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## THERE IS NOTHING SO PLEASANT AS COMING HOME AGAIN

After the summer vacation all students of ETC came back to home by 30th June. From the very morning itself brothers started to reach and by night seminary regained its life and rhythm by the arrival of all her children and she was in high spirits because of the coming of 13 benjamins.

## CELEBRATIONS OF DUKHRANA

Ephrem Pariwar cordially celebrated the patron of Syrian Church, St. solemnity of the day stood with the started on the eve of 2nd July with blessed with the presence of whole



Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Fr. Antony Panachinkal and the rest of the fathers of ETC concelebrants Sisters of Bethania, Premsadana, CSN Study house, brothers of ETC and VC Study house and the parishioners participated in the Raza. The festal breakfast was served to all. Rector used this opportunity to wish the brothers bearing the name of St. Thomas and the sisters of Bethania for the name of their patron.

the feast of Dukhrana, the feast of Thomas, on 3rd July. The joy and prayerful moments. The celebrations solemn ramsa. The feast day was Ephrem Pariwar. The most solemn

## Appointments

### VICE RECTOR

Rev. Dr. Kondooparambil John from the diocese of Ujjain, resident professor of ETC was appointed as the new



Vice Rector of ETC by the Chairman of Synodal Commission. The whole seminary whole heartedly welcomed the new appointment and offered all support and cooperation to the newly appointed Vice Rector.

### FINANCE OFFICER

Rev Fr. Parayil Joseph (a former student of St. Ephrem's) from the diocese of Kalyan was appointed as the new procurator of ETC by the Synodal Commission. Fr. Kondooparambil John who managed the same office for the last two years will continue his service in ETC as a resident professor. The whole seminary whole heartedly welcomed the new appointment and offered all support and cooperation to the newly appointed Fr. Procurator.



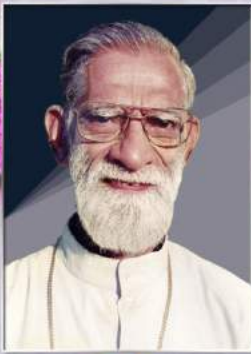


## INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



The new academic year 2019-2020 was inaugurated by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil on 3rd July. And the inaugural ceremony was privileged by the presence of Mr. Sunil Senani the Chairman of VITS colleges as the chief guest of the day. Very Rev. Fr. Ottapurackal Joseph welcomed all to the ceremony and to the new academic year specially the first year theologians. Bp. Mar Joseph Kodakallil lighted the lamp and used the opportunity to remind the value of education in the Christian life and in the period of formation. Dr. Puliampallil Cyriac, Dean of Studies, presented the Letio Brevis which was very thought provoking and insightful.

*SOMETIMES YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE VALUE OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNTIL IT BECOMES A MEMORY*



**Mar. Abraham D Mattam**

**Date of Birth: 21 November 1922**

**Date of Priestly Ordination: 15 March 1950**

**Date of Episcopal ordination: 30 April 1977**

**Call to eternal rest: 16 April 2019**



**Dn. Varghese Kannampilly**

**Date of Birth: 20 January 1993**

**Date of Diaconate: 20 December 2018**

**Call to Eternal rest: 27 May 2019**

## CHOIR SELECTION





## THANKS TO REV. FR. PANDARAKAPPIL ALEX AND REV. FR. NEELANKAVIL DEVAMITRA



ETC community extended heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Pandarakappil Alex from the Eparchy of Pala, on the occasion of his departure to home diocese after completion of seven years as a professor and as the Vice Rector for the last five years. And to Rev. Fr. Neelankavil Devamitra who was a resident professor but shifted his residence in this academic year to Sherganj for helping the translation works of liturgical books and will serve the community as a visiting professor.

## INAUGURATION OF VILLAGE APOSTOLATE



The village apostolate of this academic year was inaugurated by Fr. Jacob Adampakallel, the accountant of Samaritan social service society of Eparchy of Satna on 14th July. He spoke about the importance of village apostolate in the mission seminary as well as in the current Indian context moreover about the fortune of the students of St. Ephrem's to visit the remote villages of India. Fr Joji Puliampallil in charge of village apostolate introduced the sketch of programme of village apostolate for the current year. On the same day itself, students started to visit villages and giving tuition to the village children.



## APPOINTMENT OF NEW PREFECTS

As part of the new academic year, new prefects were appointed. Br. Elavumkal James was appointed as the General Prefect. Dn. Vazhakalayil Antony, Br. Vettikuzhichalil Joseph and Ottarakkal Tibin were appointed as prefects of deacons, second years and first years respectively. Thanks to the former prefects for the noble service.





## LATE BISHOP MAR. ABRAHAM D. MATTAM: DAY OF COMMEMORATION



16th July, the 92nd day of the demise of the first Bishop of the diocese of Satna Mar Abraham D. Mattam was solemnly commemorated in St. Ephrem's Theological College. The memorial Qurbana was celebrated by Mar. Joseph Kodakallil, Msgr. Fr. John Thoppil, Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy VC, Fr. Ottapurackal Joseph and Fr. Manu CMF and several priests of Satna diocese, Ephrem Pariwar, sisters from different congregations, lay men from different parishes of the diocese also participated in the memorial Qurbana.

Memorial meeting was held soon after the holy Qurbana. The community remained in silence for a while in memory of late Bp. Mattam. Fr. Ottapurackal Joseph welcomed all to the memorial meeting. Bp. Kodakallil delivered the presidential address and he recollected his old memories with him. Rev. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy VC who served as the Secretary of Satna Eparchy in the initial stages pondered over his experiences with Bp. Mattam and spoke about the hardships in the initial stages of the Eparchy and how Bp. Mattam beat all the difficulties in starting an eparchy. Rev. Sr. Rose Therese SABS pooled her experience with Bp. Mattam during the starting of her congregation in the Eparchy and thanked Bp. Mattam for the support and care given to the SABS congregation. Rev. Fr. Job Vallianal shared his memory as a Chancellor and General Manager of schools during the period of Bp. Mattam and recollected the encouragement, support and motivation given by Bp. Mattam during his service to St. Ephrem's. Mrs. Hanna Khonsla a member of the Cathedral church of the Eparchy recollected her childhood memories, the interaction of the Bishop with parishioners, love and affection showed to them. Mr. Stephen from Kailaspur united his memories of Bishop, as a zealous missionary who worked very hard in the forming of Christian village of Kailaspur. Rev. Sr. Vijaya DST imparted her memories of beginning the DST houses in the Eparchy with the help of Bp. Mattam. She recollected the support and encouragement given by Bishop. Mr. Joy shared his memories, the interest, love and care showed by Bp. Mattam for the Ecumenical activities in the diocese of Satna. Memorial meeting was concluded with the words of gratitude by Rev. Fr. Thoppil John, Vicar General of the Eparchy. Thereafter all the guests were nourished with delicious meal.

## THE FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA

**ETC celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa, the first woman saint from India in a solemn way on the eve of 26th July with solemn Ramsa. Rev Fr. Raju offered holy Qurbana on 27th July. First years decorated St. Alphonsa quarters and soon after the Qurbana Fr. Rector blessed St. Alphonsa quarters.**





# A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST





## INITIATION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEARS

Initiation programme for 13 students of first year theologybatch was held on 12th July. The programme lasted for two hours with self introduction, sharing and games. And it helped the first years to be more vigorous and vibrant in the community and helped them to find out their unseen talents. The presence of Fr. Rector and other members of the community made the initiation programme more eye-catching.



## BENJAMINS Vs SEMINARY

A friendly volley ball match was conducted between the first years and the seminary team on 19th July. It was an incident to see the team work and sports man spirit among brothers. Fr. Vice Rector inaugurated the match. Both the teams played well and the seminary team won the match.



## BENJAMINS OF THE YEAR

