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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

Priestly Ordination



Fr. Renny Markose with Brothers.

On January 23, Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, ordained Deacon Renny Markose to the priesthood at Deepahalli. The ordination ceremony was done with the most respect and reverence, with the assistance of all the communities at the Deepahalli campus. About two hundred family members, the Marianist Brothers, Religious Sisters, and priests from the neighbouring religious communities participated in the celebration. The ordination celebration ended with lunch after the guests congratulated and prayed for the newly ordained Fr. Renny. The District Administration is grateful to all the community Brothers in Deepahalli for organizing the ordination celebration and hosting all the guests. On February 8, Fr. Renny will celebrate his first Mass in his home parish along with his family members.

Republic Day

India celebrated its Republic Day on January 26. The Marianist educational institutions across the District celebrated Republic Day with flag hoistings in a simpler manner due to the Covid restrictions.



A group picture of the Prabhat Tara High School staff and the students who gathered for the Republic Day flag hoisting.

Blessed Fr. Chaminade Day

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.



Brothers and the staff (front row) with the students who received the course completion certificates.

Also on January 22, Bro. Tony Nesam, the Director of the Chaminade Training Institute, along with the community members, organized



the distribution of diplomas to the institute's graduates. The Brothers delivered messages to the students and staff about Fr. Chaminade's legacy and his struggles in founding the Society of Mary and the Marianist Family. The students expressed their gratitude to the Brothers for their contributions through the Institute.



Prabhat Tara High School girls' football team (in white jersey) with the Prabhat Tara High School, Dhurwa players and the Brothers and the staff.

On January 23, Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the Headmaster of Prabhat Tara High School, Singhpur, organized a special tournament for the girls' football. They played against Prabhat Tara High School, Dhurwa, and they won the match by one goal. Congratulations to the players and thanks to Bro. Sanjay for organizing this football match in honor of Fr. Chaminade.



The parishioners began the celebration with a welcome dance.

On January 24, the Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur, highlighted the Eucharist celebration in honor of Fr. Chaminade. Fr. James Dungdung, the main celebrant, preached to the parishioners about the goodness of Fr.

Chaminade in following God's will during his life. The parishioners enthusiastically participated in this celebration and thanked the Brothers for their pastoral comments about the parish.

Diaconate Ordination



Fr. Miguel Angelo Cortes, the Rector, Bro. A., Santhosh, and Bro. Frederic Kodjo Bini, the Vice Rector.

On January 9, Bro. A., Santhosh Savarimuthu was ordained a deacon along with six other Marianist seminarians by the Most Rev. Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer, S.J., Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the Most Holy Name of Mary Parish in Rome, Italy. Due to Covid regulations, the number of participants and guests at the celebration was minimized.

REDS Ranchi



The staff tested the participants' body temperature prior to the workshops.

The ongoing pandemic situation has disrupted many of the normal activities of the REDS Ranchi, but the Brothers and the staff have tried their best to stay in touch with the parents

and children. The Brothers and the staff continue to counsel them through frequent visits and phone calls. On January 15 and January 27, Bro. Paulus Lakra, the director of the program, organized workshops for the parents in Hatia and Mousibari respectively. Nearly one hundred and ten parents participated. Mr. Rudhir Linda and Bro. Marianus Bilung were the presenters at the workshops and they helped participants to understand the meaning of teamwork in both the family and society during this time of pandemic.

REDS Bengaluru



Bros. Antony Xavier, Sukirt Tirkey (seated in the middle) with the graduates and the other dignitaries of the day.

These days REDS Bengaluru focuses on training the young men and women for careers in tailoring, accounting, and computer design, so that through these programs they may be able to find a suitable job and assist their families. On January 28 and 29, Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli, the director of the program, organized certificate distribution ceremonies for the tailoring students and the computer students at the Infant Nilaya. On January 28, Bro. Sukrit Tirkey, the District's education head, Mr. Jayakumar, deputy general manager of the Sambhav foundation, and Mr. Asharaf, manager of the Sambhav foundation, were the chief guests and they awarded certificates to one hundred twenty-seven tailoring students.

The next day, January 29, Rev. Fr. Joseph Menezes, the rector *cum* parish priest of Infant Jesus Church, Viveknagar, Dr. Batool Fatima, the Chief Operating Officer (COO), Mr. Jayakumar, deputy general manager of the

Sambhav foundation, and Bro. Darwin Joseph awarded certificates to one hundred and twenty-seven computer students who completed courses in design and accounting.



A student performed a Bharatanatyam dance for the participants.

The students participated in the certificate distribution ceremonies with full enthusiasm and joy. Some of them presented dances and cultural programs to make the ceremonies more alive. The Sambhav foundation organized a grand lunch for the students at the end of the certificate distribution ceremonies.

Pongal



The STC students and the staff gathered around the Pongal pot.

Pongal is a festival celebrated in the Southern part of India to thank Mother Nature for a plentiful harvest. It is usually celebrated from January 14-17. This harvest festival is known as Makara Sankranti in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and as Sukarat in central India. This year the staff and the students at the Skill Training Centre, Deepahalli, celebrated with festive joy.

Personnel

Bro. Prakash Kujur is appointed as the program director at the Faustino Community (Aspirancy). Fr. M., Arul Raj continues as director of the Faustino Community.

23 Gallelli, Bhaskar



Amit Surin has withdrawn from the Society of Mary. Let us wish him good luck; may God be with him as he moves into new ways of life.

Prayer Requests

Let's pray for the world that continues to be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. May God heal those who are infected. May God bless those working to heal the sick. May God give us the strength to overcome this pandemic. May God help us to remain steadfast in His love. May He grant eternal peace to those who have lost their lives to this virus.

Mrs. Savariammal, the mother of Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, passed away on January 29 at the age of 94. May Almighty God grant her eternal rest and give consolation to all who grieve for her. May her soul rest in peace.

Mr. John, the uncle of Bro. Arokia Doss passed away from a heart attack on January 25 at the age of 57. Kindly pray for his soul to rest in the kingdom of heaven.

Kindly remember Mrs. Sabanti Minj, the sister-in-law of Bro Prakash Kujur, for a speedy recovery from her liver operation.

Pray for Fr. Nittamaria Varaprasad for a quick recovery from his left-hand surgery.

Fr. Romanus Tete, S.J., the brother of Bro. Ananias Tete, is going through the treatment for cancer. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

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

06 Tirkey, Pitar
18 Xalxo, Kerobim