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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

20th District Chapter



The District Chapter participants.

On November 13-15, the 20th District Chapter was held in Asha Deep, Binda. The Chapter had five members by right and eight by election. Fr. Martin Solma assisted the chapter members with the necessary technical assistance for its smooth functioning.

Fr. Josephraj and Bro. Anu Kullu did an excellent job in taking care of the documentation work for the Chapter. Their service to the chapter was immensely appreciated. The District Chapter members are grateful to Asha Deep Community members for their assistance in setting up their community for the Chapter. The Acts of the District Chapter will be published after the Provincial Administration's ratification.

Council's Community Visits

From October 24-November 11, the District's council members visited the communities across the District, receiving full cooperation and fraternal support from the Brothers during the visitations. The District council members are extremely grateful to the Brothers for the hospitality and kindness that was shown to them during the visitations.

Seniors' Renewal Program



Fr. Martin Solma with the renewal program participants.

From November 17-19, nine members of the District of India met at the Asha Deep community in Binda for a renewal workshop. These Brothers form the oldest cohort of professed in the District, professing their first vows between 1985-1993.

Fr. Martin Solma, who helped moderate the District Chapter, was able to spend a few more days and direct this renewal workshop, entitled "Called to Be Saints: Renew, Revitalize, Refresh, Remind, Re-Commit." Daily presentations allowed the participants to focus on important themes in Marianist life: holiness (based upon the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, "Gaudete and Exsultate"), prayer as "Taking on the Mind of Christ," aging with grace, chastity as "Empty and Poor for Christ," embracing God's call in the Marianist community, and "In Mission with Mary and the Marianist Family."

During the final Eucharist, the participants renewed their baptismal promises and their religious vows. Thanks to the Asha Deep community for hosting this program and for their fraternal hospitality. The District



Administration is grateful to Fr. Martin for conducting this renewal workshop for the oldest cohort of professed in the District.

REDS Ranchi, 22nd Annual Celebration



Children perform during the annual day celebration.

The Ragpickers Education & Development Scheme (REDS), Ranchi, strives its best to serve the poor children in the Ranchi area through its various innovative programs. This year, REDS Ranchi entered the 22nd anniversary of its foundation with great hope and an enthusiasm to fulfill its founding mission.

REDS Ranchi celebrated its foundation day at St. Francis School, Samlong, Ranchi, on November 24. Around 1,200 children participated, along with the Marianist Brothers from the Ranchi area. The children from various REDS centres performed dances, dramas, and songs which included a wide variety of languages and costumes.



(from left) Bro. Larry McBride, Fr. Sudhir Kujur, Bro. Bartholomio Kandulna (Franciscan) was the chief guest at the event, and Bro. Paulus Lakra, the program director.

The children and guests were given a grand lunch and the annual celebration ended with success and joy. Bro. Paulus Lakra, the director of Ranchi REDS, and Bro. Marianus Bilung, the director of Gyan Deep Community, expressed happiness over the day's successful annual celebration and thanked the Brothers, the staff, and the donors for making it a festive day for the children.

REDS Bengaluru, Children's Day Celebration



The participants of the children's day in Bengaluru.

On November 24, REDS Bengaluru held its Children Day's celebration at Corporation Pre-University College, Bangalore. The chief guests of the day were Fr. Joseph Menezes, parish priest of the Infant Jesus Shrine; Shri. N.A. Haris, MLA, Shanthi Nagar; and the District Council members. About 1,600 children and their parents participated in the event. Mr. Haris congratulated REDS Bengaluru's efforts to motivate the slum children to realize the importance of formal education.

The children from the REDS centres performed various cultural shows. The special invitees distributed prizes to the children to all who performed various cultural shows. The Children's Day successfully ended with meals for all the children and their parents. Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli, the Director of REDS Bangalore Program, and Fr. Josephraj, the Director of Infant Nilaya Community, are grateful to all the local donors who generously contributed to make this event successful and memorable.

200th Anniversary Celebration



Bro. Julius Tete shares his experience about the Marianist education to the STC trainees.

REDS STC, Deepahalli, celebrated the 200th anniversary of the worldwide Marianist educational institutions on November 2. Bro. John Paul, the Director of the St. Joseph community, delivered a talk about the 200th anniversary of Marianist education to the STC trainees. Bro. Julius Tete and Fr. Arul Raj shared their accounts of Marianist education during the event. The STC trainees added more joy to the 200th anniversary celebration by performing a variety of cultural programs.

Education Conference



Bros. Sanjay Ekka and Saju Chittadiyil.

Bros. Sanjay Ekka and Saju Chittadiyil attended a conference on educational innovation at the Taj Hotel, Bengaluru, on November 19. The conference focused on ways to incorporate technology in classrooms. Apart from this, the conference highlighted the basic goal of education, the role of principals in the development of the institution, and the importance of physical education.

Children's Day



St. Joseph's School, Budakata teachers and the Brothers entertain the students with a sing.

Children's Day in India is celebrated every year on November 14th as a homage to the first prime minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The schools across the District organized their annual sports days and various events to highlight the importance of the day.



STC trainees greet the aspirants.

The Skill Training Centre (STC), Deepahalli, highlighted the Children's Day celebration with a volleyball tournament with Faustino Community. The STC trainees were the winners.

Charism Program

From December 13-January 4, the Charism Program will take place in Kenya. Bros. Jerin Pananthanam, Praveen Kumar, and Telesphore Soreng will participate. Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, Assistant for Religious Life, will accompany these Brothers and do a presentation for the Charism participants.

Christ the King



Fr. Rajesh Lakra leads the procession.

On November 24, Blessed Chaminade Parish organized a grand Eucharistic procession for the feast of Christ the King.

St. Joseph Chaminade Academy



Bros. Saju Chittadiyil, Del Jorn, Sr. Laura Leming and Bro. John Paul light the lamp to initiate the cultural and literary festival.

On November 2, St. Joseph Chaminade Academy, Bangalore, hosted ANOKA 2019, a cultural and literary festival. During this festival, students participate and compete in variety of programs like dancing, singing, elocution, number bee, and spelling bee. Sr. Laura Leming was the chief guest at the event this year, which was well attended by the parents.

On November 16, St. Joseph Chaminade Academy celebrated its third annual sports day, "Aventura 2019." Fr. Baiu Puthussery, Manager of De Sales Academy, Chandapura, was the chief guest of the day. Various competitions were conducted for the children and their parents.

Zaragoza Retreat



Sr. Teresa Ferre and Fr. Ignase Arulappen with the retreat participants.

From November 1-30, Sr. Teresa Sanchis Ferre and Fr. Ignase Arulappen offered a month-long Zaragoza retreat for four Sisters and three Brothers. The Sisters will profess their perpetual vows in Shanti Deep Community, Ranchi, on December 8. The Brothers will profess their perpetual vows in Deepahalli, Bangalore, on January 8. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

Post-Scholastic Workshop



Bros. Casimeer Antony, Praveen Kumar, Pulkit Minj, and Roshan Kiro.

On November 25-27, Fr. Mariandu Belevendiran conducted a three-day workshop for the four post-scholastic Brothers in Deepahalli, Bangalore. The workshop gave them an opportunity to share their ministry experiences and to refresh themselves with some spiritual and psychological input. The four post-scholastic Brothers found that this workshop also gave them an opportunity to renew themselves and reflect more deeply upon their call to be Marianists.

Jacob Gapp school



On November 22, six students from Jacob Gapp School participated in a critical thinking and aptitude-based competition that was organized by the Discovery channel. They were awarded with gifts for their successful participation in the competition. Congratulations to the teachers and the students of Jacob Gapp School.

Personnel

Renny Markose has been approved for his Diaconate Ordination and he will be ordained as a deacon in Seminario Chaminade on January 11.

Prayers

Philomina Tirkey, the mother of Bro. John Gracious Minz, passed away. May her soul rest in peace. May God grant peace and consolation to Bro. John and his family members.

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

02 Dungdung, Suman

03 Dhanwar, Lalit

14 Ekka, Sanjay

15 Soreng, George

20 Surin, Augustus

Kujur, Kuldeep

