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BISHOP'S MESSAGE



We are in the season of Annunciation-Nativity preparing ourselves for the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. The fulfilment of God's promises reaches its culmination in the birth of Jesus the saviour. "To us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is 9:6). That Child and Son came to the world to reveal the Father, to show the face of the Father. The birth of Jesus is the Good News of joy to the entire world and we commemorate and relive this mystery of incarnation in this season.

The four weeks of the season of Annunciation and the twenty-five days' fast invite us to set out on a pilgrimage towards the manger. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). The permanent dwelling of God amongst his people or pitching God's tent amongst us was the purpose of incarnation. Christmas is not limited to one day because the entire season reminds the faithful to live the spirit of the season, to meditate over the intervention of God in the human history and the immense love of God towards the humanity, to prepare our hearts and lives to give birth to Jesus in our concrete life situations and to share the joy of Christmas to others.

Mary and Joseph have a significant place in the incarnation of the Word of God. Mary's deep faith and her surrender to the will of God made her God bearer and God giver. St Joseph executed the plans for the Holy Family according to the command and direction of God. They discerned God's will because they believed that God's plan is the best plan for their life.

The shepherds went with haste to the stable and found Mary and Joseph and the babe (Lk 2: 16) wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger (Lk 2:12). "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and

praising God for all they had heard and seen” (Lk 2:20). During Christmas we halt with wonder before the manger and encounter the same child Jesus and we go back to our houses / lives with excitement glorifying and praising God for what God has done in the human history. The life of the shepherds was not the same after meeting the babe in the manger and they became the first missionaries to communicate the message of the birth of the saviour. Let us confess with the words of the Evangelist John: “We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14).

Wishing you the joy and peace of the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and the blessings of the New Year 2023,

***Mar Joseph Kodakallil
Bishop of Satna***



THE CALL TO BE A SYNODAL CHURCH

Bangalore
11th November, 2022

I. PREAMBLE

We, the member-bishops of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), representing 174 dioceses, comprising over 22 million faithful belonging to the Latin, Syro – Malabar and Syro – Malankara sui iuris Churches in India, gathered, for the first time after the pandemic, at St John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, from November 7 – 11, 2022 to reflect on the theme The Call to be a Synodal Church.

II. THE JOURNEY SO FAR

The Church is the People of God journeying on pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of God. In response to the call of Pope Francis, all sectors of the Church – bishops, priests, the Institutes of consecrated life and lay faithful – engaged on a massive consultation exercise. The experiences and insights of parishes and dioceses were collated in the national syntheses of our three sui iuris Churches. As we listened to the voices of tens of thousands enshrined in the national synthesis, we sensed the deep love of the faithful for the Church. Several felt they were being listened to for the first time. For some who had distanced themselves from the Church due to various reasons, the Synod consultation was a homecoming. Families expressed their joy at the synod consultation as it provided a platform for them to share their concerns and to listen on one other. We noted how in some Churches ancient structure were still in place whereby decisions are arrived at through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying in and through the entire faith community at the parish, diocesan and national levels.

The consolidated reports, which reflect the elements of Communion, Participation and Mission envisaged by Pope Francis, were very inspiring and encouraging. They reveal how, by and large, the faithful have entered enthusiastically into the synodal process. We became aware too of the great amount of work being done by many self – sacrificing priests, members of consecrated life and lay faithful in building up the Church through different forms of the apostolate. Many are engaged in education, health, social work and advocacy programmes at the local and national level. Despite opposition from vested interests, these initiatives aimed at human welfare and national development continue.

III. THE BISHOPS JOURNEYING TOGETHER

For the Bishops, the 35th Plenary Assembly was truly a journey together. We were fortunate to have the guidance of the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops as a resource person. We arrived at a clearer understanding that the Church is constitutively Synodal. The Church is a communion comprising the lay faithful, the religious and the pastors listening to one other, and in doing so, they listen to the Holy Spirit. Synodality implies that every member of the Church has a role to play in the Church's mission.

We Bishops were reminded of the foundational importance of Baptism which makes us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (cf. 1 Pet 2:9). Through Baptism all the faithful share a common dignity and vocation. Every baptised person is called to participation in the mission of the Church. The Church exists to proclaim the 'Good News' that God our Father loves us and cares for us (cf. Mt 6:26, 30). He loved the world so much that he sent his Son not to condemn the world but to save it (cf. Jn 3:16). He has poured out his Spirit into our hearts enabling us to call him Abba Father (cf. Rom 5:5, 8:15). We listen and discern together what the Spirit is saying to the Churches (cf. Rev 3: 22).

In calling for a Synodal Church, Pope Francis is inviting the Church back to its origins as portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles where decisions were taken through a process of consultation and discernment (cf. Acts 6:2, 11:1 – 18, 13:1 – 3. 15:6). It is the Church envisioned in chapter two of Lumen Gentium which depicted the Church as the People of God.

IV. THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Synodality is an ongoing process. The first phase of the process, which began with Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Synodality, ended with the close of the diocesan and national journeys. But the Church in India continues its synodal journey. We commit ourselves to walk together and build up a Synodal Church working for a better India, Asia and world.

The Bishops gathered at the 35th CBCI Plenary Assembly outlined some avenues of action as the Church moves forward towards the synodal journey as the continental level.

1. Transparency is essential for the Church to grow in authentic synodality. Synodal structures already existing in the Church, such as Parish and Diocesan Pastoral Councils, must be empowered so that without succumbing to pressure groups, major decisions regarding parish and diocesan matters are to be made consensus. Under the leadership of the pastors, all listen to the Holy Spirit who Jesus promised would always be with his Church (cf. Jn 14:15 – 16).
2. We will work towards eradicating any semblance of authoritarianism on the part of the Church leaders, so that authority is seen not as domination but as service to imitation of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve (cf. Mt 20:28). We regret that due to authoritarianism on the part of some pastors, adequate scope has sometimes not been given for the lay faithful to play their part in the life and mission of the Church.
3. A synodal Church will not become a reality unless we imbibe a 'synodal culture'. We would like to ensure that right from the early

stages of seminary formation to later ongoing formation, our priests are trained to look upon themselves as servants, stewards of the manifold grace of God (cf. 1 Pet 4:10). Likewise, all the baptized must adopt a synodal mindset assuming co-responsibility for the mission of the Church.

4. We commit ourselves to build an inclusive Church where no one is left out and all are welcome, especially the poor and the marginalized. We want to listen and respond particularly to the people at the peripheries – the migrants, refugees, indigenous peoples: we will give special attention to the differently abled.
5. We express our special solicitude for our families striving to remain faithful to the Church's teaching on human life. We feel the pain of those couples who find themselves estranged from the Church because of their irregular marital situation. We will explore ways of providing them pastoral care and access to the sacraments.
6. We rejoice at seeing how the Spirit constantly raises up new ecclesial movements and associations, thus ensuring the perennial vitality of the Church. It devolves on us, the pastors, not to quench the Spirit but to test everything and hold to what comes from the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Thes 5:19).
7. Humanity is growing in its awareness of the need for the earth, our common home. For too long, nature has been abused, its resources exploited without a thought for future generations. We will do whatever lies in our power to save the earth.
8. The Catholic Church undertakes the synodal journey not in isolation, but united with all disciples of Jesus. We will seek to work together with all Christian churches and ecclesial communities. There are more things that unite rather than divide us. We all believe in “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all who works in all and through all and in all” (Eph 4: 5 – 7).

9. Synodality is a call from God to walk together with the great human family. We journey with our neighbours who belong to different religions. We will intensify the inter-religious dialogue initiatives which have been going on after Vatican II, and in particular, promote the Dialogue of Life and Action, moving wherever possible from Basic Ecclesial Communities to Basic Human Communities. We want to listen to what the Spirit is saying to every man and woman of good will.

V. CONCLUSION

During these days of journeying together at the Plenary Assembly, we bishops identified very much with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24: 13 – 35). The gospels often show Jesus 'on a journey'. In this incident, he journeyed alongside the two discouraged and distressed disciples to Emmaus, responding to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He did the same to us, Bishops. He walked with us. As we listened to his Word, our eyes were opened to recognise him in the breaking of bread. Strengthened by his encounter with the Risen Lord, we go back to our dioceses to take up the mission entrusted to us. There are many problems awaiting us like fundamentalism, the erosion of civil liberties and so on. But the Risen Lord is always with us, giving us strength to build up a better India and a better world.

We place all our plans and efforts to implement them in the hands of Mary, our Mother, model of synodality. May she who guided the first step of her son Jesus and who was present with the infant Church at Pentecost guide our steps too as we walk together under the lordship of Jesus and the leadership of Pope Francis towards the Kingdom.

✠ **Oswald Cardinal Gracias**
Archbishop of Bombay
President

✠ **Abp Felix Machado**
Bishop of Vasai
Secretary General

EPHREM NAGAR

BETHANIA

Bethania regained its joy and enthusiasm with the arrival of the pre-novices. Sr Josmy, our new community member and three pre-novices joined with us on 11th July, 2022. We celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Sr Shincy with great pomp. DST sisters from nearby communities, Rev. Fathers and Sisters from different mission stations and institutions joined with us in the celebration. By the end of July all the resident students for the theology course reached here.

Four months theology course for postulants of the academic year 2022-23 was inaugurated on 2nd August, 2022 by His Excellency, Mar Joseph Kodakallil. Very Rev. Fr Matthew Kazhuthadiyil, the Rector, St Ephrem Theological College, Rev. Fr Cyriac Puliampallil, the Dean of Studies, Rev. Fr Sebastian Nechimyalil, Rector of Vincentian Study House and mistresses of the postulants were present in the inauguration ceremony. This year we are fortunate to have 42 students from seven congregations, attending the course. They belong to the congregations of BSM, CSN, CSS, DST, MSMI, SABS and SD.

We celebrated the feast of Assumption and the 75th year of independence – Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – of our nation in a solemn way with variety of programmes. We had solemn Holy Qurbana on that day, offered by Rev. Fr George Mangalapilly. Thereafter, he hoisted the National Flag and delivered a message on Independence Day.

We sincerely thank Rev. Sr Smitha SD, the Provincial Superior of the SD Congregation, who visited us and spent time with us. We are also encouraged by the presence of Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop

of Chanda, who conversed with the students about mission. Rev. Sr Kripa Paul, the Provincial Superior of Samaritan Sisters, Ranchi also visited us and spent time with us. We sincerely thank Rev. Sr Jessy Manayathu, Provincial Superior of DST Santhome Province, Pala, and Rev. Sr Maria George, Provincial Councillor who were with us for a few days as part of the canonical visit, for their wholehearted support and encouragement.



The students of Bethania got a golden chance to participate in the symposium conducted at St Ephrem's Theological College in connection with the celebration of 1950th year of the martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle.

There was an outing arranged for the students on 20th October. We visited Purwa Falls, Rewa and Maharaja Martand Singh Judeo White Tiger Safari & Zoo Mukundpur, Satna. We could also visit the mission stations at Dewra and Koond. We use this opportunity to thank Fr Peter Milellumthadathil, Fr Kuriakose Kachappilly and the Sisters for their hospitality. The last destination of our outing was Bishop's House. We were offered a warm and grand welcome there. We visited Cathedral church and prayed at the tomb of late Bishop Abraham D Mattam, the first Bishop of Satna.

We use this opportunity to thank our Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Diocesan authorities and the well-wishers of Bethania, for their constant support and encouragement.

Sr Shincy DST

SANJO BHAVAN

Sr Amos was the superior of Sanjo Bhavan from its inception. She remained superior even at her unhealthy time also. After her dedicated service for one and a half years she was transferred to Varanasi on 28th May 2022. The Sanjo Bhavan gratefully acknowledges the services she rendered to this institution. Sr Mariatta Anamthuruthy replaced her and the new community was formed on 5th June 2022.

CELEBRATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

The Sabhadinam (Commemoration of St Thomas, the Apostle of India) was celebrated with much solemnity and piety. Rev Fr George Mangalapilly from St Ephrem's offered the Holy Eucharist for us. The immensity of the day doubled as the SABS Pateri Pariwar joined with us on that day. On the same day, both communities joined and celebrated the Seniors' Day which actually falls on 29th June, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. After having a delicious lunch, the aspirants with their marvellous performance entertained the entire community.

The Sanjo Bhavan was blessed with the presence of Rev Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil, the Rector St Ephrem's, and Rev Fr Sebastian Veluthedathukkattil VC, the Spiritual Father at ETC who are celebrating their silver Jubilee of priestly life in this year. It was a joyful day for us, on 27th July, that we could dine with them, to place a mark in their jubilee celebrations.

Feast day of all the members were celebrated in befitting manner, which kept up the family spirit of our community. On 25th June, the Sanjo Bhavan Community celebrated the feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary, the heavenly patron of Rev Sr Vimala, with much elegance and splendour. Rev Fr Jose Chakkungal from ETC offered the Holy Qurbana

for all of us. The joy of the day doubled as the community of Bethania, Institute of Religious Studies joined with us for Holy Eucharist and the agape thereafter.

Sr Elise Parackal celebrated her heavenly patroness' day on 04th July, the feast of St Elizabeth of Portugal. The celebration began on the eve but reached its culmination by cutting the cake and celebration during the breakfast. Rev Fr George Mangalapilly joyfully offered the Holy Qurbana on that day.

We celebrated the feast of Sr Gualbert and Sr Benedict together on 11th July with much solemnity. And on 25th July Sr Christopher celebrated her heavenly patron's day. Rev Fr George Mangalapilly offered the Holy Eucharist on those days and participated in the celebrations.

We were blessed by the presence of our Provincial Sr Ann Maria and Sr Alphy Kallingal, the Vicar Provincial in our community on 29th July. As they were celebrating their feast days on those days, surely, we could celebrate with them. We were also enriched by the visit of great personalities Rev Sr Treesa Nedumattam, Provincial, Jyothirmayi Province, Ujjain and Sr Alphonsa Neendukunnel, Secretary to Provincial. These occasions surely doubled our joy.

We celebrated the feast day of Sr Mariatta, on the feast of Assumption of Bl Virgin Mary with much pomp and solemnity. The presence of our provincial Sr Ann Maria and Sr Rincy Kachappilly, the procurator doubled our joy.

On 23rd August, we celebrated the feast of Sr Rosily Edassery, St Rose of Lima. Rev Fr Jose Chakkungal officiated the Divine Liturgy on that day for us and joined in our celebration.

Sr Mariatta SABS

CLARET NIKETAN

Claret Niketan, the Claretian Community of Satna celebrated the feast of their Father Founder on 23rd October, 2022. The festal celebration was very colourful and it was graced with the presence of many distinguished guests. Preparation for the feast was begun ten days before in the form of ten days rosary recitation by different communities and families. There was a Novena to Saint Claret also as the part of spiritual preparation for the celebration. We thank all for the support and the love and pray that through the intercession of Saint Anthony Mary Claret may God bless all of us.

Fr George Nelliyaniyil CMF

GIJWAR

TAILORING CLASSES

Certificate was given to two batches of student on 21st June and on 3rd November 2022. The new batches are already started. After corona pandemic there are 83 ladies and youths who completed their tailoring course of three months in different batches.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The feast of St Alphonsa was celebrated on 28th July with priests and religious from the zone and on 31st July with the Christu Bhaktas. A short cultural program was conducted by the Christu Bhaktas in honour of St Alphonsa.

On the occasion of the Nativity of our Lady, nine days' novena was conducted with the Christu Bhaktas and it came to an end with Marian procession from Girijyoti Ashram Grotto to the Church. The occasion was graced by the presence of beloved mother and family members of Fr Cheruvil from Kerala. Cultural program was held in honour of Mother Mary. In the month of October ten days' solemn holy rosary was conducted and on the last day Christu Bhaktas were invited. As a conclusion of ten days' rosary a candle procession was held from Girijyoti Ashram Grotto to the Church. As a token of love and communion kheer was distributed to everyone.

Girijyoti Ashram is the light of Gijwar. On the occasion of Deepavali, we lighted the lamp with neighbouring children and celebrated the feast of Ashram with lights and crackers.

Brothers from St Ephrem's Theological College, Ephremnagar came to Gijwar for the village experience. They remained in Bakua and Sukhi village for fifteen days. Their presence gave life and energy for the villagers.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Rev. Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil got transferred from Gijwar and Rev. Fr Mathew Cheruvil took charge on same day. Fathers and Sisters from Sidhi, Karimatti and Gijwar gathered together to thank God for the service done by Fr Sebastian for Gijwar mission and as well as to welcome Fr Mathew Cheruvil. We wish them abundance of God's blessings for the life and mission ahead.

Sr Alphine Nalkara transferred from Gijwar on 4th October and Sr Liza Pulickal took the place of her – in charge of dispensary. Sr Cicily Paraman was back after her three months of renewal and she is appointed Superior of Girijyoti convent.

Fr Mathew Cheruvil

JYOTI SR SEC. SCHOOL

The investiture ceremony for the academic session 2022-23 was held on 1st July. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr Jha from NCL Hospital,



Jayant. The students' council for the session was formed and they took the oath and were given badges to hold the dignity and honour of the school. Principal congratulated them and motivated the students with his words of blessing.

75th Independence Day of the Nation, *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, was celebrated with great patriotic fervour and zeal. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr Bipin Kumar, the General Manager of NCL Project Jayant.

Mrs Bipin Kumar unfurled the tricolour Flag followed by National Anthem. The Chief Guest extended his warm greetings on the occasion. Mr Safdar Khan SOP was the Guest of Honour of the programme. The students put up some awesome colourful cultural items too.



A seminar was conducted for class IX to XII on value education on 25th August, 2022. The resource persons were Rev. Fr Tomcy Palackal CMF and his team from Kerala. Almost 250 students benefitted from it and were eager to get such programmes in future too.

Competition on speech and drawing were conducted in Jyoti School by NCL Jayant on 27th August. Around thirty students participated in it and our students have bagged all the three prizes as well as participation certificates.

Teachers' Day was celebrated in a befitting manner on 5th September. Students expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers on this day with bunches of flowers as well as small gifts. Students organized some cultural programmes and games in honour of teachers.

Deepavali was celebrated with pomp and show on 21st October. Students performed colourful programmes on the stage. Fr Antony Pullan was the Chief Guest of the day and he gave a meaningful message on Deepavali connecting with a biblical passage.

A programme on environment awareness was conducted by NCL Jayant on 3rd November. The theme of the programme was 'Ban on single use plastic'. The Chief Guest of the programme was Sri Ram Lallu Vaishya, MLA, Singrauli. Shri Mukesh Srivastava (Regional Officer MPPCB, Singrauli), Shri Bipin Kumar (General Manager, NCL, Jayant) and Mr Safdar Khan SOP also shared their views on the theme. A rally of students was arranged by NCL officers against the use of '*Single Use Plastic*'.

Children's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm on 14th November. Children were honoured in the assembly by the teachers. The assembly was a model for the students. They conducted skit and dance in honour of the students. The Principal gave a meaningful message for the students.

Inter school sports competition, Christus 2022 – zonal level, took place at Jyoti School Vijay Stadium, Jayant on 12th November under the leadership of educational secretary. Out of nine, seven schools of the Singrauli zone, participated in it. Fr Archie, Principal, from St Joseph's

Shakti Nagar was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. The students of Jyoti School put up some cultural programmes too. After the events, in the concluding session, Mr John Mathew, GM Mining, was the chief guest. School wise, first position was bagged by De Paul, Vindhyanagar and second position was awarded to Christ Jyoti Singrauli.

Fr Dennis Kanjirakombil

KARIMATTI

BOUQUET OF GRATITUDE

The members of Karimatti family express their deep and profound sentiments of gratitude to Rev. Sr Delphy, Sr Regis and Sr Preeti for the commendable service they have rendered to the mission station for the last few years. We admire their valuable service behind the steady and progressive growth of the mission station at Karimatti. We whole heartedly congratulate them for their new appointments and assure God's incessant blessings on their future apostolate.

HEARTY WELCOME

The members of Karimatti mission joyfully and cordially welcomed Rev. Fr Sanil Arackal on 13th July. We extended a warm welcome to Rev. Sr Reshma the new superior, Rev. Sr Kripa, the new principal and Rev. Sr Shalini to the family of Karimatti mission station on 6th June 2022. We wish and pray that the days they spend at Karimatti may really help them to get familiarized with the concrete mission experience and thereby to form their personality befitting to priesthood and religious life. We hope that their service would definitely help the students and people around Karimatti and other nearby villages.

UDAY DISPENSARY

Uday dispensary is rendering a great service to the people around after the model of Good Samaritan. This institution is a source of great consolation for many villagers. A good number of people come and get treated. We acknowledge the committed service of Sr Reshma for the smooth functioning of this dispensary.

UDAY TAILORING

Uday Tailoring Centre aims at giving preliminary tailoring coaching to the women. Here we provide the basic lessons of stitching and tailoring within a short period of four months. The new batch began on 17th July with thirty students. Belonging to scheduled castes and tribes such as, Kori, Yadav, Singh, Baiga, Saket, etc. these women come from poor families of our neighbouring villages named Lohara, Chauphal, Karimatti, Morcha, Katauli, and Gahira etc. This institution is really an assistance to these women to stand on themselves for their daily sustenance.

UDAY BALABHAVAN

After the corona pandemic and summer holidays Uday Balabhavan was reopened on 20th June 2022. Uday Balabhavan is extremely happy to accommodate 73 students in this new scholastic year. These students belong to the different categories of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and backward classes. Most of these students come from different villages of Sidhi, Singrauli, Satna districts namely, Dariya, Bagubudatha, Bhajohar, Bari, Bumri, Bhatta, Tamsar, Kargil, Dalappeer, Pateri, Tejva, Tamsar, Kochila, Joba, Sidhi, Dol and Saro etc.

This institution helps these students to remain in the boarding and do their studies in Uday Shishu Mandir. We sincerely express our intense gratitude to all the benefactors and well-wishers for their generous support.

UDAY SHISHU MANDIR

Uday Shishu Mandir, Karimatti, began its academic year with new vigour and vitality on 20th June 2022. This year we have four new staff members: Fr Sanil Arackal, Sr Kripa, Sr Shalini and Mrs Clemencia.

There are around 360 students in the school. There are timely activities in the school for the children for their all-round development. Special programmes were conducted on Independence Day, Teachers' Day and Children's Day, etc. On the occasion of Independence Day students from school displayed different cultural programmes. It was a great opportunity for the village students to deliver speech in English and Hindi. They also performed solo dance, group dance and patriotic song too.

Teacher's day was celebrated with more vigour and vitality on 5th September. The school leaders Pradeep Singh and Reshu Singh took the responsibilities of this day. The school children conducted various cultural programmes and honoured the teachers on this special day.

Some of our students took part in the 'Christus Zonal level inter school sports competition', which was conducted in Jayant and won some medals in 100 metre and 400 metre races, relay, shot-put, javelin throw and high jump. Ragini Rajak became an individual champion in the junior girls' category by winning gold in 100 metre and 400 metre races and silver in 400 metre relay.

Fr Kuriakose Arackal

KHAJURAHO

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Fr Martin Punnoilil, our parish priest for the last four years, is transferred as Secretary to Bishop and Fr Job Vallianal took charge as the new parish priest on 29th June after the Solemn Holy Qurbana, celebrated by Fr Martin and concelebrated by Fr Job. There was a small meeting after the Holy Qurbana in the school auditorium. The parishioners welcomed Fr Job and bade farewell to Fr Martin with bouquets. Mr Sermal Lakra presented a token of love to Fr Martin on behalf of the parish. Ms Rosemary Toppo recalled his services and contributions to the parish and thanked him for all that he had been to the parish and people. All shared agape prepared by our parishioners.

HOUSE BLESSING

The Easter blessing of the families and prayer meeting were held from the second week of August. Fr Job Vallianal and Sisters visited two families per day and prayed with them and blessed the houses in the evenings. It was an effective occasion to know the parishioners personally.

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

Six youth from St Joseph's Church, along with their animator Sr Elizabeth attended Satna Diocesan Youth Meeting conducted on 22nd October at Christ Jyoti School, Satna. In the eparchial level election was held on that day and Ms Rose Mary Toppo and Mr Prateek Toppo from our parish were elected as Secretary and Boy Representative of the Diocesan Youth Commission respectively. Best wishes to them for a fruitful ministry!

YOUTH PICNIC

Six of our youth accompanied by the parish priest and Sr Neethu visited the historic city of Jhansi on 26th October. They visited St Jude's Shrine and spent some time in prayer and then proceeded to see the fort of Veerangana Laxmi Bai, an epitome of bravery and courage. The day was well enjoyed and it refreshed the young minds.

MONTH OF ROSARY

Rosary devotion to Blessed Mother was celebrated solemnly in our parish. Sisters visited the families and prayed with the families in preparation for ten days' rosary celebration in the church. From 21st to 30th October we had the solemn Holy Qurbana and rosary in the church in the evenings.

CELEBRATIONS

The Feast of St Thomas, the Apostle of India, was celebrated solemnly. The homily highlighted the richness of the faith we have inherited and our responsibility to hand it over to the next generations.

Feast of St Alphonsa was commemorated with great passion. Fr Jacob Adampakallel offered solemn Holy Qurbana. In his inspiring homily he remembered her virtuous life as model for all people of God.

NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated solemnly with due preparation under the guidance and leadership of Fr Job Vallianal, the parish priest. Parish was divided into eight groups and each day one group was in charge of novena and Holy Qurbana. All the parishioners made their confession and prepared spiritually for the feast day. Fr George Mangalapilly and Fr Varghese Vattathara helped the parishioners in their spiritual preparations. On 8th September, Fr Thomas Chirattavayalil offered the Solemn Holy Qurbana and gave an inspiring homily about Our Lady and how to imitate her in our daily

lives. The celebrations came to an end with a sharing of the festive meal together.

SACRED HEART CONVENT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENCE DAY

'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The school was proud to have its alumni Mr Krishnakant Agnihothri, the BRC of Khajuraho as the Chief Guest of the celebration. The school band brightened the flag hoisting ceremony. The stage performance of the students paying tribute to the freedom fighters, Pulwama martyrs and women empowerment – gave vivacity to the festivity.

Our students participated in the celebrations organized by the Nagar Parishad of Khajuraho. They participated in the cycle rally near the Western Group of Temples, Khajuraho, led by Mr Sandeep G R, IAS, honourable Collector of Chhatarpur. Twenty students participated in the cleanliness drive organized by the Nagar Parishad in Prem Sagar Lake Khajuraho and the students received certificates too.

PROVINCIAL'S VISIT

Rev. Sr Smitha, the Provincial Superior of Pushpadham Province Delhi, visited the school on 25th August. The teachers and students welcomed her with much excitement and esteem. A vibrant cultural fiesta by the students was performed in her honour. It was a joyous occasion to express our love and admiration for her concern and care towards the Sacred Heart School Family.

TEACHER'S DAY

Teachers' day was celebrated in the school enthusiastically and respectfully. Students staged a colourful program to memorialize the occasion and conducted competitions like one-minute quiz, writing on

balloons, memory test, musical chair, star of the day etc. for the teachers to hearten them. The entire program was organized by the class X students. It was a heart-warming experience for the teachers as well as the students.

DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION

Marking the significant festival of lights – Deepavali – the school celebrated the occasion imbibing the true spirit of it. There was a prayer service conducted for the entire school family in which we prayed for the welfare and prosperity of all mankind. The Principal, Sr Salvy SD, lighted the lamp and shared the light with teachers and students, wishing the '*True Light of God*' might enlighten the past, present and future world. Prior to the celebrations, competitions were held for the students on Deepavali card making, Diya decoration and Rangoli making. Students participated with great zeal and won prizes.

A group dance competition was conducted based on the theme Indian festivals. The winners were given the chance to perform on Deepavali celebration. They presented a mesmerizing performance to colour the event.

ECO FRIENDLY DEEPAVALI: AWARENESS PROGRAM

An awareness program for an eco-friendly Deepavali celebration was held prior to the programme by Mr Rahul Jain, a freelance social activist and a well-wisher of the Sacred Heart School. Through his session, he convinced the students about the bad effects of fireworks and how it destroys nature. He explained it in detail how the crackers create air pollution, sound pollution, harm to human beings, animals and birds. The students took oath for an Eco-Friendly Deepavali Celebration this year.

Sr Elizabeth SD

LAVKUSH NAGAR

CHRIST JYOTI SCHOOL

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”, says, Malcolm X, an American Muslim minister and human rights activist.

No one ever imagined that Covid – 19 would turn over our world upside down and would bring major alteration in our life style. The impact of the virus was strong that online education became a seemingly ubiquitous part of our growing world. Teachers made sure that the learning for students was not compromised, so they took a great leap forward to find solutions and create new learning environments for their students to ensure that learning never stops.

The serene atmosphere of Christ Jyoti School Lavkush Nagar again overwhelmed with joyous smiling faces of her lovely kids on 4th April as the school reopened. This year we got 128 new admissions and the strength of the school reached 530. This year 44 students appeared 10th Board examination and the result was 100%. With 95.8 percent marks, Miss Parul Singh and Miss Sejal Gupta bagged the first position

The Manager and the Principal of the school were transferred in the month of June. Fr Thomas Chirattavayalil replaced Fr Rony Maruthummoottil as the new Manager and Sr Jominy replaced Sr Sahaya Rose Prabha as the new Principal.

The Investiture ceremony is a solemn occasion wherein all the students are well prepared to don the mantle of leadership and responsibility while carrying it out with utmost dedication. The office bearers were selected and the investiture ceremony took place in the month of July.

We all know that festivals are also an integral part of student's development. All the national, religious and regional festivals are celebrated in the school in order to build a strong cultural base. Such celebrations bring students closer to each other's traditions and promote respect and understanding for each other's customs and traditions. Some of the days celebrated in our school are Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Teachers' Day and Children's Day. Just like every year this year too our students actively participated in all the activities and competitions such as Rakhi making, drawing, diya making, solo song, solo dance and rangoli competition.

Sr Jominy PSA

NOWGONG

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Rev. Fr Joseph Porimattathil, the former parish priest was given a farewell and Rev. Fr George Vadakkumcherry was welcomed as the new parish priest on 3rd July, 2022 by the parishioners. On 13th July the new parish priest was installed in the presence of Rev. Fr Augustine Pullolickal, the Proto Presbyter of the Tikamgarh Zone.

The parish feast was celebrated on 11th September, 2022 instead 8th September. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil officiated the solemn Eucharistic celebration. A cultural programme was arranged by the parish children after the Holy Eucharist. Fathers and Sisters from Tikamgarh zone were present for the celebration. As a preparation to the parish feast, from 1st September onwards Holy Eucharist and Novena in honour of Mother Mary were conducted in the evenings and the parishioners whole heartedly and devotionally participated in it without any failure.

Mission Sunday was celebrated on 23rd October, 2022. Parishioners prepared the breakfast and the lunch and distributed among themselves. An auction was held thereafter. And the youth from the parish organized some games. The parishioners showed good spirit by generously taking part in all the programmes and events in order to help the mission.

NAZARETH NIWAS

The new community was formed in the month of June with Rev. Sr Lavanya, superior, Sr Joy Maria and Sr Soumini (Principal). Sr Ambrosia who had been here for three years and Sr Ansi Maria, for a year, were transferred in the month of July.

Sr Superior's feast was celebrated on 11th August 2022, the feast of St Clare. All the residential teachers participated in the Eucharistic Celebration and enjoyed the agape thereafter. Rev. Fr Vadakkumcherry officiated the Holy Qurbana. Fathers and Sisters from Chhatarpur community also joined for the table fellowship.

Community Day was celebrated on 1st October, 2022 as the community celebrated the feast of its patron, St Vincent De Paul on 27th September. Holy Qurbana was offered in the evening in the presence of all parishioners in the convent chapel.

G C M SR SEC. SCHOOL

ADIEU AND WELCOMING

Rev. Fr Joseph Porimattathil, who served as the Manager of GCM for a period of one and a half years, was transferred as Secretary to Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sansthan and Executive Director CHAMP, Bhopal and he was given a grand farewell on 16th July, 2022. Rev. Fr George Vadakkumcherry was welcomed as the new Manager of GCM on the same day.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

After the break of two years of lockdown, this year student cabinet was formed and the Investiture Ceremony was conducted on 8th August 2022, whereby the student Cabinet officially took charge of their responsibilities. Rev. Fr George Vadakkumcherry, the Manager of GCM was the Chief Guest of the day.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence Day was celebrated with much pomp and joy as the country celebrated 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The school organized a rally out in the street, each one carrying National Flag and shouting slogans. It was a time where the school arose with patriotic spirit. The Arts Club had



organized fancy dress competition for the Junior School students and House-wise patriotic singing competition for Senior students. Arts Club also organized a cultural programme which included dance performances, funny act and dance drama on Jalianwala Bagh Massacre.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

The two years of lockdown had curtailed students from having grand celebrations and organized programmes because of the social distancing. This was an opportunity for the students to make their performance and they made it to express their love and respect for their teachers. Under the leadership of class XII students, the school organized a spectacular programme on Teachers Day. Rev. Fr George, the Manager gave a meaningful message.

COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

This year the students were given ample opportunities to develop their talents by taking part in various competitions and activities, organised by Arts, Sports and Literary Clubs. Besides these, the Care Club of GCM organized the following programmes:

- a) The first activity of Care Club was conducted on 13th April 2022 for VIII to X class students. Sr Soumini, our Principal, all the members of Care Club with two representatives of the concerned classes went to 'Nirvana Foundation Girls Orphanage Home' at Chhatarpur. The team spent some time with the girl children there, conducting games for them and arranging some cultural programme.
- b) Distribution of stationary materials, to the children of Devi Mandir School, Nowgong was organised on 8th Sept 2022, on Girl Child Day. The study and stationery materials were contributed by the students of Classes V to VII. The Club members and the selected students from the above-mentioned classes went to the school and distributed the materials to them.
- c) The members of Care Club along with Class XI & XII students arranged a programme to honour the 'karmacharis' of GCM school on 1st October, 2022. The students put tilak on the forehead of the karmacharis and garlanded them. The sweets were distributed to them. They were given gifts, a small token of love, by Care club.

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS MEET

The Inter–House Sports Meet was conducted on 19th and 20th October, 2022 with meticulous planning and arrangements. Rev. Fr Arun Thomas, the parish priest of Maria Mata Church, Chhatarpur remained the Chief Guest of the day. Red House became the overall champions of the Meet.

CHRISTUS 2022, TIKAMGARH ZONAL SPORTS MEET

Inter-School Sports Meet of Tikamgarh zone was conducted this year at GCM School on 31st October 2022. Rev. Fr Augustine Pullolickal was the Chief Guest of the Opening Ceremony. There were six schools participated in the Sports Meet. GCM Convent School, Nowgong became the Champions of the Zonal Sports Meet. 28 of our students took part in the Diocesan Level sports meet held at Rewa.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers arranged a cultural programme on Children's Day to express their love and affection towards their students. Rev. Fr Tomcy CMF was the Chief Guest of the function and Br Sebin CMF was the Guest of Honour. Rev. Sr Soumini, our Principal gave a herculean message for the students. After the cultural events, the students were given sweets. Inter-house Kabadi (Boys) and Kho-Kho (Girls) competitions were also held on the same day.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Education Wing of Satna Diocesan Society arranged a Value Education Programme for the Class IX to XII students on 11th and 12th November. Rev. Fr Tomcy Palackal CMF and team from Kerala were the resource persons.

GCM continues to serve God and God's people with good spirit and generosity. May God continue to bless us all!!

Sr Soumini CSN



PANNA**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

The Golden Jubilee of St Joseph's Church was celebrated on 23rd April 2022 along with the parish feast. Though the jubilee year actually started on 3rd July 2020, we could not celebrate it due to the Corona pandemic. On this auspicious occasion we celebrated our parish feast along with the silver jubilee celebration of the married life of Mr Shaji V George and Thresia (Siji). There was also the conferring of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation to six children of our parish. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil kindly accepted our invitation to officiate the function. We started our short felicitation ceremony soon after the Holy Qurbana. His Excellency shared the message of feast and jubilee. Parish members arranged food for all.

On 8th September, the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated solemnly. In preparation to the feast, there were nine days with the Holy Qurbana and Novena prayers. On the previous day there was sacrament of confession administered to all parishioners. After the solemn celebration of the Holy Qurbana on the feast day, dinner was arranged for all members.

One day seminar for all parish members was conducted on 2nd October 2022. Rev. Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil, the Eparchial Director of the Department of Family and Laity was the resource person of the same.

As the month of October is dedicated to Mother Mary, we started our ten days' rosary in the parish church on 22nd October and was concluded on 31st October 2022 very solemnly.

MOTHER TERESA HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence Day was celebrated in Mother Teresa Hospital by hoisting the National Flag by Rev. Fr Varghese, the Director. In his message, he reminded the audience that we should feel proud to be a part of our great Nation India and urged to honour the martyrs who dedicated their lives for getting freedom what we enjoy today. Dr Anurag Chakraborti also felicitated with a similar message. There was beautiful singing of national devotional song, by Dr Anurag and team.

BIRTH DAY CELEBRATION OF MOTHER TERESA

Commemoration of the birth anniversary of the greatest humanitarian saint Mother Teresa who is the patroness of the hospital was held by showering flowers around the statue of Mother Teresa in the hospital premises, by all the employees gathered on 26th August. Rev. Fr Varghese highlighted her inspiring life style and how she became a mother to all.

ONGOING EDUCATION AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME

To maintain the standards and keeping update with the knowledge and to improve their skill and competency in patient care and also on the fire—safety and other policies, there was an ongoing training for all staff on 23rd September. We do medical check-up and immunization programme regularly for all employees with concession.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

'Blood is precious; donate, save a life and make it divine'. Blood Donation camp was organised on 29th of September by Mother Teresa Hospital in collaboration with District Hospital Panna. Some of our staff came forward to be part of this charitable act.

DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION

Deepavali, the Feast of Lights, was celebrated in Mother Teresa Hospital on 24th October, reflecting the message of Jesus Christ that “I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life (Jn 8:12). As per Hindu faith, this festival symbolizes generally the victory of light over darkness. All the employees gathered and light lamp to illumine the goodness implanted in the mind of everyone.

FAREWELL AND WELCOMING

Mother Teresa Hospital bade farewell to Rev. Fr Sebastian Puthenpurayil, on 30th June, 2022, who served as the finance officer of MTH for a tenure of one and half years. In his place Rev. Fr Jacob Adampakallel took charge and the MTH family welcomed the new finance officer with great enthusiasm and joy.

Fr Varghese Kannukadan

LISIEUX ANAND SCHOOL

GENIUS PAR EXCELLENCE

Tenacity, determination and the quest for excellence can take any person to the pinnacle of success. The X and XII class students have proved through their board exam (2021-2022) that there is no substitute for the hard work. All students got through the board exam with flying colours. School organised a felicitation ceremony and congratulated all the X and XII class CBSE students who have brought laurels to the school by exhibiting their prowess and academic acumen.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

To don the mantle of leadership and to acknowledge the budding leaders, the investiture ceremony for the academic session 2022-23

was held on 19th July 2022. The chief guest of the ceremony was Mrs Aarati Singh, ASP of Panna. Master Aditya Kumar Dwivedi and Miss Diva Dixit were elected as the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. The elected school cabinet was welcomed with band to the stage and they were conferred with badges and sashes by the chief guest and the Father Manager. The student council took the pledge to carry out their duties and responsibilities with integrity, faith and excellence. The Manager, applauded and congratulated the newly inducted members and advised them to be the epitome of dedication and discipline. The ceremony concluded with the principal's congratulatory message to the newly appointed students.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA ABHIYAN

A National Flag rally was organised on 13th August as a part of *Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan* under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. Patriotic fervour was on full display through the main thoroughfares of the city of Panna where our students and teachers took out the rally – led by the school band, waving National Flag, shouting patriotic slogans and holding posters. The students were cheered on by the bystanders in their initiative to honour the National Flag making the rally a resounding success. Fr Manager motivated the staff and students to focus on their duties to the nation with utmost care and dedication. Sr



Principal invited the students to follow the ideals of the great freedom fighters. Mrs Diksha Dubey gave a summary of the evolution of Indian national flag and the deep meaning of the colours and symbols used in the flag. Students were swayed to the tune of acclaimed music director A. R Rahman's '*Vande*

Mataram' at the end of the rally. Indeed, it was a different experience and it evoked the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the participants.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

Lisieuxians celebrated the 75th Independence Day with great patriotic fervour and zeal. Rev. Fr. Jacob Adampakallel, the chief guest, unfurled the tricolour flag followed by the National Anthem. This entailed a short celebration including patriotic group songs and dances by students. Students and parents witnessed the Independence Day programme in the school and around two hundred students performed a ground program in the municipal stadium.

Besides a fancy-dress competition was organized on the occasion of *Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav*. "Indian Freedom Fighters" was the theme of the competition where 60 enthusiastic, talented children of different age groups participated from classes I and II. They all looked vibrant in their colourful costumes and played their parts confidently.

REST IN PEACE

Master Shiwang Rawat of Class XI succumbed to death after drowning in a temple pond located in the outskirts of Panna. This heart-breaking accident occurred on 4th September. Shiwang left behind his parents and his mother, Mrs. Suganthi Rawat, who was a retired teacher from Lisieux Anand Hr. Sec. School. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

TEACHERS' TOUR

The teachers of Lisieux Anand School visited the golden city of 'Amritsar' and the well-planned charming city of Chandigarh as educational tour from 6th to 9th October. The team visited the main places of tourist interest in the city, such as, the Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh, Wagah Border, Sadda Pind, etc. They also witnessed the mesmerizing beating retreat ceremony conducted by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers (PR) on the frontier between Pakistan and India. We also visited the charming city of Chandigarh and the delightful Mughal Yadavindra Gardens, in Pinjore,

Haryana. The tour was well organised and very informative and the teachers immensely enjoyed everything about the tour.

DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS

The students and the staff of Lisieux Anand School celebrated Deepavali with great enthusiasm. The young students showcased their creativity and talent through diya painting, rangoli and board decoration. A special assembly with mesmerizing dance performances and melodious group songs was organised on Friday, 21 October 2022 to mark the occasion.

VALUE EDUCATION SEMINAR

Value education Seminar was conducted for the students of classes XI and XII and classes VIII and IX on 3rd and 4th November respectively. Rev. Fr Tomcy CMF and Rev. Br Sebin CMF were the resource persons. The seminar helped them to improve their self-awareness and confidence in order to achieve their dreams and meet their goals.



M P FOUNDATION DAY

A series of creative activities have been going on from November 1st to 7th November — the Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day. Our students performed an outstanding Bundeli Folk song on 1st November and Badhai Lok Nritya on 5th November at Town Hall. On 7th November they were awarded by Brijendra Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Mineral Resources, and Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Hon'ble District Collector, Panna.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day was celebrated with much fun and frolic by the teachers of Lisieux Anand School on 14th November. The teachers made the occasion memorable for the children with a special assembly. Proficiency awards were distributed to the toppers of 2021-22. The highlight of the day was the cricket match between the staff and the students.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Lisieuxians zealously strive towards excellence each passing year. Shekh Tanveer, Priyanshi Singh Poonia, Govind Kumar Sahu and Anamika Awasthi bagged gold medal in Debate, Poem Recitation, Picture based composition and Folk Songs respectively, organized by Madhya Pradesh Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti on 11th October 2022. Divyansh Tiwari, Aditya Kumar Dwivedi and Shekh Tanveer were awarded with gold medal in Bio-Quiz competition conducted by Madhya Pradesh Tourism. Divyansh Tiwari and Shreya Gupta won the gold medal in essay writing competition conducted respectively by Madhya Pradesh State Mogali Bal Utsav and District Legal Services Authority. Atharv Khare (Junior) and Bhoomi Agrawal (Senior) were selected for the state level "National Children's Science Congress (NCSC)" 2022, under the theme 'Understanding Ecosystem for Health and Well-being'.

Even though we could not top in the medal tally, nine could grab different medals in the Inter-diocesan School Sports Competition (Christus 2022-23) conducted at Maidani on 31st October. Our budding cricketers Shubh Tripathi, Jairaj Singh, Shrikant Shrivastava were selected to state-level cricket from Sagar division. Arman Siddiqui, Juned Khan and Ali Ayaan Meer were got selected to State Under-17 football team. Anikit Shrivastava won the bronze medal by securing the third position in the national level karate championship-2022.

Fr Joseph Valiamplackal

PATERI

NAZARETH BHAVAN

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Golden Jubilee of Sr Alacoque, the Superior of the formation house and the Silver Jubilee of Sr Soumini, the Principal of the Nowgong GCM School were solemnly celebrated at Nazareth Bhavan on 30th April 2022. The Eucharistic liturgy was officiated by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil. Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat, the Vicar General and Fr Jacob Adampakallel, the former Parish Priest of Edessa were the concelebrants.

On 22nd October the silver jubilee of the Nazareth Bhavan was celebrated with grand splendour. Mar Joseph Kodakallil officiated the Holy Eucharist; Fr Thomas Thelakat, the Vicar General and Fr Joseph Ottapurackal were the concelebrants. The presence of Superior General Sr Terecine and General Councillor Sr Alphin added colour to the celebration. The presence of Rev Fathers and Sisters from the Bishop's House, Edessa, Sherganj, Ephrem Nagar and different communities of Pateri Parivar augmented our joy and elation of both the occasions.

FORMATION TIDINGS

On 15th July, five of our postulants have moved from our community to Ephremnagar. Sr Melveena is in charge of them. They are attending the Theology Course in Bethania. Six pre-postulants arrived at Nazareth Bhavan after completing their plus two studies in Prayagraj.

Sr Jain Jose joined the community on 25th July after her successful completion of Doctorate in Canon Law from Lateran University in Rome and presently she has taken charge of the pre-postulants.

After the successful completion of the Family Apostolate course in Delhi and reGENCY in different communities in Assam, the second-year novices returned to our community on 23rd July. Currently, they are in the intensive preparation for their First Profession and vestition. Sr Tracy, the Councillor and the formation directress, is in charge of them.

RETREAT

During the platinum Jubilee year of the Congregation, it was decided that a Charism retreat would be conducted for all the members. From 25th July to 2nd August, the first year and the second-year novices participated in the Charism retreat. Nine Sisters from Punjab, Assam and UP also participated in the retreat. The second-year novices participated in the forty days retreat as the immediate preparation for their first profession and vestition.

CANONICAL VISITATION

The Provincial Superior Rev. Sr Lata conducted the canonical visitation in the community from 8th to 12th of August. The Superior General Rev. Sr Terecine conducted the canonical visitation of the Novitiate House from 18th to 25th October. The visitation enriched the members with new vigour and enthusiasm. General Councillors Sr Divya, Sr Pushpa and Sr Annie Jose, the vicar provincial of Kothamangalam province, Sr Jovit from Ernakulam province made a friendly visit to the community.

Sr Jain Jose CSN

ARADHANA BHAVAN

WEBINARS

On 3rd of July, a webinar on 'Psycho Spiritual Integration for Holistic Living' was conducted for the Sisters up to the age of forty-five, from 3 to 5 p.m. Sr Dhanya Alukkal animated the programme.

On 25th September, a webinar on 'Canon Law for Religious Life' was conducted for all our Sisters from 3 to 4 p.m. Rev. Sr Navya Thattil OSF, Provincial Councillor of Bhopal Province, animated the session.

RETREATS & RENEWAL PROGRAMMES

A different mode of retreat for the Sisters (1985 to 1997 batches) held from 7th to 12th August. 23 Sisters attended the retreat, preached by Rev. Fr Dinny Pandimattam VC. Sisters enriched and renewed went back to the missions with new zeal and vigour.

Two days of renewal programme was conducted for our junior Sisters, on 1st and 2nd of September. Rev. Fr Birender Kujur and Rev. Fr Dinny Pandimattam VC guided them for their renewal.

Annual retreat was conducted for the batches from 1968 to 1984. It began on 18th September and concluded on 23rd morning with the Holy hour. Rev. Fr Shaji Chilambikkunnel VC was the resource person. Around thirty-eight Sisters participated in the retreat and went back to their communities with the renewed spirit.

VOCATION & FORMATION

There are eight candidates for Pre aspirancy, from Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Odisha. After the 'come and see' programme for three months, they were promoted to Pre aspirancy. As a preparation Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal gave a talk on 'Vocation to religious life'. After the Holy Hour, candidates were officially welcomed by Sr Provincial by giving them lighted candle and Bible.

FORMEES' CORRAL

All the pre – aspirants, aspirants and postulants of the province gathered in Aradhana Niwas, Nandini on 19th to 21st August. On 19th they reached and the very evening gathered together for the inaugural session. Rev. Sr Ann Maria, the Provincial Superior inaugurated the gathering and they had a session with their

directresses Sr Gracelin, Sr Arpita and Sr Jesslin and formation co-ordinator Sr Ranit. On 20th, Rev. Fr John Ponnor of Raipur Diocese gave a class for them on Holy Eucharist.

The last day of the gathering, on 21st August, they all went for an outing to Maithri Garden, Bhilai. They reached back at 3.00 p.m. After supper all of them went back to their own places with much joy and enthusiasm.

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated the Sabhadinam (Dukhrana of St Thomas) on 3rd July with Sanjo Bhavan Community, Kothi. Special prayers, grand meal and cultural programme were the part of the celebration.

Juniors' Day celebration (Feast of St Peter Julian Eymard) was joyfully celebrated on 3rd August, began with solemn Holy Qurbana, prayed for all the juniors of the province. Special Holy hour was conducted for our Sr Pushpa Theresa and Sr Angel Alonsa. The day concluded with the cultural programme conducted by senior Sisters and the candidates.

4th October 2022 was a remarkable day for all the Christu Jyothians as we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of our Christu Jyoti Province, first profession of our three novices - Kripa Guria, Clare Rana Singh and Amal Jyoti Jojo as well as the silver Jubilee of our five Sisters, Sr Mary Grace, Sr Merin, Sr Phoncy, Sr Rincy and Sr Jessy Tresa. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Bishop of Satna officiated the Holy Eucharist of that day. Rev Fr Thomas Thelakat, Proto Syncellus and Rev Fr Joseph Ottapurackal remained as the concelebrants. After the Holy Qurbana, there was a felicitation programme in which we extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to our newly professed Sisters and the Jubilarians through cake and wishing song, felicitation speeches and the programme performed by our candidates and the students of the Sneh Sadan Special School. The presence of Rev. Sr Mercy, the Vicar General of SABS, Rev. Sr Rose Therese- the General Councillor,

Rev. Sr Thecla, Rev. Sr Jolly Maria, the Provincial Councillor of Ernakulam Province, and all the former Provincials of Satna Province, doubled the happiness of each Christu Jyothian. At the end of the programme a memento – statue of Bl. Virgin Mary – was distributed to the special guests, ex-provincials and the first members of the Provincial House. And then, Rev. Sr Ann Maria, the Provincial thanked everyone; with the agape the programme concluded.

Our parishioners and neighbours were invited for the jubilee celebration of our Province on 8th October 2022. For our parishioners we conducted rosary procession. A short history of the province was introduced to the people by Rev. Sr Alphy Kallingal; thereafter, a documentary, prepared on the occasion of our silver jubilee was displayed to the invitees. With the agape celebration came to an end.

LOVING TRIBUTE

We, the Christu Jyoti Province of Satna, gratefully remember and pay homage to the departed soul of our loving Sr Margaret SABS. We are indebted to the Lord for the missionary vocation of our beloved Margaretamma to Satna Province.

The missionary zeal was burning in her from the time she made her first profession. Her missionary passion inspired her to make church articles such as altar linens, purificators, kabalana, kethana and so on and supplied it to the various mission stations in the North. The Lord brought her to Satna mission in the year of 1998, at the age of 68. As per the plan of God she could celebrate her Golden Jubilee in the year 2007.

She was indeed an exemplary SABS, zealous to do reparation for the sins of the world and console the Eucharistic Lord. She could spend hours before the Lord. She is a model for



younger generation in the matter of obedience and her submission to the superiors. Her life of discipline was a source of inspiration for the community. By her kneeling in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord for long hours she assimilated the outstanding qualities of Holy Eucharist. We are witnesses of her patience and perseverance, silence and solitude as well as being one with the community in all the community activities.

'God has a plan for me, let it be done' was her motto. Our Margaretamma was a blessed one to be in the Provincial House, Pateri during the last days of her life. She is really fortunate to get the special prayers and blessings of our beloved Bishop and almost all the Fathers of Satna diocese before she breathed her last. We are sure that she will continue to intercede for us and for the success of our mission more powerfully in heaven.

Sr Maria Jose SABS

S D FORMATION HOUSE

ASPIRANTS' THEOLOGY COURSE

Eleven of our aspirants are attending the theology course at Bethania as day-scholars together with other 42 candidates from other seven different Congregations. Our aspirants are acquiring knowledge on various levels by deepening their love for Jesus and growing in faith.

BIRTHDAY OF FOUNDER

We celebrated the 146th birthday of our Founder Ven. Fr Varghese Payyapilly on 8th August. As per the instruction from our Superior General, a poor lady from our vicinity was invited and was given a good meal and some food items as gift, a gesture of sharing the compassionate love of Jesus.

INDEPENDENCE DAY & ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The 75th anniversary of the Independence Day, *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, of our nation was celebrated with flag hoisting, and patriotic song by the aspirants. Special prayer was conducted by lighting 29 candles, representing the states of India. The feast of the Assumption of Mary was celebrated with due preparation of nine days of Novena. We also conducted a rosary procession on this special day.

CANONICAL VISIT OF PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

A hearty and ecstatic welcome was given to our beloved Provincial Superior Rev. Sr Smitha on 27th August. It was a chance of both personal and community renewal. We also celebrated her feast with special prayer, delicious meal and colourful cultural evening.

PATRON'S DAY CELEBRATION

The feast of St Vincent De Paul, the heavenly patron saint of aspirants was celebrated on 27th September with due preparation of Novena, vigil prayer etc.

RETREAT & ENTRANCE TO POSTULANCY

Three days retreat was conducted for the Aspirants by Rev. Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil from 29th Sep to 1st Oct as a preparation to enter into the next stage of their formation. It was an occasion of self – renewal and a blessing to deepen their divine vocation.

ENTRANCE TO POSTULANCY

Eleven of our aspirants entered in postulancy on 2nd October in the presence of our Vicar Provincial, Sr Christal with special prayer session and preparations. The presence of our Sisters from Khajuraho made the day more jubilant. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to our postulants.

EPARCHIAL DAY

Our Postulants Performed, parithyag, a meaningful stage dancing on the eparchial day celebration of our diocese on 25th October 2022.

ROSARY DEVOTION

The community participated in the ten days' rosary conducted in the parish Church from 21st October to 30th October, and prayed to Mother Mary for her blessings.

Sr Litty John SD

S H NOVITIATE HOUSE

Being away from the hustles and bustles of the world, the novices make the novitiate a power house for the Congregation and Diocese through their prayers and sacrifices. In the calm and healthy atmosphere these young buds of the congregation are helped to be transformed into the likeness of Christ through regular classes and spiritual guidance from Fathers and Sisters. Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, Sr Jessy, Sr Philo and Sr Mareena took class and conducted retreat for them. Fathers from Edessa help us for all our spiritual activities.

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated the feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day with solemn Holy Qurbana and with cultural programmes. The feast of directress was celebrated in a vibrant way with a prayer service, solemn Eucharistic celebration by Rev. Fr George Mangalapilly and cultural programmes. On 14th September Mar Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of Chanda, visited us. Novices welcomed him with wishing songs and bouquet. Bishop blessed and had tea with us.

We celebrated Novitiate Day and feast of Sr Cherupushpam, the Superior with a solemn Holy Qurbana celebrated by our beloved Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil. He enriched the novices with a thought-provoking homily. As part of the feast celebration, novices conducted special prayer service and cultural programme.

Sr Cherupushpam SH

S H KINDERGARTEN

Freedom gives new meaning and creates enthusiasm among people. Sacred Heart Kindergarten celebrated the 75th Independence Day of our nation with great joy and pomp. The sense of happiness and pride towards the nation could be clearly seen on the face of the people gathered. The program started with a warm welcome extended to the honourable Chief Guest – Rev Sr Philo Kulangara SH, the former provincial superior of Sacred Heart Jeeva Jyothi Province, Delhi.

The Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag and delivered words of inspiration on how we should be responsible for our behaviours and what we do make our country proud of. Our teachers gave short introduction on freedom fighters and their struggling through a skit. All the working staff together organized very heart touching and informative colourful programs on patriotism. We also conducted games for teachers and students to make the day more beautiful. After completing all the program, refreshment and gifts were distributed to all the participants.

On this same day we honoured our supporting staff for their valuable time and energy spending for the school. We arranged a moral supporting class and an entertaining cultural event for them. As a token of love, interesting gifts were distributed to them.

Sr Merin SH

SNEH SADAN SPECIAL SCHOOL

ACADEMIC SESSION 2022 – 2023

Sneh Sadan Special School was reopened on 1st July 2022, with lamp lighting ceremony. The new academic session started with 31 students, along with newly admitted students. Prayer session was conducted by Sr Kiran along with teachers and students. Thereafter classes commenced and the students moved to their own classes with renewed zeal and spirit.

RAKSHA BANDHAN

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated in Sneh Sadan Special School. Rakhi making competition was held on this day to make this day more memorable. All the kids decorated their Rakhi with their tiny hands and expressed their true love to one another. It was surely a delightful celebration, for students, made the environment full of joy and love.

A few competitions were held on that day to encourage the students of Sneh Sadan, like, rainbow, rakhi, little animal toy, rakhi paper, quill rakhi and flower sticker rakhi etc. Rashmi Kushwaha, Darsh Dahiya and Jaya Mishra won the prizes.

MANAGER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sneh Sadan School celebrated the feast day of Rev. Sr Ann Maria, the Provincial and the Manager of the school on 27th July. Teachers and students honoured her by giving bouquet and greeting cards. They expressed their love and respect by performing cultural programmes such as wishing song, skit, dances, songs etc. Around 35 to 40 students were present. Programmes were well concluded with their sign language.



Sr Jessy Tresa SABS

INTER HOUSE ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Alphonsa High School Prithvipur always thrives to provide to the all-round development of the students. The main focus of the school has always been on improving the skills among the students. With this intention in mind an inter house essay writing competition was held for the students of class VIII to X on 4th August 2022 on the topic 'clean India'. More than fifty students participated in the competition.

RAKHI MAKING COMPETITION

Rakhi making competition was held in the school on 10th August for the students of classes 1 to 10. Students exhibited their talent by making beautiful and creative handmade Rakhi using craft and waste material. The school appreciated all the participants and motivated other children to take part in future activities.

JUICE DAY

On 23rd August, juice day was held for the KG section of our school. The stage was beautifully decorated with beautiful fruits-vegetable charts. Students brought different types of juice from their home. The teachers taught them the different types of juice available in the market, such as pineapple juice, orange juice, litchi, pomegranate, mango etc. Also taught them vegetables and fruits are an important part of a healthy diet.

SPEECH COMPETITION

English speech competition was held on 6th August for the students of classes I to V to enhance the speaking skills of the students, especially to improve English language. Children with great interest worked

upon influencing topics which were given to them and they tried to give their best to speak on the topics. The participants were motivated by teachers and audience to perform confidently on the stage.

FLAG MAKING COMPETITION

In order to educate the students about the importance of Independence Day, flag making activity was held in the school for the students of classes I to VII on 12th August. The children enjoyed colouring tricolour flag under the able guidance of their respective class teachers.

The teachers explained to the class the significance of the Independence Day and the importance of our National Flag. They learnt about the Ashoka-chakra and the colours green, white and orange in our flag. It was an educative and informative activity that sowed the seeds of patriotism among the young ones.

Sr Jisma CPS

REWA

SACRED HEART SR SEC SCHOOL, PADRA

BEGINNING OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 2023

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Pro 9:10). The new academic year began with a prayer service separately for teachers and students. God's blessings and assistance in all actions and activities is sought for all throughout the years by the prayer session.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Rev. Sr Ancy, the Principal got transferred and a farewell program was held on 18th July 2022. With heavy and grateful heart Sacred Heartien

bade adieu to Rev. Sr Ancy and wished her the very best for her next step and all her future endeavours.

It's the action that inspires others, helps to dream more, learn more and become more which makes anyone a leader. Our new Principal Rev. Sr Alphy was offered a jovial welcome on 17th June 2022.

INAUGURATION OF SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

Inauguration of Silver Jubilee Year was held on 12th July 2022. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil graced the occasion as Chief Guest and his valuable presence enlightened every mind. Rev. Sr Grace Poomkudy, the Provincial Superior blessed the occasion with her



benign presence. Students performed colourful program to embrace the occasion. Of course, Sacred Heart Convent School stands on the pillar of discipline, commitment and perfection, a legacy to be carried on by the student, staff and management. This occasion of coming together did not

remain only in mere celebrations but imprinted in everyone's heart the edifying lives to everyone with total commitment and passion for young minds. The achievements of any institute are the results of combined efforts of every individual.

FUNCTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

Great leaders do not set out to be leaders. They set out to make difference. It's never about the role but always the goal is held with lots of zeal and zest; the young leaders pledged to bestow their duties and mounting the flame of virtue and holiness as they were vested with leadership responsibility. Investiture ceremony was held on 4th &

5th July 2022 for junior school cabinet and senior school cabinet respectively. Parents also were invited to acknowledge the talents of their wards.

No amount of money can give the happiness that freedom brings. Long live our Nation! Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity. With the feeling of patriotism, Independence Day of the Nation was celebrated on 15th August 2022. The newly elected sarpanch, Kiran Mishra was the Chief Guest who hoisted the National Flag. Cultural programme was organized showing our love for nation. Nearly thousand students and parents participated in the program and sweets were distributed to spread love and harmony among the people.

Teaching is the profession that teaches all other professions with a generous mind and heart. Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th September. As a mark of respect, love and affection, students displayed a wonderful programme.

Life after retirement is like second innings of life. Retirement and a bid adieu function of Meeta Dixit Ma'am was held on 24th September. Many teachers shared their experiences with her and presented a colourful programme. Teachers wished her happy retirement and fantastic life journey ahead.

AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

A traffic police has an umbrella which protects him from burning sun and rain. He regulates traffic rules and to control the traffic on road. Traffic awareness program was organized under the guidance of Mr Hitansh Nath Sharma, TI Civil Lines. Do's and Don'ts were highlighted that every citizen should practice enhancing traffic system and making it people friendly. The students were requested to spread awareness in the society about rules and regulations. An interactive question – answer session was also held during the event.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS

Training, seminar and orientation programmes were conducted for teachers focusing to improve effectively and implement innovative ideas in teaching and learning practices as well as to take students beyond their current level of learning. In the growth and development of a child's personality, teacher plays a vital role which creates an epitome in everybody's mind and life. At the beginning of the academic year a workshop was conducted by Rev. Fr Paul Varghese on the concept of "Role of teacher in student's life". Different ways of interaction and learning capacities were demonstrated which upholds students to higher rank of society.

A webinar was conducted for teachers on prioritizing Educators Mental Health by Akriti Brar from Ludhiana. Aristotle rightly said that 'educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all'.

Inculcating moral value blooms the personality of a person. A workshop on '*Prominent Principles of National Education Policy (NEP) – 2020*' was conducted for teachers by resource person Mr Gaurav Singh. He emphasized on enabling every student to develop to their maximum potential.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The cultural activities enhance the confidence level of students, which allow students to perform better. Activities develop the personality of students and assist the students for good career. Different activities like street play, poster making, rangoli, best out of waste, patriotic song, declamation, essay writing, flower petal decoration, solo dance, solo, debate, quiz, fancy dress, drawing, calligraphy, board decorations on occasions of different festivals, etc. were conducted for KG, Primary, Middle and Senior sessions separately.

Sports occupy a vital role in our lives. It keeps us fit, healthy and makes us active. Indoor and outdoor games were conducted for students like chess, caroms, basketball, badminton, football, cricket, kho-kho, etc.

Sr Alphy SH

ST THOMAS CONVENT, MAIDANI

rosary, we also offered our community and our mission station under the protection of Mother Mary and ten-days' solemn rosary was conducted in the chapel. We sought the intercession from Mother Mary to lead a holy life and to be closer to Jesus.

Rev. Sr Jessy Manayathu, our Provincial Superior and Sr Maria Kadooparayil, the Councillor, visited the Maidani community in the month of October as part of canonical visit. We express our gratitude towards them for their kind visit.

Sr Anisha Pazhukunnel joined our community as a new member on Oct 12th. She was warmly welcomed by all. We are grateful to Sr Alphonsa Pulikkattu who was transferred to Kerala for her selfless services.

The zonal level sports meet 'Christus-2022' was conducted in De Paul School, Maidani, Rewa and the Depaulians won the overall championship.

Sr Elsit DST

BISHOP'S HOUSE

“Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will act” (Ps 37:5). Let us commit ourselves at the mercy of the Lord that He might act and lead us to light, removing the darkness everywhere. The editors of Satna Samachar try to recollect the past events once more and make it memorable in the minds of the readers and see how the Lord has led us all through out.

Rev. Fr Kuriakose Kachappilly and Rev. Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil were given a farewell in the Bishop's House on 25th June and from Cathedral Church after Holy Qurbana on 26th June. After rendering his service as Finance Officers for the diocese for a duration of long six years, Fr Kuriakose Kachappilly was transferred to Koond as Priest-in-charge. Rev. Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil in his short period of time as Secretary to Bishop and Asst Parish Priest in the Cathedral Church moved on transfer to St Thomas Minor Seminary, Sherganj as Vice-Rector and finance officer. We wish them God's blessings and success in their future ministry.

ST VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL

St Thomas Day, the commemoration of St Thomas, the Apostle of India, our Father in faith, was commemorated in a joyful manner. Having him as heavenly patron, Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat celebrated his feast also on the day. July 3rd, being Sunday, Fr Thomas Thelakat officiated the solemn Holy Qurbana together with the newly appointed priests Rev. Fr Antony Maruthummoottil, Rev. Fr Sebastian Puthenpurayil and Rev. Fr Martin Punnolil. Three of them were given a warm welcome to the Cathedral Parish just after the Holy Qurbana.

Ten days' special prayer and Holy Qurbana in honour of the feast of the Nativity of our Mother Mary began on 30th August with Flag Hoisting. The parish priest unfurled the flag and Rev Fr John Thekkepalakuzhiyil offered the Holy Qurbana on the first day. The novena continued for nine days and Fathers from neighbouring parishes and mission stations graciously accepted invitation to offer Holy Qurbana on those days. On the last day, 8th September, Rev. Fr Sebastian Veluthedathukkattil VC was the main celebrant.

The feast of St Vincent De Paul, the patron saint of the Cathedral Church was celebrated with much pomp and solemnity. By hoisting the flag and offering Holy Qurbana Rev Fr Joseph Ottapurackal inaugurated the parish feast on 14th October. On the next day Rev. Fr Paul Umassery offered the Holy Qurbana and culmination of the feast was on 16th with the solemn Pontifical Holy Qurbana officiated by our beloved bishop Mar Joseph. His Excellency administered the sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to seven children of our parish.

Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Candidates from the neighbouring parishes were invited and more than three hundred people participated in the solemn celebration of St Vincent de Paul's feast and really the church was full. The cooperation and participation of the faithful were highly appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

EPARCHIAL LEVEL PROGRAMMES

PRESBYTERIUM

The first Presbyterium of the year 2022 – 23, was convened on 29th and 30th August at Edessa Pastoral Centre, Pateri. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil inaugurated presbyterium with a short prayer and welcomed the new faces to presbyterium. Almost all the priests working in the eparchy took part in it. Adv. Arjun Singh from Jabalpur,

the newly appointed legal adviser of the Eparchy, took a class on various aspects of legal aid on the second day. The Presbyterium came to an end with the blessings and valuable instructions of the Bishop.

ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual retreat of the priests of the eparchy began on 9th and concluded on 14th October. We had a good spiritual nourishment led by Rev. Fr Jojo Marippatt, from Marymatha Province of Vincentian Congregation from Kerala. Almost all the diocesan priests participated in the annual retreat.

EPARCHIAL DAY - 2022

The day 25th October, 2022 was colourful to all the members of the Eparchy of Satna as it celebrated the Eparchial Day – 2022. The day was lovely with the presence of jubilarians – Priests, Religious Sisters and Married couples who celebrate their silver / golden jubilee of their devoted life.



The day started with an hour of inspirational talk by His Excellency Gerald Almeida, Bishop of Jabalpur. His Excellency was cordially welcomed by Rev Fr Augustine Chittuparambil, the Syncellus and was draped a shawl by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil as

he celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his episcopal ordination.

In his inspirational talk, His Excellency Gerald Almeida shared the missionary activities of Jabalpur diocese and exhorted the participants to venture into new methods of evangelization and bear witness to

Jesus Christ in an effective way.

After having the tea, the entire community gathered in St Ephrem's Church for the Pontifical Holy Qurbana, officiated by Mar Joseph Kodakallil. The jubilarians – Rev Fr Varghese Naickomparampil VC, Fr Sebastian Veluthedathukkattil VC, Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil and Fr Francis Mattathil – concelebrated with him.

Eleven Sisters from different religious congregations working in the eparchy were honoured in their jubilee year. They are: Sr Alacoque CSN from Nazareth Bhavan, Pateri and Sr Boni Maria FCC from FCC Convent, Sidhi celebrate their Golden Jubilee of religious commitment: Sr Elizabeth SH from Sacred Heart Convent, Dewra, Sr Shincy DST from Bethania, Ephremnagar, Sr Rani Therese CHF from Holy Family Convent, Kailaspur, Sr Kripa CMC from Carmelite Convent, Karimatti, Sr Jophin CPS from Preshitharam Convent, Niwari, Sr Soumini CSN from Nazareth Nivas, Nowgong, Sr Jessy Tresa SABS and Sr Rincy Kachappilly SABS from Aradhana Bhavan Provincial House, Pateri and Sr Lincy FCC from FC Convent, Sidhi, celebrate the silver jubilee of their religious life this year.

Out of nine jubilee couples, six were present on this occasion to fete, celebrating the jubilee of their married life : Biju Mathew and Rosy B Mathew from St Vincent's Cathedral, Satna, Shaji V George and Thresia Cheruvil from St Joseph's Church, Panna, Emmanuel Kujur and Sunita Kujur, from Little Flower Church, Tikamgarh, Alexander V J and Roja Alexander from St Xavier's Church, Rewa, Dominic Xaxa and Elan Xaxa, from St Thomas Church, Sidhi and Robert Joshua and Lilli Robert, golden couple from St Ephrem's Church, Pateri.

A good cultural event was arranged by the eparchial authorities, and



the programme was anchored by Fr John Pullan and Sr Pushpa Therese SABS. The candidates from the nearby formation houses showed up their talents on the stage. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil greeted the jubilarians and honoured them by presenting a shawl and handing over the jubilee memento to each one of them. In response to the Jubilee gathering, the jubilarians shared their experiences and expressed their gratitude. With a sumptuous lunch, the programme came to a colourful end.

Fr Thomas Thelakat

CHRIST JYOTI SCHOOL

This academic year 2022-23 marks the Golden Jubilee Year of Christ Jyoti School and so the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee was held on 1st July 2022. The formal inauguration of the Jubilee was done by the Bishop of Satna, Mar Joseph Kodakallil. The programme of the day is composed of welcome speech by the School Manager, Rev Fr Davis, a concise report by the Principal, Rev Sr Beena, melodious songs and scintillating dances. The lamp with fifty wicks lit by the dignitaries, staff representatives and student representatives symbolised the fifty successful years of Christ Jyoti Hr Sec School, Satna and it was indeed a fabulous sight.



The month of July was eventful with numerous activities such as quick observation competition for classes I to IV, story-writing competition for class V and extempore speech for classes IX and X. The monthly thematic assembly conducted by all the sections of each class proved

to be very creative and useful to the students. Each month is assigned with a special theme and a key value and the thematic assembly is based on this.

It was a moment of pride when we received the Board Exam Result of classes X and XII with an aggregate pass percentage of 100. Vaibhav Bajoriya of class XII Maths stream secured the first position with 95.6% followed by Bhumika Gajrani from Commerce stream with 95% being the 2nd rank holder. Thirteen students scored above 90% marks and it was really a coveted achievement. Class X Board Examination Result was also a promising one with a 100% pass rate. Vyom Agrawal secured the first position with 97.6% marks and two students namely Anshika Kushwaha and Mayank Singh shared the 2nd rank by obtaining 97.2% marks each. The school management applauded the wonderful performance of students and appreciated the initiative taken by the teachers.

In the beginning of August 2022, booster dose of Covid-19 vaccine was administered to students who were above fifteen years of age. The staff were also given the booster dose on the same day.

With the aim of involving student representatives in the day-to-day functioning of the school, the management in consultation with the teachers selected the Student Council Members led by Rachit Mishra and Pragati Pandey as the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively.

The Investiture Ceremony of the Student Council members was held on 5th August. Head Boy, Head Girl, Section Leaders, Cultural Captains and Sports Captains were invested with their sashes by Fr Manager and Sr Principal. Respective House in-Charge teachers conferred the captaincy sashes to the Captains and Vice Captains of their Houses. Rev Fr Davis delivered a keynote address reminding the leaders, of their duties and responsibilities. Council Members repeated the Words of Oath dictated by Rev Sr Beena as part of their swearing-in ceremony.

In order to instil the artistic skill in children, a collage making competition was conducted for the students of classes IX and X in the first week of August. Extempore Speech competition was held for the students of classes XI and XII for fostering their public speaking aptitude. Parents-Teachers Meeting was organised in the second week of August 2022 for discussing the academic performance of students in the first Unit Test.

Independence Day, 2022, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, was celebrated in a grand manner. The Chief Guest of the day, Rev Fr Antony Maruthummootil hoisted the National Flag and spoke on the importance of maintaining national integrity and patriotism. The whole school atmosphere was filled with tuneful songs and enthralling dances based on patriotic themes. Students participated enthusiastically in the House-wise group song competition which added the magnificence of the day.

Sports competitions were organised for higher class students in the end of August 2022, in order to select the best performers for the Zonal and Diocesan Competitions. Many Co-curricular activities were also held such as Thumb-printing, Solo and Essay Writing. Students of classes IX & X exhibited their innovations during the PPT presentation on 27th August.

Feast day of school Manager, Rev Fr Davis was observed during the morning assembly on 27th August. An introduction about St

Augustine and an explanation on the significance of feast days was given by Mr K M Roy, the Academic Coordinator. During the singing of festal song, the cake was cut and student representatives from each class came on the stage and wished Fr Davis. School Principal



delivered a short message and presented a gift to Father as a token of love and gratitude.

A Science Fair together with an Art & IT Exhibition was organised in the school on 3rd September. A number of working models and still models were displayed by our students. The exhibition was inaugurated by the honourable Bishop of Satna, Rev Dr Joseph Kodakallil. Food stalls and games stalls added to the beauty of the event. Parents, guardians and well-wishers visited the school and appreciated the wonderful works of students.

Teachers' Day celebration of our K G Section was held on 1st September with several colourful cultural programmes by our tiny kids. It was held at the school section on 5th September 2022. Many cultural programmes were conducted and House-wise dance competition also to make the day memorable. The programme began with a lamp-lighting ceremony followed by prayer dance. Students actively participated in dazzling dances, melodious songs and motivational speeches. Student representatives presented flowers to all the teachers. All the staff members relished the delicious lunch that was arranged for them.

Sr Beena SH

SACRED HEART CONVENT

Marvelling at the magnificent works of God, joyously beholding the blessings from the Lord, enthusiastically singing the praises of the Lord, gratefully thanking the enormous gifts of the Lord, we, the Sacred Heart Sisters of Jeeva Jyothi Province Delhi, are on the wheels of the Golden Jubilee of our missionary presence in North India. Sacred Heart Convent, Satna is the second community in North India. Our hearts resonate with gratitude along with the Magnificat of Mary,

our Mother. First and foremost, we thank God Almighty for the innumerable blessings we have received from Him. It was His unseen hands that led us all through these years to witness Him in the mission.

The Sacred Heart Convent, Satna erected on 14th June 1973, has its humble inauguration of Golden Jubilee on 14th June 2022. It is a matter of great joy and contentment as we look back over the past years.

Sacred Heart Sisters of Kothamangalam Province were invited by Late Bishop, Mar Abraham D. Mattam to serve here in Satna Diocese. Sacred Heart Convent Satna is the second mission community of Kothamangalam Province in North India. For laying its foundation, Late Mother General Sr Theresa Margaret reached Satna along with Sr Divine, Late Sr Genevieve, Sr Pius, Sr Assumpta, Sr Christy and Sr Reena on 13th June, 1973. On 14th June Bishop Mar Abraham D. Mattam blessed and inaugurated the second convent in the diocese of Satna in a rented house at Civil Line, Satna. Sr Divine was the Superior and Late Sr Genevieve, Sr Pius and Sr Reena were the pioneer members of the new convent.

His Excellency (late) Mar Abraham D Mattam and Rev. Fathers along with Br Joseph Naduvileparambil VC were very supportive and helped our Sisters in every way of life they could. Initially the food was served from the Bishop's House. Sisters learned cycling and travelled on bicycles to reach out to the people especially to the needy ones. Vijaya Shishu Vidyalaya, a play school with kindergarten was established on 3rd July 1973 in a rented building. In 1974, the school was shifted to the Church compound. In the following year, the school was further shifted to the newly constructed building and the school was christened Christ Jyoti and Sr Pius SH was appointed the first Headmistress of the school.

The foundation stone for the convent was laid on 23rd April, 1974 by (late) Bishop Mar Abraham D. Mattam. The construction of the

convent was completed very fast by the strenuous efforts of Sisters and Fathers. The convent was blessed and inaugurated on 26th January, 1975. Our pioneer sisters rendered their service with happiness and generosity; although they had to encounter numerous difficulties related, such as, the local language, financial issues and adverse climatic conditions. Education and parish work were the main apostolate here and we are still continuing.

The Golden Jubilee Year was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by our Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil and our Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Sr Grace Poomkudy on 14th June in the Convent Chapel. We have gathered around the bounteous table of the Lord to celebrate the solemn thanksgiving Holy Qurbana by His Excellency and concelebrants were Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat, the Proto-synellus and Rev. Fr Augustine Chittuparambil, the Synellus of the diocese. Our joy reached its culmination by the presence of our Provincial team and the pioneers of this mission station very specially Rev. Sr Divine. Priests and Sisters from the neighbouring communities have added colour to the function.

Sr Liz Maria SH, the Superior of the convent extended a hearty welcome to all and Rev. Sr Christo SH, the Vicar Provincial proposed vote of thanks. His Excellency in his homily appreciated the hard work, missionary zeal and commitment of the pioneer Sisters. Their perseverance, solidarity and contentment were remarkable. The Jubilee year is indeed a year of blessings for the Sacred Heart Congregation of Jeeva Jyothi Province, Delhi. The contributions of each and every member's apostolic and missionary endeavours inspired more people to know about the love of Jesus, stimulating in them further reflection and action by enhancing our missionary outlook and zeal. During this Jubilee Year we thank the Lord for His manifold blessings that have been showered on Jeeva Jyothi Province during the long fifty years of its existence; and implore God's blessings and graces

to move ahead with more vigour and enthusiasm in fulfilling the missionary mandate of the Lord and in establishing the kingdom of God as envisaged by Lord Jesus Christ in this part of North India.

We pray that in this Jubilee Year, let the strong invitation of Pope Francis reverberate in our hearts to look into the past with gratitude, live the present with passion and embrace the future with hope. May God bless all of us.

Sr Liz Maria SH

CHRISTU VIDYA NIKETAN, MADHOGARH

The Superior and Rector of the Vincentian Ashram cum CVN Minor Seminary Rev. Fr Joseph Pozhaliparamban VC got transferred to Budaun, UP, in the month of May. The new Superior and Rector is Fr Michael Kareekunnel VC. Fr Dinny Pandimattam VC serves as the new Vice Rector and Procurator and Br Jude Rathapillil VC is the Regent.

There are eighteen seminarians in the CVN this year – ten second years and eight first years. All of them are new to this place and are from six different states of India. Out of the ten second years four are attending Plus One course in our De Paul Sr Sec. School. Others are undergoing training in the seminary itself.

The new scholastic year had an official beginning on 16th July with the day 'Schola Bravis' inaugurated by Very Rev. Dr Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, the Chancellor of Satna eparchy in the presence of our Mission Superior Rev. Fr Sebastian Nechimyalil VC, followed by cultural program by the seminarians.

Another important event was the celebration of the Patron Saint's Day of the Vincentian Congregation on 27th September to which our

beloved Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil and Fathers and Sisters from the neighbouring institutions and the 'Madhogarh Parivar' were invited.

The community participated in the parish feast of St Vincent De Paul Cathedral Satna on 16th October.

The Brothers enthusiastically took part in the planting the seedlings of paddy in three acres of land. They also get training in cultivating vegetables and maintaining flower garden etc.

DE PAUL SCHOOL, MADHOGARH

Rev. Fr Joseph Puthenpura VC, who was the Principal of the De Paul School, got transferred and Rev. Fr Kujur Birender VC replaced him.

About 1,200 students pursue their education in our school in the new scholastic year. The school is proud of one of its students, Himanshu Misra, of class XII, who won a bronze Medal for Javelin throw in the 4th Asian Athletic competition under 18 conducted in Kuwait.

De Paul School Madhogarh stood second in the CHRISTUS – 2022, Zonal Sports Meet conducted at Maidani on 31st October 2022.

Fr Michael Kareekunnel VC

SHERGANJ

ST THOMAS MINOR SEMINARYH

We all have received the mission mandate to preach the Gospel of the Lord to the entire creation. St Thomas Minor Seminary prepares the future disciples of Jesus, to fulfil the mission mandate, with utmost

care and love. For the last three years the Seminary remained standstill due to various reasons especially due to the inadequacy of brothers in formation and due to the widespread social ramifications effected by Covid-19. The Lord's Words for the proclamation of the Gospel started to quake and stir us to do something substantially to recommence the formation in the seminary. After a major repair and renovation of the seminary, the formation has been resumed with new zest and zeal. Under the inspiration and leadership of our beloved Bishop this great drive is yielding fruits in a great fold. This year the seminary has been blessed with nine Benjamins and the total strength is fourteen.

SHEPHERDS AFTER MY HEART

St Thomas Minor Seminary after a short period of quiescence determines to tread under the leadership of a new team to give formation to the seminarians. The team consists of four members namely, Rev. Fr John Thekkepalakuzhiyil, the Rector, Rev. Fr Thomas Alappattukottayil, the Vice-Rector and Finance Officer, Rev. Fr Paul Uthinipparampan, the Spiritual Director and Br Peter Edakkootathil, the Regent. They are always ready to avail themselves to form the inmates in the best way possible.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 23

The new academic year 2022 – 23 was inaugurated on 18th July by Mar Joseph Kodakallil. Fathers from Bishop's House and Pateri were present and a small cultural program was put up by the seminarians. All enjoyed the program and the Agape thereafter.

MY TWO MOTHERS! IT'S YOUR DAY

15th August is a day of double joy for Christians in India. Two celebrations coincide on the same day. Bl Virgin Mary is our Mother and India is our Motherland and Mother of democracy; therefore, we celebrated the feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and solemnly commemorated the 75th anniversary of the attainment of

freedom – Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration and later we joined with the entire Nation in paying respects to our freedom fighters and hoisting the tricolour National Flag.

FATHER, YOU DO LOVE US

Minor Seminary is the heart of the eparchy. Therefore, our Bishop has a special love towards the seminary. He visits the seminary every month without fail and offers Holy Qurbana with us and he expresses his love by converting us soulful through his deeply meditated heart touching homilies. The entire premise of the seminary is well acquainted with the feet of our Bishop as he consciously steps to every nook and corner of the seminary, savouring the tranquil haven and serenity of the campus.

TAMASO MA JYOTIRGAMAYA

Bible tells 'let your light shine in the darkness'. The festival Deepavali is magnificently important in the Indian culture. As part of socialization and North Indian acculturation we solemnly celebrated the festival Deepavali transcending the seminary premises into a land of lamps. Rev. Fr Rector, in his address pinpointed that the festival Deepavali reminds us to ignite our inner light –Christ Jesus who has the power to outshine darkness and clear all the obstacles in life. The sumptuous dinner followed by the burning of sparklers and firecrackers made the day memorable one in the hearts of the inmates.

MY MOTHER, WE LOVE YOU

Mary is our beloved Mother and the month October has been dedicated to her. In this month we observed ten days of solemn Rosary with deep devotion and piety. We all prayed to the Lord through the intercession of Mary, our loving Mother to protect us all from the peril and plunder of the craftiness of the Satan.

HI AND BYE TO YOU

06th November was a unique day; a day of inspiration and tremendous joy because the deacons of ETC visited us. As we met them, our hearts were replete with positive vibes that one day our dream too would receive flesh and blood. We enjoyed meals with them arranged in

honour of them. We assured them of our prayers for their forthcoming ordinations.



WE HAVE FOUGHT WELL

We had a wonderful opportunity to visit St Ephrem's Theological College. Very Rev. Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil, the Rector and all the inmates of ETC accorded us a warm

welcome. To mark the day a memorable one, a friendly basketball match was arranged with our elder brothers. Even though our elder brothers won the game we were enveloped with the sentiments of best performance from our part. Solemn Ramsa, long hours of free chirping with our elder brothers and delicious dinner made the day very exceptional.

Bro. Peter Edakkoottathil

Christmas
BEGINS WITH
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SINGRAULI

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

On 8th June 2022, we had solemn Liturgical celebration and a grand reception arranged on the occasion of the final profession of Sr Sushma Bara – FCC, our parishioner. It was a memorable moment of grace and joy to see her reply to God's call to fulfil His will and to become a blessing for others. The parishioners gathered to thank God for the gift of religious vocation granted to her.

On 24th July 2022, we celebrated 'Grandparents Day' in our parish. Nine days of Novena was conducted in preparation of the feast of St



Alphonsa. All the parishioners participated in those days with great devotion and prayerful approach. St Alphonsa Unit celebrated the feast of their Heavenly patroness on 28th July 2022 with

solemn liturgy and agape.

We celebrated the feast of Mother Mary on 8th September 2022. Holy Family Church celebrated the feast of Mother Mary which depicts the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world. St Mary's Unit celebrated the day.

On 10th September 2022, a one – day retreat and sacrament of confession for youth and parishioners were conducted by Rev. Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil. It was indeed a transforming experience for a growing teen. There was active-learning exercises, a sound biblical foundation and meaningful prayer experiences which

would definitely help our teenagers to come closer to a divine life and experience God's presence in their lives.

With solemn rosary, from 14th to 23rd October, we paid our respect, love and devotion to Mother Mary. On 2nd November 2022, we had special prayer for the departed souls in the cemetery followed by Holy Qurbana in the church.

CHRIST JYOTI SR SEC SCHOOL

Orientation programme for the parents of class X was conducted on 2nd July 2022 in the school auditorium.

On 22nd July 2022, result of class X and XII was declared by CBSE and the toppers are Vishisht Trivedi with 95.4% from Science Stream and Rishabh Kumar Pathak with 94.8% from Commerce Stream in Plus Two. Aman Kumar with 96.6% marks bagged the first position in Class X.

On 21st July 2022, we had the investiture ceremony of the session which dawned to bestow responsibilities on the deserving young talents of the school to lead their school from the front, with their commitment, confidence and competence. Chief Guest on the occasion was Ms Neha Jain IPS, an ex-student of Christ Jyoti School. Ms Neha Jain IPS, Fr Anil and Sr Sajana handed the badges and responsibilities to the student representatives.

Orientation programme for the students of classes IX to XII on value education was arranged on 24th August 2022. Resource persons were: Rev. Fr Paul Varghese, Education Secretary, Rev. Fr Tomcy Palackal CMF and Rev. Fr Jojo Mannoor CMF from Kerala.

Rev. Fr Anil declared the opening of annual sports day for two days. It was organised on 20th and 21st of October. It was held in the spacious school ground. The atmosphere of the school remained a festive look. The sports day started with the march past, the students of the four

different houses competed against each other in sports events like, relay races, 100 metres race, long jump, discus throw, shot put, etc. All the students took keen interest and were cheering for their respective houses. Fr Charles Kurisseril VC, the Principal of De Paul School Vindhya Nagar, remained the Chief Guest of the day. The Chief Guest himself and Fr Anil, Sr Sajana and various teachers gave away the prizes to the winners. On the closing day of the sports meet, Sr Sajana thanked everyone for their presence and support and congratulated the students for their exceptional performances and enthusiasm. Rev. Fr Anil appreciated the great effort of all the teachers, especially the sports teachers. The sports day concluded with the school Anthem.

We celebrated the Helpers Day in our school on 1st November, 2022. On this day Rev. Sr Sajana thanked all the non-teaching staff for their dedicated and selfless service they are rendering to the school. Teachers and students expressed their love and respect through various cultural programme.

Fr Joseph Varickamackal

TIKAMGARH

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

We celebrated the feast of Therese of Lisieux, the heavenly patron of Little Flower Church on 16th October, 2022. By hoisting the flag, the festal celebration was officiated by Fr Augustine, the Parish Priest on the previous day. Rev. Fr Francis Mattathil was the main celebrant, offered the Holy Qurbana along with Rev. Fr Thoppil, Fr Arun, Fr Mathew and Fr Porimattathil. Many Fathers and Sisters from the neighbouring parishes and mission stations blessed us with their esteemed presence on the occasion.

There were a few cultural programmers put up by youth and catechism students, which were very interesting. Rev. Fr Francis gave his words of blessing. At the end, a grand delicious festal meal was served for the guests and parishioners.

SACRED HEART CONVENT

'This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it' (Ps 118:23-24). The Sacred Heart Sisters from Tikamgarh convent thank the Lord for the fifty years of wonders that He has done to us in our mission. On 12th June 2022 Tikamgarh Convent entered into its Golden jubilee year. By lighting the jubilee candle His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil and Rev. Sr Grace Poomkudy, our Provincial superior, inaugurated the Golden jubilee of Sacred Heart Convent.

Responding to the invitation of late Mar Abraham D Mattam, the first Bishop of Satna, Late Rev. Sr Theresa Margaret, then the Superior General of Sacred Heart congregation, Jyothi Province Kothamangalam, sent the Sisters to Tikamgarh in Satna Diocese which marked the beginning of the mission communities in North India. Sr Christy, Sr Assumpta and Sr Gracy Rose were the pioneers of the first

mission station at Tikamgarh. On 12th June 1973 Rev. Fr Jacob Athickal VC blessed and inaugurated the convent at Tikamgarh. The community entered into education ministry with 90 students in collaboration with the Diocese of Satna. Rev. Sr Christy was



appointed the first Headmistress of Pushpa School Tikamgarh.

His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, offered the Holy Eucharist along with Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat, the proto syncellus of the diocese and Rev. Fr Augustine Pullolickal, the parish priest. Besides Rev. Sr Assumpta and Rev. Sr Gracy Rose, the pioneers of this mission station and the former Provincials, Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring communities also were present and their presence made the occasion more blissful. Parishioners welcomed everybody with their traditional dance.

PUSHPA HIGH SCHOOL

By lighting the jubilee candle by Rev Fr Paul Uthinipparampan, Educational Secretary of Satna Diocesan Education Department, the Pushpa School Tikamgarh entered into its silver Jubilee year on 23rd July. In his address he extended Jubilee greetings to the management, staff and students of Pushpa High School. The students of the school were enriched with the importance of the day by the spoke person who referred that a journey of thousand miles begins with a single step. It has crossed several upsurges to reach to the present status. He mentioned the names of former managers and principals who worked hard to bring it to the top-level school of the city. The beautiful cultural presentation by the students added the day's greatness.

We conducted a one-day program for non-teaching staff of the English and Hindi medium schools. On that day their family members also were invited. Mr Jitendra Tiwari, Social Work Animator from Mahroni, U.P. was the resource person. He enriched them with the subject, how to lead a successful family life. The effective and practical teachings of Rev. Fr Augustine added the usefulness of the day. After the class there was competitions, distribution of prizes and refreshment also.

Observing the changes in the education policy, a class was arranged for both Hindi and English medium staff on 7th October 2022. The resource person was Mrs Rohini Bhatt from Orient Blackswan Publications, Delhi and she explained well the new education policy and the idea behind it by practical examples. The teachers were interested and co-operative as they appreciated the class and it was an effective day for all.

PUSHPA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

'Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare it today'. New academic year started with a prayer service. We gave thanks to God Almighty for all His blessings that He bestowed upon us successive years. The management and staff arranged a farewell cum welcome party for Rev. Sr Merin who served this institution for a tenure of three years and for Sr Elizabeth SH who took charge as the new principal of the school. Sr Rose Paul and Sr Elsy also joined as the new staff member.



School celebrated the 75th Independence Day of the nation. Mr Joseph Xalxo, Additional District Judge, Tikamgarh hoisted the National Flag on this day and delivered a message on the struggle of our national leaders to acquire the freedom from English people. More than hundreds of our students participated in the cultural event conducted in the police ground as the district level celebrations and our students secured 2nd Prize.

Sr Albin SH

VINDHYA NAGAR

ST VINCENT'S CHURCH

APPOINTMENT

Rev. Fr Anoop Valakkamattathil VC was appointed the new parish priest on 4th June 2022. Vindhyanagar parish is glad to get a young and vibrant priest. At this juncture parish community extends a heartfelt gratitude to the previous parish priest Rev Fr Charles Kurisseril who was shouldering up this responsibility. Under the dedicated leadership of new vicar, the parish got a new renewal and vigour.

MARIAN FEAST

To develop a filial love towards our Blessed Mother, we had seven days novena to celebrate Nativity of our Blessed Mother. A good number of parishioners attended in recitation of holy rosary and participated in Holy Qurbana. Each day one of the virtues of Mary was meditated and reflected upon. On 8th September, feast day, solemn Qurbana was administered. After the Holy Qurbana a sumptuous dinner was hosted by the ward members. There was also nine days novena and Holy Qurbana in the month of October. The task of preparation for the liturgical celebration and recitation of rosary was entrusted to four wards. Each day the assigned group came forward with intentions and offered their families to the care of our blessed mother and sought her powerful intercession to receive blessings from God.

PARISH FEAST

With great joy and solemnity, the feast of St Vincent De Paul was celebrated on 2nd October. In preparation for the feast, there was nine days novena in honour of St Vincent De Paul, followed by Holy Qurbana. The families were divided into units to lead the novena. There was the sacrament of confession and thereafter the talk by Fathers of our neighbouring parishes to reflect life of the saint.

His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil blessed the parishioners by his gracious presence and presided over the solemn Holy Qurbana. Thereafter a cultural programme was organised by the youth and the catechism students of the parish, followed by a delicious agape. Many Fathers and Sisters of neighbouring parishes came to share our joy. It was indeed a great occasion for the faithful of Vindhyanagar to share their joy and happiness with one another.

RECOLLECTION CUM BIRTHDAY & FEAST CELEBRATION

The twin celebration of birthdays and feast day was held on 10th July. Our parish priest Fr Anoop celebrated his feast day while Rev. Fr Charles K C, Principal of De Paul School and Sr Alin, the Superior of St Mary's Convent celebrated their birthdays. It was also a day of prayer & recollection to the priests and religious sisters of Singrauli Zone. Rev Fr Pullan Antony gave a speech which was followed by Holy Hour, confession and joyful agape. Many Fathers and Sisters came to join us in the celebration.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

It was indeed a golden and rare chance to felicitate and honour Rev. Fr Varghese Naickomparampil VC, one of the pioneers of the Satna eparchy who was celebrating his Golden Jubilee this year. The Vindhyanagar parish celebrated his Golden Jubilee on 29th October. There was holy rosary followed by Holy Qurbana, offered by the golden jubilarian. We congratulate and thank God for his fifty years of fidelity as a servant of God and a spiritual guide to the community. May God continue to shower upon him many more years of good health and blessings as he marches forward from golden to diamond. The jubilee celebrations came to an end by the sumptuous meal, made by the faithful of the parish.

BIBLE FEST 2022

A Zonal Level Bible Fest which was held at Waidhan Parish on 8th October. Twelve catechism children from our parish participated in the zonal level Bible Fest. They also partook in various competitions – Bible quiz, solo song, mono act etc. In senior category of Bible Quiz, P Dominic Joshy bagged first prize. Depaul Joshey reached in second position and P Sanjan, in third. In Mono Act, Feba Wilson caught the first and Jeffrey Prince third prize while Ashlin Shinto won the first prize in solo.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MEET

Six youths from our parish took part in the Diocesan Level Youth Meet held at Christ Jyoti School, Satna. They returned with full of enthusiasm and zeal to carry out their responsibility in the parish.

Sr Rajni Kerkertta HM

WAIDHAN

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Rev Fr John Pullan, after rendering his tireless service as the parish priest of St Paul's Parish, Waidhan got transferred to Sidhi as the Principal of the newly started Christ Jyoti School. He carried out his duty as the parish priest here for one year and a half. The parishioners bade farewell to Rev Fr John Pullan on 10th June 2022. Rev Fr Antony Pullan took charge as parish priest on 27th June. We welcomed our new Parish Priest with bouquet and garland.

In order to grow deeply in Christian life and family life, a renewal programme was arranged on 25th September. Rev. Fr Sebastian

Panthalooparambil, the Diocesan Director of Family and Laity was the resource person. Around 45 people, including the children, attended the programme. Soon after the Holy Qurbana the programme started and came to an end by 4:00 pm.

On 8th October, zonal level Bible Fest 2022 for catechism students was conducted under the guidance of Rev Fr John Pullan, the Eparchial Director of Catechism. Sixty students from various parishes of the Singrauli zone took participation in it.

Rev Fr Antony Pullan, the Parish priest, welcomed each and every one. A short film on St Carlo Acutis, the patron saint of the internet, was displayed and it was followed by a quiz competition based on it. Rev Fr Thomas Valakkamattam VC, the parish priest Vindhyannagar took a session and Sr Rajani HM presented the importance of attending daily Holy Qurbana in the life of a Christian especially in the lives of catechism children. She also insisted upon the necessity of daily prayers – with family members as well as personal prayers in our life. There were many competitions thereafter and by noon lunch was shared to everyone. There was Holy Qurbana at 3.30 p.m. in the Church followed by prize distribution. Rev Fr Kuriakose thanked



everyone and the day concluded with tea and snacks.

We conducted nine days of novena, rosary and Holy Qurbana in preparation of birth day of Mother Mary. There was ten days' special devotion to

Blessed Mother from 14th to 23rd October. All parishioners actively participated in it by their presence, reciting rosary, bringing offerings and we concluded with procession.

On 16th October, three newly professed Sisters of SABS, Christhu Jyoti Province, Satna, were honoured in the parish. After the Holy Qurbana

the parishioners congratulated them with garland and greeting song.

Nine of our youth along with Sr Mercilit participated in the Diocesan Youth Meet held at Christ Jyoti School, Satna on 22nd October. There was also election of the new office bearers in the Diocesan level. Ms Angel Kindo from Waidhan Parish was elected Girl Representative. All the youth of our parish enjoyed the day and returned with a new spirit and enthusiasm.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The 75th Independence Day of our Nation - Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - was observed with various programmes. The Chief Guest of the day was Rev Sr Alphy Kallingal, our vicar provincial and the former principal of St Joseph's School.

After completing the programmes in school, the entire group moved to Chun Kumari stadium, Waidhan for the public function, organized by Municipal Corporation of Waidhan. Our students participated in different activities like school band, march-past and dance. St Joseph's School team bagged first prize in dance competition, parade and band display. They were honoured by the DM of Singrauli.

Class X and XII students of the last scholastic year had an excellent performance in their Board examination. The school got 100% result in both ICSE and ISC. There were 97 students in ISC examination and Rajanshu Singh of Science stream stood first with 98.6% and in ICSE 174 appeared and Yash Chaturvedi topped with 95.4 %. They were congratulated along with their parents by the staff and students of St Joseph family on 25th July.

Sr Pushpa SABS

EPARCHIAL DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Our schools link an academic excellence with character formation and inculcation of human values. It's a procedure that leads to success in the classroom and in life. Education is not only for the development of mind but also aims at developing and training various life – skills that contain biological, psychological, spiritual and social developments.

Great emphasis is put on ethical and moral values. Our ultimate goal is to make students responsible citizen for tomorrow and give them a bright future in order 'to be the light', positively influencing the community and nation.

Thanks to the Bishop, Proto-Syncellus, Syncellus and all dear Fathers, Sisters and parents for their timely help and support. The whole hearted cooperation of Managers and Principals from all our schools is well appreciated. With full whim and vigour, we are back on the track after the Covid-19 pandemic. Almost all the schools are now able to pay the salary in full and to pay the remaining dues. Good fresh admissions have come to all the schools. Some schools have started to finish the necessary maintenances. And now all our institutions are functioning in full swing.

MOTIVATIONAL TRAINING

The Department of Education has conducted a motivational training for the teachers at the beginning of this academic year, in the month of June and July, 2022. The objective of this training was to motivate them to update the events and to be a living and true teacher.

ONE-DAY SEMINAR

A One-Day Seminar was organized on the topic '*Rise from Traditional System to the 21st Century System of Education*', on August 9, 2022, for

all the Fathers and Sisters who are working in the schools. The seminar began at 9 a.m. with the lighting of the lamp. It was concluded at 2 p.m. There were 77 participants from different schools. Rev. Fr Johnson CMI, Principal, Christ College, Bhopal was the resource person. It was to motivate and conscientise our Fathers and Sisters on the 21st century skills at the threshold of the New Education Policy (NEP), 2020. He elaborated the following: a) 21st Century Learning Skills, Proposed by NEP-2020, b) Paradigm Shift from Behaviouralism to Constructivism and c) School Administration.

Sincere thanks to all Fathers and Sisters who had come to participate in the Seminar.

MANAGERS & PRINCIPALS' MEETING

A short meeting of Managers and Principals was conducted on 9th Aug, 2022, immediately after the Seminar, at 2.30 p.m. Great majority of the Managers and Principals were present in the Meeting. Discussed topics in the meeting were:

- a) **Christus-2022:** The Education Secretary announced the dates and venues for the Zonal and Diocesan Level Inter School Sports Meet.

Zonal Level:

- i. Tikamgarh Zone, GCM Convent School, Nowgong (Oct. 31)
- ii. Satna Zone, De Paul School, Maidani (Oct. 31)
- iii. Singrauli Zone, Jyoti School, Jayant (Nov. 12)

Diocesan Level: Jyoti Sr Sec. School, Rewa (Nov. 18)

- b) **Implementation of Fire Safety Equipment:** The Education Secretary requested all the Managers and Principals to start installing fire safety equipment in all the schools under diocese at the earliest.

- c) **Half Yearly Examination:** The Education Secretary informed the Managers and Principals that the half yearly/Mid-term exams will be conducted as per scheduled, i.e., from 17th to 29 September. Question papers will be provided in PDF format from the centre by the first week of September.
- d) **Training on NEP:** The initial plan of the Department of Education was to conduct a training program on National Education Policy-2020 for all the teachers working in our institutions. But, since the CBSE provides ample virtual seminars on NEP the Managers and Principals of CBSE schools expressed that this training is not necessary for them. Therefore, the Department has decided to conduct it for the schools of ICSE and State Board.
- e) **Statutory and Mandatory Training:** The Education Secretary has asked the Managers and Principals to conduct few statutory and mandatory trainings for the students, such as: a) Basic Fire Extinguisher Training, b) Basic Health and Safety Awareness and c) Child Protection and Safeguarding

The meeting got over by 3.30 p.m.

VALUE EDUCATION

A One-day training program '*Reach for the Stars*' was organized by the Department of Education for the schools of Satna and Singrauli Zone for the students of Classes VIII-XII. A team of Fr Tomcy CMF, Fr Jojo CMF and Fr Lijo CMF led the training. The focus of the training was to develop the personality and to make them realize that they are a gift of God. The team will be coming again in the month of November for Satna and Tikamgarh zones.

GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

CJS, Satna and Pushpa High School, Tikamgarh, are going to celebrate the 50th year of their academic excellence. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil inaugurated the Golden Jubilee Year of CJS, Satna, on July 1,

2022. Fr Paul Varghese, Education Secretary inaugurated the Golden Jubilee Year of Pushpa School, Tikamgarh. Prayers and Best Wishes to Christ Jyoti School, Satna and Pushpa High School, Tikamgarh.

MAR ABRAHAM D MATTAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Applauds to all the Managers and Principals, teachers and parents for their hard toil to achieve good results this year in our schools! Congratulations to all the toppers! The toppers of 2021 – 22, Classes X and XII, were listed. The first and second rank holders were awarded with cash prizes from the centre. Others are awarded with cash prize from their own schools.

In Class X, English Medium section, Miss Koshira Ayodhyawasi and Miss Niharika Singh from Jyoti Senior Secondary School, Rewa shared the first rank with 98.93 percent marks. Miss Shreya Mishra from St Mary's School, Deosar bagged the second position with 98.6 percent marks.

In Class XII, English Medium section, Master Rajanshu Singh from St Joseph's School, Waidhan excelled with 98.5% marks. Miss Ruchi Dubey from Santhome School, Maihar reached the second position with 97% marks.

In Hindi medium section, Master Devanshu Chaturvedi from Alphonsa School, Prithvipur bagged the first rank with 96% marks and Master Hemant Kumar Rajpoot from Pushpa High School, Tikamgarh won the second rank with 94.4 percent marks in Class X.

Fr Paul Uthinipparampan

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHISM

MEETING OF THE CATECHISM DIRECTORS

An online meeting of the directors of different eparchies was held on 27th May 2022 at 3 p.m. A short evaluation of the catechetical programs conducted in each diocese was presented by the catechism directors. The other topics which were discussed in the meeting were:

- a. Different challenges facing in the faith formation.
- b. Catechesis for degree students.
- c. Need of teachers' training to have a deep faith formation.

A STUDY ON SYRO-MALABAR LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

The Syro Malabar Catechetical Commission conducted a webinar on Syro Malabar Liturgical Catechesis from 13th to 23rd July 2022. The important topics that are discussed in the webinar are:

- a. The relevance of liturgical catechesis in the contemporary period.
- b. Relevance of uniform mode of celebration in the context of revised Qurbana.
- c. Importance and relevance of liturgical spirituality.

BIBLE FEST (SINGRAULI ZONE)

The Bible Fest of the Tikamgarh zone was held on 08th October 2022 at St Paul's Church, Waidhan. The programme started with the inaugural message and Bible enthronement by Rev. Fr Antony Pullan. 61 catechism students from different parishes of Singrauli zone took part in the camp. During the camp, Rev. Fr Anoop Valakkamattam VC, Rev. Sr Rajani HM took classes for the students. After the lunch break, children participated in various competitions and the prizes were distributed.

Fr John Pullan

DIOCESAN YOUTH COMMISSION

Formation of young people is to develop their relationship with the Lord and thereby prepare them to serve Christ in all the things they do. In this given opportune time, we are trying to form them to be close to the heart of Jesus Christ our saviour.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

In this year we have been blessed with some new faces such as, the Assistant Director of Youth Fr Sanil Arackal, and Zonal animators as Sr Nisha CHF for Singrauli zone, Sr Kiran SABS for Satna zone and Sr Soumini CSN for Tikamgarh zone. In addition to it in all the parishes we have youth animators. We all work together, joining our shoulders to prepare the youth for the future of our church.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

We had General Body Meeting On 5th to 7th August 2022. The Eparchial Youth Director and the Regional members of our eparchy participated in the Regional General Body meeting held in Jabalpur. The meeting was warmed up with the various discussions, input sessions, eparchial reports, etc.

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On 24th – 26th September Regional team had conducted a leadership training for the DESCO members of the region. The eparchy of Sagar welcomed everyone to Daya Sagar for the training. Ms Pramita Toppo and Ms Jacinta Mandonza from Cathedral parish representing Satna eparchy participated in this training.

ELECTION OF PARISH LEADERS

It is important to capacitate the ways of management and leadership qualities. So, on 11th September 2022 all the youth of each parish gathered together in the previously decided place with the youth

animators and parish priest. As per the designations they were introduced by the parish priest. Thereafter, they elected their representatives for the parish. After the election the names and the mobile numbers of the parish leaders from each parish were sent to the Eparchial Director. In all the parishes of our Eparchy we elected president, Vice- President, secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Boy Representative, Girl Representative, etc.

OATH TAKING CEREMONY

On 18th September after the Holy Qurbana the parish leaders in each parish took the oath before the parish priest and the people. In this way they were introduced as the official members of Youth Movement in the parish. This opportunity gave them more confidence and acceptance to accept greater responsibilities in their lives.

COMPETITIONS

Pope Francis says to young people, “Dear young people do not bury your talents and the gifts that God has given to you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things”. We have conducted certain competitions to enhance the capacities like intellectual, emotional and vibrant talents of our youth. The competitions were essay writing, short story writing, rhyme writing, one – act – play etc. As it was conducted in the zonal level, many youths participated in it and they all obtained prizes from the diocese. The last day of submission was 30th October 2022.

EPARCHIAL YOUTH MEET

The Eparchial Youth Meet was held on 22nd October at Christ Jyoti School Satna. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil was kind enough to inaugurate the Eparchial Youth Meet. His words of wisdom were a great blessing for the youth gathered there. The youth of each parish were assisted by the animators from each parish. In his message he narrated the word of God which is taken for the world Youth Day i.e., “Mary arose and went with haste”. He also shed light on the use of

drugs in the life of modern youth. The Eparchial Youth Meet was with input sessions, games, fun and formation. All the youth made it as an opportunity to know each other and by this come closer to each parish. The Eparchial Youth Meet end with a prayer and final blessing of our Bishop in the Cathedral Church.

ELECTION OF THE DESCO MEMBERS

The parish leaders from our Eparchy gathered together in Christ Jyoti School Auditorium for the election of the executive members of our Eparchy. The Executive members of 2022 – 2024 are Nikky Minj from Tikamgarh Parish, Jacinta Mandonza from Satna Parish, Rose Mary Toppo from Khajuraho Parish, Prateek Toppo from Khajuraho Parish, Alex from Chhatarpur Parish, Shrill James from Pateri Parish, Angel Kindo from Waidhan Parish. After the election they all took oath in the Cathedral before Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Bishop of Satna and the eparchial youth gathered there. Bishop blessed them to fulfil their responsibilities after the oath taking ceremony.

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

In order to prepare the youth for the great feast of Christmas the Youth Commission of our eparchy brought forward some of the competitions for the youth. The competitions are Christmas crib design and a PPT on the theme of 'Youth and Use of Drugs'. These competitions can enumerate and inculcate various ideas in the mind of the youth in each and every parish. The last date to submit the materials of the competition is on 04th December 2022.

Let us conclude with the words of Pope Francis “Dear Young people the church expects great things of you and your generosity. Do not be afraid to aim high”. Let us all collaborate and enhance the high dreams of the young ones in our eparchy.

Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil

COMMISSION OF FAMILY AND LAITY

We all know that families provide a foundation for the continuation and strength of the church. *Amoris Laetitia* states, “Family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith” (AM.16).

ONE DAY SEMINAR IN SINGRAULI PARISH

A seminar was conducted on 11th September, 2022 soon after the Holy Eucharist, at Holy Family Church Singrauli. The goal of the programme was to focus on the importance of Bible in the Christian family life. Forty-seven members participated in the seminar. The seminar came to an end with the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation.

WAIDHAN PARISH

The Commission of Family and Laity convened a One-day session for the families in St Paul's Church, Waidhan on 25th September 2022. In this session, the importance of reading the Holy Bible in the families in a daily way manner was given importance. The participants were convinced of the fact that we need to spare some time every day to hear the Lord to follow him so closely. There were fifty-two participants in the session. It was surely a thought-provoking seminar the participants could make a good confession to live a life based on the Word of God. The session was concluded with the Eucharistic blessing.

PANNA PARISH

A session on the Word of God was conducted in the St Joseph's Church Panna on 02nd October 2022. In this session we dealt with the various heads like why to read the Word of God? Benefits of Reading the Word of God, Impediments if we not Read the Word of God, so what we need

to do to live the Christian life. At the end everyone received the sacrament of reconciliation.

FAMILY BIBLE QUIZ

Family Bible Quiz programme, based on the Gospel of Mark, for the families was conducted in our Eparchy in the month of October. It was intended to encourage the people to read the Bible regular basis in the families.

NATIONAL BIENNIAL MEETING

The National Biennial Meeting of Family Commission was held on 4 to 6 October 2022 at Gyanodaya Pastoral Centre, Jalandhar. The Director of the family commission participated in it from our eparchy.

SEMINAR IN PATERI PARISH

We conducted One day seminar in St Ephrem's Church Pateri on 08th October, 2022. The resource persons were Sr Kiran Mary SABS and Sr Jessy Tresa SABS. The session was guided with the help of the Word of God and it has been stated clearly that the Bible is the inevitable part of Christian life. The one-day session was concluded with the sacrament of reconciliation. Around forty-five members participated and benefited from this one-day session.

A DAY WITH THE WORD IN MAIHAR PARISH

One-day session was conducted at St Thomas' Church, Maihar on 23rd October, 2022. Twenty-five of the parishioners could participate in this programme. The session was well begun at 9.00 a.m. It was concluded with the adoration of the Blessed sacrament and then with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every one enriched themselves with the Word of God and pledged to read the Word of God daily in their families.

Fr Sebastian Panthalooparambil

BISHOP'S DIARY

JULY

- 01 Christ Jyoti School Jubilee Inauguration, Satna
- 04 Academic Year Inauguration, ETC
- 12 SH School Jubilee Inauguration, Rewa
- 14 Blessing, Christ Jyoti School, Sidhi
- 15 Holy Qurbana, ETC
- 18 Holy Qurbana, STMS, Sherganj
Inauguration of Academic Year, STMS
- 26 Holy Qurbana, Bethania
- 31 Parish Feast, Tikamgarh (Ghuwara)

AUGUST

- 02 Bethania, Inauguration of Academic Year
- 03 Convocation, ETC
- 09-10 CBMP, Bhopal
- 14 Holy Qurbana, Sunday School Anniversary, Kallanickal
- 15 Kadalikkad Parish
- 16-21 Synod of Bishops
- 28 General Body SDS
- 29-30 Presbyterium

SEPTEMBER

- 03 School Exhibition, Christ Jyoti, Satna
- 07 Eucharistic Procession, Pulincunnu
- 11 Parish Feast, Nowgong
- 13 Jubilee Gathering, ETC
- 21 Seminary Day, ETC
- 27 Holy Qurbana, Madhavgarh
- 29 Holy Qurbana, SHNH, Pateri

OCTOBER

- 02 Parish Feast, Vindhyanagar
- 04 Vestition, Jubilee - SABS Pateri
- 09 Episcopal Ordination, Shamshabad
- 09-14 Annual Retreat
- 14 Presbyteral Council
- 16 Parish Feast, Satna
- 22 Diocesan Youth Meeting
Jubilee Holy Qurbana, CSN Pateri
- 25 Eparchial Day Celebration
- 26 Funeral of Sr Margret SABS, Kothi

NOVEMBER

- 01 Holy Qurbana, SABS, Pateri
Blessing, Jyoti School, Rewa
- 03-05 Meeting, Ujjain
- 7-11 CBCI Bengaluru
- 12 CML Platinum Jubilee, Idukki Diocese
- 17 Zonal Monthly Recollection
- 18 Eparchial Level Inter-School Sports Meet, Rewa
- 20 Parish Feast, Lavkush Nagar
- 22 Funeral of Mar Simon Stock Palathara CMI, Jagdalpur
- 24 Holy Qurbana, SABS, Pateri
- 26 School Exhibition, Deosar
- 27 Parish Feast, Rewa
- 30 Bhopal, Meeting with Misereor Team

DECEMBER

- 02 Holy Qurbana, Bethania
Blessing of Optical Shop, Pateri
- 03 Convocation, Bethania
School Annual Day, Nowgong

The Satna Samachar

- 04 Meeting, ETC
- 05 School Annual Day, Singrauli
- 08 Holy Orders, ETC
- 14 CBMP, Gwalior
- 20 School Annual Day, Maihar
- 21 School Annual Day, Jayant
- 29 Holy Qurbana, Bharananganam

JANUARY

- 06-14 Synod of Bishops
- 15 Mylakombu
- 16 Blessing of Marriage
- 19-20 School Annual Day, Satna
- 22 Holy Qurbana, Sidhi
- 28-29 School Annual Day, Parish Jubilee, Tikamgarh

FEBRUARY

- 04 School Annual Day, SH School, Rewa
- 11 School Annual Day, Christ Jyoti, Sidhi
- 16 Seminary Day, STMS, Sherganj

“Christmas is a ray of light for all, because it reveals to us God’s love and makes us feel the presence of Jesus with everyone, especially with those who are suffering. Just for this reason Jesus willed to be born in poverty and in the abandonment of a cave and to be laid in a manger”.

St John Paul



EPARCHIAL DAY - 2022



*When they
saw the*
Star

*they rejoiced
with
exceeding
great
joy*

(Mt 2:10)

*Merry
Christmas*