



Commission for Faith Formation Exarchate of St. Ephrem, Khadki-Pune

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Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Headmasters, Teachers and Students of Sunday School,

Prayerful Greetings from the Department of Catechesis

First of all, I would like to thank each one of you for the support rendered since I took charge as the director of Catechesis. I take this opportunity to specially thank Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath for taking Catechism to a structured and disciplined form as we see today.

We started the new academic year on June 10th. I congratulate all of you for the great start and wish you all the best. Kindly make a note of the below

- According to the decision of the Apostolic Exarch, no student can be promoted to the next class without appearing for either the semester examination or the reexamination.
- Students who have passed XII this academic year will receive their certificates. Please note that it is mandatory to complete Std XII to attain the certificate.
- The first semester exam of the academic year 2018-19 is planned for 18th November 2018. The syllabus is available at our website.
- Regular attendance for all the students from classes I to XII is mandatory for appearing for the exam. However, in exceptional cases, if a student wants to write the exam without regular attendance, the written permission from vicar needs to be obtained
- This year also we will have the liturgical hymn and prayer as part of the written exam. This is to bring uniformity in the marking system. However, I assure you lenient marking for this. A child is free to study the prayers either in English or Malayalam. The prayers in English is available in our website. Questions will continue to be from the question bank provided. One word questions and general question will be from the lesson
- Sunday school day falls on the 5th of August 2018. Please do plan for the day
- This Year we will have the below competitions at the Exarchate Level.
 - I. Best Lesson Plan
 - II. Best Catechism teacher
 - III. Best Sunday School
- Please bear in mind the duty of the catechism teachers to promote vocation

- Please do spread the awareness to our children on the missionary activities
- Please follow the below structure for Sunday school
 - Sunday school should be for 1.5 hours
 - There should be a general assembly at the start. In the assembly there should be a Prayer song, Bible reading, general instructions, discussions and MCCL anthem
 - This should be followed by one hour of class
 - At the end of the class there should be a prayer. Encourage spontaneous prayer

The orientation for the Catechism teachers was conducted for the teachers of Bangalore, Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad and Goa. It has been great to see the good response from the teachers. His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, the Apostolic Exarch was part of these orientation sessions and addressed the teachers.

This year there are two new parishes where we started Catechism – they are Adayar and Thiruvotriyur of Chennai. Let us all welcome them.

Let us be upgraded with knowledge, be blessed with the Grace of our Lord, be committed and dedicated.

Wishing you all a blessed academic year
God bless you all



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