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Happy St. Joseph's Day



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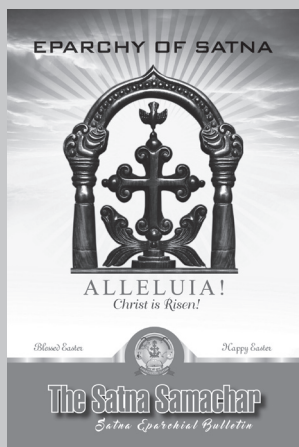




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## Pope Francis proclaims October 2019 an 'Extraordinary Missionary Month'



Pope Francis has proclaimed October 2019 an 'Extraordinary Missionary Month' to be marked and celebrated in the whole Church throughout the world in order to nourish the ardour of the evangelizing activity of the Church *ad gentes*. The Extraordinary Month is being organized on the occasion of

the centenary of the promulgation of Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* on missionary activity (November 30, 1919). The theme of the Mission's Extraordinary Month is "Baptized and Sent: Christ's Church on Mission in the World". The words "Baptised and Sent" point out the two characteristic elements of every Christian: Baptism and proclamation.

### Apostolic Exhortation *CHRISTUS VIVIT*

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* (Christ is alive) of the Holy Father Francis to Young People and to the Entire People of God dated 25 March 2019 is Pope's Apostolic Exhortation following 2018 October Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. This Apostolic Exhortation has nine chapters with 299 paragraphs.



### Protection of Minors in the Church

Meeting on "The Protection of Minors in the Church" was held from 21-24 February 2019 in Vatican. An Apostolic Letter in the Form of a "*Motu Proprio*" on the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons was issued by Pope Francis on 29 March 2019. Pope writes, "The protection of minors and of vulnerable persons is an integral part of the evangelical message, which the Church and all her members are called to spread in the world. Christ Himself, in fact, entrusted us with the care and protection of the littlest and defenseless: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Matthew 18:5). Therefore, we all have the duty to receive minors and vulnerable persons with generosity, to create for them a safe environment, having their interests as a priority. This requires a continuous and profound conversion, in which personal holiness and moral commitment can concur to promote the credibility of the evangelical proclamation and the renewal of the Church's educational mission."



## Bishop's Message

The liturgical season of Great Fast/Lent culminates in the Resurrection of Jesus. The greatest feast of our Christian faith is the Resurrection of Jesus. If Jesus is not risen our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain (1Cor 15:14). The repeated encounters of Jesus with the apostles deepened their faith experience in the resurrection of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene went back from the tomb of Jesus and proclaimed that she had seen Jesus. She shares her experience of Easter joy with others. The primary task of a missionary is to proclaim Jesus in and out of season (cf 2Tim 4:2). This proclamation must emerge from a personal Christ encounter. When we have seen Jesus we can reliably share this experience. The effect of proclamation depends on the faith experience of each one of us.

Faith is an encounter with Jesus. The encounter of Saul with the risen Lord made him Paul. The encounters of apostles St. Thomas and St. Peter with the risen Lord radically transformed them. This encountering experience of Jesus has to be shared and communicated. St. Paul said, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Cor 9:16). He says that preaching the gospel is a necessity laid upon him and since it is a mandate from God, he is entrusted with this commission without any option. When our proclamation and gospel witness is based on this personal encounter our missionary life becomes effective, joyful and will bear fruits. We shall share Jesus whom we have seen with our eyes, heard with our ears and touched with our hands. (cf 1Jn1:1).

During the season of Resurrection St. Paul instructs us to follow an Easter way of life: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. . . . Do not lie to one another seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self. . . . Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other. (Col 3:1-3; 9-10; 12-13).

Wishing you a joyful Easter filled with blessings of the Risen Lord,

**Mar Joseph Kodakallil**





**Circular of the Major Archbishop after the XXVII Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, Session 1, held from 07 to 18 January 2019 in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are aware, it was not possible to hold the second session of the 26<sup>th</sup> Synod on account of the flood situation prevailing in our state at that time. Hence the first session of the 27<sup>th</sup> Synod, January 2019, was extended for two weeks and was held at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad. The bishops at the Synod expressed their deep sorrow at the loss of lives and the destruction of the property that took place as a consequence of the flood. They also offered their prayers and all kinds of assistance to those who experienced pain, the loss of their loved ones and the destruction of their property. The relief works done by the members of the Church revealed the unbounded generosity, volunteering and sacrifices of our brothers and sisters in and outside the country. The Synod expressed its gratitude and appreciation to those who extended their help to all those who experienced deep pain and sacrifices.

It is a fact that all have participated very sincerely in the relief works after the flood. According to the latest facts and figures, the Syro-Malabar Church through its eparchies, parishes, the religious congregations and the laity have contributed around 187 crores (Rs.187,59,94805) worth of relief assistance to the flood victims in different parts of the State. Of this, a cheque of one crore thirteen lakhs and five thousand (Rs. 1,13,05000) was given directly to the Chief Minister. This was collected through the SPANDAN, the social development network department of the Syro-Malabar Church. Also the Church gave a contribution of 50 lakhs through the KCBC when it gave one crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

The Synod offered a special welcome to the new bishops of Idukki and Sagar, Mar John Nellikunnel and Mar James Athikalam MST for their presence at the Synod for the first time. The Synod also offered its greetings to Mar Jacob Mananodath who has taken over as the Administrator of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archeparchy. The Synodal



session began with a review of its previous Synodal decisions and expressed its satisfaction at the implementation of those decisions at the diocesan and parish levels.

**Pastoral Approaches and Renewal of the Church**

The bishops have put in special efforts to understand the events which the Church had to face recently in a spirit of humility and reverence. The priests and the religious have to pay more serious attention to their call and responsibility. It is necessary that all should absorb the spirit of the priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, avoiding all kinds of superiority and institutionalization. Everyone was of the opinion that there should be a permanent ecclesiastical solution to these problems. There was an examination of conscience with regard to the fundamental responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus as well as to finding a permanent solution to the problems that arise from time to time. The Synod decided that there should be a spiritual renewal and that efforts for holiness should be exhibited at all levels of the Church, from the top to bottom. A circular highlighting those decisions was read at all parishes of the Syro-Malabar Church.

The Synod Fathers paid special attention to solving the problems faced by the Church in the changing social and political contexts of today's world. Discussions were held in solving these problems without losing our Christian self-identity and credibility.

Our Church which has celebrated the silver jubilee of its establishment as a *sui iuris* Church has to return to a more vigorous witnessing and spiritual growth. All the sections of the Church have to become more conscious of their vocation as well as of their call to holiness. We have to strengthen more deeply the witness of our priests and the dedication of the religious.

We have to reevaluate the working style of our family units, prayer meetings and other spiritual organizations. The participation of the religious and the laity in the social spheres has to be made in conformity with the Church and the faith and by adopting new ways for the practice of faith. It was decided by the Synod to ask all the eparchies to institute Grievance Redressal Cells so that they could decide on the complaints that come from within and outside the Church. The lay participation in these Cells is to be strongly enforced and that decisions should be made within a reasonable time frame so that justice would not be denied to the complainants.

In solving problems that arise from time to time, there should be an equitable participation of the religious, the laity and the clergy and





their opinions should be seriously listened to in proper forums by the authorities. It was discussed whether it would be possible to set apart a day before the official beginning of the Synod to have a consultative meeting with the representatives of the lay faithful including the secretaries of pastoral councils and other religious organizations.

### **Safe Environment Programme**

It was decided by the Synod to establish a safe environment for children and women to work in churches, schools, rectories, religion classes, monasteries, orphanages etc. in accordance with the safe-environment regulations instituted by the Vatican and by the CBCI. The Safe Environment Programme published by the KCBC is endorsed by the Major Archbishop with a Decree for the Syro-Malabar Church. All the eparchies and religious congregations/institutes have to form new committees and directors for this purpose. Vicars, superiors of the consecrated and others entrusted with this responsibility have to implement this. If there is a failure in this matter, they would necessarily be subject to the punishments according to the Indian penal code.

### **Reflections on the Influence of the Media**

The Synod discussed the fast-developing changes in the social and the electronic media and their highly negative influences over the minds of the people. The need for media literacy and the moral positions to be adopted have to be fostered in our communities.

Spreading falsehoods and erroneous pieces of news can never be justified. To spread calumnious stories and to denigrate the activities of the Church are not good journalism or media ministry. We cannot close our eyes to the manner in which the social media are being used to denigrate the Church. We have to train our youths to become aware of these hostile attitudes of the media towards the Church. I would like to inform you that a media commission is being constituted to coordinate the media services of the Syro-Malabar Church.

### **New Trends in the formation of seminarians**

The Synod discussed the existing formation programmes in the seminaries and examined the report of the working of the seminaries. The training of future priests should become relevant to our times and have to be ecclesial. The pastoral ministry of the seminarians during the formation period should be encouraged. It was noted that training in the use of the media is as important as the pastoral ministry for the seminarians. They should be helped to attain emotional and mental maturity. The bishops emphasized the need to involve the laity and the religious in the formation of seminarians.



### **Pastoral Ministry for the Migrants**

The pastoral ministry for migrants living outside Kerala and India were always foremost in the thoughts of the Fathers of the Synod. In the context of the establishment of the eparchy of Shamshabad, the migrants living outside Kerala are asked to get the necessary documents from the parishes where they live, when they come to Kerala to receive sacraments and other religious services. The Bishops will be giving necessary instructions in this matter. The needs of the migrants in the Gulf countries were also discussed at the Synod. The visit of the Holy Father to the Gulf countries has given a great fillip to the faithful there. I could sense that during my visit there at that time. It is necessary to foster the feelings of closeness to the Church not only in the Gulf areas but also in other places. I remember with great delight on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the eparchies of Sagar, Satna and Ujjain, experiencing the faith and attachment of the people there to the Church. I also offer my prayers and best wishes to the Bishop and the faithful of the Mississauga, Canada on its erection as a new Eparchy.

### **New Possibilities of Evangelization**

That the Church has got the right of evangelization and pastoral care all over India is a sign that we have to develop and expand the opportunities for evangelization. Holy Father Pope Francis has emphasized this aspect of renewed emphasis on evangelization all over India in his letter published on 9 October, 2017. We have to organize and formulate the evangelizing efforts of the Church, taking into account the needs of the times in the light of the spirit of evangelization. There are plenty of possibilities of new ways of evangelization through the various activities of the Church as well as through our personal witnessing. For this, the priests, the religious and lay volunteers from home eparchies have to extend their cooperation to the missionaries. There was a thinking that the newly ordained priests and those priests who are interested should be given an opportunity to work for a few years in mission areas. It should also be discussed whether it would be possible for financially capable parishes in home eparchies could adopt parishes in the mission eparchies. I remember with gratitude the services of many eparchies and parishes who have adopted parishes and eparchies in the mission areas.

### **Challenges in the Educational Front**

The Church views with a lot of anxiety the problems experienced by the minority institutions in the educational front. The Church views with great sympathy and understanding the pain of teachers whose





appointments are not yet regularized by the Government. Reservations granted to each community should be preserved in their totality. It is not proper to club all the reserved communities together which would deprive some of the communities their right to reservation.

### Problems of Farmers

The Church expects swift and permanent solutions from the part of the Government with regard to the problems experienced by the farmers in the case of getting their tenancy rights, protection of their farm lands from the attacks of wild animals and from the low pricing of their produce. More programmes to create the awareness of the problems of the farmers should be organized. The activities of the Catholic Congress (AKCC) should be revitalized. It should be more actively involved in solving the problems of the farmers and getting the due rights to the Dalits.

### Organizational Activities

The Synod extended its temporary approval of the Constitution of the SMM for three more years. The Fathers of the Synod appealed to make the activities of the SMM active in all the eparchies and to energize the youth in their practice of faith. The Synod also approved the statutes of the *Cherupushpa Mission League* (CML) and the Guidelines for Vocation Promotion in our Church.

### Putting into Practice the Resolutions of the Assembly

It was possible to put into practice last year ten of the resolutions of the Fourth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly held in August 2016. As a follow-up to that, the present Synod has approved the following ten more resolutions for putting into practice. They are the following:

1. Special training is to be given in the practice of the simplicity of life style to all those who hold leadership positions in the Church, especially to the office-bearers of religious organizations, trustees, altar servers, catechists, family unit leaders etc. More encouragement is to be given for holding retreats, training sessions etc according to their age in family groups and in common.
2. Bureaucratic administrative style should be abandoned at all the administrative set-ups of the Church. All the administrative offices of the Church should maintain a pastoral attitude by being readily available to the faithful.
3. The statements and comments coming from the priests and the religious should be more gentle and courteous.



4. Parishes and institutions should implement green projects to protect the environment.
5. Helpdesks should be established at forane/eparchial levels in order to make available to the job seekers and those affected by sicknesses to get assistance from the Govt.
6. The marginalized are enduring a lot of hardships. We have to come forward to assist the Dalit, children, women and religious minorities and implement programmes that empower them.
7. Missionaries should be invited to parishes and eparchies to share their experiences.
8. Feast celebrations in the parishes should be organized ensuring the participation of all. The tendency to find an individual or a family as sponsor of the parish feast is to be discouraged.
9. Priests and the religious should offer help to broken families and they should be given assistance to lead a secure family life.
10. The Congregations of the consecrated men and women should establish houses and provinces in areas where the migrant communities live.

The Synod felt happy about the starting of Perpetual Adoration at the Mount St. Thomas chapel. The intentions of the Church are specially remembered on each day. It is also gratifying to note that the Apostolic Nuncio, Most Rev. Giambattista di Quattro was present at the Synod and met individually with the Bishops.

The Synod also expressed its appreciation of the services rendered by Fr. Antony Kollanur and Fr. Mathew Pulimootil who served as Chancellor and Finance Officer respectively in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia for a good number of years.

The Synod concluded on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> after two weeks of very fruitful reflections and discussions. I request your prayers so that all the deliberations and decisions of the Synod may help the growth and the good of the Church.

Yours cordially in Christ,

**George Cardinal Alencherry**

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

*Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkannad, on 20 February 2019.*





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President

Our country is in an election mode. The dates for the General Elections have been announced. From April 11 – May 19, 2019, the country will be going through the gigantic process of elections to choose our members of Parliament. Hundreds of millions will go to vote in the largest democracy in the world: we are more than all of Europe and Australia put together! All of us are truly proud of our country: the generally peaceful election process getting better each time as every Government tries to make improvements. India can truly be a model for other countries to imitate and adapt to local circumstances.

As Pastors of our people, we Bishops consider it is our duty to address you through this Pastoral Letter so that joining hands with all people of good will, our community can effectively contribute to shaping the future of our nation.

At the very outset we wish to make it clear that the Catholic Church does not identify herself with or side any political party. This is the stated policy of the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, as before every election we feel called to give some general guidance to our people for the good of our country. Our country has made great progress because of advancement of science and technology. Infrastructure and public facilities have improved. We are a fast growing economy. Every government has contributed to the great progress that has been made over the years. There is great hope for the future. At the same time there are several areas of concern. The big gap between the rich and the poor seems to be widening. Many unorganized and casual labourers are barely able to survive with what they earn. Farmers and those in agricultural sector are under serious stress. Further, ethics is losing primacy as the guiding principle of society. Economics seems to be driving forces behind many decisions. India is a spiritual nation, and yet God is slowly being pushed to the periphery. It is in this context and at this moment in history that we are going into elections.

We remind ourselves first of all of our duty to exercise our vote. Every citizen above 18 years has the right to vote, but voting is also a sacred obligation we owe to our country. All our Parish Priests are urged to impress on our people this obligation. Every single vote does count. Hence, we owe it to ourselves, to our children and to our country to fulfil this sacred duty and thus get involved in bettering the direction of our nation.

I urge every community to pray and to discern in prayer what is best for our country. We have to vote judiciously. The Catholic Church hopes that the General Elections will give us leaders who listen to the people, understand their anxieties and their needs and respond effectively.

We need leaders in India who understand that authority is service and therefore:

1. work for an economy that seeks specially to help the poor and under privileged, protecting their dignity, working for their uplift and enabling them to play a role in nation building.
2. ensure a totally safe environment for all people, particularly women and children.
3. safeguard the rights of tribals over land, water and forests.
4. take particular care of Dalits and ensure they are not discriminated against, granting equal rights to all Dalits.



5. promote communal harmony and a spirit of national integration through inter-religious dialogue and understanding.
6. take steps to protect the environment, preserving the riches of nature for future generations.

These are national issues. There would be other local and particular needs to be considered as well.

We urge our people to spend time in prayer in Church, and at home, so as to be able to discern what is best for India and for our common good. All of us must pray ardently for a good government. God sent his Son Jesus that we may have life and life in its fullness (John 10:10). With the Lord's strength and guided by the Spirit we must all work unitedly for a better India. We lift our country to Mother Mary asking her to always protect our country and bring us abundant graces. God bless India!

+ *Oswald Gracias*

March 14, 2019

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**EPARCHY OF SATNA**  
**wishes you**  
**Happy Easter**





**On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Holy Father Pope Francis during his visit to the UAE has signed a document together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahamad al-Tayyib on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together. Please find below the document.**



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### A DOCUMENT ON **HUMAN FRATERNITY** FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER

#### INTRODUCTION

Faith leads a believer to see in the other a brother or sister to be supported and loved. Through faith in God, who has created the universe, creatures and all human beings (equal on account of his mercy), believers are called to express this human fraternity by safeguarding creation and the entire universe and supporting all persons, especially the poorest and those most in need.

This transcendental value served as the starting point for several meetings characterized by a friendly and fraternal atmosphere where we shared the joys, sorrows and problems of our contemporary world. We did this by considering scientific and technical progress, therapeutic achievements, the digital era, the mass media and communications. We reflected also on the level of poverty, conflict and suffering of so many brothers and sisters in different parts of the world as a consequence of the arms race, social injustice, corruption, inequality, moral decline, terrorism, discrimination, extremism and many other causes.

From our fraternal and open discussions, and from the meeting

that expressed profound hope in a bright future for all human beings, the idea of this Document on Human Fraternity was conceived. It is a text that has been given honest and serious thought so as to be a joint declaration of good and heartfelt aspirations. It is a document that invites all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters.

#### DOCUMENT

In the name of God who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love and peace;

In the name of innocent human life that God has forbidden to kill, affirming that whoever kills a person is like one who kills the whole of humanity, and that whoever saves a person is like one who saves the whole of humanity;

In the name of the poor, the destitute, the marginalized and those most in need whom God has commanded us to help as a duty required of all persons, especially the wealthy and of means;

In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;

In the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace, and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity and war;

In the name of human fraternity that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal;

In the name of this fraternity torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;

In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings creating them free and distinguishing them by this gift;



In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

In the name of all persons of good will present in every part of the world;

In the name of God and of everything stated thus far; Al-Azhar al-Sharif and the Muslims of the East and West, together with the Catholic Church and the Catholics of the East and West, declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard.

We, who believe in God and in the final meeting with Him and His judgment, on the basis of our religious and moral responsibility, and through this Document, call upon ourselves, upon the leaders of the world as well as the architects of international policy and world economy, to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace; to intervene at the earliest opportunity to stop the shedding of innocent blood and bring an end to wars, conflicts, environmental decay and the moral and cultural decline that the world is presently experiencing.

We call upon intellectuals, philosophers, religious figures, artists, media professionals and men and women of culture in every part of the world, to rediscover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, human fraternity and coexistence in order to confirm the importance of these values as anchors of salvation for all, and to promote them everywhere.

This Declaration, setting out from a profound consideration of our contemporary reality, valuing its successes and in solidarity with its suffering, disasters and calamities, believes firmly that among the most important causes of the crises of the modern world are a desensitized human conscience, a distancing from religious values and a prevailing individualism accompanied by materialistic philosophies that deify the human person and introduce worldly and material values in place of supreme and transcendental principles.

While recognizing the positive steps taken by our modern civilization in the fields of science, technology, medicine, industry and welfare, especially in developed countries, we wish to emphasize that, associated with such historic advancements, great and valued as they are, there exists both a moral deterioration that influences international action and a weakening of spiritual values and responsibility. All this



contributes to a general feeling of frustration, isolation and desperation leading many to fall either into a vortex of atheistic, agnostic or religious extremism, or into blind and fanatic extremism, which ultimately encourage forms of dependency and individual or collective self-destruction.

History shows that religious extremism, national extremism and also intolerance have produced in the world, be it in the East or West, what might be referred to as signs of a "third world war being fought piecemeal". In several parts of the world and in many tragic circumstances these signs have begun to be painfully apparent, as in those situations where the precise number of victims, widows and orphans is unknown. We see, in addition, other regions preparing to become theatres of new conflicts, with outbreaks of tension and a build-up of arms and ammunition, and all this in a global context overshadowed by uncertainty, disillusionment, fear of the future, and controlled by narrow-minded economic interests.

We likewise affirm that major political crises, situations of injustice and lack of equitable distribution of natural resources – which only a rich minority benefit from, to the detriment of the majority of the peoples of the earth – have generated, and continue to generate, vast numbers of poor, infirm and deceased persons. This leads to catastrophic crises that various countries have fallen victim to despite their natural resources and the resourcefulness of young people which characterize these nations. In the face of such crises that result in the deaths of millions of children – wasted away from poverty and hunger – there is an unacceptable silence on the international level.

It is clear in this context how the family as the fundamental nucleus of society and humanity is essential in bringing children into the world, raising them, educating them, and providing them with solid moral formation and domestic security. To attack the institution of the family, to regard it with contempt or to doubt its important role, is one of the most threatening evils of our era.

We affirm also the importance of awakening religious awareness and the need to revive this awareness in the hearts of new generations through sound education and an adherence to moral values and upright religious teachings. In this way we can confront tendencies that are individualistic, selfish, conflicting, and also address radicalism and blind extremism in all its forms and expressions.

The first and most important aim of religions is to believe in God,





to honour Him and to invite all men and women to believe that this universe depends on a God who governs it. He is the Creator who has formed us with His divine wisdom and has granted us the gift of life to protect it. It is a gift that no one has the right to take away, threaten or manipulate to suit oneself. Indeed, everyone must safeguard this gift of life from its beginning up to its natural end. We therefore condemn all those practices that are a threat to life such as genocide, acts of terrorism, forced displacement, human trafficking, abortion and euthanasia. We likewise condemn the policies that promote these practices.

Moreover, we resolutely declare that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood. These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of the power of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women in order to make them act in a way that has nothing to do with the truth of religion. This is done for the purpose of achieving objectives that are political, economic, worldly and short-sighted. We thus call upon all concerned to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression. We ask this on the basis of our common belief in God who did not create men and women to be killed or to fight one another, nor to be tortured or humiliated in their lives and circumstances. God, the Almighty, has no need to be defended by anyone and does not want His name to be used to terrorize people.

This Document, in accordance with previous International Documents that have emphasized the importance of the role of religions in the construction of world peace, upholds the following:

- The firm conviction that authentic teachings of religions invite us to remain rooted in the values of peace; to defend the values of mutual understanding, human fraternity and harmonious coexistence; to re-establish wisdom, justice and love; and to reawaken religious awareness among young people so that future generations may be protected from the realm of materialistic thinking and from dangerous policies of unbridled greed and indifference that are based on the law of force and not on the force of law;



- Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action. The pluralism and the diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as too the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept;

- Justice based on mercy is the path to follow in order to achieve a dignified life to which every human being has a right;

- Dialogue, understanding and the widespread promotion of a culture of tolerance, acceptance of others and of living together peacefully would contribute significantly to reducing many economic, social, political and environmental problems that weigh so heavily on a large part of humanity;

- Dialogue among believers means coming together in the vast space of spiritual, human and shared social values and, from here, transmitting the highest moral virtues that religions aim for. It also means avoiding unproductive discussions;

- The protection of places of worship – synagogues, churches and mosques – is a duty guaranteed by religions, human values, laws and international agreements. Every attempt to attack places of worship or threaten them by violent assaults, bombings or destruction, is a deviation from the teachings of religions as well as a clear violation of international law;

- Terrorism is deplorable and threatens the security of people, be they in the East or the West, the North or the South, and disseminates panic, terror and pessimism, but this is not due to religion, even when terrorists instrumentalize it. It is due, rather, to an accumulation of incorrect interpretations of religious texts and to policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression and pride. This is why it is so necessary to stop supporting terrorist movements fuelled by financing, the provision of weapons and strategy, and by attempts to justify these movements even using the media. All these must be regarded as international crimes that threaten security and world peace. Such terrorism must be condemned in all its forms and expressions;

- The concept of citizenship is based on the equality of rights and duties, under which all enjoy justice. It is therefore crucial to



establish in our societies the concept of full citizenship and reject the discriminatory use of the term minorities which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority. Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against;

- Good relations between East and West are indisputably necessary for both. They must not be neglected, so that each can be enriched by the other's culture through fruitful exchange and dialogue. The West can discover in the East remedies for those spiritual and religious maladies that are caused by a prevailing materialism. And the East can find in the West many elements that can help free it from weakness, division, conflict and scientific, technical and cultural decline. It is important to pay attention to religious, cultural and historical differences that are a vital component in shaping the character, culture and civilization of the East. It is likewise important to reinforce the bond of fundamental human rights in order to help ensure a dignified life for all the men and women of East and West, avoiding the politics of double standards;

- It is an essential requirement to recognize the right of women to education and employment, and to recognize their freedom to exercise their own political rights. Moreover, efforts must be made to free women from historical and social conditioning that runs contrary to the principles of their faith and dignity. It is also necessary to protect women from sexual exploitation and from being treated as merchandise or objects of pleasure or financial gain. Accordingly, an end must be brought to all those inhuman and vulgar practices that denigrate the dignity of women. Efforts must be made to modify those laws that prevent women from fully enjoying their rights;

- The protection of the fundamental rights of children to grow up in a family environment, to receive nutrition, education and support, are duties of the family and society. Such duties must be guaranteed and protected so that they are not overlooked or denied to any child in any part of the world. All those practices that violate the dignity and rights of children must be denounced. It is equally important to be vigilant against the dangers that they are exposed to, particularly in the digital world, and to consider as a crime the trafficking of their innocence and all violations of their youth;

- The protection of the rights of the elderly, the weak, the disabled, and the oppressed is a religious and social obligation that must be guaranteed and defended through strict legislation and the



implementation of the relevant international agreements.

To this end, by mutual cooperation, the Catholic Church and Al-Azhar announce and pledge to convey this Document to authorities, influential leaders, persons of religion all over the world, appropriate regional and international organizations, organizations within civil society, religious institutions and leading thinkers. They further pledge to make known the principles contained in this Declaration at all regional and international levels, while requesting that these principles be translated into policies, decisions, legislative texts, courses of study and materials to be circulated.

Al-Azhar and the Catholic Church ask that this Document become the object of research and reflection in all schools, universities and institutes of formation, thus helping to educate new generations to bring goodness and peace to others, and to be defenders everywhere of the rights of the oppressed and of the least of our brothers and sisters.

In conclusion, our aspiration is that:

this Declaration may constitute an invitation to reconciliation and fraternity among all believers, indeed among believers and non-believers, and among all people of good will;

this Declaration may be an appeal to every upright conscience that rejects deplorable violence and blind extremism; an appeal to those who cherish the values of tolerance and fraternity that are promoted and encouraged by religions;

this Declaration may be a witness to the greatness of faith in God that unites divided hearts and elevates the human soul;

this Declaration may be a sign of the closeness between East and West, between North and South, and between all who believe that God has created us to understand one another, cooperate with one another and live as brothers and sisters who love one another.

This is what we hope and seek to achieve with the aim of finding a universal peace that all can enjoy in this life.

Abu Dhabi, 4 February 2019

His Holiness  
Pope Francis

The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar  
Ahmad Al-Tayyib





## TIDINGS FROM ST. EPHREM'S COLLEGE

●Br. Purakkattuputhenpura John●

### ETC TIGERS ON THE GROUND

His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil blessed and inaugurated the renovated shuttle court on 7<sup>th</sup> December. On this day, a friendly match was conducted between ETC Tigers and Stars of Bishop's House. Br. Peter Paremann and Br. Joanny Kuruvachira played for the ETC Tigers and Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kachappilly and Mr. Rajesh played for the Stars of Bishop's House. ETC Tigers won the match and were awarded.

St. Ephrem's Volleyball team got an opportunity to participate in the volleyball tournament conducted by one of the major clubs in Satna district on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The ETC team was well appreciated by the coordinators for their fantastic performance.

### CHRISTMAS GATHERING

A Christmas gathering for the villagers consisted of tuition teachers and the non-teaching staff of seminary was held in the seminary. Very Rev. Fr. Rector presided over the meeting. Rev. Fr. Devmithra delivered the Christmas message. Second year brothers boosted the gathering with a beautiful carol song. A presentation on the history of Christmas was made available to the audience through a short documentary. Later, Bro. Vettikuzhichalil performed a magical show and excited the audience. Very Rev. Fr. Rector and Rev. Fr. Alex Pandarakappil presented Christmas gifts to the tuition teachers.

### ORDAINED TO SERVE

The Holy Orders were conferred to the brothers by Mar Joseph Kodakallil. Very Rev Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the rector and Very Rev Fr. Philip Mammoottil, Chancellor cum Rector of St. Antony's shrine Belgaum, concelebrated the liturgical rites.

To make the day more colourful, there was a community Christmas celebration in the evening. Members from all the communities, EphremNagar were present, and they performed different cultural



programmes and made the event an unforgettable one. To affirm the community feeling of Ephrem Pariwar every community contributed something for the supper. Thereafter, Brothers and Fathers of ETC started to move out for Christmas holidays.

### VILLAGERS' DAY

Republic day and *Ekta divas* celebrations started with the Holy Eucharist in the morning. Rev Fr. John Kondooparambil celebrated the Holy Qurbana and gave an inspiring sermon. Rev Fr. Jenner CMF hoisted the flag and gave a thought provoking republic day message. To celebrate the *Ekta divas* around 350 students from all the nearby villages reached the seminary by 12:00 pm. The valuable presence of some important guests made the day more colourful and attractive. The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Susheela Sukla, the Sarpanj of Barakala. Very Rev. Fr. Rector enlightened the gathering with his inspiring speech on the importance of Republic day. Rev Fr. Cyriac Puliampillil, staff in charge of village ministry coordinated the programmes. All the students who came to the seminary actively involved in various programmes. The celebration went up to evening and the participants were given snacks. The community also gave various prizes to the winners of the programmes.



### MISSION DAY and PARISH FEAST

On 1<sup>st</sup> February, the feast of Ephrem Nagar church was set in motion. Very Rev Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the parish priest hoisted the flag. The procession of the parish feast took place on the following day after solemn celebration of Ramsa presided over by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Nechimyalil VC. The procession went through all the houses in Ephrem Nagar. The Message of the feast was delivered by Rev. Fr. Varghese



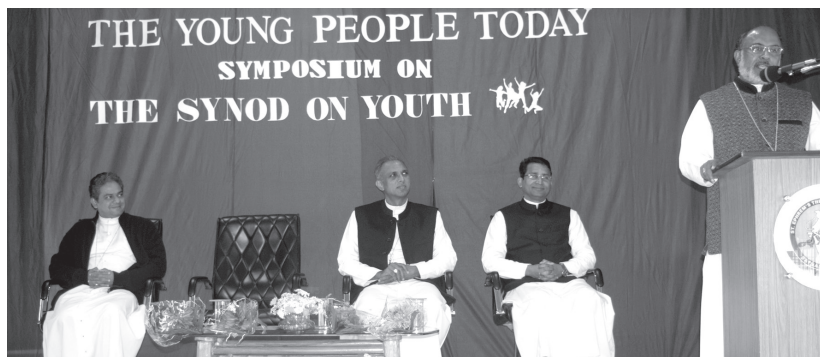
Kallely, the Vice Rector of St. Thomas minor seminary, Satna. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we had the celebration of the Raza. Rev. Fr. Cyriac Puliyampillil was the main celebrant. After the Holy Qurbana everybody joined with Ephrem community for the breakfast. Thus, the celebration of the parish feast came to an end.

The Ephrem Pariwar also celebrated mission day together with the feast of the Ephrem Nagar. The mission day celebrations started in the morning. Members of nearby communities actively participated and shared their contribution for the mission on this special moment. Many games and auctions were conducted in order to raise fund for the missionary activities.

### WE ARE PROUD OF YOU, DEAR BROTHERS

Bro. Jose Zade won second prize for the inter seminary quiz competition which was conducted in Ujjain.

One day symposium was arranged for the Brothers on 13<sup>th</sup> February based on the documents "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" and "Final Document of the Synod of Bishops" of recently held Synod on Youth in Rome in October 2018. Mar Joseph Kodakallil was the president of the inaugural meeting. Mar Prince Antony Panengadan inaugurated this academic banquet. Mar James Athikalam, Bishop of the Eparchy of Sagar delivered the Keynote Address. Br. Prince Elavumkal, Br. Kurian Elayidathumadathil VC, Br. Xavier Pathikunnel and Br. Antony Tharakunnel have presented papers on the topics such as "Recognizing the problems of the Youth," "The role of accompaniers in the maturation of faith and in the discernment of vocation of the youth," "Walking together with the youth: Pastoral and missionary reflections" and "the Church's response to the challenges of young people." Rev. Fr. Francis Pittapillil and Rev Fr. James Pulurumbil moderated the sessions. ■



## TIDINGS FROM STMS

● Br. Jerin Ezhnootil ●

### CHRISTMAS TIME

Truly, Christmas is a time when all near and dear ones gather together to share love and joy. STMS is a family. However, it is a family whose family members are from different parts. Since not everyone would be at 'home' in the house to celebrate Christmas, a pre-Christmas celebration was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at STMS.

We gathered and sang Christmas Carols and Santa Claus entertained the gathering with singing and dancing. We had the cutting of cake and exchange of gifts. We made a beautiful Crib. Later Brothers were sent to different mission stations. They had a fruitful time there to experience the real mission. Having celebrated Christmas in the Parishes they came back to the seminary on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

### COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

Brothers were given psychological assistance which aimed at fostering and nurturing them to grow in sound mental health, spirituality, academics and to help them for their overall development. This activity provided support and guidance for the psychological issues being faced by the Brothers. Counseling is not about giving advice but it offers a space to discuss about their difficulties and to think about future prospects. All Brothers were very happy and enthusiastic to have gone through counseling experiences. It was a new venture in the lives of our Brothers. We got an apt personality in the form of Sr. Melvina CSN to carry out this ministry. She was crystal clear about what she has been doing. It was a time for us to know ourselves and to get cleared of our inner problems. She assisted us by taking classes and conducting therapies on a regular basis. We are sure that we have benefited a lot by improving our mental health.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

New Year Eve is one of the largest global celebrations because it marks the last day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, December 31,





before the New Year. New Year celebrations include both spiritual and physical aspects. We had a solemn mid night Adoration and Qurbana on the eve of New Year. Later we had the cutting of cake, wishing each other and fireworks. In the evening our joy was doubled because Fathers of Edessa and Cathedral dined with us.

### ANNUAL RETREAT

The Holy Spirit broke through in powerful ways on so many different levels during our retreat! It was beyond what we could have hoped for and imagined. Brothers were encountering God's presence. STMS was blessed with the presence of Fr. Sam koonamplackal VC, a well known retreat preacher from Nepal. It was an opportune time for us to reflect over ourselves, to make new convictions and a reminder on our vocation. We really admire his willingness and enthusiasm to come over here to preach the retreat. The retreat truly benefited us to be fully submitted to God and advance in deep rooted spirituality. The retreat culminated in a grant success because a new vista of spirituality was made open for us.

### MISSION VISIT AND EXCURSION

"When the Church is in mission; the Church is being the church", we have witnessed an ever-increasing and awe-inspiring spirit during our mission visit. It is seen both in one-on-one interactions that we had during our travel for two days through the missions of Satna. We made short visits to Panna and to some parishes of Tikamgrah zone. We also



visited some of the picnic spots including Jhansi fort, Orcha fort and khajuraho temples. Overall, the mission visit provided us soothing and refreshing moments. Heartfelt thanks to all the well wishers, Fathers and Sisters for showing hospitality and brotherly love towards us.



### MUSIC CLASS

Music classes had been set up to encourage talent in music-instrumental as well as vocal. Sr. Elizabeth SD has been taking music classes on Wednesdays and Br. Sanal Arackal was teaching Harmonium on Thursdays respectively. STMS was privileged, to have such enthusiastic and experienced music teachers. We deeply admire their readiness to accept our request. STMS, filled with gratitude wishes all the best to them in their studies and future ministries.

### REPUBLIC DAY

Republic day has always been a pride for us. On January 26, 2019, we celebrated our 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day at STMS, where India's rich and diverse culture was highlighted by Fr. Dennis in his patriotic speech. Fr. Dennis took the seat of honor and hoisted the flag. Thus we joined with our motherland in the Republic day celebrations and we concluded the event with a patriotic song.



### EXAMS AND HOLIDAYS

STMS is at the end of its scholastic year. Brothers already started the preparation for exams. Vacation starts on 11 April and all will be back before July.

We thank the almighty God for His great mercy and blessings for making this year more fruitful. Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Great thanks to all well wishers who prayed and supported us during our journey this year.

## TIDINGS FROM BETHANIA- KOTHI

•Sr. Vijaya DST•

*Easter is a promise. Easter is a prayer.  
Easter is a time of hope. That everyone can share.*

We the inmates of Bethania wish you the blessings from the Lord, HAPPY EASTER.

Our Assistant Provincial Rev. Sr. Shincy came from Kerala and stayed with us while taking classes for our Brothers in ETC for two weeks.

### VILLAGE EXPOSURE PROGRAMME

February 4<sup>th</sup> was an unforgettable day in our life, because we nine pre-novices of DST went to Koond mission station for our mission exposure programme with our mistress Rev. Sr. Lisieux. Rev. Fr. Justin, the Incharge of Koond mission station, Rev. Sr. Lucy, Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Reenat, the Sisters of SH Community welcomed us. They made all the necessary arrangements for us. We were confident in speaking Hindi because of the special coaching classes given by Rev. Fr. John



Kondooparambil. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, we started to visit the villages under the guidance of Rev. Sr. Lucy and Sr. Elizabeth. The villagers whole heartedly welcomed us and treated us with sweet tea and snacks. It was great opportunity to understand the culture and heritage of those villagers. We joined our hands with the children and made them more active through action songs and other games.

We visited two Christian villages. We were excited by seeing their passion towards Jesus. We got the chance to listen to their suffering and we served the old people with great respect and care. We met many children with disabilities and we intercede for them through our prayers. The villagers raised question about our family members, how to become nun, what are the activities of a nun, etc. We clarified their doubts with the help of Sisters. We had the blessed presence of His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil. He extended his blessings and wishes. With the help of deacons, we taught the villagers to recite rosary and prayers of the Holy Eucharist. The Sisters in Koond mission station extended all support and care in all our activities. Our dear loving Rev. Sr. Vijaya and Rev. Sr. Lisieux enlightened our minds with the spirit of mission. On 16<sup>th</sup> February Fr. Justin along with the Sisters arranged a farewell party for us. We shared our experience and received suggestions for betterment in future. On 17<sup>th</sup> February, our village exposure programme ended with an awesome tour programme. We felt very enthusiastic and excited with this programme.

As the time had come to say good bye to Bethania, our pre-novices were invited to the Bishop' House for a farewell meal. So we used this opportunity to thank our dear Bishopji Mar Joseph Kodakallil, our proto syncellus Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, our procurator Rev. Fr. Robin Kachappilly, Rev. Fr. Antony Panchinkal and all the inmates who are in Bishop's House.

We were very happy to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We invited our beloved Bishopji and our Rector and Priest in charge Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal to celebrate their name day solemnly. It was a time for all of us to reflect and imitate the virtues of St. Joseph, our protector.

### IT'S TIME TO SAY Bye, Bye,

Nine of our beloved pre-novices are going back to Kerala after their nine months stay in Bethania; filled with knowledge, enthusiasm and missionary zeal. We wish them all the best in future formation to become good and zealous missionaries of Jesus Christ.

May the glory of the Lord's miracle, strengthen our faith and renew our hope. Once again wish you all a blessed HAPPY EASTER. ■





Prayerful best wishes on your

# Priestly Ordination First Holy Qurbana

**Dn. Erosiyan Ekka**  
Blessed Sacrament Church  
Musgutri  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
6.30 am



## TIDINGS FROM SABS, PATERI

### PROVINCIAL HOUSE

●Sr. Maria Jose Olattu SABS●

### SNEH SADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

●Sr. Jessie Tresa SABS●

### CELEBRATIONS

- We have arranged a small program in our provincial house on the occasion of Christmas. The refectory group initiated the program and all the members of the community joyfully participated. The Madhavgarh community also joined us in the celebration and exchanged Christmas greetings.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> December, we had invited our helping staff to our community and shared our joy by giving them delicious food and Christmas gifts.
- Charism day of our Congregation was celebrated in our provincial house on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. After the Solemn Holy Mass all gathered in the refectory and offered special prayer to our Venerable Founder Mar Thomas Kurialacherry. After the supper we had cultural program in which candidates and Sisters participated. Main theme of the program was 'Heroic Virtuous Life of Mar Thomas Kurialassery'. Our elderly Sisters also participated in the program.
- Rev. Fr. Thomas Alappattukottayil and Rev. Fr. Joseph Edathil, the newly ordained priests for Satna Eparchy offered Holy Mass in our Provincial house. After the Holy Mass we wished them congratulations and best wishes.





- We have anticipated and celebrated the feast of our dear Bishop Joseph Kodakallil on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The solemn Holy Mass was celebrated by the Bishop and we wished him a warm festal greetings and prayerful wishes .



#### VISITS :-

- His Excellency Mar Antony Prince made a short visit to our Provincial House on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Our Belved Bishop His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil visited our community on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### PICNIC :-

We had our community picnic on 2<sup>nd</sup> March , 2019 at Mukundapur. All the Sisters and candidates were present for the same. It was a day of great joy and refreshment. All of us enjoyed the day.



#### MEETING :-

- Our Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Mother Rose Therese and Rev. Sr. Alphie Kallingal, the Principal of St. Joseph School, Waidhan participated in the Renewal General Synaxis at our Generalate, Aluva from 18<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- Rev. Sr. Rose Chakkiath participated in the Inaugural ceremony of our new born province Balasore on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019.
- Rev. Mother Rose Therese participated in the General Body meeting of Samaritan Social Service Society on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- Rev. Mother Rose Therese attended the major superiors' meeting at Bijnor on 19 March, 2019.



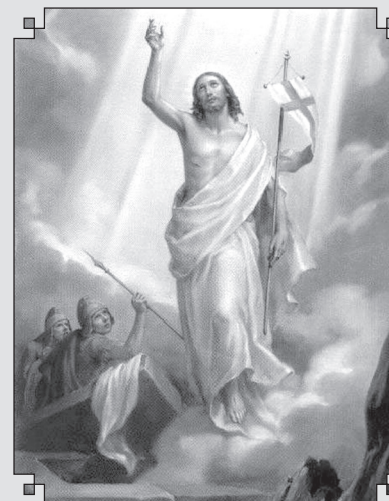
#### FORMATION

Five days of retreat was conducted for the Pre-aspirants at our provincial house. Rev. Fr. Pranoy IMS was the resource person and 17 persons participated in it.



#### SNEHA SADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

- We had a grant Christmas celebration in our Sneha Sadan special school Pateri. Rev. Mother Rose Therese Cheerakathil, our Provincial superior was the Chief guest and Sr. Arpitha Thuruthel the Guest of Honour of the glorious day. Sr. Arpitha Thuruthel gave a powerful speech to the students and parents who were present to witness this event.
- The diocese conducted "*Vishva vigalanga Diwas*" celebration in our Sneha Sadan School on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jnuary 2019. Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, Rev. Fr. Jacob Adampakallel, Rev. Fr. Antony Maruthummoottil and Rev. Fr. Martin Vallooran were present for the program. Rev. Sr. Rose Chakkiath also was present for the same. On this special occasion our students displayed their programs on the stage.
- Republic day was celebrated at Sneha Sadan School. Rev. Sr. Rose Chakkiath was the chief guest of the day. After the flag hoisting children staged their programs.



Easter Sunday

#### Easter Sunday

is the most important day in the Christian calendar. It comes after Holy Week, a week when Christians remember with sorrow all the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. On Easter Sunday morning their sadness is turned to joy as they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.





# Congratulations and Best wishes to the newly ordained priests Fr. Thomas (Santhosh) Alappattukottayil & Fr. Joseph (Albin) Edathil

*May He give you continued Grace, peace and wisdom As you enter the ministry*

**Fr Thomas (Santhosh) Alappattukottayil** was ordained a priest on 29 December 2018 for the diocese of Satna, hails from the parish of Vilangad in the diocese of Thamarassery. His family consists of his parents (Mr. Abraham and late Kunjamma), five sisters and four brothers. He had his schooling in three schools (Nedumparamb L.P School, G.H.S. Vanimel, St. Thomas H.S. S. Palai). His seminary study began in 2006 at St Thomas minor seminary Satna. After the three year of minor seminary studies he was sent for MOC to Vikas Maitri Kotra in the diocese of Ujjain. For the philosophical studies and B.A. for the next three years he was sent to Vishwa Jyoti Gurukul Varanasi. After the completion of his regency at Chhatarpur he received the clerical dress in the year 2014. He had his theological studies at E.T.C. After the B.Th he took one year of voluntary Diaconate Ministry at Koond and Tikamgarh. He was ordained a priest by Mar Joseph Kodakallil. At present he is serving as the Assistant parish priest at Holy Family Church Singrauli.

**Fr. Joseph (Albin) Edathil** ordained to priesthood on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 for the diocese of Satna, hails from the parish of Kodikulam from the Diocese of Kothamangalam. His family consists of his parents (Mr. Sebastian Joseph and Mrs. Shiny Sebastian), younger brother (Abin Sebastian) and himself. He had his schooling in three schools namely St. Mary's High School, Kodikulam, St. Joseph's School, Karoor and St. Thomas High School, Palai. His Seminary study began in the year 2007 at St. Thomas Minor Seminary, Satna. After three years of Minor Seminary formation, he had his one year Mission Orientation Course (MOC) at Vikas Maitri, Kotra in the diocese of Ujjain. For the Philosophical studies and BA for the next three years he was sent to Ruhalya Major Seminary, Ujjain. After the successful completion of his regency at Uday Shishu Mandir Karimatti and Nirmal Mata School at Kailaspur, he received the clerical dress in the year 2015. He had his Theological studies at St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna. On completion of B.Th. course he was ordained a priest by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil. At present he is serving as the Assistant Parish Priest at Lavkushnagar Parish.



## TIDINGS FROM NAZARETH BHAVAN, PATERI

●Sr. Soumini CSN●

### Congratulations to Our Newly Professed Sisters and the Novices

The ceremony of the vestition and first profession of 6 Novices of Christ Jyoti Mission Province of CSN took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019 at St. Vincent's Cathedral, Satna. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna was the main celebrant of the ceremony. During the homily, Bishopji gave a very meaningful message to the novices and also felicitated them.

Four of our Novices completed their canonical year of Novitiate on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019 and started regency.



### HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO MRS. RITA JAMES AND FAMILY

Sr. Genesis, our Provincial and 7 Sisters from the Provincial House, Allahabad came on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 to attend the funeral service of



our dear James Master, the husband of Mrs. Rita, our foster daughter.

### HOME MISSION

Under the guidance of Sr. Jesmine CSN, the Provincial Councillor In-charge of the Family Apostolate, the Home Mission was conducted at St. Ephrem's Parish, Pateri from 11-15 March, 2019. 15 CSN sisters actively participated setting apart their full time for all these 5 days for the families of the Parish. All these days there was chain adoration conducted by Sisters at the Parish Church from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm. Sisters visited the families, conducted personal counselling for all the parishioners and organised family prayer meeting in each family. On the last day, which was 15<sup>th</sup> March, Charismatic Healing Prayer Service was conducted for a half day by Rev. Fr. Vincent Akkara, the Director of Daya Sagar Rteat Centre, Sagar. Home Mission was a renewal experience for the Pateri Parish.



### HAPPY FEAST TO OUR DEAR BISHOPJI

The community was privileged to have our Bishopji with us to celebrate his patron's day on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Along with this, we also celebrated the foundation day of our Congregation, which falls on 19<sup>th</sup> March.



### COMMUNITY OUTING

Community experience is vital for a religious community. We made a one day outing so as to get re-energised and re-vitalised, and also to explore the places around. We made it to White Tiger Safari and Zoo, Mukundpur as well as Bakiya Dam on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.







## TIDINGS FROM YOUTH APOSTOLATE

●Fr. Sebastian P●  
Youth Director Eparchy of Satna

**"You too, dear young people, can be joyful witnesses of His love, courageous witnesses of His Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of His light." - Pope Francis on the world Youth Day 2013**

As the youths of our diocese are spread in far and wide areas, and are engaged in various endeavors of their own, it is not easy for the youth to come together for each and every program. In order to facilitate and make sure the participation of the maximum youth in each program and bring them to the forefront of the Church we, the Youth Apostolate team planned last year's programs in four levels.

1. Personal Level 2. Parish Level 3. Zonal Level 4. Eparchial Level

### I. PERSONAL LEVEL

In order to enhance personality in the areas of academic and creative temperaments in the various catholic youth, the youth apostolate of our eparchy proposed a PPT on the theme of 'mass media and evangelization' and in addition to this there were literary items like One Act Play, poem writing etc. in the form of competitions. The completed items were collected by each parish priests and were reached to the youth commission office. The winners of the same were awarded with the certificates and trophies on the Diocesan Youth Meet – 2018.

### II. PARISH LEVEL

When we chalk-out programs for the young people, we not only intend to prepare them to become future leaders but also to allow them to contribute to the church. For instance, God use Timothy to pastor and lead the Ephesians' church at his very teenager. I Tim. 4:12 says "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and purity". We help the young people in the parishes to grow in their relationship with the Lord and prepare them to serve Christ in all aspects of their life. As a result, the community gets nourished and parishes flourish in various levels. In order to motivate the youth to read Bible and to prepare themselves for the feast of Christmas, to instill innovative

and optimistic vibes in the catholic youth and also attract them to the activities of the parish, the youth apostolate charted a couple of programs i.e., Bible Quiz Competition which comprised of Lk. 1: 10 and a sketch and design of Christmas crib. All the Parish Priests and Youth Animators took special interest to accomplish it. And the winners were awarded in the parish level itself, during the Christmas celebrations.

### III. ZONAL LEVEL

As the social set up changes itself in various ways and technologies and new inventions of entrepreneurship are flourishing day by day, there can be a certain stage in which our young people can be pushed off from the true Christian life and the values. Keeping it in mind the Youth apostolate of our diocese initiated zonal Orientation Programs. In this regard we emphasized the true meaning of **Christian Life** and the traditional family prayer **Rosary**.

For the Sidhi – Singrauli Zone, it was conducted in Jayant parish. For the Chhatarpur – Tikamgarh zone it was conducted in Chhatarpur parish and for the Satna Zone it was conducted in the Cathedral parish. In all the three zones even if it was a Sunday the parish priests and youth animators with befitting services made the programme a successful.

### IV. EPARCHIAL LEVEL

In the Eparchial level too, some of the competitions were conducted to exhibit and evince the caliber of the young candidates of our Eparchy, which comprises of competitions like extempore, drawing, essay writing etc. In order to avoid the extravaganza of to and fro travel and to save time of the youth and animators these programs were managed together with the Youth Meet -2018.



### V. CONTINUATION AND CULMINATION

We made it possible to conduct the Diocesan level quiz competition for the zonal level winners. It was with great enthusiasm and intense preparations the participants of the bible quiz took part in it. All the candidates of the Diocesan Youth Meet witnessed it and encouraged them in all their attempts.

## VI. YOUTH MEET - 2018

### i. Inauguration

The Eparchial Youth Meet was inaugurated on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 9.00 am. The venue of the Youth Meet- 2018 was at Christ Jyoti Campus Satna. As per the plan all the young candidates reached the venue early in the morning and some of the parishes which were away from the venue reached in the previous evening. But registration started only on 8<sup>th</sup> morning and materials like writing pad, pen, ID card, T-shirt, and cap of the Youth Meet were distributed to all in the morning itself.



Our Proto-Syncellus Very Rev. Fr. John Thoppil was generous enough to inaugurate the Youth Meet-2018 and he delivered an inspiring message to young ones of our Eparchy. Rev. Fr. Thomas Puthenthayil, Fr. Varhese Kallelil and other Fathers, Sisters, Youth Animators witnessed the great venture. Our energetic Youth staged some of the cultural items in the limited time. At the end Fr. Sebastian P. enumerated to the participants about the Youth Meet 2018 and about the scheduled programmes.

### ii. A Day with the Word

The first day dealt with the topic 'Word of God'. Sr. Saumini CSN, the fresh eminent resource person introduced all the books of the Bible to the participants. The resource person with the help of the PPT and the work shop elucidated the Books of Bible and clarified the doubts of the participants. All the participants were very curious to know and enriched themselves with the back ground history of each of the books in the bible.

### iii. Prayer Session

The evening time was marked for prayer session to prepare each

one for the solemn Holy Eucharist. We all walked through the banks of the words of God and nourished ourselves with the divine voice. The prayer session were meant to inculcate the supreme experience of God in the youth. It was followed by solemn rosary and penitential services.

### iv. Eucharistic Celebration

We were fortunate enough to have the former Youth Director of Our Eparchy Rev. Fr. Antony Panachinkal and Rev. Fr. Thomas Puthenthayil for the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Fr. Antony Panchinkal enriched everyone with his beautiful homily.

### v. Flames of fire

After the Spiritual nourishment the young minds gathered around the fire to exhibit off stage talent. It was really the time for games and fun. At the end it took the shape of the cultural eve with the traditional folk-dances. All the young energetic minds were re- vibrated with lots of enthusiasm and fresh positive energy.

### vi. Jubilation procession

The traditional tribal dance and its steps directed all of them to the church premises and devotional songs and slogans made the environment all the more pious, expressing the spiritual nourishment they received. The uniform coloured dress marked uniformity in spirit and mind. The religious sisters, Youth Animators, Rev. Fathers followed them. The Golden Jubilee Year of our Eparchy stood out in jubilation in the procession.

### vii. Episcopal Holy Qurbana

The Youth of our Eparchy moved in a procession to the Church with the cross, Bible, incense, candles etc. All of them placed themselves in a line to welcome our beloved Bishopji for the Golden Jubilee Holy Qurbana for the youth. His Excellency with the official Episcopal vestments looked marvelous in the procession leading to the altar of our Lord. The Youth representatives washed the hands of His Excellency and adorned him with the traditional *aarathi* at the entrance of the Cathedral Church. Rev. Frs. Varghese Kallely and Sebastian P., the Youth directors accompanied him to the Holy Eucharist. At the end of the Holy Qurbana all the Youth had a lucky chance to have a photo with our Bishopji.

### viii. An Hour with the Shepherd

The Second Day of the Youth Meet was cherished with the presence of our Bishopji with the Young minds of our Eparchy. It was an informal meeting and dialogue of the Catholic young people with their





shepherd. In this session the young minds opened up the doubts, worries, on church teachings, bible etc. In the one and half hour interaction the young minds were able to rejuvenate themselves with faith, knowledge, enthusiasm, admiration to eparchial activities.

#### ix. Youth And the Church

The last moments of the Youth Meet, 2018 was marked with a session on the importance of the teenagers activities in the Church. In this session we discussed on the mental, physical, intellectual development of a person in the youth and importance of youth in the Church. They were empowered with the spirit of prayer, importance of Holy Eucharist, animated for the daily Bible reading and exhorted for the family prayer.



#### x. Prize Distribution

The Youth Meet was concluded with the motivation and appreciation for the teenage gems of our eparchy with the prizes to the winners of the various competitions. Our beloved Bishopji accompanied by Proto-Syncellus Rev. Fr. John Thoppil availed them in this venture. Cultural programs made this event colorful. His Excellency blessed every one with His words of wisdom. The Lady animator Rev. Sr. Tesslin SABS proposed the gratitude from the part of the youth commission to all the dignitaries and the participants.

#### VII. UPCOMING PROGRAMS

In this summer, the youth commission is planning to have a three days summer camp for the catholic youths of our eparchy. In this the resource persons may guide the young minds to equip themselves spiritually and to ensure their future with the right selection of their career. And also enable them to develop their skills and personality in this particular area.

I thank all of you for your benevolent support towards the Youth Apostolate

*"woe to me if I do not preach the gospel" (1Cor. 9:16).* ■



## TIDINGS FROM THE CATECHISM DEPARTMENT OF SATNA

• Fr. Pual Umassery •

The Catechism Department had organized the first edition of family bible quiz in the month of December-January 2019. The sheer number of families who turned out to participate in the event itself was a big boost to the organizers. The first position was secured by Mr. Samuel Raphael of St Louis Church Jayant by scoring the highest number 59/60 and the second position was taken by 15 families by obtaining 58/60. The names are: Christo Francis, Cherian CC, Lissy Mathew of St Vincent's Cathedral Satna. K. O. Johnson, Aleena Johnson of St Xavier's Church Rewa. Shaji V. George, Vincent Tirkey of St Joseph's Church Panna. Ajit Kumari Tirkey and Antappan T. of Holy Family Church Singrauli. Kanchan Minj of St Jude's Church Lavkushnagar. The third position went to 15 families for scoring 57/60; Mahima Ekka, Vitius Ekka of St Judes's Church Lavkushnagar. Subodh Kujur, T. M. Mathew of St Thomas Church Maihar, Bhanu Prabha, Delphy Davis, A. T. Jacob of Holy Family Church Singrauli, Lawrence Tigga of St Joseph's Church Panna, Antony Joseph of St Xavier's Church Rewa, Robin John Rao, Sneha Abhilash, Sushma Ekka, Ajay Kujur of St Vincent's Cathedral Satna. Esther Bhengra and Sajee George of St Louis Church Jayant.

The department is pleased to congratulate the families who secured the highest positions. We place on record our sincere gratitude to the Parish Priests, Priests in charge and the Sister animators for encouraging great number of participation. We also would like to thank the CSN community from Pateri for the timely evaluation of the answer sheets.

As we have completed yet another academic year, the Catechism Department remembers the catechism teachers with gratitude for their valuable contribution in the faith formation of little angels. All the best wishes to the little angels as they step out into a new academic year; this coming academic year is going to be much more interesting with a lot of spiritual, physical and mental activities and fun.

May the risen Lord bless you and your family!

Happy Easter ■



## TIDINGS FROM PANNA HOSPITAL

● Fr. Thomas Kanjirathummootil ●

Mother Teresa Hospital, Panna is furnished with modern testing and diagnostic facilities. Currently the hospital is equipped with five resident doctors; Consultant Physician, Paediatrician, Obstetric and Gynaecology, Senior Casualty Medical Officer and RMO, along with three clinical assistants and 33 nursing staff which include senior experienced nurses from Kerala who will provide the healthcare facilities to the population. Patients here will get 24 hours emergency service too.

Mother Teresa Hospital, Panna, with advanced facilities and technologies, was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 10:00 am. The 40 bedded hospital is the first modern private hospital of its kind which promises to give high class treatment and service to the people of the area at a comparatively low price.

The inaugural ceremony of the hospital commenced with the ribbon cutting by Dr. H N Sharma, Retired CMHO. The programme was followed by welcoming all the guests and a brief introduction about the Satna Diocesan Society. Dr. Kamal formally welcomed all the dignitaries present on the dais. Dr. Babush Jose briefed about the facilities provided by the hospital and the specialization of the respected doctors. Dr. H.N Sharma the chief guest (Retired CMHO Panna) described the importance and necessity of the hospital in this locality and appreciated the initiative take by the society.

Dr. Vijay Parmar, a retired civil surgeon of the district hospital said that such a large population of Panna district is dependent on the district hospital, people will get a lot of facilities by opening this hospital and assured his continuous support and help to the hospital.

During this function the president of the ceremony His Excellency Mar Joseph, Bishop of Satna, motivated the staff with his blessings. Rajiv Sharma GM NMDC, B Madhav DGM NMDC, Dr. Abishek Jain BMO, Journalists and the Senior Doctors of the district were present at the ceremony. Retired principal Dr. Rajendre Kumar Khare handed over a cheque of 11.000 rupees for tree planting in the hospital compound.

The Director of the hospital, Fr Toji, expressed his gratitude to the guests, praising the Bureaucrats, Public Servants, Journalists



and Civilians especially for the support and cooperation from the Honourable District Collector and CMHO and above all for the love and support he gets from the people of Panna. He also assured that in the initial round, there is a lot of facilities available, In the future, we will endeavour to increase the facilities along with the people of Panna.

## TIDINGS FROM DEOSAR

● Fr. Paul Uthinipparamban ●

May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, good health and happiness to you all!

**Awareness class:** St Mary's has arranged an awareness class on Traffic Rules and Regulations for the students and auto drivers on January 1, 2019. Shri. Anil Upadhyay, TI Deosar, helped to create awareness about road safety through a class. The students were encouraged to reflect on how they would help in future to ensure road safety for all. The drivers were instructed to know all the rules regarding traffic and do safe driving.

**Parents' Meeting:** A parents' Meeting was called to get an outlook of upgrading the school from the State to the CBSE Board and to extend the school up to class X. A good number of them were present and had unanimous opinion to go for the CBSE Board. Thanks to Rev. Father Augustine Pullolickal, Father Scaria Kaduthanam and Father Anil Varickamackal for their presence in the meeting.

**Mathrubhoomi -2019:** St Mary's celebrated her annual day on February 14, 2019. Shri. Rituraj IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Deosar, was the chief guest and Bishop Joseph Kodakallil presided over the function. The entire program was combined into a single theme, *preserve the nature and save water*.

Happy Easter to all!



## TIDINGS FROM KAILASPUR

• Fr. Sebastian Puthenpurayil •

After the New Year celebration we reopened the school on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Our school family celebrated the feast of the Manager Fr. Sebastian Puthenpurayil on 19<sup>th</sup> January very solemnly. The Annual day of the school was celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The president of the day was Rev. Bp. Joseph Kodakallil and the chief guest was Shri. Neelanshu Chaturvedi, the MLA of Chitrakoot. They inspired the people by giving the message on the value of education. Our school was inspected by the BRC of Majhagawan on 20<sup>th</sup> February for the renewal of Recognition of the school. They were satisfied by the smartness of the students. The vaccination was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February to maintain the health of the students from the government. To examine the student's capability our school organized the Annual Examination from 11 to 19<sup>th</sup> March. On the following day we gave farewell to our 8<sup>th</sup> class students. They expressed their gratitude through their words. Rev. Father Manager gave blessings and Best Wishes by his thought provoking message. On 28<sup>th</sup> March our school declared the result of Annual Examination and all the students were given the fruits of their hard work.



## TIDINGS FROM KARIMATTI

• Fr. George Vadakumcherry •

Overwhelmed with joy and exultation, we celebrated Christmas on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The little ones of our school presented various programs. Annual cultural day, the culmination of the exposition of the Caliber of our dear students, was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019, providing a golden chance for the children to improve their talents in multifarious fields. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 became a day replete with interminable memories for us as we observed Annual Sports Day. Our students were in a hilarious mood as we celebrated Republic day on January 26<sup>th</sup>. All the programs evoked strong feelings of patriotism and love for the motherland.

The motivational seminars conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> February under the guidance of the Assistant Social work Director Rev. Fr. Justin Vallooran have its effect on the school community. Mr. Moti the former student of our school filled our hearts with pride and contentment when he instilled the Spirit of discipline, punctuality and cleanliness in the minds of the little buds of our school. On 19<sup>th</sup> February, the teachers of our school had practical tips for controlling the disruptive and rebellious naughty boys from Rev. Fr. Mathew Cheruvil.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we had the farewell meeting of class VIII students. Proficiency Certificates and medals were awarded by different dignitaries on the same day. After having enjoyed the delicious tea party all dispersed. The long cherished necessity of the school to have a





strong compound wall, furnished with a gate is accomplished due to the strenuous efforts of Rev. Fr. Siju, the Manager of our school. Literally fulfilling all the requirements of a well maintained school, Uday Shishu Mandir provides its students enhanced toilet facility. Karimatti is blessed with abundant water resource. In addition to a hand pump our students have got ample drinking water through taps.



#### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

In the Programm for youth from the village held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 145 youth participated. Seminar on S.H.G held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 78 women participated in the seminar.

Tailoring school - Tailoring machines were distributed to 20 students of the first batch of 2018-19 on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The training of the second batch of 20 students began on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

A mega medical camp was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The total number of O.P. patients is 305.

The construction of the boundary wall is almost finished.

The regent Br. Praveen Kallikkattu C.S.T. was given farewell on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. He was here in Karimatti from June 2018, serving as hostel in charge and teacher in the School.

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## TIDINGS FROM KOOND

• Sr. Rinet SH •

### MOVIE ON JESUS

On 27 January Sunday a movie on Jesus was shown to *Christu bhaktas*. It was a faith experience for the people. The whole Bible both OT and NT was picturalized and people got inspired.

### VILLAGE EXPOSURE

Candidates to religious life from Bethania Ephrem Nagar came to Koond for their 10 days village exposure program. It was an orientation for them to learn about culture and tradition.



### ORIENTATION ON HOLY QURBANA

A half day orientation class was conducted for parishioners on Holy Qurbanna and Rosary by Re. Fr. Justin Vallooran. As a result the participation of *Christu bhaktas* become more meaningful for Holy Qurbana and Rosary.

### MEDICAL CAMP

Under the banner of Samaritan Social Service, a free medical camp was conducted for the poor village people. Around 300 people benefited from it. There was also eye check up and selected 16 patients for cataract operation and treatment.

### PREPARATION FOR EASTER

We had a retreat by Rev. Fr. Antony Panachinkal as a preparation for Easter celebration on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Many believers from Karahi village, Karaunthi village and Turkey village took part in it. They were all filled with many blessings and also deepened their belief in Jesus Christ. They shared their faith experience, healing experience, especially relief from evil spirit. This retreat was very enriching for all the people.





## TIDINGS FROM LAVKUSH NAGAR

• Fr. Joseph Edathil •

### PARISH FEAST

St. Jude's Church Laukush Nagar celebrated its feast on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The *Kodiyettu* was done by Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan and Rev. Fr. Antony Panachinkal was the main celebrant for the first day of the feast. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil presided over the Liturgy on the festal day. On the same day 9 of our children received First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### SEND OFF AND WELCOME

Rev. Fr. Savio Kollerattu who was serving the Laukush Nagar Parish for 8 months as the Asst. Parish Priest and Asst. Manager at Christ Jyoti School Laukush Nagar, was transferred to Edessa, Pateri as the Asst. Director of Jyotirmai Communications. Rev. Fr. Savio is replaced by Rev. Fr. Joseph Edathil as the new Asst. Manager and Asst. Parish Priest. The send off and the welcome coincided on 21<sup>st</sup> of February.



### HOLY MASS AND FAREWELL FOR THE OUTGOING STUDENTS

Christ Jyoti School Lavkush Nagar is very proud of its 49 outgoing students. They are the second batch of this prestigious institution. The students and teachers whole heartedly took part in Holy Qurbana

which was specially arranged for the class X students on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Prior to the Liturgical celebration the students along with Rev. Fathers, Sisters and teachers moved in a procession and lightened the lamp before the grotto of Mother Mary. Participating in the Holy Mass, the Children made special



prayer intentions for the success in the upcoming board exams. After the Holy Mass the Children sought blessings from Rev. Fathers, Sisters and teachers by touching their feet. The Fathers laid their hands on each of the students and prayed over them. Most of the students shared that the entire ambiance gave them a kind of inner joy and

happiness for which they craved for. They had also suggested the same practice of arranging Holy Mass for the outgoing students in the years to come.

The following day witnessed a grand send off programme for the outgoing students as well as for Rev. Father Savio Kollerattu. Various cultural programmes were part of the function. The programme came to an end with a special lunch prepared for the outgoing students and for teaching and non-teaching staffs of the school.



### MANAGER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Christ Jyoti School celebrated its 'Managers Day' on 28<sup>th</sup> February. The staff and students colored the event by staging various entertaining programmes and words of felicitations. The teachers and students wished Rev. Father Antony Pullan the blessings of the day and long life.



**TIDINGS FROM ODGADY**

● Fr. Joseph Varickamackal ●

God is blessing us with His showers of blessings from His bounty. Blessing can be big or small, significant or insignificant but everything is His gift and grace. Our efforts are desolate without His grace. So let us pray to God to continue to bless us that our life in our mission station bear fruit hundred fold for His name and glory.

**PASTORAL VISIT**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November Odgady parish was blessed by the loving presence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph Kodakallil. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration. He was escorted in a procession from convent to church. Mr. Chaturgun, one of our parishioners welcomed him with a bouquet and washed his hands as the tradition of parishioners. The Bishop emphasized the need of family prayer, Bible reading and to lead a witnessing life. He also blessed and prayed for everyone.

**YOUTH CONVENTION**

Ujjwal from our parish participated in the youth convention conducted in Satna. He was awarded II prize for the drawing competition.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Anil the Manager of Christ Jyoti School. Students displayed colourful programmes and wished him all the joys of the day. We also had zonal birthday celebration. Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring communities joined us and made the day memorable.

**WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS**

Next Education had organised one day workshop for teachers in Waidhan. All the members of our staff attended it.

**ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION**

Christ Jyoti School, Odgady celebrated its annual day along with the Christmas celebration.

Rev. Fr. Augustine Pullolikal was the chief guest. Almost all the parents enjoyed the programme and appreciated us.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

Our parishioners including Hindu brethren from our locality



participated in the solemn Eucharistic celebration and shared the joy and happiness of Christmas.

**FEAST OF BL. RANI MARIA AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION**

On 25<sup>th</sup> February Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph Kodakallil celebrated the feast of Bl. Rani Maria and offered Holy Mass. One of our parishioners went to Udainagar for the first feast celebration of Bl. Rani Maria.

Our students were privileged to be awarded by Rt. Rev. Bishop Kodakallil. He distributed the trophies and certificates for the winners of academic and other competitions held in this year respectively. We also gave Rani Maria cash award for the topper of the school.

**RETREAT**

Sixteen parishioners participated in the retreat which was arranged in Singrauli parish. Rev. Fr Benny from Bijnor was the retreat preacher. It was really an experiential retreat for all of them.

**OBITUARY**

Mr. Sukhlal one of our pioneer parishioners passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. In the initial stages of Odgady mission his services were remarkable.

**SEMINAR**

One day seminar was conducted for all teachers. Rev. Fr. James was the resource person. He focused on class room teaching and the ethics of teaching. His guidelines helped the teachers to be more effective in their teaching. ■

**TIDINGS FROM  
SACRED HEART CONVENT SCHOOL, REWA**

● Sr. Christo SH ●

**KAIZEN 2K18**

The annual function 'KAIZEN 2K18' of our school was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 focusing on the theme 'Change for the better'. Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal (Rector, St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna) Mr. Brijesh Singh (Registrar APS University, Rewa), were the dignitaries on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We were blessed with





the graceful presence of His excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna as the chief guest and Dr. S.K. Pandey (Dean of studies, JNKVV college of Agriculture, Rewa) was the guest of honour on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The whole Sacred Heart Family celebrated Christmas and New Year together on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with variety of entertainment programmes and had a sumptuous lunch. Among the staff Lucky, Luckier and Luckiest 2019 were selected. It was a day of fun and frolic.

### REPUBLIC DAY

Rev. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy VC hoisted the flag on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and delivered an inspiring message for the gathering. Many parents were also present to watch the performance of students in the school ground.

### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The prize distribution function of the academic year 2018-19 was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 with variety of programmes for the Kindergarten, Primary and Higher sections. Mrs. Mamta Gupta, the Mayor of Rewa was the chief guest who gave away the prizes for the higher class students and Rev. Fr. Martin for the primary class students. The outstanding words of appreciation of the dignitaries and the theme dance performance were a great inspiration to the students.

### ADIEU

The farewell of the outgoing students of Class XII was arranged on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. A special prayer service was conducted to invoke the blessings of the Almighty upon the outgoing students followed by small programme with light refreshment. Students shared their long years of joyful experiences at Sacred Heart convent school.

### NEW ACADEMIC SESSION

The new academic session started for the teachers with a prayer service and a training programme on 14<sup>th</sup> March and on 15<sup>th</sup> March for the whole school. The school began with a special prayer service led by Sr. Ancy SH, the principal. Sr. Christo SH, the director gave the message and wished a fruitful academic year 2019-20 to everyone.



## TIDINGS FROM CHRIST JYOTI SCHOOL, SATNA

• Sr. Ann Mary SH •

We organised the **Annual Sports Meet 2018-19** on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Rev. Fr. Paul Umassery, the Asst. Manager of Jyoti School, Rewa was the chief guest of the ceremony. In his message he motivated the students to have sportsman spirit and camaraderie. The day was filled with exciting victories and near misses for all the Houses. After the student events the staff members also participated enthusiastically in the events scheduled for them.



We celebrated **Christmas** on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 with great fervour. The entire school vibrated with the echoes of Christmas carols. Rev. Fr. Antony Panachinkal, the Secretary to the Bishop of Satna was the Chief Guest. The students of Primary classes performed colourful items. The significance of the festival was explained through the Christmas Dance Drama.



The **Republic Day** was celebrated in all its solemnity and grandeur on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Shri Siddarth Kushwaha, the MLA was the chief guest of the day. He spoke his share of appreciation for the school and shared some inspirational thoughts to be a true citizen of our country. Students performed colourful cultural items based on patriotic theme. Celebration was followed by **Annual Prize**





**Distribution.** Class toppers were felicitated as they were given mementoes and certificates of appreciation.

Filled with curiosity and zeal, teachers and the students of class XI gathered to bid **farewell to the outgoing class XII, batch 2018** on 31 January 2019. The evening was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers and to reminisce joyous moments. Sitara Arun and Chitransh Shrivastava were awarded as best outgoing students. Rev. Fr. Robin our Manager gave an inspiring and enriching message.



A **workshop** was conducted by Mr. Akhilesh Tiwari (DSP Traffic, Satna) and Mr. Sudhanshu Tiwari (TI Traffic, Satna) on **Traffic Rules**. Students from Class VIII to XI participated in it.

One of our staff members, **Rama Parui** got retired this month. We bade her **farewell on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.



An Awareness program "**Ring The Bell**" was conducted by Fr. Rony, Director of Social Work Centre Pateri. He spoke about how recognition of children with Disability is a must for our society and how we can all come together to embrace and encourage them for their right to education. ■



## TIDINGS FROM SINGRAULI

• Sr. Sajana FCC •

### SCC Prayer Meeting

From the beginning of this year our Parish started conducting the SCC prayer **meetings** in one of the houses of each unit. All the members of the units come together for the sharing of life experiences in the light of WORD OF GOD. Also all the members of the unit had decided to do a community service by helping the needy. The kind of help can either be financial support or supporting the needy as per the requirement.

### Church Feast

We celebrated our church feast on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Rev. Fr. Thomas Thelakkat was the main celebrant of the day. His presence was a grace to the Parish. Neighbouring Parish members, Fathers and Sisters joined us in our celebration. It was also a day of blessing for our Parish as 7 of our Parish children received their first Holy Communion and 9 of them received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



### Golden Jubilee Celebration of Rev. Sr. Mariusha

Golden Jubilee of Rev. Sr. Mariusha was celebrated in the parish on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. It was indeed a joyful day as she is dearly loved by all in the church. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakalil, the main celebrant offered the Holy Mass and wished Sr. Mariusha all the best for her future destiny. He also shared some of Sr. Mariusha's past experiences. All of them appreciated Sr. Mariusha for her dedicated service in all the fields.

### Retreat

A retreat was arranged in our Parish on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, by Rev. Fr. Benny and Sanjeev Masih from Bijnor Diocese, who enriched and enlightened our parishioners to focus on **the Word of God** and imbibe its inner meaning and to live in union with Jesus. The counseling session helped to sort out the problems of individual, family and





community life. As a whole it was a rejuvenating spiritual experience for all of us.

### Christ Jyoti senior secondary school

Christ Jyoti Senior Sec. School, has celebrated its Annual function on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2018, titled 'PRAVAH' (Junior wing program) and 'IGNITE' (Senior wing Program). With the blessings of the Almighty God, dedicated hard work and combined effort of teachers and students, under the able guidance of our Manager Rev. Fr Davis Joseph, Principal Rev. Sr. Pavana, made the function a successful one.

'PRAVAH' (Junior wing program) started at 9:00 a.m presided over by Most Rev. Mar Joseph Kodakallil (Chairman SDS & Bishop of Satna), chief guest Mr. Shivendra Singh (Commissioner, Municipal corporation, Singrauli), Guest of Honor Rev. Fr. Augustine Pullolickal (education secretary SDS), special guest Mr. Anupnair, Alumnus were given guard of honor by the school band. It was a theme based program which explored various aspects of our life. Message for environment conservation, ancient and modern mode of communication and 'GURUKUL' system of teaching and learning process were presented by the students in a creative way and appreciated by the audience. Within the program, previous year's CBSE class XII subject toppers (in Science and commerce stream) were honored with trophy by the chief guest, special guest and the guest of honor. Chairman SDS Most Rev. Mar Joseph Kodakallil has addressed the audience. In his short but précised speech he congratulated the teachers, students and management for organizing the program successfully. He also conveyed his best wishes for completing 47 years of Christ Jyoti school singrauli with excellence in education. Addressing the audience, chief guest Mr. Shivendra Singh appreciated the contribution of Christ Jyoti School in the field of education and spreading awareness among people about several social issues like cleanliness through its various activities. He congratulated the teachers for training of small kids to face the audience without



stage phobia and executing such a fabulous performance with full confidence. Rev. Sr. Pavana honored him with memento as a token of remembrance. Special guest Mr. Anup Nair- alumnus (DGM - op. Concentrix) became emotional when came to the dice for his speech. He lost in remembrance of his school life. He appreciated most of the innovative changes took place in the school premises. Finally after the vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem 'PRAVAH' came to an end at about 12: 00 noon.

**Senior wing program 'IGNITE'** started at around 2:00 p.m. School band team has given guard of honor to chief guest Mr. Riyaz Iqbal (Superintendent of police, Singrauli), Special guest Mr. Khalid Akhtar – alumnus (Dy. commandant CRPF) and the guest of honor Dr. P.N.Singh (Additional Dt. project coordinator RMSA) presided over by most Rev. Mar Joseph Kodakallil (chairman SDS Bishop of Satna), followed by the welcome song and dance presented by the senior wing girl students and lighting the lamp ceremony.

'IGNITE' was also theme based motivational program inspired by the success stories of some of the legendary personalities in various fields. Success stories of Helen Keller, Beethoven, Mother Teresa, Arunimasinha, Kalpana Chawla, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Steve Jobs were presented by the students through dance drama, skit, mimes etc. Apart from these motivational programs senior wing students also spread awareness about use of social media through street play and the most entertaining mad dance and the heart throbbing dance presented by the secondary students. Principal Rev. Sr. Pavana has presented the annual report of school for the academic session 2017-18. She appreciated the CBSE toppers, and those who excelled in zonal level and national level sports/athletic meet and other extra-curricular activities. She also thanked the parents/guardians for their cooperation to conduct the school smoothly. Chief guest Mr. Riyaz Iqbal addressed the students and parents. He motivated them not only to focus on academic excellence but learning the basics of moral values and also develop good character. Guest of honor Dr. P.N. Singh also addressed the audience and appreciated the Christ Jyoti School's contribution in such a remote area of the nation. Special guest Mr. Khalid Akhtar thanked the management for such an honor. He remembered his school days in Christ Jyoti School and wished the students for their bright future. Guests were presented mementos by the school management as a token of remembrance. Finally the 'IGNITE' came to an end after vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem.



**Awareness program** was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Students of class III visited Singrauli police station to get acquainted with the security of Singrauli. They were given the opportunity to visit the various department of police station. The police on duty taught the students safety rules. They also made the students aware of the helpline number for their safety i.e. - 1098. Students returned to school happily keeping the safety rules of the road while crossing the road, as instructed by the police man.

Our school has organized **an outreach program** for class I & II on 19/01/2019. Students visited a Temple, Gurudwara, Mosque, Church and learned about different places of worship, religions and cultures. The students returned with first hand experience of different religious places and religions followed by the people of India. The concept of faith, prayer and belief were introduced to the little ones. And they rejoiced with the feeling of unity in diversity.

Christ Jyoti School organized **"Blessing Day"** for the outgoing students of 2018-19 batch on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The program started with the ceremonial welcome of the students and their parents. The Manager of the school, Rev. Father Augustine delivered his welcome note and highlighted the importance of the day. It was followed by a sweet and meaningful program organized by the students of class XI to show their love and regard towards their seniors.



Students were given a memento as a token of love and remembrance by the Manager and the Principal of the school. In the serene atmosphere, the children received the blessings of their parents and teachers by touching their feet. Those moments were really emotional as well while the spectators witnessed the scene with their welled up eyes. Two of the parents showed their gratitude towards the institution through their speeches. The outgoing students were handed over to their parents with an expectation of their bright future.

**CBCI Mastermind Quiz school level exam** was conducted on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the auditorium. CBCI Exam was a talent Hunt exam that was conducted by the Catholic Bishop Conference of India. The school level winners would be sent to the district level competitions and then to the National level competitions.



## TIDINGS FROM WAIDHAN

**Waidhan Parish cum Rakshadham**

●Fr. Thomas Puthenthayil●

**St. Joseph School, Waidhan**

●Sr. John Mary SABS●

Greetings from Waidhan parish Cum Rakshadham

**New Land:** In Baliyari, the newly bought land of the diocese, on the gas factory road from Waidhan city, with the grace of God, is progressing well with its boundary wall construction under the supervision from Waidhan Catholic church. It is situated 3:1 kms away from starting point of Rakshadham church Road as displayed in Google map.



**Intercessory prayer in Rakshadham:** Rakshadham, the renewal Center of our diocese is blessed with pious volunteers for residential intercessory prayer ministry for the most important Rakshadham ministries. As per the time given, the volunteers come, serve and go back to their respective places. In the year 2018 and until now Our Lord is gracious enough to hear our prayers to send the labourers to harvest in plenty. A Spanish friend of the Rakshadham director, Mr. José Emmanuel spared five days with us in the month of February, 2019. Out of his appreciation for the children who come to Rakshadham, he sponsored a hollow guitar for Rakshadham ministries.



Fiat mission continues its second year of service with Rakshadham, with the support of a family from Jabalpur diocese. We gratefully remember the lay movement, the fiat mission, rendering its spiritual support in an extraordinary manner in the threshold of Rakshadham ministries amidst the hard core social system based on black arts, witchcrafts, sorcery etc. deep rooted from time immemorial in monumental mission area assigned to us for evangelization.





**Christmas celebration:** The Christmas celebration in Waidhan had a new vigour in 2018. Besides the usual liturgical celebration and Chattisgarh dance after the midnight Mass etc., the local children irrespective of caste and creed joined in dance and singing, with very traditional Hindi carol songs picked up from YouTube. Lot of neighbours, reported, as first time in the history of Waidhan got an opportunity to come and pray in the church/crib as the gate is opened for the public. The crib decorations were mainly done by the local non Christian youth as our catholic families used to be busy with school exams besides Christmas stress and anxiety for making crib at home and other arrangements. A good number of people flocked to church on 25<sup>th</sup> December. The Cake was distributed as an expression of sharing our happiness. The parish carol procession was a memorable event for each family. They were given points for making the best cribs. Many did awesome works.

**Day today tidings of Rakshadham :** A good number of people from the surroundings visit the Center in their search for peace, healing and deliverance. It was also observed, from far distant places too non-baptised groups of persons flock to Rakshadham Center. It was also observed that people of the area were possessed with black magic and other evil practices.

The most spontaneously visited group in Rakshadham is children. The children from various schools of Waidhan visit our Center in different timings. On some special days the number of visitors goes beyond hundred. Around 500 copies of "Yesu Nama Shakti" booklets from Attapadi are distributed here. People generally welcome it warmly. The pious articles distributed through Rakshadham Center amount to costing Rupees 15,000/-. Some people get excited to collect the Benedictine medal and holy cross for their protection and ornament.

**The birth day celebration:** The birthday celebration of the director



of Rakshadham was arranged by the local people. Many attractive gifts were given to Father. A long dance programme for two and half hours was conducted. Around 50 persons including children, youth and parents participated in the event without any formal invitation. Thanks to the Lord for the recognition a catholic priest is given by the local people of other religions.

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, W Aidhan

On 26<sup>th</sup> January our students and staff exhibited such showcase of events which in reality outstripped the basic modes of celebration showing respect and pride. The programs kicked off with students and staff reverently witnessing the flag hoisting by Mother superior of the Convent Sr. John Mary. The Republic Day speech was delivered by the Vice Principal, Sr. Vinaya. After the exclusive programs of the school got over, the students and staff departed to Rajmata Chunkumari Stadium in procession to be part of the district level common celebration. Our school remained exquisite in all possible ways with clear exhibition of talents because of fervent hard work from the teachers and students. Our band team and boys' parade team secured first spot in the competition while our dance group secured second spot.

On 9<sup>th</sup> February Students of Class XII were given farewell as they step out from the school. Farewell day celebration was enhanced in standard by presenting it as a Blessing Ceremony which increased the meaning and purpose of the function. We all gathered at St. Joseph shrine of the school. A prayer service was conducted by Sr. Alphy, the principal. Students were given a lighted candle by Rev. Sr. John Mary, reminding them to be a light to the world. We all prayed for them. All the staff stretching their hands over the children sang a touching blessing song which made them all feel the blessings of God through St. Joseph. At the end of the prayer service students kept the candle in front of St. Joseph and personally prayed for his blessing for their bright future. ■





## TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS OF REV. FATHERS & SISTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF SATNA

Name	From	To
<b>ST. THOMAS PROVINCE (Vincentian Congregation)</b>		
Fr. Malayattil Johnson VC	Madhavgarh	Maidani
Fr. Praful Kerketta VC	Studies, Rome	Madhavgarh
Fr. Justin Vattamattam VC	Madhavgarh	Tezpur
Fr. Biju Puthenpura VC	Maidani	Imphal
<b>JEEVA JYOTHI PROVINCE (Sacred Heart Congregation)</b>		
Sr. Prasantha SH	Tikamgarh	Satna
Sr. Jane Jose SH	Tikamgarh	Udhampur - Jammu
Sr. Elsy SH	Tikamgarh	Veerpur, U.P
Sr. Ann Mary SH	Satna	Chandausi-UP
Sr. Merlin SH	Satna	Pakharpura-Pb
Sr. Liya SH	Satna	Pateri
Sr. Tissy Maria SH	Dewra	Muvattupuzha
Sr. Mercy SH	Dewra	Pathra - Dumka
Sr. Sherly Maria SH	Dewra	Koond
Sr. Lucy Vallomkunnel SH	Koond	Muvattupuzha
Sr. Elizebeth SH	Koond	Dewra
Sr. Ajaya SH	Rewa	Faridabad
Sr. Celine Thekkel SH	Rewa	Chandausi
Sr. Merly SH	Pateri	Faridabad
Sr. Vineetha SH	Pateri	Pathra - Jharkand
Sr. Gladis SH	Pateri	Karnal
Sr. Little Rose	Pakharpura - Panjab	Tikamgarh
Sr. Albin	Gakhalan - Panjab	Tikamgarh
Sr. Merin	Faridabad	Tikamgarh
Sr. LucyKakkanat	Lidhran - Panjab	Pateri
Sr. Liset	Chandausi	Pateri
Sr. Kripa	Provincial House	Pateri
Sr. Prasantha	Tikamgarh	Satna
Sr. Beena	Palampur - Jammu	Satna
Sr. Nancy	Chandausi	Satna
Sr. Kochurani	Faridabad	Dewra
Sr. Josy Maria	Provincial House	Dewra
Sr. Anice Varickamackal	Maqsudhan - Panjab	Koond
Sr. Daisy Nedumpuram	Faridabad	Rewa
Sr. Rosilit	Muvattupuzha	Rewa



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Sr. Annu Maria CSN	Assam	Chhatarpur
Sr. Lavanya CSN	Nowgong	Kothi
Sr. Maria Therese CSN	Kerala	Nowgong
Sr. Ambrosia CSN	Kothi	Nowgong
Sr. Terecine CSN	Pateri	Kothi
Sr. Lavanya CSN	Nowgong	Kothi
<b>AMALA PROVINCE (FCC Congregation)</b>		
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Sr. Sincitta FCC	Sarni	Odagady
Sr. Neethu Thomas FCC	Bhopal	Odagady
Sr. Anitha Jose FCC	Odagady	Faridabad
Sr. Ann Jose FCC	Odagady	Ratlam
Sr. Merin FCC	Odagady	Brahmapuri
Sr. Jasmin FCC	Raigarh	Sidhi
Sr. Namrata FCC	Ratlam	Sidhi
Sr. Keerti FCC	Sidhi	Raigarh
Sr. Pranidha FCC	Sidhi	Singrauli
Sr. Jaisy FCC	Pithampur	Singrauli
Sr. Sajeeva FCC	Wardha	Singrauli
Sr. Jainy FCC	Singrauli	Udainagar
Sr. Mariusha FCC	Singrauli	Jabalpur
Sr. Pavana FCC	Singrauli	Wardha
<b>PUSHPADHAM PROVINCE (SD Congregation)</b>		
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Sr. Seema SD	Khajuraho	Gurgaon (Haryana)
Sr. Saphalya SD	Delhi	Khajuraho
Sr. Anmy SD	Delhi	Khajuraho
Sr. Elin Nagesia SD	Pagalam	Khajuraho
<b>PRABHUDASI SISTERS OF AJMER (PSA)</b>		
Sr. Selma PSA	Lavkush Nagar	Maruthi (Delhi)
Sr. Kripa PSA	Lavkush Nagar	Treatment
Sr. Regi PSA	Ajmer	Lavkush Nagar
Sr. Riya Gill PSA	Ajmer	Lavkush Nagar

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## BISHOP'S DIARY

February	
02	Religious Vestition & First Profession CSN, St. Vincent Cathedral Church, Satna
05	Presbyterium
06	School Managers-Principals Meeting
11	School Annual Day, Kailaspur
13	ETC Seminar on Youth
14	School Annual Day, Deosar
24	Golden Jubilee of Sr Mariusha FCC, Singrauli
March	
04	ETC Trust Meeting
06	ETC Visitation
07	CBMP, Bhopal
16	Pateri, Samaritan Office Blessing Samaritan Governing Body Meeting
17	Formation Council Meeting, ETC
20	Holy Qurbana, ETC
21	Panna: Inauguration of Mother Teresa Hospital
24	Holy Qurbana, Pateri
31	Parish Feast, Panna
April	
08	SCC Meeting Bhopal
23-24	Seminarians' Gathering, Pateri
26	Formation Meeting, Mount St. Thomas
28	Bangalore
May	
01	Jubilee, SHNH, Pateri
10	Priestly Ordination, Musgutri
June	
01	Holy Qurbana, Changanacherry Cathedral
29	Holy Qurbana, DST Generalate