

Newsletter

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"May our holy patrons, Peter and Paul, sustain us and obtain for us that missionary zeal which made them witnesses of Christ to the ends of the then-known world." Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

Silver Jubilarians!

Silver Jubilarians Santosh Tudu and Arockia Doss M. solemnly renewed their vows at the conclusion of the annual retreat at Deepahalli in the presence of the 53 retreatants and the Provincial Fr. Martin Solma, S.M. A festive dinner with congratulations, music and some words from the Jubilarians followed. The District Jubilarians were joined by golden jubilarian Larry McBride, S.M., a member of the Patna community and teacher of English at Chaminade Training Institute.



From left side: Bro. Larry McBride, Bro. Augustus Surin, Fr. Santosh Tudu, Fr. Jack McGrath, and Bro. Arockia Doss Mullai

26 renew their Temporary Vows

26 of our brothers renewed their temporary vows at the conclusion of one of the annual retreats held this year at Deepahalli and concluding on June 9 and June 16. Bro. Renny was writing final exams for an MA in English Literature at this time and will renew his vows soon. We are very glad you are all with us and ask Mother Mary's continued guidance of your vocations!



Nine Renewed Vows in the First Retreat:

L to R, front row: Pratap Guria, Kumaraswamy, Julius Tete, Sudhir Soreng, Victor Sahayaraj, Anup Kullu, Balaswamy; Back row: Larry McBride, Prince, Fr. Martin Solma, Jack McGrath, Jose Ramon, Santosh Tudu, Arockia Doss (Mullai), Bro. Augustus, George Hans. Not Shown: Santosh Savarimuthu A.

Kairos #2 - District Directors meet again for Leadership Development

The District of India directors of communities and ministries came to the Marianist Scholasticate at Deepahalli for part 2 of their Leadership Development workshop, called KAIROS 2. The meeting, on June 6-9, was facilitated by Bro. Tom Giardino, S.M. (Executive Director of the Association of Marianist Universities) and Mr. Savio Franco (Friend of the Marianists, HR consultant in India, Ph.D. candidate in UD's Educational Leadership program)



Front row (l to r) Paulus Lakra, Jack McGrath, Tom Giardino, Kumar Swamy, Marianus Lugun, Libin Tete, Jyoti Minj; 2nd row: Kip Stander, Raj Mohan, Sanjay Ekka, Rajesh Kandulna, Savio Franco, Marianus Bilung; back row: Sukrit Tirkey, Antony Xavier, Saju Chittadiyil, Basant Kujur, Varghese Manooparampil, Britto Murmu, Alex Toppo, Ignase Arulappen



Front row: L to R: Albert Xalxo, George Majhi, Bineet Tirkey, Shashi Tirkey, Rayappan, Lalit Dhanwar, Anup Khoya, Pitrus Ekka; Back row: L to R. Fr. George Cerniglia, Binod Bahla, Suresh Samad, Alex Kujur, Sharath Babu Kama, Showraiah Ravulapalli, Peter Paul K., Paul Prakash, Nabin Lugun, Bro. Michael McAward, Daniel Tamilarasan V.

Four will make Perpetual Vows

Four District brothers will be making perpetual vows on January 1, 2014: Anup Ranjan Kullu, Kumaraswamy, Renny Markose and Sudhir Kumar Soreng. They will make a workshop on Scripture at the NBCLC in Bangalore during the month of September, work at Marianist Studies under Fr. Jack's direction at Deepahalli from Oct. 1 to 10, and then make the Saragossa retreat at Deepahalli during November (1-30) with the guidance of Fr. Iggie and Fr. Kip.

“In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.” – **Bill Cosby**

Welcome back to Bro. Larry McBride, Fr. Kip and Fr. Jack

The District welcomes back to India our brothers Larry McBride, Kip Stander and Jack McGrath from their sojourns in the USA. Glad to have you with us again!



NAMASTE

“I honor the Spirit in you, which is also in me”



Welcome home to Deacons Chinnaiah and Chitti, Brothers Jinu and Arul

Our two deacons will be arriving in mid-July in their new communities, Chinnaiah at the novitiate, and Chittibabu at the scholasticate. Welcome home! Jinu and Arul, completing their second year of seminary will be working respectively in Binda and Singhpur before coming together at Nirmal Deep to teach and give a retreat to the novices.

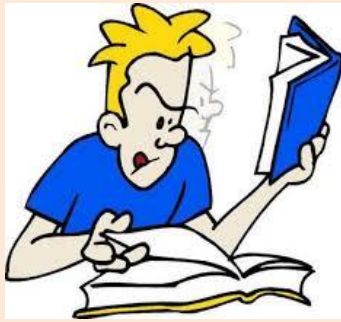
Bon Voyage to Darwin, Mariandu, Saju and Joseph – smooth sailing for Bro. Victor

Four of our District have traveled or will soon travel to begin a period of study. Darwin Joseph has begun a Ph.D. program in philosophy at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. He will be living in the community of the Brothers of St. Gabriel. Mariandu Belevendiran is already in Italy studying Italian in preparation for seminary classes beginning in the fall. He is a member of the Marianist International seminary community in Rome and attending classes at the Gregorian University. In August Saju Chittadiyil will leave for Dayton to begin an M.A. in Educational Leadership at the University of Dayton. He will be a member of the Trinity Ave. community (in its new location on Chambers St.). Also in August, Joseph Barla will be leaving the novices to begin the program offered by the Institute for Religious Formation at the Chicago Theological Union in the USA.

Bro. Victor Sahayaraj has been accepted for the **Ph.D. program in social work** at Bharathiar University in Coimbatore and has already been at work with his advisor. Victor will pursue the degree part-time and naturally he will focus on the REDS concept and practice in his research and dissertation. Bro. Victor will continue his pastoral and Tally work in Patna. Success, Bro. Victor!

New Achievements

Congratulations to Bro. Dillip Tirkey and Bro. Kerobim Xalxo for completing their **B.Ed. degrees** in Sikkim!



Bros. Pratap Guria, Santosh Savarimuthu A. and Prince. A. have completed their scholasticate at UD Program, Deepahalli. Filled with wisdom and knowledge they have set out vibrantly to their ministry communities, Bro. Santosh at Faustino Community, Bro. Prince at Infant Nilaya Community and Bro. Pratap at Maria Nivas Community, Budakata.

*Best Wishes
Always,
From All of Us!*

President Lugun

Best wishes to Fr. Marianus Lugun of the Asha Deep community who has recently been chosen to be President of the local branch of the *Conference of Religious of India* (Khunti District)!

New Novices and New Aspirants

Nine new novices were welcomed at Nirmal Deep on June 20 by Fr. Iggie and the community. Likewise at the Faustino community Fr. Bhaskar and Bro. Santosh welcomed sixteen new aspirants to their first year of formation in the Society of Mary. We all offer our prayer and support in this serious undertaking.

Thanks and Best Wishes

There are some new directors of communities and ministries to remember at this time of the year. We thank them for accepting generously this fraternal service and wish them, in prayer, the best of success in our mission. New community directors are Jyoti Prakash Minj (Singhpur), Basant Kujur (Gyan Deep), Dave Fleming (Nirmal Deep), Santosh Tudu (Fidel Nilaya), Paulus Lakra (Chaminade Nilaya) and Antony Xavier (Infant Nilaya). New directors of ministry are Jyoti Prakash Minj (Middle School principal), Dilip Tirkey (Budakata), Dave Fleming (Novitiate), Sudhir Kujur (parish priest of Blessed Chaminade parish)

Assembly Committee - 2014

A committee to plan the assembly of December 28-31, 2014 is being formed. When all have accepted their membership we will announce names. Our plan is to involve the whole district in the preparations.

Dates announced for Kairos 3

The third phase of the District Leadership Development program, KAIROS 3, will be held at Nirmal Deep on October 20-24. It will be followed by the District chapter meeting, convening at the same place. Arrival is for October 20; the program begins early on October 21.



St. Joseph's statue at Deepahalli

Samuel Kerketta, Fedric Kujur, Rohit Lugun

Three temporary professed made decisions for another way of life recently. Samuel Kerketta and Rohit Lugun left from the scholasticate on June 6, and Fedric Kujur from Nirmal Deep on April 29, after his return from Nepal. We wish them God speed and a happy future, thanking them for their ministry among us for several years.



Boys from REDS Deepahalli anoint Fr. Joe Lackner's forehead with sandalwood paste and kumkum in honor of the Solemnity of St. Joseph celebration in March



Boys lighting candles on the feast of St. Joseph

A Grant for REDS Ranchi

Congratulations to Bro. Kuldeep for securing a grant for \$23,000 (Rs 11.5+ lakh) from the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, Inc. based in Wilmington, Delaware, USA to help with the teachers' salaries for the 1,200 children who receive care from Marianist REDS Ranchi! Well done.



REDS boys from Deepahalli proudly display their beginners' certificates in KARATE! Mr. Remmy their teacher from Germany, associated with our supporters, the BOSCH company, stands at the right along with Mr. Susai and Mr. Ravi

May 28 was graduation day for the tailoring units at L.R.Nagar, Parvathinagar, and S.R. Garden. 69 students were graduated with the lighting of the lamp, speeches, and experiences of the students. Fr. Kip presents her diploma to Mrs.R. Kalaivani.





← Bro. Tony Xavier,
Executive Director of
REDS, admires some of the
finished products

The tailoring graduates
exhibit their embroidery
and stitched cloths



Sad Losses to the District

With the death of Fr. Joe Lackner, S.M. in Seoul, Korea on April 28, the District of India lost a favored teacher, splendid preacher of the Word, sparkling intellectual, trusted advisor and friend. May he rest in peace!



With the violent death of Bro. Richard Joyal, S.M., on April 25, the District of India has lost one of its founders, district superiors, -- kind of heart, creative in imagination, artistic and practical in skills, religiously committed and of great generosity of heart. May he rest in peace!

Prayer Intentions

The District's prayers are requested for the full recovery of Bro. Alex Kujur, Fr. Jose Ramon's sister, Bro. Paul Prakash's mother, Fr. Sylverius's mother and Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli's father. Mr. Anand, our accountant, is recovering but still needs our prayer.

Birthdays

July

- 06 Gunja, Chittibabu
10 Tete, Libin
11 Arulappen, Ignase
18 Tirkey, Shashi
19 Nesam, Antony
28 Minj, Jyoti Prakash

August

- 04 Lakra, Anuranjan
05 Kandulna, Augustin
07 Minj, Libin
08 S., Xavier Raj
10 Kujur, Anand Prakash
Tudu, Santosh
Kerketta, Oscar
14 Kama, Sharath Babu
18 L., John Paul
21 Kandulna, Rajesh
27 Kujur, Sudhir
29 A., Santosh Savarimuthu

