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NEWSLETTER



Blessed Chaminade Parish Church Dedicated

A devout and happy crowd of over 1,000 gathered in Singhpur early on May 8 for the dedication of Blessed Chaminade parish church. Banners arched over the roads announcing the event and an honor guard of white-capped parishioners on two-wheelers accompanied Bishop Binay Kandulna for the last five kilometers.



Bishop Kandulna, apostolic administrator of Khunti diocese and auxiliary of Ranchi, presided, assisted by Fr. James Dungdung, parish priest, and Fr. Ignase Arulappen. Honored guests were Fr. Manuel Cortes, Superior General, Bro. Ed Violett, Assistant General for Temporalities, and Bro. Augustus Surin, District Superior.

The music was carefully and beautifully executed. A varied and excellent cultural program followed and luncheon was served in the almost completed novitiate of the Marianists Sisters. The Marianist communities of Singhpur and Saraitoli, along with many parishioners, put great effort into making the blessing an outstanding family event.

First Vows



Our newly professed Marianists pronounced their vows at Nirmal Deep on May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. They are Petrus Ekka, Anup Khoya, Nabin Lugun, Showraiah Ravulapalli, Bineet Tirkey, Shashi Tirkey, and Albert

Xalxo. Fr. Manuel Cortes, our good Father, presided, along with Bro. Ed Violet, Assistant for Temporalities, Bro. Augustus Surin, District Superior and Fr. Ignase Arulappen, Novice Master. An important additional feature of

the celebration was the renewal of vows of Golden Jubilarian, Fr. Manuel Cortes. As their first community assignments, Petrus and Anup will be going to Gyan Deep, Bineet to Singhpur, Shashi to Barh, Albert to Biratnagar, Showraiah to Infant Nilaya, and Nabin to Budakata.

Graduations

Several of our brothers have been graduated recently or are on the verge of graduation. We congratulate them on their effort and achievement on behalf of the mission of the District: John Gracious Minz (M.Ed, Namchi); Paulus Lakra (M.Rural Development, St. Joseph's College); Sanjay Ekka (M.Ed, Xavier Institute, Patna), Kuldeep Ekka (M.Rural Development, XISS) and Alex Toppo (M.Phil in Social Work, U. of Nagpur).

Aspirants Celebrate on May 14!



The night before their departure for home, Faustino community's aspirants put on a celebration of song, dance, elocution, skit and heart-felt thanks. The aspirants showed great skill in the songs, dances and skits they created as well as evidence of many hours of practice. They gave testimony to their appreciation of the formation efforts of Fr. Bhaskar Galleli, Bro.

Augustin Kandulna and Bro. John

Paul. Bhaskar acted as host to the five Marianist communities of Bangalore and served an excellent meal to all the guests. We wish our aspirants a good rest and to see them again in the novitiate.

General Administration Visit



The General Administration concluded their six-week visit to the District of India on May 9. Fr. Manuel and Bro. Ed visited every community of the district and concluded their visit with a three-hour meeting with the District Council at Nirmal Deep on May 9. You will hear more about this report soon.

New directors of communities, new heads of ministries

Several new directors of communities will begin their assignments after the annual retreat. The district is grateful to them for their willingness to take on this significant responsibility for their brothers' welfare and the Marianist mission.

Marianus Lugun will serve at Binda, Antony Xavier to Chaminade Nilaya, Paulus Lakra at Gyan Deep, Jyoti Prakash Minj at Biratnagar, Marianus Bilung in Patna, and Libin Minj in Barh. New heads of ministries, likewise deserving of fraternal gratitude for their willingness to lead and serve are: Sukrit Tirkey, principal of Prabhat Tara Primary and High School, Singhpur; Sanjay Ekka, principal of Roro-Binda Upper Primary School; Antony Xavier,

Executive director of REDS; Kuldeep Ekka, program director at REDS Ranchi; Alex Toppo, director of the Saraitoli STC; and Mariandu Belevendiran, school-in-charge at Chaminade Academy, Chakkarghatti. Varghese Manoorparampil has been appointed to a second three-year term at Deepahalli.

Perpetual Vows

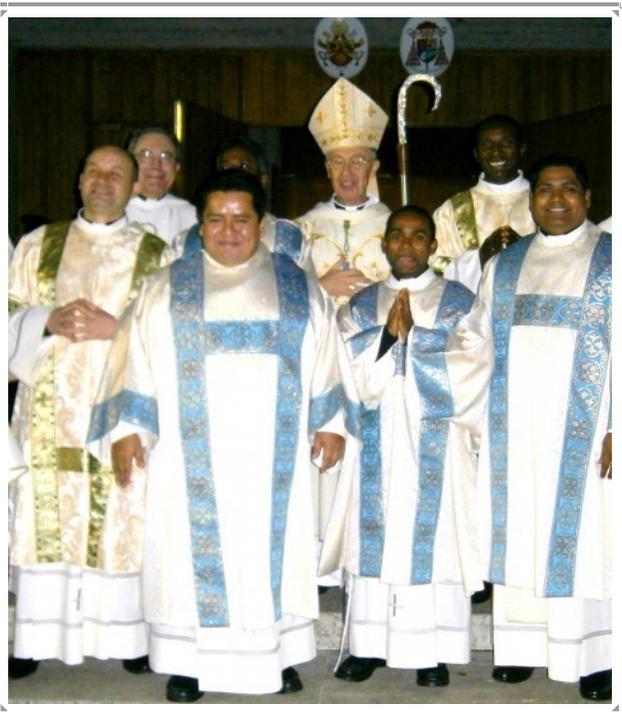
The district Council has sent its nine recommendations to the Provincial Council for their decision, and to the General Administration for their ratification.

Seminary Ministries

Soon the Superior General, Fr. Manuel Cortes, will install Marianists in the ministries of lector and acolyte at the seminary in Rome. After considering the seminarians' requests and the seminary evaluations, the District Council has gladly decided and the Provincial Council has ratified the following installations:

Chittibabu Gunja	Acolyte
Chinnaiah Polishetti	Acolyte
Jinu Muthukattil	Lector
Arul Raj. M	Lector

Joseph Raj has been approved for seminary studies and will begin his work, the study of Italian, in Rome about June 15. He goes with our prayers and best wishes.



Deacons

All three of our deacons, Birendra Kullu, Rajesh Lakra and Prasad Nittamaria will return home after finals exams in Rome, at the beginning of July. After a home visit they will report respectively to Faustino Community, Deepahalli; Asha Deep Community, Binda; and Mariayapuram community, Khammam. Welcome home!

St. Chaminade School

St. Chaminade School, Austin Town, will not open this year. The fact is, we, the Council, made our decisions and began our preparations for this venture very, very late, and the conscientious parents of Austin Town (Infant Nilaya neighborhood) could not wait around to find information before making sure their children were safely enrolled somewhere. This pause will allow us to review the needs of the people and how we can best serve them. Prakash Kujur, Lucian Tigga, Prema Mantesh, and Antony Xavier deserve our great thanks for all their last minute efforts.

Hostels

The new hostel at Saraitoli has over 30 boys from REDS Ranchi (including some who ran away at first and returned), and we are preparing for local boys to be added. In Binda the hostel of boys and girls has expanded to over 100 this school year.

New Grades

New grades have been added this year to Jacob Gapp School, Khammam and at the Roro-Binda mission school. Jacob Gapp has added one year, 6th standard. Roro-Binda has added 4th and 5th standard. Congratulations to Peter Samad, Saju Chittadiyil and their co-workers!

Strategic Planning Task Force

Under the benevolent but tireless direction of Fr. Dave Paul, the Strategic Planning Task Force worked from April 11 to 21 developing



plans for our ministries at REDS Deepahalli, REDS Bengaluru, and REDS Ranchi. We are very grateful to Dave for all he has been doing for our ministries in India and particularly for the generosity and hard work of his most recent visit.

New Corporation

Due to the persistent and skilled efforts of Alex Toppo, Basant Kujur, and Sukrit Tirkey we have formed a new corporation in Jharkhand, the **Marianist Society Ranchi**. This society will allow for invaluable school and property recognition in Jharkand. The officers are: Augustus Surin (President), Alex Toppo (Vice-President), Basant Kujur (secretary), Ignase Arulappen (Treasurer), Sukrit Tirkey (member) and Libin Minj (member).

Accountants

Many thanks to all our accountants who gathered in the north and the south to complete the District audits. So many of these brothers have loyally accepted the serious burden of keeping books without the special training which would have made the job so much easier and more comprehensible! Thank you for helping us to keep our life and reporting in order. Good supervision was provided by Alex Toppo, Lucian Tigga, Arokia Doss and Amala Jyothi.

Annual Retreats coming soon

Let us make a special intention in our prayers for the upcoming Annual Retreats of the District, for the retreat directors, Dave Fleming and Pablo Rambaud, Ignase for all his preparation, the retreat presidents, and especially the blessing of rich prayer, deepening faith and firm commitment on the part of all of us who will make the retreats.

