

EPARCHY OF SATNA

Happy Christmas & Happy New Year



and the **Word** became **flesh**
and **dwelt** among us
John 1:14 a



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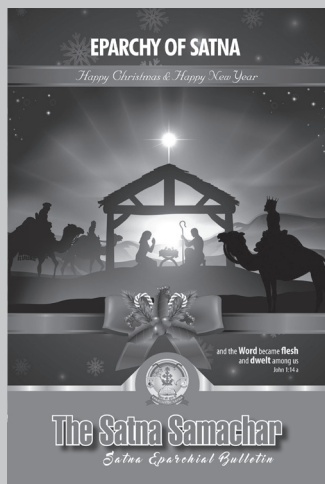


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Bishop's Message

We have just celebrated the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Christmas brings joy in our hearts because a saviour is born for us (Lk 2,11). We need to make an earnest attempt to walk like the shepherds to reach the manger to encounter the saviour of the world and this journey requires desire, sacrifice, alertness, and perseverance to meet him. An encounter with the saviour will impel us to glorify and praise God as we return to our places of work (cf. Lk 2,20). Jesus came down from heaven to be Emmanuel and to save us. Our hearts must be disposed to receive him for which we have a preparatory period of twenty-five days of fasting, prayer and meditation on Word of God.

Christmas is the manifestation of God's love in the world. The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all people (Tit 2,11) which is realised in the incarnation of Jesus. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father (Jn 1,14). Jesus came to reveal the Father because only the Son knows the Father and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him (Lk 10,22). We are a blessed people because we have seen and heard the saviour whom many prophets and kings wanted to see and hear (Lk 10,23-24).

By the birth of Jesus true light has come to the world that enlightens every person and dispels all darkness (cf. Jn1,9). St Paul says that we are the children of light and children of the day, we are not of the night or of darkness. So let us not sleep but be awake and sober to receive Jesus in our hearts (1 Thess 4,5-6). Christmas is an invitation to walk and stay in the light and renounce all works of darkness or of flesh (Rom 13,12; Gal 5,19-21).

Let Christmas season enlighten and illumine our lives with the true light and help us to haste like Mother Mary to be at the service of others. May Jesus bless all your initiatives and endeavours.

Wish you the joy, peace and blessing of Christmas and pray for a serene New Year 2020!

Mar Joseph Kodakallil



Circular - ***Ad limina Visit***

George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Men and Women Religious and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!



Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

The *ad limina apostolorum* visit of the Syro-Malabar Bishops was held at the Vatican from October 3-14, 2019. The visit started with the Holy Qurbana offered by the bishops at the tomb of St. Peter at 8 am on 3 October. The very meaning of *ad limina apostolorum* is that the bishops who are the successors of the apostles are at the place of the apostles, Peter and Paul who were martyred in Rome.

The most important part of the *ad limina* visit was the meeting with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The meeting took place on 3 October from 10.30 am to 12.30 p.m. We were received in the Consistory Hall of the Vatican Palace. We were seated in two lines. When the Holy Father came, he saw that his chair was placed a little far from the bishops and he then asked the priest-translator to move the chair close to the bishops. He did also help in moving the chair. In the Hall, there were forty eight bishops, the translator and the Holy Father, and nobody else. It was very cordial and fruitful.

At the outset, I offered our gratitude to the Holy Father for what he is doing for the Church in common and specially to the Syro-Malabar Church. I requested the Holy Father to give the Syro-Malabar Church the permission to render pastoral service to the people of our Church *suiiuris* in the Gulf countries. At the request of the Holy Father, Archbishop Mar Moolakkatt was appointed the moderator of the meeting and he invited all the bishops who raised their hands to speak one after another. The Holy Father responded to each question individually. The following are the ideas and action plans that were formulated in the meeting with the Holy Father:



1. There is the need to do the possible so that the priests get a deeper awareness of their vocation and mission. When he was requested to give a special message for the priests, he brought to our attention the letter he wrote on 4 August 2019 for priests. The Holy Father shared four major ideas: Priests should live in a close relationship with God; they should foster a close relationship with their respective bishops; the bishops should love them and deal with them with great sensitivity and regard; the priests should develop cordial relationship with the laity and they should be discharging their duties with great commitment.
2. For the faithful in the Gulf countries, arrangements are being made to give them pastoral care according to their Church traditions and faith heritage.
3. Pope responded positively to the suggestion of the bishops to hold a special Synod for the Oriental Catholic Churches.
4. The Holy Father, in response to the request of the Bishops to have a church and a rectory in order to coordinate the activities of the ten Syro-Malabar Centres in Rome, asked Mar Stephen Chirappanath, the Procurator and Apostolic Visitor of Europe, to bring this request to his attention later.
5. The Holy Father has asked us to speed up programmes for evangelization as the Church has got now the permission to engage in pastoral activities in the whole of India. Evangelization does not mean just an increase of the number of Catholics but the development of committed Christians who can attract people to Christ through their exemplary lives. The Holy Father added that suffering and martyrdom are integral parts of the ministry of evangelization.
6. Lastly, we asked for details of the Amazon Synod to be held soon in Rome. The Pope spoke about the misinformation that was making rounds at that time in the media. He asked us to pray for the successful completion of the Synod. All of us were edified and had very cordial feelings after the meeting with the Holy Father.

All the bishops stayed at the international Seminary of *Maria Mater Ecclesiae* under the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ. The seminarians from Asia and Latin America reside at this college.



From Kerala itself, 25 students are now staying there for their priestly formation.

The *ad limina* visit was a time of special blessings for us bishops. The programmes of the visit cemented more deeply the unity and fraternity that augmented among the bishops during the August Synod. The visit to the Oriental Congregation after the meeting with the Holy Father was very fruitful. We expressed our gratitude to Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, the Prefect of the Congregation for his decisive interventions in favour of our Church in recent times. He expressed his satisfaction at the success of the August Synod and encouraged us to go forward in peace and unity. The bishops exchanged their views visiting the other Congregations too. The visits to the various offices were concluded on 11 October.

The transportation arrangements for visits to the different Congregations and the Pontifical Councils were made by the priests of the *Opera della Chiesa*. Their services to the bishops who come to Rome are inestimable.

There are four major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter's, St. John the Lateran, Mary Major and St. Paul's Outside the Wall. In three of them, all the bishops offered Holy Masses for the intentions of the Church. A prayer vigil was held at the Mary Major Basilica on the day before the canonization of Sr. Mariam Thresia. Cardinal Becciu, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints was the main celebrant at the prayer vigil.

All the bishops participated in the canonization ceremony on 13 October after the *ad limina* visit. On that day, the Holy Father raised Sr. Mariam Thresia to the status of sainthood along with four others including Cardinal Newman. The Canonization ceremony that included Holy Mass by the Holy Father was attended by Sri. V. Muraleedharan, the Hon. Minister of State, Sri. Syam Kumar, the Manipur cabinet minister and Sri. Siby George, the Indian Ambassador to the Vatican, as members of the Indian delegation. All the bishops joined together to offer a Holy Qurbana of thanksgiving at St. Anastasia Basilica in Rome on the following day after canonization.

The concluding part of the Silver Jubilee celebration of the establishment of the community of the Syro-Malabar faithful in Rome was held on Sunday, 6 October at the Marian pilgrim Centre of *Divino Amore*. All the bishops participated in the Holy Mass and the meeting held on that day.



Another important event during the days of *ad limina* visit was the blessing of the *Procura* known as *Domus Mar Thoma*. All the bishops were concelebrants at the mass. After the Holy Mass, Cardinal Sandri inaugurated the *Procura*. He and I jointly blessed the *Procura*. Many of the faithful and distinguished guests from various Congregations and religious superiors participated in the function which concluded with a lunch. This house will be useful for the various activities of our Church in Rome. Its construction and renovation were done with the help and contributions of many people. The leadership of Mar Stephen Chirappanath, the Apostolic Visitor in Rome as well as the Procurator of the Church deserves our gratitude. We are grateful to God Almighty for making it possible for us to have this common house in Rome. The contribution of the faithful in the procurement of this house is being acknowledged here with great gratitude.

The *ad limina* visit was an occasion of great spiritual and ecclesial experience for all the bishops. The Bishops could witness the working of the Universal Church and broaden their outlook based on that knowledge. The pilgrimage to Assisi was another event of great spiritual blessings. We offered a Holy Mass together at the church where the relics of St. Francis Assisi are kept. We remember with special gratitude the service rendered by the priests of the Franciscan Conventual Monastery. All the programmes connected to the *ad limina* visit came to an end on 14 October.

You have come to know about all these, I am sure, through the print and visual media. May the Lord bless you to discharge your great service to the Lord with more faith and deep attachment to the Church. May Holy Mother and St. Mariam Thesia, the new saint from our Church, may intercede for you and your families.

Yours cordially in Christ Jesus,

George Cardinal Alencherry

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkannad, on 1 November 2019.

NB: *This Circular shall be made known to the Priests, Religious and Laity of all the Archeparchies/Eparchies of Syro-Malabar Church through appropriate means. It could also be read out in the churches.*



Seminar and Colloquium at St. Ephrem's Theological College

Fr. George Kudilil

In connection with the 'Extraordinary Missionary Month' declared by Pope Francis on the occasion of the centenary of *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV in 1919, St. Ephrem's Theological College, with the collaboration of the Eparchy of Satna, hosted a two-days' National Seminar and Colloquium with the title *Liberative Word and Missionary Praxis* on 3-4 September, 2019. The inaugural session of the National Seminar was held at 9.30 a.m. on the first day in the *aula magna* of the Seminary. The session was preceded by the solemn procession and installation of the Holy Bible and the invocation of the Holy Spirit with the hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus*. As the chanting of the upanishadic hymn *asatoma sadgamaya* reverberated in the hall, the Lamp was lighted and the seminar was formally opened.

The inaugural address was delivered by Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Bishop of Satna and the Chairman of the Synodal Commission for ETC. He insisted that the missionary mandate is the real vocation of the church as a whole. He elucidated the

meaning of the motto of the Extraordinary Missionary Month: "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the world." Mar Raphael Thattil, Bishop of Shamshabad and Member of the Synodal Commission for ETC, delivered the keynote address. He discussed the importance of prayer and suffering for the success of missionary work. His talk was seasoned with anecdotes and his own experiences in his vast diocese. Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector of ETC, welcomed and Rev. Dr. Cyriac Puliampallil, the Joint Convener of the Seminar, thanked the guests.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Embrayil VC, a veteran missionary and missiologist, presided over the first session. Three papers were presented in this session. Rev. Dr. Cyriac Valiakunnunpurath (Paurastya Vidyapitham, Kottayam) presented the first paper and it was entitled, "Religious Identity of Israelites and Missionary Consciousness during the Exilic and Post-exilic Biblical History." In the second paper, Rev. Dr. Mathew Palachuvattil (Holy Trinity Major



Seminary, Jalandhar) spoke about the "Mission Mandate in the Synoptic Gospels." Mr. Joseph Chittliapilly (lay missionary from the Eparchy of Kalyan) presented his experiences as a missionary. Each presentation was followed by lively interactions. Rev. Dr. George Mangalapilly thanked all.

The second session was held in the afternoon and it was presided over by Rev. Sr. Keerthi CHF, principal of Nirmal Matha School, Kailashpur. In this session, three papers were presented and discussed: Rev. Dr. George Alukka CST (Provincial, Khrist Jyoti Province, Narsinghgarh, Rajasthan) spoke on "Sent to Share: A Reflection on Christian Mission on John 20:21-23 with Special Reference to CST Mission in Punjab"; Rev. Dr. Joseph Anikuzhikattil SDB (SH Theological College, Shillong) on "Initial Proclamation in the Teachings of the Church" and Rev. Dr. Paul Chungath (Syncellus, Eparchy of Sagar) on "Joy of the Gospel: Reflections on and Reminiscences of Sharing the Gospel." Lively discussions followed the presentations. Rev. Dr. Devamitra Nellankavil thanked the audience.

The concluding session was conducted at 4.15 p.m. under the presidentship of Very Rev. Dr. John Thoppil, the Protosyncellus of the Eparchy of Satna. Mar Sebastian Vadakkal, Bishop of Ujjain and Member of the

Synodal Commission for ETC gave the concluding message. In his message he reiterated the need of a reinvention and rededication of the missionary mandate given to the Church and the concerted effort to mission *ad gentes*. Rev. Dr. George Kudilil proposed vote of thanks. The session was followed by the seminary anthem and a cultural evening performed by the students of ETC and Bethania Institute of Religious Studies.

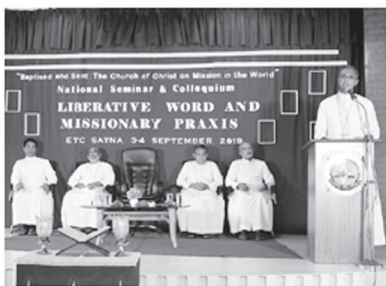
The Colloquium was conducted on the second day. Five papers were presented and serious discussions were held so as to bring out the nuances of "mission" in the Bible and to understand their significance in the situation of India. The papers were presented by Rev. Dr. Manoj Parackal MST (Ruhalya major Seminary, Ujjain) on "A search into the Dimensions of Mission Elements in the Book of Deuteronomy"; Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kunnumpurath OCD, (Teresianum, Rome) on "Involvement of the Servant of God in the Liberative Mission of the People in Exile – A Rereading of the Babylonian Exile in the Current Indian Context"; Sr. Dr. Linta Pulickathadathil SH (SH Generalate, Kottayam) on "Esther: An Exemplary Woman Missionary Model in the Cultural and Religious Scenario of India"; Rev. Dr. Sibichan Panthanmackal MSFS (Thejus Vidyapith, Bengaluru) on "Discipleship as a Paradigm for a



Missionary in the Gospel of Mark" and Rev. Dr. Sibichen Joseph Ottapurackal (ETC, Satna) on "Pauline Mission Strategies in the Indian Context."

The National Seminar and Colloquium was attended by the students of ETC and of other houses of formation in and around Satna. Besides, many Priests and Sisters as well as a few interested lay persons took part in the sessions. It was a beautiful occasion to reflect on the missionary responsibility of the Church and to open new paths for

reaching people with the good news. The biblical foundations of missionary enterprise have become strikingly evident to the audience. Various methods of evangelization narrated by the speakers opened new horizons and challenged them to experiment new ways. Both ETC and the Eparchy of Satna deserve our gratitude for arranging such a thought provoking programme. The papers and deliberations in the form of a book in the near future will definitely help the Church at large to gain from it.





JUBILEE

a time to rejoice and Rejuvenate

Sr. Rose Chakkiah SABS

Some gifts you hold in your hands.... Some you hold in your hearts.

Dear Jubilarians, How have you followed Christ to the full these past 50, 25 years? Pope Francis tells, "The consecrated life will not flourish as a result of brilliant vocation programs, but because the young people we meet find us attractive, because they see us as men and women who are happy ... that our total self-giving in service to the Church, to families and young people, to the elderly and the poor, brings us life-long personal fulfillment."

I think that is what we are celebrating: Your life-long personal fulfillment – that has taken each of you from the comforts of your homes and flung you into classrooms, into parishes, into college campuses and into positions of leadership – made you librarians, treasurers, principals and directors – directors of religious education, of hostels, of formation, of vocations and of places where miracles happen. Each and every one of you sharing in the common journey to honor Divine Providence is called to be God's loving care through your works of love, mercy and justice and through the eloquence of your lives. An important aspect of the religious life is the celebration of milestones, such as silver and golden jubilee of religious profession. This is a time to remember and rejoice, rejuvenate and renew the commitment that has been such an important part of the life of the Sister and the congregation.

It is a world where the value of religious life is losing ground. The Church and the Congregation face so many challenges. The Church had been witnessing in every age various challenges and problems faced in religious life and it continues today too. In this scenario there are people of God who admire and appreciate the religious life and its relevance. Today jubilee is a common celebration in religious life, married life and even for the institution.

Etymology of Jubilee

The word "jubilee" is derived from the Hebrew word *jobel*, which



means "ram's horn"; since it was precisely that horn which was used as a trumpet, whose sound indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus, the code of holiness is the source which tells us of the significance of the jubilee year, a year of liberation "par excellence," which is at the end of seven weeks of years, seven times seven years and the fiftieth year.

Biblical Concept of Jubilee

Leviticus 25:9-13 speak of the year of Jubilee. "Then shall thou cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the **tenth day** of the seventh month, on the Day of Atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land ... **Set the 50th year apart. Announce freedom all over the land to everyone who lives there.** The 50th year will be a year of Jubilee for you. **Each of you must return to your own family property.** And each of you must return to your own tribe. Do not plant anything. Do not gather what grows without being planted. And do not gather the grapes from the vines you have not taken care of. It is a Year of Jubilee. It will be holy for you. Eat only what the field produces. In the Year of Jubilee all of you must return to your own property.

Every 50 years has to be a year of Jubilee throughout the land. The Jubilee year had huge economic, social and family implications. During the Jubilee, slaves were to be set free. The land has to be restored to its original owner and the families were to be reunited. The year of Jubilee would restore the families and free the land from the bondage of debt as all mortgages were canceled. The Jubilee would come every 50 years or a generation and it would put an end to financial oppression. All bondages would be broken and the people would be free to start fresh. It was also a year of agricultural rest as there would be no farming during this year. It was a year to focus on God and not on farming, money and social problems. It was a time of restoration: In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession. Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shall fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God".

A Time to Rest

There is a fundamental expression and proposal of experiences in the jubilee year - a rest. A rest carrying gift and relationship with God: everything is his gift and we are able to refer everything to him. The culture of the "Saturday" changes the quality of life; it leads one back to one's own roots, to the reasons for one's own existence; and can open



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Showers of Blessings

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SEMINAR ON BAPTIZED AND SENT :
MEANING OF EVANGELIZATION
IN INDIA TODAY

Rev.Dr. Shalini PBVM

12/11/2019

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



EPARCHY OF SATNA WISHES YOU A BLESSED JUBILEE YEAR



to the happiness possible in history. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; in it you shall neither sow, nor reap what grows of itself, nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat what the field yields (Lev 25: 11-12).

This consolation will resound in an unforeseeable and complete way in the relationship with Jesus of Nazareth, the Lord; thanks to whom it is possible to live, rest and restoration; to have the experience of consolation in the face of every desolation. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God; for whoever enters God's rest also ceases from his labors as God did from his. Let us, therefore, strive to enter that rest, which no one falls by the same sort of disobedience (Heb 4: 6-11). It is a time to rest and recall the marvelous works of God in one's life.

Conclusion

A Call to religious life is not about our deciding what we want to do. Rather, the Call comes, knocks and begins to put ideas in our heads; attracts and frightens; and often we are not accepting it. It is as if the call is with us before we are with the call. Through the years in religious life, I recognized that the "Joy" I had seen from the Sisters was a "Perfect Joy." This joy included the shadows I experienced and also the days of discouragement and disappointments. That is to say, that like Jesus who carried His cross out of love it was through the crucifixion I could learn to experience real Joy. As I lived the Gospel values for all who need our prayers; it was through self-patience and sacrifice that I have felt "Perfect Joy."

The religious who have been clothed not just with a habit or a sign of consecration, but as St. Paul wrote, "clothed with love," having put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and done everything in his name, rightly give thanks to God the Father (Col 3:17). Together we celebrate the words of Isaiah. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God who is the joy of my soul."

Take the risk, become real, live the call with integrity, live it in the fullness of its truth. And through all the challenges, twists and turns in this journey, we slowly live into the call, we slowly live into the charism and we slowly live into the very depths of the Shepherd's heart.

"Grant, oh my God, that all who dwell in this house will love thee much; will love one another and may never forget why they came here".





GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF CMC REWA

Sr. Rekha CMC

A glimpse to the humble beginning of Rewa mission.

As requested by Late Bishop Mar Abraham Mattam, our then Superior General, Mother Mary Celine and team sent two Sisters, Sr Reparata from Thrissur province and Sr Majella from Kothamangalam province to begin the mission in Rewa. It was on 31st October 1969 that our Sisters reached Rewa. Late Bishop Mar Abraham Mattam accompanied the Sisters from Satna to Rewa and made all the arrangements needed. Sisters stayed in a rented house at Civil Lines. Fr James Edavazhithara VC was the Parish Priest. From 15th January 1970 onwards these two Sisters started teaching in Sainik School, Rewa. In the year 1971 the Superior General Mother Celine and team handed over the Rewa mission, which was under the Generalate for two years, to Pavanathma Province, Kothamangalam. The then Provincial Superior, Mother Victima sent three Sisters, Sr Christabel, Sr Tresa Martin and Sr Celia as pioneers to take up the continuation of the mission that our Sisters were already doing. Sr Majella went back to Kerala before long, but Sr Reparata stayed with the newly arrived Sisters until 13th March 1971, though she terminated her service in the *Sainik School* on 30th January 1971. Srs Tresa Martin and Celia started to teach in *Sainik School*, from 18th January 1971. The parish priests of Bodabag, Frs James Edavazhithrara VC, Antony Kakkanattu VC and Paul Edasseril VC were of great support for the Sisters in the time of initial struggles.

Meanwhile Jyoti School was started as *Jyoti Shishu Vidyalyaya* on 11th January 1972 at Bodabag under the management of the Exarchate of Satna. Sr Christabel was the first Principal. They started the school in Jyoti Bhavan presbytery with five students. As the classes came up more Sisters were sent to Rewa and on 5th July 1973 Sisters were



shifted to Jyoti Bhavan from the rented house and Fathers moved out to a rented house.

On 28th June 1976 the new school building and a convent at Chunapetta were blessed and the convent was shifted to the new building at Chunapetta on 2nd May 1977 and by then CMC Sisters discontinued their service in *Sainik School* and started teaching in Jyothi School.

We gratefully place on record the love, concern and the constant support and patronage that we received from our late bishop Mar Abraham Mattam as well as from our former bishop Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal and our present bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil and their consulters. We are also thankful to all the Fathers who helped us generously especially the parish priests, managers and principals during the last 50 years.

Golden Jubilee of Carmelite Convent Rewa was celebrated on 16th September. 2019. Holy Eucharistic celebration was held at 5.30 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mar Joseph Kadakallil, the Bishop of Satna was the main celebrant of the day. Very Rev. Frs John Thoppil and Mathew Thottakara, the Vicar Generals of the diocese of Satna, Rev. Fr Sebastian VC, provincial councilor, Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, Rector of St Ephrem's Theological Collage, Rev. Fr. Martin VC were the concelebrants.

Sr Josmi, the Provincial Superior and her team along with many other Sisters from different communities were present for the celebrations. Fathers and Sisters from Rewa and from nearby mission stations, parishners, friends and well wishers were present for the jubilee celebrations.

Sr Little Tresa gave a short introduction about the beginning of Rewa mission. At the end of the Holy Mass Sr Rekha gave thanks to everyone. Mr Philip and team made the celebration lovely with their melodious voices. After the solemn Eucharistic celebration we exchanged our jubilee greetings with everyone present. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Very Rev. Sr Josmi and Sr Rekha cut the jubilee cake. A sumptuous meal was prepared under the guidance of Mr Sibi and Lijo. Our Fathers at Bodabag made the evening very colourful with their active collaboration in every part of the jubilee celebrations. ■



TIDINGS FROM ST. EPHREM'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

● Bro. Antony Kizhakkethalakkal ●

SYNODAL COMMISSION VISIT

The Synodal commission for St. Ephrem's Theological College visited the seminary on 6th September. Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Sebastian Vadakkell and Mar Raphel Thattil met all the students in batches and in person, and also met the



resident staff. Students put forward their suggestions and thanked the commission for all the opportunities. Soon after the Ramsa, Mar Raphael Thattil gave a concluding message. The commission was very happy about the functioning of St. Ephrem's. The commission appreciated the contributions of the staff and the seminarians for their support and cooperation to make the seminary alive and fruitful.

HOME DAY CELEBRATIONS

St. Ephrem's Theological College celebrated the home day on 2nd October. Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal offered the Solemn Holy Qurbana. Later brothers engaged themselves in the decoration and arrangements. The home day gathering took place in the evening. Mr. Riyaz Iqbal IPS, Superintendent of Police, Satna, was the chief guest. Very Rev. Dr. C. A. Varghese, Vicar General of Marthoma Church, Delhi Province and the Principal of Christukula Senior Higher Secondary School presided over the meeting. Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal extended a cordial welcome to all the guests. The Vice - Rector, Rev Fr. John Kondooparambil presented the annual report of the year 2018-2019. The function was packed with various cultural programmes by the brothers. The cash awards for proficiency were distributed for the respective ones of each batch by the chief guest. The presence of entire Ephrem parihar, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, candidates from various communities and a few lay people from various parishes of the





Eparchy of Satna made the celebrations more attractive. The gathering of the day was followed by delicious dinner for all.

MISSION EXPOSURE PROGRAMME

As part of the curriculum, the village apostolate of St. Ephrem's organized village exposure programme for the students from 1st to 15th November. All the batches except deacons were sent to different places for imbibing mission experience, to get embedded with different culture and people, to understand how the mission and missionaries work in different situations and to know the modern means of proclaiming the Word of God to people who are unaware of Jesus Christ.



FAREWELL TO DEACONS

On 21st November St. Ephrem's bade farewell to the reverend deacons. The farewell programme began with solemn Ramsa led by Rev. Dn. Vellamkunel Emmanuel. Thereafter the farewell gathering was arranged in the shuttle court of the seminary. The Rector welcomed everyone and encouraged the deacons to go forward with much enthusiasm and vigor. The deep sentiment of love and intimacy towards the seminary was well seen in the sharing session of deacons. Rev. Fr. George Kudilil felicitated them and exhorted them to be good and holy priests of God. Rev. Dn. Vazhakalayil Antony thanked all the staff members and students for molding them through the years. Deacons contributed financial assistance for conducting quiz competitions among batches in the memory of late Dn. Varghese Kannampilly for 10 years. The Vincentian community also joined the farewell gathering.



ANNUAL RETREAT

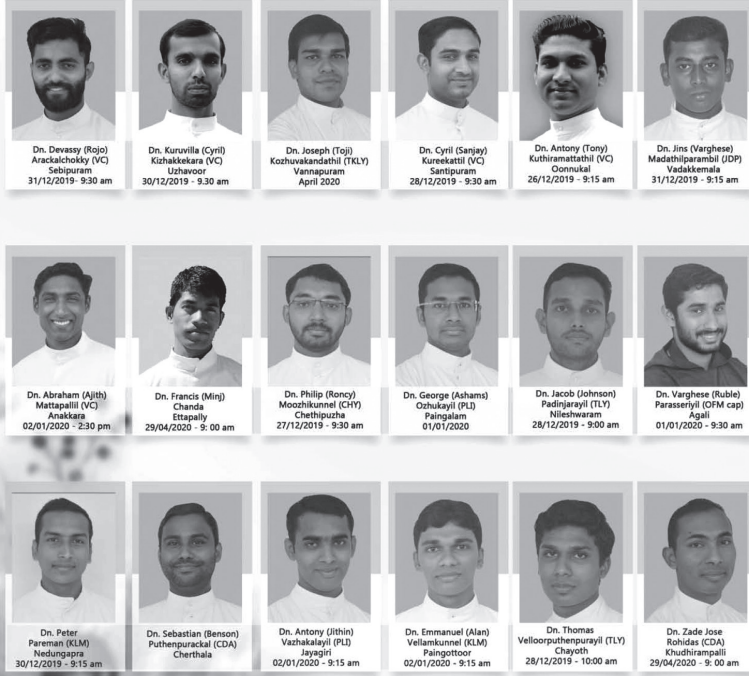
The annual retreat of the year 2019-20 was conducted on 15th to 19th November. The Retreat started after Leliya with an introductory talk. First, second and third years were fortunate to have Rev. Fr. Jacob Mariyadas OCD as the preacher. The deacons were blessed to have Rev Fr. John Pallipatt CMI. The annual retreat got over by evening with





the adoration and deliverance prayer. It was really a blessed occasion to think about our vocation.

Congratulations and best wishes to New Priests and Deacons



TIDINGS FROM BETHANIA

• Sr. Vijaya DST •

Once again the joy and happiness of Christmas is approaching our life with the message of humility and togetherness. Bethania is also getting ready to receive this season of joy and love.

The whole month of October was celebrated solemnly with special rosary recitation in the morning before the Holy Qurbana on the concluding day there was a solemn procession with songs sung in 5 different languages. All through the month of November Mercy Rosary was recited solemnly in the morning as part of special devotion towards the



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merciful heart of Jesus. All these spiritual exercises truly helped in the spiritual nourishment of the candidates.

6th November was an ever cherishable day for the candidates of Bethania. As part of their study they went for a picnic to Purva waterfalls. On the Eparchial day held at Pateri on 12th November our candidates greeted the jubilarians with a melodius wishing song. The academic year ended on November 30. The convocation ceremony was held on 4th December at V.C. Study house. The day started with Holy Qurbana celebrated by Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakkallil at 7 a.m. It was followed by Photo session along with Bishopji. The public function began at 5 p.m. Candidates performed various cultural programmes and made the day very beautiful. Rev. Fathers from ETC, Bishop's House, Pateri and Sisters from various Congregations like CSN, SABS, SD, CPS and MSJ took part in the functions. Bishopji and Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal congratulated Bethania for its excellent performance and urged us to be thankful to Almighty God who guided us safely throughout the past 4 months. Certificates were distributed to all the candidates. The day ended with a grand supper.

Our Provincial Superior Rev. Sr. Jessy Manayath and the Councilor Rev. Sr. Reny came here as part of the canonical visit. They also paid a visit to the class and gifted the candidates with a rosary. We express our gratitude towards them for their kind visit.

TIDINGS FROM SABS, PATERI

ARADHANA BHAVAN

● Sr. Maria Jose SABS ●

SNEH SADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

● Sr. Jessy Tresa SABS ●

RETREATS

- The annual retreat was conducted at Provincial House, Pateri from 11th to 16th August. Rev. Fr Jose George was the resource person and around 40 Sisters participated in the retreat.





- A retreat for three days was arranged for the Pre-Aspirants at Provincial House from 26th to 28th August. Rev. Fr Shellmon from Bhopal was the resource person.



- We have conducted a charismatic retreat from 22nd October to 26th October for our Sisters in the Provincial house. Dhoni team of 9 persons under the leadership of Rev. Fr Reni guided the retreat. Around 65 Sisters participated in it.



- Five of our Postulants attended the retreat at Dhoni as a preparation to enter into their Novitiate.

Prayer Services & Programmes

- Three days of Orientation Programme was arranged for the local superiors at Provincial House from 16th August to 18th August. They were enriched through talks on different topics together with discussions.
- The feast of St Monica was anticipated and celebrated at Provincial House on 25th August 2019. All the mothers of the parish were invited; Holy hour and talk on St Monica were arranged by our Sisters. The programme was concluded with agape.
- 10 days of solemn Holy Rosary were conducted at Provincial House in the month of October in honor of our Blessed Mother.

Eucharistic Evening

- Aradhana Bhavan Pateri conducted a special Eucharistic evening on 13th October 2019 on the occasion of extra-ordinary mission month of October 2019. Our parishners as well as the neighboring religious communities were invited to this event. The programme started with the solemn one hour Holy Rosary at 4.00 p.m. guided by the Parish Priest Rev. Fr Jacob Adambakallel. It was followed by a talk by Sr Lee Rose Kachapilly on 'Faith'- how it can be lived and shared, tips to be followed in order to live the mission which we have



received. We guided the people in prayer through the 'Holy hour' conducted by Sr Rosmy Kurre. The event was concluded with the singing of holy praises of St Mariam Thresia who was canonized to sainthood on the same day. The special programme came to an end with the agape.



Jubilee Celebration

- We celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Rev. Srs Reetha Valloran, Rosily Edassery and Rose Chakkiath and the Silver Jubilee of Srs Arpitha Thiruthel, Emilia Chakkiath and Tissia Puthussery in the Provincial house on 29th October 2019. The thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration was officiated by Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna. Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and other well wishers from the neighboring communities and family members of the Jubilarians attended the function and congratulated the jubilarians. There was a felicitation programme and agape, followed by family gathering in which the family members of the





jubilarians shared their joy for getting this opportunity to attend the function.

We celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr Thomas Chirattavayalil in our Provincial House. After the Solemn Holy Eucharist we extended the Jubilee greetings to him.

Feast of Christ the King

- Province day was celebrated on 24th November 2019, the Feast of Christ the King. A competition in flower vase making was conducted for the Pre- Aspirants on the previous day and prizes were distributed on the same day. A special Holy hour was conducted and all shared the festal joy and greetings with one another.

Words of Gratitude

- We gratefully thank our dear Rev. Frs Job Vallianal, Dennis Kajirakompil, Antony Panachinkal and Antony Maruthummoottil for their timely help and support to our community. We wish and pray that the good Lord bless them in their new mission.

SNEH SADAN SCHOOL

- Sneh Sadan Special School celebrated the Teachers' day in the presence of Very Rev. Mother Rose Therese. Sr Jessy Tresa, the Principal of the School welcomed everyone to the gathering. Teachers were honored by the students with flowers and with their colorful cultural programme. On this occasion our teachers were enriched with the thought provoking message of Rev. Mother Rose Therese.
- An awareness programme for parents was arranged in Sneh Sadan School on 28th September 2019. Rev. Sr Rosmy Kurre was the resource person of the day. She spoke to the parents about 'how to manage the special children for their daily living and education'. At the end of the session parents expressed their gratitude.
- We anticipated and celebrated the feast of Rev. Mother Rose Therese, the Manager and Sr Jessy Tresa, the Principal. The Students expressed their love and respect through their cultural programme.
- Sneh Sadan School arranged an outing for the staff and students on 14th November to Mukundpur - White Tiger Safari & Zoo. All enjoyed the one day trip.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

●Fr. Augustine Chittuparambil●

A golden feather was added to the crown of glory of the Education Department of Satna Eparchy when it could accomplish the Zonal as well as the Eparchy level Inter-school Cultural Competitions in the month of October 2019. This was a marvelous platform to showcase the in-born talents of students belonging to the diverse schools across the Eparchy of Satna. The Zonal Level Inter-school Cultural Competitions were conducted in three different zones, namely Tikamgarh Zone on October 12 and Satna Zone as well as Singrauli Zone on October 19. The programs were made colourful with dazzling dances, eloquent speeches, melodious songs, skilful acting and the competence of expert artists.

The competitions in the Tikamgarh Zone were hosted by Maria Mata Sr. Sec. School, Chhatarpur. The Chief Guest of the function was Rev. Fr. Augustine Pullolickal. In this Zone, the first position was shared by Pushpa English Medium School, Tikamgarh and Maria Mata Sr. Sec. School, Chhatarpur (60 points each). The second place was bagged by Christ Jyoti Secondary School, Lavkhushnagar (51 points) and Sacred Heart School, Khajuaraho won the third prize (33 points).

The Inter-school competitions of Satna Zone were organized by Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Satna. The chief guest of the inaugural function was Shri. Iric Joseph Xalxo, the honorable ADM of Satna. Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, the Vicar General kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the winners. Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. Satna (88 points) stood first in the Satna Zone followed by Lisieux English Medium School, Panna (58 points) being the first runner-up. Sacred Heart School, Rewa (54 points) stood third in the Satna Zone.

In the Singrauli Zone, the first position was secured by Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Singaoli (48 points). The second and third positions were bagged by De Paul School, Vindhyanagar (45 points) and Jyoti School,



Jayant (27 points) respectively.

These inter-school cultural competitions had their culmination in the Satna Eparchial Level contest on 24 October 2019. Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School Satna with its usual hospitality undertook the challenge of hosting this mega event. The Distinguished Guest of Honor for the inaugural ceremony was Shri. Iric Joseph Xalxo, ADM Satna. The Valedictory function was graced by the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, Vice President of Satna Eparchy Socieity. The qualified participants from all schools under Satna Diocese offered a challenging contest to decide the final winners. Satna Zone stood out first in the whole Eparchy with a total of 184 points followed by Singrauli Zone which secured 110 points. Taking the individual performance of schools, it was indeed Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Singrauli that became the first with 51 points. The second position of schools in the Eparchial level was shared by Sacred Heart School, Rewa and Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Satna with 48 points each.

Mar Abraham D Mattam Award for Academic Excellence was distributed to the Toppers of class X and XII from all the schools under the Eparchy of Satna. Among the English Medium Schools, First Rank holders of class X are Adarsh Patel and Rimjhim Shrivastav (97.8% each) and Second Rank holders are Aman Tiwari and Utkal Tiwari (97.6% each) of Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Rewa. First Rank holder of class XII is Abhishek Mahajan (96.4%) of De Paul School, Vindhyanagar and Second Rank holder is Veer V P Singh (96%) of Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Rewa. Among the Hindi Medium Schools, class X First Rank holders are Brajendra Churaha and Perna Pathak (96.8% each) and the Second Rank holder is Pankaj Vishwakarma (96.6%) of Lisieux Anand Hr. Sec. School, Panna. First Rank holder of class XII is Shreya Garg (86%) and Second Rank holder is Mahima Chaudhary (84.8%) of Lisieux Anand Hr. Sec. School, Panna. All the First Rank holders and Second Rank holders were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- each and Rs. 8,000/- each respectively.

The former Education Secretary, Rev. Fr Augustine Pullolickal has been transferred and the new Education Secretary, Rev. Fr Davis Joseph has assumed the office on 21 November 2019. The Education Department at this juncture extends a heartfelt gratitude to the previous Education Secretary and a hearty welcome and prayerful best wishes to the new Education Secretary.



TIDINGS FROM CHHATARPUR

●Fr. Varghese Kannukadan●

Children's Day Celebration

14th November 2019 dawned with exuberance and excitement as we celebrated the Children's Day. Different cultural programme organized by the Teachers conveyed the importance of fostering and nurturing the generation with utmost care.



Annual Sports day

The much awaited sports day was held on 15th and 16th of November 2019 with great zeal and excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. The programme began with lighting the Lamp and other inaugural programme. Rev. Fr. Joly, the Manager of Maria Mata Convent Sr. Sec. School gave his welcome speech to the esteemed gathering. The Chief





Guest Mr. Brijendra Kumar Chachaudia, the T.I. Civil Lines police station, Chhatarpur addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of sports and games in a child's life. The school play ground rimmed with flags and balloons reverberating with sound of cheers made every one's day joyful.

Cordial welcome to the New Parish Priest Maria Mata Church, Chhatarpur gave a warm welcome to its new Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Job. Rev. Fr. Joly introduced the new Parish Priest and assured Rev. Fr. Job of the constant support for the smooth running of the parish.

Feast of "Christ the King" The Feast of "Christ the King" was celebrated on 24th November. On this special day the Kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ over all the creation was commemorated with Eucharistic procession followed by Holy Qurbana. A festive meal also was served to the parishioners at the end of the program.

TIDINGS FROM KARIMATTI

●Sr. Regis CMC●

St. Peter's Church

The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady was celebrated solemnly on 15th August. All the inmates of Karimatti parivar gathered for the Holy Qurbana and interceded for our nation. Fr. Siju gave the message of the day and wished all the blessings of the feast. On the same day the feast of Sr. Regis was celebrated.

Udaya Sishu Mandir

Independence Day was celebrated with great zest and zeal. Rev. Fr. Siju Vadakkumchery, Manager of our school hoisted the flag and gave a memorable message. Teacher's day was celebrated very solemnly. Teachers were taken to the entrance of the school in procession and welcomed by giving garland. As usual at the outset itself our Manager Fr. Siju garlanded the photo of the great man, manifesting our veneration and deep respect for him. On this auspicious occasion Reverend Fathers Siju and James spoke about the relevance and significance of the day. Father James pointed out the deteriorating



scenario of discipline among the students and urged them to honour their teachers.

On October 2nd we had a grand cultural program, paying tribute to the greatest person of our nation. We sung the favourite bhajans of Gandhiji on this occasion. Our little ones gathered in the school premises in the fine morning of October 2nd 2019 and marched towards Karimatti Chauraha shouting the slogans, reminding the significance of the celebration of Gandhi jayanti.

Children's day was celebrated in a splendid way, thus the children of our school renewed the memories of chacha Nehru in the minds of the people of this locality. The school assembly was conducted by the teachers performing all the programs, including leading the PT display, prayer, reading the Bible, news etc.. The enlightening speech of Rev. Fr. Siju, the Manager of our school was actually a eye-opener to all about the evil effects of the use of plastic in our daily life. Sister Regis, the Headmistress reminded the students about the need of obeying the elders, by narrating a story from the life of Jawaharlal Nehru. Rev. Fr. James hosted the sports flag and inaugurated the





annual sports meet. Addressing the sports lovers, he told, the physical exercise is as important as food for our body. Fr. Siju summed up that healthy body acquired by good exercise and food is a prerequisite of having a healthy mind. In spite of all limitations, with genuine sportsman spirit our students wholeheartedly participated in the sports meet. Our students achieved many prizes in inter school zonal sports competitions conducted by Diocesan educational society.

November 21st 2019 was a gloomy day for all of us. Our Manager Rev. Fr. Siju was transferred from Karimatti to Koond. A grand farewell



was given to the father with a cultural program. All the students and teachers thanked him and wished him all the blessings of God in his future ministries. The gloom of the day turned to happiness when we welcomed Rev. Fr. Jobit, as our new Manager. We are sure that his experiences in the field of education will be a great blessing for our school. We wished him all the best and prayed for God's blessings upon him.

Udaya Bala Bhavan

Udaya Bal bhavan, abode of future hopes of this area is blessed with 90 students this year. There is an increase in the number of the inmates of hostel this year.

Udaya Dispensary

Dedicated service rendered by Sr. Delphi in the dispensary has become a great blessing for the poor people of the locality in their medical needs.

Udaya Tailoring Centre

The first batch of 2019-20 comprising of 20 students of tailoring centre has already completed their training program. All of them were gifted with Sewing machines and wished them all the best for their new profession. The new batch will begin their training program on 15th December 2019.



TIDINGS FROM KOOND

● Sr. Rinet SH ●

- 04.09.19 - Most Rev. Bishops Mar Rahael Thattil, Mar Sebastian Vadakel visited our station.
- 05.09.19 - Rev Mother Alphonsa, Superior General of S H congregation visited our station.
- 06.10.19 - Rev. Fr. Justin vallooran and Sisters visited Miss Chedana Tiwari at Kotty, one of our patients who came here for the snake bite treatment.
- 07.10.19 - Monthly recollection for the Fathers of Satna zone was conducted here. It was followed by a Memorial Holy Qurbana for the departed soul of Mr. Devasi, the beloved father of Rev. Fr. Justin vallooran, on the 40th day of his demise. Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, Rev. Fr. Mathew Vattakuhzy and Rev. Fr. Justin vallooran were the main celebrants. All the Fathers from Satna zone concelebrated.
- 03.11.19- We celebrated the Feast of Rev. Fr Justin vallooran with solemn Holy Qurbana, followed by wishing and meals.
- 22.11.19- Rev. Fr. Siju Vadakumchary from karimatty station took charge as the new priest incharge of Koond Station. Rev. Fr John Thoppil, VG, Rev. Fr. Justin vallooran and Sisters from station welcomed Rev. Fr. Siju.
- 23.11.19- Rev. Fr. Siju Vadakumchary and Sisters accompanied Rev. Fr. Justin Vallooran as he was transferred to Edessa, Pateri.





TIDINGS FROM LAVKUSHNAGAR

● Fr. Joseph Edathil ●

The Feast of Assumption, Independence Day & Raksha Bandan

The feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and the 73rd Independence Day were celebrated with due solemnity. The students from Christ Jyoti School had variety of programmes to be staged to pay due respect and homage to the nation. Rev. Fr. Edathil chaired the function. The celebration of the Indian festival *Raksha Bandan* had also coincided the day. Each of the staff members had tied the *Rakhi*, the symbol of the sacred bond between the brother and sister, on each other's wrist. The solemn Holy Qurbana was arranged in the evening.



The Teachers' Day Celebration

'A good teacher is like a candle it consumes itself to light the way for others,' the quote proves to be true as the Nation celebrated the Teachers' day. The students honored their teachers by gifting them and seeking



blessing from them. Number of programmes staged by the students and a variety of competi-

tions conducted for the teachers by the students colored the day.

Honoring of the Students

The day turned to be an occasion to honor those students who have excelled in various cultural events during the Zonal Level Cultural Fest 'Christus' held at Maria Mata CBSE School Chhatarpur. The students bagged a number of prizes proving themselves to be equipped to compete with any one of their peer group of any extent. The school has secured the second runner up position with 51 points.



The Parish Feast

The feast of St. Jude was celebrated with all its solemnity. The observance of ten days' solemn Rosary in preparation to the feast had gathered people to solemnize the occasion with more enthusiasm. The *Kodiyettu*



was done by Rev. Fr. Martin Punnolil and along with Rev. Frs., Rev. Fr. John Kondooparambil was the celebrant of the day. The day turned to be also an occasion for all to gather and share their joy and happiness. After the Holy Qurbana and Novena, a few cultural programmes and solemn supper were also arranged by the parishners.

Farewell to Rev. Fr. Antony and Welcome to Rev. Fr. Rony

As Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan completed his four and half years of service at Christ Jyoti CBSE School, as the Manager and as the Parish Priest at St. Jude's Parish, it was his turn to shift his area of activity to a new one. Rev. Father was given a grand send off from the School and Parish, the occasion turned to be a time to congratulate and thank him for his relentless and dedicated services and also to wish him all the very best for all his new endeavors at Panna. On his transfer, Rev. Fr. Rony Maruthummoottil, the former Director of Samaritan Social Service Society, replaced Rev. Fr. Antony. Fr. Rony was welcomed with great cordiality by the staff, students and parishners. All wished him the very best in the days to come.





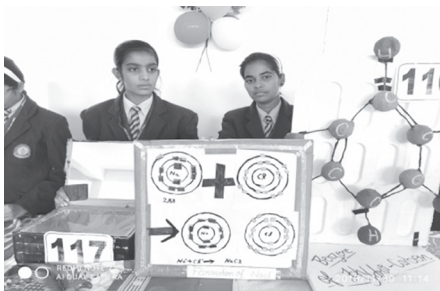
Sports Meet

The Sports and games play a great role in every student's life. It's also an occasion for the students to make themselves relieved and relaxed from their daily routine of studies and heavy academic activities. With this intention Christ Jyoti School has set apart a day for Sports and games. Rev. Fr. Rony chaired and inaugurated the event and he also spoke on the importance of Sports and Games. Number of competitions were part of the day. The day was closed with the awarding of the winners.

Science and Art Exhibition

As per the circular of CBSE, Christ Jyoti CBSE School has arranged 'One Day Science and Art Exhibition'. Principals, staff and students from the nearby schools and a good number of parents turned to be the part of the event. Many of the parents, as it was their first time experience to such an exhibition. After the visit they left behind their positive remarks

on its meticulous arrangements and planning and they even proposed it to be the part of curriculum in the years to come. The exhibition really had a positive and boosting influence on each of the students. The best models in the exhibition were awarded.





TIDINGS FROM ODGADY MISSION

● Sr. Sincitta FCC ●

'It is by your love for one another everyone will recognize you as my disciple' (Jn 13:35). Jesus showed his love for his disciples through humble service. So it is the duty of Christians to give humble service to others. One cannot love God without loving his fellow beings. Christ jyoti school, Odgady is a means to spread the love of God for the people around Odgady mission station. Rendering humble service to the people in Odgady we are trying to spread the love of God and bring the glory of God.

Teachers' day and principal's day

On 5th September 2019 we celebrated teachers' day and principal's day. Students expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their teacher's and principal in the form of colorful programs.



Rosary devotion

As we dedicated the month of October to Rosary devotion, we conducted ten days' rosary with parishners and Christhu Bhakthas in a solemn way. On the 10th day we conducted Jericho Prayer in the campus of school and church, carrying the statue of Mother Mary.

Gandhi Jayanti

Special assembly was arranged with different programs. We also conducted inter house quiz competition from the life of mahatma Gandhi.

Children's day

The school Assembly started with special prayers for the students by teachers. Our teachers blessed our students with an inspiring massage and beautiful singing. After the assembly children were shown the feature film "MAGALYAN" in the school.



Birthday and Farewell

16th November 2019, was a very special day for Christ Jyoti School Odgady. We celebrated the birth day of Rev. Fr. Anil as manager's day. Teachers and students expressed their feelings and gratitude in the form of different programs. He has been transferred to Singrauli so on the same day we bade adieu to him. Rev. Fr. Anil also expressed his heartfelt thanks and love towards teachers and students.

Warm welcome to the New Manager

Rev. Fr. Antony Panachinkal reached here on 20th November 2019 and took charge as Priest-in-charge and the Manager of Christ Jyoti School, Odgady. On 21st the Principal welcomed Rev. Fr. Antony in school Assembly and students performed beautiful program in honour of him. He also blessed our students with his inspiring message. We praise and thank God for His marvellous plan.



TIDINGS FROM DIAMOND CITY

● Sr. Ranit SABS ●

Christus 2019-20, the cultural event, was indeed a proud moment for Lisieux Anand School, Panna because our students won laurels for our school. In the zonal level competitions, many students from our school participated in various competitions where they not only proved their skills but also acted as tough competitors to other participants. Our students exhibited their strength and ability by bagging 2nd prize in Eparchial Level Competitions so that the students were overwhelmed with happiness.

A Journey to Read the World Book

As it is rightly said "See the world, it's more fantastic than any dream made or paid for in factories." Our Honorable Prime Minister launched a programme 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' to foster a sense of common



identity by knowing different traditions and culture and thus to promote learning about states. As part of this programme, Lisieux Anand School, Panna has arranged a one week study tour programme for the staff of both English and Hindi Medium, from 18/10/2019 to 24/10/2019. The team visited Delhi, Manali and Shimla. It was informative and a fantastic trip which helped to know the different customs and culture of the people. It was not only enjoyable for teachers but also helped them to create an understanding with the life situations and helped them to know how to handle mental pressure. It helped to enrich the knowledge about environment and the need to strengthen an emotional bond among people of our country.



Teachers as Lifelong Learners

The advancement of society today leads to rapid changes in science therefore teachers should have solid and regular training to acquire new knowledge emerging in all spheres of life. In order to be highly informative and interactive five days' teachers training programme and workshop for "Innovative Teaching Methods in Science" was organized from 27/08/19 to 30/08/19 by Lisieux Anand School, Panna. This programme was conducted by "Astronomical Science Activity and Education Centre (M.P)" With the help of Indian Science and Technology department of Indian Government. The resource persons were Dr. M.S Marawaha (Scientist), Mr. Gandhi with their five members team. Rev. Fr. Jobit, Sr. Celine. Sr. Ranit, Sr. Ninet along with 60 teachers attended the workshop which was composed of into four sessions.



Farewell & Welcome

A Farewell and welcome ceremony was organized by the staff and students of Lisieux Anand School on 18th November 2019 in the Hindi Medium with colorful programs and on 19th in the English medium. Rev. Fr. Jobit was given a farewell and Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan was welcomed as the new school Manager in both events.

All the staff members and students attended the event and bade a tearful adieu to the outgoing Manager while giving a warm welcome to the new Manager. The Fathers were welcomed by our school band. The event was beautifully organized by the Cultural Department putting forth some mesmerizing performances in honor of the outgoing Manager and the New Manager of the school. Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan, the new manager addressed the students for the first time and spoke about the importance of integral development and learning.

The event was full of mixed feelings of sorrow and happiness. Rev. Fr. Jobit thanked the staff and the students for their support and love. Students expressed their love and gratitude to Rev. Fr. Jobit by presenting beautiful bouquet and greeting cards. The programme was concluded with National Anthem





St. Joseph's Church, Panna

Moments of Pride

Bible Fest 2019 was held in Satna on 13th October. It was an occasion for our catechism students to proclaim their faith and to explore their talents and skills. Our students enthusiastically participated in all the events and bagged the 2nd position in the zonal level competitions. It was a time of pride for St. Joseph Church, Panna.

Sincere Gratitude

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4). Panna family is sad because of the transfer of our beloved Fr. Jobit. He rendered his services as Parish Priest and Manager of Lisieux Anad School for past three years. The parishioners bade fare to Father on 17th November with thanksgiving Holy Qurbana and with an expression of gratitude for his selfless service in Panna as the Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church.

Rev. Fr. Jobit moved to his newly assigned place at Karimatti on 19th November. Bro. Paulose MMB and Rev. Sr. Celine SABS accompanied him to Karimmatti.

Hearty Welcome

The new Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan arrived on 17th to St. Joseph's Church, Panna at 5.00 p.m. He was accompanied by Sisters, parishioners, and teachers. Rev. Fr. Jobit the outgoing Parish Priest welcomed him with bouquet. Brothers, Sisters and a few prisoners were also present.

The handing over ceremony took place on 18th November in the presence of Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, Protosyncellus of the Eparchy.





TIDINGS FROM SATNA

• Sr. Beena SH •

A program of four days' Career Guidance and Counseling was conducted at Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Satna on 1 August 2019 for the students of class X & XII by Extra Marks Education India Pvt. Ltd. together with expert psychologists from Delhi.

Our nation's 73rd Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August 2019 in a grand and ceremonious manner. Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, the Vicar General of the Eparchy consented to be the Chief Guest of the function. The event was made colourful and memorable with a number of cultural items that aroused our patriotic spirit and fervor.

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September 2019 along with the Feast Day of our Principal Sr. Beena and Sr. Maria, the KG In-charge. Rev. Fr. Jossy Kuriakose was the Chief Guest of the Day. Students dedicated beautiful cultural performances to their teachers which made the day a vibrant one.

A Fit India Plogging was organized on 2nd October 2019 as directed by the CBSE to foster health and fitness among new generation. A special Assembly was conducted on the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in which bhajans were sung by the school choir and speeches on Gandhiji were given by teachers.



The Zonal Level Inter-School Cultural Competition "CHRISTUS 2019" was held in our school on 19th October 2019. Our school was elated to bag the 1st Prize with 88 points.



In order to keep pace with the paradigm shift in the CBSE education pattern, six teachers from our school attended the Capacity Building Programme on Remodeled Structure of Assessment on 19th Oct. 2019 at Bonanza Convent Hr. Sec. School, Satna M.P.



Satna Diocesan Level Inter-School Cultural Competition was also hosted by our school on 24/10/2019. The first prize was won by Satna Zone and our school secured the first runner-up position among the entire schools of Satna Diocese scoring 48 points.



We celebrated the Birthday of Rev. Fr. Robin, our Manager on 2nd November 2019 with great joy and enthusiasm.

An Educational Tour was arranged to Goa for class XI students from 02/11/2019 to 08/11/2019 in which 45 students along with Rev. Fr. Antony, the school Principal and many staff members took part.

On the occasion of Children's Day on November 14, 2019 the morning assembly was conducted by teachers as a token of love towards the children. An animated film was shown to all the students in their classrooms. Under the auspices of the CBSE Hub of Learning, our school organized an inter-school Painting Competition on the same day. On 18/11/2019 we conducted an inter-school Debate Competition in which the contestants from our school won the 1st prize.

On 23rd Nov 2019, we bade Farewell to our Manager Rev. Fr. Robin and welcomed our new Manager Rev. Fr. Augustine Chittuprambil. Fr. Robin introduced and welcomed the new Manager. Rev. Sr. Beena delivered the farewell cum welcome address. A staff meeting was also organized after the class in honour of them.



The Annual Sports Day for the primary section was conducted on 30th November 2019. Rev. Fr. Augustine Chittuprambil, our Manager was the chief guest on the occasion.





TIDINGS FROM SIDHI

• Sr. Navya FCC •

ST. THOMAS CHURCH & GANDHI HIGH SCHOOL

The Celebration of Extra Ordinary Missionary Month October 2019

The extra ordinary missionary month was celebrated with much enthusiasm in our school and parish. We conducted the following activities.

1. Memory Test

It was conducted for students of primary as well as class X. In memory test students were asked to write Word of God. There was very good response from students, near about 340 students participated in it.



2. Special Assembly

On these days we conducted special assembly in the school based on the stories from the Holy Bible. Students acted out the stories very well in the primary classes under the guidance of Sr. Namrata.



3. Proclamation of the Word of God

Every day we have the proclamation of the Word of God and the explanation of it. Students were asked to write the Word of God on the board and were asked to recite it before each period. In the staff meeting also we were repeating the





Word of God and made the staff aware about the power of these words.

4. Joy of Giving

The month of October was dedicated as a joy giving month. Students sacrificed their toffees and refreshments for the whole month and contributed the amount for giving smile to some less privileged people. Students collected Rs 23525/- and purchased blankets, sarees, pant, shirts, sweets, ration for one week, etc. They invited beggars, blind and the physically handicapped. Seventeen people came to the school and we conducted a short programme and distributed these things to them. It was a wonderful experience for all of us.



5. Bible Quiz, Drawing and Speech and Storytelling Competition

We also conducted Bible Quiz for the families of our parish. Among 14 families 9 families participated in it. It was a good opportunity for them to learn the Bible. For youth we conducted drawing competition and for catechism children we conducted speech/story telling competitions from the Bible. There was good response from them. The winners were awarded.



6. Akhand Bible Parayan

On account of the extra ordinary Mission month we conducted *Akhand Bible Parayan* in the parish church. It was started at 8.00 am till



6.00 pm with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. We kept the day as a day of fasting and prayer. Our parishioners also joined us in this. It was a memorable experience for all of us.

All of us had taken special care to proclaim the Word in our given situations. Some of the above activities are being continued afterwards also. We pray that all that we do, be a pleasing sacrifice for our good Lord.



TIDINGS FROM SINGRAULI

● Fr. Joseph Varickamackal ●

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Retreat

One day retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Joshy for Sidhi Singrauli parishioners at Holy family church, Singrauli. A good number of faithful attended it and received the blessing.

Feast celebration

On August 28th 2019, Holy family church celebrated twin feasts -St. Augustine and St. Monica. On that day solemn Eucharistic celebration was organized by St. Monica unit for Fr. Augustine Chittuparambil followed by cultural programme performed by catechism students. After the Holy Qurbana and cultural programme delicious agape was shared by everyone.

Transfer and appointment

We thank God Almighty for providing a wonderful personality Rev. Fr. Augustine Chittuparambil to our Holy Family church Singrauli and we gratefully remember his marvellous services rendered for the parish. We extend our best wishes to Rev. Fr. Varickamackal Joseph the new Parish Priest.



Christ Jyoti Sr. Secondary School

1. Orientation Programme

1. "A child is an uncut diamond" the development of a child depends on the able guidance at home and school. The school provided the opportunity for mothers of girls from Class VII-XII to handle the teens and to overcome the problems regarding their upbringing. The seminar was given by Dr. Neha and Dr. Renu from NCL hospital Singrauli.



2. Road safety awareness programme was held on 13th sept, 2019 by the police department, Morwa, Singrauli for the students of classes VIII-XII. The police department took the effort to make the students aware that "Life is precious". They too displayed the various weapons used for the safety and protection of life.

2. Celebrations

1. Managers Day

As the Holy Catholic Church celebrated the feast of saint Augustine on 28th August, we were happy to celebrate the feast of our Manager Rev. Fr. Augustine Chittuparambil in the school with great zest and zeal. Warm wishes of festal greetings resounded with prayers and colourful programme conducted by the students and teachers.

2. Teachers' day

Teacher's day was celebrated on 5th September by paying tributes to Dr. Sarvapalli Radha Krishnan. Various cultural programmes and games were conducted by students to show their respect and love to the teachers.

3. Children's day

Teachers organized fun filled programme for the students on 14th November which concluded with the distribution of sweets.



3. Competitions

1. CJS Talent Hunt

With an aim of developing team spirit and healthy competition among the students and teachers, the school organised a three days' CJS talent hunt. The students and teachers actively participated and presented their skills and talents for various events in their respective houses.

2. Athletic Cluster meet

CBSE 12th athletic cluster West Zone, Athletic meet was conducted at St. Michael School, Satna in September 2019. Our 19- athletes participated and bagged 13 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze medals. 9 students were qualified for nationals. In all Madhya Pradesh Under-14 and under 17- boys category our students bagged Championship Trophy. 10 students are given cash awards by School management.



3. Interschool Competition

On 19th Oct, 2019 Zonal Level Cultural competition –'Christus -2019' was conducted at St. Joseph school Waidhan in which Christ Jyoti Singrauli participated and won the first prize. Our students also participated at Diocesan Level Cultural competition –'Christus -2019' at Christ Jyoti Satna, in which Sidhi Singrauli Zone ranked second.

4. Farewell and welcome

On 18th November 2019 the school bade farewell to Rev. Fr. Augustine Chittuparambil whose able guidance has left a deep imprint on Christ Jyoti School Singrauli. On the same day we accorded warm welcome to our new Manager Rev. Fr. Varickamackal Joseph. May God bless all their new endeavours.





TIDINGS FROM TIKAMGARH

● Fr. Erosiyan Ekka ●

Parish Feast

With great joy and solemnity the feast of St. Little Flower was celebrated on 6th October. For the preparation of the feast, Solemn Rosary, devotion to St.



Pushpa and confession for the faithful were conducted. The procession began at 3:30 pm. Rev. Fr. Justin Thundiyl was the main celebrant of the holy Eucharistic celebration along with eight other Fathers gathered from nearby parishes. There were also Fathers, Sisters and candidates from Jhansi Diocese who were invited for the celebration. With the active participation they increased our joy doubled and brought more and more colours to the feast day celebration. Rev Fr. Edathil Joseph gave the festal message of the day and enlightened all the participants and exhorted them to have intercessory prayer to St. Pushpa who gives power in every hour. Soon after the holy Eucharistic celebration there was a cultural program conducted by the youth and catechism students. It was a great occasion for the faithful of Tikamgarh parish to share their joy and happiness with one other. The celebration was concluded with solemn supper.

Science and Arts Exhibition

The science and arts exhibition is a very important event in student's life, where the students are encouraged to showcase their creativity by displaying their arts, crafts projects which are developed in their classroom theoretically. This year as per the extra curricular activity, Pushpa Hindi medium school has arranged one day science and arts exhibition on 22 October. For the success of science and arts exhibition, Fathers, Sisters and all the teachers





took great initiative to encourage the students to put up such a wonderful and enlightening exhibition. For the inauguration of science and arts exhibition Miss Shivaneer Chaurasiya (C.E.O's wife) had come. The Students prepared around 250 projects on different topics like working models, science, social science, medical science, Maths and

English besides the current issue of Tikamgarh city. It was well covered by the media and newspapers. A great number of people from the city came to see and appreciated the students for their endeavours and encouraged their spectacular creativity. Some of the parents had the first time experience to see such kind of creativity. After their visit they gave a lot of appreciation to Fathers, Sisters and Staff for the good arrangements and wonderful planning. They even proposed to have it every year. The exhibition really created positive impression for the Pushpa School. The concluding ceremony of Science and Arts was presided over by Mrs. Anu Shrotri (cdollector's wife). The best models in the exhibition were awarded.



Teachers' Day Celebration

'The best teacher always teaches from the heart and not from the books'. On 5th September, with solemnity we celebrated the teacher's day. The students honored their teachers by gifting them and by performing a cultural program. In this way they showed their love, concern and respect towards the teachers. Rev Fr. Erosiyan Ekka gave an inspiring message to all the students and encouraged them to the hard work, without waisting their valuable time.



Children's Day Celebration

'Childhood is the most beautiful of all life's season. The Pushpa School celebrated children's day which marks the birth anniversary of pundit Jawahar Lal Nehru with great enthusiasm and zeal especially by keeping his words in mind, I may not have time for adults but I



have enough time for children'. There was a stage program arranged by the teachers. The principal wished the students happy children's day. She blessed them and encouraged them to work diligently and enjoy their childhood as a transient phase to optimum.

Kavi Sammelan

On 16th November to encourage and motivate the students, as a new initiative, *Kavi Sammelan* was conducted in the Hindi medium school. The resource persons were Mr. Jaihind from Indore, Mr. Anil Annant from Gwalior, Mr. Ashish from Chharpur, Mr. Tushar Tapan, Mr. Sanjay Umang, from Tikamgarh and Mr. Sanjeev Samarth from Tikamgarh. They could perform their poems in an excellent way. Their poems were based on hasya rash, veer rash, songs, and vyangya. All the students enjoyed and appreciated the poets as well as the Fathers for arranging such a program. The purpose of Kavi Sammelan was to make students aware of the present situation.



TIDINGS FROM WAIIDHAN

• Sr. Lisa SABS •

Transfer and Welcome

Our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Thomas puthenthayil got transfer and Rev. Fr. Dennis came as our Parish Priest. The whole waidhan family gave a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Dennis on 24th Nov 2019.





Bible Festival

Bible Festival 2019 was held in Jayant Parish. Our catechism students got many prizes and we won the runner-up trophy.

St. Joseph's School News

- Independence Day was celebrated in the school and later the students were taken to the stadium for common regional celebrations. There we participated in dance competition and parade.

- The Teachers' Day was celebrated in a colourful way. First we had celebration with students. After that the staff had a prayer session along with some spontaneous programme and concluded with agape.

- In the history of St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School we had one more mile stone that is "Christus 2019". Sidhi and Singrauli Zonal level cultural Competition was conducted in our school on Oct. 19th 2019. In this awesome event the chief guest of inaugural ceremony was Mr. Manish Tiwari, T.I of Vindhyanagar and of the concluding ceremony was honorable collector of Singruli, District. They gave a inspirational message to the students. The presence of many Fathers and Sisters was a blessing for the event.



- Our children are the rock on which our future will be built. "Our greatest asset as nation" based on this message we celebrated children's day. The whole Josephine was present on this day. We had programme in four stages at the same time. To cement the relation between teachers and students two show matches took place between the students and the teachers. Class XII boys lined up against the male teaching staff in a cricket match whereas girls had a basket ball show match with the lady teachers. Volley ball matches involving the non-teaching staffs also added color to the whole day's celebration and made of memorable.





TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS 2019

01. Fr Chittuparambil Augustine : Syncellus of the Eparchy, Education Secretary of the Eparchy and Manager of Christ Jyoti Sen. Sec. School, Satna.
02. Fr Cherukara Joseph : Priest-in-Charge, Karimatti, Manager of Uday Shishu Mandir, Director of Uday Dispensary and Uday Balabhavan.
03. Fr Kachappilly Kuriakose : Relieved from the office of Manager, Christ Jyoti Sr Sec. School, Satna.
04. Fr Kanjirakombil Dennis : Parish Priest of St Paul's Church, Waidhan.
05. Fr Kannukadan Varghese : Relieved from the office of Parish Priest of Maria Mata Church, Chhatarpur.
06. Fr Maruthummoottil Antony : Parish Priest of St Jude's Parish and Manager of Christjyoti School at Lavkushnagar.
07. Fr Panachinkal Antony : Priest-in-Charge of Ogdady and Manager of Christjyoti School.
08. Fr Pullan Antony : Parish Priest of St Joseph's Church, Manager of Lisieux Anand English and Hindi Medium Schools at Panna.
09. Fr Pullolickal Augustine : In-Charge of updating the Land Documents and dealing with Land cases.
10. Fr Puthenthayil Thomas : In-Charge of Christu Bhaktas in the Eparchy.
11. Fr Thottakara Mathew : Relieved from the office of Syncellus of the Eparchy.
12. Fr Vadakkumcherry George : Priest-in-Charge of Koond and Director Alphonsa Dispensary; Looking after the new mission station at Amarpatan.
13. Fr Vallianal Job : Parish Priest of Maria Mata Church, Chhatarpur.
14. Fr Vallooran Martin : Director of Samaritan Social Service Society, Director of Samaritan Hospital and Asst Parish Priest of St Ephrem's Parish at Pateri.
15. Fr Varickamackal Joseph : Parish Priest of Holy Family Church, Singauli, Manager of Christjyoti Sen. Sec. School and Proto-Presbyter of Singrauli Zone.



**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
ENTRUSTED TO HIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2020**

JANUARY

Prayer intention for evangelisation - *Promotion of World Peace*

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

FEBRUARY

Universal prayer intention - *Listen to the Migrants' Cries*

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

MARCH

Prayer intention for evangelisation - *Catholics in China*

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

APRIL

Universal prayer intention - *Freedom from Addiction*

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

MAY

Prayer intention for evangelisation - *For Deacons*

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

JUNE

Prayer intention for evangelisation - *The Way of the Heart*

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

JULY

Universal prayer intention - *Our Families*

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

AUGUST

Universal prayer intention - *The Maritime World*

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

SEPTEMBER

Universal prayer intention - *Respect for the Planet's Resources*

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

OCTOBER

Prayer intention for evangelisation - *The Laity's Mission in the Church*

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

NOVEMBER

Universal prayer intention - *Artificial Intelligence*

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

DECEMBER

Prayer intention for evangelisation - *For a life of prayer*

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Eparchial Day & Jubilee Celebrations 2019





Rev. Fathers pose for a group photo after the Annual Retreat on 24 to 29 November 2019 with retreat preacher Rev. Fr. Anil Dev IMS

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