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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

First Vows – May 1



Bros. Rohit Tigga, Aievan Tete, Praween Kerketta and Melwin Britto.

On May 1, Bros. Aievan Tete, Melwin Britto, Praween Kerketta, and Rohit Tigga professed first vows in Nirmal Deep, Ranchi, in the presence of their community members and Marianist Sisters. Fr. Jinu Muthukattil presided at the liturgical ceremony for the first vows celebration. Bro. Sukrit Tirkey, the Assistant for Education, received the vows as he was delegated to do by Fr. Oscar Vasquez, the Provincial. Bro. Sukrit noted that the first vows celebration was well organized in a meaningful way by the novitiate staff. Unfortunately, the ongoing pandemic made it difficult for the Brothers' parents and the friends to participate in the first vows. Congratulations, Bros. Aievan Tete, Melwin Britto, Praween Kerketta, and Rohit Tigga!

Holy Week Annual Retreat

From April 27- April 3, an annual retreat was organized for the Brothers who are involved in the school and the formation ministries in the south. Eight Brothers participated in the retreat and Fr. Prashant Squira, SJ, was the retreat preacher. He guided them into the deeper



The annual retreat participants.

meaning of Holy Week and the significance of God's love for humanity during this time of pandemic and struggle.

Online Annual Retreat



Bro. Sanjay Ekka renews his vows in the presence of Fr. James Dungdung and his community members.

From May 16-23, Fr. Nittamaria Varaprasad, the Assistant for Religious Life, organized an online annual retreat with the help of Fr. Marty Solma for twenty-three Brothers. Initially, this



retreat was planned to be held in a retreat house in Bangalore, but the pandemic made it impossible to hold the retreat outside the communities so the retreat was conducted online. The retreat concluded on May 23 with the renewal of vows in their respective communities.

Council's Community Visits

The District Councilors visited the communities in the south from March 19-23 and they visited the communities in the north from April 6-18, receiving full cooperation and fraternal support from the Brothers during the visitations. The ongoing pandemic crisis made it very difficult to carry out the communities' visits as planned but the Councilors are extremely grateful to the Brothers for their accommodation during these difficult times.

Seminario Chaminade News



Bros. George Majhi, Santhosh Savarimuthu, and Peter Paul.

On May 29, Fr. Andre Fetis, the Superior General of the Marianists, presided at a special Eucharist to promote three Brothers to the role of Acolyte and the role of Lector. From India, Bros. George Majhi and Peter Paul were installed to the role of Acolyte.

Personnel

Casimeer Antony, K., Kumara Swamy, Livens Peter Xalxo, and Roshan Kiro have withdrawn from the Society of Mary. Let us wish them good luck and may God be with them as they move into new ways of life.

On May 7, Fr. Varghese Manooparampil successfully completed his graduate work towards a master's degree in Religious Studies from the University of Dayton. The Stonemill-Kiefaber community organized a gathering in honour of Fr. Varghese for completion of his studies. The gathering included some of his faculty members, Brothers, and the FMI Sisters.



Prayer Requests

Kindly pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are in the process of healing and for their speedy recovery from physical and psychological illness.

Mr. Peter Guria, brother of Bro. Pratap Guria, is seriously ill. Please keep Mr. Peter Guria in your daily prayers so that God may heal him soon from his sickness.

Mr. Vincent Toppo, brother-in-law of Bro. Sukrit Tirkey, passed away on May 14 at the age of 70. May his soul rest in peace and may God offer consolation to Bro. Sukrit and his family members.

Mrs. Nitta. Marynagamani, the mother of Fr. Nittamaria Varaprasad, is undergoing treatment for a spinal cord problem. Kindly pray for her quick recovery.

Bro. Antony Xavier is going through treatment for nephrolithiasis. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

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

05 B., Rayappan
12 Minz, John Gracious
14 P., Antony Xavier
16 McBride, Larry
26 Tirkey, Sukrit

