

Faustino Community News Letter



Staffs

show their willingness to follow the religious life through their daily activities.



The new staffs Fr. Bhaskar, Bro. Augustine, Bro. John Paul along with older member of the community Fr. Sebastian formed a new team to help the boys to inspire them with spirit of our Founder and our beloved mother Mary. Fr. Bhaskar who had already worked as staff and director at the Faustino community had a clear vision about what he has to do in order to achieve the benefit in helping the boys.

Aspirants Arrival

As the new staffs waited for the arrival of the new candidates into the Faustino community, on 20th of June we welcomed 22 young boys into our community. However, due to some reason and issues five of them discontinued the program. Now we have 17 of them. Their arrival enriched spirit of the Faustino Community. Though we had expected more aspirants this year, still we are happy with these few young and energetic boys who continue to

Academic



Like the every other year, the aspirants were divided into three groups according to their knowledge in English. In between as well there were some changes based on their progress. This year we continue to have Sir, Solomon as the English teacher for the aspirants. Along with him Fr. Bhaskar, Br. Augustine, and Br. John Paul are teaching the boys to improve their speaking in English.

Mrs. April Darnel / Bro. Dan Stupka / Bro. Rajesh Lakra

Madam April Darnell who teaches at the University of Dayton, Ohio, was here with our aspirants for a month of time. Her presence and the skilled way of teaching helped the aspirants a lot. Bro. Rajesh Lakra also was here for a month of time. He too inspired the boys with his gentle way of approach and through his teachings. And these days we are having our dear brother Dan Stupka with us. He is

very energetic and excited to teach the aspirants English and music. He is using the books which Madam April left and also he teaches music and gives reading practices for the aspirants.

House Maintenance

It took a reasonable amount of time to settle several things in the community and with the property. The aspirants keep up the building well. Several things have been repaired and still we continue to fix them up. The outdoor property has been used for cultivating several kinds of vegetables. We have been sharing the vegetable with the neighbouring communities. It helps us to keep up the good relationship with them.

Games

On the special occasions we keep up the inter-community spirit by coming together, celebrating the day with some games like Cricket. The aspirants have played a couple of times with Scholastics and REDS kids. With scholastics the aspirants won just a time and with the REDS boys two times.

Prayer Life



At the beginning of the program the aspirants were only reciting the Rosary. One month back they were introduced to praying the Offices from the Breviary. They have been doing good job with it.

Recollections

Almost every month the aspirants have recollections. Until today, Fr. Sebastian, and Fr.

Varghese have helped the boys to reflect on some selected topics in related to their vocations.

Celebrations



All the main feast days and other festivals are grandly celebrated at Deepahalli as a single family. Feasts like Our Lady of Pillar, and Jacob Gapp were highlighted within our community. And other major feasts are celebrated together. In particular for the Marianist World Day of Prayer all the brothers from Bangalore went on a pilgrimage to a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, near Hosur, Tamil Nadu.

District Council's Visit

The district council visited our community. It was enriching meeting for the members in the community. The council helped us focus on our ministry more profoundly. Also the visit was also enriching for the aspirants to know our council members.

Aspirants Gathering



On 16th October aspirants (candidates) from different congregation gathered at the Svidya campus. The aspirants all together were about 100 of them. The candidates gathered there came up with eloquent speeches, wonderful skits and dances to explain about their Founders' vision of bringing Jesus into this world. Followed by they had group discussions to share their interest to continue the religious life.

Promising Day

It was a big day in our community. On 21st of October the 17 aspirants promised during the holy mass presided by



Fr. Pragasam SM the district superior. Brothers from Jacob Gapp Nivasam community, Chaminade Nilaya, Austin town community, St. Joseph community, Bro. Tony Nesam, and the scholastic community joined us for the special days and wished our candidates.

Helpers

The staffs at the St. Joseph community and the Scholasticate community have been very helpful. The REDS boys under the guidance of their staffs have helped us to fix several things. And some scholastics namely Sunil, and Pratap have been helping the aspirants to learn several new songs as part of their apostolic work.

Workshop

On the 22nd of October the aspirants had attended the program organized by Fr. Dave and Fr. Varghese in the remembrance of the closing year of the 250th birth anniversary of Fr. William Joseph Chaminade our Founder. All the Brothers who minister in the southern part of India gathered here. Fr. Dave, and Bro. Mark had presented eloquent speeches to enrich the brothers. We believe the boys have gained a good knowledge about various things related to our customs in Marianist Life.

Good Night Messages

The aspirants have been kept busy with several responsibilities. This includes the good night messages as well. They have been assigned on regular basis to present everyday's news and the following day's saints. They have been improving well. Along with it they have been given different

topics to present elocutions. They prepare well with the help of Sir. Solomon and present to the community.



Exams

In the month of August Bro. John Paul wrote his B.A exams. And sooner Fr. Bhaskar also went for writing his B.Ed exams in Andrapradesh.

Wish you all the best for your daily mission of bringing Jesus into multitudes of people you serve.

Praise the Lord, for His love never ends...



Mary our Mother... Pray for Us