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October 2nd



Fr. André Fétis (front row left), Bros. Michael McAward, Maximin Magnan, and Fr. Pablo Rambaud with the District Administration members.

October 2nd is an important day in India, because it marks the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth on October 2, 1869. Internationally, the day is known as a non-violence day. Marianists all over the world also celebrate October 2nd as the anniversary of the foundation of our Society of Mary. The Marianist communities in Bangalore came together in Deepahalli to celebrate Foundation Day.

The day began with a special meeting organized by Fr. André Fétis, the Superior General, and his General councilors, for the Brothers in the Bangalore area. They shared the important outcomes and implementations of the General Chapter, 2018. The day was highlighted by a solemn Mass presided over by Fr. Fétis, whose co-celebrants were Frs. Pablo Rambaud and Sudhir Kujur, followed by fellowship meal.

The World Day of Marianist Prayer



The Marianist candidates, Brothers and Sisters perform a play about the origin of Our Lady of Atacora, Benin.

On October 13, Marianist Brothers and Sisters gathered in Deepahalli to celebrate the World Day of Marianist Prayer. About fifty of them took part to make the day meaningful and prayerful. The day began with a presentation by Sr. Laura Lemming and Bro. Tom Wendorf. Both of them presented the founder's vision and the history of Our Lady of Atacora, Benin, through a dynamic play. The Marianist candidates, scholastics, and sisters performed various roles in the play, which left a profound impact on the participants, an immense sense of devotion to Our Lady of Atacora.



The participants of the World Day of Marianist Prayer in Bangalore.



After the presentation, the participants said a rosary in a procession which ended in the chapel. The Mass was presided over by Fr. Jinu Muthukattil and the co-celebrants were Frs. Josephraj and Mariandu Belevendiran, followed by festive meal.



The novices lead a rosary procession in Nirmal Deep.

The World Day of Marianist Prayer in Ranchi began with the welcoming of the General Administration. Bro. Michael McAward explained to the participants the deeper meaning of being a Marian pilgrim and the purpose for choosing the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Atacora, Benin, for this year's World Day of Marianist Prayer. Fr. Sudhir Kujur presided over the solemn Mass along with the Marianist priests. During this Eucharist celebration thirty MLC members took their promises.



The MLC members who made their promises on October 13.

The day's celebration and prayer concluded with a rosary and a high tea. About two hundred Marianist Brothers, Sisters, and the MLC members participated in this joyful event.

Asha Deep, Binda



The CRDP students and the Brothers lead the music for the Eucharist celebration.

The Asha Deep, Binda, community organized a great celebration to mark the foundation of our Society of Mary on October 2 by inviting the local priests, religious sisters, CRDP staff, and the students. The community celebrated the day with a solemn Mass and a great lunch for all the guests. The celebration culminated with a tribal dance and music.

MLC Members Retreat



The MLC members with Fr. James Dungdung (front row right).

From October 4-5, about forty MLC members from Ranchi and Binda came together for a two-day retreat in Nirmal Deep, Ranchi. This retreat prepared for the promises that they made on October 13 in Nirmal Deep. Fr. James Dungdung helped the retreat participants to reflect and understand their commitment as lay Marianists.

A Meeting with the GA at Nirmal Deep



Fr. André Fétis and Bro. Maximin Magnan greet the play school children.

On October 15, Fr. André Fétis, the Superior General, and his General councilors held a special meeting for the Brothers in the Ranchi area. During this meeting, they shared the General Chapter 2018 document and encouraged the Brothers to implement the outcomes of the General Chapter 2018 in the communities and the ministries.

PV Preparation Workshop



Srs. Kalista Kullu, Poonam Lakra, Bros. Telesphore Soreng, Rayappan, Fr. Ignase Arulappan, Bro. Jerin Pananthanam, Srs. Sagaya Rani and Madhuri Samaria.

From September 30- October 15, Srs. Kalista Kullu, Poonam Lakra, Madhuri Samaria, Sagaya Rani, and Bros. B., Rayappan, Telesphore Soreng, and Jerin Pananthanam participated in a special Marianist study program at Deepahalli, as part of their

perpetual vows preparation. Fr. Ignase Arulappan directed the program and he assisted the participants to understand the deeper meaning of perpetual vows in the Marianist context. The program concentrated upon the study of Fr. Eduardo Benlloch's *Chaminade's Message Today*, and *Origin of the Marianist Family*. Based on these books, the participants had a number of discussions about Marianist Spirituality, such as the role of Mother Mary in the life of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade. Apart from these, the participants spent time exploring the topic of Blessed Chaminade's method of prayer, the system of virtues, and the recent General Chapter document. The participants said that this special Marianist study program helped them to strengthen their spiritual life and they learned more about the faith lives of the Founders. From November 1-30, all these Sisters and Brothers will be in Nirmal Deep, Ranchi, for a month-long Zaragoza retreat. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

Prabhat Tara Middle School, Singhpur



Bros. Anu Kullu, Anuranjan Lakra, Prakash Kujur with the middle school football team.

The Prabhat Tara Middle School, Singhpur, football team participated in a two-month long football tournament organized by the YMCA, Ranchi. The football team showed impressive progress during this tournament;

in fact, its goalkeeper was named best goalkeeper of the tournament. Let congratulate Bro. Anup Kullu for training the team, and wish them even more success.

Prayer Requests

Gregory Lakra, the eldest sister of Fr. Rajesh Lakra, passed away. May her soul rest in peace. May God grant peace and consolation to Fr. Rajesh and his family members.

Kamila Tirkey, aunt of Bro. Dilip Tireky, passed away. Kindly pray for Bro. Dilip and his family members.

Baby Francis, uncle of Bro. Saju Chittadiyil, passed away. Kindly remember him in your prayers as well.

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

12 Lakra, Rajesh Kumar

23 Lugun, Marianus

24 Soreng, Sudhir

