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Srs. Sujata Lakra, Doris Apondi, Seema Lakra and Manju Hunni Purty.

Srs. Doris Apondi FMI, Manju Hunni Purty FMI, Seema Lakra FMI, and Sujata Lakra FMI, professed first vows during the Eucharist celebration in Shantideep, Ranchi, on May 25. The Sisters' families, Marianist Brothers, and the local MLC members participated in the ceremony and congratulated the newly professed Sisters. The Marianist Sisters' community highlighted the event with a fellowship meal for all the participants.

Jacob Gapp School, Khammam

Four 10th standard students of Jacob Gapp School passed their final exams with first-class grades. Congratulations to both their teachers and the students.

Prabhat Tara High School, Singhpur

Sixty-nine students wrote the 10th standard exams. Sixty-five students passed the exam with first-class results. Let's congratulate the students and teachers for their fine work.

District Chapter 2019



The participants of the District Chapter.

From May 28-June 1, the District Chapter members had an extended chapter meeting in Deephalli, Bangalore, to finalize the new policies and endorse the District Directory, which will be submitted to the Provincial Administration for their approval. The District Administration thanks Fr. Martin Solma who assisted the District Chapter members to work amicably to complete the District Directory.

Jubilee Celebration



Bro. Prakash Kujur with his parents.

Bro. Prakash Kujur celebrated his 25th year of religious life in Blessed Chaminade Parish,



Ranchi, on May 11. He made his first vows in Ranchi on May 1, 1994. The Jubilee celebration began with a solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Sudhir Kujur along with fellow Marianist Priests. After the Mass, the Singhpur Marianist Community organized a special cultural program for the silver jubilarian followed by a festive meal for all the participants.

Annual Retreat in Bangalore



The Brothers bless the new community director.

The District's first annual retreat was held in Bangalore from May 19-26. Thirty Brothers participated in the retreat. Fr. Peter Swamy (Montfort) was the retreat preacher whose theme was 'Our Call and Discipleship.' The District Administration thanks the retreat preacher for guiding the Brothers to a deeper understanding of the meaning of discipleship.



Fr. James Dungdung and Bro. Prakash Kujur cut a cake to mark their jubilee celebrations.

The annual retreat prayerfully concluded on May 26 with the renewal of the vows, a blessing of the jubilarians, and the installation of a community director.

Annual Retreat in Jamshedpur



Fr. Sudhir Kujur, the retreat preacher and the Brothers bless the new community directors.

The District's second annual retreat was held in Jamshedpur from May 27-June 3. Twenty-six Brothers participated in the retreat. Fr. Somy Mathew S.J, preached the retreat on 'Our Call and Discipleship.' The Brothers deeply appreciated Fr. Somy for being available to share his spiritual wisdom with the Brothers.



A group picture of the retreat participants.

The annual retreat was solemnly concluded with the blessing of a jubilarian and the installation of the community directors.

Donation



Bro. George Hans, a B.Ed student at St. Xavier's College of Education, donated blood at a blood donation camp along with his forty-one classmates on May 29. May all of them be blessed for their generosity in donating blood for the needy.

Come & See Programs



Bro. Balaswamy give a speech to the 'Come & See' participants.

From May 9-13, Fr. Mariandu Belevendiran and Bro. Balaswamy along with the Brothers from Jacob Gapp Nivasam organized a 'Come and See' program which gave an opportunity for young men from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to learn about the Marianist religious vocation. Ten young men participated.



Maria Nivas Community Brothers with the 'Come & See' participants.

From May 9-12, Fr. Joseph Barla and his community also organized a 'Come & See' Program in Maria Nivas Community, Budakata. Ten young men from the state of Odisha participated, some of whom may join the Aspirancy program to learn more about Marianist religious life.

Personnel Updates

Partap Beck has 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.

REDS Ranchi



REDS Ranchi organized a workshop for the school-going children in Singpur Sarai Toli on May 4.

REDS Ranchi assists many poor children to continue their studies in various educational institutions in Ranchi. This year, twenty-three of its students successfully passed the 10th standard exams with good results. Every month REDS Ranchi organizes motivational workshops for the school-going children and their parents. These workshops have helped them awake from the slumber of illiteracy and poverty. Congratulations to the REDS Ranchi staff and the children.

Blessed Chaminade Parish



Fr. Rajesh Lakra (second from left in the top row) with the co-celebrants and the children.

Fr. Rajesh Lakra, the parish priest of Blessed Chaminade Parish, informs us that thirteen children of the parish received First Holy Communion on May 13. It was a joyous occasion for the children and the parishioners.

Prayer Requests

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

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

02 Antony, Casimeer
05 B., Rayappan
12 Minz, John Gracious
14 P., Antony Xavier
16 McBride, Larry
17 Lakra, Paulus
26 Tirkey, Sukrit

