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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

Meetings in St. Louis, MO



From left, Bro. Darwin, Fr. Oscar, Bro. Bernie, Fr. Sudhir, Fr. Marty and Bro. Lucian.

Fr. Sudhir Kujur, Bros. Lucian Tigga and Darwin Joseph travelled to St. Louis, MO, to witness the Provincial Chapter, which included meaningful dialogue about the current and the future issues of the Province.

After the Chapter meetings, Fr. Sudhir Kujur, Bros. Lucian Tigga and Darwin Joseph, Fr. Marty Solma, Bro. Dennis Schmitz, and Bro. Bernie Ploeger, the Assistant Provincial-elect, met with Mrs. Allison Hewitt, Executive Director of Mission Advancement, to discuss the further development of the friendship program and the writing grants for our formation programs in the District on March 6th.

Following this meeting, Frs. Marty, Sudhir, Bros. Dennis Schmitz, Lucian, and Darwin met Fr. Oscar Vasquez, the Provincial-elect, and Bro. Bernie Ploeger, the Assistant Provincial-elect, for a sharing session on March 6th and 7th. This sharing elucidated various developments and issues within the District to the new leadership team. Fr. Oscar and Bro. Bernie expressed their great support to the District for its continual growth.

Catholic Theological Union, Chicago



From left, Frs. Sudhir, Chinnaiah, Bros. Oscar and Lucian.

Fr. Chinnaiah Polishety and Bro. Oscar Kerketta were delighted to meet the District Administration members at the Institute of Religious Formation, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, on March 8th. The administration members held a brief meeting with Fr. Chinnaiah and Bro. Oscar to understand their progress in the formation program and also explained to them the near future plans for the initial formation programs in the District.

Sarhul Festival



Bro. Augustus initiates the festival with a tribal dance.

Sarhul is a popular tribal festival celebrated across the Jharkhand region. The festival marks the advent of the spring season. The festival demonstrates how human beings are close to trees and invites the tribes to show their love for trees. Chaminade Rural Development Project (CRDP), Binda, trainees and its staff celebrated Sarhul festival on March 10th.



Fr. Jim Tobin, SM

Fr. Jim Tobin visited Chaminade Nilaya with eight students and two staff members of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, on March 15th.



From left, Frs. Jinu, Sudhir, Jim, Bros. Sanjay and Darwin.

Fr. Jim accompanied the students as a spiritual advisor during their one-week exposure tour of India.

Catechism Classes at Singhpur Parish



Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur, organized month-long catechism classes for the children during the season of Lent. Nearly one hundred and sixty children participated in these classes, organized by Fr. Birendra Kullu and the parishioners.

St. Joseph School, Budakata



Fr. Joseph and Bro. Ashok lead the school assembly.

St. Joseph School, Budakata, had a closing ceremony to end the 2017-2018 academic year with the children and their parents on March 15th.

STC Visit to Infosys

On March 16th, Fr. Varghese, along with a few Skill Training Centre (STC) students, were invited to a nearby information technology consulting company (Infosys) to explain the STC program and its aim to assist the school's dropouts.



Fr. Varghese presents to the Infosys staff about the STC Program.

The Infosys staff expressed its appreciation for the STC program, and gifted the STC students with five bicycles. They hope for more future collaboration to assist the STC students.

St. Joseph's Feast Day in STC, Deepahalli



Brothers carry the decorated chariot.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of both the St. Joseph's Community and the Skill Training Centre (STC), Deepahalli. Every year on March 19th the STC students and the Brothers celebrate the feast day with a lot of enthusiasm and joy. The STC students decorated St. Joseph's statue with flowers and it was carried in a prayerful procession by the STC students and the Brothers. The feast day celebration concluded with a special Eucharist celebration and a grand supper for all the participants.

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress



Fr. Josephraj and Bro. Kumar participated in LA Religious education congress, 2018.

Slow the Flow



Bro. Julius (in the middle) holds the banner "Slow the Flow".

Patna REDS's Outreach Program



Bro. Jerin speaks to the children.

Bros. Victor Sahayaraj and Antony Nesam initiated a study centre in Panta on March 19th. Bro. Jerin Pananthanam inaugurated the study centre and encouraged the students to benefit from its use. The study centre will assist the poor students with financial assistance and extra coaching classes.

On March 22nd, Bro. Julius Tete participated in a "Slow the Flow" campaign organized by the YMCA Physical Education College, Bangalore, in collaboration with the Environmental Task Group and the Lions International in front of the Town Hall, Bangalore. This campaign aimed to create awareness among the public about water conservation on World Water Day.

The event was publicized in a local Kannada newspaper. Let us congratulate Bro. Julius for participating in this awareness program which is a key need of our time.

Ranchi News Daily



Fr. Xavier co-celebrated Palm Sunday mass in Samlong parish, Ranchi. It was published in a Hinda newspaper.

A Seminar



Bros. Victor and Antony.

Bros. Victor and Antony Nesam participated in a seminar entitled "Emerging Challenges of Education in Bihar," organized by the Xavier Institute of Social Research, Patna, on March 21st.

Council Visit

Bros. Lucian Tigga and Darwin Joseph visited the Jacob Gapp, Nivasam, Community, Mariayapuram, Khammam, on March 19th to 21st. The council members are grateful to the community members for their hospitality during their stay in Jacob Gapp, Nivasam.

Holy Week Celebrations in Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur



The Marianist Aspirants (in white shirts) lead the Palm Sunday procession.

Auxiliary Bishop Telephone Bilung celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass in Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur. The Eucharistic celebration began with a procession from Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur, to the Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur. Nearly seven hundred parishioners participated in the liturgical celebration.



The Bishop with the Marianists.

The Bishop was very gracious to meet all the Marianist Brothers and Sisters from nearby communities; also, he stayed with them for the meals. We sincerely thank the Bishop for his generosity in celebrating the Mass and visiting the Marianist communities in the area.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mrs. Nando Tete, sister-in-law of Bro. Julius Tete, passed away on March 21st. Please pray for her soul and the family members' peace and consolation.

Kindly remember Fr. Xavierraj's father, who is ill, in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers Bro. Raymond's mother, who is not doing well.

Please pray for the students of Jacob Gapp School, Khammam, Prabhat Tara High School, Singhpur, and R C Mission School, Budakata, whose tenth standard students await their board exams results.



The District Administration wishes you all a joyful Easter celebration. May the joyful festival of Easter bring new hope, joy, and good health to all of you.

Happy Easter!

