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ST EPHREM'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

St. Ephrem's Theological College is a centre of theological formation, inaugurated on 3rd July 1992, the Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle in the eparchy of Satna. This centre is intended to impart priestly formation to those who wish to serve primarily in the Syro-Malabar mission eparchies and the Religious Congregations in North India. This theological college has been started as a diocesan institution but with the active support and co-operation of several Bishops and Religious Congregations.

St. Ephrem's Theological College was affiliated to *Paurastya Vidyapitham* (Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies) at Vadavathoor, Kottayam by a decree of the Congregation for the Catholic Education (No. 192/2004/7) on 9th June, 2005, the feast of St. Ephrem. It was officially declared and elevated to the status of the Synodal Mission Seminary on 29th March, 2014 by His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church, following the unanimous decision of the Major Archiepiscopal Synod of the Syro Malabar Church. The Theological College, offering a degree of Bachelor of Theology, aims at a theological formation in tune with the ecclesial tradition of St. Thomas Christians in the context of the North Indian missions.

His Eminence Cardinal Achille Sylvestrini, the then Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, in his letter approving the programme to start a theological college, wrote: "This congregation appreciates the importance of providing for the appropriate training of Syro-Malabar missionary priests in conformity with the conciliar directives through a seminary policy and programme that does justice to the Eastern Christian heritage, to its intrinsic significance and relevance in Gospel proclamation and pastoral service in the contemporary socio-cultural context."

Bishop Mar Abraham Mattam, the founder of St. Ephrem's Theological College, in his address at the inaugural meeting, outlined the vision and the specific purpose of the new theological seminary as follows:

1. Fidelity to the truths of the deposits of faith

The truth revealed in Jesus Christ and the doctrine of the Apostles have been preserved and faithfully handed over by the living Magisterium of the Church. These are the basis of Christian life and hope. They are the words of the eternal life. There can be no deviation from the revealed truth. One is not free to choose some truths and reject others according to one's liking.

The whole theology is ordered to the nourishment of the faith.¹ True theology proceeds from faith and aims at leading to the faith.² Unfortunately there are in our times, theologians who call into doubt doctrines of the faith. Truths are sometimes falsely understood or explained in such a way that their essential meaning is distorted. Instead of strengthening faith they cause confusion and anxiety in the Church and do great harm to the spiritual life of the faithful. As a result there is a crisis in the Church concerning faith and doctrine.³

Under these circumstances this theological seminary could do immense service to the Church presenting the faith in its integrity, without equivocations.

2. Respect for and adherence to the Magisterium

The Christian faith and the Magisterium of the Church are inseparably related. Truths of faith are received through the teaching authority, the living Magisterium of the Church, built by Christ. "The task of authentically interpreting the Word of God, whether written or

1 John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 53.

2 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 53.

3 Synod of Bishops, *Ratione Habita*, 1.

handed on has been entrusted to the living teaching authority of the Church (DV 10).⁴ “There is only one Magisterium, that of Peter and the Apostles, the Pope and the Bishops.” There is not a parallel Magisterium of the theologians.⁵

Here we speak not only of the extraordinary Magisterium, which is infallible, but also of the ordinary teaching authority in the Church. New questions arise not infrequently, or new situation occurs concerning faith and morals when the Church is called upon to clarify its stand for the guidance of the faithful. Also in such instances the official teaching of the Church is to be accepted with filial obedience and sincerely adhered to (DV 25).⁶

But theologians sometimes place themselves above the Magisterium and busy themselves propounding their own personal theologies or hypotheses. Such things happen also in seminaries.

One must be able to distinguish the common teaching of the Church from the pseudo theologizing, mere hypotheses and opinions of theologians.

This seminary will remain faithful to the Magisterium while acknowledging the service of the theologians to the ecclesial community.⁷

3. Life of holiness and spirit of prayer

Priesthood is a lofty vocation to pursue perfection.⁸ It is a “specific” vocation to holiness.⁹ By virtue of sacramental consecration the priest is configured to Christ, Head and Good Shepherd, the High Priest, “holy, innocent, undefiled, set apart from sinners.” The programme of priestly formation, therefore, should above all lay emphasis on holiness of life and a life of prayer, in other words on spiritual formation. But sometimes it happens that in the pursuit of studies, while acquiring academic excellence the importance of spiritual life is sidestepped.

4 Vatican II, *Dei Verbum*, 10.

5 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 55.

6 *Ratione Habita*, 2; *Dei Verbum*, 25.

7 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 55.

8 Vatican II, *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 12.

9 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 20.

“Spiritual formation should help the seminarian learn to live in familiar and constant companionship with the Father through Jesus Christ His Son, in the Holy Spirit.”¹⁰ The daily programme of the Seminary provides the opportunity to the priests and seminarians to foster their spiritual life. We must single out in this regard three powerful means to grow in sanctity: meditation on the Word of God, Eucharistic Celebration and the singing of the Divine Office.

“An essential element of spiritual formation is the prayerful and meditated reading of the Word of God (*Lectio Divina*), a humble and loving listening of Him who speaks.”¹¹

“The high point of Christian prayer is the Eucharist, which in its turn is to be seen as the ‘summit and source’ of the sacraments and the Liturgy of the Hours.”¹²

“They should be trained to consider the Eucharistic celebration as the essential moment of their day.”¹³

The Divine Office: “Because it is the public prayer of the Church the Divine Office is source of piety and nourishment for personal prayer.”¹⁴ “When this wonderful song of praise (Divine Office) is worthily rendered by priests and others . . . in approved form, it is truly the voice of the bride addressing her bridegroom; it is the very prayer which Christ himself, together with his body, addresses to the Father.”¹⁵

4. An oriental seminary

Another distinguishing feature of St. Ephrem’s is that it is a theologate of an oriental Church in North India, which has a special role and duty to fulfil. It is bound to promote the study of oriental Churches, the history, traditions and theology, especially of St. Thomas Church of India, presently called Syro-Malabar Church.

10 Vatican II, *Optatam Totius*, 8.

11 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 47.

12 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 48.

13 *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 48.

14 Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 90.

15 Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 84.

According to the Vatican Council II, the various ecclesial traditions have their own distinct spirituality, liturgy, discipline and theology.¹⁶ That is to say each individual or autonomous Church possesses its own spirituality, form of worship, discipline and theological insights. The study of the St. Thomas Church should, therefore, cover all these aspects.

The Council, moreover, enjoins on all the members of the Eastern Churches that they should preserve their liturgical rites and established way of life and practice them with the greatest fidelity.¹⁷

St. Ephrem's Theological College will give a lead in these matters and adhere to the instruction of the Holy See in this regard.

5. The priests as evangelizers in the North Indian context

The specific objective of the Seminary is to give the right formation, mostly for the priests of the Syro-Malabar Church who are to work in North India. So the programme of the Theologate should equip the candidates for this task. Study of the religious beliefs of the people in the north and of their socio-cultural traditions will be given due importance in the curriculum. Tribal Religions, Brahmanic Hinduism, Popular Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Islam etc. should find a place in the programme of studies. So also the various cultures, like that of the tribal populations, Dalits, High Caste people etc. Inculturation of the Gospel message or evangelization of cultures is of special importance in new mission areas. It means that the Gospel should penetrate these cultures and purify elements not compatible with Christian way of life and integrate into Christianity authentic cultural values in them. Inculturation does not signify merely external adaptation imitating other religions or any kind of syncretism.

16 Vatican II, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, 17.

17 Vatican II. *Orientalium Ecclesiarum*, 6.

6. Simple lifestyle adapted to local conditions

The priest is called upon to present to the world by his very life the image of Christ who "became poor for our sake, whereas he had been rich, so that we might be enriched by his poverty."¹⁸ The priest should avoid ostentatious and luxurious way of life incompatible with the spirit of evangelical poverty.

Further it must be remembered that in our country vast sections of the people are living in poverty and misery. The priest should consider that these people are in a special way entrusted to him. His life should show a closeness to them, that he is their friend who cares for them. He "should be capable of witnessing to poverty with a simple and austere life-style, having learned the generous renunciation of superfluous things."¹⁹

If we keep in mind this vision of the seminary, this ideal, and try to put it into practice, this institution will be able to make its imprint in the Church, justifying its existence. Let us offer this theological seminary to the service of the Church and pray God to bless our efforts.

18 II Cor. 8:9.

19 Vatican II, *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 17; *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 30.

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Faridabad (FBD)	02	--	--	--	02
Idukki (IDI)	01	02	--	--	03
Jagadapur (JPR)	--	--	01	01	02
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Kothamangalam (KLM)	--	02	--	02	04
Kottayam (KTM)	--	--	02	--	02
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Palai (PLI)	02	02	--	02	06
Sagar (SGR)	01	01	02	--	04
Satna (STA)	--	01	01	--	02
Thalassery (TLY)	--	03	01	02	06
Thuckalay (TKLY)	--	--	--	01	01
Ujjain (UJN)	01	--	--	--	01
VC : St. Joseph (SJ)	--	--	01	02	03
VC : St. Thomas (ST)	--	01	02	03	06
TOTAL	13	17	17	18	65

SYLLABUS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020**FIRST YEAR THEOLOGY****Semester I**

S.No.	Subject	Professor	Credit
01	Intro. to Theology & Methodology	Fr Thoppil	2
02	Introduction to Canon Law	Fr Palamattam	1
03	Introduction to Sacred Scripture	Fr Ottapurackal	2
04	Biblical Greek	Fr Kudilil	2
05	Christian Aramaic	Fr Pittapillil	2
06	Indian Church History I	Fr Peedikayil	2
07	General Moral Principles	Sr Seena MSMI	2
08	Theology of Sacraments	Fr Paranjattu	1
09	Biblical Hermeneutics	Sr Shiney DST	1
10	Theology of Liturgy	Fr Kondooparambil	2
11	Liturgy of Hours	Fr Panachinkal	1
12	Hindi I	Fr Kondooparambil	2
13	Liturgical Music	Fr Kondooparambil	1
Total Credits			21

Semester II

S.No.	Subject	Professor	Credit
01	Acts of Apostles	Fr Ottapurackal	1
02	Biblical Hebrew	Fr Ottapurackal	2
03	Church & Church <i>Sui Iuris</i>	Fr Kalezhathu	1
04	Faith and Revelation	Fr Pandarakappil	2
05	Gospel According to Mark	Fr Kudilil	2
06	Hindi II	Fr Kondooparambil	2
		Ms Archana Pandey	2
07	Laws on Clerics	Fr Jerom	1
08	Laws on Consecrated Life	Fr Ammaikunnel	1
09	General Patrology	Fr Dennis MCBS	2
10	General Church History I	Fr Puliurumbil	2
11	Homiletics	Fr Devamitra	2
12	Oriental Churches	Fr Kondooparambil	1
13	Liturgical Year	Mar J Kodakallil	1
14	Liturgical Music	Fr Kondooparambil	1
Total Credits			21

SECOND & THIRD YEAR THEOLOGY**Semester I**

S.No.	Subject	Professor	Credit
01	General Church History II	Fr Kollara	2
02	Gospel of St. Matthew	Fr Kudilil	2
03	Gospel of St. John	Fr Kudilil	3
04	Social Ethics	Fr Puliampallil	2
05	Gospel of St. Luke	Fr Ottapurackal	2
06	Roman Liturgy	Fr Devamitra	1
07	Sacraments of Initiation	Fr Devamitra	2
08	Social Doctrines	Fr Puliampallil	1
09	Liberation Theology	Fr Mangalapilly	1
10	Theological Anthropology	Fr Paranjattu	2
11	Ecclesiology	Fr Mangalapilly	2
12	Liturgical Music	Fr Kondooparambil	1
Total Credits			21

Semester II

S.No.	Subject	Professor	Credit
01	Historical Books	Fr Kudilil	3
02	Laws on Marriage	Fr Kalezhathu	2
03	Missiology	Sr Beena CMC	2
04	Indian Church History II	Fr Peedikayil	2
05	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Fr Puliampallil	2
06	Sacred Orders	Fr Devamitra	2
07	Syriac Patrology	Fr Dennis MCBS	2
08	Theology of Religions	Fr Mangalapilly	2
09	Wisdom Literature	Fr Manoj MST	2
10	Liturgical Music	Fr Kondooparambil	1
Total Credits			21

FOURTH YEAR THEOLOGY
Semester I

S.No.	Subject	Professor	Credit
01	Anointing of the Sick	Fr Devamitra	1
02	Catechetics	Fr Manjalankal MST	2
03	Eastern Spirituality	Fr Devamitra	2
04	Laws on Sacraments	Fr Puthenparambil	1
05	Mission in the Indian Context	Fr Devamitra	1
06	OT Apocalypse	Fr Kallath VC	1
07	Pastoral Theology	Fr Mangalapilly	2
08	Soteriology	Fr Thoppil	1
09	Trials and Procedures	Fr Puthukulangara	1
10	Person and Temporal Goods	Fr Regi	1
11	Environmental Theology	Fr Puliyampallil	1
		Total Credits	14

PASTORAL COURSES		
01	Celebration of Sacraments	Fr Kondooparambil
02	Mass Media and Evangelization	Sr Nisha SSpS
03	Accountancy	Fr Kachappilly
04	Pastoral Counselling	Fr Raju Antony
05	Legal Aid	Fr Puthukulangara
06	Youth Ministry	Fr Alex Jesudason
07	School Administration	Fr Kaduthanam
08	Evangelization	Fr Raju Mathew
09	Social Work and Evangelization	Fr Vattakuzhy VC

SEMINARS AND DISSERTATIONS

01. Sacred Scripture

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02. Systematic Theology

Fr John Thoppil

Fr George Mangalapilly

03. Liturgical and Sacramental Theology

Mar Joseph Kodakallil

Fr John Kondooparambil

Fr Devamitra Neelankavil

Fr Antony Panachinkal

04. Moral Theology

Fr Cyriac Puliyampallil

05. Ecclesiastical Discipline

Fr Jose Ammaikunnel

Fr Mathew John

06. Church History

Fr Mathew Peedikayil

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

01. Requirements for Admission to ETC

- Bachelor degree or its equivalent.
- Successful completion of the course of Philosophy.
- Certificates and mark lists of previous studies.
- Recommendation / request from the respective Eparch or Major Superior.
- Report from the institution where the student studied last.
- A minimum of six months' experience in the pastoral field (Regency).

Request for admission should reach the Rector latest by 25th February. Application for admission duly filled in along with other certificates and 3 passport size photos should reach the Rector before 20th March.

02. Courses and Class Attendance

All students are expected to participate in the courses offered by the seminary. A student when unable to attend a lecture/ lectures on a particular day or days may get exemption from the Dean of Studies directly or, in special cases, through the leader of the class and the concerned professor shall be informed of it.

If a student does not attend 40% of a course, he shall write a paper set by the concerned professor. 40% of the marks will be awarded to the paper and the student shall appear for examination of 60% marks on that part of the syllabus set by the professor.

If a student does not attend 50% of the classes in a semester he shall repeat the semester.

03. Rules regarding the examinations

- The mode of examination for the subjects of one credit [15 hours] may be written or oral. It may be conducted immediately after the course.
- The mode of examinations for all subjects with two or more credits

will be written and will be conducted at the end of the semester.

- The Dean of Studies may grant exceptions to the above norms on the mode of examinations by the visiting professors.
- A student shall get permission from the Dean of Studies for postponing or anticipating an examination.
- The duration of the written examination, for subjects having two or more credits, will be two hours.
- The duration of the oral examination for subjects of one credit will be 7-10 minutes; and for subjects of two or more credits the duration will be 10-15 minutes.
- Assignments may be given to the students for the courses other than language courses. Not more than 30% of the marks shall be allotted to such assignments.
- The examination shall include all the portions covered in the course.
- The students, who have not passed in the first chance or failed to appear for an examination, can attempt a second chance. In case, a student fails also in the second chance, he shall abide by the decision of the seminary council.
- Failure in three or more subjects in the re-examination will necessitate repetition of the semester or year.
- The rank holders of each year will be decided on the percentage of marks obtained in the first chance. The marks of the absentees will be considered zero for this purpose.

04. Grade

Pass Mark	50
C+ (<i>Probatus</i>)	50 - 59
B (<i>Bene Probatus</i>)	60 - 69
B + (<i>Cum Laude</i>)	70 - 79
A (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>)	80 - 89
A+ (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)	90-100

05. Comprehensive Examinations

There will be comprehensive examinations, both *viva voce* and written, at the end of the B.Th. course.

- A student may be admitted to the comprehensive examinations only if he has successfully fulfilled all other academic requirements.
- There will be four panels for the comprehensive *viva voce* examination :
 - i) Sacred Scripture ii) Systematic Theology iii) Liturgy and Church History iv) Moral Theology and Ecclesiastical Discipline. Each panel, consisting of two examiners, is allotted 20 minutes to examine a student. Theological studies at St Ephrem's Theological College will be considered complete and a student will be academically eligible to be promoted to priesthood only if he passes the comprehensive oral examination in all the four panels.
- The comprehensive written examination will be for three hours and it will be based on certain selected theses. A student who fails in this written examination or does not acquire a minimum of 60% of marks for the total aggregate of the whole theology courses is deemed disqualified for the B.Th degree, but, however, he is eligible for the Diploma certificate in theology from St. Ephrem's Theological College.

06. Seminar Papers

- The first year theology students should learn research methodology and write a paper of 15-20 pages on any theological topic strictly following the scientific methodology.
- The second year theology students may write a paper of 20-30 pages on any subject related to the liturgy, spirituality, theology, history, ecclesiastical discipline and the mission of the Church of St. Thomas. The student shall pay attention to both methodology and content while writing the paper.
- One professor may guide a maximum of three seminars.

- All the students shall write a paper on the Village Exposure Programme with a critical evaluation and it shall be submitted to the Dean of Studies within two weeks of their return to the seminary. The paper will be treated on par with one credit course.

07. B.Th. Dissertation

- For obtaining the B.Th. degree the students have to write a well-researched paper of 40-60 typed pages on a theological subject. The students may select the topic for the dissertation at the end of the second year theology and submit the dissertation in the second semester of the third year theology. They shall submit two copies of the paper to the office of the Dean on or before the prescribed date.
- One professor may guide a maximum of three dissertations.

08. Extension Lectures and Orientation Talks

Extension lectures and orientation talks on any current issue related to theology, liturgy, Church history and spirituality may be arranged occasionally.

09. Seminars and Symposiums

During every academic year 'One Day Seminars' and Symposiums are organized by the theological Institute of St. Ephrem's Theological College on biblical and theological themes. They are conducted mainly to enable the students to keep up with the latest theological developments, and to respond meaningfully to the contemporary theological issues. Experts on different subjects are invited to present papers and moderate the seminars. Students are to present a good number of the papers under the supervision of the professors of St. Ephrem's Theological College.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

I. SACRED SCRIPTURE (SS)

SS 01 Introduction to the Sacred Scripture (30 hours)

Revelation according to Dei Verbum of Vat. II; Division of Bible; Biblical Languages; Manuscripts of the Bible; Teaching of the Church regarding biblical Inspiration and Truth of the Bible; Formation of the various books of the OT and the NT; Origin of the Canon; Text and Versions; Translations; Literary Forms of the Bible; Geography of the Holy Land; Biblical Archaeology; The History of Israel; Inter-Testamental Literature; Influence of Hellenism on the Scripture; Synoptic Problem: solutions to the problem; Biblical Criticism; Socio-religious and political background of the NT.

SS 02 Biblical Hermeneutics (15 hours)

Meaning and Definition of Hermeneutics; Meaning of a Text; Documents of the Church on Biblical Interpretation; the Pontifical Biblical Commission's Document, *Interpretation of the Bible in the Church* and the Post Synodal Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI *Verbum Domini*. Techniques of hermeneutics; Rules of Interpretation; Principles of Biblical Interpretation; The Role of the Interpreter; Understanding Author, Text and Reader; Biblical Hermeneutics through the Ages; Roman Catholic principles of hermeneutics; The Divine Oracle Paradigm; Historical Critical Method; Diachronic and Synchronic Analyses; Literary Paradigm; The Reader-response Paradigm; Liberationist Approach; Feminist Approach; Rabbinic Interpretation; Indian Exegesis: *Dhvani* Method of Interpretation; The Bible for preaching and devotions; The Devotional Use of Scripture; the challenges of Bible Interpretation.

SS 03 The Pentateuch (45 hours)

Introduction to the Pentateuch; Documentary Hypothesis; Author, composition, main themes of the five books of Pentateuch; The mission models of the Patriarchs and Moses. The book of Genesis: Primeval History (Gen 1–11); The Patriarchal Narratives (Gen 12–50); Theology

of Genesis. The Book of Exodus: Israel's Exodus from Egypt and Entry into Canaan; Important Themes of the Book of Exodus; Covenant Theology of Exodus; The Contents of the Narrative on Sinaitic Covenant: Decalogue; Covenant Code; Theology of Exodus. The book of Leviticus: The Sacrificial System; Ordination of the Priests; The Day of Atonement; Holiness Code; The sabbatical year and the year of Jubilee; Jewish Festivals; Theology of Leviticus. The book of Numbers: Preparation to leave Sinai (Num 1–10:10); From Sinai to Moab (Num 10:11–21); The Oracles of Balaam; Preparations to enter Canaan; Theology of the book of Numbers. The book of Deuteronomy: a bridge between Tetrateuch and the former prophets; Compositional history; Context; The Deuteronomic Code; The Shema Israel; Levirate Marriages (Deut 25:5–10); Curses and Blessings (Deut 27–28); The Themes of Deuteronomy.

SS 04 Historical Books (45 hours)

Introduction to the Deuteronomistic History; Date and Place of Composition; Editors; Sources; Modern scholarship; Primary history; Secondary history; Deuterocanonical Books; Date and place of composition; Literary form; Purpose; Structure and main themes and exegesis of the selected texts of the books of Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ruth, Esther, Tobit, Judith, Baruch, 1-2 Maccabees.

SS 05 Major Prophets (30 hours)

Introduction to the Prophetic books of the Bible; Prophecy and Prophets; Prophecy in the Ancient Near East; Prophecy in Israel; Early Prophets; Pre-exilic and Exilic Prophets; Post-exilic Prophets; Prophetic call; Prophetic Role; Prophetic Books and their formation; Contents of the prophetic books. Introduction; Biographical details of the Prophet; Historical background; Theological themes and the exegesis of some selected texts of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Third Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Obadiah, Joel, Jonah.

SS 06 Minor Prophets (30 hours)

Introduction to the prophetic literature of the OT; the socio-political background for the emergence of the prophecy; who is a prophet?; Characteristics of a prophet; classical and pre-classical prophecy; Major Prophets and Minor Prophets; A detailed study of 12 minor prophets with their theological messages, contributions and their relevance today; A more detailed study of Amos, the prophet of social justice; Hosea, the prophet of God's love and Micah, the prophet of authentic religion; at the end, an evaluative study of the message of OT prophets and the prophetic priesthood of the church.

SS 07 Psalms (30 hours)

Introduction: Definition of a Psalm; Origin of the Book of Psalms; Editing of the Psalter; Division into Books and Psalms; Titles of Psalms; Authors & dates of the Psalms; Texts and versions; Literary form and categories of Psalms; Psalms outside the Psalter and outside the Bible; The Psalter, the Prayer book of the Bible; The Psalms and the Church; The Psalms and Christ; Detailed study of the main collections of Psalms; Text study of individual Psalms: A. The first book: Psalms 1-41; B. The second book: Psalms 42-72; C. The third book: Psalms 73-89; D. The fourth book: Psalms 90-106; E. The fifth book: Psalms 107-150.4. Theology of Psalms: God as Saviour and creator; God as righteous and just; No belief in afterlife; Psalms, songbook of the temple.

SS 08 Wisdom Literature (30 hours)

Introduction to Wisdom Literature: Genres, Characteristics, themes of Wisdom Literature; Wisdom in the Ancient Near East and Israel; Theology of the OT Wisdom Books; The personification of wisdom. The book of Proverbs: Prologue; The 10 Discourses; The First Collection of Proverbs of Solomon; The Words of the Wise; A Second Collection of Proverbs of Solomon; The words of Agur, Son of Jakeh; A Collection of Mostly Numerical Sayings; Words of Lemuel; Hymn to the Valiant Women; Theology of the Book of Proverbs. The Book of Ecclesiastes: Theological Themes; Textual Study of Ecclesiastes. The book of Job: Literary Features;

Theological Themes of the Book; Why there is suffering? Influence of Ancient Near Eastern Literature; Prologue; Dialogue; A Hymn in Praise of Wisdom; Discourses of Yahweh; Epilogue. The book of Song of Songs: Early Jewish Interpretation and Emergence of Christian allegorical exegesis; Textual Study. The book of Ecclesiasticus: Themes of the Book; Textual Study; Main Teachings of the Book. The book of Wisdom: Wisdom and Human destiny; Solomon and the Quest for Wisdom; Wisdom at work in History.

SS 09 OT Apocalypse (15 hours)

Meaning of Apocalypse; Circumstances that led to the origin and development of this type of writings; Division of apocalyptic literature: Jewish and Christian, canonical and non-canonical; Characteristic elements of apocalyptic literature; Apocalyptic elements in the OT prophetic books; The book of Daniel; its composition, author, date, division, etc. The second part of the book (Chaps. 7-12) is studied in detail and its meaning is brought out; The message of apocalyptic writings, especially of these chapters, to the people of the time and its lasting value is explained during the course.

SS 10 Gospel according to St. Mark (30 hours)

Prologue (1, 1-15); Jesus' authority revealed in Galilee (1, 16-3, 6); Jesus rejected in Galilee (3, 7-6, 6a); Jesus misunderstood by his disciples in Galilee and beyond (6, 6b-8, 21); Jesus instructing his disciples on the way to Jerusalem (8, 22-10, 52); The First part of the Passion Week in Jerusalem (11, 1-13, 37); Jesus' death in Jerusalem (14, 1-16, 20).

SS 11 Gospel according to St. Matthew (30 hours)

The author, place and date of composition, the recipients, the sources, the literary style of the Gospel, the Jewishness of the Gospel, the *Sitz im Leben*, the composition, the geographical division, thematic division, the Christological divisions, threefold division. The themes in Matthew - fulfilment, the Church, the Kingdom of God; The Christology of Matthew; Other characteristics of the Gospel of Matthew; Infancy Narrative - similarities and dissimilarities in the infancy narrative of

Matthew and Luke; Infancy narrative of Matthew, Genealogy of Jesus, the naming of child, the dream narrative and formula quotations.

SS 12 Gospel according to St. Luke (30 hours)

The scope of the gospel, Author and his social world, Date and Place of Composition, Unique Lukan Materials, Theology of the gospel and Purpose of the gospel, Discipleship in Luke, Literary style and Characteristics of the gospel, Context, Sources and Composition of the gospel, Parallels in Luke-Acts, Mission models in the gospel, Parables, Miracles, Exegesis: Prologue (1:1-4), Infancy Narrative (1:5–2:52), Preparation for public ministry of Jesus (3:1–4:13), The Galilean ministry of Jesus (4:14–9:50), Journey Narrative (9:51–19:27), Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28–21:38), The passion Narrative (22–23), Resurrection Narrative.

SS 13 Gospel according to St. John (45 hours)

The authorship of the Gospel; Date, purpose, origin; Distinctive characteristics; Place and Composition; Exegesis: Prologue 1: 1-18; Call to discipleship 1: 35-42; Book of Signs 1:19-12:50. Concept of sacramentism; Parable as spirit of truth, its nature, mode of presence and functions in St. John 14-16; Faith in St. John: its nature, object and conditions according to 3-4; Passion narrative 18-19; Empty tomb; Apparition to disciples; Farewell to disciples.

SS 14 Acts of the Apostles (15 hours)

Composition of the Acts: Sources, Discourses, Summaries, parallelisms, “we sections”, Themes of the Acts of the Apostles; Purpose of the Book; Literary Characteristics: Narratives, Summaries, Speeches, journeys, parallelism; Divisions; Mission Projects of Paul and Peter; Luke’s special presentation of the Kerygma; The Call to the Jews; The Call to the Gentiles; Conversion in the missionary stories of the Acts; Prologue; Events at Jerusalem, Spread of the Gospel in Judea and Samaria, Cipro and Asia; Cornelius Account; Paul in Acts: The call and conversion of Paul. Threefold Lukan account of Paul’s call; The first missionary journey; Jerusalem Council; The second missionary journey;

‘We’ passages; The third missionary journey; The final journey to Rome; Epilogue.

SS 15 Proto-Pauline Epistles (45 hours)

Introduction, Background, The mission models of Paul; the mission strategies of Paul; The Person and Life of Paul; Paul’s citizenship, Conversion and Call of Paul; The image and Personality of Paul, Social Status of Paul, Paul: an apostle; Theology of Paul; The Letters of Paul; Divisions in Classical Rhetoric, Style of the letters; Thessalonians: Authorship, Historical Context Reasons, Salutation, Thanks giving and body, Moral Exhortation (4:1-12) and conclusion, Theology of 1 Thessalonians; Galatians: Context, Opponents of Paul, Rhetorical Analysis: *Propositio, Probatio, Exhortatio, Peroratio*; 1 Corinthians: Occasion, Factions in the church, Opposition to Paul, Features of the letter, Marriage and Celibacy, Freedom and The Issue of idol food, Lord’s Supper, Position of woman; Romans: Christian Community in Rome, Paul’s Roman Audience, Reasons and Purpose of Romans, Central Themes of Romans – Justification, Righteousness, Reconciliation, Exordium, *Propositio Principale, Probatio, Paraenetic* Section; 2 Corinthians: Context, “Severe letter” or letter of tears, Eschatology, Defense of Paul’s Apostleship, Paul’s call for collection, Against the Opponents; Philemon: Historical Setting, Type of Slavery during Paul’s Time, Philippians: Paul and the Church at Philippi, The Christ Hymn, Epaphroditus.

SS 16 Deutero-Pauline Epistles (15 hours)

Background of Deutero-Pauline Christianity; Arguments for and against Pauline Authorship; 2 Letter to Thessalonians; Occasion and Purpose of the Letter; Exegetical Analysis; The Letter to the Colossians; Background, Occasion and Purpose of the Letter; The distinct features and contributions of the Letter; The Christological Hymn; The Household Code; The Letter to Ephesians; The occasion and the main Themes of Ephesians; The Pastoral Epistles; Characteristics of the pastoral Epistles; The Letter to Titus; Historical Context; Textual Analysis; I Timothy;

Exegetical Analysis; II Timothy; Historical Occasion; Content of the Letter.

SS 17 Catholic Epistles (15 hours)

Introduction to the Catholic Epistles; Epistle of St. James: Author, date of composition, purpose, structure and content, value of the Epistle; First letter of St. Peter: Author; Form of the letter, contents; Second letter of St. Peter: Author, literary dependence between II Peter and letter to St. Jude. Date of composition, time and place, form of the letter, purpose, content; Letter to St Jude: Author, date, content; Johannine Epistles: Author of I John, date of composition, comparison between Johannine Epistles and Gospel of St. John, Contents of I John, purpose of the letter, II and III John: Form of the letters, date of composition, content, and purpose.

SS 18 Letter to the Hebrews (15 hours)

Author, date of composition, purpose, literary genre, structure and content, value of the Epistle; Son of God superior to angels, but became man; Priesthood of Christ: Priest according to the order of Melchizedek; The once for all self-sacrifice of Christ; Christ the mediator of the new covenant; Necessity of Faith; Christian way of living.

SS 19 Book of Revelation (15 hours)

Introduction: what is apocalyptic literature? Definition, content, characteristics of Apocalyptic literature; The Book of Revelation: Date, author of the book, recipients, content, historical background, purpose of the book-prophetic, pastoral, liturgical writings, Structure of the Book - Prologue, Ch. 1:1-8, 1:9-20, 2-3, 4:1-5:14, 6:1-8:1, 8:2-11:19, 12: 1-15:4, 15:5-16:21, 17:1-19:10, 19:11-22:5, The Epilogue - 22:6-21.

II. LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY (LS)

LS 01 Theology of Liturgy (30 hours)

Introduction to Liturgy: Etymology, Definitions of liturgy according to *Mediator Dei*; *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, CCC; Purpose of Liturgy; Contents of Liturgy; Liturgy and popular piety; Liturgical diversity (Liturgical Rites); Liturgy in the first four centuries; The origin of liturgical Rites; Important liturgies or liturgical Rites. Liturgy the work of Trinity; Divine-human Communication through the sacred Spacetime; Christian liturgical spacetime; Signs and Symbols: Liturgical space, Liturgical time, Liturgical persons.

LS 02 Theology of Sacraments (15 hours)

Sacraments and religious rituals; The terms *Sacramentum*, *mysterion*, *raza* ; The patristic vision of sacraments; 'Mystery' in Eastern patristic tradition; Sacraments in the scholastic period and in the Council of Trent; The sacramental teachings of Vatican II; Understanding the major Catholic pronouncements on sacraments: sacraments are instituted by Christ, the sacramental character, sacraments are effective symbols of grace, the number of sacraments; Valid and worthy reception and administration of sacraments; Modern perspectives in sacramental Theology; Jesus Christ - the primordial sacrament; Church - the fundamental sacrament; Particularities of the Eastern vision of sacraments; Sacramentals or subsidiary mysteries.

LS 03 Sacraments of Initiation (30 hours)

Sacraments of Initiation in general: definitions; initial rites in other religions; Baptism- Etymology, definition, symbolism of water, baths and ritual ablutions in the OT; Historical survey of baptism; Theological significance of baptism; necessity of baptism and its substitute; Confirmation: etymology, definition, meaning, relation to baptism, according to eastern tradition; Historical analysis; Effects; Eucharist-completion of Christian initiation.

LS 04 Syro-Malabar Qurbana (45 hours)

Procession to the Bema - the prayers and actions; *Onitha d'Qanke* and the Veneration of the Cross; Incensation; Laku Mara; Liturgy of the Word; Trisagion; OT Readings; Gospel procession and Reading; Homily; *Karozutha*; Solemn entry into the Sanctuary and preparation for the *Quddasha* (anaphora); Material Preparation; Preparation of the Gifts; Lavabo; Transfer of Gifts; Spiritual Preparation; Dismissal Rite; Prostrations on the Bema; Creed; Procession of entry and prostrations before the Altar.

Anaphora: Eucharistia, qurbana, quddasha, canon, eucharistic prayer, *Yajna* (sacrificial) prayer; Primitive anaphoras; General structure and characteristics of anaphoras; East Syrian anaphoras; Structural analysis of AM: Four *g'hanta* cycles; preface dialogue, Offering; theology of sacrifice: offering of eucharistia-praise and thanksgiving; Words of Institution-anamnesis; epiclesis, intercession; Structural study of the rites of Communion; special study of rite of *Hussaya*, communion.

LS 05 Theology of the Eucharist (30 hours)

Theology of Eucharist:- Relation of the Christian Eucharist to the Jewish liturgy; Institution of the Eucharist in the NT; History of the eucharistic doctrines; Traditional eucharistic theology; Eucharist as Qurbana (Sacrifice); Qurbana as Quddasha (sanctification); Qurbana as celebration of mysteries (raze)-anamnesis; Qurbana is for Communion; Eucharist and life; Eucharistic adoration.

LS 06 Anointing of the Sick (15 hours)

Meaning of the sacrament; Suffering and its Salvific value; Human suffering related to redemptive mysteries of Christ; Biblical basis of the sacrament of the Anointing of the sick; Interpretation of the Fathers of the Church; Anointing of the Sick and reconciliation with God; Viaticum as Communion; Pastoral preference to the sick; Communitarian celebration of this sacrament in the Eastern Churches.

LS 07 Sacred Orders (30 hours)

The terms *Ordo* (Order) and *Ordinatio* (Ordination); Priesthood in the Ancient Religions; The priesthood of the Old Covenant; Ministry in the NT; Ministry in the Early Church; Ordination Rites in the East and West: Apostolic Tradition, Apostolic Constitutions; Some important elements of the present form of priestly ordination; Institution of ministerial priesthood, Indelible character, Grace of priesthood; Priest acts in the person of Christ; Priest acts in the name of the Church; Priests as co-workers of the Bishop.

LS 08 Liturgy of the Hours (15 hours)

Different terms used to designate the prayer of the Church; Jesus at different hours; Contents of Jesus' prayer; Biblical background of the liturgy of the hours; Type of prayer in New Testament; Early Church; Traditions: Two Egyptian traditions of monasticism: Anchorites and Cenobites; Monastic and cathedral systems of the East Syrian tradition: *Ramsa, Subbah, Lelia, Qala d-Sahra, Sapra, Qutta, Eddana, Nona*; Theology of the Divine Praises.

LS 09 Liturgical Year (15 hours)

Sanctification of time; Theology of Liturgical year: Celebration of the paschal mystery throughout the year; Origin of liturgical year; Season of Annunciation-Nativity; Epiphany - *Denha*; Great Fast or Lent; Resurrection; Season of *Sliha, Kaitha, Eliah-Sliwa-Mushe*, Dedication of the Church.

LS 10 Syro-Malankara Liturgy (15 hours)

Origin and development of the Antiochene liturgy; Important characteristics of the Antiochene liturgy; Introduction of the Antiochene Rite in India; General introduction to the sacraments in the West Syrian tradition; Great feasts of the West Syrian tradition; Liturgical year according to the West Syrian tradition; Structure and theology of the Syro-Malankara Qurbana; West Syrian anaphoras.

LS 11 Roman Liturgy (15 hours)

Characteristics of the Roman liturgy; Different liturgical traditions of the West; Short history of the Roman Mass; Structure and theology of the Roman Mass.

LS 12 Eastern Spirituality (30 hours)

Spirituality in general; meaning of Christian spirituality; spirituality of early Christian communities; uniqueness of Eastern spirituality; specific characteristics of eastern Christian spirituality; mysticism as the crowning of spirituality; liturgy as the source and summit of spirituality; Monastic Spirituality: origin of Christian monasticism; the key concepts of monasticism; various forms of monasticism; Syriac proto-monasticism; monasticism in the Greek east, Latin west and Syriac orient; Eastern monasticism and mysticism; Eastern monasticism and Eastern spirituality.

III. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (ST)**ST 01 Introduction to Theology and Methodology (30 hours)**

Definition and basic characteristics of Theology; Divisions and main branches; Primary and Secondary Sources of theology; Relation between Scripture and Tradition (DV 7-10); Tradition and traditions; Origin and development of theology; Relation between philosophy and theology; *Fides et ratio*; Pluralism in theology; Transition from theology to theologies; Eastern and Western theologies; Contemporary theological trends and their main proponents, Discussion on the possibility of an Indian theology; Guidelines for a scientific theological research and the methodology to be adopted for a scientific paper. Introducing qualitative and quantitative methods, survey, data collection and analysis and reporting etc.

ST 02 Revelation and Faith (30 hours)

Notion of revelation in Christianity and other religions, Difficulties against revelation, Recent trends in theology of revelation, Idea of revelation in the Old Testament, in the New Testament; Revelation

according to St. Thomas Aquinas; The renewal attempts for revelation theology. The characteristics of revelation; The official teachings of the Church on revelation based on councils and various documents. *Dei Verbum*; Concept of revelation through history; Development of dogma; Faith underlying the everyday experience of Christian life; Notion of faith in the Old and New Testaments. Human reason is intrinsic to the dynamics of faith.

ST 03 General Patrology (30 hours)

The importance of the study of Patrology; Origin and meaning of the terms Patrology, Patristic Theology, Fathers and Doctors; History of Patrology and the different editions and collections of Patrology; Various divisions of Patrology; The development and features of the social doctrine of the Fathers; The evolution of the Apostolic Creed, marking the beginning of liturgical formulations; The canonical, liturgical and theological importance of Didache; The Life, Works and Theology of Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Justin the Martyr, Irenaeus, Origen, Augustine.

ST 04 Syriac Patrology (30 hours)

Early Syriac Literature: Pshitta Old Testament; Diatessaron; The Old Syriac Gospels; The writings of Bardaisan; Odes of Solomon; Acts of Judas Thomas; Syriac Didascalia; Jacob Aphrahat: Life, writings, theology, exegesis; Theodore of Mopsuestia; St. Ephrem of Nisibis: Life, writings, background of his Church, exegesis; Paschal theology, ecclesiology, spiritual and ascetical teachings; Narsai: Life, theology in the light of his Homilies: on Baptism, Church, Eucharist, Priesthood; Other Syriac Fathers: Catholics: Mar Balai, Cyrillona, St. Marutha, St. Sahadona. Non Catholics: Isaac of Antioch, Jacob of Serug, Ishoyahb III, Jacob of Edessa, Moshe Bar Kepha, Dionysius Bar Salibi, Philexenos of Mabbug, Bar Hebraeus, Abdiso.

ST 05 Theological Anthropology (30 hours)

Images of man; Different kinds of anthropology; Biblical anthropology; Development of theological anthropology; Creation;

Mythological background of the Genesis Account; Creation out of nothing and modern cosmologies; Theory of evolution; Teilhard de Chardin: his basic insights and evolutionary vision; Church's official teaching on hominization; Man's creation in the image and likeness of God: Ethical imperatives of the concept; Relational character and ecological consequences; Christian view of man in the post modern age; Original Sin: History of the doctrine; Church's official teaching; Modern theological views on original sin.

ST 06 Christology (30 hours)

Definition, characteristics and relevance of christology; Pluralism in christology; Historicity of Jesus; The identity and personality of Jesus Christ; Christological titles; NT christology: A rediscovery of historical Jesus. The life project of Jesus: Kingdom of God: The death and resurrection: Paschal mysteries; History and development of christology; Patristic and classical christology; A survey of christological Councils and their contexts; Major Christological heresies; Meaning of dogma and its relevance today: Content and formulations, Contemporary trends in christology; Pluralistic understanding of the uniqueness of Christ; The ontological identity of the person of Jesus Christ; Uniqueness and universality of salvation in Jesus Christ in the multi-religious context of India.

ST 07 Soteriology (15 hours)

Relation between Christology and Soteriology; Jesus is the Redeemer-God in his birth, baptism, public ministry, passion, death and resurrection. The biblical understanding of redemption; Patristic notions of deification and recapitulation in Christ; Salvation according to the East Syriac Tradition; Evaluation of the different models of redemption: liberation model, expiation model and the model of transforming love; The image of ransom; Modern and contemporary trends in the theology of salvation; Church - the Sacrament of Salvation; How to interpret the axiom *Extra ecclesiam nulla salus*; The universal salvific will of God.

ST 08 Triune God (30 hours)

Contemporary Interest in Trinitarian Theology. Giving Expression to Trinitarian Faith. Three approaches, Key Words, Erroneous Ways. Images or Analogies of Trinity, Transition from Monotheism to Trinitarian Belief. Trinity in the Old Testament. Concept of Father, Personification of Word, Wisdom and Spirit. Trinity in the New Testament. Historical Development of the Trinitarian Theology. Main Lines of Official Trinitarian Doctrine. The Problem of *Filioque*. Immanent and Economic Trinity. Concept of Person. Trinity and the Paschal Mystery.

ST 09 Pneumatology (30 hours)

Theology of the Holy Spirit, Neglect of the Spirit, Experience of the Spirit, Holy Spirit from the Scriptural Perspective, Historical Development of Pneumatology, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, Relational Pneumatology, Works of the Spirit, Life in the Spirit, The Charismatic Question, Spirit and the Sacraments of the Church, Holy Spirit Animates the Church, Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Sanctification of Life, Maternal Role of the Spirit, Holy Spirit in the Eastern Christian Thought.

ST 10 Ecclesiology (30 hours)

Terminological consideration of the Concept of *Ekklesia* (meaning & definition); The Church in Sacred Scripture (Biblical Ecclesiology): Pre-figuration of the Church in Old Testament (Fact & Interpretation; Promise & Fulfillment), New Testament Ecclesiology; Understanding of the Church in the Fathers and in the Second Millennium: Communion as the Ruling Principle, Patristic images and models of the Church, The key affirmations of the symbols of Faith: (*unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam and Communio Sanctorum*: (Nicene-Constantinople (325+381) & Apostles' creed), Models and Figures of the Church of the Second Millennium; Ecclesiology in the second Vatican Council & after: *LG, OE & GS & Ecclesiam Suam*, The Church as Mystery, Ecclesiology of Communion or Communion Ecclesiology, Images of the Church in Vatican II (People of God, Body of Christ and Temple of the Holy Spirit), Meaning of the term 'Church' in Vatican II, Four Notes of the Church

(Biblical and Theological understanding: *LG 8*); Theological Models of the Church and their implications (cf. Avery Dulles); Basic Ecclesiological Concerns/Themes; Indian Ecclesiology: South, Western, North and North-East, Three Catholic Churches, Orthodox-Protestants and other denominations; Ecclesiology of St. Thomas Christians; Concept of the Church in the Syro-Malabar Liturgy.

ST 11 Oriental Churches (15 hours)

A general study of the Decree *Orientalium Ecclesiarum*; The basic ecclesial/liturgical families; The origin and development of Eastern Churches; The Church is an organic communion of Churches; The elements of ecclesial unity and diversity; The concept of Sister Churches; The missionary rights and obligations of the Individual Churches; The theological, spiritual, and liturgical characteristics of Eastern Churches.

ST 12 Mariology (15 hours)

Mary in the NT; Perpetual virginity of Mary; Theotokos, Christotokos; Council of Ephesus; Liturgical Feasts of Mary; Intercessory power of Mary; Immaculate conception and Assumption; Mariology of Vatican II; Mary the model and type of the Church; Spiritual life and Marian devotions. Mariology of the East: Liturgical prayers; Eastern Marian devotions.

ST 13 Missiology (30 hours)

General introduction; The concept of missions: paraphrases and definitions; The Trinitarian foundation of the Church's mission; Mission and the missionary activity i.e. mission ad gentes; The purposes or goals of missionary activity: Implantation and evangelization (proclamation); The global understanding of the mission of the Church i.e. evangelization; The essential elements of evangelization: witness, proclamation and sacramentalization; The theological perspectives of evangelization: Christological, ecclesial and pneumatological foundations; Evangelization and some related questions: liberation, inculturation and religious dialogue;

The missionary role and responsibility of the Syro-Malabar Church; Introducing the Church documents on mission/ evangelization.

ST 14 Eschatology (30 hours)

Eschatology: Christian theological approach, meaning, significance, divisions, major theories, fundamental principle; Biblical Eschatology: fundamental ideas (God, Man, Sin & Death), Biblical typology: Old Testament, New Testament: Preaching of Jesus, Synoptic Gospels, Apostolic preaching in Acts, Pauline Eschatology, Johannine Eschatology, Catholic Epistles: 2 Peter; Jas 4:13-17, 5:7-11; Jude 5-7; & 1Jn 3:1-4:6; Historical overview of Christian eschatology: Early and Patristic Period, Millenarianism (Premillenarianism & Amillenarianism), Apokatastasis, Medieval Period, Reformation, post Reformation period, the Second Vatican Council and After; The place of Eschatology in the general framework of other Religions; The Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven/Hell/Purgatory/ Limbo/Sheol/Gehenna/Hades, Final consummation of the World/Universe/Cosmos; Eschatological Hope; Ecclesial Eschatology: Christ and Church and Sacraments: The Parousia/ Maranatha/Second Coming of Christ/Day of the Lord/Last Day, Resurrection of the Body/Dead, Communion of Saints and Blessed Virgin Mary; Church: Eschatological Kingdom of God, Significance of Mission of the Church, Eschatological Ecclesiology: Church & Kingdom of God, Church as simultaneously Earthly and Heavenly, Church as Sacrament of the Kingdom/universal Salvation, Sacraments and Eschatology, Sacramentology and Eschatology, Eucharist and Eschatology, The Eschatological elements in the Syro-Malabar *Qurbana*.

ST 15 Ecumenism and Ecumenical Dialogue (15 hours)

A brief history of the major schisms and the subsequent origins of Orthodox Churches and other Ecclesial Communities; The Biblical foundations of ecumenism: from Jesus' prayer for unity (Jn 21: 17) to a Communion Ecclesiology; Early twentieth century and later Catholic ecumenical efforts; Catholic principles of ecumenism according to *Unitatis redintegratio* and the Ecumenical Directories; *The Encyclical*

Ut Unum Sint; The Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches; Uniatism; Guidelines for ecumenical dialogue and sharing in the sacramental life (*communicatio in sacris*). Indian ecumenical movements (CBCI commission for ecumenism and dialogue), The Ecumenical role of the Syro-Malabar & Syro-Malankara Churches.

ST 16 Theology of Religions (30 hours)

The notion of religion; Biblical data on other religions; Patristic thought on pagan cultures; A critical sketch of the three models of the Theology of Religions: exclusivism, inclusivism and pluralism. The uniqueness and universality of Christ and the challenge of pluralistic approaches; The Declaration *Nostra aetate*; Post-conciliar magisterial interventions on non-Christian religions; Prominent Catholic approaches to the reality of religious pluralism: Christianity as the accomplishment of religions, the theology of Anonymous Christians; A Christ-centered approach to other religions in the North Indian pluralistic context. Interreligious dialogue and Christian mission in the Roman document *Dialogue and Proclamation* (1991). Pastoral guidelines for interreligious dialogue. Catholicism in dialogue with major world religions: Jews-Christian relations, the creed of Islam and Islamic portrayals of Jesus, Belief in karma and reincarnation in Hinduism, Christian Incarnation and Hindu *Avatara* – Contrasts than similarities, Major teachings of Buddhist and Sikh religions. Religious Intolerance, Religious fanaticism.

ST17 Mission in Indian Context (15 hours)

This course tries to expose the following points briefly regarding the mission in the Indian context: What to Proclaim?, Why to Proclaim?, Where to Proclaim? Pluralist Context of India, Negative Context in India, Positive Context in India, Which are the Levels of Proclamation?, Mission Methods of the Past, Mission Methods of the Present, Means of Evangelization, Inculturation and Inter-religious Dialogue, Pentecostal Movements, Limitations.

IV. CHURCH HISTORY (CH)

CH 01 General Church History Part I (30 hours)

The relevance of the study of Church History; The Sources of Church History; Tradition and History; Division of periods; Jesus and the world at his birth; Spread of Christianity up to AD 100; Persecution; Heresies; Ecclesiastical organizations; Eastern and Western Fathers; First Six Ecumenical Councils; Early Monasticism; Formation of Papal States; Church and State. Iconoclasm; The Carolingian Empire and Church; The Church under lay domination; The medieval reformation; The Crusades.

CH 02 General Church History Part II (30 hours)

Catholic life in the 13th Century; The age of transition; The Avignon Papacy; The Great Western Schism and the menace of Conciliarism; The renaissance and the close of the Middle Ages; The Western Schism Lutheranism: Causes of the Protestant Revolt; Zwinglianism- The Anabaptist Revolt; Calvinism; The Anglican Revolt; The beginning of Catholic reform; The Council of Trent; The reform Popes: Paul IV, Pius IV, Pius V, Gregory XIII, Sixtus V; The Church and the French Revolution (1789); Early Nineteenth Century Revival. Reorganization of the Papal State; Liberalism; Papacy and Italian unification; The Vatican Council I (1869)- Infallibility; Catholic Revival- Pope Leo XIII; Reform and War; The Lateran Treaty; World War II and the Church; Vatican Council II; Post-conciliar years and changes.

CH 03 Indian Church History: Part I (30 hours)

Till 16th cent.: Origin of the Church of St. Thomas in India. Apostolicity and socio-cultural situation of India in the first cent. Evidence of Apostolic origin of the Church of Thomas Christians. Development in the Subapostolic period- Hierarchical relation with the Thomistic Churches; Development up to 16th century- the Church of Thomas Christians: an individual Church with its own Apostolic tradition, liturgical tradition, spiritual heritage, unique theology, and discipline.

CH 04 Indian Church History: Part II (30 hours)

From 16th century to Modern Period: The Arrival of Portuguese- Padroado; The Synod of Diamper (1599; Portuguese Latin regime; Coonan Cross Oath; Latin regime and further grievances; Reunion attempts of Mar Thoma VI- Cariattil and Paremakkil; 19th Century; Dawn of Peace; Propaganda alone; Rokos- Mellus; Leo Maurin; Two Vicariates- Attempts for indigenous bishops- 'Syro-Malabar'- 1896: Vicariates of Trichur- Ernakulam and Changanacherry under autochthonous bishops; 20th Century- 1923: Syro-Malabar Hierarchy; 1993: Major Archi-episcopal Church; Syro-Malankara Church-:history of reunion; Development of Church in different parts of India; Latin Church in India: Madurai mission, Roberto de Nobili- Chotanagpur, North-East, Question of Dalits; Non-Catholic Churches: Jacobites- Marthomites, Thozhiyoor, Anglicans, Assyrian Church of the East, Evangelical- Protestant Churches CSI- CNI- others.

V. CANON LAW (CL)**CL 01 Introduction to Canon Law (15 hours)**

[*Sacri Canones*, CCEO cc. 1-54; *Pastor Bonus*; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church*]

Definition of Law; The purpose of the laws in the Church; The origin and sources of Canon Law; Ten guiding principles for the revision of the Code; The ecclesiological foundation of CCEO; the structure and divisions of CCEO and CIC; Common law and Particular Law; Formation of the Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church; Preliminary Canons; Rights and Obligations of Christ's faithful; Church *sui iuris*; rites and ascription; Ecclesiastical Office.

CL 02 Ecclesiastical Magisterium, Persons and Temporal Goods of the Church (15 hours)

[CCEO cc.909- 1054; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church* Titles: I, II III, IV, XIV]

Various kinds of residence; Persons: Physical persons, juridical persons and juridical acts; The Church as holder of property rights; Acquisition of property and manner of acquisition. Administration of ecclesiastical property; Alienation of property; Pious wills and foundations; Administration of the temporalities of the parish in the *Palliyogam*; Procedural rules (Particular Law); Teaching Authority of the Church.

CL 03 Laws on Clerics (15 hours)

[CCEO cc.323-409; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church* Title: V]

Sacred ministers (clerics); Obligation and rights of Clerics; Enrolment of clerics in an eparchy; Formation of clerics; Formation for ministry; Establishment and governing of seminaries; Loss of clerical state and laws on lay persons; Supplementary norms given as Particular Laws on clerics.

CL 04 Church and Churches *sui iuris* (15 hours)

[CCEO cc.42-322; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church*]

The supreme authority of the Church; administrative structure of the Church; Roman Curia; degrees of hierarchical autonomy; Patriarchal Churches; Patriarchal Institution; Patriarchal Powers; Patriarchal election; rights and obligations of the Patriarch; Synod of bishops of the Patriarchal Church; Power of the Synod; Patriarchal Curia; Metropolitans of the Patriarchal Church; Patriarchal Assembly; Patriarchal power outside the territory; the Major Archiepiscopal Churches; the Metropolitan Churches; other Churches *sui iuris*; Eparchies and bishops; Eparchial Curia; Exarchy and exarch and Assemblies of Hierarchs of several Churches.

CL 05 Laws on Consecrated life and Societies of Apostolic life (15 hours)

[CCEO cc.410- 583; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church* Titles: VII, VIII]

History of the Religious; Divisions of the canons; *Fonti*; Definition of Religious state; External superiors: Pontifical, Patriarchal and Eparchial right; Internal superiors; Major superiors; The loyalty of the members with regard to the practice of poverty, obedience and chastity; Monasteries: Definition, establishment and suppression of monasteries; Admission to an autonomous monastery and to the novitiate; Consecration or monastic Profession; Formation in the Monastery; Hermits and monks; Transfer to other monasteries; Exclaustration, Dismissal; Order and Congregation: Definitions, Erection and suppression, Exclaustration, Dismissal; Societies of common life according to the manner of Religious definition; Secular institute; Other forms of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life, associations of lay faithful.

CL 06 Laws on Marriage (30 hours)

[CCEO cc.776-866, 1357-1384; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church* Title: X]

Doctrinal teachings on marriage; Sacramental covenant of marriage; Marriage as sacrament; Essential properties of marriage: unity and indissolubility; Rights and duties of Spouses; Right to marry; Legal protection of marriage; Marriage for Christians, for Catholics; Competence of Church and state over marriage; Catholic marriage law and the non-catholics; Preparations for marriage; Marriage preparation courses; Betrothal; Pastoral care; Pastoral preparation; Administrative preparation; Doubtful cases; Exclusive competence of Bishop; Minister, Delegation, Diriment impediments, Specific impediments, Mixed marriages and disparity of cult, Matrimonial consent, Form of the marriage, Simple convalidation and radical sanation, Separation of spouses, Special matrimonial procedures; Particular laws on marriage, Pre-nuptial enquiry form, Publication of banns, Dispensations, Free-state certificate, Marriage registers, Particular laws on mixed marriage, time and place of marriage.

CL 07 Laws on Sacraments, Sacramentals and Ecumenism (15 hours)

CCEO cc. 667-895; 902-908; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church* Titles: X, XI]

Definition of Sacrament; and purpose of Sacraments; Public and private divine worship; Sacrament of Baptism: Minister, Conditional baptism, Sponsors; Sacrament of Confirmation: Minister; Sacrament of the Eucharist: Minister, Con-celebration, Interdenominational celebration, Eucharistic minister; Sacrament of Penance: Place, Minister, Sacramental Seal; Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Minister; Sacrament of Sacred Orders: Minister, Subject, Requirements for candidates for Sacred Orders, Impediments from receiving and exercising Sacred orders; Sacramentals, Sacred places; Days of feasts and fasts; Veneration of saints, relics; Vows and oath; Ecumenism.

CL 08 Penal Laws, Trial and Special Procedures (15 hours)

[CCEO cc. 1055- 1356; 1401-1546; *Code of Particular Law of the Syro Malabar Church* Title: XV]

Trials in general; Contentious trial; Penal sanctions in the Church; Procedure for imposing penalties, law, custom and administrative acts; Prescription and computation of time.

VI. MORAL THEOLOGY (MT)**MT 01 General Moral Principles (30 hours)**

Definition of Moral Theology; Theology and Ethics; Divisions of Moral Theology; Biblical morality: OT Morality - characteristics, limitations, NT morality - characteristics and its specificity; A brief History of Moral Theology from its beginning as a special branch of Theology till the present: Patristic Thoughts; Middle: Thomistic Renewal; Manuals: St. AlphonsLiguori; Vatican II and its contribution to Moral Theology - the importance given to the Person; Post Vatican trends; Fundamental Moral Principles: Natural Law Theory, Principle of Double Effect, Principle of Proportionality, Principle of Totality, Fundamental Option, Principle of

Ordinary and Extraordinary treatment; Human Act; Definition, Moral Act, Impairments; Moral law: Definition of law, Purpose of law; Division of law; Conscience: Definition and divisions, binding conscience and formation of conscience; The Person adequately considered; Virtues: Theological and moral virtues; Sin: Mortal Sin, Venial Sin, Sins of Omission and Commission, Personal Sin and Social Sin.

MT 02 Prime Commandments (15 hours)

The Ten Commandments: General Notions: Importance of the Commandments in Christian Moral Life, Biblical Sources of Commandments, Division and Unity of Commandments, The Commandments and the Natural Moral Law and The Commandments in the New Testament; The Virtue of Religion: Human Being's Responsibility in the Religious Realm, The Virtue of Religion and the Theological Virtues, The Virtue of Religion and the Moral Virtues/Cardinal virtues. The First Commandment: Positive Demands/ Prescriptions of the First Commandment, the Social Duty of Religion and the Right to Religious Freedom, Sins against the First Commandment; The Second Commandment: Significance of the Divine Name, Positive Prescriptions of the Second Commandment; The Third Commandment: The Jewish Sabbath, *Dies Domini* - The Christian Sunday, Positive Prescriptions of the Third Commandment; The Fourth Commandment: Positive Prescriptions of the Fourth Commandment.

MT 03 Social Ethics (30 hours)

Meaning of Justice: Early thoughts on Justice, Biblical idea of Justice, Traditional and emerging concepts and definitions of Justice, Justice vs. Charity/ Love and Equality vs. Equity, Species of Justice/ Classification of Justice, Justice and Human Rights - Human Rights Violations in India; Ownership and its acquisition: Just disposition of material goods: Right to property and its right use, Types of ownership, Subject of ownership, Object of ownership, Modes of acquisition of ownership; Violations of Justice and the obligation of Restitution; Truthfulness: Truthfulness in Thought, in Conduct, and in Words, Lie and its Morality, Secret and its Types, Reputation and Honour.

MT 04 Social Doctrines of the Church (15 hours)

Nature, Relevance and History of the Social Doctrines the Church: Sources of Catholic Social Doctrine, Relevance of the Social Doctrines of the Church, The Social Message in the Bible, The Social Message of the Early Church and Church Fathers, An Age of Revolution and a Church on the Defensive; Important Social Documents since 1891: A journey through the Social Documents starting from *Rerum Novarum* till the latest; Key Themes in Catholic Social Doctrine; Social Teachings of the Church in India: The Indian Situation and the Major Concerns and Interventions.

MT 05 Sexual Ethics (30 hours)

The Biblical understanding of sexuality: Sexuality as a Gift and Mystery. Development of the theology human sexuality in the history of the Church: Philosophical movements influenced Christian morality of sexuality, Teachings on human sexuality in the Fathers of the Church, The medieval period, Period of reformation, before, during and after the Second Vatican Council, especially *Humanae Vitae*, *Persona Humana*, and *Familiaris Consortio*; Sexuality in marital life: Place of sexuality in human life, unitive and procreative purposes, chastity in marital life, conjugal chastity, Responsible parenthood, Teaching of the Church on birth control and family planning; Offences against marital chastity: artificial methods of contraception, means of artificial means of birth control, artificial insemination and In-Vitro Fertilization, extra-marital sexual act (adultery), other violations of marital chastity; Violations of chastity outside marriage: Pre-marital sexual act, *De facto* union, Fornication, Sexual thoughts & fantasies and lust, Pornography, Masturbation, Homosexuality; Sexual crimes, perversions and disorders; Celibacy and sexuality: Chastity and our sexual life, chastity as a virtue, Chastity and the life of consecrated virginity, Single life and chastity, the virtue of modesty.

MT 06 Bioethics (15 hours)

Catholic Vision of Human Life: Sanctity of Human Life, God's Authority over Life; The Indian Concept of *Ahimsa*; Fifth Commandment - Thou shalt not kill: Protect and Promote Human Life, Dignity of the Human

Person and the Inviolability of Human Life, Person as Fundamental Value; Specific Issues on Human Life: Artificial Reproductive Technologies, Abortion, Experimentation on Human Person, Genetic Engineering - Human Genome Project, Organ Transplantation, Life Prolonging Treatment, Euthanasia, Suicide Care of Older Persons and Others; Ethical Issues at the End of Life - Palliative Care; Exceptions to the Principle of Inviolability of Human Life: Self defense, Hunger Strike/ Self Immolation, Capital Punishment, Just War Theory.

MT 07 Sacrament of Reconciliation (30 hours)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Basic Notions and key theological notions to appreciate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Scriptural and historical appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Forgiveness in Bible, Penitential rites of OT, Jesus and call to Conversion, Development of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Salient features of the East Syrian understanding. Sacrament of Reconciliation among the St. Thomas Christians of India in the pre-Diamper period. Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches in the post-Diamper period. The concepts of Pāpa, Anutāpa and Prāyaścitta in Indian spirituality; A theological and pastoral appraisal of the concept of Sin and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sacrament of Reconciliation in the present scenario. The sacrament of Reconciliation in the canonical praxes: Sacrament of Reconciliation in CCEO and CIC - a comparison. Effective administration and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Formulae of absolution, Minister of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Different categories of penitents, Confession of sins, Repentance over sins, Imposition of penance, Sacramental seal, Abuses in the administration, Reservation of the absolution of sins, Confession and psychotherapy, Confession and spiritual direction, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, Indulgences.

MT 08 Sacrament of Marriage and Family (30 hours)

The Biblical Understanding of Marriage: Covenantal relationship of Yahweh and Israel (OT), Christ and the Church (N.T); Development of the Theology Marriage in the History of the Church: The Early Church and

the Fathers of the Church on Marriage, Marriage in the Teachings of Eastern Church Fathers, St. Augustine, The Medieval Period and St. Thomas, Development of Marriage Laws in the Church, Modern Magisterial Teachings; Marriage And Family in Catholic Theology: Nature of the Sacrament of Marriage, The Divine Origins of the Institutions of Marriage and Family, Monogamous Marriage is the Foundation for the Family, The Dignity and Equality of Persons, Marriage as a Union of a Man and a Woman, The Ends of Marriage and its Necessary Integrity, Unity and Indissolubility as Essential Properties of the Marriage; Marriage as a Sacrament; Conjugal Unity as a Covenant Relationship; Marriage and Family as Vocation to Holiness; Marriage and Family as Communion of Persons; Family, Built on the Rock of Marriage: Family as the Domestic Church, The Vocation of a Catholic Family and the Duties of the Catholic Family: Persons and their Roles; Contemporary Trends and Challenges to Marriage and Family: Nuclear Family, *De facto Unions*, Perfidy (Marital Infidelity), Divorce, Abortion, Contraception, Mixed marriages, Interreligious marriages, Homosexual marriages; Pastoral Concerns and pastoral approach to marriages and families in trouble.

MT 09 Environmental Ethics (15 hours)

God-centered and sacramental view of the universe, which grounds human accountability for the fate of the earth; Consistent respect for human life, which extends to respect for all creation; World view affirming the ethical significance of global interdependence and the common good; An ethics of solidarity promoting cooperation and a just structure of sharing in the world community; An understanding of the universal purpose of created things, which requires equitable use of the earth's resources; an option for the poor, which gives passion to the quest for an equitable and sustainable world; A conception of authentic development, which offers a direction for progress that respects human dignity and the limits of material growth.

VII. PASTORAL THEOLOGY (PT)**PT 01 Catechetics (30 hours)**

Importance of the study of catechetics; nature and place of catechetics in the overall pastoral mission of the Church; Etymological meaning of the terms such a catechesis, catechetics, catechist, catechumenate, catechumen and catechism. Catechesis as faith formation; Recent evolution in catechesis: the official documents; The different goals of Catechesis; The content of catechesis; the principal and complementary sources of catechesis. New trends in catechesis: christo-centrism; ecclesio-centrism and anthropo-centrism in catechesis. Catechesis for different age groups: children; adolescents; youths; adults; importance of family catechesis; Modern approaches in catechesis: biblical, liturgical, psychological; Catechetical methodology: the anthropological approach in catechesis; Theory of communication; Introduction to CCC, YouCat, Catechetical departments/their texts.

PT 02 Homiletics (30 hours)

Etymology; Definitions; History; God's paternal discourse; Teachings of councils, Popes and Canon law; The Preacher, his authenticity and qualities; Qualities of a homily; Preparation for homily; Stages in the development of expository messages; Language and style of homily; Problems in expressions; Gestures and movements; Sound; Sources of Homily; Different kinds of sermon; Different kinds of retreat; Qualities of a retreat preacher; Communication skills, charismatic movements and church guidelines, breaking the word of God in family visits/prayers and the role of the family in reading/meditating the word of God.

PT 03 Pastoral Theology (30 hours)

Meaning; Its Relation to Other Theological Branches and Topics of Pastoral concern; Biblical and historical overview of Pastoral Theology: Jesus' instruction to the Apostles for the care of souls; The topics related to the ministry of priests/presbyters in the Church: priests/presbyters, Parishes: faithful & pastor, common & ministerial priesthood, Erection of

parish (cc 282), Types of parishes, Members: councils, associations etc., rights and obligations of the members, theological (cf. *LG* 9) and social dimensions of the parish, Churches: worshipping places: chapels, shrines etc., parish priest: pastor, administrator, vicar; parochial administrator; parochial/assistant vicar ; Rector of churches; spirituality of the pastor; eligibility and rights of priests, behaviour of priests, remuneration of priests, availability of pastors in the parish, diocesan clergy, sacred places: churches & cemeteries and Christian burial; feast days and days of obligation, Bishop & Presbyters: collaboration with the religious/monks, collaboration with other ministers and the laity (ordained ministers, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, church choir, sacristians, trustees, catechism teachers, office bearers of various pious associations, etc.), Inter-Ritual (ecclesial) Collaboration (*OE* 1-5), Inter religious collaboration (*Nostra Aetate*), World & Temporal Goods (*PO* 17), Practical Suggestions (general, administration, availability, family visits etc.); Sources of Pastoral Theology; Contents of the course on Pastoral Theology; Threefold Mission of Priests: Teacher, Sanctifier and Shepherd; Apostolic Dynamics of pastoral spirituality of the priests; leadership qualities, team work, communication skills etc.

- PT 04** Pastoral Psychology (15 hours)
- PT 05** Pastoral Aspects of Holy Qurbana (15 hours)
- PT 06** Pastoral Aspects of Sacraments (15 hours)
- PT 07** Pastoral Counselling (15 hours)
- PT 08** Parish Administration (15 hours)
- PT 09** Youth Ministry (15 hours)
- PT 10** Evangelization and Social Work (15 hours)
- PT 11** Inter-religious Dialogue (15 hours)
- PT 12** Media and Evangelization (15 hours)
- PT 13** Pastoral Communication (15 hours)
- PT 14** Civil Law (15 hours)
- PT 15** Accountancy (15 hours)

VIII. LANGUAGES

- LC 01** Biblical Hebrew (30 hours)
- LC 02** New Testament Greek (30 hours)
- LC 03** Christian Aramaic (30 hours)
- LC 04** Advanced Hindi (75 hours)

IX. OPTIONAL COURSES

- ST 21** Feminist Theology (15 hours)
- ST 22** Theology of Liberation (15 hours)
- ST 23** Theology and Modern Science (15 hours)
- ST 24** Theology of Mar Ephrem (15 hours)
- ST 25** Spirituality of Thomas Christians (15 hours)
- LC 05** Advanced Christian Aramaic (30 hours)
- LC 06** Latin (30 hours)
- LC 07** German (30 hours)
- LC 08** French (30 hours)

CALENDAR

JULY 2019

01	Mon	Re-opening Day
02	Tue	Monthly Recollection
03	Wed	<i>Dukhrana of Mar Thoma Sliha : Raza</i> Inauguration of the 28th Academic Year
04	Thu	Study Day; Staff Meeting
05	Fri	Class
06	Sat	Class
07	Sun	5th Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>
08	Mon	Class
09	Tue	Class
10	Wed	Class
11	Thu	Study Day
12	Fri	Class
13	Sat	Class
14	Sun	6th Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>
15	Mon	Class
16	Tue	Memorial Day of Mar A.D. Mattam; Study Day
17	Wed	Class
18	Thu	Class
19	Fri	Class
20	Sat	Class
21	Sun	7th Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>
22	Mon	Class
23	Tue	Class
24	Wed	Class
25	Thu	Study Day; Spiritual Instruction;
26	Fri	Class; Last date for supplementary examinations
27	Sat	Class; The Feast of St. Alphonsa
28	Sun	1th Sunday of <i>Kaitha</i>
29	Mon	Class; Batch Prayer IV Years
30	Tue	Class; Last date to submit the schema for B.Th Thesis /Topics for seminars
31	Wed	Class

Total Number of Class Days: 20

AUGUST 2019

01	Thu	Study Day; 15 days Fasting begins; Staff Meeting
02	Fri	Class
03	Sat	Class
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04	Sun	2th Sunday of Kaitha; Feast of St. John Maria Vianney
05	Mon	Class
06	Tue	Class; Transfiguration of Our Lord
07	Wed	Class; Convocation Ceremony
08	Thu	New Priests' Day
09	Fri	Class
10	Sat	Class
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11	Sun	3th Sunday of Kaitha
12	Mon	Class
13	Tue	Class; Batch Prayer III Years
14	Wed	Class; Spiritual Instruction
15	Thu	Study Day; Assumption of Our Lady; Independence Day; Academic Gathering
16	Fri	Class
17	Sat	Class
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18	Sun	4th Sunday of Kaitha
19	Mon	Class
20	Tue	Class
21	Wed	Class; St. Pius X
22	Thu	Monthly Recollection
23	Fri	Class
24	Sat	Class; St. Bartholomew, the Apostle
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25	Sun	5th Sunday of Kaitha
26	Mon	Class
27	Tue	Class
28	Wed	Class; St. Augustine
29	Thu	Study Day; St. Euphrasia
30	Fri	Class
31	Sat	Class; St. James the Apostle

Total Number of Class Days: 22**SEPTEMBER 2019**

1	Sun	6th Sunday of Kaitha; Eight days Fasting begins
2	Mon	Class
3	Tue	Mission Symposium; Centenary of Maximus Illud; Biblical & Theological Reflection on the Church's Mission (EMM 2019 Oct.)
4	Wed	Class; Mission Symposium
5	Thu	Study Day; St. Theresa of Calcutta
6	Fri	Class
7	Sat	Class; Nativity of Our Lady; Staff Meeting
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8	Sun	1st Sunday of Elia
9	Mon	Class
10	Tue	Class; BTh. viva voce - Phase I: Moral Theology and Canon Law
11	Wed	<i>Tiruvonam</i>
12	Thu	Monthly Recollection
13	Fri	Class; St. John Chrysostom; Batch Prayer II Years
14	Sat	Class; Exaltation of the Cross
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15	Sun	1st Sunday of Sliva
16	Mon	Class
17	Tue	Class
18	Wed	Class
19	Thu	Study Day
20	Fri	Class
21	Sat	Class; St. Mathew, the Apostle
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22	Sun	2nd Sunday of Sliva
23	Mon	Class
24	Tue	Class; Spiritual Instruction
25	Wed	Class
26	Thu	Community Picnic
27	Fri	No Class; Feast of St. Vincent De Paul
28	Sat	Class; Archangels; St. Jerome
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29	Sun	3rd Sunday of Sliva
30	Mon	Class

Total Number of Class Days: 18

OCTOBER 2019

01	Tue	Class; St. Theresa of Child Jesus
02	Wed	Home Day
03	Thu	Study Day; Staff Meeting
04	Fri	Class; St. Francis Assisi; Batch Prayer I Years
05	Sat	Class
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06	Sun	1st Sunday of Mooshe
07	Mon	Class
08	Tue	Class; Academic Council Meeting; <i>Dussehra</i>
09	Wed	Class
10	Thu	Monthly Recollection
11	Fri	Class; Spiritual Instruction
12	Sat	Class; Seminar
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13	Sun	2nd Sunday of Mooshe
14	Mon	Class
15	Tue	Class
16	Wed	Class; Bl. Thevarparambil Kunjachan
17	Thu	Study Day
18	Fri	Class; St Luke, the Evangelist
19	Sat	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
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20	Sun	3rd Sunday of Mooshe
21	Mon	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
22	Tue	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
23	Wed	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
24	Thu	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
25	Fri	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
26	Sat	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
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27	Sun	4th Sunday of Mooshe; Diwali
28	Mon	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
29	Tue	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
30	Wed	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
31	Thu	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations

Total Number of Class Days: 12**NOVEMBER 2019**

01	Fri	Feast of All Saints; Village Exposure Programme begins (VEP)
02	Sat	Commemoration of the Dead; VEP
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03	Sun	1st Sunday of QudashEdtha; VEP
04	Mon	VEP
05	Tue	VEP
06	Wed	VEP ; B. Th. viva voce Examination: Phase II
07	Thu	VEP; Staff Meeting
08	Fri	VEP
09	Sat	VEP
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10	Sun	2nd Sunday of QudashEdtha
11	Mon	VEP
12	Tue	VEP
13	Wed	B. Th. Comprehensive Written Examination; VEP
14	Thu	VEP
15	Fri	VEP ends
16	Sat	Annual Retreat begins with Lelya
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17	Sun	3rd Sunday of QudashEdtha; Annual Retreat
18	Mon	Annual Retreat
19	Tue	Annual Retreat
20	Wed	Annual Retreat ends
21	Thu	Study Day; Farewell to Deacons
22	Fri	Beginning of II semester; Class; Sharing - Village Experience
23	Sat	Class
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24	Sun	4th Sunday of QudashEdtha; Feast of Christ the King
25	Mon	Class
26	Tue	Class
27	Wed	Class
28	Thu	Study Day
29	Fri	Class; Spiritual Instruction
30	Sat	Class; St. Andrew, the Apostle

Second Semester**Total Number of Class Days: 07**

DECEMBER 2019

01	Sun	1st Sunday of Subara; 25 Days Fasting Begins
02	Mon	Class
03	Tue	Class; St. Francis Xavier
04	Wed	Class; Batch Prayer I Years
05	Thu	Study Day; Staff Meeting
06	Fri	Class
07	Sat	Class
08	Sun	2nd Sunday of Subara; Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
09	Mon	Class
10	Tue	Class
11	Wed	Class; Spiritual Instruction
12	Thu	Study Day
13	Fri	Class
14	Sat	Class
15	Sun	3rd Sunday of Subara; Christmas Programme for Villagers
16	Mon	Class
17	Tue	Class
18	Wed	Class; Miraculous <i>Sliva</i> of Mylapore
19	Thu	Retreat in preparation for Diaconate and Minor Orders
20	Fri	Diaconate and Minor Orders Ephrem <i>Pariwar</i> Gathering in view of Christmas
21	Sat	Christmas Holidays begin
22	Sun	4th Sunday of Subara; Christmas Holidays
23	Mon	Christmas Holidays
24	Tue	Christmas Holidays
25	Wed	Nativity of Our Lord
26	Thu	St. Stephen; Christmas Holidays
27	Fri	St. John the Apostle; Christmas Holidays
28	Sat	Holy Childhood; Christmas Holidays
29	Sun	1st Sunday of Yalda; Feast of Holy Family; Christmas Holidays
30	Mon	Christmas Holidays
31	Tue	Christmas Holidays; Year End

Total Number of Class Days: 13

JANUARY 2020

01	Wed	New Year; Holy Name of Jesus; Christmas Holidays
02	Thu	Christmas Holidays
03	Fri	Christmas Holidays; St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias
04	Sat	Christmas Holidays
05	Sun	1st Sunday of Denha - Feast of Denha; Christmas Holidays
06	Mon	Christmas Holidays
07	Tue	Christmas Holidays
08	Wed	Christmas Holidays end
09	Thu	Monthly Recollection; Staff Meeting
10	Fri	Class
11	Sat	Class; St. John the Baptist
12	Sun	2nd Sunday of Denha; Syro Malabar Mission Sunday
13	Mon	Class
14	Tue	Class
15	Wed	Class; Batch Prayer II Years
16	Thu	Study Day
17	Fri	Class
18	Sat	Class; Octave of Christian Unity Begins
19	Sun	3rd Sunday of Denha
20	Mon	Class
21	Tue	Class
22	Wed	Class
23	Thu	Study Day
24	Fri	Class; Ecumenical Gathering
25	Sat	Class; Conclusion of the Octave of Christian Unity
26	Sun	4th Sunday of Denha; Republic Day; Ekta Divas
27	Mon	Class
28	Tue	Class; Last day to submit seminar papers
29	Wed	Class
30	Thu	Study Day; Spiritual Instruction
31	Fri	Class

Total Number of Class Days: 16

FEBRUARY 2020

01	Sat	Class
02	Sun	5th Sunday of Denha ; Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
03	Mon	Class; Staff Meeting
04	Tue	Class; Last day to submit Dissertations
05	Wed	Class; Academic Council Meeting
06	Thu	One Day Outing
07	Fri	Class
08	Sat	Class
09	Sun	6th Sunday of Denha
10	Mon	Class
11	Tue	Class
12	Wed	Extension Lecture on Feminine Theology
13	Thu	Monthly Recollection
14	Fri	Class
15	Sat	Class
16	Sun	7th Sunday of Denha
17	Mon	Class
18	Tue	Class
19	Wed	Class; Batch Prayer III Years
20	Thu	Study Day
21	Fri	Class; Spiritual Instruction
22	Sat	Class
23	Sun	8th Sunday of Denha; Patron's Day - Raza; Mission Day
24	Mon	Class
25	Tue	Class; Blessed Martyr, Rani Maria
26	Wed	Class
27	Thu	Study Day
28	Fri	Class
29	Sat	Class

Total Number of Class Days: 20**MARCH 2020**

01	Sun	1st Sunday of Sawma Ramba
02	Mon	Class; Spiritual Instruction
03	Tue	Class
04	Wed	Vibhooti : 50 Days Fast Begins; Class
05	Thu	Study Day; Staff Meeting
06	Fri	Class; Last day to select topics for Dissertations
07	Sat	Class
08	Sun	2nd Sunday of Sawma Ramba
09	Mon	Class
10	Tue	Class
11	Wed	Class
12	Thu	Monthly Recollection
13	Fri	Class
14	Sat	Class
15	Sun	3rd Sunday of Sawma Ramba
16	Mon	Class
17	Tue	Class
18	Wed	Class
19	Thu	Study Day; Death of St. Joseph
20	Fri	Class
21	Sat	Class
22	Sun	4th Sunday of Sawma Ramba
23	Mon	Class
24	Tue	Class
25	Wed	Class
26	Thu	Study Day
27	Fri	Class
28	Sat	Class
29	Sun	5th Sunday of Sawma Ramba
30	Mon	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
31	Tue	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations

Total Number of Class Days: 20

APRIL 2020

01	Wed	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
02	Thu	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
03	Fri	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
04	Sat	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
05	Sun	6thSunday of SawmaRamba; Palm Sunday
06	Mon	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
07	Tue	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
08	Wed	Study Leave and Semestral Examinations
09	Thu	PesahaThursday
10	Fri	Passion Friday
11	Sat	Great Saturday
12	Sun	1st Sunday of Qyamta; Easter Sunday
13	Mon	Conclusion of the Academic Year
14	Tue	Summer Holidays
15	Wed	Summer Holidays
16	Thu	Summer Holidays
17	Fri	Summer Holidays
18	Sat	Summer Holidays
19	Sun	2nd Sunday of Qyamta
20	Mon	Summer Holidays
21	Tue	Summer Holidays
22	Wed	Summer Holidays
23	Thu	Summer Holidays
24	Fri	Summer Holidays; St George
25	Sat	Summer Holidays; St Mark, the Evangelist
26	Sun	3rdSunday of Qyamta;
27	Mon	Summer Holidays
28	Tue	Summer Holidays
29	Wed	Summer Holidays
30	Thu	Summer Holidays

MAY 2020

01	Fri	St. Joseph, the Patron of the Workers
02	Sat	Summer Holidays; Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
03	Sun	4thSunday of Qyamta
04	Mon	Summer Holidays
05	Tue	Summer Holidays
06	Wed	Summer Holidays
07	Thu	Summer Holidays
08	Fri	Summer Holidays
09	Sat	Summer Holidays
10	Sun	5thSunday of Qyamta
11	Mon	Summer Holidays
12	Tue	Summer Holidays
13	Wed	Summer Holidays
14	Thu	Summer Holidays
15	Fri	Summer Holidays
16	Sat	Summer Holidays
17	Sun	6thSunday of Qyamta
18	Mon	Summer Holidays
19	Tue	Summer Holidays
20	Wed	Summer Holidays
21	Thu	Summer Holidays
22	Fri	Summer Holidays
23	Sat	Summer Holidays
24	Sun	7thSunday of Qyamta
25	Mon	Summer Holidays
26	Tue	Summer Holidays
27	Wed	Summer Holidays
28	Thu	Summer Holidays
29	Fri	Summer Holidays
30	Sat	Ascension of Our Lord; Summer Holidays
31	Sun	8thSunday of Qyamta

JUNE 2020

01	Mon	Summer Holidays
02	Tue	Summer Holidays
03	Wed	Summer Holidays
04	Thu	Summer Holidays
05	Fri	Summer Holidays
06	Sat	Summer Holidays
07	Sun	1st Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>;
08	Mon	Summer Holidays; St. Mariam Thresia
9	Tue	The Feast of Pentecost; St. Ephrem
10	Wed	Summer Holidays
11	Thu	Summer Holidays
12	Fri	Summer Holidays
13	Sat	Summer Holidays
14	Sun	2nd Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>
15	Mon	Summer Holidays
16	Tue	Summer Holidays
17	Wed	Summer Holidays
18	Thu	Summer Holidays
19	Fri	Summer Holidays
20	Sat	Summer Holidays
21	Sun	3rd Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>
22	Mon	Summer Holidays
23	Tue	Summer Holidays
24	Wed	Summer Holidays
25	Thu	Summer Holidays
26	Fri	Summer Holidays
27	Sat	Summer Holidays
28	Sun	4th Sunday of <i>Slihe</i>;
29	Mon	Summer Holidays; Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
30	Tue	Re-opening after Summer Holidays

TIME TABLE

Working Days

05.30	:	Rising
06.00	:	Sapra, Meditation, Holy Qurbana
07.45	:	Breakfast, Free Time
08.15	:	Bible Reading, Study
09.35	:	Recreation
09.40	:	Class I
10.25	:	Tea Break
10.40	:	Class II
11.25	:	Interval
11.30	:	Class III
12.15	:	Recreation
12.20	:	Noon Prayers
12.30	:	Lunch, Recreation
13.30	:	Silence
14.15	:	Recreation
14.25	:	Class IV
15.10	:	Interval
15.15	:	Class V
16.00	:	Tea, Games / Manual work
17.30	:	Bath
18.00	:	Ramsa, Study
19.45	:	Rosary (Private)
20.00	:	Supper, Recreation
21.00	:	Lelya, Study
23.00	:	Lights off

Sundays

05.30	:	Rising
06.00	:	Sapra, Meditation
06.45	:	Holy Qurbana
08.15	:	Breakfast, Recreation

09.15	:	Study
10.30	:	Tea, Recreation
11.00	:	Free Time (Silence)
12.05	:	Rosary, Noon Prayers
12.30	:	Lunch, Recreation
13.30	:	Silence
14.30	:	Study/Voluntary Ministries
16.00	:	Tea, Games/Village Apostolate
18.30	:	Ramsa, Study
20.00	:	Supper
21.00	:	Lelya
23.00	:	Lights off

Study Days (Thursdays)

05.30	:	Rising
06.00	:	Sapra, Meditation, Holy Qurbana
07.45	:	Breakfast, Free time
08.30	:	Bible Reading, Study
10.30	:	Tea, Recreation
10.45	:	Study
12.05	:	Rosary, Noon Prayers
12.30	:	Lunch, Outing/ Voluntary Ministries
18.30	:	Ramsa, Study
20.00	:	Supper, Recreation
21.00	:	Lelya, Study
23.00	:	Lights off

Saturdays

14.30	:	Tea
14.45	:	Prayer, Village Apostolate
19.15	:	Solemn Ramsa
20.00	:	Supper, Recreation
21.00	:	Lelya, Study
23.00	:	Lights off

Feast Days

05.30	:	Rising
06.00	:	Sapra, Meditation
06.45	:	Solemn Holy Qurbana
08.15	:	Breakfast, Recreation
09.15	:	Study
10.30	:	Tea, Free Time
12.00	:	Recreation
12.20	:	Noon Prayers
12.30	:	Lunch, Outing/Games
18.30	:	Ramsa, Study
19.45	:	Rosary (Private)
20.00	:	Supper, Recreation
21.00	:	Lelya, Study
23.00	:	Lights off

Study-leave and Examination Days

05.30	:	Rising
06.00	:	Sapra, Meditation, Holy Qurbana
07.45	:	Breakfast, Free Time
08.15	:	Bible Reading, Study
10.30	:	Recreation
10.45	:	Study
12.00	:	Recreation
12.20	:	Noon Prayers
12.30	:	Lunch, Recreation
13.30	:	Silence
14.00	:	Examination/Study
16.00	:	Tea, Manual Work/Games
18.00	:	Ramsa, Study
19.45	:	Rosary (Private)
20.00	:	Supper, Recreation
21.00	:	Lelya, Study
23.00	:	Lights off

Notes:

सेमिनारी गीत

आत्मा की वीणा ध्वनि संत एफ्रेम प्रेम की कली
आर्ष देश सीने पे चमकीले एफ्रेम का पुण्यालय।

विश्वास बीज बोये जन मन में प्रेरित थामस पुण्य धरा पे
आये हम विश्वास फैलाने भ्रातृ प्रेम चिराग जलाया।

प्रार्थना जोश में पावन जीवन कलीसिया शिक्षा की बन्धकी
प्रेम सरोवर स्वप्न सलोने सरल जीवन मंजिल अपनी।