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Perpetual vow applicants

The following brothers have applied for perpetual vows: Peter Samad, Saju Chittadiyil, Arul Raj M., Bhaskar Madanu, Britto Murmu, Jinu Muthukattil and Josephraj R. The Provincial Council has yet to make their decision on their applications.

Those accepted for perpetual vows will be taking the following programs: 19-29 August at Atmadarshan in Patna; 1-27 Sept. at NBCLC, Bangalore; 6 Oct. to 1 Nov. at Asha Kiran in Bangalore; and 5 Nov. to 4 Dec. at Nirmal Deep for 30 day retreat.

Personnel changes:

- Ismail Sindur from Budakata to Faustino community
- Kiran Kotte Babu from Nirmal Deep to Bharaul, Nepal community
- Leo Edwin from Gyan Deep to Biratnagar community
- Sanjay Rathor has left the Society.
- Theodore Toppo left from the Novitiate

- Aspirants number 25 after one left from Orissa and one from Kerala.

Expected arrivals:

- Fr. Ignase Arulappen will arrive in Ranchi to begin a second term as novicemaster on 12 October.
- Bro. Franciso Jose Kalancha, S. M. will also arrive in Nirmal Deep in early October after first coming to Bangalore on 3 October. Bro. Francisco Jose is a member of the Province of Madrid but has been in Valencia (Province of Zaragoza). He will be with us through 30 April of 2009.
- Fr. Francois Rossier, S. M., a member of the Province of Switzerland but teaching at the International Marian Research Institute, U. of Dayton will be arriving in Deepahalli in early September to teach Mariology.

Notes from District Council Meeting of 13-14, 2008 at Nirmal Deep:

Reports on Community visits by Council members:

1. **Singhpur:** The registration of land is still going forward. We still have high hopes of soon being able to get recognition of our school, but that depends on the land being fully settled and the length of stay of the present Jharkhand government. Hopefully several small pieces of land can still be purchased including some cultivable land.

2. **Binda:** Bro. Augustus Surin is the new secretary of the School Managing Committee. Bros. Ananias, Augustus and Peter attend the meetings of the School Managing Committee. Mass will be at the parish three Sundays a month with one Sunday at the sub-station. When the Council members met with the SMC, they discussed what to do with the present school buildings when the new school is finished. Possibilities are: Chaminade Rural Development Project using or it still is being used as a school for kindergarten and first grade. Will the present chapel remain where it is when the new school is opened?

Construction of the new school building is moving somewhat slowly due to difficulty in procuring quality building materials.

Ananias is anxious to start a sports program for the school and hopes to be able to level the playground nearby.

3. **Budakata, Orissa:** The school is going well but right now only two full time teachers are needed from the

brothers. Fr. Marianus teaches part time at the school and spends the rest of his day working out land purchasing and moving mutation papers along.

Fr. Syl is enjoying his work in the Gomardih parish in Rourkela diocese.

4. **Patna:** The area around our house is flooded but still the students somehow make it to our computer and English classes, but then many areas of Patna are flooded. Getting to the train station from our house is a real challenge. The road to and past our house is being repaired so that should help bring more students.

5. **Barh:** Finishing and raising the compound wall is a challenge to complete but with the encouragement of the Barh parish priest and the assistance of the local people we should be able to complete the work. The community residence is also receiving repairs.

6. **Nepal:** The Council members, Pragasam and Nicky, had lengthy and fruitful meeting with our donor agency, Fratelli Dimenticati. While there the newly rented Biratnagar residence for our community was blessed.

The land papers have been transferred to the company. The local Musahars' land has been settled. A separate residence for the sisters is being constructed at Bharaul. Boundary walls are being erected. The Chakkarghatti School now has a proper roof.

Schedule of the General Administration's visit to India

All four members of the General Administration will make official visit of the District of India beginning 3 December, 2008 and ending 30

December, 2008. The four members of the General Administration will not visit every community, but each community will be visited by at least one or more G. A. member. Their schedule is still being finalized.

Update on December 2008 District Assembly to be held in Deepahalli:

- 1) All professed members should arrive in Deepahalli by early evening of the 29th of December as that day the evening Mass will be the official opening of the Assembly.
- 2) The Novices will be asked to help keep watch in our north communities during the Assembly.
- 3) The Aspirants will assist the assembly by helping with decorations, kitchen, and shopping.
- 4) Summary of the timetable: 6:30 prayer; 9-10:30 first session; 11-12:30 second session; 2:30-4 third session; and 4:30 to 6 fourth session.
- 5) Some of the Provincial Council members will be present for the Assembly.

Benedictines join Chaminade Nilaya Community

The superior of the Benedictine monastery in Bangalore recently asked if two of his young Benedictine brothers studying at St. Joseph's College in Bangalore could stay at Chaminade Nilaya. Their monastery is at the far southwest edge of Bangalore and the two brothers, Samson and John Paul, were finding the travel back and forth on the

busses too much to handle. After a month with us they seem to be doing fine and enjoying their stay in a Marianist community. They made the switch from singing Gregorian to our use of psalm tones. After their classes finish on Saturday afternoon they go back to their monastery and return Sunday afternoon.

New edition of Rani Mala

Bro. Birendra Kullu, S. M. has finished a revision of our Rani Mala. The next step is to have other Marianists and lay Marianists look at his work and make further suggestions before it is finally printed.

Our Marianist Sisters purchase land in Ranchi

It was a long and tedious process but our Sisters have now finished purchasing land at the north edge of Lowadih. Right now the land is in the middle of an open field, but houses are coming up nearby. The plot is about 2 and half acres.

Another Retreat

From 3-9 August, 2008 five of our temporary professed, Kiran Kotte, Josephraj, Saju, Baloo, and Daniel made their annual retreat in the Godaveri Ashram, Kathmandu, under the guidance of a faithful Marianist friend, Fr. Cap Miller, SJ.

2008 Vision Committee

The six members of this committee to help formulate a new vision statement to be proposed and discussed at the 2008

Assembly are: Nicky (co-ordinator), Marianus Lugun, Sukrit, Darwin, Josephraj and Prakash Kujur. They will prepare a draft for the communities to discuss and give feedback. Once they have received this feedback, they will hold a meeting in October to prepare the Vision statement for the Assembly.

Yet another committee formed

Following up on the recent District Chapter recommendation, a committee consisting of Sukrit, Nicky, Marianus Lugun and Arokia Doss A. will make some guidelines for policies and expenses of our ordination and perpetual vow ceremonies.

Bro. John G. Minj's World Youth Day Experience

I had some rich and wonderful experiences during my trip to New Zealand and Sydney, Australia for WYD 2008. The trip began with nine days in Auckland, New Zealand Diocese spent with two host families. The families were very caring and hospitable, providing everything we needed. They took us to many places of interest to tourists, using their own cars. To receive such VIP treatment was very touching. After five days with this family we stayed for the next three days in a parish rectory. The parishioners bought a variety of food for us as the parish priest had no cook. In all of the public places the people were very friendly and caring. There was no fear of being robbed or cheated. The youth of the diocese provided free refreshment and entertainment stalls for the pilgrims.

Our stay in Australia was six days. All the Marianists stayed in a hotel in Sydney and at that time left the Indian group. Only at night to sleep did we return to our hotel. We took our food mostly from restaurants and shops as the free meal lines were too long for the time available. There was time to see some of the sights of Sydney.

The most enriching and beautiful experience for me was the pilgrim walk and the Papal Mass in the Randwick Racecourse in Sydney. The day before the Mass lakhs of people from all over the world walked to the Racecourse and slept under the stars there. That night under the stars was one of prayer, adoration, confession, fun, rejoicing, making friends and talking to many people. Many of the groups were singing songs, shouting different slogans and making lots of noise. All were free to express their joy and happiness. To be there was to be part of one World, one family, and to witness Christ. Attending the Papal Mass was a great, great experience. I feel great and happy that I could participate in this event and was able to witness, learn and experience so many different people and cultures. My thanks to all who worked to make my trip possible and for me to have such a rich experience and exposure to a different part of the world.

Calendar for August to December 2008:



August:

- Bros. Bhaskar Galleli and Rajesh Kandulna have programs in USA
- **29-31:** First quarterly audit for South communities at Chaminade Nilaya

September:

- Fr. Pragasam takes home visit sometime during the month
- **01-27:** Program for those preparing for PVs in Bangalore
- **16 to 15 Oct:** Second year novices have apostolic experience
- **20-25:** Fr. Nicky is in Bangalore

October:

- **First Week:** Bro. F. Calancha arrives at Nirmal Deep (arrives in Bangalore **3 Oct**)
- **02 Oct:** UD Deepahalli holiday Gandhi Jayanti; SM Foundation Date
- **04-09:** Puja holidays
- **06-1 Nov:** Program for those preparing for PVs in Bangalore
- **06-07:** Community/ministry directors meeting in Bangalore
- **08 Oct:** Assembly and Vision committee meetings
- **08 Oct:** Seminary classes begin in Rome
- **09 Oct:** Formation Council meeting
- **10-12:** District Council meeting in Bangalore
- **12 Oct:** Fr. Ignase A. arrives in Nirmal Deep.
- **12 Oct:** Marianist World Day of Prayer/Our Lady of the Pillar Feast Day

November:

- **1-12:** Council visit to Nepal
- **05 to 4 Dec:** PV 30 day retreat at Nirmal Deep with Fr. Ignase as retreat master.
- **10-22:** Bro. Sanjay Ekka to Assistants for the Office of Education meeting in Rome
- **14 Nov:** Children's Day
- **22-25 :** First Year Professed gathering, Ranchi
- **24 Nov:** UD Deepahalli Examinations begin
- **27 Nov:** UD Deepahalli term ends
- **26 to 2 Dec:** District Council Evaluation meeting
- **30 Nov:** District Council meets with General Administration

December:

- **03-30:** General Administration visits District of India
- **04 Dec:** Thirty day retreat for PVs ends
- **14 Dec:** Assembly committee meets in Bangalore
- **30-02 Jan:** District Assembly, including Jubilee celebration, Perpetual Professions, Inauguration of new District Council and U. D. Graduation (2 Jan.).

