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VIANNEY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 4th August, the feast of patron saint of all priests, St. John Maria Vianney, was solemnly celebrated. Brothers wished all the fathers the festal greetings and thanked them for their valuable service which they render to seminary in the formation of future priests. Brothers handed over bouquet to fathers as a symbol of love. and



FRESHERS' DAY

As part of new priests' day, the first year theologians presented their batch programme on the eve of 7th August to make the new priests feel at home. The programme commenced at 9.00 pm and lasted for one hour. All the programmes presented were attractive and mind blowing and it showed the unity and batch work among the first years and they shared that they became more energetic after their batch programme.



CONVOCATION DAY 2019

14th convocation day of St. Ephrem's Theological College was conducted on 7th August 2019. His Excellency Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI, the bishop of the Eparchy of Rajkot, presided over the meeting. And the ceremony was honoured by the presence of



Mr. Iris Joseph Xalxo, the additional collector of Satna district, as the chief guest of the day. Rev. Fr. Ottapurackal Joseph, the rector of St. Ephrem's, welcomed all to the ceremony and congratulated the BTh holders. Mar Jose Chittooparambil who delivered the presidential address pointed out the duties of BTh holders as the official spokespersons of the Word of God and he exhorted them to continue the reflection and the research in theology. Mr. Joseph Xalxo, the additional collector of Satna, also utilised the opportunity to wish the BTh holders. Rev. Dr. Puliampallil Cyriac announced the name of the BTh holders and Mar Jose Chittooparambil distributed the certificates of merit in the presence of the entire Ephrem pariwar. Rev. Fr. Edathil Joseph (Satna) and Rev. Fr. Champakulathil Joseph (Changanassery), the rank holders were awarded the scholarship for the academic excellence by Mr. Iris Joseph Xalxo.

NEW PRIESTS' DAY

St. Ephrem's celebrated the new priests' day in the presence of her 8 new priests on 8th August 2019. St. Ephrem's was very much energized with the arrival of her children. The celebrations began on the eve of 7th August with the most solemn Ramsa presided over by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Paimpilil VC. All new priests shared their experience as newly ordained and the divine provi-



dence of God throughout their ministry. Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kanjiraparambil and was concelebrated by all the new priests and the homily was given by Rev. Fr. Thomas Thuruthumalil. All the Ephrem pariwar wished all the very best for their future ministry.



INDEPENDENCE DAY



St. Ephrem's celebrated Independence Day of our mother land and the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother, on 15th August. Festal Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joychan Paranjattu (visiting professor, Eparchy of Rajkot), all our fathers were concelebrants and the homily was given by Dn. Zade Jose. Soon after the Qurbana Ephrem Pariwar, gathered in front of seminary for flag hoisting. Rev. Fr. Joychan Paranjattu hoisted the flag and gave the Independence Day message. Common meeting of the day was held at 11.00 am in St. Ephrem's auditorium, Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly welcomed all to the meeting, Br. Deepak Tirkey gave the message of the day and Rev. Fr. Joychan Paranjattu delivered the presidential address.



Parents of Bro. Tijo Kanayankal and parents and siblings of Bro. Noble Vettikuzhichalil (Eparchy of Kothamangalam) along with Rev. Fr. Geo Thadikkatt visited seminary. They resided two days in seminary and visited different mission stations. Through these days they realized the hardships of missionaries and the mission dioceses.



NEW VENTURE OF VILLAGE APOSTOLATE



Village apostolate of St. Ephrem's started a new venture for the students of nearby villages. Computer and spoken English classes for the students who are studying in class X and above, are arranged in St. Ephrem's on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Fr. Cyriac Puliampallil who is in charge of the village apostolate, as inaugurator of the first session on 18th August spoke about the importance of studying computer and learning English by youngsters in the modern world. Around 40 students from nearby villages attended the session, and they thanked for such golden opportunity. The village apostolate also steps forward with prison ministry, hospital ministry, slum ministry and various other activities which help the seminarians to serve the poor and needy.



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VISIT OF REV. FR. GEO THADIKKATT



Rev. Fr. Geo Thadikkatt, from the Eparchy of Kothamangalam, who served as the Vice Rector of St. Ephrem's from 1996-2000 visited seminary. He was very happy and excited by recollecting his old golden memories from the campus. He visited many mission stations of the Eparchy of



Satna and also visited the priests who had formation during his tenure. He also spent time for visiting slum and the differently abled children. It shows the real missionary zeal which the students can cultivate during their formation.

RECTOR'S PRESENTATION IN THE SYNOD

Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the rector of St Ephrem's, presented the report and accounts of seminary during the synod on 29th August 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS



**Mar Antony
Kariyil CMI**
Archbishop Elect
Ernakulam - Angamaly



**Mar Sebastian
Adayanthrath**
Bishop Elect Mandya



**Msgr. Vincent
Nellayiparayil**
Bishop Elect Bijnor



**Mar Jose
Puthenveetil**
Auxiliary Bishop
Elect Faridabad

PICS OF THE MONTH

