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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

Chaminade Training Institute, Patna



Bro. Lucian Tigga congratulates a student on her accomplishment.

On April 3, the Chaminade Training Institute conducted a graduation ceremony for the outgoing twenty-eight computer students. Bros. Lucian Tigga, Larry McBride, and Darwin Joseph distributed the certificates to the students. Twenty students received an advanced diploma in computer application. Three students received a diploma in computer application, and five students received a Tally course completion certificate. The graduation concluded with some cultural programs and high tea for the staff and students.

Come and See, Deepahalli

From April 5-10, Fr. Mariandu Belevendiran organized a 'Come and See' program in Deepahalli. The 'Come and See' program invites young men who are interested to learn more about the Marianist religious vocation.



(Second in the second row from left) Bros. Casimeer Antony, Balaswamy, Frs. Mariandu Belevendiran and Rajmohan with the 'Come and See' participants.

Eleven young men participated in the 'Come and See' program. Frs. Mariandu Belevendiran, Rajmohan, Bros. Balaswamy and Casimeer Antony helped the young men understand the meaning and aspects of a Marianist vocation. Some of the participants expressed an interest in joining the Aspirancy program.

Sarhul Festival



Bro. Dilip Tirkey welcomes a trainee for the celebration.



Sarhul is a popular tribal festival celebrated across the Jharkhand region. The Chaminade Rural Development Project (CRDP), Binda, organized a grand Sarhul celebration for all its trainees and staff, which included the tribal dance and various rituals that showed the importance of preserving nature.

St. Joseph Chaminade Academy, Deepahalli



Fr. Lijo Paul, CMI and Bro. John Paul.

Fifty-eight students of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy graduated from Pre-Primary to Primary this year. The graduation ceremony was conducted on April 5th. Fr. Lijo Paul, CMI, Principal of Christ Academy, was the chief guest who inaugurated the function and awarded the diplomas to the students.

Meeting with the FMI Sisters

On April 12, the FMI and SM District administrators had a meeting in Shanthi Deep, Ranchi. During this meeting, they discussed ways in which both groups could collaborate and learn from each other.

Asian Zonal Conference



Bro. David Herbold, Frs. Sudhir Kujur, Francis Chang, Isao Aoki, and Ignase Arulappen.

From April 23-24, Frs. Sudhir Kujur and Ignase Arulappen participated in the Asian Zonal Conference in Tokyo, Japan. Fr. Sudhir Kujur was appointed Zonal president for a term of three years. Congratulations to Fr. Sudhir on his new appointment.

Seder Meal



The staff and the initial formation candidates gathered around the table for the Seder meal.

Nirmal Deep formation communities came together to host a Seder meal on April 18. The event was prayerful, filled with many rituals and symbolism. The formation house staffs helped the initial formation candidates understand the historical context of the Christian Passover through this Seder meal.

Workshop



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From April 22-27, Saju Chittadiyil attended a spiritual renewal program on "Biblical Perspective of Religious Life" at Ryshivana, Mangalore.

Financial Audit

Bro. Lucian Tigga organized two financial audits in the District. The first audit took place in Bangalore from April 13 to 15 and the second took place in Ranchi from April 24 to

27. He expresses his gratitude to all who assisted in making the District audits successful.

400 Metre Dash



Bro. George Hans (in green t-shirt) won gold in 400 metres during an annual sports day held at St Xavier's College of Education, Patna. Congratulations Bro. George.

10 Guria, Pratap
 12 Dungdung, Ashok Kumar & K., Kumar Swamy
 20 Lucas, Dulare Lal
 25 Tirkey, Dillp Kumar
 28 Dungdung, James
 30 Bara, Sebastian



Personnel Updates

Bro. George Majhi and K. Peter Paul have been approved for seminary studies. Let us wish them blessings and success as they begin their theology studies in Rome.

Augustine Say, Dillip Kumar Majhi, and Roshan Soreng have decided to withdraw from the Society of Mary. Let us wish them God's blessings and good health as they begin new way of life.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the mother of Bro. Oscar Kerketta, who is very ill.

Mrs. Sushana, the aunt of Bro. Arokia Felix Raja, passed away. Please pray for her soul and her family members' peace and consolation.

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

01 Manooparampil, Varghese & A.,
 Balaswamy
 03 Murmu, Britto
 06 Majhi, George Stifen