



## THE MARIANIST NOVIATE, RANCHI, INDIA

News

**Dear Brothers and Friends.**

In this news letter, we share about our Novitiate Life and highlight few events of the past few months.

We, the Novices are having so many classes to enhance our knowledge of language (Hindi and English); Scripture; The Church; Society of Mary; and so on. Two days in a week that is Monday and Friday- we have classes with our F M I Novices on Scripture, and Spirituality by Fr. Iggy, Church history by Bro. Maria, and Consecrated life by Sr. Tere. During the week days we both groups have classes on our Rule of Life by our master, In His Likeness by Bro. Maria and The history of our Society by Bro. Maria for 2<sup>nd</sup> years and by Bro. Anup for the 1<sup>st</sup> years. We are profiting a lot by these classes to grow spiritually, intellectually, and interpersonally.

**5<sup>th</sup> Of September-** we celebrated the feast of Queen of The Apostle as well as teacher's day. We had mass at 6.15 and mass presided by Father Iggy. He gave beautiful sermon about Mary, Queen of the Apostle. On this day we had common class with the F M I sisters, and after the class we gathered in the living room to express our loving gratitude to our teachers: Father Iggy , Sr.Tere , Br. Mrianus and Br. Anup for their teachings, help and support in our aspiration of becoming good brothers and sisters. Sr. Prabha gave a speech for our teachers, and then we presented them flowers and cards as the token of our love. We had organized some indoor games in which everybody participated including our teachers. We enjoyed the games with our teachers, then we moved to dining room where we had lunch with sisters.

**11<sup>th</sup> of September,** our Kolombi M L C group under the guidance of Father Iggy gave birth to 11 members in Singhpur. Fr. Iggy went with 4 novices and M L C to Singhpur and participated in the Eucharist, and invited to the parishioners to join them. Amazingly, there was a big crowd. However, after the talk about the Family of Mary by Fr. Iggy, Mr. Jinius and some members of Kolambi M L C, they were left free to choose. Finally, 11 members came up to join as M LC. There was a great cooperation and support from our Brothers in Singhpur to start this group.

**The exaltation of the cross and Karma feast:** in the evening, 13<sup>th</sup> of September 6 brothers including 3 tribal priests (Pahans) went to cut the branches. The tree was honored by the tribal priests and 3 branches were cut according to the tradition.

When the tribal priests reached home with the karma branches, all the brothers welcomed the branches, and took them to the chapel with the dance. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we had

Morning Prayer, and in the evening we had Eucharist, for which our Marianist sisters from Nazareth community had joined us. In the Eucharist we were told about the meaning of Karm feast, and the Exaltation of the Cross by our Master. After the Eucharistic celebration, we took out the branches and danced around the Karma branches, and then put them in the water. Then we went for a traditional meal following the tribble customs. All of us enjoyed celebrating and sharing our culture with our people of Chotta Nagpur.

**2<sup>nd</sup> of October:** On our Foundation day, we had a beautiful Eucharistic celebration: the chapel was well decorated, and the liturgy was well prepared. On this day we had cut one of our pigs, and some of our brothers helped our helpers to cut it. On the same day 4 of our Council members made their official visitation to us, and we welcomed them by singing a welcome song; giving a welcome speech; washing their hands, and giving them flowers. It was a big day for us in the community, and for our council members because it was the day the novices planed to have talent night. In the evening we started our talent night and our council members were the judges. Each novice came up with a performance. At the end of the program Fr.Pragasam and Fr.Iggie gave their sweet words to the novices. After the program we had our feast day meal. We enjoyed sharing our joy and at the end of the meal the winners were announced. The council members were very genres to select 11 winners out of 24.



**Marianist world day of prayer:** On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October we all the brothers, and MLC members took a bus to Bindha Community to celebrate Marianist world day of prayer with all the family of Mary. We had Eucharist at 11 'o' clock in the hall, there were five Priests; Fr.Santhosh, Fr.Basker, Fr.Pragasam, a Fr.Sudhir, a deacon, Joseph Barla. The Novices led the songs for Eucharist. Soon after mass we had lunch with all our Marianist family members. After lunch we had some time for arranging things and so on. We had cultural program where we all danced together. After cultural program we had Rosary; we started inside the hall and we moved on outside towards the Mary statue. After that we had tea with some snacks.



### 12<sup>th</sup> of October:

On this day we had a very good celebration highlighting the feast of our lady of the Pillar. We had a very good



Eucharistic celebration with a very good explanation of the feast {remembering the trowel of Blessed Founder to Saragossa on the eve of this feast}. At the end we received blessings from the statue of Our Lady of the Pillar. In the evening religious office arranged a beautiful Rosary service, which was concluded in front of our dining hall where we have the statue of our Lady of the Pillar. After the prayer we had a delicious meal which was prepared by our master with the help of few brothers and also taking this opportunity to teach them to cook.

**On 16<sup>th</sup> of October** 2011 was the day we had a family night. It was especially dedicated to Bro. Dan, Bro. Anoup and the brothers who celebrated their birth days in this month. It was the first time that we did the family night program on the terrace of our main building. It was very beautifully decorated with the lights. We began our family night at 6 o'clock and one of the brothers was M.C on that day who welcomed all the brothers to participate.



First of all we had prayer song followed by an item. Then we gave thanks to Bro. Dan for teaching us songs, music, and also English classes for the first year brothers. After that Bro. Dan gave us few sweet words to grow in our life such as; about our prayer life, meditation and to grow in more human values. Then we had an item followed by birth day celebration and cake cutting by the birth day babies. In the middle of the program some brothers distributed some snacks and cool drinks. We really enjoyed ourselves and finished the program at 8.30 p.m. At the end we had few words from Fr. Iggie.

The number of our animal friends was increased as our mother pig gave birth to 7 piglets.

**25<sup>th</sup> of October:** The paddy which was planted in the month of August produced abundantly and was cut by 2<sup>nd</sup> year novices on 25<sup>th</sup> of October. They enjoyed cutting.

**Diwali:** 26<sup>th</sup> of October was the day we celebrated the feast of Diwali. It means the feast of light, which is celebrated by all the Indians with the tradition and culture. We celebrated this feast in the remembrance of Jesus Christ is the light of the world: who illuminates earth and in which darkness can never overcome. On this day had special liturgy at 6:0 o, clock morning and everything was based on the light. Father Iggie beautifully explained us about Jesus the light. Then in the afternoon we had preparation for lightening the lamps. Each office had got different – different places to light the lamps.



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Temporality office took care of the dining room, living room and the animals. Religious office took care of the chapel and around the chapel lower property on the pathway. Education office took care of the main building and the main gate. We started our work at 2:0 o, clock and by 4:0 o'clock we finished placing all the lamps in order. Thereafter we had special evening prayer at 5:15. After that we all have gathered together to light all the lamps. Also on this day we had some guests who were very amazed by watching our

property because our whole property was twinkling like stars in the sky. At last we had supper with our guests.

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November** morning we had a beautiful prayer service lead by the office of education. We prayed for the people who died in the S M, F M I Sisters and Family of Mary. We also prayed for the people who died in our families' relatives and the people whom we know by; reading their names, offering flowers, and lighting the candle. Also prayed for those who died but there is no one to pray for them. In the evening we all went to one of our parish graveyard for Eucharist and it was a great experience for all of us to be with our people in the parish.



**THANK YOU**