



THE DISTRICT OF INDIA

THE DISTRICT UPDATES

Scholasticate community - First year scholastics' arrival

On the 18th of May, five newly professed brothers and seven temporary professed brothers arrived to Vidya Sagar community for their Scholasticate Program. Since then, they were engaged in learning computers, cleaning the property, and setting up rooms for the annual retreat of our brothers in Deepahalli.



On the 2nd of June sixteen Montfort Brothers from Thailand arrived to join our Scholasticate Program. Their arrival has brought a lot of joy and enthusiasm to the Scholasticate Program.

DCMC concert

Vidya Sagar community was lucky to have Mr. Lothar Wedekind, a professional musician and teacher from Germany, for two weeks. He was very happy to teach the brothers music and showed them a taste of singing professionally in four voices. With the tight schedule of classes, the brothers learned to improve their musical capacity. Mr. Lothar was also excited to teach the REDS children some English songs. With the joint effort and hard work of our brothers and the REDS children, Mr. Lothar put on a concert on the 7th of July in Deepahalli Chapel with the DEEPAHALLI CHAMINADE MALE CHOIR (DCMC). He acknowledged that this could possibly be the largest choir in India. Our brothers from Bangalore

communities and some friends were invited to enjoy the concert.



Bro. Basant appreciated the effort of Mr. Lothar and our brothers and exclaimed of their performance, 'It was beyond my expectation.'

Jacob Gapp community

On the 12th of August, the Jacob Gapp community in Khammam, Telangana, celebrated the feast day of their namesake at the Jacob Gapp School.



Bro. Sanjay Ekka, Assistant for Education, and Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, Assistant for Religious Life,



were the guests of honour. The chief guest was Fr. Joseph, a nearby parish priest. Many local priests and the sisters also participated in the celebration. The students of the school performed various cultural programs to make the day an important one. Fr. Jinu explained to the students, the staff, and the guests about Jacob Gapp and his role in education. The students were given gifts for their participation in various school activities. The program concluded with lunch for all students, guests and teachers.

August 15

On the 15th of August, the Catholic Church celebrated the Assumption of Mother Mary. The communities in the District highlighted the feast through the liturgical celebrations; the day gets more attention in India because the nation



Fr. Sudhir and Bro. Saju at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy

annually celebrates its Independence Day on the 15th of August as well. This year the nation celebrated its 70th Independence Day. All the communities across the District hosted flag hoistings and various celebrations along with our schools' children and their parents.

Nirmal Deep

The community has welcomed 16 pre-aspirants and 3 pre-novices. The pre-aspirants have begun their basic English classes and the staff is trying its best to initiate them into learning good English.

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The community is actively involved in educating local youth through its training centre.



Bro. Felix teaches basic English to the students

This year the centre has seen a good many new students who have enrolled for the basic English classes.

The Office of Temporalites

From the 9th to the 13th of August, Bro. Lucian was in Chennai along with Fr. Sudhir and Mrs. Amala to consolidate the Trust for the financial year 2016-2017. He successfully completed the auditing work and let us congratulate him and Mrs. Amala for their service to the District.

Bro. Julius Tete has begun his studies for a Bachelor of Physical Education (B.PEd) in the YMCA College of Physical Education, Bangalore. The program requires Bro. Julius to be at the College by 5:45 each morning for physical training. The program involves various physical activities and theory classes throughout the day.



Bro. Julius with his professors and classmates.

Let us wish him great success in the program; also, please keep him in your prayers so that he has full energy to put-up with this program for the coming days.

Bros. Antony Xavier, Anup Kullu and John Paul are continuing their studies in their respective places.

Fr Chinniah and Bro. Oscar are at the IRF (Institute for Religious Formation) in Chicago, Illinois, for a year formation course. Let us wish them a good luck for their formation course.



The North American Center for Marianist Studies is going to organize the **Marianist Studies Program 2.0 (MSP)**. The District Council encourages Bros. Iggie, Kumar, Joseph Raj, and Syl to benefit from this program and the Provincial administration will help these brothers with the necessary assistance.

Bro. Balaswamy has reached San Antonio to begin his studies in administration. Bro. George Hans is yet to get his visa and he too may soon travel to San Antonio to study at St. Mary's University, San Antonio. Let us keep in them in our prayers for their successful studies.

Chaminade College Preparatory (CCP)

Bro. Kumara Swamy has started his new ministry as a pastoral associate at Chaminade College Preparatory, West Hills, CA. He assists the campus ministry team with special projects in the middle school and the high school, which are in two different locations.

← Tweet



Chaminade President
@PresidentCCP

A warm @ChaminadeCCP welcome to Pastoral Associate, Bro Kumar! 1 of 2 new @Marianists joining our family this year! Fr. Joseph coming soon!



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A welcoming tweet from the President of CCP

Fr. Joseph Raj got his visa to USA to serve as a chaplain in the same place. He will serve as the chaplain and also a member of the Executive Council. Chaminade Nilaya community is extremely thankful to Fr. Joseph Raj, along with

Bros. Julius, Raimond, and Tony Nesam, for fixing the cushions on all the dining hall chairs and helping the community with various repair and maintenance work. We wish Bros. Kumar and Joseph Raj a successful ministry year at Chaminade College Preparatory.

Office of Education meeting, Rome

Fr. Sudhir represented the District of India for the meeting of the Assistants for Education in Rome. The meeting was held from the 5th-13th of July.



A group picture of the participants

The main objectives of this meeting were to examine the state of the missionary situation within each Unit since the General Chapter of 2012. The meeting examined the following criteria:

- The role of the religious community and the Office of Education in the Marianist Educational tradition.
- The role of missionary projects which cannot exist without the Marianist religious community. Missionary projects and the religious community must complement each other.
- Marianists are called to propagate the spirit of congregation, the “man who never dies”—Fr. Chaminade’s vision of an apostolic community as opposed to individual ministries.
- The importance of the Marianist work of education in faith.
- Non-formal educational work is the call to evangelise or present the gospel in new ways. We are called to incarnate the gospel.
- Non-formal education is where a “preferential option meets the privileged means.” It is to know our identity and help articulate our thoughts, words and mission.
- Finally, there is a need to reach out to other branches of the Marianist Family through the process of networking, which does not substitute for local networking, but strengthens it.

Karnataka Regional Conference of Religious (KRCR)

From the 21st-23rd of July, the 22nd annual assembly of the Karnataka Regional Conference of Religious (KRCR) was held in Mangaluru with the theme of 'Collaboration: A Vision Received, a Mission Shared' at Ranipura, Mangalore. It was attended by Bro. Darwin.



A group picture of the participants

Seventy-five religious superiors, their representatives, and various Karnataka CRI (Conference of Religious India) unit members participated. The assembly highlighted some of the challenges that are faced by religious men and women due to sudden changes in the political atmosphere in India.

Access Program, Gyan Deep

REDS Ranchi has initiated the English Access Micro-Scholarship Program (Access). The program is sponsored by the government of America through the USA's Kolkata consulate in India. This program aims to provide the children spoken English classes, educational materials such as books, stationery, travel allowance, tea and snacks. The program hopes to help the students develop leadership and interpersonal skills, and to understand different cultures and values. Along with teaching the language skills, the program also will provide the student the necessary computer education for their future career. Bro. Dulare Lal Lucas and Marianus Bilung are carrying out the program with a lot of enthusiasm and joy.

On the 17th-18th of August, the District administration had a planning meeting during which the council deliberated about implementing the five-year plan guide approved by the District Chapter.

Bro. Delmar Jorn made his novitiate in Galesville, Wisconsin from 25th August 1957 to 7th Sept. 1958. On the 8th September 1958, he made first vows at parish church in Galesville. He has served eleven years in Kathmandu and twenty-four years in India. Let us congratulate Bro. Delmar Jorn as he begins his 60th anniversary of Marianist Religious Profession and let us keep him in our prayers.

Bros. Dulare Lal and **Paulus Lakra** deserve our appreciation and best wishes for celebrating 25 years of Marianist life with us. Let us wish them all of the blessing and joy during this important moment of their lives.



On the 26th of August, Chaminade Nilaya Community celebrated Fr. Sudhir's birthday. The brothers from the Deepahalli communities brought more joy to the celebration by joining Chaminade Nilaya Community for the celebration.

Please kindly remember the following brothers in your prayers for their healing: Marianus Lugun, Ananias Tete and Thomas Oldenski.