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Village Exposure Programme

The missionary Church with a great vision always works for creating visionary missionaries. St. Ephraim's Theological College's village exposure programme of the academic year 2022-23 was organized on 1st to 12th November. The first years experienced their village exposure programme in various places of the eparchy of Satna, Karimatti and Gijwar mission stations respectively. Second year and third year theologians cherished their experiences in the villages of the Eparchy of Sagar. Deacons made a missionary journey to the eparchy of Gorakhpur. Village exposure programme gave peculiar vision on North Indian mission to our brothers. We are grateful to Rev. Fr. Paul Chungath, the Proto Syncellus of the Eparchy of Sagar Rev. Fr. Joseph Cherukara (Parish priest, Karimatti) and Rev. Fr. Mathew Cheruvil (Parish priest, Gijwar) for systematizing and guiding us during this mission exposure programme.



Farewell

St. Ephrem's family arranged a fascinating farewell for our Rev. Deacons on 20th November. The programme was blessed with the presence of Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the chairman of the Synodal commission to ETC. Rev. Fathers and sisters from different communities of the Ephrem pariwar joined together to give farewell to our Rev. Deacons. Br. Joseph Pothanamuzhiyil welcomed everyone and Rev. Fr. Rector with fatherly love appreciated and encouraged the Deacons. Rev. Fr. Joseph Aryankalayil gave the key note address explaining the very purpose and meaning of the vocation in a thought provoking message to the Deacons. Mar Joseph Kodakallil distributed to each of our deacons the memento, a *token of our love*. All deacons shared their nostalgic memories in the seminary. Dn. Albert Valiyaveetil thanked the gathering and the programme concluded with a sumptuous supper.



Annual Retreat



The Annual Retreat of the year 2022-23 was held from 13th to 18th November. Rev. Fr. Paul Mundodickal, the Proto Syncellus of the Eparchy of Mananthavady preached the retreat for Deacons and Rev. Fr. Boby Embrayil VC, for the rest of the community. The annual retreat concluded on Friday afternoon with adoration and deliverance prayer. The retreat was an opportunity of retrieval of self awareness regarding the scattered spiritual qualities and virtues.

Prize Distribution of Arts and Sports Competitions

The value of a prize always underlines work of invisible hands of visible cooperation of a team. The prizes for the winners of sports and arts competitions were distributed on 19th November. Rev. Fr. Rector addressed the gathering and congratulated everyone for their efforts. Rev. Fr. Rector and Fr. Vice Rector distributed the prizes. In the competitions conducted among three groups, the group 'Falcon' emerged as the overall champions of the competitions 2022-23. Rev. Dn. Tirkey Deepak became the sports' champion and Br. Azhiparampil Cherian became the arts' champion.



Visiting of STMS

On 26th November, ETC was blessed to receive the brothers of St. Thomas Minor Seminary, Satna. We, the brothers of ETC welcomed 13 of our benjamins around 3.00 pm. There was a friendly basket ball match at 4.30 pm between ETC and STMS brothers. After the game, we all, *ETC students and minor seminarians* participated in the solemn Ramsa. It was an occasion for all the major seminarians to look back to their olden times of minor seminary life from which we have began our formative journey. Before saying goodbye, we all have enjoyed the delicious supper.

