Malankara Rite

ETC community was blessed with the Eucharistic celebration in Malankara rite offered by Rev. Fr. Raju Parakkottu from the eparchy of Thiruvalla of the Syro Malankara Church and the Asst. Director of SEERI on 21st September.



FEAST OF NATIVITY



The ETC community celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary together with the whole Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. John Kondooparambil was the main celebrant of the High Sung Holy Qurbana. The 8 days fast and celebration of the feast with the Solemn Ramsa and homily thus came to an end.

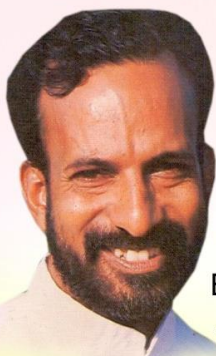
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The new academic year, 1996-97 was inaugurated by Bishop Mar A.D. Mattam on 03rd July 1996. On 4th October Seminary Day celebrations were meaningfully conducted in ETC. John Perumattam, the Bishop of Ujjain was the Chief Guest of the day. On 26th January 1997, one day seminar on

Missiological Perspective of the Church of Thomas Christians' was conducted in St. Ephrem's Theological College. The Vicar General of the diocese of Satna, V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Edattu VC inaugurated the seminar by lighting the lamp and gave the message. ETC remembers Fr. Job Valliyanal for his contributions to the seminary as a procurator from its beginning in



Fr. Job Valliyanal Ephrem Nagar.

On 30th June 1997 the reopening of new academic year became more colorful with the joining of Rev. Fr. Mathew Mullassery as a new faculty member cum spiritual father to St. Ephrems'. It was on



Major and Minor Orders

27th August 1997 seminary gave farewell to Rev.Fr. George Thumpanirappel. On 1st November 1997 a long cherished dream of St. Ephrem Theological College was fulfilled as the first issue of 'Ephrem's Theological Journal' was released by Rev.Fr. Wilhelm Klinkner in the presence of eminent personalities. The academic year also witnessed the blessing of the study house. St. Ephrem's Theological College was blessed by the good news that Rev.Fr. Pauly is appointed as the new Vice rector of the seminary on 7th January 1998. On 18th March, were conferred minor and major orders by Mar Thomas Elavanal, the Bishop of On the eve of closing the academic year 1997-1998 the Patron paid a visit to seminary and he interacted with fathers and brothers highlighting the achievement of the scholastic year. On 5th of April 1998 all brothers went for holidays with heartfelt gratitude to ETC.



Inauguration of the academic year



Inauguration of the seminar



Fr. Pauly Maniyattu

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