

Fr. Joseph Verzotto Memorial Lecture 22 September 2015



The 22 September 2015 brought a fresh memory of late Rev. Fr. Joseph Verzotto who dedicated 28 precious years for the mission of Salesian College Sonada. On this day of his birth, Salesian College Sonada paid a fitting homage to this great soul by holding a special morning assembly for the college. There was a memorial service which began by the lighting of the lamp and offering of traditional khadas and a talk given by Fr. Noby George, the Vice Rector and HoD of Philosophy.

In the afternoon, we had a memorial lecture for the whole college delivered by Fr. Shaju P.T. who presented his research abstract on the theme "Psycho-social impact on children who were physically abused". He made a half hour presentation on how to be a person who prevents hurtful activities on children by accompanying them in the Don Bosco way.

In the evening, he made the same presentation for the brothers in view of equipping them for the future ministry on how to deal with children and youth. It was amazing to know the world of children who are on the street, why they land up there and how they survive. It was soul searching and challenging to hear the plea of children through Father Shaju.

The day marked the launching of Verzotto Memorial Scholarship. We pray that the baton of service left by Late Fr. Joseph Verzotto or fondly known as *Sotto Father* be continued by all those who are inspired by his example.



