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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

### Temporalities Workshop



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

On March 11, Bro. Lucian Tigga, SM, along with Mr. Henry Rosario held a financial management workshop in Gyan Deep for the community directors, ministry directors, and the accountants in the northern units and, without fail, all participated. The workshop covered fiscal policies, FCRA rules, and a demo session for the use of the accounting software. Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, SM, stated that this workshop was very beneficial to help us continue learning to manage our finances for the smooth running of communities and institutions. The participants were given opportunities to clarify many of their doubts regarding finance and accounting. Bro. Paulus Lakra, SM, found that the workshop also helped understand some of the changes introduced by the government. The Brothers requested the Office of Temporalities to conduct such workshops periodically for the District members.

### Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur

Fr. James Dundung, SM, and Fr. Rajesh Lakra, SM, celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass in Blessed Chaminade Parish, Singhpur.



The parishioners carry palm fronds during the Palm Sunday procession.

The Eucharistic celebration began with a procession. Nearly one thousand parishioners participated in the liturgical celebration.

### St. Joseph's Feast Day



Participants of the celebration.

Since St. Joseph is the patron saint of the St. Joseph's Community, every March 19 brings immense joy and enthusiasm to the Brothers. St. Joseph's statue was decorated with flowers, and it was carried in a prayerful procession around the Deepahalli campus by the Brothers. The feast day celebration concluded with a special prayer and a grand supper for all the participants.



## Women's Day



Mrs. Shella Bernad and Bro. Tony Nesam, SM, with the children.

On March 8, Maria Nilaya Community organized a Women's Day celebration along with the Chaminade Training Institute staff and the REDS children. Mrs. Shella Bernad was the chief guest and nearly eight-five children from the nearby community participated in the program.

## Major Superiors meeting

On March 27, Fr. Sudhir Kujur, SM, participated in the major superiors' annual meeting at Archbishop's house, Bengaluru. This meeting aimed to facilitate a constructive dialogue between the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of



Bangalore and various Religious Congregations of both men and women engaged in missions in the diocese. This year, being the year of the poor in the Archdiocese of Bangalore, the Archbishop suggested ten concrete actions. They are simple lifestyles, avoid culture of waste, education of the poor Children, feed the hungry, heal the sick, support the imprisoned, welcome the immigrants, provide shelter/housing to the homeless, concern for the specially-abled and the marginalized and employment opportunities for the poor.

## Employee's Education Workshop

The ongoing pandemic continues to disrupt the normal functions of ministries including the plans to implement the employees' formation



Bro. Saju Chittadiyil, SM, leads the workshop for the teachers of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy.

workshops, but during the month of February the schools in the District have slowly started the formation workshop for the District employees. Hopefully from now on these formation workshops will be conducted regularly for the District employees.



Bro. Sanjay Ekka, SM, presents the employee's formation workshop to the teachers of Prabhat Tara High School, Prabhat Tara Middle School and St. Mary's English Medium School.

On February 27, Bro. Sanjay Ekka, SM, organized an employee's formation workshop for the Prabhat Tara Schools and St. Mary's School teachers and staff. On March 13, Bro. Saju Chittadiyil, SM, conducted the same workshop for the teachers of St. Joseph Chaminade Academy in Deepahalli.

## Personnel



Bro. Showraiah Ravulapalli, SM, has been approved for seminary studies. Let us wish him blessings and success as he begins his theology studies in Rome.



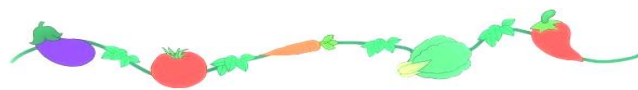
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## Blessing of Gardening



Fr. James Dungdung, SM, the director of the Fidel Nilaya Community, and his community members have used their time well during the Covid lockdown. Due to the lockdown, they could not get involved in the schools' ministries, so they decided to devote their free time planting various flowers and vegetables like onion, garlic, carrots, coriander, tomatoes, beans, bottle gourds, bitter gourds, green leaves, and potatoes.

Fr. James and the Brothers are happy their plants have come along so well that they not only had enough for their own community, but could even share the vegetables with neighbouring S.M. communities. He plans to plant some watermelon soon because summer is approaching.



Bro. Julius Tete, SM, is a physical education teacher at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy. Due to the pandemic, he was unable to return to the school to teach the children games and other physical activities. However, the school closure has not stopped him from being active; with his free time, he transformed the Deepahalli vegetable garden into an even more fruitful garden. Along with the gardeners, he planted brinjal, ladies' fingers, green chili, beans, greens, tomatoes, garlic, muskmelon, sweet potatoes, and many more vegetables. He is very generously sharing the grown vegetables with all the formation communities in Deepahalli and the other S.M. communities in Bengaluru.







Fr. Jinu Muthukattil with Novices Basant Topno, and Aievan Tete.

Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, SM, the novice master of the District, is an ardent gardener in growing flowers and vegetables. During the last few months he, along with Bro. Dilip Tirkey, SM, Fr. Suman Dungdung, SM, and the novices, has grown many vegetables like onions, garlic, potatoes, tomatoes, green chili, cucumbers, cauliflower, cabbage, beans, green vegetables, etc. For the cultivation of vegetables, they use only the organic manure; thus they get fresh and healthy vegetables. He, the novitiate staff, and the novices' hard work have been fruitful and nourishing on the table, and they thank God on the altar for the blessings that He continues to shower upon them. The novitiate community not only enjoys the fruits of their labour, but also shares with the nearby S.M. and the F.M.I. communities.



Bro. Lucian Tigga, SM, the head of temporalities of the District, is also an enthusiastic gardener. He has been utilizing the little portion of land available in the front and backyard of Chaminade Nilaya to grow chili, tomatoes, greens, papaya, and coriander for his community. Although the garden area is very small, because of his hard work, the community has enough greens to share with nearby communities.



### Gold Medal



Bro. Johnpaul, SM, is awarded certificates and a gold medal by Fr Henry Jerome SJ, Rector of St Xavier's Institution, Palayamkottai.

Bro. Johnpaul, SM, completed his B.Ed studies at St Xavier's Institution, Palayamkottai, in May, 2018. On March 12, he was invited to participate in a graduation ceremony where he was honoured as the best student in the program. Fr Henry Jerome SJ, Rector of St Xavier's Institution, Palayamkottai, presented him with a gold medal for completing the course with the first-class grades.

### REDS Bengaluru



REDS Bengaluru SHG members.

On March 13, REDS Bengaluru celebrated Women's Day. Dr. Rathna Kumari, MSW PhD, and Dr. Dilip, MSC PhD, from St. John's Hospital were the special guests who addressed the 140 Self-Help Group (SHG) members and the staff. They began the program with a 10:30 prayer and lighting of the lamp. The SHG members conducted some cultural programs to make the event lively and joyous, ending with lunch and gift distribution for all the participants.



The workshop participants.

On March 18-19, REDS Bengaluru organized a workshop for thirty-one students. This workshop motivated them to care for their neighbors and to grow themselves with pure and good intentions towards everyone.

### Vocation Directors' Meeting

From February 27-28, the TNLBC Commission for Vocations conducted a general meeting for all the vocation coordinators of religious congregations and dioceses of Tamil Nadu. Fr. Raj Mohan, SM, the vocation director for the south, participated in the meeting and presented the Society of Mary to the group. The topics discussed included 'the need to wake up' and how new vocations can be promoted. More than 150 diocesan and religious participated.



### 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.

Kindly pray for Bro. Lucian Tigga, SM, and Mrs. Amala who are involved in the annual auditing

of the communities' and the ministries' accounts and other important paperwork. All this work is hectic, requiring tons of energy and patience. So kindly keep them in your prayers.

Kindly pray for Mr. Nesam, the father of Bro. Antony Nesam, SM, who is ill. May God heal him and give strength to all who take care of him.

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

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

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

06 Hans, George

07 Markose, Renny

16 Kerketta, Sylverius

19 Xaxa, Victor

21 A., Mariandu Belevendiran

K., Peter Paul

23 Barla, Joseph

