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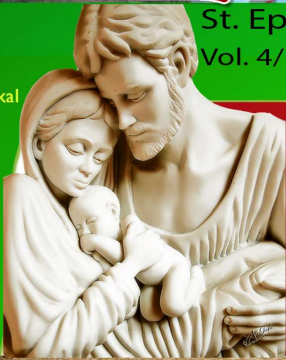
EPHREM NEWS

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Merry Christmas



THERE'S NOTHING SO PLEASANT AS COMING HOME AGAIN

After the prolonged summer vacation due to the pandemic, the seminary reopened on 6th November 2020. Seminary regained her life and rhythm by the arrival of all her children and she was in high spirit because of the coming of 11 Benjamins. After the arrival, seminarians had a quarantine period of 14 days, thereafter, normal time table commenced. Regular Academic programme started from 24th November 2020.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PREFECTS

As part of the new academic year, new prefects were appointed. Bro. Purakkattuputhenpura Jonett was appointed as the General Prefect. Bro. Arun Kandathil and Aloshiyas Olomana were elected as prefects of second years and first years respectively. Thanks to the former prefects for the noble service.



COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

Deacons had viva of Moral theology and Canon Law on 5th November. The comprehensive oral and written exams for the deacons were conducted on 25th and 30th November. It was an occasion to test their academic excellence.

FRIENDLY VOLLEY BALL MATCH



A friendly volley ball match was conducted between the first years and the seminary team on 28th November. It was an event to see the team work and sports man spirit among brothers. Rev. Fr. Rector inaugurated the match. Both the teams played well and the seminary team won the match

INITIATION PROGRAMME

Initiation programme for 11 students of first year theology batch was held on 27th November 2020. The programme lasted for one and a half hours with self introduction, sharing and games. It helped the first years to be more vibrant in the community and helped them to find out their unseen talents.



The presence of Rev. Fr. Rector and other members of the community made the initiation programme more eye-catching.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF REV. FR. RECTOR



On December 7, his birthday of Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector, was celebrated in its full rhythm. Celebrations commenced with the Eucharistic celebration. During the homily he thanked the community for the love and support given to him.

All the members of the St. Ephrem community prayed for him in the Holy Qurbana. Later he was greeted by the entire community in a short gathering held before breakfast. Rev. Fathers greeted the wishes of the day and handed a bouquet as the symbol of love.



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“When you talk, you are only repeating something you know. But if you listen, you may learn something new.”

– Dalai Lama



FAREWELL TO DEACONS



On 6th December, St. Ephrem's bid farewell to the reverend deacons. The farewell programme began with solemn Ransa led by Rev. Dn. Kurian Elayidathumadathil VC. Thereafter the farewell gathering was arranged in the main Auditorium of the seminary. Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector, welcomed everyone and encouraged the deacons to go forward with much enthusiasm and vitality. The deep sentiment of love and intimacy towards the seminary was well seen in the sharing session of deacons. Rev. Fr. John Kondooparambil, Vice Rector and Bro. Albert Valiyaveetil felicitated them and exhorted them to be good and holy priests of God. Rev. Dn. James Elavumkal and Antony Tharakunnel thanked all the staff members and students for moulding them through the years. The Vincentian and Claretian Communities also joined for the farewell gathering and by the night they departed from the seminary.



ANNUAL RETREAT



Annual retreat of the year 2020-21 was conducted from 30th November to 5th December 2020. Retreat started after leliya with an introductory talk by Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal. All the batches were fortunate to have Rev. Fr. Jerom Puthukulangara as the preacher. The annual retreat got over by with Eucharistic adoration. It was a blessed occasion to think about our vocation and about the state of our spiritual growth. All commented that the annual retreat helped them to strengthen their convictions about the priesthood.





Choir

Selection



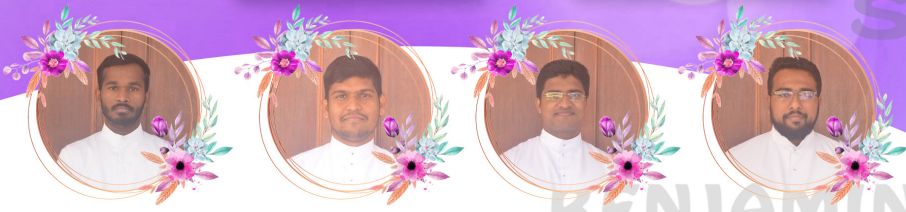
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*We, the Rector, Staff and Students of St. Ephrem's Theological College Satna,
are happy to inform you of the priestly ordination of our Deacons.
Let us pray for our Deacons.*

The Rector & ETC Community



Dn. Anchil Mathew (Jerin)
(CHY)
Thayamkary
Dec 30, 2020 - 9:30 am



Dn. Erapurathu George (Abin)
(KTM)
Muttom
Dec 31, 2020 - 9:30 am



Dn. Meleth Jacob
(V.C)
Perambra
Dec 31, 2020 - 9:30 am



Dn. Tharakunnel Antony
(CHY)
Thiruvananthapuram
Dec 31, 2020 - 2:30 pm



Dn. Kaithapampil Joseph (Mijo)
(CHY)
Veroor
Jan 2, 2020 - 9:15 am



Dn. Elayidathumadathil
Kurian (Abin)
(V.C)
Marakav
Jan 2, 2021 - 9:30 am



Dn. Arakkal Antony (Sinto)
(OFM Cap)
Perakam
Jan 3, 2021 - 9:15 am



Dn. Cheriyakunnel
Joseph (Jesbin)
(I.LY)
Karikkottakary
Jan 5, 2021 - 9:00 am



Dn. Ambalamattathil
Xavier (Rohit)
(V.C)
Edappady
Jan 5, 2021 - 9:15 am



Dn. Puchathalil Thomas (Tijo)
(OFM Cap)
Pallippuram
Jan 6, 2021 - 9:30 am



Dn. Kolangayil Joseph (Jegin)
(KTM)
Payyavoor
April 7, 2021 - 9:30 am



Dn. Chathely Antony (Sijo)
(SGR)
Thazhekad
April 2021



Dn. Mangalan Vareed (Sinto)
(SGR)
Murikkungal
April 2021



Dn. Elavumkal James (Prince)
(ADB)
Maniyamkulam
April 2021



Dn. Pathikunnel Xavier (Manu)
(JDP)
Karithodu
May 2021



Bro. Arackal Kuriakose (Sanil)
(STA)
Manvettom

