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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

## Perpetual Vows



Back row: Bro. Jesse O'Neill, Frs. Jinu Muthukattil, Tim Kenney, Sudhir Kujur and Bro. Luican Tigga. Front row: Bros. Telesphore Soreng, Jerin J. Pananthanam, Bro. Rayappan B, and Darwin Joseph.

Bros. Jerin Pananthanam, B. Rayappan, and Telesphore Soreng professed perpetual vows in Deepahalli, Bangalore, on January 8. Fr. Tim Kenney, Assistant for Religious Life of the Province of the United States, presided at the Mass and received the vows. Bro. Jesse O'Neill, Assistant for Education of the Province of the United States, gave the homily. About two hundred family, Marianist Brothers, Sisters, and friends participated in the celebration. Congratulations, Bros. Jerin, Rayappan and Telesphore.

## Charism VI in Nairobi

From December 13-January 4, Bros. Jerin Pananthanam, Praveen Kumar, and Telesphore Soreng participated in the Charism VI in Nairobi, Kenya. The program focused on the topics of Marianist charism, history of Marianist family, the founder's vision, and it prepares the young Brothers to understand the challenges of Marianist religious life today.



A group picture of the participants.

This program gave an opportunity for the forty-six temporary professed Brothers from Congo, Cote d' Ivorie, Eastern Africa, India, Korea, and Togo to come together under one roof to learn from some senior Marianists as well as to share their own vocation stories. Daily presentations helped the young Brothers to contemplate Marianist life in light of current world realities.

## Provincial Administration's Visitation



Bro. Jesse O'Neill and Fr. Tim Kenney.

From December 31-January 14, Bro. Jesse O'Neill and Fr. Tim Kenney visited all the communities and the ministries in the District. During this visitation, they spent time and



energy to meet all the Brothers in order to learn about the District. It was a delightful visit for Fr. Tim and Bro. Jesse as well as for the members in the District.

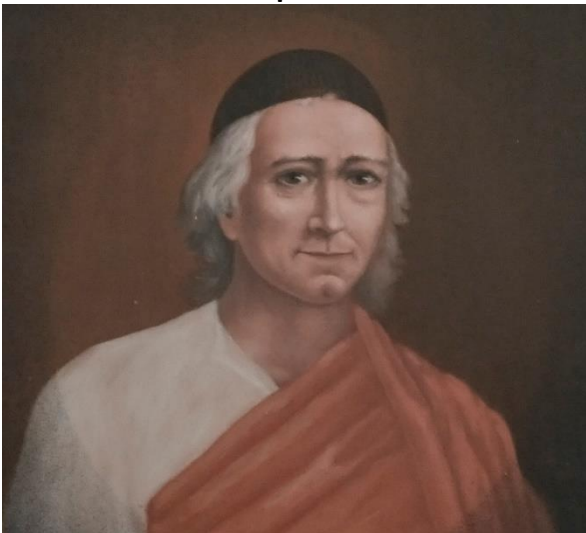
### Diaconal Ordination



Bro. Lucian Tigga, Deacon Renny Markose and Fr. Oscar Vasquez.

On January 11, Bro. Renny Markose was ordained a deacon along with Bros. Brandon Paluch, Kouakou Oka, and Michael Chiuri, by His Eminence Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer, S.J., Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in the Chapel of Our Lady the Pillar at the Marianist General Curia, Rome, Italy. Bro. Lucian Tigga represented the District of India for the diaconal ordination.

### Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



Dutta, Deb J'. *Fr. William Joseph Chaminade*. 1996. Chaminade Nilaya.

On January 22, The Marianist communities across the District celebrated the feast day of Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade, Founder of the Society of Mary and the Marianist Family. The Marianist communities highlighted the day in their liturgical celebrations. The formation communities organized some sports and cultural activities to mark the joyous occasion.

### Annual Retreat



A group picture of the retreat participants.

From December 27-January 3, Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, Assistant for Religious Life of the District, organized a special annual retreat in Jamshedpur for the Brothers who are involved in formal educational ministries. Twenty-nine Brothers participated in the retreat. These Brothers will have ample time to carry on their formal educational ministries during the month of May. Fr. Joe Njarakulam, S.J, preached the retreat and the Brothers deeply appreciated his availability to share his spiritual wisdom.

### Republic Day



A group picture of St. Joseph's School, Budakata, teachers and the Brothers.

India celebrated its Republic Day on January 26. The day is celebrated with much enthusiasm and joy because it honours the

day on which the Constitution of India came into effect 71 years ago. The Marianist educational institutions across the District celebrated Republic Day with flag hoistings and various cultural programs.

### Visitation from the University of Dayton



Dr. Cynthia Shafer with the professors and the students.

Dr. Cynthia Shafer, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences at University of Dayton, made her annual January visit to the UD Deepahalli Program. During her visit, she met the staff and interacted with the students. She will submit a report of her visit to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

### REDS Ranchi



On January 24 and 28, REDS Ranchi organized medical camps for the children of the seven centres in Ranchi: Argora, Doranda, Hatma, Hindpiri, Irgutoli, Khadghara and Pahari. Around 246 children benefited from these medical camps. These kinds of medical camps are conducted regularly by REDS Ranchi to help the children stay healthy and be free from various contagious illnesses due to the seasonal changes.

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for the mothers of Frs. Raj Mohan and Josephraj, who are ill.

Mr. Sandeep Minj and his family members, the relatives of Fr. Sudhir Kujur, met with an automobile accident and are now being kept under medical supervision. Please pray for their speedy recovery.

Mr. Lourdasamy, the eldest brother of Mr. Vincent, passed away. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

Please pray for the Brothers who celebrate their birthdays during the month of February:  
06 Tirkey, Peter  
18 Xalxo, Kerobim  
23 Gallelli, Bhaskar

