

## Lamp Lighting Ceremony

Lamp lighting ceremony for 1<sup>st</sup> year B.Sc. and GNM students was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with Rev. Dr. Paul Parathazham as the Chief Guest. Total lamp Lighting students – 182 (B.Sc. – 100 , GNM – 82).

The Lamp Lighting ceremony of the 33<sup>rd</sup> batch of Basic B.Sc. nursing and the 42<sup>nd</sup> batch of GNM was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Rev. Dr. Paul Parathazham, Director, SJNAHS. This auspicious day began by invoking God's blessings through a Holy Eucharistic celebration with Rev. Dr. Benny Koottanal, MSFS, Former provincial of South west India Province and former Director of Indian Institute of Spirituality as the main celebrant. Rev. Sr. Ria Emmanuel, CNS, administered the Florence Nightingale oath to 182 budding nurses. The senior teachers passed on light to the initiates. The lighting of the lamp is a symbolic tradition in the life of every nurse marking the initiation into the profession. It symbolizes the light that shines within their hearts; a light that the nurse becomes to her patients, a symbol of hope and comfort to those who are suffering. Rev. Dr. Paul Parathazham, Director, SJNAHS, addressed the young nightingales about the characteristics of light and the need for the students to disseminate the light they carry to all cadres of the society.



