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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

## Provincial Chapter



Bro. Bernard Ploeger, Frs. Sudhir Kujur and Oscar Vasquez.

On February 28 - March 4, Fr. Sudhir Kujur participated in the Provincial Chapter in St. Louis, MO. During the Chapter, he presented a PowerPoint report to the Chapter members about the District and its status during the year 2018-19.

After the Chapter meetings, Fr. Sudhir Kujur met with Fr. Oscar Vasquez, the Provincial, and Bro. Bernie Ploeger, the Assistant Provincial, for a sharing session on the afternoon of March 4. This meeting gave him an opportunity to highlight various important issues to the District of India.

Following these meetings, Fr. Sudhir Kujur travelled to the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, to visit Fr. Arulraj on March 6.

### St. Joseph's Feast Day in STC, Deepahalli

St. Joseph's Community and the Skill Training Centre (STC), Deepahalli, have a special devotion to St. Joseph.



Bro. B., Rayappan and Fr. Mariandu Belevendiran with the STC students and the guests.

Every year the Brothers, the staff, and the students celebrate St. Joseph's feast day on March 19 with enthusiasm and joy. The STC students decorated St. Joseph's statue with flowers which was then carried in a prayerful procession. The feast day celebration culminated with a grand supper for all the participants.

### Golden Jubilee



Bros. Lucian Tigga, Sanjay Ekka, Frs. Sudhir Kujur, David Fleming and Jinu Muthukattil.



On March 22, the Scholastic Community celebrated Fr. David Fleming's 50<sup>th</sup> year of ordination. Congratulations to Fr. David on his golden jubilee.

### Jubilee Retreat

From March 14-18, Bro. Prakash Kujur had a special retreat to mark his twenty-five years of Marianist religious life in the Pastoral Center, Matigarha, West Bengal. Congratulations to Bro. Prakash on his silver jubilee year celebration.



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### Meeting with the Archbishop



Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Peter Machado and Bro. Darwin Joseph.

On March 3, Fr. Jinu Muthukattil and Bro. Darwin Joseph participated in a meeting that was initiated by His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. The Bishop was very cordial to the participants. The meeting ended with a dinner for all the participants.

### Nirmal Deep, Ranchi

The formation communities in Nirmal Deep came together to observe a day of recollection on March 6. This recollection helped the novices, the pre-novices, and the aspirants to understand the deeper meaning of the season of Lent.



Fr. Ignase Arulappen delivers a speech to the Marianist initial formation candidates.

### Jacob Gapp Nivasam, Khammam

On February 28, Jacob Gapp Nivasam Community hosted a special gathering for the local religious communities and friends on behalf of Showraiah Ravulapalli's final vows celebration.



Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli is congratulated by a Sister.

On March 9, Jacob Gapp School organized a farewell program for the tenth standard students.



Fr. Xaiverraj, Ratna, Shatha Kumari, Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, Yohan and Bro. Lucian Tigga.

Fr. Xavierraj announced that his community is actively involved in building up the MLC movement. He is assisting three teachers from Jacob Gapp School to discern their call as MLC members.

### St. Joseph School, Budakata



Bro. Ashok Dungdung with the teachers and the students.

On March 16, St. Joseph School, Budakata, successfully completed its academic year 2018-19. Congratulations to Bro. Ashok Dungdung and the teachers on its successful completion.

### CRDP Binda



Bro. Partap Beck instructs a computer student in CRDP Binda computer centre.

### Workshop



On March 25-29, Bro. Antony Nesam attended a workshop on "Research Methodology" at Indian Social Institute (Research Unit), Bangalore.

### International Women's Day



STC students congratulate the STC staff members on the international women's day.

On March 8, Skill Training Centre (STC), Deepahalli, celebrated International Women's Day by honouring its women staff members. Fr. Mariandu Belevendiran, the STC Director, thanked them for their generous service in cooking for the students and caring for them during their illnesses.

### Nirmal Deep, Ranchi



All the participants of the feast day.

On March 25, the initial formation communities of the FMI, the SM, and the MLC members came together to celebrate the feast day of the Annunciation of the Lord in Nirmal Deep, Ranchi. The day evolved into a variety of activities like sharing their experiences of Marianist vocation, the feast day holy Mass and rosary. The participants expressed their immense joy in getting to know each other and they thanked the Nirmal Deep staff for organizing a delightful feast day.

## REDS Ranchi



REDS Ranchi realizes the importance of empowering the parents of the REDS children. For this reason, every month REDS Ranchi organizes various workshops for the parents. These workshops aim at skill development, awareness of the local Government's welfare schemes, health, nutrition, child care, and many more. On March 16, it organized a workshop in the Pahari Centre to teach the mothers the importance of literacy and basic education. About sixty-one mothers participated in this workshop which convinced some of the parents to begin reading and writing.

### **An Appointment**

Bro. Darwin Joseph has been appointed acting executive director of the UD Deepahalli Program during the absence of Bro. Tom Oldenski.

### **Council Visits**

During the month of March, the Council members visited the Jacob Gapp Nivasam Community, Khammam; the Scholasticate Community; St. Joseph's Community; and Infant Nilaya. The council members are grateful to all the communities for their hospitality.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for the mothers of Bros. Oscar Kerketta and Dillip Kumar Majhi, who are very ill.

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

06 George Hans

07 Renny Markose

13 Pratap Beck

16 Sylverius Kerketta

18 Roshan Soreng

19 Victor Xalxo

21 A., Mariandu Belevendiran & K., Peter Paul

23 Joseph Barla

