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## AS WE ALL COME TOGETHER

With an aim of fostering the unity and family atmosphere, we the family of St. Ephrem gathered together on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.



## A LONG AWAITED VICTORY

A long awaited false anti conversion case on Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly was quashed by the Supreme Court on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. He was falsely accused of bribing a Hindu to become a Christian.



The case was registered on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, when he and a priest took 32 theology students for carol singing to Jawahar Nagar, Bhumkhar village near Satna. The carol was intercepted by Bajrang Dal activists, who accused them of converting people with lure and force. Earlier on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the Madhya Pradesh High court had refused to quash the case.

He along with 32 theologians, including few priests, stayed in police station from 6 pm on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 to 10 pm on next day. Rev. Fr. G. Mangalapilly had been fighting since last four years with the help of the Satna Eparchy and the seminary.

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL

As part of the intellectual formation, the Academic council was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Rev. Fr. Dean of Studies along with Rev. Frs. Rector and Vice Rector met the representatives of the batches. It was an efficacious evening when we could share our suggestions and ideas for the growth of the intellectual development.

## VISITATION OF THE SYNODAL COMMISSION

The Synodal commission for St. Ephrem's Theological College visited the seminary on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Chairman, Mar Raphel Thattil and Mar Sebastin Vadakkal, the members of the commission, reached early morning. The Synodal visitation began with the Holy Qurbana. Seminary welcomed the bishops with joyous hearts just before the breakfast. Later, the bishops met all students in batches and also the resident staff. It was a blessed time for all the members of seminary to contribute different ideas for the growth and development of different spheres of formation. It was after Ramsa, the commission thanked all brothers and the staff for their support and co-operation to make the seminary more fruitful. The visitation was concluded with the supper.



## MISSION VISIT

As part of the pastoral formation, one day mission visit to different mission stations of Satna Eparchy was organized for Rev. Deacons by the Seminary on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021. They visited different mission stations like Dewara, Purva, Rewa, Koond, and Madhavghad accompanied by their animator, Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal. It was an enriching experience for all of them.



## GUESTS OF THE MONTH...

Rev. Fr. John Kandathinkara VC, the Superior General of Vincentian Congregation made his visit to the seminary on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We were very happy to have him in our midst as he was the former staff of the St. Ephrem's seminary. Rev. Fr. Rector welcomed him to our community and shared his missionary zeal, which was an inspiration to many of us.

Rev. Frs. F. Meenatheril and T. Thuruthumalil (Itawah Mission), the former students of ETC visited the seminary on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Rev. Fr. F. Meenatheril offered the Holy Qurbana for all our intentions. Rev. Fr. T. Thuruthumalil delivered an inspiring homily. We thanked them for their time with us and promised our prayers for their future ministry.

## IT'S EXAMS TIME...

The First Semester exams of the Academic Year 2021-2022 began in seminary on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The exams mood began in the seminary as brothers started their preparations. The comprehensive exams, both oral and written for Rev. Deacons will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

