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THE DISTRICT UPDATES



Fr. Xavierraj and Bro. Paul bless the newly built centre.

REDS, RANCHI

The Reds staff gathered for the blessing and inauguration of the Irugutoli Center on December 1. This center is being built with the help of the local people. The center was blessed by Fr. Xavier and Bro. Paulus inaugurated the center by cutting the ribbon.



This center is going to be the place for non-formal and formal education. In the morning hours the center will have classes for the non-formal students. In the afternoon hours special coaching classes will be organized for school going children by Ranchi REDS. During weekends, it will become a place for conducting self-help group activities for women, and for holding medical camps.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP

Bro. Julius Tete successfully participated along with his fifty-nine classmates, in a leadership training camp. It was conducted by the YMCA

College of Physical Education, Bangalore at Yellagiri from November 27th to December 2nd.



Bro. Julius with his professors and classmates.

He was thrilled to be part of this training camp program as it included a wide variety of adventurous activities, such as hiking, progressive games, campfire programs, camp Olympics, treasure hunt, stunt games, and boating at a nature park.

PRABHAT TARA HIGH SCHOOL, SINGHPUR



Winners of the painting competition.

"Art Promotion of India": New Delhi organizes painting competitions in various schools in India to bring out hidden talents of school children.





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"Art Promotion of India," organized a drawing competition at Prabhat Tara High School on November 25. One hundred and eight students participated in the drawing competition and all of them were awarded certificates. Thirty students were awarded gold medals, twenty seven students silver medals and six students bronze medals.

FMI SISTERS' FINAL VOWS



Srs. Reena Kerketta, Prabha Kullu, Anna Secunda Horo, Asrita Ekka and Yu Colomba

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate witnessed a joyous day in Shanti Deep Community, Mariam Toli, Lowadih, Ranchi on December 8. Srs. Anna S Horo, Asrita Ekka, Prabha Kullu, and Reena Kerketta made their final vows in the presence of Marianist family of Ranchi. His Excellency, Bishop Telesphore Bilung graciously presided at the liturgical ceremony for the final vows celebration.

COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

Bros. Raj Mohan, Sebastian and Raymond participated in two workshops in Bangalore. Those were organized by Don Bosco Renewal Centre of Bangalore, the centre offers courses in ongoing formation for religious brothers and sisters.

The first workshop was on basic skills for counselling went from November 29th to December 5th.



Bros. Raymond, Raj Mohan and Sebastian along with their workshop participants.

The second was from December 10th to December 20th on the practice of counselling and spiritual direction.

THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ICON



Fr. Jinu brings the Bicentennial Icon to the Deepahalli chapel.

The Bicentennial celebration icon triptych depicts the wedding feast at Cana. It was created by an Italian Marianist, Fr. Salvatore Santacroce. Flanking the art are original letters penned by Venerable Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon and Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

The icon's pilgrimage began on May 15, 2016, in Agen, France, the birthplace of the Marianist Sisters. It will complete its journey in Ranchi, India, on Chaminade Day-January 22, 2018 (check for more details - <http://www.marianist.com/icon200>).

Here is the schedule for the icon's time in our District:

28th December - The Icon arrives to Bangalore
 29th December- The District Office
 30th December - Deephalli Communities
 31nd December – Chaminade Nilaya
 1st January - Infant Nilaya
 3rd January - Jacob Gapp Nivasam
 7th January - Maria Nilaya, Patna
 9th January - Odisha
 11th January - Shanti Deep, Lowadih
 12th January - Singhpur Community
 16th-20th January – Symposium
 21th January - Chaminade Parish, Singhpur

NIRMAL DEEP

In Claret Vidyaniketan, Nayasarai, Ranchi a blood donation camp was organized by the Claretians, the Marianists of Nirmal Deep, SPG, and MSI the formation houses of Saparom Parish on December 10. Ten Marianists candidates donated blood during this blood donation camp.



Akshay (aspirant) gets blood test done.

Naresh and Vickey, pre-novices attended a seminar on "Expressing Life in Its Fullness" on December 15-16 at Claret Vidyaniketan, Ranchi. Felix Jojo, Pre-novice and Sushil Dung Dung, Aspirant have discontinued from the formation program. Let us wish them a happy and a bright future.

MARIA NILAYA



Bro. Tony invites the children to play.

Maria Nilaya Marianist Community, Patna organized a Christmas celebration for the REDS children on December 16. Nearly one hundred children participated in the program.



Fr. Santosh lights the lamp along with Fr. Antony and Bros. Jerin and Larry.

Chaminade Training institute hosted a Christmas celebration for their students on December 20. Fr. Antony SJ, the Director of Bihar Balit Vikash Samity was the chief guest. He delivered a Christmas message to the students and staff of the Institute. Bro. Jerin Pananthanam was delighted to note that the students were enthusiastic about the Christmas celebration and expressed their gratitude and good wishes to the Brothers for their contributions through the Institute.

MORNING STAR SCHOOL, NEPAL



Fr. Sudhir participates in the jubilee celebration.

Morning Star School, Nepal celebrated its silver jubilee of foundation on December 22. On this joyous occasion Fr. Sudhir Kujur represented the Marianist Brothers at the Jubilee celebration. Fr. Binu Jacob, SDB, the Principal of the School extended his heartfelt appreciation to the Marianist Brothers who contributed to the growth and development of Morning Star School. The

Marianist Brothers administrated the school from June 2005 to April 2013.

CHRISTMAS



Ranchi REDS children enact nativity scene.

The Brothers across the District have hosted in a special way various celebrations to mark the birth of our Saviour. Christmas is a celebration of joy so we share our joy and happiness to all those who are part of our ministries. Some communities brought joy to their neighbours through their carol singing and the others shared their Christmas jubilation through sharing of their handmade cakes and cookies.



St. Mary's English Medium School children perform a dance during their Christmas celebration.



Barh Marianist Community Brothers.



Bros. Sanjay, Del and Jinu dance with the scholastic Brothers.



Bro. Paulus gets ready to play mridanga for the Christmas dance.



Maria Nivas Community offers pre-festive mass for the children and their parents.

CALENDAR UPDATE

The ordination date for Bros. Raj Mohan and Sebastian has been preponed January 28. The ordination will take place at Nirmal Deep as earlier planned.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Bro. Augustus Surin has returned to the District after completing his sabbatical program in San Antonio, TX. He will join the Asha Deep Community, Binda on January 5.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mr. Nuas Soreng, the father of Bro. George Soreng passed away on December 30, 2017. Please pray for his soul and his family members' peace and consolation.

Please kindly remember Bro. Praveen Kumar's mother, who is ill, in your prayers.

Sr. Anjlina, HM (aunty of Bro. Lucian Tigga) passed away at the age of 74 on December 12. Let us pray that her soul may rest in peace.

Mrs. Norma Schmitz, mother of Bro. Dennis Schmitz, passed away at the age of 96 on 26 December. May her soul rest in peace.

