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Old Clothes Distribution Drive at Panna



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Dear
New Priests

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Ordination 01-01-2022



Fr Varghese (Justine) Vattathara
Ordination 30-12-2021



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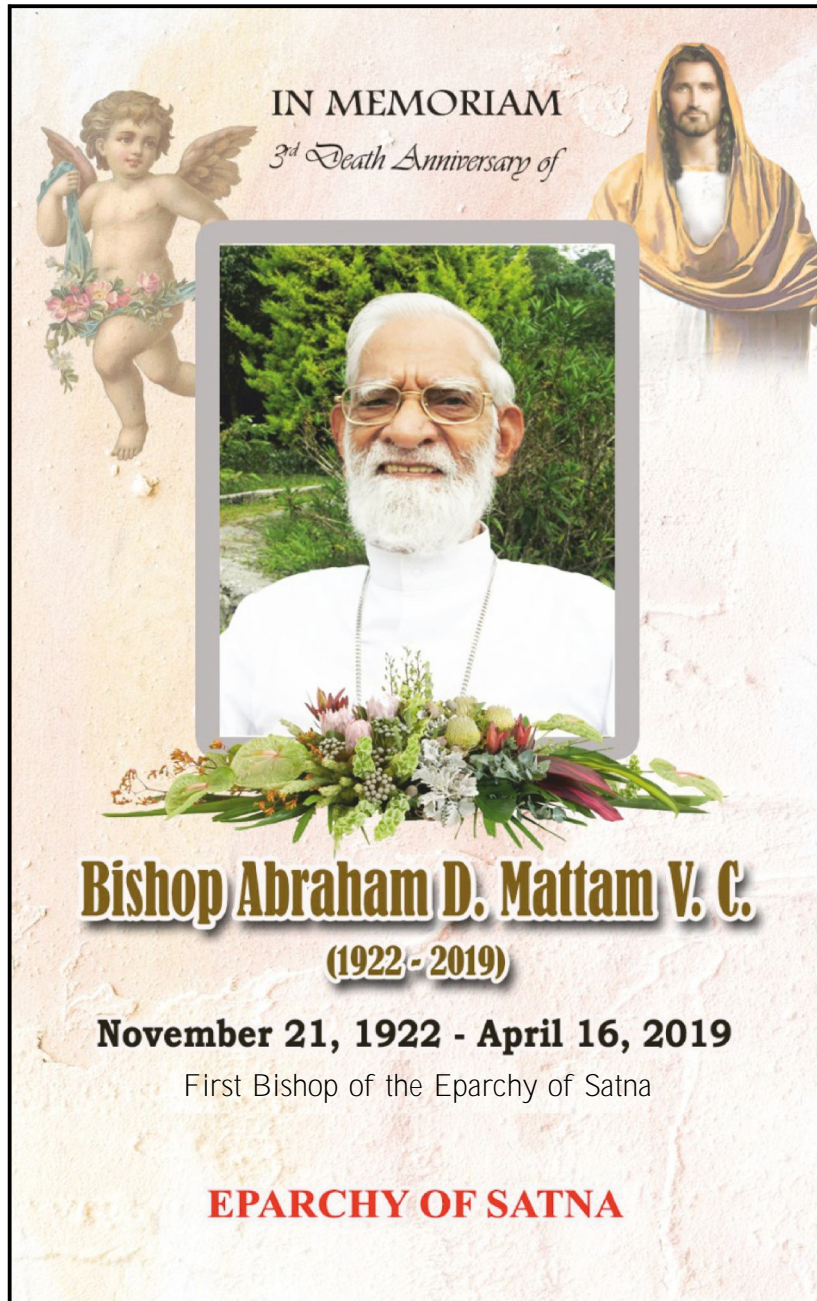
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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Church has set apart seven weeks during the Great Fast (Lent) for intense prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving to prepare ourselves to celebrate the great mysteries of Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. The announcement "Jesus is Risen" brings joy and hope to the entire humanity. The announcement of the birth of Jesus by the angel brought joy and hope to the world. God surprises us with his announcements at different moments of history.

All the four gospels provide a detailed account of the resurrection of Jesus and St. Paul underscores it as the foundation of Christian faith: If Christ is not risen, our faith and preaching are in vain (Rom 15:14). The suffering and death of Jesus reaches its culmination in the resurrection. Jesus defeated the power of sin, darkness, death and evil through his resurrection.

In the gospels, there is a haste to share the message of resurrection and to meet the Risen Lord by the women and the apostles. During the birth of Christ, the shepherds went in haste to meet child Jesus. The Samaritan woman ran to tell the good news. Peter and John went in haste to the tomb to witness the surprise given by the woman.

The angel asked the women why do you seek the living among the dead? The angel is reminding them to recall what Jesus had told them when he was in Galilee (Lk 24:6). The recalling or remembering of Jesus' words will instil hope and joy in our life and will help us to look ahead of the tomb. Faith always demands to keep alive the memory of Jesus. Pope Francis says that our faith is an Easter faith not a 'museum' faith. This living faith or Easter faith demands a personal and lively

relationship with him, encountering him in our day-today life.

The women left the tomb remembering the words of Jesus and went to the eleven and the others to share the good news (Lk 24:8-9). We are invited to go forth to meet the Living One instead of remaining at the tombs of our anguish and problems. The Risen Jesus will change our frustrations, fear and anxieties to hope, courage and calmness.

We are at the outset of the summer vacation. We thank God for the normalcy that we enjoy now after the outbreak of Covid-19 two years ago. In the coming days some of our religious fathers and sisters will go from this Eparchy on transfer. We remember with gratitude their service in our mission in the past years and pray for God's abundant blessings in the new places.

Wishing you all the joy and blessings of the Resurrection of Our Lord,

Mar Joseph Kodakallil
Bishop of Satna

From the Desk of Protosyncellus Fr Thomas Thelakat



Anything is a mystery being revealed in the course of historical happenings and events. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to record the facts of whatsoever for the development, better understanding and for further traceability of the same. I am happy to note down the important activities of Eparchy, and of Bishop's House held in the last four consecutive months as the editors of the eparchial bulletin are on their toes to bring it the Easter Edition of the Satna Samachar to you all.

Annual Retreat for the Sisters and the Fathers

For the spiritual renewal of the sisters and fathers working in the Eparchy, the annual retreat was arranged from 01 November 2021 to 05 November 2021 and from 07 November 21 to 12 November 21 by the Eparchy. Rev. Fr Shelmon Antony from the Archdiocese of Bhopal preached the retreat. The sisters and fathers had silent prayerful days meditating on the Word of God. It was an opportune time to deepen the relationship with God and to continue to fathom the magnificent plans of God in each one's life.

The Birthday Celebration

18 December has been a very good day for us all as our loving Bishopji Mar Joseph Kodakallil celebrates his birthday. We had a very simple celebration. We had the Eucharistic celebration in the morning. Fathers and sisters from neighbouring institutions attended the prayer session in the evening and relished the agape followed by it.

The Conclusion of the year of St. Joseph

The year of St. Joseph was observed with all solemnity and piety. It was universally concluded on 08 December 2021. A decision surfaced to conclude the special dedication of the year with a sense of solemnity and public participation and therefore a convenient date 12 December, Sunday was chosen for the

meeting of the conclusion of the year to be held. As was decided the meeting coupled with a scintillating cultural programme took place from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in which Bishopji officially concluded it with an enriching message.

Christmas Celebration

Almost for two years of time the Covid-19 Pandemic kept the festive mood of the Church dormant. But this year in spite of the Covid-curfew especially after 11 pm, we were able to have Christmas celebration with all solemnity. The campus of the Bishop's House was decorated in a colourful way and a beautiful crib was prepared in the right side of the Church facing the road. People were forbidden entry to the campus to prevent the spread of the Covid and to abide by the law of the land. People numbering in thousands prayed to Child Jesus born in the manger lighting candles on the boundary wall of the Bishop's House. Even till late night people from different nook and corner of the city remained in the premises to experience the love of Child Jesus and to enjoy the shimmering and magical beauty of the campus.

The Feast of St. Joseph

The feast of St. Joseph was solemnly observed on 19 March. As our dear bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil bears the name St. Joseph we had a grand celebration arranged at the



bishop's house. A good number of fathers, sisters and candidates from the neighbouring houses gathered in the evening to express their love for Bishopji and to felicitate him at the agape. The parishioners at the cathedral were brimmed with joy and exuberance to partake in the Holy Qurbana officiated by Bishopji on 20 March. During the Holy Qurbana, all prayed for his good health and long life and Bishopji in return thanked everyone for their prayers.

Spiritual Renewal

In preparation for the Easter Celebration the parishioners of Cathedral had the opportunity to renew their lives by attending the retreat led by Rev. Fr Ranjith IMS on 2-3 April 2022. These two days were times of deep introspection and inner healing.

The Loving Remembrance of Bp Abraham D. Mattam

The proverb spells "Old is Gold". Yes in the eyes of the people of God of Satna, Bp Abraham D. Mattam was a jewel more than gold. Though his third death anniversary fell on 16 April 2022, we the fathers and sisters gathered together to pray for him at the requiem Mass on 19 April 2022. All gratefully



remembered him for his hard work of leaving no stone unturned to take the eparchy to its heights. The life of bishop and his marvellous works in the eparchy continue to give us the message that strong faith in God coupled with hard work allows God to work miracles in our lives. May the soul of dear Bishopji continue to enjoy the eternal bliss in the paradise of God!



Satna Diocesan Youth Commission

Eparchy of Satna

Love and Greetings from the Department of Youth!

Satna Diocesan Youth Movement (SDYM) concentrates to the needs of the young Christian groups to gather them and to make a platform for them to communicate each other. This is an association where youth are being offered an opportunity to inculcate in themselves the biblical values in their social sphere of life. We avail various opportunities for the young ones to promote themselves spiritually. Active participation in various activities benefits the youth to form themselves as true Christians and to be an exemplar to the parish wherever they belong to. The main events of the year 2021-22 are:

Bible Reflection

We are proud to inform you that we fruitfully completed Jivant Vachan, a daily Bible Reflection centered on the liturgical reading of the Syro-Malabar Church. We hope all of our Youth reflected on the Word of God in the morning itself and it helped them be closer to Jesus Christ (Jn 1: 14).

Regional Zonal Meet

On 13 and 14 of October 2021 we joined with the regional zonal team for the zonal meet in the M. P. Regional level. The hosting Diocese of the first Zonal-meet of the year was Sagar. They had fruitful input sessions on St. Joseph, as the Catholic Church celebrated the year of St. Joseph. It was a time for our youth to renew themselves spiritually through the sacrament of reconciliation, adoration, healing sessions, prayer service etc.



Satna Zonal Meet

"Young people aren't here for the Church; they are the Church – most beautiful and dynamic part of the Church." – Synod of Young People 2018.

We prepare the youth to become future leaders and allow them to contribute to the Church. On 17 October 2021 Satna Zonal youth gathered in Satna for the zonal meet. We conducted a seminar on leadership and sixty of our youth participated in the seminar from the five parishes. The resource person Fr Thomas Puthenthayil insisted that youth leaders must be rooted in the Gospel values. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil was magnanimous enough to inaugurate the seminar. The youth had an interactive session with him after His inaugural message. The seminar concluded by 4 O' clock with a prayer session and final blessing from the Proto-synellus Fr Thomas Thelakat.



Daily Saints

"If he and she can be a saint, why can't I" – St. Ignatius of Loyola

The famous saying goes like this "there is a past for every saint and a future for every sinner". In order to actualize this saying, we the youth commission tried to encourage the youth to read and learn about the lives of saints. From the month of November 2021 they started a detailed study on the life and works of the Daily Saints of the Catholic Church. From 01 February 2022 onwards they started broadcasting the short and

sweet video reflections. Now they have completed almost 80 episodes and it goes on.

Parichay Sammelan

In collaboration with the Youth commission of Indore Diocese we facilitate a *Parichay Sammelan* to the young ones to select the life partner for their life. It is left to the discretion of the parish priests to motivate the youth to participate in it and to find their partners. The 19th *Parichay Sammelan* was on 27 February 2022 in the virtual platform.

Three-Phase Bible Quiz

"How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word" (Ps. 119: 9).

In preparation for the great feast of Christmas we planned to read the Gospel of Matthew. In order to facilitate the exhaustive reading the Youth Commission conducted a Quiz competition on the Gospel of Matthew. It was conducted in three phases in the month of November. The sole goal of this competition was to bring the youth closer to Jesus by reading the Sacred Scripture regularly and making it an essential part of their lives. During the Christmas celebration the parish priest distributed the prizes to the winners in order to recognise and motivate the youth to continue this practice.

Sl. No.	Date of Distribution	Date of Submission	Phase	Chapters
1.	14.11.21	21.11.21	I Phase	01-10
2.	21.11.21	28.11.21	II Phase	11-20
3.	28.11.21	05.12.21	III Phase	21-28

Shaping the Youth in the Parish Level

The Youth commission reaches out to each parish to train the youth for their life ahead. It was begun at St. Jude's Church, Lavkushnagar on 13 March 2022. The youth of Khajuraho parish were also there for the training. The one day programme was inaugurated by the parish priest of St. Jude's Church

Lavkushnagar, Fr Antony Maruthummoottil. The sessions focused on the reading of the Word of God every day. The youth also had the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation followed by Holy Qurbana.

YCS Training

An English dictum says "I am lighting the fire, and every time while I train myself, I add fuel to ablaze it." We had a wonderful training session from the national team for the young Christian Students from 16 to 20 March 2022. From our diocese four representatives, viz. Ankita Lakra, Ashwin Xalxo, Sahil Kerkketa and Prince Kujur attended the training. The YCS Training was hosted by Gwalior Diocese. The input sessions, group dynamics, exposure, cultural evenings, group games gave the YCS members new vigor and vitality. The preparations are in full swing to go for the national meeting in Bengaluru as it is scheduled to be held in the immediate future.

Tikamgarh Zonal-Meet

On 27 March 2022, the Youth of Tikamgarh Zone came together at Nowgong for the zonal Youth meet. We started the program with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr John Thoppil. Fr Justin Vattathara delivered the homily. Fr John Thoppil inaugurated the zonal-meet. In his inaugural message to the Youth on the topic of leadership, he stressed on the stages of information, formation and transformation. Fr Puthenthayil being the resource person of the day carried out the input sessions. In the afternoon all the youth received sacrament of reconciliation. We had an exposure program for the youth to Dubela Museum. The Zonal meet was concluded at 05.30 pm.



Singrauli Zonal Meet

On 02 March 2022 all of our Youth from the parishes of Singrauli zone reached at 8.30 am for the Holy Eucharist at Jayant. Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil, the Assistant Director of



SDYM presided over the Holy Eucharist. Fr Dennis Kanjirakompil, the principal of Jyoti Sr. Sec. School inaugurated the session and explicated the importance of leadership training in the present scenario of the Church. Fr Thomas Puthenthayil was the resource person in the morning session. The afternoon session was specially set apart for the sacrament of reconciliation. The evening was thrived with group games. Fr Thomas Chirattavayalil gave away the prizes to the winners.

Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil

Youth Director



Department of Education

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

In the joy of these words, I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter.

The Department of Education functions well with the aid and assistance of our Fathers and Sisters. Schools are now back to the normal functioning with full attendance. The acute phase of Covid-19 pandemic is expected to end by the middle of 2022. It is only now, that state governments are prioritizing the re-opening of schools to ensure continuity of education for the country's students. The entire staff and the students of 15-18 have taken the vaccination. Thanks to all our Fathers, Sisters, Teachers, Parents and our well-wishers for being with and supporting each other. Thanks to the managers and principals for maintaining the schools these days with meager income and meeting all the essential needs.

Inspection of Schools

The Department of Education with its committee members has very successfully completed the school inspection of all our Diocesan Schools. The inspection started on 10 January, 2022 and completed on 15 February, 2022.

Annual Examination 2021-2022

Annual Examination 2021-22 started from 24 February 2022. The Pre-Board for the Class XII started from 26 February and for the Class X from 02 March. Annual Examinations and the Pre-Board Examinations completed on 12 March 2022. Question papers for the classes from I to XII were provided from the Department of Education.

Managers'-Principals' Meet

A Virtual meeting of Fathers and Sisters of Satna Diocesan Society was organized on 29 January 2022, from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. on Google Meet, to discuss about the academic matters of the session 2022-23. Most of the Fathers and Sisters of our Diocese were present in the meeting. The decisions arrived at the meeting are:

The Annual Examination 2021-22 will start from 02 March and will complete on 12 March, 2022. Two sets of question papers will be provided from the centre (for the CBSE Schools).

In case the Board Exams come in between the annual exam, the schools can change the dates and use their own question papers.

The reopening of the new academic year 2022-23 will be on 01 April, 2022 (Friday).

Due to the Pandemic situation in the present year, the staff will not be given encashment of the unused CLs. If the situation becomes normal next year, the bylaws regarding CL can be followed. We have been collecting only the tuition fee and the staff are paid full salary during pandemic. This should be appreciated by all staff. If any school has serious difficulty in implementing this decision, kindly write a letter to the President of the Society.

The due increment of the lockdown period, 2020-21 and 2021-22, will not be given to the staff.

The Common Book List of 2021-22 will be continued for the session 2022-23.

The withheld fee structure of 2020-21 is to be implemented for the session 2022-23.

Christ Jyoti School, Odgady

Christ Jyoti School, Odgady has applied for its affiliation in CBSE Board. Its inspection was done on 11-12 August 2021. But unfortunately it was rejected. Again the board has given a chance for those schools which have been rejected to re-register before 30 May 2022. We hope that Christ Jyoti School, Odgady will get the affiliation for the session 2022-23.

Education Policy and Service Rules for the Employees

The revised, amended and modified Education Policy, General Rules, Service Rules and Code of Conduct have been printed and made available to all the schools.

The Christus: Annual Sports Meet – 2022

The Christus-2022 will be conducted in Zonal as well as Diocesan Level. The venues have been already finalized last year and we could not conduct it due to Covid-19. The venues continue to be the same.

Zonal Level : 1. Tikamgarh Zone- GCM Convent Sr Sec. School, Nowgong

2. Satna Zone - De Paul School, Maidhani

3. Singrauli Zone - Jyoti School, Jayant

Diocesan Level : Jyoti Sr Sec. School, Rewa

Teachers' Workshop on Motivation

The Department of Education started giving Motivational Workshops for the teachers of our schools. The principal objective is to conscientize and rejuvenate our teachers towards their life. It is to ensure them that teaching is not a profession but a living, not to earn but to mould a child to be fully human.

Up-coming Events: Session 2022-23

One-day seminar for the Managers and Principals

Exposure for the Managers and Principals

Training for Teachers

Training for Office Staff

Examinations for teachers, twice a year

Inter-School Quiz Competition

Monthly Quiz (on OMR) for the students (only from daily newspapers Hindi and English)

Undertakings on child safety

Wishing you sunshine, good times and a very happy Easter!

Fr Paul Varghese

General Manager, Department of Education



Samaritan Social Service Society

05-07/12/2021: Audit under Sightsavers project was done.

06/12/2021: Official visit of Mr. Dixon Charles (Zonal Coordinator (North), National Truckers Programme). He visited the Society and evaluated the project activities.

08/12/2021: Interactive Session by Ms. Shika Sharma (International classical dancer) with the students of Samaritan Community College. It was a moment of delight for the students of Samaritan Community College.

10/12/2021: World Disability Day celebration at Snehsadan Special School, Pateri. Ms. Kalpana Verma (MLA, Raigone) and Mr. Siddharth Kushwaha (MLA, Satna) were the chief guests of the occasion. The message of the day was inclusion of the students in all social realms.

18/12/2021: World Disability Day celebration at Samaritan Social Service Society, Satna. Mr. Joseph Kodakallil was the chief guest and birthday of Mr. Joseph Kodakallil was also celebrated at the occasion. It was a moment of enriching for the 98 students with disability to whom Samaritan provides educational support.

20-21/12/2021: Fr. Justin, the director went to New Delhi for participating in the Partner's Meet 2021 and Seminar on Resource Mobilization for Organizational Sustainability at NRC, Civil Line, New Delhi. The programme was conducted under IDCYD project supported by Lilliane Foundation through Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi.

23/12/2021: Christmas was celebrated at Samaritan Community College, Satna

30/12/2021: Meeting at Women and Child Department Office, Katni, with Anganwadi supervisors (Advocacy and Linkage for Cataract Surgery).

31/12/2021: Visit of the SSSS, director with CMHO, Panna for the signing of the MOU (NPCB).

03/01/2022: New batch arrived and welcomed at Samaritan Community College, Satna.

26/01/2022: Republic Day Celebration at Samaritan Hospital, Satna

31/01/2022: Field Staff meeting at Samaritan Social Service Society

05/02/2022: 63rd Governing Body meeting at Samaritan Social Service Society

01/03/2022: Field Staff meeting at Samaritan Social Service Society

03/03/2022: The director of SSSS went to Mumbai for attending the workshop on agriculture and food sovereignty organized by Caritas India for their partners in West Zone.

05-07/03/2022: Official visit of Mr. Sathish Nagappan from CBM India Trust to the five VCs of Samaritan Social Service Society.

14-16/03/2022: Official visit of Ms. Archana from Sightsavers to Katni VC and review meeting.

21/03/2022: NSDC annual exam for the 31st batch of Samaritan Community College was conducted.

27/03/2022: 64th Governing Body meeting at Samaritan Social Service Society.

28/03/2022: Field Staff meeting at Samaritan Social Service Society.

Fr Justin Vallooran

Director

Samaritan Social Service Society

St. Ephrem's Theological College

Visit of Mar Jose Puthenveetil

St. Ephrem's cordially welcomed Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad on 16 December 2021. His Excellency reached the seminary by evening and was kind enough to share his experience in Punjab mission in a short session held in the evening. His Excellency presided over the Holy Qurbana on 17th morning and enriched the community through his words regarding the mission and missionary life.

Minor and Major Orders

19 December 2021 was a memorable day for the family of St. Ephrem's Synodal Theological College, Satna as 18 of its children were raised one more step ahead to the altar of God. In preparation for the Holy Orders, one day retreat was conducted on 18 December. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, bishop of the Eparchy of Satna, presided over the Major and Minor Holy orders. We are grateful to all our bishops and well-wishers for their constant support and prayers. Congratulations to Rev. Deacons, Sub-Deacons and Karoyas.

Christmas Celebrations

St. Ephrem Pariwar gathered together on 19 December to celebrate the birth of Christ. The gathering began at 6.00 p.m. in which, different games, carol competitions and various sharings were conducted between different batches. Rev. Fr. George Nelliyanil CMF, shared the Christmas message, giving a new hope of God's love for the year 2022. Prizes were distributed for the winners of 'Christmas Journey' bible quiz, conducted during the Christmas season.

Republic Day Celebrations

The country's 73rd republic day was celebrated with pride and patriotic spirit in the seminary. Immediately after the Holy Qurbana, flag hoisting ceremony was held in the foyer of the seminary. Rev. Fr Devamitra Neelamkavil hoisted the flag and reminded us the values of constitution and its preamble.

Basketball Match

The evening of 13 February saw a virulent match of Basketball played between the team of Satna and ETC. It was a very sagacious initiative by Rev. Fr Joji Puliamally to foster bonhomie with the local people. Both teams brought forth an energetic match. Eventually, the match ended with Satna team as the victors. Rev. Fr Rector appreciated both the teams for their performance and team spirit and advised us to keep us this amity.

Webinar

The Ephrem's Theological Journal which has always disseminated the Oriental Theological Education, on its 25th Jubilee, took its mission to another step. The occasion gave rise in organizing an International Webinar on 07-09 February 2022 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The webinar was conducted on the topic 'East Syriac Theology: A Contemporary Re-reading'.

On the first day very Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal welcomed all the dignitaries, scholars and the participants into this venture. Mar. Joseph Pamplany, the Archbishop designate to Tellichery gave the presidential address and congratulated the seminary for this initiative. It was followed by the presentation of Prof. Dr Sebastian Brock who is a British scholar. He was a professor in Aramaic and Syriac languages in the Oxford University. Later, Rev. Dr James Palackal, the Vicar General of the eparchy of Shamshabad, presented his thoughts on 'Revisiting the fundamentals of Oriental and Syriac Theology'. Thereafter, the paper on the theme, 'The Spiritual Legacy of the East-Syriac Tradition and the challenges of evangelization in an age of Pluralism' was presented by Rev. Dr Thomas Kochuthara, Professor in John Paul II Pontifical Institute, Changanassery.

The second day's webinar began with the greetings of Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the chairman to the Synodal commission to the seminary, Mar Raphael Thattil and Mar James Athikalam, the members of the commission. Prof. Dr Emidio Vergani gave the keynote address. Then Rev. Dr Pauly Maniyattu, the Vice President to the Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor presented 'Historical development of the Syro-Malabar

Qurbana'. The day ended with the paper on 'Foundations of the Syro-Malabar Canon Law' by Rev. Dr Sunny Kokkaravalayil SJ, Professor in Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.

The webinar culminated on the third day with the keynote address of His Excellency Manuel Nin, Apostolic Exarch to Greece of the Greek Byzantine Catholic Church. Rev. Dr George Kudillil, the chief editor of the Deepika, presented his work on 'The Experience of Christ event and the missionary Hermeneutics of Paul in the Indian mission context'. Finally, Mar Prince Panengaden, the Bishop of Adilabad, an inspiring missionary of the time shared his thoughts on 'Modelling today's Mission after the mission in the Acts'. Rev. Fr Alex Kollamkalam expressed the words of gratitude to all the participants and to the guests.

Symposium

On 19 February, the Academic faculty of St. Ephrem's arranged a symposium on the topic "Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation & Mission". Mr Sudheer Beck, SDM of Rampur was the Chief Guest. Rev. Sr Christo, Assistant Provincial of the Sacred Heart Congregation, Delhi, was the guest of honour.

The themes dealt in this paper were: 'Synod on Synodality: Equipping the Catholic Church on Her way to third millennium', 'Communion: As the basic principle of the Church', 'Participation: the path of Synodality' and 'The Scope of Mission in a Synodal Church'. Bros. Paul Mundackal, Sreekanth Durgam, Sebastian Kalathiparampil and Raphael Nalpathilthara VC presented the topics.

Parish Feast

Ephrem Pariwar joyously entered into festal mood for the feast of St. Ephrem with the flag hoisting on 20 February. Rev Fr Manoj Vareeckal, the Vicar General of the Eparchy of Ujjain, hoisted the flag. The entire Pariwar on the eve of 19 February, gathered for Ramsa. Soon after the Ramsa, there was a procession from the seminary to other houses of the Pariwar. The festal message of the day was delivered by Rev. Fr Sunil at Claretian house. The Raza Qurbana of the day was celebrated by

Rev. Fr Jose Chakkumgal. Later different games and Mission Sunday auction were conducted.

One Day Picnic

St. Ephrem's Theological College organized one day picnic on 25 February. Immediately after the Holy Eucharist, we started our journey to Bansagar water dam near Rewa. It was a long and beautiful journey along with all the formators. In the afternoon, we visited the white tiger reserve, at Mukundpur. On our journey back, we paid a visit to Koond mission station of the eparchy of Satna.

The Demise of Sr Prothasia

On 16 February, a petal of this pariwar withered away. Sr. Prothasia left for the heavenly abode. The pariwar was saddened by her departure. She was given a solemn burial in the cemetery of Sanjo Bhavan.

Mission Cricket League- 2022

The Mission Cricket League-2022 began on the eve of 05 March giving the audience a gala of power bolt match between the priests of Ujjain and Satna. Match was inaugurated by very Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector of ETC. The Satna team won the breathtaking match with a marginal difference. On the next day, the priests of Ujjain celebrated the Holy Qurbana and proposed the farewell. The priests of Sagar, too came the long way to spend time with us and had a cricket match with the priests of Satna on 16 March. Sagarians had a great win.



Feast of St. Joseph

Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna and the Chairman for synodal commission celebrated the feast of St. Joseph on 17 March, with a Solemn Mass and a festive breakfast.



On 19 March, we had a great festivity as it was the feast day of Rev Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector and Rev. Fr Jose Chakkungal along with four other brothers.

Rev. Dn Kannapally Memorial Quiz

In loving memory of Dn Kannampilly, the college conducts quiz competition annually among the batches. This year it was conducted on 14 March 2022. The participants had to show their competence in various subjects like Church History, Gospel of Mark, Sports, Music and General Knowledge.

The First years secured the first prize, while the second and third years bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

Exams

The second semester exams of the scholastic year 2021-22 began on 17 March and were over by 31 March.

New Shepherd to ETC

The new era begins in St. Ephrem's Theological College as it receives her new Rector. Rev. Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil



former vice rector is appointed as its Rector by the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church. It was officially declared by Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Chairman of Synodal Commission to the ETC on 25 March 2022. Rev. Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil belongs to the eparchy of Mananthawady.

Farewell to Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal

The seminary bade farewell to Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, who had served the seminary as the rector for the past six years. He served ETC as the Dean of Studies from 2015-2016. Later he became the rector in the year 2016. He was given farewell on 29 March.



Summer Holiday

All the brothers left on 03 April 2022 for their summer vacation.

Bro. James Durgam

Aradhana Bhavan Updates, Pateri

The New Provincial Team

The provincial synaxis which held on 14 December 2021 gifted a new provincial team for the Christujyoti province Satna. The team members are as follows:- Mother Ann Maria Cheruvil the provincial superior, Sr Alphya Kallingal as Vicar provincial. Sr Alphonsa Theikkanath, Sr Leema Rose Thycattu, Sr Seena Maria Pereppadan are the other councilors. Sr Rincy Kachapilly as finance officer and Sr Maria Jose Olattu as the secretary. On 19 December, by evening election synaxis was dispersed.

Retreat & Seminar

The 9th Provincial Election Synaxis began on 14 December 2021 at Provincial House, Pateri. The synaxis members were animated for two days by His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad. He was officially welcomed and introduced by Sr Avila Vadakkethara. The theme of his talk was 'Bless and be a Blessing'. Sr Ansa Plamoottil proposed vote of thanks to Bishop at the end of the session.



Formation

Three days of retreat was conducted for our postulants at Sanjo Bhavan, Kothi from 11 to 13 December 2021. Sr Arpitha Thiruthel animated them during those days.

Our Postulants participated in Carol singing competition at St. Ephrem's Theological College and won second prize.

On 25 December, there was Carol singing competition at Parish level and our pre-aspirants along with Sisters secured first prize.

On 01 January Sr Linet CMC took two hours of class for our pre-aspirants on inner healing.

On 07 January, we conducted flower vase making

competition for our candidates.

On the occasion of our Charism day (14 January 2022) we had a quiz competition for our candidates.

On 02 April 2022, all the postulants from Kothi and aspirants from Pateri gathered together at Madhavgarh for a refreshment programme.

Celebrations

On 12 December we offered thanksgiving Holy Mass for Mother Rose Therese, the newly elected General Councilor. After the solemn Holy Mass Community extended hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes for her future mission.

"Mahila Divas" was celebrated on 08 March 2022, at Snehsadan school premises. Around 80 Mahilas gathered here for the celebration. Mother Ann Maria was the chief guest of the day. Sr Amos took one hour class on the theme 'Empowerment of woman - begin at home'. Mother Ann Maria delivered a short and inspiring message to them. Few games and competitions were conducted for them under the leadership of Sr Kiran Mary. Prizes were awarded to the winners. After a tea party, gathering was dispersed.

We anticipated and celebrated the feast day of our beloved Bishopji in our community on 15 March 2022. After the solemn Eucharistic celebration we extended festal greetings to our Bishopji.

On 19 March we celebrated the super seniors' day at Kothi community. Both Pateri and Kothi communities gathered together for a prayer service. Thereafter, we had agape and conducted few competitions for our super seniors. Prizes were distributed for the winners.

41st day of memorial ceremony of our beloved Prothasiamma was observed on 28 March 2022, at Kothi community. Our neighboring fathers, brothers and sisters gathered for the same. Very Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat, the Proto-Syncellus was the main celebrant and Fr Joseph Ottapurackal and Fr Jacob Adampakallel were the concelebrants of the Holy

Eucharist.

On 29 March 2022, Mother Ann Maria Cheruvil inaugurated the silver jubilee of the Christu Jyoti Province, Satna. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil officiated the solemn Holy Qurbana, Fr. James Chembemkulathil and Fr Jacob Adampakallel were the concelebrants of the Holy Eucharist. After the Holy Eucharist, Mother Ann Maria Cheruvil distributed the Jubilee candles to the local superiors of each community. Our neighboring Fathers joined with us for the celebration. On the previous day by evening the superiors were enriched with a class on 'the participation in the Holy Eucharist' by Mother Virgin.

Loving Tribute

We, the Christujyoti Province of Satna, gratefully remember and pay homage to the departed soul of our loving Sr Prothasia. We recognize and appreciate that her life has been a model of faith, selfless service and kindness to all she encountered. The funeral took place on 17 February by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil and she was buried at Sanjo Bhavan, Kothi Convent cemetery. May her soul enjoy the eternal bliss in heaven.

Sr Maria Jose Olattu SABS

Snehsadan Special School

On 03 December 2021 the Disabled day was celebrated at Snehsadan Special School. Social Justice and Empowering Deputy Director Mr Saurab Singh was the chief guest of the day. Prem Sadan Special School's students also participated in the celebration. During the celebration they distributed UDID for 18 students. Many competitions were conducted for the students and the winners were awarded.

On 29 January 2022, Snehsadan School conducted seminar for the teachers by Sr Graceline Parecattil, with the theme 'behavior and awareness about good thoughts, good conduct in the family, village and in the School.



On 15 March, Social Justice and Empowering Deputy Director Mr. Saurab Singh distributed TLM kits for all our students.

Sr Jessy Tresa Akkiveliyil

CSN – In the Delight of Platinum Jubilee

The Congregation of Sisters of Nazareth (CSN), founded on 19 March 1948 at Edakkunnu in the Arch-Diocese of Ernakulam entered into the Platinum Jubilee Year on 18 March 2022. The congregation was founded by His Grace Mar Augustine Kandathil, the first Arch Bishop of the Arch-Diocese of Ernakulam. Co-founders are: Fr John Pinakkattu and Msgr Mathew Mankuzhikary. Our Founding Fathers were inspired to redeem families from their deplorable degradation and to transform them after the model of the Holy family of Nazareth. The CSN now serves in 98 places in four countries through three provinces namely Christ Jyoti Mission Province (North and North East India), St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Provinces in Kerala.

The Jubilee Year was officially inaugurated on 18 March 2022 at our Generalate in Choondy, Aluva, Kerala. The inaugural Holy Eucharist was celebrated by His Grace Mar

The Eparchy of Satna Wishes

**Hearty Congratulations to the Newly Elected
General Team
SABS Congregation**



Superior General: Sr Rosily Jose Ozhukayil & the Councillors: Sr Mercy Nedumpuram, Sr Ancy Mappilaparambil, Sr Grace Kochupaliyathil, Sr Rose Therese Cheerakathil, Sr Elsa Paikada, Sr Tessy Anithottam, Sr Lis Therese Kalan

**Hearty Congratulations to the Newly Elected
Provincial Team
Christ Jyoti Province of SABS Congregation**



Provincial Superior: Sr Ann Maria Cheruvil & the Councillors: Sr Alphy Kallingal, Sr Alphonsa Thekkanath, Sr Leema Rose Thycattu, Sr Seena Maria Pereppadan, Sr Rincy Kachappilly (Procurator), Sr Maria Jose Olattu (Secretary to Provincial)



Palm Sunday Celebration at Cathedral



Way of the Cross at Cathedral



Discussions on Synod on Synodality

Antony Kariyil, Metropolitan Vicar of the Arch-Diocese of Ernakulam and the Jubilee Year was officially inaugurated by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, the bishop of Mandya Diocese.



Each community celebrated the inauguration of the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and by planting Platinum Jubilee Mango Tree.

In the diocese of Satna, CSN renders its service in Nowgong, Chhatarpur, Pateri and Kothi. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the Formation House, Pateri and inaugurated the Platinum Jubilee Celebration of the Congregation in the Diocese of Satna.



Sr Soumini CSN

SD Formation House, Pateri

Congregation Day Celebration with the Underprivileged

19 March is a remarkable day for us, the Sisters of the Destitute, as it is the foundation day of our Congregation. To mark this, on 26 March 2022, we celebrated our Congregation day with 22 economically weak families of our parish (St.

Ephrem, Pateri) in the gracious presence of the parish priest Fr Jacob Adampakallel.

The programme began at 5.30 pm with a short prayer. Sr Elin SD gave an introduction about the Congregation, its charism and different activities, especially in the field of



uplifting the poor and marginalized the destitute brothers and sisters. Fr. Jacob gave a meaningful and enriching message on the life of St. Joseph and the need of seeking his intercession in our lives.

We conducted few games for the participants and gave away prizes for the winners. Family kit for each family was distributed at the end of the programme. Thereafter dinner was served for all the participants and everyone enjoyed the gathering.

Sr Bhagya SD

Good -Tidings from the Nazareth Bhavan, Pateri

"Then he went down with them and was obedient to them" (Lk 2:51)

Nazareth Bhavan is colourful with the formees of our Christ Jyoti Province. The Nazareth garden is blooming with varieties of flowers to be offered at the feet of Jesus who called them to fulfil His mission.

02 February was a great day for us. As it was the day of the

Presentation of our Lord (Lk 2:22), our 6 Pre-postulants entered Postulancy and 6 Postulants entered Novitiate by taking one more step in their journey towards religious life. Our Provincial Superior Mother Lata officiated the ceremony of the day. Our Five 2nd year Novices who completed their Canonical Novitiate came out with flying colours to spread the Good News to all the families after the model of Holy family of Nazareth. And yet another memorable event took place on the 18 March. We cordially welcomed our Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil to offer a solemn Holy Qurbana, as our Congregation begins on that day the Platinum Jubilee Year.

18 March was also an auspicious occasion to share our joy to celebrate together with our Bishop, his Patron's day of St. Joseph. After the Holy Qurbana we wished His Excellency and had the breakfast together. Bishopji met our Novices, encouraged them and enriched them with his words to become zealous missionaries to proclaim Jesus and to share his love even in the darkest corners of the world.

Sr Tessy CSN

Claretian Updates

One of the things that has moved me most to teach children is the example of Jesus Christ and the Saints. "Jesus said, Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mk: 10-14). Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them. There is no doubt that a child whose innocence has been preserved through good instructions is a treasure more precious in God's eyes than all the kingdoms of this world. (Autobiography St. Antony Mary Claret: 276)

Our commitment to impart Christian values to children is fulfilled only with the help of our teachers. Therefore we have arranged a one-day seminar for the teachers of St. Claret School, Barakala on 30 April, 2022. Fr Paul Uthinapparampan,

the General Manager of Satna Diocesan Educational Society was the resource person for the day. Fr Paul exhorted the teachers to love and care each student, in order to bring them to the maximum utilization of their potentialities. The seminar was filled with talks and activities to motivate the teachers and to remind them about the responsibilities of their noble profession.

Fr George Nelliyaniyil CMF

Sacred Heart Convent School, Rewa

Teachers' Picnic

At the end of academic year 2021-22, it was time for all the staff members to come together to celebrate all the hard work and achievements in the form of an offsite picnic. It was on 16 March 2022 and was planned with intent to reunite the members of Sacred Heart Family and give them a feeling of oneness. The offsite was very positively received by all the staff.

Teachers' Seminar

What better start than having a seminar on the very first day of New Academic Year-2022-23! It was arranged on 21 March 2022. In this one-day seminar, Fr Paul Uthinapparampan conducted an engaging workshop covering one of the most crucial topics for a Teacher stating clearly, "Why it is important for a Teacher to be a human first?"



He, with the help of role-plays, games, and stories re-established the fact that a teacher is like a sculptor who sometimes needs to hit hard to remove all the undesirable portions, keeping original personality intact.

Re-Opening of Kindergarten

As many of our Kindergarten students never came to school because of the pandemic in the past two years, we were determined to make their first day at school full of colours, fun and learning based activities. However, looking at their enthusiasm to be in school we were completely knocked off our feet.

Prayer Service for the Teachers

Before the starting of the new session, we had a blissful prayer service on 22 March 2022 for all our staff members to invoke God's blessings. Keeping all our staff members before God, we prayed for their overall well-being and dedication towards their role as an educator.

Prayer Service for the Students

We had an earnest prayer session on 23 March 2022 for our students on the very first day of the new academic year, praying for their good health and excellence not only in academic but co-curricular field as well.

Sr Christo SH

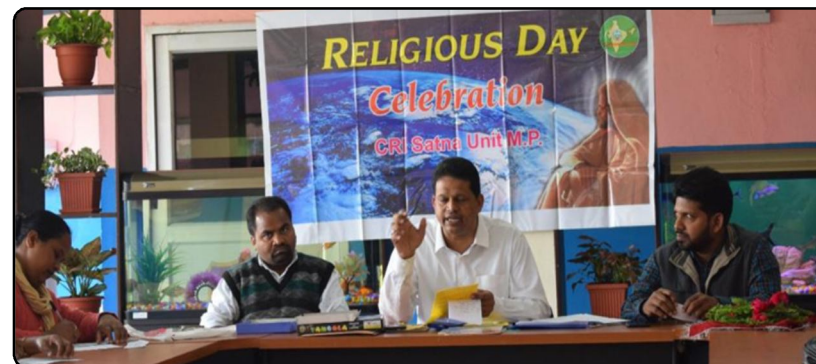
Tidings from St. Vincent Church, Vindhyanagar

A Day-Out for a Picnic

A picnic is a delightful diversion from the daily routine. On 14 October 2021, the youth of our parish went to Mada for a day of outing. Everybody was so excited about this outdoor adventure. Sentiments of merriment were twinkling in their eyes. They shared the bond and togetherness as a family. Fr Anoop and sisters accompanied them for this day of outing.

Zonal Level CRI Meeting

Zonal Level CRI Meeting was held on 19 November at St. Vincent Church, Vindhyanagar. It was indeed a day of joy and togetherness shared by all the religious gathered for the occasion. The day began with the thought provoking session given by Fr Sunil



CMF. We had a Holy Hour followed by sacrament of Reconciliation & Holy Mass. Fr Biju V.C (President of CRI) presided over a short meeting to introduce the members to one another and read out the minutes of the previous CRI meeting. We had a group discussion with the questionnaire on how we could be an effective religious in our own mission field. The groups came up with very relevant points and reported it for the group discussion. There was also time for quiz and games to commemorate the year of St. Joseph. The winners were given prizes. All the members went back to their communities with a new zeal and enthusiasm to carry on their new mission-challenges.

Christmas Celebration

The birth of Jesus Christ was celebrated with a great joy and happiness by our parishioners. Different competitions were held such as crib making, house decoration, lightings etc. Youth were very much involved in its preparation. They decorated the church and made Christmas tree, hanging gifts on them for the parishioners. The youth along with the catechism children chose secret Santa in order to celebrate Christmas meaningfully. They were so excited to reveal their secret Santa on the Christmas day. Every house was blessed to welcome the new born king, both internally and externally. Sr Jolly from St. Joseph School, Waidhan was invited to judge the crib making competition.

One Day Youth Seminar

Satna Diocesan Youth Commission organized a one-day seminar on leadership training on 3 April, 2022 at St Louise Church, Jayant. The seminar focused on different styles of leadership and art

of Christian leadership. The seminar was chaired by Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil and Rev Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil. Six members from our parish went to attend the seminar. They expressed that it was a good platform to know and learn from one another and grow in our Christian faith and commitment.

Retreat

In preparation for Easter celebration the faithful of our parish are given three-day retreat with a theme, "Come closer to Jesus" and prepare themselves to partake in meaningful Easter Pascal Mystery.

We are an Easter people. Let us sing and rejoice for He is the reason behind our song.

Happy Easter to all!

Fr Charles Kurisseril VC

Chhatarpur Samachar

Catechism Camp

The children of Catechism from Maria Mata Parish participated in the zonal level catechism camp which was organized at Lavkushnagar parish on 20 March 2022. It was an occasion for the children to experience the Christian fellowship and grow in Christian faith in the presence of the children of



other parishes. It also provided an opportunity for the children to exhibit their talents in various competitions and community games. All came back enriched spiritually thanking the Diocesan Director for taking the initiative in organizing such a memorable event. Intense preparations for the event were done by the Parish Priest, Fr Job Vallianal and Catechism coordinator, Sr Suchita CSN.

Youth Meet

A zonal level youth meet was held at Nowgong Parish on 27 March 2022. The youth from the parish actively participated in the programme of leadership training. Fr John Thoppil accompanied the youth and also inaugurated the programme at Nowgong.

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2022-23

The solemn inauguration of the new academic year 2022-23 took place on 01 April 2022 in the Maria Mata assembly ground. The program started with a simple but meaningful prayer session in which relevant readings on the theme of education from various religious scriptures were done invoking the Almighty to shower His abundant blessings on the staff and students and dedicating the whole academic year and its various



activities to the powerful protection and guidance of the divine. Thereafter the top three rank holders of each class were congratulated and awarded with golden, silver and bronze medals. The Manager, Fr John Thoppil delivered the inaugural address bringing out the relevance of the day as the first day of the rest of their life and exhorting them to be thankful to God for

His loving care and protection especially during the pandemic period as well as emphasizing the importance of hard work as the key to success in life and highlighted the need of a disciplined life ahead. He then along with the Principal, teacher representative and student representative symbolically lighted the lamp signifying the removal of the darkness of ignorance and the ushering in of the light of knowledge. The Principal, Sr Linze distributed the attendance registers and lighted candles to the newly assigned class teachers who then proceeded to their respective classes. The inaugural session came to an end with the National Anthem.

Sr Linze CSN

Glimpses From Deosar

First Batch - Class X

St. Marys School at Deosar is happy that her first batch of class X is appearing for the CBSE final exam. There are 35 students in the first batch and they are intensely preparing to excel in the final exam. To honour them the school releases a magazine named Campus Roots.

Maths Magic

School conducted a mathematics workshop for the students of classes VI and IX. It was a six days workshop conducted by Mr Devesh Kumar from Jharkhand. Students enjoyed solving maths problems using different methods.

Resuming of Nursery and KG classes

After two years of break due to Covid-19 Nursery and Kindergarten classes started to be active setting a strong foundation for their educational journey.



Easter Celebration

Easter gives us the message of hope, renewal and new life. Through his life Jesus showed us how to love, live and give generously. We, the faithful of Deosar together prepared a hand-written Bible (New Testament) as an offering for the greatest Feast.

Wish you all a Happy Easter!

Sr Naicy DST

Jyoti School, Jayant

School Inspection

School inspection was done by the Satna Education Society on 09 February 2022. Fr Paul Varghese, the education secretary, Fr Siju John (Committee Member) and Fr Davis Joseph were in the inspection team. After the inspection the inspection team met the principal and the staff in which they were congratulated for the smooth functioning of the school.

Farewell

A farewell party was given to the outgoing students of class XII on 26 March 2022. All the staff were present on the occasion and the programmes were conducted by class X. Special accolades were distributed to the students who backed the first position in different subjects.



Fr Dennis Kanjirakombil

St Jude Church, Lavkush Nagar

Welcome to Fr Varghese Vattathara

It was a memorable day in the history of St. Jude Church, as Fr Varghese Vattathara joined as the Assistant Parish Priest. He took charge on 10 February 2022. The faithful rendered a cordial welcome to Fr Varghese on 13 February 2022 and congratulated the new priest.

Youth Gatherings (One Day with the Lord)

The youth of St. Jude Church, Lavkush Nagar and St. Joseph Church, Khajuraho gathered in Lavkush Nagar on 13 March 2022, for the one day gathering. A total of 21 youth participated in the gathering. It was organized by the Diocesan Youth Department led by Fr Sebastian Panthalooparabil. I am happy to note that four youth members from Lavkush Nagar Parish participated in State Level YCM training (16-21 March 22) at Gwalior. There was a Zonal Level Youth Gathering on 27 March 2022 at St. Mary's Church, Nowgong, organized by DYD, in which 11 youth from St. Jude Church participated.

Bible-Fest

The Catechism Department of the Diocese organized a Zonal Level Bible Fest for the catechism students at St. Jude Church on 20 March 2022. There were cultural competitions and sessions for the participants numbered around 35



Visit of Bishop

Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Fr Thomas Thelakat and Fr Mathew Thottakara visited the mission station to discuss and finalize the feasibility of developmental activities of Christ Jyoti School, Lavkush Nagar.

New Academic Year of Christ Jyoti School

The new academic year of Christ Jyoti School commenced on 04 April 2022 and was inaugurated by Mr Rakesh Parmar, SDM, Lavkush Nagar. In his address he acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of CJS imparting quality education to the people of locality.

Fr Varghese Vattathara

St. Mary's Church, Nowgong

Renewal

We had a two days retreat in preparation for the Christmas at Chhatarpur parish on 18_19 December 2021. All our parishioners participated in the renewal retreat which was led by Rev. Fr Sunil CMF. It was an occasion for our parish to experience the mercy of God through the sacrament of reconciliation. People had experience of deliverance through the powerful preaching by Rev. Fr Sunil.

Christmas Celebration

We had mid night Holy Mass on 25 December 2022. Rev. Brothers from St Ephrem Theological College had come to help us in the preparation of crib and liturgical services. There was a flow of huge number of people from the locality to visit crib and church. Political leaders and government officials were invited to the Christmas celebration. It was a day of sharing our joy and religious solidarity with the people of other religions too. Mr Vipin Badouria ADJ from Nowgong and many other religious leaders, political leaders and govt. officials joined us to celebrate Christmas. Rev Sisters of CSN, Brothers and teachers from our campus spent their time to serve the people who visited us.

We were privileged to organize a Zonal Christmas gathering at Nowgong under the leadership of Rev. Fr Augustine Pullolickal on 26 December 2022. Priests and sisters gathered by 11 AM from all the parishes of Tikamgarh Zone. Brothers who had come from the seminary for Christmas ministry organized games for fathers and sisters. We concluded the gathering by 4 pm.

Jubilee Celebration

Rev Sr Soumini CSN was on her silver Jubilee year. We had a jubilee celebration on 20 Feb 2022. Mar Joseph Kodakallil presided over the Holy Qurbana. Very Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat,



Vicar General and Rev. Fr John Thoppil concelebrated the Holy Qurbana. Rev Sr Lavanya, superior gave short introduction about the Jubilerian at the beginning of the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Fr Joseph Porimattam, Parish Priest welcomed all. We had a felicitation gathering and agape after the liturgical celebration.

Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakkat felicitated the jubilerian with words of appreciation for her committed and dedicated life for Jesus and people of God. Beloved Bishop also addressed everyone in the gathering and he congratulated Sr Soumini for accomplishing 25 years of her religious life successfully. Children of our parish made the day more colourful with wonderful performance of cultural activities. Rev fathers and Sisters from Tikamgarh Zone doubled the joy with their presence. Jubilee celebration concluded with agape.

Holy Week

We had a prayer day in preparation for the Holy Week on 10 April 2022 at Chhatarpur Parish. Rev. Fr Paul Varghese and his team led the retreat. As we entered the Holy Week on Palm Sunday one day retreat paved the way to enter into holy week with holiness. We had a wonderful God experience in the retreat. It gave new energy and spiritual renewal to go ahead with Pascal mysteries throughout the Holy Week.



We could conduct the holy week ceremonies in a peaceful manner after two years of pandemic restrictions. We commemorated the *Pasca* celebration with washing of the feet and breaking the bread ceremony with all our parish members. Good Friday led us on the way of the cross along with the reading of passion narration. We had Easter Mass at 03 am on Easter Sunday.

GCM School

Inauguration of the Academic year 2022-23

New Academic year was inaugurated on 01 April 2022 with new vigor and enthusiasm after the Covid-hit two Academic years. The inaugural function was coloured with prayer, Scripture Reading, lighting of the lamp, the inaugural speech by Rev. Fr Shinto, the manager, message by Rev. Sr Soumini, the principal and prize distribution (proficiency and winners of the competitions held previous year).

Vidhyarambh 2022-23

Nursery kids who enrolled for their formal education entered into the world of letters through the noble ceremony of Vidhyarambh on 04 April 2022. The programme included prayer, lighting of the lamp, welcoming the new parents and students to the family of



GCM by Rev. Fr Shinto, the manager and some entertainments by Primary kids. Sr Soumini, the principal of the school along with the nursery teacher introduced the kids to the world of letters. Children were present along with their parents. After the ceremony children were given balloons and chocolates and they went home with their parents. Since the previous two years kids were not enrolled to the school due to Lock Down, LKG and UKG children also were included for the ceremony of Vidhyarambh.

Teachers Training

We conducted a teachers training on Art Integration on 29 March 2022. Rev Fr Siju John was the resource person of the day. The resource person with his ample and wide knowledge on the topic enriched the teachers on the concept of art integration to the academic curriculum. He explained how to add the art to each subject with sufficient examples. The approaches and methods of art integration were imparted to our teachers. He nourished our teachers with his inspiring thoughts and his own experiences as a teacher.

Republic Day

We had a wonderful Republic Day celebration on 26 January 2022. Fr Shinto, Manager of the school hoisted the flag and Mr. Nandakumar Richariya delivered a message of the day. Teachers put up patriotic songs and some entertainment programme. We missed our students due to the restrictions of

the Government on covid 19 protocol.

Visit to Nirwana Foundation, Chhatarpur – Shelter Home for Girls and Women

Care Club members of the GCM family made a visit to Nirwana Foundation at Chhatarpur, which is an orphanage for girls and women. Students from class VIII to XII made a good contribution and provided them with clothes, stationery items and food items. The students conducted some games for the inmates and presented with gifts for the winners. They spent two hours with them and for the students it was an experience and learning that they should take care of the underprivileged of the society.

Fr Joseph Porimattathil

The Chronicles of Lisieux Anand School, Panna

Blanket and Old Clothes Distribution Drive

To give an underprivileged person a pair of clothes is as good as dressing him with self-respect. Children are motivated to donate old clothes to make the lives of the underprivileged better and also to promote the eco-friendly concept of recycling. With the cooperation of teachers and parents, our students had taken quick steps in meeting the daily winter needs of natives living in the marginalized communities of Panna and its vicinity. They collected and brought usable and unsoiled old clothes and blankets which remind unutilized in their household due to changing fashion, colour fade and size mismatch. Teachers and students sorted out old clothes even mended them by sewing some old clothes. Staff and students could reach out to different villages to distribute them to people living under reduced circumstances. What is waste for one could be a resource for the less fortunate.

Children's Day

Children are the beautiful flowers of the school garden. We

celebrated the Children's day with much fun and frolic on 14 November 2021. Teachers put up various performances for the



students in order to exhibit their love and affection for them. Proficiency awards were distributed to the toppers of 2019-20 and 2020-21. An informative speech was delivered by Father Manager, Dr Tajo Leyon to highlight the importance of the day. The Principal of the school Sr Ranit SABS joined the Manager of the school in applauding the teachers for putting up a wonderful show. The day ended with distribution of sweets to the students and wonderful memories lingering in everybody's minds.

Quiz Competition

Lisieux Anand School hosted an exciting quiz competition on 29 November 2021. The quiz competition was open for the students of grade 9th and 11th. The questions put forth to the teams were intriguing and exciting and they include general knowledge on variety of topics like current affairs, technology, art, entertainment, sports, literature etc. This quiz competition was truly a learning experience for everyone who attended.

Christmas Celebration 2021

Christmas brings love, peace, hope, joy and happiness. Lisieuxians celebrated Christmas with extreme devotion love and cheerfulness on 22 December 2021. Aesthetically decorated Christmas trees, cribs, bells, stockings, gifts, wreaths, posters, stars, balloons and goodies, infused the aura of the much beloved festival. Fr Tajo Leyon, the Manager, in his Christmas

message invited everyone to spread love, peace and joy and imbibe the true spirit of Christmas namely loving, sharing, caring and giving. Santa Claus was roaming all over the auditorium giving gifts. The students melodiously sang the Christmas carols and spread the fragrance of the Christmas season. Little kids were dressed in the costume of Santa Clauses and Angels. The celebration came to an end after being served with scrumptious Christmas plum cake and sweets.

A Great-Lose

Mr Habib Khan, one of the maintenance staff of the school was called to eternal rest on 28 December 2021. Mr Khan, who was only 54 years of age, suffered a massive heart attack and succumbed to it thereafter. His untimely demise left everyone in a state of shock and grief. His service for the school will not soon be forgotten. His presence was a blessing and that will be sorely missed by Lisieuxians. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

Republic Day Celebration

The pandemic has confined the students to their homes, but it could not dampen their patriotic spirit and pride for the nation. In the times of virtual learning, we re-modelled the Republic Day rituals to keep the true spirit of this important day alive in students. The campus was decorated with saffron, white and green colour ribbons, balloons and flags. The flag hoisting ceremony was reserved only for the teaching and non-teaching faculty of the school. The national flag was unfurled by Dr Jewel Mathew, M.B.B.S, M.D, the Medical Superintendent of Mother



Teresa Hospital and delivered an overwhelming speech motivating the staff and students to perform their duties as faithful citizens of the country and to serve the motherland with heart, body and soul to bring its glory and laurels with their dignified deeds. Staff from both the schools participated in the programme.

Cricket-Match

A friendly Cricket-Match was organized by Sports Club on 14 February 2022. It was held between the Staff and students to encourage the Spirit of Sportsmanship and groom the students in the sports domain. The match was played on lush green playground of Lisieux in the presence of a large number of students and staff. The enthusiastic spectators experienced a thrilling performance with the two teams exhibiting their best in the limited twelve overs match. The staff team took the trophy away, after defeating the students by 2 wickets. The match proved to be an invigorating activity after months of quarantine and days of living a wearisome life during the pandemic.

New Academic Session

Lisieux Anand School, saw its reopening of the Academic Year 2022-23 on 01 April 2022. The smell of new neatly covered books, brand new school essentials and the well-ironed uniform made the first day of school a riveting experience. The students were given a rapturous welcome by the staff and management. A mesmerizing re-opening ceremony was organized by the staff and management in the morning assembly. After invoking the God's blessing and lighting of the lamp, new academic session 2022-23 was inaugurated by Fr Dr Tajo Leyon, the Manger. In his inaugural message he exhorted the students to be joyful in carrying out their daily duties and to sharpen their mind, intellect and goal time to time and stay focused on their studies. The teachers addressed the students about the Do's and Don'ts to be followed during the course of the year. The students seemed to be enthusiastic about the new beginnings.

Sr Ranit SABS

Jyoti Senior Secondary School, Rewa

Golden Jubilee

Jyoti School completed 50 golden years of excellence in service on 11 January 2022. On the occasion the Principal gratefully acknowledged the remarkable initiative of Late Bishop Abraham D. Mattam to begin and to elevate this school to heights. He also remembered with gratitude the outstanding contribution of the former Managers, Principals, the dedicated staff, the cooperation from the Parents, the constant support of the local authorities and the well wishers of Jyoti School.

School Inspection

The School Inspection was held on 12 January 2022 by the Satna Education Society. Fr Paul Varghese, the General Secretary and Fr Biju Joseph, a Member were there for the inspection.

Excellence

Master Manan Jain of class 6 was selected for the national level painting competition.

Interschool debate competition for Junior and Senior held for classes 6 to 12, in Sainik School and Jyoti School won the second position.

Master Vineet Kumar of class 12 participated in Abhigyan Zest, organized by United University, Prayagraj and bagged the 1st Prize with a laptop. He was congratulated on the Occasion of Independence Day celebration.

Students Udaya Singh and Raghav Mahindra participated in the NCSC- (National Children Science Council) on the topic Nutrition and Medicine, an Introspection of Vindhya Food. They were qualified in the District and State level. They will be representing the school in the National Level in virtual platform on the Theme: Science for sustainable living, hosted by the Department of Science and Technology, Gujarat.

Awards

Late Bishop A.D. Mattam Memorial Cash award Rs.10000

and mementos were presented to the toppers of class X and XII. Late Rev. Fr Varghese Parappilly award of excellence was given to Soumya Agrawal for the academic year 2019-20 and to Divi Mishra for the academic year 2020-21 with the amount of Rs.10000 on his memorial day 22 February.

Plog Run

As an extension of our service to society, the entire Jyoti family along with students cleaned a public place near to the Primary School building as part of Swachh Bharat Mission.

Fr Anil Antony

Christ Jyoti Higher Secondary Shool, Satna

The second half of the Academic Session 2021-22 was filled with a number of significant activities. Although the year was filled with a lot of anxieties and uncertainties, we witnessed diverse unparalleled innovations from the side of Christ Jyoti Hr. Sec. School in engaging the students, initially with online classes, virtual platforms and later through offline classes. In spite of the adverse effects of Covid-19 pandemic, the school made every effort to keep pace with the challenging situations of the time.

Academic Activities

Due to the surge in Covid cases, offline classes were once again suspended from 15 to 31 January as instructed by the M P Government. However, we resumed offline classes from February and were successful in conducting offline examination too. Registration for admission to Nursery and KG classes began on 01 February 2022.

Proficiency Awards of 2019-20 were distributed to the students on 21 February 2022 for their outstanding performance in the examinations. This was kept suspended due to the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020.

Term 1 Board examination for classes X and XII were conducted successfully in November-December 2021. Our staff and

a few evaluators from other schools together with CBSE deputed observer contributed to the accomplishment of all the activities. Annual Examination for classes I-IX and XI was conducted from the last week of February 2022. Term – II Pre-Board Examination for classes X and XII were also held simultaneously. The Annual Exam Result was declared on different days for different classes beginning from 17 March onwards.

Regular Parents Teachers Meetings were held from time to time, especially after each examination in order to assess the academic performance of their wards.

Celebrations/Competitions

A number of activities were conducted for students especially in relation to National Nutrition Week (Rashtriya Poshan Maah Abhiyan) in the month of October. Speech and Drawing Competitions were organized for the students of classes VI – VIII. Many students actively participated in the events. Students of Classes IX and X were given the opportunity



to exhibit their talents in Poster Making and Essay Writing on the theme of balanced food and the importance of nutritious foods in the life of students. Extempore Speech Competitions and Debates were held for the students of class XI. Several eloquent speakers shared their views on points that were for and against the use of junk foods consumed in our daily lives. All the winners were recognized for their unique skill and awarded with prizes and certificates

Christmas celebration was made memorable through a variety of attractive online events such as dazzling dances, melodious songs and eloquent speeches. Students and the staff relished the cake slices shared on the occasion. A delicious lunch also was arranged for the staff in order to enliven the spirit of Christmas joy.

Republic Day was commemorated in a grand manner on 26 January 2022. The national flag was hoisted by Rev. Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil, Secretary to Bishop of Satna. Sweets were distributed to everyone after the function. An online screening of the flag hoisting and cultural programmes were made available on the school You Tube channel.

Other Events

Satna Diocesan Education Secretary, Fr Paul Varghese and Fr. Biju Joseph, Principal of De Paul School, Madhavgarh visited the school for an inspection on 10 January. School Manager Rev. Fr Davis accorded a formal welcome to the inspection team and extended full support to them.

Assistant DEO, Mr N. K. Singh together with another staff from Satna DEO Office came to our school on 21 January 2022 for an inspection of the school on behalf of the JD Rewa in response to the application for obtaining NOC renewal from the MP Govt.

First dose of Covid-19 vaccination was administered to all eligible students in January 2022 followed by the second dose of Covaxin in February, initially for the students of classes IX to XII and thereafter in February and March, all students aged above 12 years (from Classes VI to XII) were successfully vaccinated.

A meeting of the School Management Committee was held on 13 March 2022 for discussing and taking decisions on important matters concerning the school. All the honourable members and representatives participated in the meeting and shared their views and suggestions.

A Seminar was organized for our teachers on 29 March 2022 in our school. The Resource person was Fr Paul Varghese, the Education Secretary. It was indeed a very informative session coupled with a lot of fun, games and amusement for the staff.

Sr Beena SH

Transfers and Appointments of Religious Priests

Vincentian Congregation (VC)			
Sl No	Name	From	To
1	Fr Joseph Orikalayil	Padra	Munnoorpilly
2	Fr Joseph Pozhaliparamban	Madhavgarh	Budaun
3	Fr Joseph Puthernpura	Madhavgarh	Kerala
4	Fr Michael Kareekunnel	Padra	Madhavgarh
5	Fr Thomas Valakkamattam		Vindhyannagar
6	Fr Birender Kujur	Budaun	Madhavgarh
7	Fr Dinny Pandimattam	Meerganj	Madhavgarh

Transfers and Appointments of Religious Sisters

Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (CMC)			
Sl No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Deep Kiran	Rewa	Godda
2	Sr Delphy	Karimatti	Latehar
3	Sr Little Tresa	Rewa	Budge Budge
4	Sr Prabha	Rewa	Kuruppampady
5	Sr Preeti	Karimatti	Budge Budge
6	Sr Regis	Karimatti	Barmasia
7	Sr Rekha	Rewa	Mahuadanr
8	Sr Aleena	Budge Budge	Rewa
9	Sr Daisy	Barmasia	Rewa
10	Sr Kripa	Patki	Karimatti
11	Sr Leenus	Budge Budge	Rewa
12	Sr Reshma	Latehar	Karimatti
13	Sr Shalini	Hazaribag	Karimatti
14	Sr Suchita	Hazaribag	Karimatti
Congregation of Preshitharam Sisters (CPS)			
Sl No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Telma	Prithvipur	Gorakhpur
2	Sr Jisma	Gorakhpur	Prithvipur
3	Sr Jisna	Aluva	Kothi
4	Sr Josin	Kalady	Kothi
Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth (CSN)			
Sl No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Anju Rose	Kothi	Dera Baba Nanak
2	Sr Ansi Maria	Nowgong	Helem
3	Sr Rani Maria	Pateri	Provincial House
4	Sr Suchita Maria	Chhatarpur	Gogamukh assam
5	Sr Atmaja	Faridkot	Chhatarpur
6	Sr Jain Jose	Rome	Pateri
7	Sr Joy Maria	Bashbari	Nowgong
8	Sr Marteena	Sultanpur	Kothi
9	Sr Melveena	Provincial House	Kothi

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Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC)			
SI No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Arpana	Odgady	Raigarh
2	Sr Helena	Odgady	Sidhi
3	Sr Jaisy	Singrauli	Awlikheda
4	Sr Jasmin	Sidhi	Jabalpur
5	Sr Jolly George	Odgady	Assam
6	Sr Karuna	Sidhi	Udainagar
7	Sr Namrata	Sidhi	Kiratpur
8	Sr Navya	Sidhi	Wardha
9	Sr Pranidha	Singrauli	Bhopal
10	Sr Ann Maria	Ratlam	Odgady
11	Sr Arpita	Bhopal	Odgady
12	Sr Boni Maria	Brahmapuri	Sidhi
13	Sr Deepa	Brahmapuri	Singrauli
14	Sr Della Paul	Wasa	Sidhi
15	Sr Divya	Pithampur	Singrauli
16	Sr Lincy	Udainagar	Sidhi
17	Sr Simran Mary	Sevagram	Odgady
18	Sr Soji Maria	Raigarh	Singrauli
Prabhudasi Sisters of Ajmer (PSA)			
SI No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Prabha	Luvkush Nagar	Kotta
2	Sr Pritirose	Luvkush Nagar	Provincial House
3	Sr Jomini	Assandh	Luvkush Nagar
4	Sr Sunita	Perinthalmanna	Luvkush Nagar
Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SABS)			
SI No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Amos	Kothi	Varanasi
2	Sr Ancina Ooroth	Pateri	Salbari
3	Sr Ancy Athappilly	Panna	Lucknow
4	Sr Cicilia Tigga		Pateri
5	Sr Dhanya Alukka	Waidhan	Aluva
6	Sr Flower Koovakadan	Waidhan	Khera
7	Sr Graceline Parekkattil	Kothi	Shantinagar
8	Sr Joice	Kothi	Pateri
9	Sr Jolly Therese	Waidhan	Shantinagar
10	Sr Mariatta Ananthuruthy	Gijwar	Kothi
11	Sr Merin Kiriyanathan	Gijwar	Thrikkakara
12	Sr Money Palathingal	Madhavgarh	Joshimath
13	Sr Pheena Vattoly	Pateri	Mandawar
14	Sr Reena Burh	Pateri	Joshimath
15	Sr Rose Chakkiath	Pateri	Ghaziabad
16	Sr Rose Manjaly	Waidhan	Ghoda Dongri
17	Sr Seena Maria Pereppadan	Pateri	Waidhan
18	Sr Alphin Pakarath	Ghaziabad	Madhavgarh
19	Sr Cicily Pareman	Risda	Gijwar
20	Sr Lilly Therese	Lucknow	Pateri
21	Sr Lissy Myppan	Chandoli	Panna
22	Sr Mary Puthenkudy	Ghoda Dongri	Waidhan

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23	Sr Mercilit Moolan	Churu	Waidhan
24	Sr Pushpa Panadan	Khera	Waidhan
25	Sr Pushpa Theresa	Lucknow	Pateri
26	Sr Rosily Edassery	Risda	Kothi
27	Sr Rosmy Kurre	Mandawar	Gijwar
28	Sr Vimala Manachery	Varanasi	Kothi
29	Sr Vinaya Orumpakkattu	Lucknow	Pateri
30	Sr Vineetha Pattamparambil	Delhi	Pateri
Sisters of the Destitute (SD)			
SI No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Amrita	Pateri	
2	Sr Elin	Pateri	
3	Sr Elizabeth	Kasauli	Khajuraho
4	Sr Litty John	Provincial House	Pateri
Sacred Heart Congregation (SH)			
SI No	Name	From	To
1	Sr Ancy	Rewa	Jagraon
2	Sr Anice	Dewra	Pathra
3	Sr Anila	Rewa	Faridabad
4	Sr Daisy	Rewa	Chandausi
5	Sr Elizabeth Parayil	Koond	Dewra
6	Sr Josephine	Tikamgarh	Veerpur
7	Sr Kripa	Pateri	Dilshad Garden
8	Sr Liset	Pateri	Chandausi
9	Sr Little Rose	Tikamgarh	Pathra
10	Sr Lucy	Pateri	Muvattupuzha
11	Sr Maria	Satna	Palampur
12	Sr Merin	Tikamgarh	Pateri
13	Sr Prashantha	Satna	Pakharpara
14	Sr Rinat	Koond	Lidhran
15	Sr Rosilit	Rewa	Faridabad
16	Sr Roslin	Pateri	Jagraon
17	Sr Sherly	Dewra	Koond
18	Sr Aimey Paul	Maqsdhan	Koond
19	Sr Alphy	Pakharpara	Rewa
20	Sr Elizabeth Mittathaniyil	Chandausi	Tikamgarh
21	Sr Elsy Kunumpurathu	Veerpur	Tikamgarh
22	Sr Liya	Provincial House	Rewa
23	Sr Liz Maria	Jagraon	Satna
24	Sr Lucy Vallomkunnel	Muvattupuzha	Dewra
25	Sr Mamta	Provincial House	Pateri
26	Sr Mary Chakkanal	Udampur	Satna
27	Sr Mary Mathalikunnel	Vikaspuri	Pateri
28	Sr Mary Mathew	Udampur	Rewa
29	Sr Pricila	Provincial House	Pateri
30	Sr Rani Maria	Veerpur	Rewa
31	Sr Rose Paul	Defence Colony	Tikamgarh
32	Sr Therese Maria	Provincial House	Pateri

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Bishop's Diary

February 2022

- 04 Master Plan Committee Meeting
- 13 Jubilee of Sr Elizabeth SH, Koond
- 17 Funeral of Sr Prothasia SABS, Ephrem Nagar
- 19 Blessing of Library, Jyoti School, Rewa
- 20 Jubilee of Sr Soumini CSN, Nowgong
- 22 Episcopal Ordination, Ambikapur
- 24 Presbyterium
- 27 Parish Feast & First Holy Communion, Khajuraho

March

- 11 CBMP, Bhopal
- 17 Holy Qurbana, ETC
- 18 Holy Qurbana, CSN Pateri (Platinum Jubilee of the Congregation)
- 23 ETC Trust meeting
- 24 New House Blessing of Parishioner, Satna
- 28 Presbyteral Council Meeting
- 29 Holy Qurbana, SABS, Pateri (Silver Jubilee of the Province)
- 29 ETC, Farewell Meeting

April

- 6-7 Online Synod
- 19 Requiem Holy Qurbana for Mar Abraham D. Mattam
- 20 First Holy Communion, Sidhi
- 23 Parish Feast & First Holy Communion, Panna
- 24 First Holy Communion, Tikamgarh
- 25 Major Seminarians' Gathering
- 30 Holy Qurbana, Jubilee of Sr Alacoque, Pateri

May

- 01 Holy Qurbana, SH Novitiate, Pateri
- 08 First Holy Communion, Karimpan
- 23 Blessing of New Convent of CPS, Ephrem Nagar
- 25 Golden Jubilee of Jagdalpur Eparchy

