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Eparchy of Satna
wishes You a

*Merry
Christmas*

& A BLESSED
NEW YEAR



Bishop's Message

Mar Joseph Kodakallil



The month of December brings joy and enthusiasm in our life as we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord. We rejoice in the fulfilment of God's promises in the birth of messiah who is Emmanuel. Jesus revealed God the Father and established peace and joy in the world. The dawn of a new age begins with the birth of Jesus. We begin our pilgrimage to the manger in the beginning of this season to see the manifestation of God's love in the person of Jesus. Mother Mary and St. Joseph accompany us in this journey of faith towards Bethlehem.

God broke into the cosmic time/history by incarnation. God dwelt among us in the cosmic time and space. God accomplished the human salvation through the person of Jesus Christ in time and space. God and human being meet each other in time and space. Time therefore, is not merely cosmic or historical due to the fact of Christ's incarnation. Time has received a salvific dimension; it is the time of salvation. For Christians time is not simple succession of events (chronos), rather time has become the privileged moment in which Christians experience the presence and saving power of Christ's grace (Kairos).

The biblical references make the above fact clear. For in the fullness of time, God sent His son born of a woman (Gal 4,4). The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel (Mk 1,15). He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake (1Pet 1,20). Kairos would mean that whatever happens in history is not accidental but according to the plan and design of God. The cosmic/historical time regulated by nature's cycles and seasons becomes the locus of God's saving interventions. Jesus by his birth changed the chronos into kairos, i.e., a time of grace. Christmas invites us to transform the chronos of human history into kairos of divine grace.

As we stoop at the manger we marvel at the sight of manifestation of grace of God for the salvation of all human being (Tit 2,11) and glorify and praise God for His great act of mercy (Lk 2,20). The shepherds were watching over the flock when they received the message of the angel about the birth of the saviour. And they went in haste to see what the Lord has made known to them and they saw Jesus the saviour in the manger with Mary and Joseph. The shepherds spread this joyful news to others and all who heard it were wondered.

The message of God reaches us when we are faithful in fulfilling our mission entrusted to us. And we go out and spread the good news of joy that Jesus our saviour is born. Let us just wonder looking at the manger where the Word made flesh is laid wrapped in swaddling clothes. Let us praise and glorify God for the great act of mercy and love of God for sending His Son.

Wishing you the joy and peace of Christmas and the blessings of New Year 2019!



MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE MAR GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY



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सीरो मलबार कलीसिया का मिशन सप्ताह उत्सव

(2019 जनवरी 6-12)

सीरो मलबार कलीसिया के मेजर आर्चबिशप आदरणीय जॉर्ज कार्टिनल आलन्चेरी अपने सहसेवक महाधर्माध्यक्षों, धर्माध्यक्षों, समर्पितों, पुरोहितों एवं अपने चरागाही सेवा में सौंपी हुई समस्त ईश्वरीय प्रजा को लिखते हैं।

प्रभु ईसा के प्रकटीकरण पर्व (Feast of Danaha) ६ जनवरी से आरंभ होने से 12 जनवरी 2019 तक मिशन सप्ताह मना रहे हैं। इस उपलक्ष्य में मैं आप लोगों के साथ मिशन सप्ताह से संबंधित कुछ विचार साझा करना चाहता हूँ। दनाह के पर्व पर प्रभु ईसा ने स्वयं को प्रकट कर अपना मिशन कार्य आरंभ किया। सुसमाचार इस बात का साक्ष्य देते हैं कि प्रभु ईसा गरीबों और उपेक्षितों को विशेष रूप से प्रेम करते थे और उन पर दया करते थे।

कलीसिया जिसे प्रभु ईसा ने अपने शरीर के रूप में प्रकट किया है, निरंतर इस मिशनरी कर्तव्य में भागीदार है। इसलिए दिवतीय वक्तिकन् की “Ad Gentes Decree” हमें सिखाती है कि ‘कलीसिया उसके स्वभाव से ही मिशनरी है’। (AG2)

मैं कलीसिया के सब पुत्र और पुत्रियों से निवेदन करता हूँ कि वे अपनी क्षमता,



जीवन स्तर और परिस्थिति के अनुरूप मिशन के प्रति जागरूकता और उत्साह अर्जित करें और सुसमाचार की घोषणा का कार्य करें।

प्रभु ईसा का चेहरा वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य में हममें से हर एक के द्वारा प्रकाशित होता है। 'संसार के कोने-कोने में जाकर सारी सृष्टि को सुसमाचार सुनाओ। (Mk 16:15) हमें प्रभु ईसा की आज्ञा को हर स्थान पर पूरा करना है। आज सब बुराई की शक्ति, छिपकर कलीसिया पर आक्रमण करती है, तब हमें आध्यात्मिक रूप से सशक्त होने की आवश्यकता हैं। माता पिता को, परिवार को आध्यात्मिकता में अग्रसर करने के कर्तव्य को, कभी नहीं भुलाना है। हम सबको 'विश्वास की ज्योति' को, जिसे हमारे पूर्वजों ने हमें हस्तांतरित किया, सदैव जलाये रखना है। संत थॉमस का साहस और विश्वास का उस्ताह हमें सदैव हर संकट को पराजित करने की शक्ति प्रदान करता है।

इस मिशन सप्ताह के जरिए हम सुसमाचार के परिवर्तनीय शक्ति का अनुभव करें और प्रभु ईसा के सुसमाचार को, उन स्थानों पर प्रचारित करने के उत्साह से परिपूरित हो जाएँ, जहाँ अभी तक लोग सुसमाचार से अनभिज्ञ हैं। प्रथम ईसाइयों की तरह, हमें मेलमिलाप स्थापित करने, भातृत्व को बढ़ावा देने और सुसमाचार हर स्थान पर और सब लोगों के साथ साझा करने के कर्तव्य का स्मरण रखना चाहिए। प्रभु ईसा के मुक्तिदायक संदेश को प्रचारित करने के लिए, कार्यक्रम बनाए जाने चाहिए और धर्मप्रांतीय और पल्ली स्तर पर, धार्मिक मण्डलियों के सहयोग से उनका क्रियान्वयन किया जाना चाहिए। यह मिशन सप्ताह के उत्सव को उद्देश्यपूर्ण बनाएगा। हमारा विश्वास मिशनरी उत्साह और उदारता में फलदायक बनाता है।

हमारी कलीसिया भारत और विदेशों में अनेक मिशनरी व्यक्तियों को प्रदान कर, कार्य करती है। हमें Shamshabad और Hossur धर्मप्रांत, जो कि संत पापा द्वारा भारत के पुरोहिताई और सुसमाचार की घोषणा के लिए हमें प्रदत्त अधिकार के फलस्वरूप स्थापित हुए हैं, पर गर्व होना चाहिए, कि वे कलीसिया के अन्य धर्मप्रांतों के सहयोग से यही कार्य कर रहे हैं। उनका मिशन सप्ताह के उत्सव में विशेष रूप से स्मरण करें। भारतीय कलीसिया के महान धर्म प्रचार के कार्यों के पीछे हमारा मिशनरी उत्साह प्रमुख कारण हैं। यह वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य की आवश्यकता है कि हम सारे मिशनरियों का स्मरण करें। विश्वास और साहस के उत्साह से प्रेरित होकर बुलाहट को प्रोत्साहित करें। आप जान सकते हैं कि माउंट सेंट थॉमस पर 'सीरो मलबार मिशन' कार्यालय हैं, जो कि हमारे कलीसिया के मिशन कार्यों का समायोजित करता और मिशनरी कार्यों में सहायता करता है। यह कार्यालय 230



धार्मिक मण्डली (Seminarians) के सदस्यों और 34 महिला उम्मीदवारों, के धार्मिक जीवन में सहायता करता है। यह हमारे 17 मिशन धर्मप्रांतों में सेवा करने के लिए तत्पर हैं, जिनमें संसारभर के 51 लाख सीरो मलबार विश्वासी, सम्मिलित हैं। इसके अलावा धर्मप्रचार और संबंधित आवश्यकताओं के लिए भी परियोजनाएँ प्रदान की गई हैं। आपकी प्रार्थना और उदारता इस कार्यालय को सृजनात्मक दृष्टिकोण द्वारा सुचारू रूप से कार्य निष्पादन करने में सहायक है। यह कार्यालय कलीसिया के विकास और मिशनरी कार्यों में प्रशंसनीय योगदान प्रदान करता है। मिशन सप्ताह के उत्सव द्वारा एकत्रित राशि मिशन के कार्यों के लिए ही उपयोग में लाई जाती है।

हमारे हृदयों में पिता संत यॉमस के वचन - हम भी चलें, और इनके साथ मर जाएँ। (11:16) को रखें। हम विश्वास की ज्योति में मिशन को जानकर और प्रेम कर सशक्त बनें। मिशनरियों के लिए प्रार्थना करें, मिशन क्षेत्रों में यात्रा करें और आर्थिक योगदान करें।.....

मैं सौहार्दपूर्ण रूप से पिता, पुत्र और पवित्रात्मा के नाम पर आपको आशीर्वाद प्रदान करता हूँ।

प्रभु ईसा में प्रेमपूर्वक,
कार्डिनल जार्ज आलन्चेरी,
सीरो मलबार कलीसिया

मेजर आर्चबिशप के माउंट सेंट थॉमस पर स्थित कार्यालय द्वारा 3 नवम्बर 2018 को प्रदत्त।

1. यह परिपत्र हमारी सारी पल्लीयों और संस्थाओं में 30 दिसम्बर 2018 के पवित्र मिस्सा के दौरान पढ़ा जायें।
2. संबंधित व्यक्ति मिशन सप्ताह मनाने में पल्ली और संस्था में उद्देश्यपूर्ण योगदान दें।
3. मिशन सप्ताह मनाने के द्वारा एकत्रित राशि को धर्मप्रांतीय केन्द्र में भेजा जायें। तत्पश्चात् यह राशि सीरो मलबार मिशन के माउंट सेंट थॉमस स्थित कार्यालय में 28 फरवरी 2019 के पहले जमा करें।



REPORT

EPARCHIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

●Fr. John Thoppil●

General Convener, Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The eparchy of Satna, erected in 1968, celebrated its golden jubilee on 14 November 2018. It was the culmination of long three years of preparations. We had in fact planned three years of celebrations, dedicating one each year to a particular segment of the church. A committee was formed comprising Frs Geogre Mangalappilly, Joseph Vandakathil and Joseph Punnorkott to propose the mode of celebration of the jubilee in three years. Accordingly three preceding years of the actual golden jubilee year was earmarked in the following way: 2014 -15 as the Year of the family and the Laity; 2015-16 as the Year of the Religious; 2016-17 as the Year of Priests and Seminarians. Subsequently separate committees were formed to plan out and conduct programmes pertaining to the particular category of people of God in each year. Thus each year has undoubtedly made an impact on the life of the respective segment of the Church.

For the actual Jubilee Year 2017-18 an action plan was made by a special committee of eight persons, namely Fr John Thoppil (Convener), Fr George Mangalappilly, Fr Augustine Chittuparambil, Fr Cherian Kalapurackal, Fr Francis Mattathil, Fr Thomas Mullenmandil, Sr Christo SH and Sr Mable SABS. Accordingly, the Jubilee Year was solemnly inaugurated during the annual eparchial day celebrations on 07 August 2017 with hoisting of the Jubilee Flag, lighting a Jubilee candle and giving lighted candles with Jubilee emblem and special jubilee prayer to each mission centre. On the following Sunday, inauguration of the Jubilee year was held in all the parishes and mission stations. Various programs were conducted during the Jubilee year as per the action plan.



The concluding ceremony of the jubilee year was held on 13-14 November 2018. On 13 November an evening get together was arranged at the Minor Seminary, Sherganj for honouring the former missionaries and for listening to their inspiring sharing of missionary experiences of initial years. Besides, the Major Archbishop, Bishops from the dioceses of Jagdalpur, Jhabua and Khandwa were present to honour the former missionaries with shawl and jubilee gift. A sumptuous dinner was also arranged in their honour.

The actual concluding function of the eparchial golden jubilee started with a liturgical procession at 09.45 hrs from the Cathedral Church to the venue at Christ Jyoti School campus. While members of Legion of Mary from the parish along with candidates from religious formation houses performed adivasi dance, the first communion children standing on both sides showered rose petals and the youth escorted the celebrants with festal umbrellas. His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar Church, was the main celebrant of the liturgical celebration. His Grace Leo Cornelio, Archbishop of Bhopal, Mar Sebastian Vadakkal MST, Bishop of Ujjain, Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Bishop of Satna and Very Rev. Dr Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC, Superior General of the Vincentian Congregation concelebrated the Holy Qurbana along with a good number of Priests, religious Sisters and Brothers as well as the Faithful in huge numbers. The bishops from the dioceses of Jabalpur, Jagdalpur, Khandwa, Jhabua, Indore, Sagar, Gwalior, Idukki and Thucklay added colour to the function. A sumptuous jubilee meal was served to all the participants at 12.30 hrs. The post lunch jubilee gathering was inaugurated by the Archbishop of Bhopal at 14.00 hrs after watching a documentary film on the eparchy. His Beatitude George Cardinal Alencherry, in his presidential address appreciated the hard work of the pioneer missionaries under the dynamic leadership of two former shepherds – Mar Abraham Mattam VC and Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal VC as well as the tireless missionary endeavours of the present missionaries under the guidance of Mar Joseph Kodakallil. His Beatitude also underlined the importance of mission as essential nature of the Church and in the present scenario of north India reaffirmed the stand of the Catholic Church against all types of coercion or forced conversions.

Due to election code of conduct the local political and administrative



leaders were absent from the public function. Bishop of Jabalpur, Superior General of Vincentian Congregation, Provincial Superior of St Thomas Province of Vincentian Congregation, Provincial Superior of Christ Jyoti Province of the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, representatives from the lay faithful, ecumenical body and non-Christian religions also extended felicitations to the eparchy of Satna on the occasion of the golden jubilee. A jubilee anthem, audio CD, a documentary film and a jubilee souvenir depicting the history and various missionary activities were released on the occasion. Cultural banquet was prepared and presented by the students of Bethania Institute, Ephrem Nagar, Christ Jyoti School, Satna and Jyoti School, Rewa. Their vibrant presentations depicting the various missionary apostolates in the eparchy were really breath-taking. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil extended hearty welcome to all and Fr John Thoppil, Protosyncellus proposed vote of thanks. The Jubilee programme came to an end with tea at 16.30 hrs. Various committees like invitation, stage setting, hall, liturgy, accommodation, reception, transportation, food, choir, communication, etc. did a commendable work toiling hard day and night in order to make the jubilee celebrations a grand success. They do deserve profound appreciation and gratitude for making the day a memorable one.

On the following day, golden jubilee memorial Mother Teresa Hospital at Panna was solemnly blessed by His Beatitude George Cardinal Alencherry in the presence of Bishop Mar Antony Narikulam and Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil along with Protosyncellus, Syncellus, priests, Sisters and the Laity of the nearby parishes and mission centres.

Thus the jubilee year was indeed a year of blessings for the eparchy of Satna. We thank the Lord for the manifold blessings he has been showering on the eparchy during long 50 years of its existence and implore God's blessings and graces to move ahead with more vigour and enthusiasm in fulfilling the missionary mandate of the Lord and in establishing the kingdom of God as envisaged by Lord Jesus Christ in this part of the world.



ST. EPHREM'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE UPDATES

●Br. Purakkattuputhenpura John●

BEING WITH THE VILLAGERS

At last, the day that all the brothers of St. Ephrem's Theological College waited has come; it was nothing other than the Village Exposure Programme conducted every year with the aim of moulding the future missionary priests. All the brothers of the seminary were filled with eagerness and vigour to walk forward to their assigned dioceses and mission stations to experience the hard realities of the life of villagers. The mission exposure programme began on 31st October and it got over on 13th November. The third year brothers went to the diocese of Varanasi and they had two days of city experience, eight days of village life along with the priests of different parishes and for three days they participated in a convention at Materdam Ashram. Second year theology students went to the diocese of Jabalpur and spent their days in different mission stations at Mandala district experiencing the pastoral and missionary activities along with different parish priests in groups of two members. First year brothers were divided into three groups and went to the different mission stations of the eparchy of Satna such as; one group in Karimatti and two groups in Gijwar and they had their stay in rented huts. They remember with gratitude the arrangements made and hearty welcome extended in Karimatti and Gijwar by Fr George Vadakkumcherry and Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil. Later a Village Exposure sharing session was conducted on 23rd November to evaluate the programme and to get suggestions for the future betterment. Everyone was found much excited and enthusiastic in their narrations regarding their mission experiences of those days.

ONCE AGAIN IN OUR HOME

St. Ephrem's seminary was very much pleased to participate in the Golden jubilee celebrations of her mother diocese. The whole day of October 16th was kept apart for praying for the eparchy of Satna in preparation to the Jubilee celebrations. It was a day of chain adoration and rosary. The entire ETC community participated in the Golden



Jubilee celebrations of the eparchy of Satna on November 14th. All the brothers of the seminary partook actively in the celebration by rendering different services for the smooth functioning of the programme.

FATHER MEETS HIS CHILDREN

November 13th and 15th remain unforgettable days in the history of ETC. These were the days of joyfulness and blessings as His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church visited the seminary. On the eve of November 13th His Beatitude joined with the community for a dinner in the company of some other Bishops, such as, Mar Joseph Kollamparambil, Mar Chacko Thottumarickal, Mar Ephrem Narikulam, Mar Basil Bhuriya and Mar Durai Raj. Along with the bishops the seminary was also blessed with the presence of Very Rev. Fr Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC, the Superior General, Rev. Fr Antony Chakkungal VC, General councillor and Rev. Fr Vincent, the Vice Chancellor. Major Archbishop celebrated Holy Qurbana in St. Ephrem's Theological College on 15th November. Most of the members of the Ephrem Pariwar participated in it. His Excellencies Mar Ephrem Narikulam, Mar Joseph Kodakallil and Mar John Nellikunnel joined for the Eucharistic celebration. Mar George Alencherry gave an inspiring homily on the need of mission in the Indian context and encouraged everybody to become good missionaries for the Church.

SEE YOU AGAIN...

The Ephrem Community bade farewell to the reverend deacons with much pain and sorrow on the eve of November 21st. The farewell programme began with the solemn Ramsa led by Dn. Erosyan Ekka. Soon after the Ramsa under the leadership of the second year brothers a farewell gathering named 'ADDIO AMICI' was arranged in front of the seminary. Deacons donated a harmonium costing twenty five thousand rupees during the farewell ceremony as an expression of their gratitude to the seminary.

SPIRITUAL BANQUET

To nourish the brothers spiritually, the seminary has arranged five days retreat for the brothers from November 14th. The first, second and third year brothers were blessed to have Rev Fr. Cyriac Kochalunkal CST, the Vicar General of the Arch diocese of Faridabad as their preacher and the deacons were preached by Rev. Fr John Pallipat CMI. After the completion of the retreat we celebrated the sacerdotal silver jubilee of Rev. Fr Cyriac Kochalunkal CST in a modest way.



AT THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ALTAR

St. Ephrem's Theological College is very happy to announce that the 23rd batch consisting of seven deacons is going to be ordained in the coming days. More details in this respect are given below:

ST. EPHREM'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, SATNA M.P.

Priestly Ordination 2018 - 19

Merry Christmas & New Year

Dr Thomas (CITY) Tharukhramalli Parakkal 28.12.2018-2.15 pm

Dr Joseph (SIA) Edathil Kozhikadan 01.01.2019-9.30 am

Dr Sebastian (VC) Pampallil Antholad 02.01.2019-9.15 am

Dr Erosyan (SIA) Ekka Marthoma

Dr Joseph (CITY) Champakadathil Perumpazha 02.01.2019-9.15 am

Dr Thomas (KYN) Kappuramambal Munshar 03.01.2019-9.15 am

Dr Antony (SGR) Thekkath Manshar

ETC is happy to inform you of the Priestly Ordination of our Deacons. Let us pray for them.

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to New Superior General and Team

SACRED HEART CONGREGATION



- Superior General : Very Rev. Sr. Alphonsa Thottumkal SH
- General Councillors : Rev. Sr. Jeas Maria Kithara SH (Vicar General, Evangelization)
- : Rev. Sr. Mercy George Kunnel SH (Charity Activities)
- : Rev. Sr. Philomina John SH (Education)
- : Rev. Sr. Rose Pulikeel SH (Social Welfare Activities)
- Auditor General : Rev. Sr. Joice Maria SH
- Procurator General : Rev. Sr. Ancy Pannackal SH



VINCENTIAN NOVITIATE HOUSE UPDATES

●Novices, Vincentian Novitiate, Padra●

We have already completed six months of our novitiate by November. We feel that we have made giant growth in our prayer life. We all want to be like St. Vincent De Paul who evangelized the poor by preaching the mission to the poor and serving them in their material needs. Our Guruji is helping us to grow in our spiritual life as true Vincentians.

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT

As preparation for the feast day of our patron we had nine days of novena and spiritually prepared ourselves for the feast. For the convenience of the priests and sisters, we celebrated the feast on 30th instead of 27th September. We had invited priests and sisters from the neighboring communities. On the day of celebration we had a small cultural program in which a skit was presented on St. Damien, named "The Prophet of The Good News". As we were less in number, we had to take different roles in the skit. After having the dinner all the invited guests said good bye to us.

HALF YEARLY RETREAT

The novice master arranged a half yearly retreat for us from 21st to 26 October, 2018. Fr. Varghese Parekkattil V.C. director, Divine Mercy Retreat Centre, Elavur, Chennai guided us in our retreat. Our Guruji also joined with us in order to fulfill his obligation to do the Annual Retreat. The retreat helped us to renew our life and inculcate great enthusiasm for further growth in our spiritual life. His preaching was so motivating that we all took several resolutions to make progress in the spiritual life.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Satna was celebrated on 14th November, 2018. We all with joy participated in Jubilee Mass and the felicitation meeting held thereafter. We were very happy to meet many of the pioneering missionaries of the diocese of Satna.



CANONICAL VISIT

Superior General of the Vincentian Congregation Very Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC with Rev. Fr. Tony Chakkungal VC Councilor for the Mission reached here on 15th November, 2018. We, Guruji and Fr. Martin extended a warm welcome to them. They came here to make an official visit of the Novitiate here. At 6:00 pm the Superior General officially inaugurated the Canonical Visitation by explaining to us "what Canonical Visit is and how it is being done in the Congregation. Later, Superior General had individual conference beginning with the Novice Master and the Procurator and all the Novices. There was a concluding session in which all the Fathers and Novices participated. The Superior General appreciated the efforts taken by all to make the Novitiate successful. He advised the Novices to be formed more and more a Vincentian Missionary in North-India. The meeting was concluded with a prayer led by Rev. Fr. Tony Chakkungal and final blessing given by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel. Immediately after the meeting, he paid a visit to the S.H. convent, Padra. Though he planned to visit other neighbouring communities, he could not do it as Fr. Justin Orikkalayil met with an accident while he was trying to save a child.

JAIL MINISTRY

A program of Jail Ministry is being organized among the inmates of Rewa Jail, with the permission of the Jail Officer. The interested prisoners are trained in computer literacy and tailoring. Around 100 illiterate prisoners are taught to read and write and thus make them literate. We have provided tailoring machines, computers and learning materials for this purpose. Mr. Mahesh has been employed to manage this program on behalf of the Province. Our Guruji is responsible for giving necessary guidance and monitor this program. On 15th November, 2018 a released prisoner had been provided with a tailoring machine as part of rehabilitation of the released prisoners. Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthussery, the Provincial of St. Thomas Province, handed over the tailoring machine to Mr. Kailash, who has completed his term of imprisonment. During this occasion Fr. Sebastian Kallath and Novices were present.

TUITION CLASSES

With the help of Mr. Mahesh, we have organized 11 tuition centres for the SC and ST students studying in various government and other private schools, so that they may succeed in their studies. All the tuition masters employed are from the same villages, especially persons



belonging to the backward communities. Every month teachers meeting is arranged to evaluate and plan for the future. Mr. Mahesh, from time to time visit the tuition centres for monitoring the program. Around 180 students are benefitted under this program. Through these children we are also reaching out to their parents and making them realize the importance of educating their children.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMME

During the last summer vacation, we had organized adult literacy program for women from backward communities .This program lasted for two months and they could learn to read, write and calculate.

WELCOME AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

As our Guruji's birthday was falling on 16th November, we celebrated the same combining it with the Superior General's welcome. We had a solemn Mass on 15th evening followed by sumptuous dinner. All the Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring communities were invited. Fr. Martin welcomed the Superior General cordially and wished Fr. Guruji a very happy birthday and prayed for his good health and fruitful ministry as a novice master. Br. Femin presented a brief life sketch of Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy during the occasion.

HARVESTING

As the paddy was ripe, Novices took initiative to cut the paddy from our compound and to carry them to the threshing floor. The rest of the paddy was harvested with machine. We are happy that we got a good harvest of paddy this year.

THE ENTRANCE BLOCKED

On account of the construction of the railway over bridge; our road to the novitiate was blocked since many months. Now, a small way is opened to enter our house with the vehicle. After the construction of the fly over, we hope to get a broad passage to our house.



ST. THOMAS MINOR SEMINARY UPDATES

●Br. Jerin Ezhnootil●

SOLEMN ROSARY DEVOTION

The month of October is in particular dedicated for the devotion to our Mother Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a devout and spiritual juncture for STMS to step forward and promote ourselves for the love of Rosary. As a matter of fact, ten day's solemn rosary truly helped us with the mystical powers of Mary. We commenced our ten days' solemn rosary on 21st October and it came to a conclusion on 30th October.

The rosary was conducted at the nightfall of each day. We prayed each day with special intentions. The spiritual support and guidance of our dear priests and immense devotion made those days more prayerful and serene. Last day was marked as very solemn with decoration of chapel and grotto of mother Mary. We had a spirit filled rosary procession from church to the grotto moving with candles in the hands of each person and with the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary in our lips and hearts. The rosary concluded with the homily by Rev. Fr. Dennis. Later we had the sumptuous meal sitting together in our central courtyard lawn.

FORMER MISSIONARIES MEET

14th of October was a historical day for the diocese of Satna as we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its existence from 1968 to 2018. We were privileged to be part of the preparations for the Golden Jubilee programs and celebrations. On 13th STMS was fortunate enough to set up an ambiance for honoring the former missionaries in our campus. Our seminary was blessed by the holy presence of Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, Mar Joseph Kodakallil and many other bishops from our neighboring dioceses and priests and sisters. We were really excited to have the first sight of our former missionaries which in turn inspired us to be true missionaries in our future. Brothers of our seminary could also thrill the audience with their performances. We were extremely joyful to receive the appreciation and feedback that we have hosted the event colourfully.



A CALMING EXPEDITION

After the first semester examinations brothers of STMS were very happy to get an opportunity to refresh and relax with an outing. This was a precious time to visit the picnic spot Ramvan and to enjoy a movie in the theater. The ultimate end of this one day outing was to have the pulse of people outside seminary.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

STMS is very happy to let you know that it has marked its preparations for Christmas. Our Christmas celebrations are to be held on 19th of this month. Later our bothers will be sent to different parishes and mission stations to assist the priest in-charges in celebrating the Christmas.

*Prayerful best wishes on Your Priestly
Ordination and Holy Qurbana*



**Dn. Thomas (Santhosh)
Alappattukottayil**

St. George's Forane Church, Vilangad

29th December, 2018, 9.15 am



**Dn. Joseph (Albin)
Edathil**

St. Ann's Church, Kodikulam

1st January, 2019, 9.30 am



CHRISTU VIDYA NIKETAN UPDATES

●Fr. Justin Vattamattam V.C.●

The new academic year 2018-19 was inaugurated on 2nd July 2018. Fr. Joby Kallungal VC, Vice Provincial of St Thomas Province inaugurated the new academic session. There was Cultural Programme with welcoming the New Comers. There are 13 new comers and 7 third years.

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The feast of St Vincent de Paul was celebrated solemnly on 27th September 2018. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil was the main celebrant for the Mass at 6.00 am. All the members of the CVN Community participated in the Mass.

ROSARY DEVOTION

There was 10 days of Rosary Devotion conducted from October 1 to 10. On 10th evening we had concluding Rosary Procession and Holy Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, the Vicar General of Eparchy of Satna. After Mass 'nercha payasam' was served to all.

ANNUAL RETREAT

Three days of Annual Retreat was conducted for the Seminarians. The retreat started on 18th October 2018. Fr. Birendra Kujur was the Retreat Preacher.

SEMINARY DAY

Seminary day was conducted on 10th November 2018. The Chief Guest for the seminary day was Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil. Fathers and sisters from Satna, Rewa, Kothi were invited for the same. Cultural programme started at 6 pm followed by dinner.

DE PAUL SCHOOL

The staff and students of De Paul School excel in their teaching and studies. We had 6 days of holidays for the Diwali and now students are busy with their periodic tests. We had a nice celebration on Children's day.



BETHANIA UPDATES

●Sr. Vijaya DST●

Greetings and prayerful wishes from Bethania community. Bethania became more colourful with the arrival of nine pre-novices along with their mistress Rev. Sr. Lisieu. Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal our priest in charge and Rector of ETC offered Holy Qurbana and welcomed everyone to Ephrem Nagar. By the end of July three novices from our St. Thomas province Ujjain came here with their provincial superior Rev. Sr. Deepa and five Pre-Novices from north east region came with Rev. Sr. Alphonsa, Assistant Regional Superior. We welcomed everyone so cheerfully to our Bethania community.

The theological course for pre-novices and postulants started on 2nd August 2018. Our beloved Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil offered Holy Qurbana at 7 am. SABS sisters from Pateri also were present for the Holy Qurbana. At 9'oclok there was a meeting and our bishop inaugurated the new academic year. This year there are 28 candidates from different congregations namely SABS, MSJ and DST. Candidates of MSJ congregation from Lucknow are staying at Bethania to attend the course. Professors from ETC, VC and other visiting professors are taking classes for them. We are very grateful to all the professors who helped us to grow more and more spiritually and intellectually. The course will end by 2nd December 2018. We made our community picnic to Chitrakoot. The beautiful sights of that place enriched our mind. On the way we visited one of our mission stations Kailaspur. We gave farewell to deacons who are getting ready to go to the green pastures and bear much fruits.

We were very happy that we were here in Satna on the occasion of golden jubilee celebrations. So our candidates got a golden chance to stage two beautiful dances.

VISITS AND THANKS

We sincerely attest our heartfelt gratitude to His Excellencies Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Sebastian Vadakel, Mar Raphael Thattil who visited us these days. We were privileged to have their presence as moments of joy, inspiration and encouragement.



We were very lucky to have the presence of our Superior General Rev. Sr. Liza Jose, our Provincial Superior Rev. Sr. Jessy Manayath. We celebrated Sr. Jessy's Silver Jubilee with solemnity. Our St. Thomas Provincial Superior Rev. Sr. Deepa from Ujjain paid a short visit along with Sr. Ligi Kalappurackal. Rev. Sr. Alphonsa our assistant regional superior of north east region also came with the Pre-Novices. Our Assistant Provincial Superior and Directress of Bethania institute came here on 30th July to make arrangement for the course. Rev. Sr. Salony our Assistant Superior General and Rev. Sr. Jyothi Maria, General Councillor were here to take classes for the candidates. Our former missionaries who served Satna diocese came here to participate in the golden jubilee celebration.

ROSARY DEVOTION

The month of October is especially dedicated to Mary our mother. We prayed rosary in the entire month solemnly. At the season of Christmas, the birth of our Redeemer, dawn of another New Year, Bethania community wishes you all a Merry Christmas and New Year 2019.

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to New Provincial and Team

FCC AMALA PROVINCE, BHOPAL



Provincial Superior	: Rev. Sr. Princy Rose
Assist. Provincial Superior	: Rev. Sr. Prabha FCC
Provincial Councillors	: Rev. Sr. Prabha FCC, Rev Sr Jeena FCC
	Rev. Sr. Bincy Therese FCC, Rev. Sr. Amritha George FCC
Finance Officer	: Rev. Sr. Lija Jacob FCC
Provincial Secretary	: Rev. Sr. Anjana Therese FCC



SABS UPDATES

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

●Sr. Tesslin Kidangen SABS●

SNEH SADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

●Sr. Jessy Tresa SABS●

CELEBRATIONS

- ❖ Our beloved Mother Provincial's feast was celebrated solemnly on 30th September. Cultural evening was conducted by the candidates. They staged a play depicting the life of St. Therese of Child Jesus. On 1st of October Solemn Holy Qurbana was offered for her special intentions. Rev. Fr. George Mangalappilly was the main celebrant.
- ❖ On 2nd October 2018, three of our Novices Prema Dungdung, Maneesha Victoria and Jobitha Theresa made their First Profession during the Solemn Holy Qurbana. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil was the main Celebrant. Rev. Fr. Jacob Adampakallel and Rev. Fr. Joel were the con-celebrants. We thank God for His providence towards the Province and accepting their YES as valuable.
- ❖ We also celebrated solemnly on this day, the Golden and Silver Jubilee of our sisters and thanked God together with them for their dedication, consecration and commitment.
- ❖ The silver Jubilee of our Sr. Prasanna and the feast days of our sisters and candidates were anticipated in our community on 24th September 2018.
- ❖ On 13th November 2018, we offered a solemn thanksgiving Holy Qurbana for our Eparchy in our convent chapel celebrated by





Very Rev. Fr. John Thoppil. Remembering all the blessings the Good Lord has showered and is still showering on our Eparchy, on our Bishops, priests, religious and the faithful during the past 50 years and making us instruments to work in His vineyard we together praised God with our whole heart, soul and body.

- ❖ The mega Golden Jubilee celebration of our Eparchy took place on 13th and 14th November 2018. On 13th there was a special gathering to honor the pioneers of the Diocese. 7 of our pioneer sisters attended the gathering. His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alanchery celebrated the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration con-celebrated by other Bishops and priests on 14th November. It was a day of God's blessings. The power, magnanimity and the presence of God pervaded the entire celebration.

MEETING:

- Sr. Seena Maria attended 'Young Women Theologians Meet' at Vidya Jyoti, Delhi from 17th to 21st November in 2018. She also attended a meeting of Catholic Biblical Association of India (CBAI), in Bangalore at NBCLC from 8th to 11th November 2018.
- Sr. Tesslin Kidangen attended the Youth orientation Programme conducted for the youth of Satna Zone on 28th October 2018. She also attended the two days' Diocesan Youth Convention at Satna on 7th and 8th of November 2018.
- Our Provincial Superior Very Rev. Mother Rose Therese and the Vicar Provincial Rev. Sr. Elise Manavalan attended a meeting at our Generalate, Aluva on 26th November 2018.

RETREAT / PRAYER DAYS:

- ❑ A Three days' retreat was conducted at our Provincial House for the sisters of 30-50 years of age. There were 40 sisters making the retreat. Rev. Fr. Jaison VC and his team animated the participants.
- ❑ As a preparation for the Jubilee celebration of our Eparchy, two days Bible convention was conducted in Christ Jyoti School Campus on 18th and 19th of October 2018. All the members and the candidates of Aradhana Bhavan community attended the Bible Convention.
- ❑ We conducted 10 days solemn Rosary in our convent from 22nd





October. 10 different groups conducted each day's rosary praying for various intentions.

- ❑ We offered special prayers for all the departed souls, together with fasting, sacrifices and penance on 2nd November. The members and the candidates of Aradhana Bhavan community walked up and down to the cemetery in Satna in a spirit of penance and sacrifice.

VISITS:

- His Excellency Mar Raphael Thattil paid a short visit to our Provincial House on 27.09.2018.
- On 1st October our beloved Bishop His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Very Rev. Fr. John Thoppil and few other priests and our sisters from Panna, and Madhavgarh visited us. They also extended Hearty Festal Greetings to our Rev. Mother Provincial and all the sisters celebrating their feast day.

FORMATION

- ❖ 24th October 2018 there was a flower arrangement competition conducted for our candidates. And the winners were awarded.
- ❖ 10 days solemn rosary was conducted by the candidates together with our Sisters from 22nd October to 31st October.
- ❖ On 10th November we conducted a fancy Dress competition for our candidates and they appeared in the attire of the different saints. The winners were awarded by our Mother Provincial.
- ❖ On 13th November, there was a gathering at St. Thomas Minor Seminary, Sherganj, as a part of Golden Jubilee celebration of our Eparchy to honor the pioneers. Our candidates performed a beautiful dance in honor of the pioneers. They also took part in the Entrance dance on 14th the day of Mega celebration of the Golden Jubilee.
- ❖ The Feast of Christ the King which is our 'Province Day' was celebrated solemnly. Our candidates staged programmes on the eve of 25th November to add color to our celebrations.

SNEH SADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

- ◆ The singers from Smart Studio, Satna had come and conducted a drawing competition in our Sneh Sadan Special School. They awarded our students at the Town Hall, Satna.
- ◆ The feast of Diwali was celebrated in our school in a meaningful





manner. On that day a group of students from Easy Fly School visited our school. They also joined our students in celebrating Diwali.

- ◆ On 12th November, Children's day was celebrated. Teachers put up meaningful programme for the students. On that day, games were conducted for the students and the winners were awarded.



- ◆ On 17th November members from Blind People Association, Ahmadabad visited our school. Rev. Fr. Rony from Samaritan Social Service Society and Rev. Fr. Jose from Ujjain were present on the occasion.

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to New Provincial and Team

CHRISTU JYOTI PROVINCE, SATNA SABS CONGREGATION



Provincial Superior	: Rev Sr. Rose Therese Cheerakathil SABS
Vicar Provincial	: Rev. Sr. Rose Chakieth SABS
Provincial Councillors	: Rev. Sr. Avila Vadakkethara SABS, Rev. Sr. Ann Maria Cheruvil SABS, Rev. Sr. Rani Rose Pullely SABS
Provincial Finance Officer	: Rev. Sr. Rincy Kachappilly SABS
Provincial Secretary	: Rev. Sr. Maria Jose Ollattu SABS



NAZARETH BHAVAN UPDATES

●Sr. Anitta CSN●

Nazareth Bhavan is the formation house of Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth of the Mission province. 25th May Sr. Anitta took charge as the Superior of the formation house and Sr. Kripa was transferred to Phaphamau Allahabad. CSN formation house is vibrant with First and second year Novices and first year aspirants. The novices actively partake in the Liturgy of the Parish and extend their prayer to all the Families with special love and dedication as CSN stands for the upliftment of the families. Therefore, we are part of various activities of the parish and of the diocese; like medical camp, family prayer meeting etc. On 22nd September Sr. Anitta went Kailaspur for medical camp as part of Samaritan Social Service Society. She takes daily one-hour classes on Fundamentals of Nursing in Samaritan Community Nursing School Pateri. She is also the Diocesan family apostolate animator and along with His Excellency Bp. Mar Joseph Kodakallil attended two days meeting in Bhopal.

Sr. Tracy, Sr. Terecine, Sr. Melveena, and Sr. Soumini are the present Formators who are forming the future missionaries from an integral Psycho-spiritual perspective. Within the last six months the formees were given two retreats by Rev. Fr. Tiyo CST for three days and Rev. Fr. Vincent Akkara for six days, for their Spiritual nourishment. Our Second year novices were sent to Dhoni for an intense preparation before their final commitment after their regency programmes. We also focus on the Psycho-Social-Spiritual integration by conducting various programmes. After a month of training to use the musical instruments the Pre-Postulants did their musical performance with the help of Rev. Fr. Jimmy as the judge of the programme and were awarded for their performance.









His Excellency Mar George Njaralakkattu visited the formation house and spoke to the candidates and sisters about the five criteria of holiness. On 27th August New aspirants reached Patheri and Pre- Postulants moved to Kothi. On 10th September Superior General made her canonical Visit. We also conduct Solemn Rosary procession to sanctify the place of stay with the holy presence of our Lady. On 1st of October, the Novices' Patroness Day and feast day celebration of Srs. Teresine, Tracy & Atmaja were organized.



Our formators also reach out to various places to be spent for others, their potentials: On 7th November Sr. Soumini gave a class on Bible for the Diocesan Youth gathering and for the students of Bethania Theological centre Kothi. Sr. Melveena took class for the Theology students of Bethania on Personality Development.

Our candidates and sisters actively participated in the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese. On 22nd November the golden Jubilee of the religious profession of Sr. Ambrosia CSN and the silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr Vincent Akkara were celebrated, and the feast of Christ the King was also celebrated solemnly as the Province is dedicated to the Kingship of Christ. We also do celebrate the feast days of Rev. Fathers.

Besides all these, candidates are actively trained in the motto of our congregation "In prayer and Work, For God and Country" by healthy manual works in the flower and vegetable gardens.





DEOSAR UPDATES

●Fr. Paul Uthinipparampan●

May you all feel the love, peace, and joy that come with the spirit of Christmas!

Dear friends love and greetings from Deosar. It's pleasure to share with you all the scoops of yesterdays of Deosar at the soothing chill of Christmas season.

Welcome and Adieu: The Catholic Ashram Deosar gave a splendid welcome to Rev Fr Paul Uthinipparampan on April 24, 2018. On April 27 the Singrauli Zone bade a solemn adieu to Rev. Fr Dennis. Rev. Sr Lizy DST, principal of St Mary's School, got transfer to Mumbai and said goodbye to Deosar on May 5.

- 1. REFRESHER COURSE :** A one-day refresher course was conducted for the teachers on June 16, 2018. Rev Fr Paul Chettimattel, principal of Jyoti School, Jayant, was the resource person.
- 2. MANAGER'S DAY :** It was a joyous moment for the St Marians as they get along with the joy of Fr Paul on his birthday on July 26, 2018. This day was celebrated as Manager's Day. Students had prepared a colorful delicious cultural program with varieties of entertainment events.
- 3. INVESTITURE CEREMONY :** The official ceremony of conferring titles and investing powers, to the members of the school council was organized at St Mary's on August 8. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr Sujit Kumar Singh, Additional District and Session Judge, Deosar. The event began with the school band giving a ceremonial welcome to the Chief Guest.

The school council members were conferred upon with sashes and badges by the Chief Guest and the flags were handed over, a symbolic representation of handing over the responsibility to the new office bearers. The Principal Sr Nicy DST administered the oath to the leaders. Mr Sujit Kumar Singh addressed the leaders by asking them to be good leaders, shouldering responsibility efficiently. He enlightened them by stating that they have to be role models to their peer group and set the standards high for their juniors to follow.



4. SALUTE TO NATION : The Independence Day was celebrated with great pomp and show. The celebration started at 8.00 am with the hoisting of National Flag. To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation, Very Rev. Sr Jessy DST, Provincial Superior, Santhome Province, unfurled the tricolour flag and all in unison sang the National Anthem to pay homage to the nation. The students sang the patriotic song, and presented many other cultural programmes.

5. HOMAGETO GURUS : Enthusiasm and festivity marked the teacher's day celebration at St Mary's. The school campus was gripped with favor as the students made the day a memorable experience for the teachers. Our chief guest Rev. Fr James C. in his speech said that "It is the profession of a teacher that is respected by all other professions." He also said that, "It is the profession of a teacher that teaches all other professions. The teacher is the one who creates an engineer, doctor, soldier, businessman, actor, minister etc. by educating to the students. After our parents, the people who most significantly impact our lives are our teachers. Teachers' Day is an occasion to celebrate this unique role that gives youth the power to shape young minds and thereby the future of a country."

The students had put in great effort and had made it a point that their teachers enjoy the day. The programme commenced with musical tribute to Dr. Sarvpalli Shri Randhakrishnan, followed by cultural programmes and then it was followed by games for teachers.

6. RALLY AGAINST CORRUPTION : The students of St Mary's took out an awareness rally in Deosar market on November 2, 2018 to garner public support for rooting out corruption, the major obstacle in the economic growth and development of the nation. The participants displayed banners and placards emphasizing on the need for a collective endeavor to eradicate the scourge of corruption.

7. JUBILEE CELEBRATION : St Mary's proudly celebrated the 50th glorious year of the establishment of the Diocese of Satna on November 3, 2018. Celebration began at 9 a.m. with the arrival





of Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallill, chief guest of the day. In this celebratory moment the students saluted the Bishops Emeritus Mar Abraham D. Mattam and Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkel for their contributions to the diocese. Students and teachers together made the day colorful and joyful one.



8. PRESENT MEMBERS : The present members of Deosar Mission are Fr Paul Uthinipparampan, Sr Philomi DST, Sr Lilly DST, Sr Nicy DST and Sr Nikitha DST.

CHHATARPUR UPDATES

●Fr. Joly Kannukadan●

The Community of Chhatarpur felt exhilarated on 13th October as we welcomed five new believers to taste the sacred blood and body of our Saviour. We feel proud of our fast growing community. It was all the more exciting as we had pre-planned our Golden Jubilee celebrations on 14th November.

Jubilee euphoria was followed by the children's day celebrations and cultural competitions on 15th and 16th of the same month.

The mission Sunday celebrations on 25th November have shown the vibrancy of our community. Everyone has contributed generously to the noble cause.



KOOND UPDATES

●Fr. Vallooran Martin●



PASTORAL VISIT

Bp. Mar Joseph Kodakallil made his pastoral visit to Koond mission station on 25-11-2018. Fr. Robin Kachappilly accompanied him. On the day Bishop offered Holy Qurbana and gave his pastoral message in which He emphasised on our faith in Jesus Christ. After the Holy Mass He met people and there was a friendly talk with the Bishop. Around 50 people were present for the Holy Mass. People expressed their God experience with the Bishop. Fr. Kachappilly concelebrated the Holy Mass and verified the documents of the mission station.

VISIT OF BP. MAR JOHN NELLIKUNNEL

Bp. Mar John Nellikunnel of the diocese of Idduki made a friendly visit to Koond mission station on 15th of November 2018. He spent around two hours at the station. Fr. Antony Panachinkal accompanied him. He enquired about the snake bite treatment and missionary rural life at the mission station.

NEW SUB DEACONS

On 25th November 2018 onwards St. Alponsa Church received Bros. Philip and Tony to render their pastoral service.



TIKAMGARH UPDATES

●Sr. Jane Jose SH●

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop Mar Joseph kodakallil, the father and head of the Eparchy of Satna, paid pastoral visit to the Parish. He was escorted in a procession from the stage of the school and accorded a traditional welcome at the main entrance of the church by presenting him a bouquet and washing of the hands. After the Holy Qurbana he addressed the parish community and a photo session followed. Then he met the Parish council members, catechism students and the youth. A special collection was made on the occasion and donated to the charity fund of the bishop.



PARISH FEAST CELEBRATIONS

October 1, 2, and 3rd were days of intense parish activities at Little flower church. On Monday before the solemn Eucharistic celebration Rev. Fr. Parish Priest hoisted the festal flag. On 3rd and the final day of festal celebrations, the pontifical Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Bishop



Mar Joseph Kodakallil with solemn entrance procession with adivasi dance and the traditional welcome at main entrance of the church. Rev. Fr. Thomas Chirattavayalil and Rev. Fr. Eugene Madapatt were the



concelebrants. After the Liturgical celebration, a solemn procession carrying the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux was held through the school campus. After a break, there was a short cultural programme followed by a sumptuous dinner for all who participated.

ANNUAL RETREAT AND GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

45 Members of our parish participated in the annual retreat conducted in Satna and 42 members participated in the Golden jubilee celebrations in Satna.

PUSHPA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

LANGUAGE LAB

A new endeavor added to the history of Pushpa English Medium School, by introducing Language Lab. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakalli inaugurated the language lab. The same day both English and Hindi Medium School together celebrated Diocesan golden jubilee in the school. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakalli presided over the function. Students presented beautiful programmes.



ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

Pushpa English Medium School celebrated its annual day, Euphoria 2018, Dare to Dream on 29th October with colorful programmes. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakalli presided over the function. Mr. Radhika Charan Tiwari, senior scientist of the Agricultural University was the





chief guest. Students performed on the life of Mary Kom. It was an amazing programme.

VIGILANCE WEEK

Some of our students participated in the painting and essay competitions conducted by NABARD on the theme of Anti-corruption. Winners of the competition were awarded with trophies and certificates by District Collector Mr. Abhijeet Agrawal IAS and NABARD Manager Mr. Subash Dey on



3rd November 2018 in the school auditorium. Mr. Abhijeet Agrawal IAS delivered a message to the students and staff.

SCHOOL PICNIC

40 students of our 10th class were on a tour with the principal and 4 of our teachers. They went to Chandigarh, Kullu Manali, Rohthang Pass and Manikaran from 19th to 24th November. The students were very excited to experience the beauty of Rock garden, rose Garden and Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh, the beauty of Manali hills, snow skating in Rohthang and the miraculous Sulphur water in Manikaran. It was an amazing and particular experience for them.



Manya jain of Hindi Medium X CLASS of 2017- 2018 topped in the school by holding 6th rank in the board exam in Whole M.P.



SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN UPDATES

●Sr. Gladis SH●



SPORTS DAY

Sports are the integral part of education. They are introduced to enable each child to be physically fit and mentally alert. In order to promote it in our kids the sports meet was held for all the tiny toys of kindergarten in which all the kids participated in a competitive spirit.

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Cultural activities are conducted to build up stage confidence and inculcate social and moral values among the young ones. Fancy Dress competition was held for the students in which they performed very well in different colors and costumes.





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF SATNA DIOCESAN SOCIETY

Education is one of the important ministries of the Eparchy of Satna. The Eparchy of Satna gives due importance for the quality of Education, character formation and overall development of all the children. We take keen attention for the upliftment of weaker and marginalised and we give concession to the poor and needy for the education.

There are total 27 Schools in the Diocese of Satna, 19 schools are being run by Diocese of Satna and 8 schools are being run by different congregations. Among 27 schools fifteen CBSE Schools, three ICSE Schools, Five MP Board Hindi Medium Schools, three MP Board English Medium Schools and one KG school.

The total number of students appeared in class X for session 2017-2018 were 1894, out of these, 813 secured Distinction, 556 First Division, 336 Second Division, 136 Third Division, 36 Supplementary, 15 children failed and 2 students did not appear the exam.

In the total number of students appeared in the class XII for session 2017-2018 were 812, out of these 285 Distinction, 306 First Division, 157 Second Division, 30 Third Division, 25 supplementary and 09 students failed in the exam.

The education department of the diocese of Satna had arranged a seminar cum workshop on April 30th and May 1st at Edessa, on the topic "The Challenges and opportunity for Catholic education in India" for the benefit of the consecrated Fathers and Sisters working in the Diocese. Imparting quality education, being the topmost priority mission of the diocese, the seminar was well attended by the Fathers and Sisters. The Resource person was Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J. the Secretary of Jesuit Education Association South Asia (JEASA). CBSE schools are following the common syllabus, common books and common exams.

The Eparchy of Satna is awarding "Mar Abraham D Mattam Award" to the toppers of class X & XII MP Board, CBSE & other Board. The toppers for the session 2017-2018 are as follows:-



MP Board

Class XII

1. Aparna Pandey - Lisieux Anand Hr.Sec School, Panna

Class X

1. Manya Jain - Pushpa High School, Tikamgarh

CBSE & Other Board

Class XII

1. Merin Thomas - Sacred Heart sr. sec School, Rewa
2. Aditya Kumar - Jyoti Sr.Sec School, Rewa
3. Abhishek Bansal - Christ Jyoti Sr.Sec School, Singrauli.

Class X

1. Vageesha Sharma - De Paul Sr. Sec School, Vindhyanagar

Manya Jain from Pushpa High school Tikamgarh and Anjali Tiwari from Alphonsa School Prithivipur attained a place in top 10 list of MP government for the X Board Exam.

The Eparchy of Satna Conducted the Zonal & Diocesan Level Inter School sports meet Christus - 2018 for the session 2018-2019.

TIKAMGARH ZONE

The Christus – 2018 Inter School Sports Competition was conducted on 09th October 2018 at GCM Sr. Sec. School Nowgong, in which 8 schools participated. Rev. Fr Thomas Kajirathummoottil was the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony and he gave an inspiring message to the students. The winners in the sports meet, got the medals and Maria Mata Convent Sr. Sec. School Chhatarpur won Overall Championship, GCM Sr. Sec School Nowgong got First Runners up and Christ Jyoti School Lavkushnagar has got Second Runners up.

SINGRAULI ZONE

The Christus – 2018 Inter School Sports Competition was conducted on 17th October 2018 at De Paul Sr. Sec. School Vindhyanagar, in which 7 schools participated. Mr. Riyas Iqbal IPS, Superintendent of Police, Singrauli, was the chief guest and Guest of honour was Mr. Uttam Lal (G.M, H. R) at the inaugural ceremony and Chief Guest gave the inspiring message to the students and inaugurated sports meet. The Chief Guest of the Closing Ceremony was Mr. Nikilesh Awasthi (A



G M. TAD NTPC) and he gave an motivating massage to the students and he distributed medal to all the winners. The De Paul Sr. Sec School Vindhyannagar won Overall Championship, Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec School Singrauli got First Runners up and Jyoti Sr. Sec School Jayant has got Second Runners up.

SATNA ZONE

The Christus – 2018 Inter School Sports Competition was conducted on 23rd October 2018 at C.K.M Sr. Sec. School Pateri, in which 10 schools participated. Rev. Dr. C. A Varghese, Chairman Christukula Mission Institution for Education, was the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony and he gave an inspiring massage to the students. Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal (Rector, St. Ephrem Regional Theological Collage) was the chief guest and guest of honour was Rev. Fr John Thopil (Vicar General Eparchy of Satna) at the closing ceremony and Chief Guest gave good message to the students and distributed medals all the winners. The Sacred Heart Sr. Sec School Rewa won Overall Championship, Lisieux Anand Sr. Sec School Panna got First Runners up and St. Clare School Barakala got Second Runners up.

DIOCESAN LEVEL

Finally Diocesan level Inter school sports competition christus – 2018 was held on 25th October 2018 at Jyoti Sr. Sec. School Rewa, in which 3 zonal level winners participated. Very Rev. Fr. Mathew Thottakara, Manager of Jyoti Sr. Sec School Rewa, was the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony. Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Bishop of Satna, was the chief guest of closing ceremony and gave the massage and blessing to all participants. At the end of the ceremony Mar Joseph Kodakallil awarded medals to the winners. Singrauli Zone won Overall Championship, Satna Zone got First Runners up and Tikamgarh Zone got Second Runners up. The Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec School in Singrauli Zone, De Paul School Rewa in Satna Zone and Maria Mata Convent Sr. Sec. School Chhatarpur in Tikamgarh Zone got the highest number of points from there Zones.

The Eparchy of Satna is giving due attention to value based quality education and Character formation and overall development through the different kinds of competitive activities in all the schools.



JYOTIRMAYI MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

●Fr. Francis Mattathil●

Director, Jyotirmayi Communications

Seasonal greetings to all.

The Jyotirmayi communications, on its way to the heights, has embarked on its own self-styled demeanor. The attempts to prepare a documentary on the diocese, as a tribute on her fiftieth birth anniversary was realized in time. We the Jyotirmayi family feel the pride, in the heart of hearts, in the accomplishment of such a classy work within a year of its inception.

The documentary on Blessed Martyr Rani Maria as well is at the verge of completion. We thankfully remember the contribution of all the persons in the accomplishment of the same.

The clattering percussions sprouting from the orchestration of the new music album Jyotirmayi-Yesu cognates the spiritual music tempo in to the hearts of the faithful and the music lovers.

The bilingual (Hindi & English) audio of Holy Qurbana is brought out in a single CD by Jyotirmayi in this season of Christmas jingles. Simultaneously we are bringing out another devotional album titled: Yesu Mukthidatha, a compiled work of songs on Christmas. The albums are available in the Jyotirmayi office.

The move of Jyotirmayi into YouTube, by developing a channel for her, has unveiled an international platform for her. The complete album though is on its way into the stupefying world of entertainment, has already uploaded couple of songs.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoD-hl_HYr0TXjp9n_qroiA

As a skirting business Jyotirmayi has taken up ID card printing with utmost care. Thanks to all the Principals and the Managers who have come forth with the request.



DEPARTMENT OF ECUMENISM AND INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

●Fr. George Mangalapilly●

Director, Ecumenism and Dialogue

Fr. George Mangalapilly participated in the directors' meeting held in Bhopal on 9 August 2018. The main agenda was to prepare the guidelines for the M. P. Regional Commission. The regional commission has prepared a draft of the guidelines and circulated among the directors on the second November 2018. Accordingly the diocesan level commission is to be strengthened. Ecumenism is a movement for unity of all Christians in the region and in the diocese. It is a common forum for fruitful discussion especially common issues. Inter-religious dialogue is common forum to encourage mutual trust among the different faiths and aims at mutual transformation. This is an important area where we need to be more concentrated and is an effective means of evangelization. At the same time it is a difficult task.

DIOCESAN LEVEL COMMISSION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1) Satna Diocesan commission is to be constituted with some more priests, religious and lay men and women. 2) Prepare the guidelines for the diocese. 3) The diocese of Satna has now eight districts. 4) The diocesan director can call a meeting of the members once a while to choke out the future actions, to facilitate action plans in the district and local level, prepare the report to be submitted to the Regional office; visit to the district level and local level gatherings.

PROPOSALS FOR OUR DIOCESE: More members; person in charge in every district (priest/religious/lay person); collect the names and details of the heads of the various Christian denominations and other religions in each district and thus a list is to be prepared; meeting may be convened once a year in the diocesan level and in the district level before some important occasions, such as Christmas, festivals, Unity Octave etc.; on such occasions some district level officials could be invited; find out the details of the district Santhi Samithi, minority welfare office (see whether any Christian member is represented), committee for the Christian cemetery, so on. Finally, local level meeting is to be arranged under the leadership of the local person in charge who knows the real local situation. These will be discussed in detail in the coming presbyterium.



Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to New Provincial and Team

Carmel Mata Province, Hazaribag
Congregation of the Mother of Carmel



Provincial Superior	: Rev. Sr. Josmi CMC
Vicar Provincial	: Rev. Sr. Arpitha CMC
Councilor for Faith Formation and Mass Media	: Rev. Sr. Tesline CMC
Councilor for Education	: Rev. Sr. Serene CMC
Councilor for Social Work and Healing Ministry	: Rev. Sr. Cicil CMC
Provincial Secretary	: Rev. Sr. Daya Therese CMC
Provincial Finance Secretary	: Rev. Sr. Naveena CMC
Provincial Auditor	: Rev. Sr. Shiny Jose CMC

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Jeeva Jyothi Province, New Delhi
Sacred Heart Congregation



Provincial Superior	: Rev. Sr. Usha Maria Maruthanamkuzhy S.H
Vicar Provincial and	
Councilor for Charitative Activities	: Rev. Sr. Dr. Lyla Jose Thengumthottathil S.H
Councilor for Education	: Rev. Sr. Silvi Maria Panamthanath S.H
Councilor for Evangelization	: Rev. Sr. Jessy Murathankal S.H
Councilor for Social Welfare Activities	: Rev. Sr. Linet Ambattukudiyil S.H
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