

## Salesian College, Sonada Organizes Symposium on 'Amoris Laetitia'

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The department of philosophy of Salesian college Sonada (SCS) organized a symposium on "Amoris Laetitia" on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 in the college premises. The occasion was graced by the presence of the staff and students of SCS, and the religious, clergy and lay people from

The symposium, the result of intense study and discussion by the second year students of Philosophy under the guidance of Fr. Roshan Kullu sdb, the Dean of Studies of the college, commenced at 1:45 pm with the words of welcome by Rev. Fr. Thomas Pathiyamoola, the Vice-Rector. The lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries followed. After the initial rituals the first four chapters entitled 'in the light of the world,' 'the experience and challenges of families,' 'looking to Jesus: the vocation of the family', and 'love in Marriage' were presented by Bro. Tushar Gomes. The fourth and fifth chapters on 'love made fruitful' and 'some pastoral perspectives' were presented by Bro. Hansel Dutta. The seventh and eight chapters on 'towards a better education of children' and 'accompanying, discerning, and integrating weakness' were presented by Bro. Premento. The final chapter entitled 'spirituality of marriage and the family' was presented by Br. Vinod Peddapaka. The speakers were well appreciated as they adequately presented each chapter.



The speakers in their presentations emphasized the Pope's exhortation to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment and fidelity. There is a dire need to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or where there is lack of peace and joy for *the joy of love experienced by the family is also the joy of the Church.*