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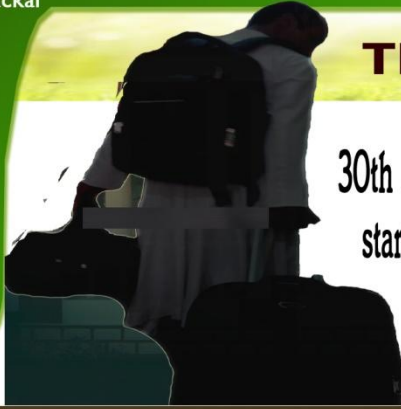
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THE WHEELS START ROLLING

30th June was a day of home coming for all the brothers of ETC. Brothers started reaching from the very morning itself and by night all reached. The seminary regained its life and rhythm by the coming of her children.

CELEBRATIONS OF DUKHRANA



July 3rd was a day of celebration for Ephrem Parivar as she celebrated the feast of St. Thomas our heavenly patron. The joy and solemnity of the day stood with prayerful moments. The celebration started on the eve of 2nd July with a solemn Raza. The celebration reached its peak with the Raza celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly along with Rev. Fr. Alex Pandarakappil and

Rev. Fr. Manu cmf and fathers from ETC. This day was blessed with the presence of whole Ephrem Parivar and the feasting breakfast was served to all. Rector wished all the brotheres bearing the name of St. Thomas and the sisters of Bethania for the name of their patron.

INAUGURATION OF ACADEMIC YEAR

The new academic year 2018-19 was inaugurated by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil on 3rd July. Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the rector of ETC welcomed all and thanked dear Bishopji for giving four new resident professors to the seminary. Bishop Mar. Joseph Kodakallil inaugurated the academic



year by lighting the lamp and also used this as an opportunity to remind the brothers about the value of theological studies and the need to personalize the things for the future ministry. Rev. Fr. George Kudilil presented lectio brevis and it was thought provoking and insightful. It was also an occasion to thank the former dean of studies Rev. Fr. Chakkummoottil Philip for his valuable service. Br. Puchathalil Thomas delivered the message of the day. The gathering was blessed with the presence of fathers from the diocese of Satna, fathers and brothers of ETC and V.C study house.

Appointment of 4 Resident Staff



Rev. Dr. Devamitra Neelankavil
Professor



Rev. Dr. Joseph Valiyamplackal
Professor



Rev. Fr. Mathew Peedikayil
Spiritual Director



Rev. Dr. Cyriac Puliampallil
Dean of studis

Very Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly, the resident staff member of ETC went to Kakkanad on 21st of July to attend a seminar conducted by the Syro malabar liturgical commission.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PREFECTS

The new prefects are appointed for this academic year. Br. Zade Jose is appointed as the general prefect. Dn. Edathil Joseph, Br. Puchathalil Thomas and Br. Joseph Ikkaraparambil appointed as prefects of deacons, second years and first years. A word of gratitude and appreciation to the former prefects.



THE FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA



ETC celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa, the first woman Saint from India in a solemn way on 28th July. Rev. Fr. Mathew Peedikayil offered Holy Qurbana and later there was the blessing of St. Alphonsa quarters.

BENJAMINS Vs THE REST OF SEMINARY

A volley ball match was conducted between the first years and the rest of seminary team on 4th July. It was an occasion in which we could see the team work and sportsman spirit among brothers. Benjamins who displayed a great talent came out victorious. Rev. Fr. Mathew gave away the prizes to the winners.



INITIATION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEARS

Initiation programme for eighteen students of the first year theology was held on 11th July 2018. The programme was well conducted with self introduction, sharing and games. The new staff members of ETC and Fr. Sebastian VC, the rector of VC study house were given a warm welcome. The programme lasted for two hours.



CHOIR SELECTION



EXTENSION LECTURE



An extension lecture was conducted on 18th July. Fr. James Palackal, the Vicar General of the diocese of Shamshabad delivered the lecture on the prospects and administration of the diocese of Shamshabad.

Seminar by Commission for Evangelization

A seminar was conducted by the commission for evangelization on 17th July. It was held in the pastoral centre of the diocese of Satna. The seminary was blessed with the visit of many eminent personalities like Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Sebastian Vadakkell, Mar Joseph Kollamparambil, several provincials, vicar generals, rectors, fathers and sisters from various dioceses and religious congregations.

BENJAMINS OF THE YEAR

