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EXTENSION LECTURE



The classes in the new academic year began with an extensional lecture by Rev. Dr. Joseph Anikuzhikkattil, SDB, a well-known missiologist from Shillong, on the topic, 'Inculturation'. He spoke about the need of inculturation and explained the various methods to be adopted in the present Indian context.

INITIATION OF BENJAMINS



"APAK", the initiation programme of the 24 first year students was conducted on 29th June in the ETC auditorium. The programme was well-conducted with a self-introduction of each one. The second year brothers conducted the programme which was both dynamic and entertaining. The Benjamins were asked to do certain tasks for which they responded very sensitively.

BLESSING OF THE RENOVATED ADORATION CHAPEL

June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, was a blessed day for the ETC Family. On this special occasion, His Excellency Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil was the main celebrant of the Holy



the Lord at the very beginning of this academic year.

Qurbana. Thereafter he blessed the renovated Adoration Chapel of the ETC. This beautiful chapel is one of the precious gifts that we have received by the grace of

CELEBRATION OF DUKHRANA



Third June was a day of celebration for Ephrem Pariwar as she celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, our father in faith. The celebration started with Solemn Ramsa on the previous day. On 3rd July, there was Raza, presided over by Rev. Fr Joseph Nellimalamattathil, our newly appointed Spiritual Father. Fr Rector wished all the brothers bearing the name of St. Thomas and the MST, DST, VC, CMF communities on the occasion of the feast of their Patron Saint.

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year 2023-24 was inaugurated by His Excellency Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Chairman of the Synodal



Commission for the ETC and the bishop of the eparchy of Satna. Very Rev. Fr Mathew

Kazhuthadiyil, the Rector of the Ephrem Theological College, welcomed all and conveyed his appreciations and regards for the new scholastic year. Rev. Fr Joseph G. Aryankalayil, the Vice-Rector, presented *Lexio Brevis* on 'Synodality'.

WELCOME NEW PROFESSORS



DR. JOSE AMMAIKUNNEL



DR. JOSEPH NELLIMALAMATTATHIL

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INAUGURATION OF VILLAGE APOSTOLATE



The ministry of village apostolate of this year was inaugurated on 8th of July by Rev. Fr Rony Maruthumoottil, the diocesan procurator of Satna. He gave a beautiful message on the need of being compassionate and loving towards the people. Fr Joji Puliampallil and Fr Joseph Aryankalayil were also present for the function.

INAUGURATION OF ARTS & SPORTS COMPETITIONS



Arts and Sports competitions of the academic year 2023-24 was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Paul Chungathu, the Vicar General of the eparchy of Sagar on 10th of July. In his inaugural address he stressed the importance of Arts & Sports in the seminary formation and the integral growth of a person.

MONTHLY RECOLLECTION OF JULY



On 13th July, we had a monthly recollection guided by Fr. Mullassery, one of the former staff members of the ETC who belongs to the Archeparchy of Changanacherry. All the brothers were spiritually empowered and had a good confession too.

FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA

On 28th July, we solemnly celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa. Fr. Joseph Aryankalayil was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana. Thereafter, we had the blessing of the Quarters of the First Years, named after St. Alphonsa.



FAMILY GATHERING



The bond between the members of a family becomes stronger in their unity and togetherness. On 18th July, the ETC had a Family Gathering in the evening. All shared their experiences and suggestions in order to make our community stronger and more beautiful.

FEAST CELEBRATIONS



The month of July was blessed because of the feasts of three of our fathers and brothers. On 9th July, we celebrated the feast of Rev. Fr. Alex Kollamkalam, who bears the name of St. Alexander. On 15th July, we solemnly celebrated the feast of Rev. Fr. Joji Puliampallil, who is named after Mar Kuriakose, the martyr. 18th of this month was the feast of St. James, the Apostle. On that day we have celebrated the feast of Rev. Fr. Anesh Kizhakkevedu and many of our brothers who bear the name of Jacob.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Twenty-five years of faithfulness towards God and vocation is not an easy task. It is worthy of congratulation and celebration and most importantly thanksgiving to God. It



was on 20th July that the St. Ephrem Family celebrated the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of two of her sons, Fr Sojan Unniepallil (MST) and

Fr Shibu Pulickal (Kalyan) with the Golden Jubilarian Bp. Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam. On this blessed day, our first year brothers staged numerous programmes. The

Jubilee celebrations ended with a sumptuous dinner. On the following day, the Jubilarians together with other Fathers offered the Thanksgiving Holy Qurbana.

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Anyone who wants to be an example to others, must first examine himself.

