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## HOME DAY CELEBRATIONS



St. Ephrem's Theological College celebrated the home day on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, offered the Solemn Holy Qurbana. Later brothers engaged themselves in the decoration and



arrangements. The home day gathering took place in the evening. Mr. Riyaz Iqbal IPS, Superintendent of Police, Satna, was the chief guest.

Very Rev. Dr. C. A. Varghese, Vicar general of Marthoma Syrian Church, Delhi Province and the Principal of Christukula Senior Higher Secondary School presided over the meeting. Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal extended a cordial welcome to all the guests. Rev Fr. John Kondooparambil presented the annual report of the year 2018-2019. The function was packed with various cultural programmes by the brothers. The cash awards for proficiency were distributed for the respective ones of each batch by the chief guest. The presence of entire Ephrem pariwar, fathers, brothers, sisters, candidates from various communities and lay people from various parishes of the Eparchy of Satna made the celebrations more attractive. The gathering of the day was followed by delicious dinner in which all joined.

## THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



The feast of St. Francis of Assisi was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Rev Fr. Francis Pittappilil, the secretary of the Liturgical Commission of the Syro Malabar Church (visiting professor) celebrated the holy Qurbana.

Homily was given by Very Rev. Fr. Manoj Vareekkal,

the Vicar General of the eparchy of Ujjain. Very Rev. Fr. Rector wished the festal greetings to Rev Fr. Francis Pittappilil and our Capuchin brothers.



## BASKETBALL MATCH

On 6<sup>th</sup> October the seminary basketball team had a match with the students of Christukula School, Pateri. The seminary team won the match with a good score. Rev. Fr. Cyriac Puliampallil sports in charge coordinated the match and Rev. Fr. Rector appreciated the team for their team spirit and the success.



## VISITORS

Very Rev. Fr. Manoj Vareekkal, Vicar general of the Eparchy of Ujjain visited the seminary. It was an official visit of the Vicar General to assess the students belonging to his diocese.

Rev. Frs. Mathew Kazhuthadiyil (Manthavady), Joseph Mulanjanany (Kothamangalam), Paul Vadakkeoram MST from Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth visited St. Ephrem's Theological College. They visited nearby mission stations and spent time in sight-seeing.

Rev. Sr. Grace SD, (Provincial, Ghaziabad), Rev. Sr. Lancy Maria SD, (Provincial, Wardha) and Rev. Sr. Rose Mary SD, (Provincial, Delhi) visited the seminary along with Rev. Sr. Sausima SD, the superior of Patheri Convent.

Rev. Frs. Varghese Puthussery VC, (Provincial), Joby Kallugal VC, Chakkungal VC visited St. Ephrem's on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Rev. Sr. Dona CPS, the general along with the assistant general Rev. Sr. Lisiux CPS visited St. Ephrem's Theological College on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Mr. Michael, (advocate, supreme court), visited St. Ephrem's Theological College on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Rev. Fr. Varghese Kossackal (Changanassery), former student of St. Ephrem's visited seminary and spent a day with the community. He celebrated holy Eucharist and recollected his memories.



## ADIEU

Adieu to Bro. Francis Minj, (Eparchy of Chanda) who successfully completed his pastoral courses in St. Ephrem's Theological College, after completing his theo-

logical studies from Collegio Urbano, Roma. On 21<sup>st</sup> October he went back to his diocese after 3 months of his stay in St. Ephrem's.

## SEMESTER EXAMS

First semester exams of the academic year 2019-2020 were commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Students were busy with their studies and working hard for the exams.



## MISSION PICNIC

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, Rev. Deacons of St. Ephrem's went for mission picnic to the diocese of Jagadalspur. It was an ample opportunity for them to understand different-mission aspects, modern mission strategies and challenges in the mission field.

## THE FEAST OF ST. CLARET

On 24<sup>th</sup> October the community of St. Ephrem's joined with the Claretian community and celebrated the feast of St. Claret (the founder of CMF). All Ephrem pariwar, Rev. Frs. from Bishop's house joined for the agape.

## FAREWELL TO REV. FR. MANU CMF



On 27<sup>th</sup> October, St. Ephrem's Theological College, gave farewell to Rev. Fr. Manu CMF, who helped the seminary both materially and spiritually during his service at St. Claret

School. Rev. Fr. Rector thanked him for all the services rendered for the seminary and wished him success for his next ministry in Chanda mission.

