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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

### Provincial Visit to the District



Bro. Bernard Ploeger and Fr. Oscar Vasquez with Bro. Lucian Tigga, Frs. Sudhir Kujur, Jinu Muthukattil, Bros. Sanjay Ekka and Darwin Joseph.

From January 1-13, Fr. Oscar Vasquez, the Provincial of the Province of the United States, and Bro. Bernard Ploeger, the Assistant Provincial of the Province of the United States, visited the District. During their visit, they spent quality time to interact with the Brothers. They visited the Communities in Ranchi and Bangalore, participated in the extended District Chapter meeting, and the perpetual vows celebration. Apart from these, they held various meetings with the Brothers and the District Administration.



Bro. Bernard Ploeger and Fr. Oscar Vasquez with the temporary professed Brothers in Bangalore.

The District sincerely thanks Fr. Oscar and Bro. Bernie for their visit and the encouragement and support that they continue to show to the District.

### Perpetual Vows



Fr. Oscar Vasquez, Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli and Fr. Sudhir Kujur

Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli professed perpetual vows in Deepahalli, Bangalore, on January 12. Fr. Oscar Vasquez, Provincial of the Province of the United States, presided at the Mass and received the vows. Bro. Bernard Ploeger, Assistant Provincial of the Province of the United States, gave the homily. About 175 family, Marianist Brothers, and friends participated in the celebration.



Fr. Oscar Vasquez and Bro. Bernard Ploeger lead the perpetual vows ceremony.

The District Administration sincerely thanks the Brothers from the Scholastic



Community and St. Joseph Community for making the vows celebration an impressive event. Congratulations to Bro. Showraiah on his perpetual profession.

### Ordination



Bro. Oscar Kerketta, Fr. Suman Dungdung, His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Felix Toppo, Fr. Sudhir Kujur and Bro. Prakash Kujur.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Felix Toppo ordained Deacon Suman Dungdung to the priesthood at Blessed Chaminade Marianist Parish on January 28. The ordination ceremony was done with the most veneration and devotion. The Singhpur Marianist Community, Fidel Nilaya Community, Nazareth Nilaya (FMI Novitiate), and Blessed Chaminade Parishioners assisted in every way to make the celebration a successful and prayerful event.



Brothers sing a congratulation song for Fr. Suman Dungdung.

Brothers Anup Kullu, Anuranjan Lakra, Dulare Lal Lucas, George Majhi, Pratap Guria, and Sebastian Bara, along with a few parishioners and Marianist Sisters, greatly helped the participants enter into the prayerfulness of

the celebration through their melodious voices. About 1800 family, Marianist Brothers, Sisters, MLC members, and parishioners participated in the ordination ceremony. The celebration concluded with a festive meal for all the guests and the local tribal dance. Congratulations to Fr. Suman on his ordination.

### The Extended District Chapter



(Front row from the left) Frs. Oscar Vasquez, Xavier Raj, Bros. Darwin Joseph, Paulus Lakra, Sanjay Ekka, Fr. Birendra Kullu, and Bro. Sukrit Tirkey. (Second row from the left) Bro. Tony Nesam, Fr. James Dungdung, Bros. Prakash Kujur, Lucian Tigga, Frs. Jinu Muthukattil, Sudhir Kujur, Bro. Bernard Ploeger and Fr. Joseph Barla.

On January 7 in Gyan Deep, Ranchi, the District Chapter members had an extended meeting to endorse the distribution of the new policies. After this Chapter endorsement, the policies were sent to the communities for feedback. From May 28-June 1, the District Chapter will hold a special chapter meeting to finalize and endorse the policies, which will then be submitted to the Provincial Administration.

### CRDP, Binda Graduation



On January 18, Chaminade Rural Development Program (CRDP), Binda, organized a graduation ceremony for its computer, driving, and tailoring graduates. Ninety-five students successfully graduated from the CRDP, Binda Program. Congratulations to all the new graduates.



## UD Immersion Program



Infant Nilaya Community Brothers with the UD Professor Matt Day (in blue shirt) and the immersion program students.

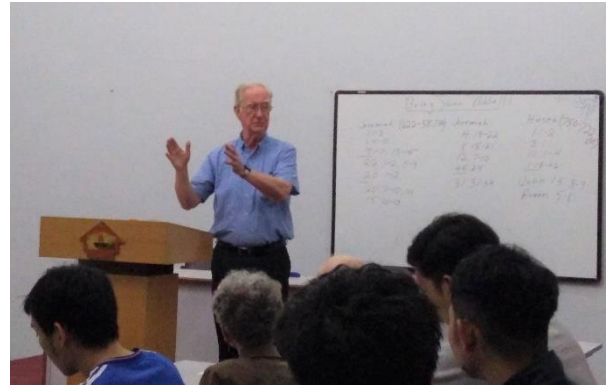
From December 30-January 11, Professor Matt Day, his wife, and four students from the Department of Physical Therapy, University of Dayton, visited India for an immersion program. During the program, they stayed with the Brothers at Infant Nilaya, Bangalore.

## UD Deepahalli Program



Bro. Erick Otiende and Fr. David Fleming

The University of Dayton's Deepahalli Program began its spring term on January 14. Fr. David Fleming from the Province of the United States, and Bro. Erick Otiende from the Region of Eastern Africa, joined the UD Deepahalli faculty to teach during the spring term.



Dr. Vince Branick of the Department of Religious Studies of University of Dayton presented a talk on the prophet Jeremiah to the faculty and the students on January 21, enlightening the faculty and students about the importance and the relevance of the prophet. His talk was well received by both faculty and students of the UD Deepahalli Program.

## Personnel

Fr. Varghese Manooparampil began his two years of religious studies in University of Dayton on January 10. Let us wish him blessings and success as he begins his studies at UD, Dayton.



## Annual Sports Day



Bros. Ashok Dungdung and Lalit Dhanwar with the winners and the class teacher.

Ashok Dungdung, the headmaster of St. Joseph's School, Budakata, informed us that the school successfully completed its annual sports day on January 19. The children enthusiastically participated in various sports activities. The winners of the various activities received awards for their performance.

### Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



The MLC members gathered in Gyan Deep for a Holy Mass on January 22.

On January 22, The Marianist communities across the District celebrated the feast day of Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade, Founder of the Society of Mary and the Marianist Family. The Marianist communities highlighted the day in their liturgical celebrations.



Formation staff in Nirmla Deep organized a volleyball tournament for the pre-novices and the aspirants on January 22.

Some communities even organized some sports and cultural activities to mark the joyous occasion of the day.

### Republic Day

India celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on January 26. The Marianist educational institutions across the District celebrated Republic Day with flag hoistings and various cultural programs.



Jacob Gapp School, Khammam organized the flag hoisting ceremony and cultural programs on January 26.



REDS Ranchi staff and the children gathered in Gyan Deep for the flag hoisting on January 26. Fr. Sudhir Kujur was the chief guest of the day.

### REDS Ranchi



Bro. Paulus Lakra (third from the right in the front row) with the high school students. REDS Ranchi organized a motivational workshop for the high school students on January 29.

Please pray for the Brothers who celebrate their birthdays during the month of February:

06 Peter Tirkey

18 Kerobim Xalxo

23 Bhaskar Gallelli

