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"Do not be afraid! for, we bring you the good news of great of joy. Today, for you, in the city of David a Saviour is Born" (Lk 2: 10)







## **MAJOR AND MINOR ORDERS**





In preparations for the reception of Major and Minor orders there was a day of retreat from 6th evening to 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon, led by Rev. Fr. Jaison Vadakkethala CMI (Bombay region).

8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was a day of great rejoicing for the Syro-Malabar Church and especially for the family of St. Ephrem's Theological Collage as 33 of her children raised a step further in their journey towards the priesthood of Christ. There were 18 of our brothers who were conferred with Karoyusa, 10 were ordered with Heupedyaknusa and M'samsanusa was conferred on five brothers.

The celebrant of this holy ceremony of Minor and Major orders was His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna, the chairman of the Synodal Commission for St. Ephrem's Theological Collage. We were blessed with the presence of Rev. Fr. Joshy Kottackal, VC, the provincial superior of the St. Thomas province of the Vincentian Congregation. ETC is grateful to our Bishopji and Fr. Provincial.

The celebration was sanctified with the prayers of our dear parents who were also present in this ceremony. ETC is indebted to all our bishops and well wishers for their constant support and prayers. Congratulations to Rev. M'samsanas, Heupedyakonas and Karoyas.









## Basketball match

The evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> December saw a very entertaining match of Basketball played between the teams of Jyothi School Rewa and ETC. It was an initiative taken by Rev. Fr. Joji Puliyampallil (in-charge for games and sports) to foster bonhomie with the school students. Both teams brought forth an energetic match. Eventually, the match ended with ETC team as the victor. Rev. Fr. Rector appreciated both teams for their performance and team spirit and recommended to keep this amity.





## Sharing the Experience

"And the seventy two returned with joy..." (Luke 10: 17). St. Ephrem's Theological College gives crucial importance to the missionary formation of the students. Mission exposure programme was conducted in different mission stations of Satna, and in the eparchy of Sagar from 1st November to 12<sup>th</sup> November. The sharing of this experience took place on 12<sup>th</sup> December, organized by the village apostolate. This sharing contributed each of us to know the conditions of the missionary activity in the present scenario.

Carols



On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 we all were filled with great joy. From 06.30pm carol singers gathered at ETC and sung the Christmas message from house to house. Journeying through the whole Pariwar, we reached finally at Vincentian Study House. The evening concluded with the prayer and blessing given by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyil, the Vicar of Ephrem Nagar.







## **Christmas Celebrations**







St. Ephrem's Pariwar gathered on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 evening at ETC to have the Yalda (Christmas) celebrations. The gathering began at 6.00pm with the inauguration of the crib prepared by first year brothers. Rev. Fr. Rector welcomed the Pariwar and Rev. Fr. Aneesh Jacob Kizhakkeveedu enlightened us with the message of peace that was regained by the birth of Christ which was lost by the sin of Adam. Programme was packed with various games, carol competitions etc. Third year theologians' banged the first prize in carol competitions and the first year theologians' second prize. Rev Dn. Sebastian Thaipparambil shared the reflection on Christmas.



We, the Rector, Staff and Students of St. Ephrem's Theological College Satna, are happy to inform you of the Priestly Ordination of our Deacons. Let us pray for our Deacons.

