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Directors' Meetings in Bangalore



(first row, from left) Bros. Oscar Kerketta, Johnpaul, Basant Kujur, Fr. Josephraj, (second row, from left) Frs. Xavier Raj, Jinu Muthukattil, and Sudhir Kujur.

On August 17, Fr. Sudhir Kujur, the District Superior, organized a directors' meeting for the community in the Bangalore area. The community directors in Bangalore were given input about the General Administration's visit to the District and shared with them the other updates from the District Administration.

Major Superiors' Meeting at Bangalore

The Karnataka Regional Conference of Religious (KRCR) held their 24th Annual Assembly in Bangalore from August 2-4. The major superiors and their delegates from 116 Catholic congregations of women and men religious participated in this assembly. The theme of this assembly was "Rooted in Christ: Anointed to Ignite." Fr. Sudhir Kujur represented the District of India and it gave him a great opportunity to interact with the major superiors from many religious congregations of Karnataka.



Renewal Course of Silver Jubilarians



Fr. James Dungdung (with a drum) and Bro. Vijay Mini (third from left) teach a tribal dance to the fellow participants of the renewal program.

From August 5-29, Fr. James Dungdung and Bro Vijay Minj participated in a silver jubilarians' renewal program at the Don Bosco Renewal Centre (DBRC), Bangalore. Fr. James said that DBRC was a great choice for the renewal program, which gave an opportunity to meet other Brothers and Sisters who are celebrating their 25 years of religious profession. The renewal program created an extraordinary environment to prepare them to face the challenges that will come in the years ahead. The four-week course made them stronger in their spiritual, psychological, and intellectual maturity. The program offered lectures on consecrated life, spiritual direction, midlife transition, prayer, formation of conscience, psycho-sexual integration, and celibacy. During these days, both of them spent quality time contemplating the goodness of God, and they appreciated the profound meaning of their religious call to the Marianist vocation. Fr. James and Bro. Vijay felt spiritually and psychologically refreshed and deeply united with the Lord and Mother Mary and for her mission in the days ahead.



Both of them were extremely delighted and grateful for this renewal program.

Jacob Gapp Feast Day



Frs. Xavier Raj and Bhaskar Gallelli explain about the life of Blessed Jacob Gapp to the students.

On August 13, the Brothers across the District celebrated the feast day of Blessed Jacob Gapp. The Jacob Gapp community in Khammam, Telangana, celebrated the feast day and namesake of their school with the teachers and students.

Account Workshop



Bro. Lucian Tigga (far right end) with the workshop participants.

Bro. Lucian Tigga along with Fr. Jinu Muthukattil organized a two-day “Tally Workshop” for the scholastics and the Brothers in Bangalore. The workshop aimed at helping the Brothers to understand the fundamentals of the District accounting methods and the operation of Tally, the accounting software. The workshop was successful, and it enlightened the Brothers

much more than they expected to learn about our accounting.

Independence Day



R C Upper Primary Middle School-Budakata, children perform during Independence Day celebrations.

On August 15, the communities in the District highlighted the feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary through the liturgical celebrations; the day continued with more celebrations and the national flag hoistings, because India annually celebrates its Independence Day on August 15, as well. This year the nation celebrated its 73rd Independence Day.



Faustino Community and the Scholastic Community together hold the Independence Day celebrations.

All the communities across the District hosted flag hoistings and held various celebrations

along with our schools' children and their parents.

Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur



Girls marching at Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur, for Independence Day celebration parade.

On August 15, Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur, organized a grand Independence Day celebration. Professor Amulya Niraj Xalxo, Xavier Institute of Polytechnic and Technology, Ranchi, was the chief guest of the day. He delivered an Independence Day address after the flag hoisting. On the same day, special sport activities were conducted by the senior students. The senior boys played a football match and the senior girls played a throw ball match.



Bro. Prakash Kujur awarded trophies to winners of the matches and the Independence Day celebrations concluded with a string of applause.

Vocation Promoters' Workshop

From August 24-25, Frs. Mariandu Belevendiran and Arulraj participated in a vocation promoters' workshop in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu. The workshop gave them new insights about the current issues in vocation promotion. Apart from these insights, they were taught some new skills for promoting vocations.

Jubilee Celebration

August 10, Fr. Varghese Manooparampil celebrated his 25 years of Marianist religious life with the U.S. Province jubilarians in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Ohio. May he be blessed with many more years of Marianist life.



Ranchi MLC



The MLC members.

On August 18, the Ranchi Marianist Lay Community members had a special meeting to plan for various upcoming events such as world day prayers, their promise day preparations, plans for the Marian feast days, and a day for the study of SM spirituality.

Ranchi REDS



Sr. Stella Kispotta and Bro. Paulus Lakra lead the workshop.

On August 10, Ranchi REDS organized a workshop for the parents of the REDS centres Tokitoli, Bargawa, and Chutia in Gyan Deep, Lowadi. Sr. Stella Kispotta and Bro. Paulus Lakra interacted with the parents and motivated them to become involved in their children's education. Ranchi REDS aims at assisting the parents and the children in the best way possible that may lead them to a healthier future. About sixty parents attended the workshop with great enthusiasm.

Scholastics' Pilgrimage



The Pilgrims.

From August 22 -24, the Scholastic Community went on a special pilgrimage to Our Lady of Vailankanni, a Marian shrine in Tamil Nadu. The staff and the scholastics took the opportunity to visit this shrine during the June semester break. The scholastics and the staff had an amazing experience in the Marian shrine by spending two days of prayer and meditating upon the blessings of Mother Mary in their lives.

Binda CRDP



The workshop participants.

On August 23, Binda CRDP, along with Sewa Welfare Society, Khunti, conducted a day workshop for the local farmers. This workshop aimed at training the farmers to grow herbal plants, to understand the financial requirements for doing so, and the technical knowledge of how to take care of herbal plants. This workshop also covered rainwater harvesting for farming herbal plants. About fifty farmers participated in the workshop.

St. Joseph Chaminade Academy



Fr. Sudhir Kujur leads a prayer for the laying of the foundation stone.

On August 26, Fr. Sudhir Kujur blessed the laying of the foundation stone for the new academic block of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy. All the Marianist Brothers in the Deepahalli campus participated in the blessing ceremony.

Prayer Requests

Dr. Devadas Gallelli, the eldest brother of Fr. Bhaskar Gallelli, passed away. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

Please pray for the mothers of Bros. Ajay Soreng, Oscar Kerketta, and Julius Tete, who are ill.

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

06 Pananthanam, Jerin J.

07 Tete, Ananias

09 Kerketta, Naiman

12 Varaprasad, Nittamaria

C., Raj Mohan

13 Kiro, Roshan

18 A., Arokia Doss

Ravulapalli, Showraiah

27 A., Arockia Doss (Mullai)

Muthukattil, Jinu

29 Kullu, Birendra

