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Hope in a time of Pandemic

We are not
living in **fear**
We are living
in **faith**



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The Second Death Anniversary of Mar Abraham D. Mattam





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Our feelings are an ever-changing mix of joy, grief, sadness, frustration, peace... The global pandemic, Covid -19 affects different people in different ways. For many of us it is a tough time. So many broken hearts – lost their livelihood, lost their loved ones, etc. How long will the pandemic last? What will people's lives look like once the pandemic is over? Unanswerable questions. But, there is light on the other side. Hope in a time of pandemic. We are not living in fear, we are living in faith. Lord, be with us in this time of uncertainty.

The Satna Samachar, Satna eparchial bulletin has an important role in transmitting the news and events to others. It is a news update. It is important to record the information, thus it is documentation. Its publication is going on well and in this issue I avail myself of this opportunity to thank everyone for your valuable support in bringing out the news bulletin on time. I am grateful to all of you. Let's continue to update the news of our eparchy through **The Satna Samachar** and continue to support each other in fulfilling our mission.

Fr Antony Panachinkal

Chief Editor

The Satna Samachar



Bishop's Message

Our news Bulletin Satna Samachar is published after a gap of one year. We are still under the threat of covid pandemic and the second wave has badly affected many people in India including the young. It is a sad thing to note that many priests and sisters were succumbed to covid 19, many of them were young and middle aged. At the same time majority of the people affected by covid are recovered. Some of our fathers, sisters and faithful in the eparchy were affected by this disease in the past two months and a few of our young faithful were called to eternal reward. We raise our hearts to God in thanksgiving for protecting us in his palms during the second wave.

Many of our institutions and other activities became almost stagnant or standstill for more than one year. We were hoping for a normalcy by July. But it seems that the same situation may persist for some more time and some are predicting for the third wave to come sooner or later. When we live in the midst of these uncertainties, we shall not be disheartened or discouraged or depressed. As Christians we are an Easter people and Halleluiah is our hymn. We have the strong hope that God will protect and save us from this pandemic. We offer our prayers, adoration, and supplication to God by celebrating the Holy Eucharist and reciting other prayers. Let us kneel down before the Lord with humility and implore for his mercy.



The World Meeting of Families that was scheduled for June this year in Rome is postponed to June 2022. The Pope has recently declared the fourth Sunday of July every year as the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme of this year is "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). This year it falls on 25 July. Let us try to honour the grandparents of our parishes on this day.

We are in the Season of Apostles and we pray incessantly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our life to strengthen and sustain us in our faith. May St. Thomas the Apostle, our father in faith help us during this time of pandemic to overcome all the struggles of life.

Wishing you the blessings and festal greetings of Dukhrana,

Mar Joseph Kodakallil
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APOSTOLIC LETTER
ISSUED "MOTU PROPRIO"

BY THE SUPREME PONTIFF
FRANCIS

"ANTIQUUM MINISTERIUM"
INSTITUTING
THE MINISTRY OF CATECHIST

1. The ministry of Catechist in the Church is an ancient one. Theologians commonly hold that the first examples are already present in the writings of the New Testament. The service of catechesis may be traced back to those "teachers" mentioned by the Apostle in writing to the community of Corinth: "Some people God has designated in the Church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way" (1 Cor 12:28-31).

Saint Luke begins his Gospel by stating: "I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received" (Lk 1:3-4). The evangelist seems to be well aware that his writings offer a specific form of instruction that can give firm assurance to those already baptized. The Apostle Paul, for his part, tells the Galatians that: "one who is being instructed in the word should share all good things with his instructor" (Gal 6:6). As is evident, this text provides yet another detail; it speaks of the communion of life as a sign of the fruitfulness of an authentic catechesis.



2. From the beginning, the Christian community was characterized by many different forms of ministry carried out by men and women who, obedient to the working of the Holy Spirit, devoted their lives to the building up of the Church. At times, the charisms that the Spirit constantly pours out on the baptized took on a visible and tangible form of immediate service to the Christian community, one recognized as an indispensable diakonia for the community. The Apostle Paul authoritatively attests to this when he states that "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes" (1 Cor 12:4-11).

Within the broader charismatic tradition of the New Testament, then, we can see that certain baptized persons exercised the ministry of transmitting in a more organic and stable form related to different situations in life the teaching of the apostles and evangelists (cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum*, 8). The Church wished to acknowledge this service as a concrete expression of a personal charism that contributed greatly to the exercise of her mission of evangelization. This glance at the life of the first Christian communities engaged in the spread of the Gospel also encourages the Church in our day to appreciate possible new ways for her to remain faithful to the word of the Lord so that his Gospel can be preached to every creature.

3. The history of evangelization over the past two millennia clearly shows the effectiveness of the mission of catechists. Bishops, priests and deacons, together with many men and women in the consecrated life, devoted their lives to catechetical instruction so



that the faith might be an effective support for the life of every human being. Some of them also gathered around themselves others of their brothers and sisters sharing the same charism, and founded religious orders wholly dedicated to catechesis.

Nor can we forget the countless lay men and women who directly took part in the spread of the Gospel through catechetical instruction. Men and women of deep faith, authentic witnesses of holiness, who in some cases were also founders of Churches and eventually died as martyrs. In our own day too, many competent and dedicated catechists are community leaders in various parts of the world and carry out a mission invaluable for the transmission and growth of the faith. The long line of blessed, saints and martyrs who were catechists has significantly advanced the Church's mission and deserves to be recognized, for it represents a rich resource not only for catechesis but also for the entire history of Christian spirituality.

4. Beginning with the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, the Church has come to a renewed appreciation of the importance of lay involvement in the work of evangelization. The Council Fathers repeatedly emphasized the great need for the lay faithful to be engaged directly, in the various ways their charism can be expressed, in the "plantatio Ecclesiae" and the development of the Christian community. "Worthy of praise too is that army of catechists, both men and women, to whom missionary work among the nations is so indebted, who imbued with an apostolic spirit make an outstanding and absolutely necessary contribution to the spread of the faith and the Church by their great work. In our days, when there are so few clerics to evangelize such great multitudes and to carry out the pastoral ministry, the role of catechists is of the highest importance" (cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity *Ad Gentes*, 17).

Along with the important teaching of the Council, mention should be made of the constant interest of the Popes, the Synod of Bishops, the Episcopal Conferences and individual Bishops who, in recent decades have contributed to a significant renewal of catechesis. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Apostolic Exhortation *Catechesi Tradendae*, the General Catechetical Directory, the General Directory for Catechesis and the recent Directory for



Catechesis, as well as the many national, regional and diocesan Catechisms, have confirmed the centrality of a catechesis that gives priority to the education and ongoing formation of believers.

5. Without prejudice to the Bishop's mission as the primary catechist in his Diocese, one which he shares with his presbyterate, or to the particular responsibility of parents for the Christian formation of their children (cf. CIC can. 774 §2; CCEO can. 618), recognition should be given to those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis (cf. CIC can. 225; CCEO cans. 401 and 406). This presence is all the more urgently needed today as a result of our increasing awareness of the need for evangelization in the contemporary world (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 163-168), and the rise of a globalized culture (cf. Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*, 100, 138). This requires genuine interaction with young people, to say nothing of the need for creative methodologies and resources capable of adapting the proclamation of the Gospel to the missionary transformation that the Church has undertaken. Fidelity to the past and responsibility for the present are necessary conditions for the Church to carry out her mission in the world.

Awakening personal enthusiasm on the part of all the baptized and reviving the awareness of their call to carry out a proper mission in the community demands attentiveness to the voice of the Spirit, who is unfailingly present and fruitful (cf. CIC can. 774 §1; CCEO can. 617). Today, too, the Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Christian faith. It is the task of pastors to support them in this process and to enrich the life of the Christian community through the recognition of lay ministries capable of contributing to the transformation of society through the "penetration of Christian values into the social, political and economic sectors" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 102).

6. The lay apostolate is unquestionably "secular". It requires that the laity "seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will" (cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, 31). In their daily life, interwoven with



family and social relationships, the laity come to realize that they “are given this special vocation: to make the Church present and fruitful in those places and circumstances where it is only through them that she can become the salt of the earth” (ibid., 33). We do well to remember, however, that in addition to this apostolate, “the laity can be called in different ways to more immediate cooperation in the apostolate of the hierarchy, like those men and women who helped the apostle Paul in the Gospel, working hard in the Lord” (ibid.).

The role played by catechists is one specific form of service among others within the Christian community. Catechists are called first to be expert in the pastoral service of transmitting the faith as it develops through its different stages from the initial proclamation of the kerygma to the instruction that presents our new life in Christ and prepares for the sacraments of Christian initiation, and then to the ongoing formation that can allow each person to give an accounting of the hope within them (cf. 1 Pet 3:15). At the same time, every catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church. Only through prayer, study, and direct participation in the life of the community can they grow in this identity and the integrity and responsibility that it entails (cf. Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, *Directory for Catechesis*, 113).

7. With great foresight, Saint Paul VI issued the Apostolic Letter *Ministeria Quaedam* with the intention not only of adapting the ministries of Lector and Acolyte to changed historical circumstances (cf. Apostolic Letter *Spiritus Domini*), but also of encouraging Episcopal Conferences to promote other ministries, including that of Catechist. “In addition to the ministries common to the entire Latin Church, nothing prevents Episcopal Conferences from asking the Apostolic See for the institution of others, which for particular reasons, they consider necessary or very useful in their own region. Among these are, for example, the offices of Porter, Exorcist and Catechist.” The same pressing invitation is found in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*; in calling for a discernment of the present needs of the Christian community in faithful continuity with its origins, the Pope encouraged the development of new forms of



ministry for a renewed pastoral activity. "Such ministries, apparently new but closely tied up with the Church's living experience down the centuries, such as that of catechists... are valuable for the establishment, life, and growth of the Church, and for her capacity to influence her surroundings and to reach those who are remote from her" (SAINT PAUL VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 73).

To be sure, "there has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the laity in the Church. We can indeed count on many lay persons, although still not nearly enough, who have a deeply-rooted sense of community and great fidelity to the tasks of charity, catechesis and the celebration of the faith" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 102). It follows that the reception of a lay ministry such as that of Catechist will emphasize even more the missionary commitment proper to every baptized person, a commitment that must however be carried out in a fully "secular" manner, avoiding any form of clericalization.

8. This ministry has a definite vocational aspect, as evidenced by the Rite of Institution, and consequently calls for due discernment on the part of the Bishop. It is in fact a stable form of service rendered to the local Church in accordance with pastoral needs identified by the local Ordinary, yet one carried out as a work of the laity, as demanded by the very nature of the ministry. It is fitting that those called to the instituted ministry of Catechist be men and women of deep faith and human maturity, active participants in the life of the Christian community, capable of welcoming others, being generous and living a life of fraternal communion. They should also receive suitable biblical, theological, pastoral and pedagogical formation to be competent communicators of the truth of the faith and they should have some prior experience of catechesis (cf. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church *Christus Dominus*, 14; CIC can. 231 §1; CCEO can. 409 §1). It is essential that they be faithful co-workers with priests and deacons, prepared to exercise their ministry wherever it may prove necessary, and motivated by true apostolic enthusiasm.

Therefore, after having taken all things into consideration, and by apostolic authority

**I establish
the lay ministry of Catechist**



The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments will soon publish the Rite of Institution of the lay ministry of Catechist.

9. I invite the Episcopal Conferences to render effective the ministry of Catechist, determining the necessary process of formation and the normative criteria for admission to this ministry and devising the most appropriate forms for the service which these men and women will be called to exercise in conformity with the content of this Apostolic Letter.

10. The Synods of the Oriental Churches or the Assemblies of Hierarchs may adopt what is established here for their respective Churches *sui iuris*, in accordance with their particular law.

11. Bishops should make every effort to comply with the exhortation of the Council Fathers: "Pastors... know that they were not established by Christ to undertake by themselves the entire saving mission of the Church to the world. They appreciate, rather, that it is their exalted task to shepherd the faithful and at the same time acknowledge their ministries and charisms so that all in their separate ways, but of one mind, may cooperate in the common task" (Lumen Gentium, 30). May the discernment of the gifts that the Holy Spirit never fails to grant to the Church sustain their efforts to make the lay ministry of Catechist effective for the growth of their communities.

I order that what has been laid down by this Apostolic Letter issued "Motu Proprio" have firm and stable effect, anything to the contrary notwithstanding, even if worthy of special mention, and that it be promulgated by publication in *L'Osservatore Romano*, taking effect that same day, and published thereafter in the official commentary of the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*.

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on the tenth day of May in the year 2021, the liturgical memorial of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, the ninth of my Pontificate.

Franciscus



George Cardinal Alencherry
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PASTORAL LETTER

DUKRANA - SABHADINAM

Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men and Women and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.
May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As you are aware, the third of July is a day that awakens great memories. We call it the *Dukrana*, the day of commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. The meaning of the word *Dukrana* is "remembrance". We celebrate this day as *Sabhadinam* from 2013 onwards. We celebrate this year's *Dukrana* as in the previous year without any solemn public functions because of the Covid-19.

The Background of the Pandemic

India was almost successful in combating the spread of the Covid-19 in its beginning stage, called as the first wave. But the second wave is very disastrous and has caused the deaths of thousands. As per official account, 387000 were dead because of the Covid-19 in India. Of these, around 12000 are from Kerala. It is undoubtedly a massive loss of lives. We shall remember those who passed away and their grieving families in our prayers. There are also thousands who are enduring great physical hardships on account of the pandemic.

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We get dire intimations of the eruption of a third wave through the news media in the coming months. It is feared that this third wave would affect children badly. What we can do is to get vaccinated at the earliest available time as a preventive strategy. We shall cooperate wholeheartedly with the preventive measures proposed by the governments.

There are many who are sacrificing their lives to prevent the onslaught of the pandemic. We shall remember gratefully the valuable services of doctors, nurses, health workers and the religious who have given their lives to serve the sick and dying during these harrowing times. We shall offer our prayers for those health workers who lost their lives in this battle against the Covid-19. The young people, the religious and the clergy who work as volunteers to care for the sick deserve our admiration. Four bishops, more than five hundred priests and the religious have died in the pandemic in India. May the merciful Lord bless them abundantly for their dedicated service! One of the bishops who passed away was Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil, the Bishop Emeritus of Sagar. May his soul rest in peace!

Our Eparchies in States outside Kerala and India are passing through difficult times during this period of Covid-19. But the pandemic has subsided in foreign countries. We have to mention specially the heroic work by our mission dioceses in combating the pandemic. The bishops, priests and the lay faithful are working with great dedication at this time. Let our prayers be a source of strength and protection for them!

The Example and the Spirit of St. Thomas

It would be appropriate to reflect at this time on what kind of inspiration we can derive from the commemoration of the Feast of St. Thomas. We are aware of the transformation that happened in the lives of the Apostles on the day of the Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. It was through the power of the same Spirit that St. Thomas came to India to preach the faith and to establish the faith communities. We cannot imagine the enormous effort he had taken for his journey and ministry in India. According to some study, he had made two trips to India: one by land to North India and the



other by sea to reach Kerala. This heroism of St. Thomas should fill us with confidence to face the hardships caused by the pandemic.

St. Thomas has shown extraordinary heroism in his life. When Jesus desired to go to Jerusalem in order to resurrect Lazar when the Jews were planning to stone Him to death, Thomas said with great faith and boldness: "Let us go and die with him" (Jn. 11:16). Later, he came to India and was martyred here 'with Jesus' in his heart. He also tried to get more information about the message and life by asking Jesus directly. It was he who asked the Lord when he was mentioning that he was about to leave the world and that they know the way: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; but then how can we know the way?" It was in response to this question that Jesus made the great declaration: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn. 14:6). This revelation of Jesus made Thomas more aware of Jesus as the Savior of the world. The presence and interventions of St. Thomas in the Gospels are a source of hope and confidence to those who believe in Jesus.

Online Programmes

During this time of Covid-19, the activities of the Church as exercised through the CBCI, the KCBC, the Synod of Bishops, Eparchies, religious congregations, organizations etc. are being coordinated online. We shall be thankful to God that we can preserve the life of the Church in this manner. When the pandemic is creating distance among people, online programmes offer a way of life to bring people together. The Synod of Bishops of our Church was held online in August 2020 and January 2021 because of the Covid-19. The next Synod will also, most probably, be taking place in the digital platform. The Holy See has given guidelines for the conduct of the online Synod.

Recent Developments in the Church

I am very happy to let you know of some of the changes happening in the day to day activities of the Church. You might have known by this time that the territorial jurisdiction of the Eparchy of Melbourne has been extended to the whole of Oceania. We shall be thankful to the Holy See. Our congratulations go to Mar Bosco Puthur, the



Bishop and the Eparchy of Melbourne. We are happy to welcome Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, the new Apostolic Nuncio who has taken charge of his office on 28 May. We are thankful to the former Nuncio, Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro who served India for the last three years with great dedication. It is a matter of joy for us that many Bishops who belong to the Syro-Malabar Church are serving in various Latin dioceses in India and in the world. Recently Msgr. Siby Peedikayil who belongs to the Congregation of the Heralds of Good News and is hailing from the Eparchy of Kanjirapally was appointed the Bishop of Aitape, a diocese in Papua New Guinea, a country in Oceania. Congratulations and prayerful greetings to the new bishop from the mother Church!

The seminary commissions, religious congregations and the seminary authorities are doing their utmost in carrying out the work of the formation of the seminarians despite the many obstacles that have come in their way on account of the Covid. Online classes for the new academic year have already begun. We remember with gratitude all those who are engaged in the formation of our seminarians with great dedication and commitment.

A revised text of the Holy *Qurbana* has been submitted to the Holy See for approval. The Liturgy Commission is focused at present on the unification and revision of the *Yama Prarthanakal*. The Catechetical Commission has prepared online classes very effectively during the Covid period. Sunday school classes and classes for Sunday school teachers are being held online. Thanks also go to the Goodness, Shalom and Shekinah channels for telecasting the online Sunday classes very generously.

The Internet Mission and the Media Commission are organizing many innovative programmes, taking into account the needs of the times. The main programmes of the Internet Mission are building websites for the Eparchies and other organizations, developing software for them and the *Syro-Malabar* matrimony. The Media Commission publishes two online bulletins known as the *Syro-Malabar Vision* and *Mount Vision*. Historical research was begun under the auspices of the Liturgical Research Centre. The project of the Syro-Malabar Heritage and Research Centre, which was started



a few years ago, is not yet completed on account of the paucity of funds because of the Covid-19. The Commissions concerned have successfully implemented different programmes for mission activities, for the expatriates, scholarships for *Dalit* Catholics and for the promotion of vocations.

Welfare Schemes

I am happy that various programmes are being put together in all Eparchies and mission territories for the prevention of the spread of the pandemic and for the welfare of the people. In the Church of Kerala, programmes for the prevention of the contagion of the virus are being organized by the Social Service Forum, the Catholic Health Association and the KCBC Health Commission. The eparchial organizations are collaborating with them. In order to take care of the needs of the expatriates and to find solutions for their problems, our eparchial organizations are cooperating with the government and they deserve our appreciation. Each Eparchy has to see to it that it is its responsibility to find the right welfare schemes for the poor in our society from the various welfare programmes started by the government. The Welfare Fund for Farmers is a good programme of the government. Our eparchial organizations should get our farmers enrolled in these programmes.

As the monsoon months of June, July and August would bring in more hardships and floods, we should all join together to bring help to the suffering.

Due Rights of the Community

The government should see to it that there be justice and due proportionality in the distribution of minority benefits. Similarly the rights of the economically backward in the non reservation communities should also be protected. In all these instances, our policy is that the benefits due to the Latin community, the *Dalit* Christians and other communities should in no way be affected. It is through just methods that the due rights given by the Constitution and the democratic set-ups should be secured. There should be no attempts to break the communal harmony existing in the country among different religions and communities. The responses



expressed through the social media in this regard should be tolerant and Christian. The Public Affairs Commission of our Church is intervening effectively at critical times in all these matters. The Catholic Congress is also vigilant in the social issues.

Finally

We have to continue our special prayers and acts of adoration to get total liberation from the pandemic. This time of the pandemic gives us the wisdom to discern that our talents alone would not achieve everything in life. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want...I will not fear even though I walk in the shadow of death (Ps. 23:1-4). We shall put our trust in the Lord. We shall also strive to live like the Good Samaritan by placing our services at the disposal of those who need our help. I hope our priests will somehow find ways to give the faithful the experience of participation in the Eucharistic service on July try to increase the participation of the people in our church which will strengthen the sense of solidarity among the faithful.

I wish all of you the blessings of the all of you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro Thomas, Kakkanad, on 21 June 20

Cardinal George Alencherry

Major Archbishop of the Syro



NB: This pastoral letter is to be read out during the Holy Mass on Sunday, 2021, in all churches and chapels of the Syro Mass for the public, respecting the regulations given by the government. Copy of this pastoral letter is to be made available through opportune means to those faithful who cannot participate in the celebration of Holy Qurbana in churches.



DICASTERIUM

PRO LAICIS, FAMILLA ET VITA

Vatican, 22 April 2021

As you may know, the Holy Father made a decision to institute a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated throughout the Church every year on the fourth Sunday in July, near to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. Significantly, this year 2021 we will celebrate it on Sunday 25 July, the midpoint of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year that has just begun. The theme of this first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20). Its purpose is to convey to every elderly person that God and the Church are close to them, and also to emphasise intergenerational closeness between young and old.

The elderly today account for a significant portion of God's faithful and holy people, not only in numerical terms. The Holy Father's decision to dedicate a special day to them is intended to signal the importance of adequate pastoral attention to help them make the most use of their spiritual resources. Moreover, the health emergency we have been experiencing for more than a year has hit the elderly particularly hard, and this calls on each of our communities to clearly show the elderly that the Church is close to them.

On the occasion of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, if the health crisis allows, the Holy Father will preside at Holy Mass in the Vatican. In addition, we invite every episcopal conference to inform all the dioceses, parishes and associations of the need to plan initiatives to mark the event in a way best suited to their pastoral context.

This World Day could be a great coming-together of grandparents and grandchildren, the young and the old. To this end, from mid-June the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life will make available a series of pastoral tools that we will send to you. They will also be available on the website dedicated to the Amoris Laetitia Family Year www.amorislaetitia.va. A message from the Holy Father in preparation for this World Day will also be published.

In order to facilitate communications concerning the preparation of the event, we kindly ask you to send to Mr Vittorio Scelzo, the contact person in our Dicastery for the pastoral care of the elderly (v.scelzo@laityfamilylife.va), the name and contact details of the person with responsibility for the pastoral care of the elderly for your episcopal conference.

In the hope that the celebration of this World Day will be an opportunity to convey to our grandparents and elderly people the closeness of the Church in these difficult times, I send you cordial greetings in the Risen Christ.

Kevin Card. Farrell
Prefect



Message from the Table of Protosyncellus

Fr Thomas Thelakat

After my initiation to this particular office, we are bringing out the first edition of the Satna Samachar, the Diocesan Bulletin, and the Editor requested me to pen few lines. I congratulate and appreciate him for his attempt.

I thank dear bishop and all those who supported me for this new venture. I do request your valuable and sincere support and co-operation and prayers from each and everyone. Hope and pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and guide all of us through the right path. May the Risen Lord shower His abundant blessings upon us.

We are again affected by the pandemic and lockdown. The appearance of corona is an eye-opener to all of us to reflect and realize what is going on wrong. There arises a question; where are we going? Our life is entangled with so many things and we forget to seek the Will of God. When we have money and power, we rely on ourselves and think that we can manage everything by ourselves and there we fail. Corona shows man's life is all a momentary whether he is rich or poor. We also experience the fact that poor are less affected and rich are highly affected, that is why I say it is a time to reflect and realize why corona is still widely spreading and city people are mostly affected. Our life style goes according to the fancies and fantasies of the world. This may not be what the Lord expects from us. Let us humbly adhere ourselves to the Risen Lord just as disciples did when He appeared in front of them and we may have the humility to realize our mistakes and apologize before Him.

I am enumerating the major events happened in the centre just for a glance of it.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

There were lock down and Pandemic periods almost one full year in the past year and due to that there were not many programmes



arranged as well. Churches and schools were almost closed for a long period.

During this period there were a few transfers and appointments:

26.07.2020. Transfers and Appointments		
1.	Fr. Alappattukottayil Thomas	Asst.Parish Priest, Tikamgarh.
2.	Fr. Edathil Joseph	Secretary to Bishop, House Procurator of Bishop's House, Asst.Parish Priest, Satna.
3.	Fr. Ekka Erosiyan	Asst. Parish Priest, Lavkushnager.
09.09.2020. Transfers and Appointments		
1.	Fr. Thekkepalakuzhiyil John	Judicial Vicar, Finance Officer, Samaritan SSSS
2.	Fr. Pullan John	Eparchial Director, Dept. of Catechism, Parochial Vicar, Jayant
03.10.2020. Transfers and Appointments		
1	Fr. Thomas Chirattavayalil	Resident Priest, Pannimattam.
2	Fr. John Pariyathumali	Ast. Vicar Newman College, Thodupuzha.
08.12.2020. to 08.12.2021	YEAR OF ST.JOSEPH was declared through the Apostolic Letter, PATRIS CORDE on the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.	
03.01.2021	Few Priests were given intimation regarding transfer	
16.01.2021	Transfer list was published.	
24.01.2021	Rev. Fr. John Thoppil, the outgoing Protosyncellus was given sent off	
29.01.2021	Fr. Thomas Thelakat, the new Protosyncellus had taken charge of his new office.	
31.01.2021	Annual Retreat of the priests of the Diocese started in the evening. Rev. Fr. Davis George from Jabalpur Diocese preached Retreat	
05.02.2021	Annual Retreat got over on 05.02.2021.	
17.03.2021.	Presbyterium started	
18.03.2021.	Presbyterium got over by 10.00.am. Then we had Chrism Mass started at 11.30.am. together with blessing of the Holy Oil and celebration of the feast of Our Bishop. Fathers and sisters were present for the Holy Mass and thereafter lunch.	
21.03.2021	Prayer day for the faithful of the Eparchy	



28.03.2021	Palm Sunday and all Holy Week services were held without any interruption of the corona by the Grace of God.
06.04.2021	Anticipated Second Death Anniversary of late Bishop Mar Abraham D. Mattam (April 16). Requiem Holy Mass for was celebrated and fathers and sisters from many of the mission stations were present. A commemorative Souvenir regarding life of Bishop Mattam was also published on this particular occasion.

TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS

01.	Fr Thelakat Thomas	Protosyncellus; Parish Priest, St Vincent Cathedral & Protopresbyter, Satna
02.	Fr Chettimattel Paul	Priest in-Charge & Manager, Christ Jyoti School, Niwari
03.	Fr Kalapurackal Cherian	Priest-in-Charge & Manager, St Mary's School, Deosar
04.	Fr Kanjirakombil Dennis	Parish Priest & Principal, Jyoti School, Jayant
05.	Fr Kanjirathummoottil Thomas	Parish Priest; Manager, Nirmal Mata School & Director, Nirmal Mata Dispensary, Kailaspur
06.	Fr Kannukadan Varghese	Parish Priest & Director, Mother Teresa Hospital, Panna
07.	Fr Milellumthadathil Peter	Priest-in-Charge & Director, St Theresa Dispensary, Dewra
08.	Fr Pariyathumali John	Eparchial Vocation Promoter & Director, Ephrem Sadan, Karayamparambu
09.	Porimattathil Joseph	Parish Priest & Manager, GCM School, Nowgong
10.	Fr Pullan Antony	Priest-in-Charge, Catholic Ashram, Sherganj
11.	Fr Pullan John	Parish Priest, Waidhan; Parochial Vicar & Teacher, Jyoti School, Jayant
12.	Fr Pullolickal Augustine	Parish Priest; Manager, Pushpa English and Hindi Medium Schools & Protopresbyter, Tikamgarh
13.	Fr Puthenpurayil Sebastian	Finance Officer & Asst Director, Mother Teresa Hospital, Panna
14.	Fr Thoppil John	Manager, Maria Mata School, Chhatarpur
15.	Fr Thundiyl Antony	Manager, Gandhi School, Sidhi
16.	Fr Uthinipparamban Paul	Eparchial Education Secretary & Director, Jyotirmai Communications
17.	Fr Valiamplackal Joseph	Manager, Lisieux Anand English & Hindi Medium Schools, Panna
18.	Fr Cheruvil Mathew	Manager, Christ Jyoti School, Sidhi



19.	Fr Francis Mattathil	Forane Vicar, Infant Jesus Church, Palam (Diocese of Faridabad)
Relieved		
01.	Fr Chittuparambil Augustine	Eparchial Education Secretary
02.	Fr Cheruvil Mathew	Manager, Gandhi School, Sidhi
03.	Fr Chirattavayalil Thomas	Eparchial Vocation Promoter & Director, Ephrem Sadan, Karayamparambu

TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS OF RELIGIOUS FATHERS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS

SL NO	NAME	FROM	TO
01	Fr Mathew Vattakuzhy VC	Padra	Delhi
02	Fr Martin Pynadath VC	Padra	Delhi
03	Fr George Jose Vempilly VC	UP	Padra
04	Fr Antony Vattamattam VC	Assam	Padra
05	Fr Joseph Orikalayil VC	Maidani	Padra
06	Fr Paulose Pynadath VC	UP	Maidani
07	Fr Augustine Parathanam VC	Madhogarh	Durg
08	Fr Joseph Pozhaliparamban VC	UP	Madhavgarh
09	Fr Thomas Kolenchery VC	Vindhyannagar	Veerpur
10	Fr Martin Valiyaparambil VC	Padra	Bisauli
11	Fr Sebastian Veluthedathkattil VC	Jamshedpur	ETC
12	Fr John Kondooparambil	ETC	Ujjain
13	Fr Joseph Parayil	ETC	Kalyan
14	Fr Mathew Peedikayil	ETC	Pala
15	Fr Alex Kollamkalam	Changanaserry	ETC
16	Fr Jose Chakkungal	Ujjain	ETC
17	Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil	Manathavady	ETC
18	Fr George Pettayil CMF	Ephremnagar	Shimoga
19	Fr George Nelliyanayil CMF	Kerala	Ephremnagar

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20	Fr Sunil Gandhare CMF	Chanda	Ephremnagar
21	Bro Biju Vettukattil MMB	Panna	Bhopal
22	Bro Paulose Arumbuparambil MMB	Panna	Kerala

SI No	Name	From	To
01	Sr Smitha SD	Pateri	Delhi
02	Sr Josima SD	Pateri	Haryana
03	Sr Rejitha SD	Delhi	Pateri
04	Sr Bhagya SD	Khajuraho	Pateri
05	Sr Saphalya SD	Khajuraho	Siyum (A P)
06	Sr Consolata SD	Khajuraho	Jagadiri (Haryana)
07	Sr Neethu SD	Delhi	Khajuraho
08	Sr Talisha SD	Delhi	Khajuraho
09	Sr Fidelia SD	Delhi	Khajuraho
10	Sr Dayana SD	Pateri	Meghalaya
11	Sr Elizebeth SD	Pateri	Kasuli (HP)
12	Sr Regi PSA	Lavkushnagar	Ladpura, Ajmer
13	Sr Prabha PSA	Panjab	Lavkushnagar
14	Sr Diya CHF	Jayant	Kirkhiya, Bhopal
15	Sr Vineetha Jose CHF	Jayant	Delhi
16	Sr Roselet CHF	Jayant	Chatisgarh
17	Sr Aleena Rose CHF	Jayant	Harda, Bhopal
18	Sr Sangeetha CHF	Jabalpur	Jayant
19	Sr Therese David CHF	Khiriya (MP)	Jayant
20	Sr Christel CHF	Bhopal	Jayant
21	Sr Junita CHF	Bhopal	Jayant
22	Sr Keerthi CHF	Kailaspur	Gurgaon
23	Sr Mary Elsa CHF	Kailaspur	Meerut
24	Sr Anju Maria CHF	Kailaspur	Gurgaon
25	Sr Pavithra CHF	Delhi	Kailaspur

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26	Sr Reshmi CHF	Jabalpur	Kailaspur
27	Sr Rashmi Bira CHF	Chatisgarh	Kailaspur
28	Sr Joan CPS	Ephremangar	Jagadalspur
29	Sr Maris CPS	Kalady	Ephremnagar
30	Sr Jerin CPS	Niwari	Bijnor
31	Sr Anjoe CPS	Prithvipur	Bijnor
32	Sr Preethi CPS	Prithvipur	Kalady
33	Sr Darshana CPS	Prithvipur	kalady
34	Sr Geo Mathew CPS	Grokpur	Prithvipur
35	Sr Jeeva CPS	Bijnor	Prithvipur
36	Sr Chaithanya CPS	Niwari	Jalandar
37	Sr Mary Joseph CPS	Jalandar	Niwari
38	Sr Tessy CSN	Chhatarpur	Ephremnagar
39	Sr Anu Maria CSN	Chhatarpur	Ephremangar
40	Sr Gracemine CSN	Punjab	Chhatarpur
41	Sr Suchita Maria CSN	Assam	Chhatarpur
42	Sr Saritha CSN	Ephremangar	Assam
43	Sr Lavanya CSN	Ephremnagar	Nowgong
44	Sr Soumini CSN	Allahabad	Nowgong
45	Sr Ansi Maria CSN	Allahabd	Nowgong
46	Sr Ambrosia CSN	Nowgong	Pateri
47	Sr Ancilline CSN	Nowgong	Aluva
48	Sr Sangeetha CSN	Nowgong	Assam
49	Sr Maria Goretti CSN	Nowgong	Velur
50	Sr Anitta CSN	Pateri	Panna
51	Sr Leoni CSN	Allahabad	Panna
52	Sr Nancy CSN	Aluva	Panna
53	Sr Nandita CSN	Pateri	Assam
54	Sr Ansa CSN	Assam	Pateri

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55	Sr Leena Rose CSN	Aluva	Pateri
56	Sr Swetha CSN	Pateri	Alahabad
57	Sr Atmaja CSN	Pateri	Punjab
58	Sr Ranimaria CSN	Allahabad	Pateri
59	Sr Vijaya DST	Ephremangar	Maidani
60	Sr Neethu Thomas FCC	Odgady	Bhopal
61	Sr Helena FCC	Bhopal	Odgady
62	Sr Sajeeva FCC	Singrauli	Pithampur
63	Sr Sudeepa FCC	Pithampur	Singrauli
64	Sr Kiran Francis FCC	Sarni	Sidhi
65	Sr Tresalit SH	SHNH Pateri	Assam
66	Sr Reena SH	Assam	SHNH Pateri
67	Sr Hema SH	Delhi	Satna
68	Sr Valeria MSMM	Panna	Telangana
69	Sr Beena Joseph MSMM	Pateri	Italy
70	Sr Claritta Mary MSMM	Telangana	Panna
71	Sr Josephine MSMM	Telangana	Panna
72	Sr Jyoti J MSMM	Telangana	Panna
73	Sr Archana CMC	Karimatti	Hazaribag
74	Sr Preeti Lakra CMC	Hazaribag	Karimatti
75	Sr Tresa Antony HM	Vindhyanagar	Manidila
76	Sr Preeti Gonsalves HM	Manimala	Vindhyanagar
77	Sr Ansa Plamoottil SABS	Madhavgarh	Nandini
78	Sr Deepthi SABS	Kothi	Madhavgarh
79	Sr Merin Kirianthen SABS	Mandawar	Gijwar
80	Sr Kiran Mary Ekka SABS	Gijwar	Pateri
81	Sr Anila Mulavarickal SABS	Pateri	Goradongiri
82	Sr Mercilit SABS	Pateri	Churu
83	Sr Rani Maria SABS	Waidhan	Nandini

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Archbishop Most Rev. Leopoldo Girelli



Report of the charitable activities carried out by **Eparchy of Satna** during **COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Fr Robin Kachappilly
Procurator, Eparchy of Satna

The whole world is going through a period of crisis under the Pandemic of Covid -19 and the subsequent Lockdown. As the Lockdown has caused a miserable situation for the public, especially for the poor who are daily wage labours, slum dwellers, homeless were badly affected by the Lockdown. Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Bishop of our eparchy exhorted the priests, religious and laypeople of the eparchy of Satna to extend their helping hands to the people who are deprived of food and other protective material like mask, sanitizers etc to protect themselves from the infection of Corona virus.

Following are the activities carried out in the Eparchy of Satna.

1. Satna Diocesan Society

With the permission of Mr. Irif Joseph Kalkho, the Additional District Magistrate, Satna Satna Diocesan Society distributed the Food packets, Sanitizers and Masks to the people in slums under the railway bridge and civil line, homeless people near Jagad Dew Talab and Nayi Basti on 7th , 8th , 9th , and 16th of April 2020. Mr. Sidharth Kushwaha the MLA of Satna joined us on 8th April to distribute the above mentioned items to the people.

The society has also donated a sum of Rs.50000/- to the P. M. Care fund and Rs. 30000.00 to community kitchen. The society has so far spent Rs. 230000/- on the charitable activities and the same activities will be continued.





2. Aradhana Bhavan, SABS Provincial House, Pateri, Satna.

The SABS sisters of Aradhana Bhavan, Pateri also extended their helping hands to the poor people at this difficult time of COVID -19. They distributed provision kits and food to the poor people and masks were made by the sisters of Aradhana Bhavan and distributed to the Traffic Police and staff of government district hospital at Satna. The total amount spent on charitable works done till date is Rs. 120000/-



The provision kits were distributed to the villagers on Koothi Road, the families of the students of Sneh Sadan, the school for the physically challenged, the parishners of St. Ephrem's Church, the nurses and staff members of the Samaritan Hospital, drivers, and other helping staff of the Sneha Sadan. The provision kit contained 5kg of rice, 5kg wheat powder, 2 kg Dal, 1 kg cooking oil.



3. St. Francis Church, Rewa

St. Francis Church, Rewa has distributed Mask, Sanitizers and gloves to the Medical College, Rewa. The total amount incurred for this purpose is Rs.18000/-





4. Samaritan Hospital, Pateri, Satna

The pandemic situation by COVID-19 created lot of issues in the day to day life of people, especially for the marginalized. To reduce the intensity of the problem, Samaritan hospital executed some emergency relief works like distribution of dry food packages, Training on safety measures, sanitizers and mask for police, media, hospital staff etc. As the lockdown by Govt. of India extending, daily labours and jobless were struggling for their daily bread. So hospital is planning to reach more interior villages in Satna district.



Hospital has engaged approx 42 volunteers for the support and social activities during covid-19. The volunteers have delivered approx 690 packets of Food and Grocery and approx 600 pieces of masks to the people. We have also distributed approx 150 bottles of sanitizers. The total expenditure incurred by the institution is Rs.40,000/-. Besides these activities an amount of Rs. 20000/- is donated to P. M. Care Fund.

5. Christ Niwas Convent, Singrauli.

As the whole world is suffering due to Corona Virus and with the lock down, we the members of the community sensed the need to help the people of our locality. We helped 15 people by giving Rs.2000/- to Purchase rice and the different food materials necessary for their livelihood. The total amount incurred for this purpose is Rs. 33000.

6. St. Paul's Church, Karimatti, Dist. Sidhi.

On 19th April 2020 the St. Paul's Church Karimatti, Dist. Sidhi has distributed grocery kits containing Rice, Wheat Flour and Pulses etc. and soap and other hygiene materials to the 120 families living in the village Karimatti, Dist.Sidhi. The Total expenditure incurred by the institution is Rs. 97460/-



7. Holy Family Convent, Jayant, Dist. Singrauli.

In Jayant at Dist. Singrauli the Sisters of Holy Family Convent has distributed the grocery kits costing Rs. 5000/- for 15 families along with the study material to the needy students. The cost of the study material distributed by the convent is at Rs.6000/-. The total expenditure incurred by the institution is Rs.21000/-.





8. Women Religious, Pateri, Satna.

The four women religious communities of the Pateri Campus (S.H study House, S.D. Formation House, C. S. N. Formation House and the S. H. Novitiate House) joined hands to extend their helping hand to the poor and the needy of the locality. The communities together prepared kits consist of Atta, Rice, Dal, Chana, Oil, Sugar and Tea powder worth Rs. 24,000/-, and distributed to around 60 families on 23rd April, 2020.



9. St. Ephrem's Theological College, Kotti.

Staff and students of St. Ephrem's Theological College, Kotti also came out to help the poor people of the villages namely Barakala, Gulwa, Purva and Naibasti. These people are very badly affected by the lock down as they are daily wage labors. Provision kits, Mask and sanitizers were distributed to the people of these villages around the seminary. The provision kits contained rice, cooking oil, dal, wheat and vegetables. Besides this material help to the poor people an amount Rs. 20000/- has been given to the PM care as a contribution.

10. Sacred Heart School, Khajuraho.

SD sisters of Sacred Heart School, Khajuraho distributed provision kits containing wheat powder, sugar, oil, dal and tea powder to 14 poor families close by the school. The total cost of the provision kits distributed to the people is Rs. 6865.

11. Little Flower Church, Tikamgarh.

Fathers and sisters of Little Flower Church, Tikamgarh distributed the provision kits and masks to the auto drivers of the locality. Total amount spent on provision kits and masks is Rs. 25000.00.

12. Sacred Heart Convent School, Rewa.

At this time of lock down due to Corona virus pandemic the sisters of sacred heart convent school, Rewa also felt the need of helping the people around them who are very badly affected by the lock down. The sisters shared their plan with staff members and parents for extending



help to people in need around them. They got a great response and a lot of members volunteered to contribute. Together with contribution of Convent for the cause they prepared kit which included basic necessity items keeping in mind daily food and hygiene requirements of the needy ones. With the kind support of NGO and Rev. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy V.C they finalized the spots and team reached the venue ensuring social distancing and hygiene. The total money spent on the masks and provision kits is Rs. 60000.00.



Activities at a glance

S L	Name of Institution	Name of Govt. officer & Public person approached by institutions	Activities	Amount
1	Satna Diocesan Society, Bishop's House, Satna.	A D M, Satna M L A, Satna	Distributed food Packets, Masks Sanitizers in Slums of Satna. P M Care Fund. Community Kitchen	1,50,000.00 50,000.00 30000.00
2	SABS Provincial House, Pateri.		Distributed food Packets, Provision kits, Sanitizers, Mask to Villagers, Traffic Police and Staff of District Hospital, Satna.	1,20,000.00
3	St. Francis Church, Rewa.		Donated masks, sanitizers and gloves to Medical College, Rewa.	18,000.00
4	Samaritan Hospital, Satna.		Training on Corona Precautions to the Hospital staff, -Distributed food Packets, Masks Sanitizers in slums. Distributed Masks Sanitizers to traffic Police, Satna. P M CARE Fund.	40,000.00 20,000.00



5	Christ Niwas Convent, Singrauli.		Distribution of Provision items to 15 families.	33,000.00
6	St. Pauls Church, Karimatti.		Distribution of Provision items to 120 families.	97,460.00
7	Holy Family Convent, Jayant.		Distribution of Provision items to 15 families and study materials for poor children.	21,000.00
8	Women Religious, Pateri.		Distribution of Provision items to 60 families.	24,000.00
9	Sacred Heart Convent School, Khajuraho.		Distribution of Provision items to 14 families.	6,865.00
10	St. Ephrem's Theological College, Kotti.		P M Care Fund Distributed provision kits, sanitizers and masks to the villagers.	20,000.00 50,000.00
11	Little Flower church, Tikamgarh.		Distributed provision kits to auto drivers.	25000.00
12	Sacred Heart School, Rewa.		Distributed provision kits and masks to the poor people.	60000.00
Total				765325.00

(Reported till June 2020)



*Eparchy of Satna
remembers with gratitude
Malabar Missionary
Brothers (MMB)
for the selfless service
in the Eparchy
for past 43 years.*



*Hearty Congratulations to the newly elected
Provincial Team
of St. Thomas Province of Vincentian Congregation*



Rev. Fr Varghese (Joshy) Kottackal (*Provincial*),
Counsellors: Fr Mathew Vattakuzhy, Fr Varghese Parayil,
Fr Martin Valiyaparambil, Fr Sebastian Kallath.



The souvenir Released in honour of late bishop

MAR A. D. MATTAM

It was a moment of joy and satisfaction to enfold the ceremony of the release the souvenir in honour of late bishop Mar A. D. Mattam.

Mar Abraham Devasia Mattam (21 November 1922 – 16 April 2019), the first bishop of the eparchy of Satna, was a zealous missionary and a great visionary of the time. He was an inspiring leader with the assets of honesty, humility, holiness, transparency and prayerfulness; a writer who promoted the Catholic and Oriental teachings. He brought up the eparchy to the path of progress. On this



memorable occasion of his death anniversary, the eparchy of Satna remembers him with affection, gratitude and reverence. The souvenir in honour of late bishop Mar A. D. Mattam, illustrates the bishop as the great luminary and theologian of Syro Malabar Church, champion of contextual formation, a man of holiness and innocence, a man of courage and conviction, a missionary bishop, a fatherly figure, a motherly father, lover of social service, educator and more. He was well aware of the major goal and mission of our education ministry - social and societal transformation "a new society built on justice, peace, love and harmony: a civilization of love - gospel values." Eminent prelates and others have adorned it with their invaluable messages, articles and personal sharing. I express heartfelt appreciation to all the contributors. I remember Fr Mathew Tharakunnel with sincere gratitude for the hard work in the initial stages of the souvenir. Let me also acknowledge the helping hands of Fr John Thoppil, Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil and Sr Danya SABS in completing this work. Special thanks also go to Wild Thoughts, Kottayam, on the layout, paging and Printing. As we set out to bring In Memoriam, Tribute to Mar Abraham D. Mattam VC, First bishop of Satna may I invite you to discover the abundance of memories flowing through these pages on Mar Abraham Devasia Mattam. Many of the messages, articles and experience sharing are very heart moving. All of them have been written with a great deal of sincerity and a lot of affection to bishopji.

The souvenir was released by Mar Joseph Kodakallil and handed over the first copy to Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakattu, Protosyncellus on the occasion of the Second Death Anniversary of Mar Abraham D. Mattam, April 16, which was anticipated with the requiem Holy Qurbana on April 6.

Fr Antony Panachinkal



GLIMPSE FROM ST. EPHREM'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

• Fr Joseph Ottapurackal •

Analysing the unpredictable situations of the global spread of corona virus, the seminary rearranged its normal academic programmes. The chairman of the Synodal Commission for seminary, Mar Joseph Kodakallil inaugurated the academic year 2020-21 on a virtual platform. On this occasion Rev. Fr. Thomas Nirappel from the Eparchy of Kanjirapally presented *Lectio Divina*.

Webinar - Cancer Awareness and Healthy Lifestyle

A webinar was conducted by Bombay based NGO on 13th August 2020. The subject was *Cancer awareness and healthy lifestyle*. Mrs. Sumki Begum led the sessions.

Independence Day - a Virtual Conference

In connection with the Independence Day celebration 2020, St. Ephrem's Theological College organized a virtual conference with Honourable Justice Mr. Kurian Joseph, the former Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

An International Webinar - Theology and the Pandemic of COVID-19

An international webinar based on 'Theology and COVID-19: Responses and Responsibilities for a New Normal' was conducted on 29th August 2020 on CHAI online platform. Bp. Joseph Kodakallil gave the Introductory Message. Dr. Shaju Kanjiramparayil OSFS, the Professor of Psychology in De Sales University, Pennsylvania, USA spoke on 'New Normal and Psychological Wellbeing in the post COVID-19 scenario.' Dr. Jiss Pettayil CMF, the Associate Professor of Philosophy, Institute Catholique de Toulouse, France, addressed on 'COVID-19 and the Imperative of Digital Transformation: Prospects and Perspectives for a Novel Theological Formation.' Dr. Mathew Abraham CSsR, MBBS, MD, the Director General of Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI), enlightened on 'CHAI Covid-19 Response.' Sr. Dr. Beena UMI, MBBS, MS, the National President of the Sister Doctors Forum of India shared the session on Covid care.

Beginning of Offline Classes

On 8th September 2020, the fourth year Theologians returned to



ETC. After 14 days of quarantine, normal classes were set in motion. I-III yr seminarians, after a period of quarantine, started regular academic programmes from 24th November 2020.

Annual Retreat and Farewell to Deacons

An annual retreat of the year 2020-21 was arranged from 30th November to 5th December 2020 under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Jerome Puthukulangara.



On 6th December St. Ephrem's bid farewell to the reverend deacons. The farewell programme began with solemn Ramsa led by Rev. Dn. Kurian Elayidathumadathil VC. Thereafter the farewell gathering was arranged in the Main Auditorium. Rev. Fr. John Kondooparambil, Vice Rector and Bro. Albert Valiyaveetil felicitated them and exhorted them to be good and holy priests of God. Rev. Dns. James Elavumkal and Antony Tharakunnel thanked all the staff members and students for molding them through the years.

Christmas Celebration in Ephrem Parivar

As a preparation for the Christmas, ETC coordinated a 'Christmas Journey': a journey with sojourners like Prophets, Shepherds, Angels, Kings, Joseph and Mary. Each day, various tasks of competitions like Word Puzzles, Quiz Competitions and Biblical Verses were held. On 24th evening Christmas Liturgical celebration began with solemn Ramsa. A gathering was held in front of the Chapel after the Holy Qurbana with greetings and carol singing. The Christmas celebration was held 25th evening under the title, *KRISI STAR* (an Australian slang for Christmas). Members from all the communities in Ephrem parivar were present. Rev. Fr. George Pettayil CMF wished all the communities and urged to share the joy of Christmas throughout the life. Christmas Celebration ended with Carol Singing Competition. Christmas tree and Games were Special attractions of Christmas Programme.

Congratulation to New Priests

St. Ephrem's wholeheartedly congratulates her 10 deacons who were ordained priests to lead, teach, and sanctify the people of God and to become a sacrifice pleasing to God. She prays and wishes that



they all become human faces of divine compassion, partakers in human paths and an incessant stream of divine grace so that the thirsty may drink and find rest. The other deacons are ordained after Easter.

The Seminary Commission

The Seminary commission Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Sebastian Vadakkal and Mar Raphael Thattil reached the seminary on 4th February 2021 as part of the annual visitation. Mar Joseph Kodakallil the chairman presided over the Holy *Qurbana* on 5th February. The commission met all the students in batches and in person, and they also met the resident staff. The Chairman of Synodal commission officially declared that the tenure of rector is extended for one more year due to the absence of actual Synod.

The Church Feast

The joy of the parish feast had its official flare-up with the blessing and hoisting of flag on 5th February by the vicar Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal. Rev. Fr Joshy Pullokaran presented an extension lecture on the topic *Exorcism* on 6th February 2021. On the same day, the entire Ephrem pariwar after the solemn *Ramsa* participated in the festal procession. Almost two hours of long procession coupled with the festal message by Rev. Fr. Edathil Joseph was a kind of typical exhibition of Christian witness and piety. As part of the parish feast the most solemn form of liturgy *Raza*, was celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Thelakatt, Vicar General of the Eparchy of Satna on 7th February 2021. On this day, mission Sunday celebrations were held, and ETC volleyball team won the qualification round to move to the semi-finals.

A Symposium, on “*Omnes Fratres to Frateli Tutti*”

Academic faculty of ETC arranged a symposium, on “*Omnes Fratres to Frateli Tutti*” on 20th February 2021. Rev. Fr. Biju Puthenpura VC, Principal of De Paul School, Madhavgarh, inaugurated the symposium with his thought provoking words. There were four paper presentations on various topics like “The Fraternal Love in Present Scenario”, “A Call to Communal Life by Rejecting Individualistic Approaches”, “Social and Political Charity is a basis for New Culture”, “A Call for the Forgiving as an Identity of Christians”, by Bros. Albert Valiyaveetil, Anoop Vazheparampil, Arun Kandathil and Ephrem Kunnapilly respectively.

Funeral and New Residential Staff

Rev. Fr Rector attended the funeral service of Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Sagar Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil on 23rd February 2021. Rev. Dr Alex Kollamkalam, from the Archeparchy of Changanassery, after completing the doctoral studies on Patrology from Augustinian



Institute, Rome, joined in the staff on 23rd February 2021. He is able to repair the lacuna created thanks to the departure of Rev. Dr. George Kudilil on his appointment as the Chief Editor of Deepika.

A Quiz Programme

The first edition of the quiz in memory of Dn Varghese Kannampilly was conducted on 27th February. The quiz is arranged for 10 years with the prize money donated by the batch mates of deacon. Third year theologians grabbed the first prize, and the first year theologians won the second prize.

Patris Corde



ETC celebrated the Year of St. Joseph on 1st March 2021. The programme began with a novena of St. Joseph by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil who later inaugurated the extension lecture. It was memorable and enriching with exposition led by Rev. Fr. Sebastian

Poonolil VC on 'Patris Corde: Spectrum of St. Joseph.' An International Eucharistic miracles' Exhibition catalogued by Blessed Carlo Acutis was displayed on 153 panels in ETC old auditorium. These panels give the details of the Eucharistic miracles approved by the Ecclesiastical authority. There were also cultural events performed by the candidates and seminarians.



Diaconate and MINOR ORDERS

The Formees of St. Ephrem's were raised a step forward on their journey to priesthood on 11th March 2021. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna, conferred the minor orders of *Karoyutha* on eight brothers, *Heupedyaqnutha* on six brothers and eight received the Diaconate.



Eparchy of Satna wishes

*Hearty Congratulations to the newly elected
General Team
SD Congregation*



Mother Liss Grace, Sr. Cicil Jose, Sr. Tharaka, Sr. Paulin Therese, Sr. Francia, Sr. Jancitta

*Hearty Congratulationsto the newly elected
Provincial Team
Pushpadham Province of SD Congregation.*



Mother Smitha, Sr. Christel, Sr. Josin, Sr. Talisha, Sr. Jomy

*Hearty Congratulations to the newly elected
General Team
CHF Congregation*



*Superior General Rev Sr. Annie Kuriakose, Sr. Elsy Xavier, Sr. Ancy Anto,
Sr. Philo Joseph, Sr. Rose Kavungal*

*Hearty Congratulationsto the newly elected
Provincial Team
Delhi Shanthidhara Province of CHF Congregation.*



Provincial Rev. Sr. Bhavya, Sr. Ruby Joseph, Sr. Roseline Jose, Sr. Sudeepa, Sr. Aruna



SATNA DIOCESAN YOUTH COMMISSION

Report of the Youth Commission 2020- 2021

Fr Sebastian P. DYD

"Youth is an original and stimulating stage of life which Jesus himself experienced, there by sanctifying it" – Christus Vivit 22

The pandemic situation of the time has frozen the energetic youth to limit the activities to their own rooms. It is said every bad situation will have something positive, even the dead clock shows correct time twice a day. So the youth commission planned the programs as to face the challenging situation in a positive manner. There is a saying "God often visits us but most of the time we are not in our home when he comes". We conducted various programs in order to ensure the youth to find Jesus being in their homes.

01. Regional Day of Prayer

"Remember that one does not win the battle without prayer. The choice is yours" - St. Padre Pio

The M. P. Region comprises of 11 dioceses including the 9 dioceses of M.P, Udaipur and some parts of the Nagpur. The region has conducted a day of prayer allotting each diocese an hour in the virtual platform. We divided the time for each parish and given them a particular topic for the prayer. Our youth and especially the youth representatives from each parish took part in the prayer session very actively. The hour allotted to Satna was 12.00 o' clock to 1.00 o' clock which was concluded with the final blessings from our loving Bishopji. The regional members appreciated our prayer session of our youth marking the various points and remembered the final blessing of our dear Bishopji.

02. The Youth Year Celebration

Youth ministry involves two main courses of action. One is outreach, the way we attract the young people to an experience



of God. The other is growth, the way we help those who have already the experience to mature in it. The Youth Year conducted various programs to ensure both these ends of the youth ministry. Now with a heart filled with sincere gratitude we remember Our beloved Bishopji for setting apart an year specially for the Youth of our Eparchy. The Covid 19 Pandemic created lots of rules and regulations in the gatherings and celebrations. So we planned to have the concluding ceremony of the Youth Year 2019 -2020, in the virtual platform on 30th of August 2020. Rev. Fr. Erosian Ekka welcomed all the participants of the program. The virtual platform marveled with the colorful live and recorded cultural programs of the youth from various parishes. Rev. Fr. Alexander Yesudasen the RDYD of M. P. Region, graced the occasion with a short message. Our Dear Bishopji also extended the blessings on each and every youth of our parishes. We also remember Rev. Fr. Joji Puliampallil for his technical support and sparing his valuable time and talents on the particular day for the youth of our Eparchy . We can't forget the support and timely guidance enhanced to us by Rev. Fr. John Thopil the former Proto Syncellus for all the programmes through out the Youth Year. We make this opportunity to thank all the Fathers, Sisters and lay brothers and sisters of our Eparchy who prayed for an year for the youth in their own respective parishes, mission stations and formation houses.

03. Bible Daily Live Lively

The words of St. Jerome go like this "When we pray we speak to God, but when we read Bible God speaks to us". We have conducted a Bible Quiz for the youth and parishes of our Eparchy so that they can learn the word of God daily and live it in their lives. We used to set each chapter of Gospel and send three questions to the parish priest by 4.00 pm every day. The parish priest or the in-charges would send it to the Youth or to the parish by 8.00pm and will get back the answers by 9.00 pm. At the request of the participants to know about early Christians we conducted the same for Acts of the Apostles and some Letters of St. Paul. When we completed one book we requested the parish priests to announce the winners of the particular parish to motivate them to go forward with better zeal. This enhanced a deeper learning of the Word of God by reading, re- reading and remembering the things read while writing the answers. This led all to live the Christian life lively and actively as per the Word of God.



04. Covid -19 Campaign

On September 1st to 6th we celebrated as the Covid 19 Campaign week in our Eparchy. With the help of the Regional Team we distributed the Mask, Sanitizer etc. to the villages of the Gijwar Mission station. As it was not easy for the villagers to gather in any of the place so we visited with our animators in some of the families and made them aware of the dangerous situation of pandemic affected areas. We gave them training to wash the hands with soap, use of mask, use of sanitizer etc and also emphasized the necessity of daily bath as their daily routine and to avoid unnecessary journeys.

05. Regional Competitions

There was a regional competition for making a Youth Anthem for the M. P. Region. The chance was given as one entry from each Eparchy. Three of our parishes came forward with their anthems in which we unanimously selected Vindhya Nagar parish Youth anthem for the competition. There were other individual items like essay, poem, drawing etc. some of our youth participated in these too. Even though we couldn't win any prize, our youth were there to exhibit their talents in the regional platform.

06. National Competitions

Many of our youth have taken part in the competitions in the national level conducted by ICYM. And some of them have won in Bible quiz competition and their names have been published in the National Instagram page of ICYM. This has enhanced the friendly relation with the youth of our Eparchy beyond the Eparchy to the state and to the national level.

07. Career Guidance Webinar

On October 2nd we had career guidance webinar for the youth. The resource persons directed the youth to their various levels of the career. This webinar opened a new knowledge on the various universities and the follow - up studies to the Youth in order to afford their profession or to update them academically. This webinar not only enlightened the youth intellectually but also trained them psychologically, physically and in the spiritual realms, as per their taste for specific professions. At the end of the session there was a motivational talk, encouraging the youth to select a particular profession of their own.



08. Christmas 2020

Even when the Covid 19 Pandemic held everyone in their own homes distancing themselves from joining with the church for any kind of sacraments, we the youth commission of our Eparchy planned to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas 2020.

St. Augustine once said "Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you". We have made a plan to read the Word of God daily and to complete the New Testament within One Hundred days. We started the mission on 15th September 2020 and came to the end by 23rd December 2020. It is said the reading of the Bible provides us with a twofold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities. Some of our Youth have completed the whole of New Testament even before the time schedule given. I am grateful to all the fathers and sisters who encouraged and guided them in this pastoral mission.

09. Bible Quiz (Second Phase)

As a part of keeping the Youth of our Eparchy with the Word Of God we made a daily Bible Quiz as per the scheduled portion of Bible reading in preparation of Christmas 2020. We sent the questions to each parish priest by 4.00 pm every day and through them to the Youth and parishners by 8.00 pm. They were supposed to answer the quiz questions with the assistance of the Bible and were expected to take the photos of the answers and send it back to the parish priests of each parish. He would evaluate it and announce the winners after aggregating the marks obtained by them in each day's Bible quiz of one book. In order to motivate the youth we requested the parish priests to appreciate them with some gifts for each book of the Bible and the certificates will be send to them from the center. I hope as the pandemic is over when the things are normal parish priests will find a suitable time to appreciate the youth in the presence of the parish community.

The goal behind this programe was to make them to read , re-read and have a deep sense of Word Of God in their lives and make a habit of Bible reading in them and in the families. It was a great success as most of our Youth and some of the families from our parishes participated in it. Many appreciated in this venture too as they could see the lively signs as the changes in the life of youth as they used to pastor the sheep of their parishes. The participants



completed this task, from the Acts Of The Apostles to St. Paul's Letter to 2nd Corinthians.

10. Daily Bible Reflections

"Woe to me if I don't preach the Gospel" (1Cor. 9:16). On November 1st onwards we the Youth commission has started the daily reflections on the Gospel passage of Syro Malabar Liturgical calander in the name of "JIVANT VACHAN". This is being send to each Parish priests, Youth Animators and in the group of the Youth. Now we have uploaded in the Youtube channel (Satna Diocesan Youth Commission) around 170 Daily Reflections. We the Youth commission is proud of this task and make this opportunity to humbly thank the Lord for His abundant blessings without which it would not have been possible for us. We also remember Rev. Fr. Paul Uthinipparampan for his initial technical support and encouragement on the proclamation of the word of God through digital media. The "JIVANT VACHAN" is being continued till now in our Youth Channel Satna Diocesan Youth Commission.

11. REXCO Team

Four of our Youth representing our Eparchy participated in the Regional election which was conducted in Baswada Parish of Udaipur Diocese. Two of our Youth namely Arpan Stephen from Pateri Parish and Pramita Topo from Satna parish were elected as joint treasurer and joint secretary respectively, in the regional team. They are taking up various responsibilities in the regional level in conducting various programs. Now Arpan Stephan is one of the regional co-coordinator of MIJRAC Project and the other one is from Bhopal Diocese. This opens a door for them to have a touch with various Dioceses of M.P. Region.

Conclusion

We thankfully remember the Eparchial authorities and the parish priests for their kind support to actualize various programs for the youth of our Eparchy. We recall the generous hands of the various fathers and sisters which stood as a motivational force in times of utter necessity. We are also reminded of the various resource persons who spent the time and energy for the cause of the youth of our Eparchy.

As the lines of Robert Frost goes "miles to go before I sleep, miles to go before I sleep" lets pledge together to join our shoulders for the forth coming programs for the youth of our Eparchy.



DEPARTMENT OF CATECHISM

Rev. Father and Sisters...

Greetings from the Department of Catechism...

Some of the programs that we conducted during the Covid-19 Pandemic;

1. Online Classes for the Catechism Students:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were not able to conduct the regular catechism classes for our students in our parishes. So the department of Catechism in collaboration with the Jyotirmayi communications conducted online Catechism Classes for the Faith formations of the Catechism students. We wholeheartedly thank Rev. Fr. Jimmy Mattathil, Rev. Fr. Paul Uthiniparamban who helped us shoot and edit the video classes. We also remember with gratitude Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Catechism teachers who took the pain to prepare and present the classes for the students.

2. Inauguration of the Online Catechism Classes:

The inauguration of the online Catechism class was held on 18th October 2020 through a Google Meet conference. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil inaugurated the online catechism classes with his words of blessing. On this occasion Rev. Fr. John Thoppil also spoke about the prominence of imparting the faith formation to the younger generation. Many Priests, Sisters, Catechism teachers and Students took part in inaugural session of the online catechism classes.

3. Launching of the YOU TUBE Channel;

We have started a new you tube channel named "The Lumen" to broadcast the online catechism classes that we had prepared for the catechism students.

4. Statistics

We had collected, with the help of the parish priests and the sisters, the statistics of the catechism students and catechism teachers of our diocese. There are 315 students undergoing faith formation in our diocese and 47 catechism teachers who render their valuable time for the faith formation of the students.

5. Online Catechism Exams:

The online catechism exams were conducted on 13th December



2020. The question papers were sent to the students from the department of catechism. The students were asked to write the exam at home and submit the hard copy of the exam to the respective parish priests. The exam was like open-book exam.

6. Google Meet Conference with Catechism Directors of the Syro – Malabar Church:

A Google- meet conference of all catechism directors of the Syro Malabar Church was held on 30th September 2020. His Beatitude Mar George Alanchery was presiding over the meeting. The directors of each diocese were asked to present a report of the activities taking place in their dioceses.

7. Directors and Parents Meet:

On 20th November 2020, there was a Goggle Meet conference arranged by Rev. Fr. Thomas Malvettam, director of the catechism department of the Syro Malabar Church to meet and interact with the catechism Directors and parents of each diocese of the Syro- Malabar Church. Mr. Roy from Satna parish and Mrs. Margaret from Panna parish were the parents' representatives from our diocese.

8. Competitions for the Catechism Students and the Youth:

During the Christmas holidays, we had conducted some online competitions for the catechism students, youth and the families. A number of students actively took part in the competitions. The prizes will be given to the winners during the forthcoming Bible Fest -2021

9. Angel Voice;

As a spiritual preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the catechism students prepared and delivered short reflections on different Christian values.

10. Up-coming Programs:

1. Bible Fest (Cultural competition for Catechism students)
2. Family Bible Quiz
3. Training and orientation sessions for catechism teachers
4. Pilgrimage to the tomb of Bl. Martyr Rani Maria for catechism teachers
5. Various competitions for catechism students
6. Visit to the parishes by Catechism directors

Due to the prevailing Covid-19 Pandemic situation, the dates of these programs will be announced later. Thank you...

For Catechism Department

Fr Sijo Pullan & Fr Joseph Edathil



Samaritan Social Service Society

Fr Martin Vallooran

Goal	For upliftment of the poor
Vision	A just society rooted in gospel values where love, equality and peace are nurtured.
Mission	To restore the human dignity of the oppressed and the marginalized through the process of empowerment
Intervention Areas	Education, Health, Human rights & dignity, Health & hygiene, Disability care, Empowerment, Environment protection, Skill development & livelihood and Child protection.

Brief History

- Social Work activities since the inception of Satna Diocese (1968).
- The late Bishop Abraham D. Mattam was the founder of the Samaritan Social Service Society(SSSS).
- Formally established and registered in 1993.
- Social work as a part of the commitment of the Church to serve the poorest, the deprived, and the challenged.
- Covers the most interior villages and urban areas (10 districts) of North-East area of M.P.
- Decades of experience in projects funded by: own funds, National Organisations, Central & State Governments and International Organisations.

RUNNING PROJECTS			
Sl.	Name of project	Purpose of the program	Supported by
1	Vision Centers	Accessible eye care to rural population	Fullerton India, CBM
2	Disability Inclusive Eye Health Programme	Eye care with special focus on disabled	CHAI/CBM
3	MAMTHA	Reducing malnutrition in villages	CNEWA
5	IDCYD	Educational support for the disabled	SLF/JVS



6	Cataract Surgeries	Removal of avoidable blindness	DBCS
7	MPREHP	Comprehensive Eye health	Sightsavers
8	Childline1098	Emergency services to children	Govt. India
9	Samaritan Community College	Promote Health	Samaritan
10	People led development process	Promote nutrition and government sectors	Misereor
11	Samaritansblood.com	Promote blood donation	Samaritan

Achievements

- Overall around 0.5 million people are positively affected in 10 districts
- It has excelled in a participative and comprehensive approach that combines the efforts from the communities, planned programs of different organisations and social schemes of the governments.
- Currently, 364 CBOs are being facilitated by the society. 76 out of them are SHGs by women.
- Around 150 training programmes (About 1.5 lakh beneficiaries) on different sectors are conducted a year.
- During last financial year, benefits worth Rs. 1.21 billion were made available to the villagers through different government schemes.
- Almost 4500 acres of farming land are converted into organic farming lands over the years.
- 11640 kitchen gardens were initiated last financial year.
- More than 50000 persons receive free eye care services every year – around 6000 free surgeries and around 5000 free spectacles.
- Almost 400 eye screening camps are conducted in the villages in addition to the regular screening in four vision centers.
- Public health system is empowered with trainings to health workers, collaboration in awareness/survey/vaccination programs and providing services in the CHCs/PHCs.
- 98 disabled children are given support (monetary & material) in their education every year.
- Around 1200 malnourished children are given special care and nutrition to bring them back to healthy childhood.



- Through skill development programs every year, around 250 women are helped to find income for their families.
- So far, 638 school-dropout girls completed nursing assistant course and secured jobs.

Samaritan Hospital

- A sister concern of the Society working since 1975.
- Used to be multi-speciality, now focusing on eye care.
- Registered under MPUTRSSA 1973 (Reg. No: 26).
- NABH entry level accreditation (evaluation completed)
- Bed capacity of 30+5, one OT, Laser room
- 2 eye surgeons+1 physician, Lab, Optical Shop, Pharmacy, etc.
- Modern treatments including surgeries at affordable prices.
- On average, more than 20 persons per day are given cataract surgery along with food & stay free of cost.
- Free eye-screening on 10th& 20th of every month.

Covid-19 Relief Activities

BACKGROUND

The infection of COVID-19 has spread all over the world and WHO has declared it a Pandemic. In this difficult situation, all nations are taking strict measure to control the spread and save the lives of their citizens. India has declared a nation-wide complete lock-down for 21





days, from Midnight of 25 th March 2020 to 14 th April 2020. This is an unprecedented condition for most of the people of India who were not ready for it. As the declaration for lockdown was given just 4 hours before the beginning time of lockdown, no one could make arrangements for resources. The daily wagers and the street-dwellers are the most affected as they don't have any savings and depend on the minimal income that they get daily.

As per the data of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India, there are 55 slums in Satna with 10905 households and 56707 populations which claim round 20% of Total population in Satna city. The unofficial numbers may be much more. It is estimated that more than 2000 persons are living in the streets of Satna without a family or household even in a slum. Almost all of them make their living with daily wages, mini- businesses or even begging. Since they are already a marginalized section of the society, they require special attention during the present situation without work and income. As an effort to support them, the project distributed 2000 food-kits which may feed 2000 households/persons for around 2 weeks.

DETAILS OF THE RELIEF GIVEN

No	Item	Quantity
1	Dry ration/ food kit	4900
2	Hygiene kit	500
3	Counselling/ Psychosocial support	800
4	Face mask	2400
5	Sanitizer	1210



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Fr Paul Varghese

Education Secretary, Eparchy of Satna

Once again here came the reopening of the schools after one and half months of holidays but having no cheers of students, no welcoming bouquets and balloons, no sound of bell nor sound of band for assembly and no cries for parents. Covid-19 pandemic continue to seed our education system virtual and online.

Amid a decline in fresh COVID-19 cases and positivity rate in India, several states which were under lockdown are preparing to return to normalcy however the question of offline education is still unanswered. Keeping the possible third coronavirus wave in mind with the safety of students state governments are encouraging online classes. After more than a year, the buzz to open schools has started surfacing.

Most of our schools reopened on 15 June, 2021. We bless all our Managers, Principals, Teachers, Students and all our well wishers and benefactors and we submit them in the hands of the Almighty God that all may be safe and healthy. Our prayers and support are still needed for those who are called for eternal rest and the families and friends who mourn for them; for everyone severely suffering from the illness and those who are caring for them; and for people whose livelihoods have been lost or are threatened in the continuing economic impact.

Let us continue to impart the wisdom and knowledge to the future pillars of the society.

May the Almighty God keep us all safe and grant us good health and inner strength.



GLIMPSE FROM SABS, PATERI

● Sr Maria Jose SABS ●

ARADHANA BAHAVAN

“When the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, thankfulness overflows. Even in the darkest of times, we can praise God for his love, his sovereignty, and his promise to be near us when we call” (Psalm 145:18)

Recounting the great marvels of God and relishing the warm memories of His great providence during the last and the present year (2020-21), we, the Aradhana Bhavan Family, express our gratitude towards the Almighty for walking with us. He kept us safe from every danger, small and great. Our sisters in the Province rendered their selfless service in their respective apostolic fields by imbibing the strength from the Eucharistic Lord. God caused our sisters to give the best of their capabilities, time and energy even during this lockdown period for the betterment of the poor, the needy and for the purpose of evangelization. We gratefully remember all our benefactors for their generosity to help us in fulfilling our entrusted mission.

Retreat & Seminar

- To foster the spiritual welfare of the sisters during the Pandemic Covid-19, the Province had arranged the online annual retreat for six days both in Malayalam and English by the guidance of Sr. Lee Rose Kachappilly and Sr. Arpitha Thiruthel. The Malayalam retreat was conducted from 15th June to 21st June, and the English retreat was conducted from 24th June to 30th June 2020.
- After the three days of retreat conducted by Rev. Sr. Ansa Plamoottil, three candidates entered in to Pre- Aspirancy and five Pre- Aspirants entered in to Aspirancy with a solemn Holy hour on 1st June 2020.
- The formees' gathering of all the congregation of our locality was conducted on 12th December 2020, at our Provincial House under the guidance of Rev. Mother Rose Therese. The programme began at 9 o'clock with a small introduction by Sr. Jesslin. Rev. Mother Rose Therese welcomed everyone to the gathering and described about the purpose of the gathering. Sr. Arpitha gave a talk on faith followed by the Holy Hour from 11 to 12. Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal gave a talk on vocation connecting the life of St. Joseph, followed by lunch



and games were conducted for the formees at Sneh Sadan School. Thereafter, Carol singing competition was conducted in group wise. Rev. Sr. Smitha S.D gave a short message and representative of the candidates thanked everyone at the end. Rev. Fr. Adambakallel distributed the prizes to the winners of games and competitions. All dispersed after the tea.

- A prayer service for the parishioners was arranged at Provincial House on 20th December 2020, from 3 to 4.30 pm. in preparation for the Christmas. Sr. Arpitha guided the people through her talk and guided adoration. At the end of the programme tea and snacks were distributed.



- Our Postulants made one week discipleship retreat under the guidance of Sr. Jesslin Pereppadan from 12th to 17th March 2021.

A New Beginning.....

- 24th January was a day of blessing for our Province. Sanjo Bhavan Adoration Convent, 31st house of the Province, was inaugurated by Rev. Mother Rose Therese and blessed by Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna, in the presence of many priests and religious.



Visits

- On 19th March 2021, the feast day of St. Joseph, the Provincial team made a lovely visit to Sanjo Bhavan, our newly began Old Age Home.



We had our meal together with all our Ammas on their Patron's day and gave a small gift as the token of our love.

- Our Provincial team made a short visit to our Lucknow community on 20th March 2021. It was our first visit after shifting our residence from Viyani Home Campus to Cathedral Campus. It was loving and joyful gathering together with our community there.

Acts of Bounty.....

- On 11th April 2020 we have distributed food packets in one of the villages in koothi Road.
- On 16th April 2020 we have distributed food bags to the Mahila Sang Families in Koothi.
- On 13th May 2020 we have distributed food bags to the families of students belonging to Sneha sadan Physically Challenged School.
- On 14th May 2020 we have distributed food bags to the nearby houses and food bags to the parishioners of Edessa Parish.
- On 20th June 2020 we have delivered the mask to the Traffic Police and other police station in Satna.
- On 24th June 2020 we have distributed Mask to the Government Hospital, Satna.
- On 25th July 2020 we have distributed food bags to the Nurses and workers of the Samaritan Hospital, to our drivers, conductors, helpers of the school, the domestic workers and other workers of our provincial house. Society has given the salary of the teaching and non- teaching staff for the months of March & April 2020 to Sneh Sadan Physically Challenged School since there is no sufficient fund.
- During this year St. Joseph, we the Provincial House community, started giving a time of meal to the poor people every day.

Celebrations

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated in the Provincial House. In addition, on that day, we also celebrated the 90th Birthday of our Margaret Amma. The Holy Eucharist was officiated by Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna, at 11 am, followed by agape in which fathers from nearby communities also present.

Feast of Rev. Mother Rose Therese was celebrated in the Provincial House on 1st October 2020. Rt. Rev. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil offered the solemn Holy Mass and Rev. Fr. Joseph Edathil concelebrated it. After the Holy Mass we had the wishing ceremony, in which a video



was shown including all the members of the province with wishing posture. The day was very pleasant and memorable one.

We had a small celebration of Christmas together with our neighbouring families according to the protocol of Covid-19. We sang carol songs in their presence and distributed cakes to each family.

We had a colorful programme on 24th eve of December at Provincial house after the Christmas Holy Mass at the Parish Church. Christmas tree group arranged the programme so creatively including a few games. All of us enjoyed the programme.

We celebrated the feast day of our beloved Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil on 23rd March 2021, in our community.

We celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Seena Maria on 6th April, 2021. Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan offered the solemn Holy Eucharist. Thereafter we extended the Jubilee greetings to her in which fathers from nearby communities also were present.

SNEHSADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

- The truss work of Sneh Sadan School was blessed on 5th December 2020 by Rev. Fr. Jacob Adampakallel. Samaritan Social Welfare Society celebrated the International day of persons with disabilities on the same day at SnehSadana School for the students of our School. At the end of the programme, they distributed blankets for our students.
- Sneh Sadan School was arranged three days of classes in a week for our students, during the lockdown period. With the cooperation of the parents we prepared three centers for the class. Teachers and students arrived on those particular days without any fail.
- The School day (Feast day of Divine Mercy) was celebrated on 11th April 2021 at Sneh Sadan School. Special prayer services were done in preparation for the feast, as well as on the feast day.

Sr. Jessy Tresa SABS

June 2021



GLIMPSE FROM CHHATARPUR

• Fr John Thoppil •

MARIA MATA PARISH

Christmas Preparations

A carol singing programme was organized in Maria Mata Parish under the leadership of Sr Anu Maria CSN on 22 December which was well appreciated by the parish community. For the new born child Jesus a beautiful crib was prepared under the supervision of the teachers in our campus. In spite of the Corona pandemic situation, Rev. Fr Job, the Parish Priest visited all the families of the parish with the statue of infant Jesus invoking the blessings from the saviour on all the members. Sahil Toppo, Archi Gond and Ayushi Tirkey took part in the eparchial level programmes of Angel voice and short speeches. Shruti Toppo participated in the youth dance programme.

Adieu to Rev. Fr Varghese Kannukadan

On 26 January, 2021 Maria Mata parish bade farewell to Rev. Fr Varghese Kannukadan. The entire parish community gathered together at 5.00 p.m. to participate in the thanksgiving Holy Qurbana expressing their heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr Kannukadan for the invaluable services extended to the community. The Holy Qurbana was followed by various cultural activities and agape.

On 06 February Maria Mata Parish gave a warm welcome to Rev. Fr John Thoppil. After a short prayer by Syncellus, Very Rev. Fr Augustine Chittuparambil in the church, Rev. Fr Job Vallianal, the Parish Priest cordially welcomed Fr Thoppil with a bouquet in the presence of CSN community.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations and First Holy Communion

Sunday, 11 March 2021 was a memorable day in the history of Maria Mata Church. It was a day of thanksgiving and a day of jubilation for the people of Chhatarpur parish. The day was special for multiple reasons. It provided an occasion to celebrate the 25th year of religious profession of Rev Sr. Linze CSN as well as the golden jubilee of Rev. Sr Cissy CSN, one of the pioneer missionaries of Chhatarpur mission. The day served as an occasion to celebrate the feast day of our beloved Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the anniversary of the priestly ordination of Rev. Fr Job, the Parish Priest. Besides, it was a day of great blessings



for the two children of the parish - Sahil Toppo and Alisha Toppo as they solemnly received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The liturgical celebration began at 4.00 p.m. with a solemn entrance procession as well as an offertory procession leading to the Pontifical Holy Qurbana officiated by Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, concelebrated by Frs. Job Vallianal and John Thoppil in the presence of the priests and Sisters of neighbouring mission stations. The melodious hymns sung by the Parish choir and the CSN candidates under the guidance of Rev. Sr Anu Maria CSN helped the faithful to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in a meaningful way. A short function of felicitation followed. The Silver Jubilarian Rev. Sr Linze CSN and the Golden Jubilarian Rev. Sr Cissy CSN were honoured and they together with the other celebrants of the day performed the solemn rite of cutting the cake. The parishioners and well wishers extended hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the jubilarians with songs, dances and gifts. Finally the function ended with a sumptuous dinner.

MARIA MATA CONVENT SR SEC. SCHOOL

Republic Day Celebrations

The day was celebrated in our school with the great enthusiasm and patriotism. The venue was tastefully decorated with flower pots, pictures of heroes of the freedom movement and national flags. Rev. Fr Job Vallianal, the Parish Priest of Maria Mata Church, hoisted the flag and delivered a powerful patriotic message on the occasion.

A Farewell cum Welcome Ceremony

A special function of double importance was organized by the school on February 07, 2021 in honour of Rev. Fr Varghese Kannukadan, the Manager who has been rendering selfless service to the institution since five years and of Rev. Fr John Thoppil who was appointed new Manager of the School. All the members of the staff and the students of senior classes as well as the Parish Priest attended the event and bade a tearful farewell and heart touching adieu to the outgoing Manager by recollecting the numerous remarkable achievements during his tenure. Rev. Sr Linze, the Principal as well as the representatives of the staff and students spoke on the great personality and positive traits of their beloved Fr Kannukadan on the occasion. He has been transferred to Panna as the Director of prestigious Mother Teresa Hospital. This also served as an occasion to accord a warm welcome to the new Manager, Rev. Fr John Thoppil wishing him all the best and God's abundant blessings as he assumes the post. The Maria Mata family put forth some mesmerizing performances in honour of the outgoing manager and of the incoming manager of the school.



GLIMPSE FROM DEOSAR

● Sr Naicy DST ●

Loving Greetings to all from Deosar Station

As we are struggling personally and socially to cope with current global health crisis, let us pray for each and everyone around us. Amidst the confusion and anxiety, there are even stronger signs of hope and and solidarity in the world around. Without ignoring the realities we face, it is clear that the world is reaching for a positive message.

We know that amidst the pain that we continue to endure due to covid -19, we find comfort in providence of God and continue to see the value in the positive and encouraging lessons that are emerging for our post covid world.

Dear Friends, It is pleasure to share with you certain memorable things happened during this covid period.

Online Classes: We started online classes for students on 1st June 2020. We conducted online competitions and other activities and made the students active even though they are away from school due to covid -19.

Welcome and Adieu: Sr Nikitha DST was transferred to Kerala for her Higher Studies in the month of October. We gave her a heartfelt sent off; also we are very thankful for her 2 years loving service here with us. We welcomed Sr. Laicy Maleparampil in the month of November. On 28th January 2021 we bade adieu to Rev. Fr. Paul Uthinipparamban after his incalculable and unblemished service as the Station- in-charge and Manager of the school. We are much grateful for his loving service here. We graciously welcomed Rev. Fr. Cherian Kalappurakkal on 27th January.

Christmas Celebration: We celebrated Christmas along with our Parishioners

Silver Jubilee Celebration: The Silver Jubilee celebration of the Religious Profession of Sr. Laicy DST and Sr. Naicy DST was held 23rd of January. Rev. Fathers and Sisters of Sidhi- Singrauli Zone made the day a colourful one with their presence and prayers. Our dear Bishopji also visited us and offered Holy Mass for the Jubilarians on 6th February.

New Session 2021-22: New session online classes for 1-8 and physical Classes for 9-10 started on 5th April.



GLIMPSE FROM KARIMATTI

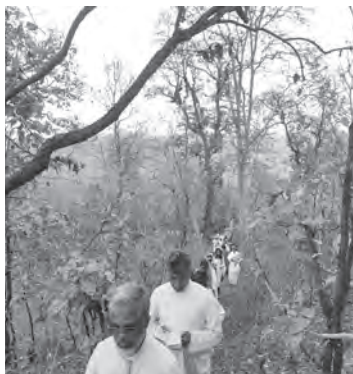
● Sr Rejis CMC ●

Bearing the injuries inflicted by covid-19, the world is struggling to survive. Our Karymatti school, though a little one, is not an exception to it. With much expectation we had introduced audio classes which were not utilised by the pupils on account of various reasons.

Our manager Reverend Father Jobit Thomas is ardently desiring to help the rural children. The village children should not suffer due to the strange situation created by the pandemic- he thinks. It is he who initiated the idea of preparing a worksheet consisting both the questions and answers. Visiting the village, our teachers distributed the worksheet among the students and asked them to write the answers and submit it on a particular date. Meanwhile our teachers were visiting the houses and teaching the students. We are happy to tell you that the children, though hailing from a rural background, responded positively submitting the answers in time.

Following the government directions, we conducted a covid-19 awareness program to check the pandemic. The students of the school were to stand in rows keeping the required social distance of two meters and they thoroughly washed their hands using soap accepting the promise of hope of protection from the covid-19 the deadly virus. Around 200 masks and hundreds of kits consisting of necessary provisions were distributed among the needy people.





Commemorating the supreme sacrifice of Jesus on the cross the Good Friday 2021 was officiated with much devotion and piety. The people of three places ,viz, Karimatty, Gijwar and Sidhi reached the church in time to participate in the service. complying with the covid protocol, many stood outside of the church keeping the social distance. The Good Friday service celebrated by Reverend Fathers Mathew Cheruvil, Justin Thundhyil and Joseph Cherukara evoked devotion and piety in the hearts of the devotees. After the service all climbed the hill reciting and singing the prayers of the way of the cross. People went up to the hilltop through the newly cleared way that was made to facilitate the people to move towards the hilltop. Having reached at the top of the precipice many sat comfortably on the rocks. Reverend Father Sebastian Panthalluparambil satiated the hearts of the people with the word of God. Keenly attending the inspiring speech, people must have been convinced of the meaning of suffering in our daily life. Consolation for the suffering can be found only on the crucifix. The service finished a little late. But people returned only after they were refreshed with rice with delicious mango chutney and pea.

During the last academic session Rev. Sister Abha CMC had conducted an awareness program at the school for the girls enabling them to confront successfully with the challenges they come across in their lives

Rev. Sister Archana who served Udaya Shishu Mandir Karimatti for the last three academic years, is transferred to Hazaribagh. Satna diocese and the school gratefully remember her commitment for the progress of the students and the great service rendered by her at the church.



GLIMPSE FROM ODGADI

● Sr Sincitta FCC ●

“Whatever you, do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col: 3/17). Yes! We are living and doing everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of the God the Father.

As you all know, in Odgadi, Christ Jyoti School is the main apostolic field of our mission station. The academic year 2020-21 was indeed a very unique and distinct year for us. It brought many challenges within us. When we think of our students who completed one academic year without even seeing their school, we feel a deep sense of loss in us. A packa village, Odgadi had to face lot of struggles during the year. Many of the parents were not ready to buy mobile for their children, in forest areas range was not available, mobile were getting hanged and many other problems. Even then we started online classes in the month of April 2020. We have been doing consistent efforts to conduct the online classes. Our teacher's relentless work to provide online study material and telephonic doubt clearing classes were really praiseworthy. In May 10th we stopped the online classes for summer vacations.

On 15th June 2020 teachers came in the school and reorganized the online groups and started the classes. We celebrated teachers' day, Gandhi jayanti and Christmas in online with different competitions and programs.

On 7th July 2020 Mr. P.N. Singh from DEO office made an inspection in our school for the purpose of giving Non Objection Certificate (NOC) for the CBSE affiliation.

On 15th August Rev. Fr. Antony, the school manager unfurled the national flag to express love and honor towards our nation. On 18th August the SDM of Deasor visited our school to examine the facilities of the building. On 12th September, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Antony we conducted a virtual staff meeting.

We conducted two unit tests and two main examinations in the academic year. Half yearly and annual examination we prepared exam kit, which contains all subjects question papers and answer sheets and send it home, with the guidance of parents students wrote the examination. On 18th March we have completed examinations and gave result on 28th March 2021. As per the decision from the diocesan curia to upgrade the Christ Jyoti School, Odgadi to CBSE, we have registered in the month of April for the fresh affiliation. The process is going on.



GLIMPSE FROM PANNA

● Sr Ranit SABS ●

St. Joseph's Church, Panna

On Sundays and other solemnities of the lock down period online Holy Qurbana was made available to the faithful from the parish.

The concluding ceremony of the 'Year of youth' was conducted in the parish on 29 August 2020. The youth gathered in the parish for the Sacrament of confession and Holy Hour. The day came to an end by a thanks giving Holy Qurbana.

The Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with 9 days of novena in the Parish. The families of the faithful were divided in to nine groups and each group were assigned a day for Novena to avoid the crowd and to maintain social distancing in the church during pandemic. We celebrated the Birthday of our Holy Mother on 8 September with a solemn Holy Qurbana and it was made available to the parishioners through live streaming.

In the month of October, we, the Panna pariwar enjoyed the maternal protection of Our Lady of Rosary through 10 days Rosary in the parish. Each day's reflection on Mother Mary were given by Rev. Bro. Poulouse MMB and SABS sisters.

'A day with the Lord' was conducted on 20 December 2020 as an immediate spiritual preparation to receive infant Jesus. Rev Bro. Poulouse MMB through his reflections prepared the faithful for the sacrament of confession.

Christmas was celebrated under the pandemic's shadow, following the Covid-19 guidelines and safety protocols. After the Christmas Holy Qurbana, Hon'ble Collector Mr. Sanjay Mishra and SP Mr. Mayank Awasthi visited us and cut the cake and they wished the Christmas gathering. He also distributed sweets to the children of our parish.





Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan (Parish priest & Manager) and Rev. Thomas Kanjirathumoottil (Director of Mother Theresa Hospital) were transferred to Sherganj and Kailaspur respectively. Their presence was graceful to the parish and they were given heartfelt farewell on 24th January 2021.

The Parish arranged a welcome gathering on 28th January 2021 and accorded a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Joly Kannukadan (Parish Priest & Director of Hospital), Rev. Fr. Joseph Valiamplackal (Manager of both schools) and Rev. Fr. Sebastian Puthenpurayil (Finance officer of Hospital). We wish them "buona fortuna!"



MMB Brothers withdrew their service from the parish of Panna after rendering their service for the last 43 years in the eparchy of Satna. Their presence was a blessing to the eparchy and the locality here. Their departure results from multiple factors, including a declining and aging population of brothers in the congregation and to concentrate further on certain mission areas. Our parish organized a grant farewell to Bro. Poulose MMB on 14th March 2021.

We celebrated the feast of our parish on 19th March with a solemn Holy Qurbana and 'Prasad' were distributed thereafter. Just as St. Joseph cared for and protected Mary and Jesus, may he also guide and protect us all.

The Holy Week observances and Easter Celebrations were conducted strictly abiding the govt.-imposed restrictions to tackle the surge in COVID-19 cases. Rev Fr. Sebastian Panthallooparambil guided the faithful with his spiritual insights on 26 March 2021 and prepared them for the sacrament of confession.

LISIEUX ANAND SCHOOL

Teacher Called to Eternal Rest!

The untimely and sudden demise of Ms. Lilly Mary George on 28th September 2020 has been an irreplaceable loss for the Lisieux Anand School. She had served as the school's Hindi





teacher, since last 13 years. She had gone to her hometown Katni on 14th September and there she was infected with acute Typhoid fever and Pneumonia. She breathed her last on 28th September at Jabalpur Hospital at the age of 52. Her mortal remains were brought to Panna for the last ceremonies. Several priests and religious of our diocese attended the funeral ceremony. Students, parents and teachers of Lisieux have paid their homage to the departed soul through floral tributes. She was a charming, approachable and affectionate person, always full of life. Requiescat in pace!

Gracias n' Reception

Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan, our School Manager, was transferred to Sherganj, Satna. Thank you, dear Father, for your selfless efforts for the welfare of the school and wish you every success in your future endeavors.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Valiamplackal took charge as the new Manager of Lisieux Anand School on 28th January 2021. His wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise will be tremendously beneficial to transform this institution into a center of excellence. We are looking forward to a great time working together.



Bidding Adieu to Class XII Students!

The school bid a heartening adieu to the outgoing students of class 12th batch of 2020-2021 on Tuesday, 8th April 2021. The farewell programme got off to a good start at 15.00 hrs. with a short prayer service with a biblical theme "you are the light of the world" conducted by Rev. Fr. Joseph Valiamplackal. This was followed by various cultural programs organized by class XI students, and there was a spate of dance, music and laughter as the hosts impressed with the showcasing





of their vast repository of skills. Rev. Sr. Ranit SABs, the Principal, passed on the 'light' of wisdom to all the students of class XII. Rev. Fr. Joseph, the Manager, addressed the students and implored them to be always good ambassadors of Lisieux Anand School, and asked them to carry the core values imparted from the school wherever they go. The day was a memorable one for the outgoing students.

GLIMPSE FROM JYOTI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, REWA

• Fr Anil Antony •

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

Covid – 19 Pandemic resulted in extensive lockdown crisis, has stimulated innovation within the education sector. It has brought a fresh wave – a digital upsurge in the entire education system. Pandemic has put restriction on traditionally practiced classroom based teaching and learning in the school, has now transformed to digital based education.

Towards the close of the Academic Year 2019-20, as per the order of both the central and the state Govt. we have closed down the school. Teachers prepared the results at home and school provided all the technical help to the teachers to function smoothly from home.

The new Academic session 2020-21, got started from 02nd May onwards, with uploading study materials in the Jyoti App, from kindergarten to plus two..As the lockdown period was extended due to the widespread of covid-19 and there was no possibility to open the school in the near future, the online classes shifted to WhatsApp mode in June. For that WhatsApp groups were created for students according to their class and section also with the subject teachers. Study materials were sent to this group every day and the time table was given to the



parents. Teachers faced a lot of struggles and school was in search of the best mode of teaching so that students should not loose or suffer and it inspired the teachers to look forward to creative ways to teach the students.

By August online classes over YouTube began for the students. Every Saturday was kept for Teacher - Student interaction for doubt clearance of that particular week. By November Live classes over Zoom started, Teachers were called to the school to give the classes from kindergarten to plus two in three shifts i.e., 01st shift from 8am to 11am for Nursery to class 03rd. 02nd shift 11am to 2 pm for classes 08 to 12 and 3rd shift from 2pm to 4.45 pm for classes 04 to 07th .Through this system school quickly shifted to connect with students and families. Full support and hope was given through e-learning. Meanwhile Teachers have received sufficient training to equip them for their work. Students were given guidance and instructions from time to time to stay motivated in their learning process. Science Students of class 12th were called to the school to give practice to their science practical and all the students came and completed their practical with the permission letter from their parents.

New Year 2021 brought a sense of relief and we could start offline classes at the school for the students of classes 9 to 12, at the same time online classes and sending of study materials in PDF format continued simultaneously.

The Result of the Board Students of Class 10 of 2019-20 Academic Year

In the 12th Class Pranjali Singh scored the highest 96.8 in Humanities, Shambhavi Singh scored 95.8 in Commerce and Vividha Singh secured 95.2 % in Mathematics.

For class Xth the Topper is Aman Pandey with 98.3%, Soumya Agrawal scored 98% and Shreyansh Srivastava and Srijan Pandey secured 96.8%.

Fr Varghese Parappilly memorial scholarship was awarded to Soumya Agrawal, a cheque for rupees 10,000 was handed over to him.

Examinations

In a meeting by the Principal with the examination committee with the in charges of respective Sections the online mode of examination was decided. Following the instructions of the Government and CBSE board, Kindergarten, Primary and Higher Secondary examinations were held. Students were given the choice to decide the time slot either in the morning or in the evening as per their convenience. Exam



group was created for kindergarten, primary and higher secondary. All the exams of the year conducted in online smoothly. Pre midterm examinations were held in August, midterm was held in October, Post midterm in December and finally annual exam in March'

For the Kindergarten, quarterly exam was held in the first week of September, half yearly exam was conducted by the last week of November and the Annual exam was conducted in the first week of March.

Annual exam of classes 09th and 11th were held at the school in February with 100% attendance. First pre board was held offline for classes 10 and 12 at the school in February. Their PTM was also held in offline at the school. All the other classes PTM was conducted online after every Exam.

Annual result of classes Nursery to class VIIIth was declared on 26-27 March 2021.

Celebrations

15th August – Independence Day was celebrated with Senior Teachers, Office Staff and Maintenance staff at the School campus and the Virtual celebration for all with variety entertainment program was presented by the students.

Teachers' day was celebrated on Virtual platform with the messages and wisdom from the former Principals of the school. The School received warm wishes from across the world from its alumni.

14th September Hindi Diwas was celebrated with online speech competition for the students.

14th November Children's day was celebrated with beautiful program presented by the teachers online.

26th November Constitution day was celebrated in the school with the staff and in online for the students

On 25th December Christmas was celebrated with variety entertainment programs in online.

26th January Republic day celebrated in the school with the entire staff. Program presented by the teachers at the school and in online by the students.

Training for the Teachers

CBSE has provided plenty of opportunities for the teachers to participate in training programs, different courses, webinars and



our teachers successfully completed the programs and merited the certificates. Number of teachers has completed mandatory trainings from CBSE on production of certificates they are reimbursed with the registration amount.

There were meetings with the Principal at the school from time to time with the subject Teachers, subject Coordinators for the planning and execution of the syllabus. Such meetings helped one another to learn and earn a lot of things in the new system and way of teaching. Teachers were called to the school in the first week of every month till November for updating the register works and to get it approved by the Principal. Since November teachers attended regular school and live classes over Zoom were conducted.

Co-curricular Activities

Co Curricular activities were organized for the students in spite of the lock down, in the school level and interschool level, state and national level. Students participated in it with much interest. The following were the competitions arranged for each Section.

For Kindergarten – Fancy dress, Action Song, Dance, Drawing etc

For Primary – Solo dance, Song, Rakhee making, drawing and painting and paragraph writing etc.

For Higher classes – Speech on Drug abuse, illicit Trafficking,

Under the aegis of HOL (Hub of Learning) competitions were organized in Sainik School Rewa. Our Students presented excellent performance and bagged the first prizes in all the three categories they participated

Solo dance semi classic competition of girls and western dance of boys were held

Debate in English on the theme “Should School reopen amidst Covid -19 Pandemic” in school level and winners participated in finals held at Sainik School Rewa and won the 2nd prize.

Students took part in Bio Diversity Quiz Program organized by MP forest Department.

Students participated in the Inter school Karol Singing Organized by the Education department of Satna.

Art Integrated Learning (AIL): Students from nursery to class 12th actively participated in the Art Integrated learning projects. It was indeed a novel experience for the teachers and students. The project



was run for around two months and at the end of the project the details were successfully uploaded into CBSE website.

Students participated in the Rangoli making Competition as asked by the DEO of Rewa to mark the occasion of Republic Day and to welcome the Chief Minister at SAF ground and we secured the 2nd prize. Students with their teachers received the certificate from the CM. After a week Honourable Collector of

Rewa called this group of Teachers and students to his office and appreciated the students and given a cash award of Rs.5000/- with the certificates for their best contribution on the occasion.

RIP

School lost three blooming buds during the year

Ankur Mishra class 2 Pink

Krishna Raj class 11

Raj Tiwari Class 7

School paid homage to them by consoling their parents and observing 02 minutes of silent prayer.

Workshops

For students of class 9 to 12 a workshop was conducted on food safety, which was conducted by the Food safety Officers of Rewa

An Awareness program was conducted for the students of 10 and 12 on drug abuse by the Police Department of Rewa.

Students participated in a Rally organized by the civil authorities on the occasion of Nasha Mukti Din.

Swacha Bharat – Clean Rewa Project

Fr.Principal with the entire staff –Teaching and nonteaching, reached out to Gajanan Park of Arun Nagar on 10th Jan 202. We began our campaign at 11 am and were successful in renovating the park which was filled with waste materials, garbage, and waste water and made a badminton court for the people. Special thanks to Mr.Mayank Shukla, his neighbours and the people of Arun Nagar for their co-operation. It was a great experience in the history Jyoti School. Honourable Collector Dr. Illyraja T, SDO, Municipal Councillor and many officers too joined their hands in our campaign. Every one appreciated the new role taken up by the school by venturing out into the society to create awareness. On the occasion of Republic day celebration at SAF ground Rewa, Fr. Principal was called to the dais to receive an Award of Excellence for the remarkable contribution to the Clean Rewa initiative from the Honourable Chief Minister of MP Mr Shivraj Singh Chauhan.



Golden Jubilee

Jyoti School Completed 49 years of its existence and contribution to the society in the field of education on 11th Jan 2021 and entered into the Golden Jubilee year which will be completing by 11th Jan 2022. The day was marked with Prayers, Cultural Program presented by the teachers and the entire Jyoti Family had a family get together and meal.

New Academic Year and School Reopening

The new academic year for class 10 and 12 began on 8th March 2021. The school is continuing the practice of regular offline classes which is available on online platform too.

GLIMPSE FROM CHRIST JYOTI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, SATNA

● Fr Augustine Chittuparambil ●

Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Satna, in spite of the adverse effects of Covid-19 pandemic, made every effort to keep pace with the challenging situations of time. Since normal classes were impossible to be held, regular online classes were conducted right from April 2020 through the school ERP system and Whatsapp. All students from Nursery to class XII actively participated in the online classes and made benefits from it.

The gloom and harsh realities of lockdown period were turned into optimism and positivity by conducting a number of curricular as well as co-curricular activities during the past academic year. On 22nd June 2020 under the auspices of Samaritan Social Service Society, Food Kits were distributed to



the non-teaching staff of Christ Jyoti School. This charitable act was inaugurated by the Honorable Bishop of Satna, Mar Joseph Kaodakallil

The much awaited class XII result was declared on 13th July 2020. Neha Achhara of Commerce Section secured 1st position with 95.2%, Rudra Agrawal of Maths Section secured 2nd position with 94.6% and



Sneha Agnihotri of Biology Section secured 3rd position with 92.8% marks. It was 100% result and 14 students scored above 90%.

On 15th July 2020, class X result was declared. Aastha Singh secured 1st position with 93.8%, Khushi Singh secured 2nd position with 93.4% and Vaibhav Bajoriya secured 3rd position with 93.2%. It was 100% result and 11 students scored above 90%.

A number of online cultural activities and competitions were conducted to showcase the inborn talents of students in diverse spheres. Fancy-Dress, Dance, Singing and Drawing competitions were conducted online for Primary and Kindergarten students during the months of September and October 2020. It was a rare opportunity for students to be away from the stress and strain of spending their time inside the four walls of a house. The creativity and skills of young minds were displayed during these events. Some of the other online competitions that were conducted included Dance, Singing and Drawing competitions for the students of classes VI-VIII. Mono-Act, Rangoli, Speech, Dance and Singing competitions were conducted for Class IX-X students.

Children's Day 2020 was celebrated through online mode on 14th November with great pomp and gaiety. The whole programme was uploaded in the school YouTube channel and all the stakeholders watched live streaming at 9:15 a.m. It was indeed an amazing event.



Jingle-Bells 2020, an Inter School Online Carol Singing Competition was organized through YouTube Channel by the Department of Education, Satna Diocese. It was a spectacular episode that contributed to the immense joy and glory of Christmas 2020. Total 9 schools participated in the competition and our school won the First Prize by receiving Rs. 5000/- cash award. Another





school level online Christmas Celebration 2020 was also arranged through YouTube Channel on 25th December which was really remarkable and distinct.

With the aim of providing some extra academic exposure to higher class students, offline classes were started for the students of classes IX – XII following strict Covid-19 protocols. Most of the students submitted parents consent to attend these offline classes and it proved to be very helpful to the students.

Republic Day was commemorated in a grand manner on 26th January 2021. All teachers and the non-teaching staff were present for the flag hoisting ceremony. School Manager, Rev. Fr. Davis Joseph hoisted the National Flag. Sweets were distributed to everyone after the function. An online celebration of the flag hoisting and cultural programmes was uploaded on school YouTube channel at 10:00 a.m.



Online examinations were conducted during the fixed intervals to evaluate the academic excellence of students in all classes. Regular Parents Teachers Meetings were held after each examination to assess the performance of students.

The School Local Management Committee meeting was conducted on 16th March 2021 and it was attended by all the members and representatives. Important decisions were made in the meeting taking into consideration the valuable suggestions put forward by the honorable members.

The Academic Year 2020-21, though filled with a lot of anxieties and uncertainties, witnessed diverse unparalleled innovations from the side of Christ Jyoti Sr. Sec. School, Satna.



GLIMPSE FROM SINGRAULI

• Fr Anil Varickamackal •

Holy Family Church Singrauli

During this year of Covid-19 pandemic, we had special Adoration and Holy Mass every day for all the intensions of our parishioners, locality, Diocese and church at large.

With 3 days novena and solemn liturgical celebration, we prepared ourselves to celebrate the church feast. On 10th January 2021, 'Holy Family' Church celebrated its feast followed by a gauge.

On February 7th 2021, Holy Family Church celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Jaisy F.C.C in the presence of Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakkallil, Fathers & Sisters of Sidhi and Singrauli zone. On that day Solemn Eucharistic celebration was concelebrated. After the Holy Mass parishioners wished Sr. Jaisy & she thanked Bishopji & all.



Blessing of the Families

In St. Joseph's unit, special prayers and house blessings have completed. Dates have fixed for other units for the house blessings. We celebrated in a very simple way the great feast of Easter. All the holy week ceremonies conducted twice in the church.

Youth

During Covid- 19 pandemic our youth participated in Bible Quiz and attended online webinars and renewed their lives. Catechism students attended online classes and appeared for the exams and now they are attending online classes.

They learn Bible sentences and take maximum benefit out of all the activities of the church.



Christ Jyoti School Singrauli

‘Excellence in academics is the hallmark of a good institution’.

During the session 2019-20 students of Class XII, batch excelled in the board examination, 6 of them scored above 90%. Out of 66 students who appeared for the examination, 26 scored distinction and 21 got 1st division. Alankrita Pathak from Science stream emerged as the school topper by securing 96%. Priya Harshita Singh scored 95% in class X, out of 107 appeared 61 secured 1st divisions.

To ensure that our students are equipped to face any challenge, our school has taken different initiatives throughout the year.

We had regular virtual classes exams & copies were corrected in the school. Teachers had regular contact with students & Parents.

Celebrations and Functions

With uploading videos in YouTube all the important days were celebrated through online mode like Manager's day, Principal's day and all the festivals of our country.

The School managing committee meeting was held on 25.02.2021 at 04:00pm in the school office to discuss and finalize the academic activities of 2020-21. Fr. Anil V J the manager preside over the meeting. All the S.M.C members are satisfied the academic and curriculum activities of the school.

New Academic Session: As per the rules from Board & Government the classes (online & offline) started from 5th April 2021 onwards.

GLIMPSE FROM VINDHYANAGAR

• Sr Rajni Kerketta HM •

We are now in the era of COVID-19 and are still fighting the battle to overcome it. The third encyclical of Pope Francis FratelliTutti (Call to be a brother/sister to all) emphasizes a call to restore human dignity and promote fraternity. St. Francis addressed his brothers and proposed them to live a way of life that should be marked by the flavour of the Gospel. It underlines the need for fraternity and social friendship in this current situation.



As the lockdown was announced, fear and anxiety gripped the heart of every individual and people began to protect themselves by avoiding the people as much as possible. To counteract this situation we felt the need to organize a few awareness programmes through social media so that people would remain positive and be able to cope up with the current situation.

Family Spiritual Growth: Owing to the complete breakdown of the people's movement, most of our parishioners began to live their faith by participating in the online holy mass, Benediction, spiritual talk, etc. Missing the Sacramental life, they began to find new ways to be with God. Gradually the online participation has become part of their spiritual life. Some of them shared that they had started to read the Bible and their love for the word of God has increased. But as the lockdown was aggravated, some of them remained at home and continued with online Holy Masses. To counter this situation and to bring the people to the main fold and strengthen their faith we started to pray the rosary together in groups by calling 3 to 4 families and by attending masses together.

Easter Celebration: Last year we had the Easter celebration without the faithful, but this year we took the risk to come and attend the Easter vigil and adoration and the services of the holy week. Every Friday a priest was called from out to give a talk and give spiritual nourishment for the renewal of the parishioners. The priests helped the people to meditate at different stations of the way of the cross on the passion and death of our Lord in preparation for Easter Celebration.

Youths Response to Parish Activities: Owing to the pandemic, we couldn't reach out much to our youth and the catechism students, but we tried to keep track of them by involving them in different activities through social media. They actively participated in all online competitions and the other activities held nationally and parochially. Our parish priest took a keen interest in conducting Bible quiz now and then to increase their love for the word of God. They also participated in competitions, like poster making, group singing and slogan writing which was conducted to bring awareness among the people during this pandemic period.

The School Bulletins:

Coping with the booming situation of COVID-19 the whole scenario of education has brought about a drastic change for its existence and relevance. The outbreak of COVID-19 has taught us that change is inevitable; it has worked as a catalyst for the educational institutions to



opt for new platform and techniques which have not been used before. It has taught teachers as well as the students to be more social-media friendly. We had regular online classes and exams through Google Meet, Zoom, Google Classroom, etc.

We are grateful to our parents for their cooperation in paying the fee despite their financial hurdles. We were not deprived of the full salary. The school also observed Republic day with staff and prepared videos on various occasions and uploaded them on the school website and WhatsApp groups for students and parents to see. Teachers and students prepared regularly theme-based videos to have the feel of school even though they were staying at home. This year school released its annual magazine (Darpan) through the digital platform. There was also a tree plantation awareness programme conducted by NTPC to save the beautiful sparrow birds that are getting extinct in our surroundings. The school participated in Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan conducted by Singrauli District and bagged the first position for maintaining cleanliness in the school campus. There have been regular classes for Classes 9 to 12, but now the school is closed due to the increase in the second wave of Corona Virus. Let us stay safe and fit, pray for each other and the whole of humanity, and for wiping out this virus from the earth.

GLIMPSE FROM WAIDHAN

● Sr Lisa SABS ●

- Our dear Bishop Joseph Kodakallil paid his visit on 7th December and blessed us with his paternal presence, love and concern.
- Rev. Mother provincial and her team visited our community on 16.12.20.
- Christmas was celebrated with due solemnity and due to the covid pandemic Holy Qurbana was celebrated on the Christmas Eve at 7pm, though other gatherings and celebrations were cancelled.
- Our Parish priest Rev. Fr. Dennis got transferred and we bid farewell to him on 20th January and welcomed our new parish priest Rev. Fr Sijo Pullan on 28th January.



- Republic day was celebrated in a unique manner on 26th January which was headed by a team of ex-Josephine's.
- Mother Liza joined the occasion of Chrism Mass and Bishop's Feast celebration that took place in Cathedral church at Satna on 18th March.
- Convent day (March 19) was celebrated in a simple manner along with the parishioners. Holy Mass was offered for the community and parish priest along with the parishioners greeted the community with songs and sweets. 'prashad' was distributed to the parishioners.
- Pesaha Thursday, Passion Friday and Easter was celebrated in a simple and prayerful manner following the pandemic protocol.





In Loving memory of

**Most Rev. Basil Bhuriya SVD
(1956-2021)**

**Bishop of Jhabua
(Madhya Pradesh)**

*Rest in Peace Your Excellency
by*
EPARCHY OF SATNA



**OUR FORMER MISSIONARIES
who departed us during the
second wave of Covid-19**

Fr Thomas Emprayil VC (8 May)

Sr Maria CSN (30 April)

Sr Anjali CMC (5 May)

Sr Lincy CMC (8 May)

Sr Gilbert SD (12 May)

Celine Morely SABS (28 May)

Sr Leebia SD (June 19)

***May the Good Lord grant them
eternal reward and receive them in
His heavenly kingdom***



*The souvenir released
in honour of late bishop **Mar Abraham D. Mattam***





Charitable activities carried out by Eparchy of Satna during Covid-19 pandemic.



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