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Annual Retreat 2016

20th November was a graceful day for St. Ephrem's Theological College as she began the annual retreat of the 2016- 2017 academic year. Rev. Fr. George Puthenpura CSsR, a well known preacher and professor in homelitics was the Retreat preacher. He enlightened the brothers with his thought provoking spiritual talks in the all five days of retreat. The retreat came to an end on November 25.



Visit of Mar Joseph Arumachadath



His excellency Mar Joseph Arumachadath, the bishop of Bhadravathi paid a visit to the seminary since there are two brothers, Dn. Joseph Panackachira and Br. Varghese Kannampilly studying for the eparchy. Even though he could not see all the brothers since they all were in the Village Exposure Programme, he visited Koond, one of the mission stations of Satna diocese where the first year theologians did their ministry.

Deacons Retreat 2016

The annual retreat for the deacons began on November 13, 2016. Rev. Fr. James Meladeth MCBS was the retreat preacher. He helped them to prepare for the priesthood with his spiritual talks. The retreat ended on 18th November.

VILLAGE EXPOSURE PROGRAMME 2016

It was a great opportunity for the brothers to know the people of village and their culture through the Village exposure programme. It was started on 03rd November after the first semestral examinations. The three batches were sent to three different



places. The first years were divided in two groups and have gone to the villages, Koond and Dewra,

the mission stations of satna diocese. The second years and third years were divided and sent two each to different villages of the dioceses of Jabalpur and Buxar. The programme was for 15 days and all the brothers returned by the evening of 18th November from their places.

ALBUM RELEASING

On 19th November, ETC witnessed to the event of releasing the album of the previous year. The album was released by Rev. Fr. Rector by handing it over to Rev. Dn. Thomas Cherupurackal during the farewell meeting to deacons at ETC refectory.



Deacons Farewell



ETC was in the flux of sweet sorrow as she bid farewell to her beloved deacons. The function was arranged on

the eve of 19th November 2016 in ETC refectory. The deacons shared their experiences in the alma mater and V. Rev. Fr. Rector, Fr. Kudilil and Bro. Varghese Kalakkal extended the felicitations to them. They were then honoured with gifts at the end of the function. V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Edattu VC and representatives from different communities participated in the function.



Heartful Thanks to our Alumni

Mission Charity Fund

Rev. Fr. Joseph Koonanickal has very generously contributed Rs. 15,000 for seminary's charity works. He belongs to the diocese of Kothamangalam and presently doing his ministry in the parish, Muthalakodam. He collected such an amount from the catechism students of his parish in order to help the missions.



Alumni Fund

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kizhakemundakam CFIC was kind enough to contribute 200 dollars. ETC is ever thankful for such efforts of good people and express our heartfelt thanks to all those who help the seminary in various capacities. We also encourage and appreciate such valuable contributions to our seminary.

Comprehensive Examinations

It was a crucial day for the deacons as they appeared for their comprehensive oral exam on 10th November 2016. There were three panels of examiners: V. Rev. Frs. Joseph Ottapurackal and George Kudilil for the sacred scripture, Rev. Frs. George Mangalappilly and Alex Pandarakappil for the dogmatic theology, Bp. Joseph Kodakallil and Fr. James Akkamparambil for the liturgical spirituality and Church history. The written comprehensive examination was held on 12th November.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

We are very happy to inform you that 20 of our deacons will be ordained priests in their respective dioceses. We request your blessings on all our deacons and recommend them your valuable prayers.



Dn Joseph (Nikhil)
Panackachira (BVTI)
Nedumkandam
27.12.2016 - 9.30 am



Dn Mathew (Saji)
Njavarakattu (IDI)
Vimalagiri
28.12.2016 - 9.00 am



Dn Thomas (Justin)
Vanchickal (CHY)
Vaisyambhagam
28.12.2016 - 9.30 am



Dn Thomas (Tibin)
Cherupurackal (CHY)
Kainakary
28.12.2016 - 2.00 pm



Dn Varghese (Ajo)
Kallely (STA)
Elavoor
29.12.2016 - 9.30 am



Dn Sebastian (Jestin)
Vilakkunel (VC)
Maniamkundu
31.12.2016 - 9.30 am



Dn Dominic Savio (Robin)
Kollarettu (STA)
Mariyapuram
31.12.2016 - 9.30 am



Dn Varghese (Limesh)
Kossackal (CHY)
Mudiyoorkara
31.12.2016 - 2.15 pm



Dn Joseph (Subin)
Rathappillil (TLY)
Peravoor
02.01.2017 - 8.45 am



Dn Joseph (Robin)
Kurumuttathu (PLI)
Kuruvilangadu
02.01.2017 - 9.15 am



Dn Thomas (Liju)
Nellamthadathil (VC)
Mullenkolly
02.01.2017 - 9.30 am



Dn Abraham (Bibin)
Erattachirayil (IDI)
Neelivayal
02.01.2017 - 9.30 am



Dn Paul (Rinoy)
Edathinakath (TLY)
Pullady
03.01.2017 - 9.00 am



Dn Jacob (Lijo)
Panthackal (VC)
Kaloar
04.01.2017 - 9.30 am



Dn George (Rino)
Muppathiyil (VC)
Arakulam
05.01.2017 - 9.30 am



Dn George Solomon
Thottumkara Muruppal (OIC)
Trivandrum
07.01.2017 - 9.00 am



Dn Godwin (Vinodkumar)
Panayarakal (OIC)
Trivandrum
07.01.2017 - 9.00 am



Dn John S. Joseph
(TKLY)
Karode
20.04.2017



Dn Cleetus Jos
Palakkaran (SGR)
Ollur
04.05.2017



Dn Thomas (Shibu)
Vellyamkandathil (ADB)
Melukavumattom
10.05.2017

Priestly Ordination

Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus - St. Vincent



Quiz Competition

The brothers of ETC had an opportunity to attend in a preliminary round of quiz competition which was held under the initiative of Ruhalya major seminary, Ujjain. The exam was conducted on the eve of 24th November 2016 in ETC lecture hall. 30 brothers participated in the quiz.



VEP Experience Sharing

On 30th November, there was a short meeting arranged by the village department for the sharing of village experiences of brothers that they had received through their village exposure programme. The staff members were present in the meeting. The brothers shared their experiences in groups. It was an unforgettable experience for them. The meeting was ended at 8.00pm.

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

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Once again St. Ephrem's Theological College was vibrant with mirth and enthusiasm as fourteen young buds in the first year theology added joy and flavour to the community on 31st June 2000. On 21st July 2000 the seminary bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Francis Mattam and greatfully remembered two years of his great service to ETC community as a procurator and teacher.

On 25th October 2000, Rev. Fr. Jose Kalapura was appointed as the new procurator of ETC. It was on 28th December 2001, ETC conducted a seminar on Hindutva. Bro. Varghese Mattathil and Dn. James Manjaly presented the papers. Fr. John Thoppil was the moderator of the session.



Fr. Jose Kalapura with brothers



Blessing of New Chapel

It was a memorable event; the long cherished dream came true on 28th March, the newly built chapel was consecrated by Bishop Mar Abraham D. Mattam. Bishop Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal was the main celebrant for the eucharistic celebration and bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakkal delivered homily during the Holy Qurbana. From 29-31 March 2001, a symposium on Church history was conducted in ETC. Bp. Mar Abraham D. Mattam and Fr.

Thomas Neendoor presented the papers. On 17th August sendoff gathering was hoisted in honour of Rev. Frs. Thomas Neendoor, John Punnilil, John Thoppil, Geo Thadikattu and Paul Edasseril who rendered their valuable service to ETC. Rev. Fr. Pauly Maniyattu arrived ETC on 22nd August from America after presenting a paper on Syro - Malabar Qurbana in the international symposium conducted by the world liturgical council.



Symposium on Church history

Mar Simon Stock Palathara, the bishop of Jagdalpur visited ETC and shared his mission experience to ETC community on 07th October 2001. On 11th November Issac Mar Philexinos, the bishop of Bombay - Delhi, Marthoma Church paid a visit to ETC.



Bp. Simon Stock Palathara

On 25th January 2002, a symposium on Evangelization was held at ETC auditorium. On 14th February 2002, ETC brothers were sent to different dioceses for mission exposure programme as the part of their formation and to imbibe the pulse of the village life of the dioceses like Jabalpur, Chanda, Ujjain and Raigarh.

The academic programmes of 2002 had come to an end on 11th April as summer vacation started.

Symposium on Evangelization



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