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Patron
Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal

St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna

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VISITATION OF THE SYNODAL COMMISSION

The Synodal commission for St. Ephrem's Theological College made the visitation on 4th - 5th February, 2021. Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Sebastian Vadakkal and Mar Raphael Thatil met all the students in batches and in person, and they also met the resident staff. The Students presented suggestions. The Chairman of Synodal commission officially declared that the tenure of rector is extended for one more year due to the absence of actual Synod.



SYMPOSIUM

On 20th February, academic faculty of St. Ephrem's arranged a symposium, an intellectual banquet on "Omnes Fratres to Frateli Tutti". In the inaugural session, Bro. Sebastian Kalathiparambil, welcomed everyone. Rev. Fr. Biju Puthenpura VC, Principal of De Paul School, Madhavgrah, lighted the lamp and inaugurated the symposium with his thought provoking words. There were four paper presentations on various topics like, "The Fraternal Love in Present Scenario", "A Call to Communal Life by Rejecting Individualistic Approaches", "Social and Political Charity is a basis for New Culture", "A Call for the Forgiving as an Identity of Christians", by Bros. Albert Valiyaveetil, Anoop Vazheparampil, Arun Kandathil and Ephrem Kunnappilly respectively. Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly and Rev. Fr. Cyriac Puliyampallil moderated the sessions.



PARISH FEAST

Ephrem *pariwar* began the feast of St. Ephrem on 5th February with flag hoisting. On the eve of 6th February, the entire Ephrem *pariwar* gathered for Ramsa. Almost two hours of long procession coupled with the festal message by Rev. Fr. Edathil Joseph was a testimony of faith. All the religious houses in the ephrem *pariwar* were blessed by the festal procession. On 7th February, the most solemn form of liturgy Raza, was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Thelakatt, Vicar General of the Eparchy of Satna.



MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Syro-Malabar mission day celebrations were conducted on 7th February according to the convenience of the Ephrem Pariwar. On that day various games and activities were arranged in the auditorium, in which members from Bethania, Premasadan, Vincentian study house, CSN convent, Sanjo Bhavan, CMF community and members of Ephrem parish participated wholeheartedly. Fascinating items of the day were Auction, film show, paid lunch and friendly Basketball match.



MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

Monthly recollection of the month of February was conducted on 18th February 2021 under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Sebastian Punnolil VC.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"First find yourself, then you will find your path"



DN. VARGHESE KANNAMPILLY MEMORIAL QUIZ COMPETITION

ETC conducted Quiz Competition on 27th February 2021 in loving memory of Dn. Varghes Kannampilly who died in a road accident on 27th May 2019. The Quiz Competition was organized by Dean's office of ETC, and prizes were sponsored by the batchmates of Dn. Kannampilly (2016-2019 Batch). The first Prize with an ever rolling trophy was secured by the third year theologians while the second prize was gathered by the first year theologians and the third prize was won by second year theologians. Congratulations to all winners and participants.



PATRON'S DAY CELEBRATION

PICS OF THE MONTH

KAPPAVATTU



VIBHOOTI CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to



**Very Rev. Fr. Joseph
Ottapurackal
for the extension of
the tenure as rector
for one more year**



Hearty Welcome



**Rev. Fr. Alex Kollamkalam
(Changanacherry
Archdiocese)
Our new Resident
staff of ETC**



OBITUARY

St. Ephrem's extends prayerful and heartfelt condolences to Sagar diocesan family on the demise of His Excellency Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil CMI, the second Bishop of Sagar. Rev. Fr. Rector participated in funeral services on 23rd February 2021 held at St. Theresa's Cathedral Church, Sagar.

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**FORMER
STAFF,
STUDENTS
AND
FRIENDS**