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Merry Christmas AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Merry Christmas



Director's Message

Christmas is the festival of humanity. The celebration derives from a sense of happiness that abides and permeates every tissue and all human spheres.. The real meaning of Christmas is sometimes lost in the elaborate festivities. The humble birth of a baby in the darkness of the night, in an obscure village, into a minuscule and poor family that happened 2000 years ago would not have captured the attention of the world unless it mattered much to you and me, all the more so it divided human history into B C and A D as the most pivotal event. The seemingly insignificant birth of an infant turned out to be the cause of eternal joy and reason for celebration for the whole world, creating a new world order, ushering in an era of brightened prospects for the whole humanity thereafter.



The invention of fire and wheel is considered as the two most revolutionary achievements of man in history. But more than any other single event, the first Christmas rerouted the course of human history. In the exercise of his free will the primordial man ended up in evil, severing his relationship with his creator and fellow beings. He subjected himself to the sway of sin and was eventually caught up in the vicious circle of no escape. A self redemption was impossible; much like the fate of the

young footballers who were accidentally trapped in a cave in 2018 in Tham Luang, Thailand or the miners trapped in the Copiapo copper mine, Chile in 2018, who were all miraculously saved even when all hope was vanishing, two extra ordinary rescues involving manoeuvre unseen hitherto. God's intervention was inevitable in the salvation of human race, hence the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Human history was thus translated into salvation history. The creator's incessant love for all his creation, especially man, was manifested in this great act of love once and for all in the birth of Christ, the son of God, the incarnation. Jesus the savior, by his Good News, life, passion, death and resurrection put things to rights and reinstated the lost glory of man. All who follow his path are on the way to salvation. We rejoice at this redemption made possible and available for all by Jesus Christ.

Every Christmas rekindles this joy and happiness and passes on the message that God still loves the world. All the festivities, carols, illuminations, stars, gift giving, greetings of peace and joy, sharing of goodies, social gatherings and merrymaking are expressions of this inner joy that we experience at the very thought that 'God is with us'. The New Year is round the corner. May the spirit of Christmas always abide with us and pervade the New Year. Let your goodness be a blessing to all others.

Wish you

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Fr.N.K.Dominic.CMI





Principal's Message

The angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among those whom he favors". It's that blessed time of the year again. December has come and with it brings all the joys of Christmas. Christmas, the birthday of Jesus is the commemoration of the incarnation of God. God became man. '**Kenosis**' or self-emptying' of Jesus was the highest expression of Love. "...paritrāṇāya sādḥūnām vināśhāya cha duṣhkṛitām; dharma-sansthāpanārthāya sambhavāmi yuge yuge" (To protect the righteous, to annihilate the wicked, and to reestablish the principles of dharma I appear on this earth, age after age. BG 4:8).



The message of Christmas is that where there is hope, love, light and life, the plan and purpose of God will reach. God dwells in pure hearts. Love binds man to man, and God to man. Jesus came to seek and save the sinner, to heal the broken-hearted, to destroy demonic works and to establish his kingdom of peace and joy on earth where hostility, turbulence and division rule. The glad tidings of his birth were brought first to simple shepherds by the angels. Desire for lust, mammon, power and earthly positions makes man restless because they are the tools of the devil, the enemy of man and God.

Dear staff and students, the universal message of Christmas is that God is a loving Father and we are all brothers and sisters. Let us foster the fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture, fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one other. Like the angels, we too can sing 'Glory to God and peace to all'; together with Santa Claus, the Christmas Father, we can share gifts to the poor; let baby Jesus be born in our humble hearts instead in any man made crib.

Wish you Happy Christmas and God's Blessing

Prof. Fr. Johnson
Principal



Induction Meet of Master of Education (2020-2022 Batch)



On 5 November 2020, Christ College organised a Virtual Induction Meet for the batch of M.Ed.(2020-2022). All candidates attended the induction meet.

The widespread of COVID-19 can shutdown the Educational Institutions for the learners but the educators will leave no stone unturned to nurture the quest of their learners. Thus, with this view in mind, the meet began with a welcome note and a virtual tour to the college and introduction of the faculty members by Ms. Pooja Srivastava, Assistant Professor, who anchored the event. The Principal, Prof. Fr. Johnson, addressed the new comers and extended greetings and welcome.

The details of the M.Ed. Program were elaborated by Dr. Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor and course coordinator (M.Ed.).

The students also shared their expectations from the Course and some of them expressed that by attending the meet, they realized that they are in the responsible hands of able teachers and efficient management.

The program came to a closure with the vote of thanks by Mr. Adarsh Raushan, Assistant Professor, who expressed gratitude towards the Principal, the faculty, the technical support team, attendees and the coordinator of the event, Dr. Diwakar Singh.

10 Days' Workshop on Research Methodology

The Research Cell of Christ College, Bhopal organized a 10 days' online workshop on Research Methodology for M.Ed. Sem-1 and M.Ed. Sem-3 Students from 6 November to 21 November 2020. The workshop was divided into two phases: phase-I from 6 to 11 November and Phase-II from 18 to 21 November.

The resource persons of the workshop were Dr. Annsi J Sojan and Dr. Diwakar Singh. Both Dr. Annsi J Sojan and Dr. Diwakar Singh shared 5 sessions (5 days) each. Each phase was followed by quizzes and assignments; students actively participated in the live sessions, exercises and assignments. Major areas covered during the 10 days' workshop were – meaning, types and characteristics of research, types of research, identifying problem, writing title, review of related literature, writing objectives, hypothesis, sampling, data collection tools, design, statistics and research, parametric and non parametric tests, data analysis and interpretation and synopsis preparation. E- Certificates were distributed to all participants who completed the assignments and attempted the quiz. The coordinator of the workshop was Dr. Diwakar Singh.



National Education Day Celebrated

Christ College, Bhopal on 11 November 2020, celebrated the birth Anniversary of the first Education Minister of independent India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. To make the celebration purposeful and more benefiting to the teaching fraternity, the college organized a National Webinar on the new 'National Education Policy 2020'.

The resource person of the webinar was Dr. Indrajeet Dutta, Asst. Prof., Maulana Azad National Urdu University. The seminar began with the address by Principal Rev. Fr. Johnson who highlighted the contribution of Maulana Azad as an educationist. Dr. Dutta began his session by explaining the need of NEP 2020, he enlightened the participants with his presentation on the salient features of NEP 2020 in the context of Higher Education. He also explained the importance of vocational education and interdisciplinary approach suggested by the NEP 2020. Participants from different corners of the country attended the webinar. At the end of the session, vote of thanks was proposed by the coordinator of the webinar, Dr. Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor.



Rev. Fr. Antony's Birthday Celebration

Christ College celebrated Rev. Fr. Antony's Birthday on 6 November 2020. The Principal on the occasion thanked Fr Antony for his services to the congregation as well as the institute and called him a gem of a person. He further prayed for his happy, healthy and a long life. Then followed the cake cutting ceremony. It was a joyful occasion where the Christ family came together to greet and extend prayerful wishes to Fr. Antony who recently took over as bur sar and administrator of the college. Rev. Fr Antony expressed his joy and gratitude to all the staff members. The celebration concluded with the Principal's blessing as giving thanks message.



Special Diwali Celebration at Christ College

Christ College organized a virtual Diwali celebration on 14 November 2020. The celebration began with greetings of Diwali by the Principal, Rev. Prof. Johnson CMI. The presence of the Principal lit the festive mood as in his message he spoke about Diwali's essence being in the shlokas, 'Tamaso ma jyotirgamaya' which means "Lead me from darkness to light". He said, "Similarly we have to light the lamp of happiness, the lamp of prosperity and the lamp of knowledge to dispel sorrow, poverty as well as disease spreading around us". Director, Rev. Fr. N.K. Dominic CMI in his address, acquainted us with the literal meaning of diya, its spiritual meaning and the relevance of the festival Diwali in our lives. He further added that Diwali as a festival belongs to all the religions. A presentation was made to depict the various reasons for celebrating Diwali, the cultural elements associated with it, such as earthen lamps, sweets, book of accounts, worshipping Goddess Lakshmi etc. and its spiritual significance was also shared. Christ College took an initiative- "Ao Khushiyaon ke deep jalaen" to bring happiness and light to those who are waiting for it. They do not ask anyone for anything, but to give them happiness Christ College distributed earthen lamps, oil, candles, sweets, clothes etc. to the needy. Ms. Pooja Srivastava Asst. Professor while wishing the greetings on Diwali, told that it is on this day that we celebrate the homecoming of Lord Ram with his wife Devi Sita and brother Sri Lakshman. Enlightening with the real essence of the festival, she said that we must rejoice in the virtues of Lord Rama and must inculcate those qualities in ourselves. Ms. Pooja Jain of B.Ed. also extended greetings of Diwali on behalf of the students. A special prayer was then conducted for those who lost their lives, lost their jobs and for all those who are suffering from Corona virus attack. The Programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor. The coordinator of the programme was Ms. Jaya Saini, Assistant Professor.



Titular Feast of Christ the King Celebrated



The titular feast of Christ the King was celebrated on Sunday, 22 November 2020 on the new campus at Padariya, the college having been named after and dedicated to Christ the King. This was the first ever independent celebration of the feast in the college after the college was relocated to the new campus. This year due to COVID-19 protocol the management decided for a low key celebration. It has been decided to hold grander celebration hereafter on the occasion of the feast of Christ the King with wider participation and festivities.

The campus was illuminated to mark Diwali and the titular feast. The celebration began at 5:30 PM with a prayer meeting. Rev.Fr. Justin Akkara, CMI, the Provincial and President of CMI Seva Sangh was the Chief Guest. In the meeting that followed, Principal Rev. Dr. Johnson welcomed the gathering and briefed the achievements of the college and proposed plans for future development of the facility, campus and academic programs. Fr. Provincial welcomed the proposals for the development and asked to present more concrete plans. The proposed cultural program was called off due to COVID-19 restrictions. Refreshments were served for all and the celebration concluded with vote of thanks by Rev. Fr. Dominic, the Director.

THE JOY OF HOPE

Joyfully and hopefully we are entering into Christmas month. The whole world is getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Is Christmas all about twinkling lights, dashing gifts, cribs, carols and Santa Claus. In But the angel afraid for see - I news of great you is born this Savior, who is Lord."(Luke 2 It is clearly is the day of for all the Christians.



the Holy Bible it is written: said to them, "Do not be am bringing you good joy for all the people; to day in the city of David, a the Messiah, the :10,11) written in the Bible that it good news and great joy peoples, not only for Christmas is the day of joy

and hope for all mankind, to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the holy light that God has shined on earth.

For most of them Christmas is a time to enjoy their holidays, for kids it' has become the day waiting for gifts and Santa coming along with the carol. Apart from the celebration mode the great day holds certain values to teach us. It's the day that God has showered his love on the mankind by his beloved son Jesus Christ to take away our sins. Jesus once said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". The day reminds us to celebrate life as a gift from God and fill our hearts with peace and joy and share it to others as well.

The spirit of Christmas is associated with human values of sharing, forgiving, spreading love and happiness. Our life does not mean just to exist for ourselves but for others as well. A beautiful smile or a helping hand can be big relief for lot of people. The humanity of God who made a most modest entrance into the world shows the path for us. Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, could have been born in a large palace, but he chose to be born in a cow shed. This humble act of God gives us a great message that real glory lies in gentleness. The day asks us to empty our heart from all such junks as hatred, malice, and anger and to be humble and modest in our dispositions.

Preparations of Christmas begin from 1st of December, with 25 days of prayers and fasting ahead. In churches youth members start making cribs and preparation for the card. On Christmas eve all family members unite in church for the holy Mass. All such actions create a sense of bonding and sharing. Though the celebrations of Christmas end by 25th night, the real celebration begins when we receive the light of God in our heart and spread it to others. I am reminded of a quote from the movie, 'The Polar Express', "Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart".

This year as we are facing a pandemic, it has put limitations to our festive mood. But as Christmas is the day of good news we can hope for a better tomorrow. Whatever comes, the real beauty of the festival is when we understand and practice the values behind these festivals. May the almighty Lord fill everyone's heart with joy and illuminate the path of life. May this Christmas bring glory to God and peace to every heart.

Ms Jesna Robert
B.Ed. II Year.

THE CHRISTMAS FERVOUR

Christmas falls in the month of December, amidst snowfall and mystifying frosty snowflakes. This picturesque scene is witnessed mostly in the western countries and also in the northern most parts of the eastern countries.

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In India, celebrated across the irrespective of delicacies include plum cakes and Christmas trees are shining balls, toys, placed below the tree on the Christmas Eve. institutions celebrate through the Nativity Scene which

depicts Jesus Christ's birth in a manger, a lowly place where cattle are kept in the night. The quintessence of Christmas is in the one word 'Emmanuel' meaning God is with us.

The yuletide spirit cuts across all boundaries and unites the whole world in a celebration which is unique and universal. The festive season is extended to the dawn of the new year and all business establishments revamp their prospects. The New Year brings yet another opportune time of peace, prosperity and happiness for all. All gifts given and taken convey the message of Christmas; God gifted us his son Jesus, we gift ourselves to others. By visiting our friends and relatives, conveying the Christmas blessings and greetings in person, sharing the delicacies to others, sending greeting cards, family get together we hoard beautiful memories for the life time. Let the spirit of Christmas remain throughout the New Year.

Even greater joy is to visit the under privileged homes like orphanages and old age homes giving away warm clothes, goodies, and most valuable of all, spending valuable time with the loners as a huge act of kindness.

Hence the real Christmas fervor is the unseen, intangible virtue of love and being loved, the act of sharing and identifying oneself to be part of the bigger 'human' race which is supreme. The sole reason of Christ's birth on earth was to die on the cross to save the lost mankind, and this demonstration depicts the love of God for his children, the human race. To conclude I quote the Holy Bible, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, will not perish but have an Everlasting Life." John 3:16.

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December 1: World AIDS Day
 December 2: National Pollution Control Day
 December 3: World Day of the Handicapped ; Bhopal Gas Tragedy Day
 December 4: Indian Navy Day
 December 7: Indian Armed Forces Flag Day
 December 10: Human Rights Day;
 December 11: International Mountain Day
 December 14: World Energy Conservation Day
 December 16: Vijay Diwas
 December 18: Minorities Rights Day (India)
 December 22: National Mathematics Day
 December 23: Kisan Divas (Farmer's Day) (India) ; Xmas Celebration in college
 December 24: National Consumers Day
 December 25: Christmas Day (We will celebrate on 23rd)
 Seminar on Intellectual Property, 2nd week of December



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