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Silver Jubilee Celebration



Frs. Sudhir Kujur, Marianus Lugun, Bros. Basant Kujur, and Darwin Joseph.

Bros. Basant Kujur, Darwin Joseph, Vijay Minj, and Frs. James Dungdung, Marianus Lugun, and Sudhir Kujur celebrated their 25th year of religious life in Maria Nivas Community, Budakata, on February 26. Fr. James and Bro. Vijay made their first vows in Ranchi on April 30, 1995, and the others made theirs in the same place on April 27, 1997. (Due to the pandemic crisis, the jubilee of Fr. James and Bro. Vijay was postponed for two years.) The celebration brought joyous memories for both vow groups, the 1995 and 1997 Marianists.

Bros. Sanjay Ekka and Pratap Guria began the jubilee celebration by sharing the religious life journey of each jubilarian to the participants. The celebration continued with a solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Santosh Tudu along with fellow Marianist priests. Fr. Joseph Barla shared the essence of Marianist consecrated life in his homily. About two hundred fifty family, Marianist Brothers, Sisters, MLC members, and friends participated in the celebration. After the Mass, the Silver Jubilarians were treated to cultural programs followed by a grand lunch for everyone.



Fr. James Dungdung and Bro. Vijay Minj.

After lunch some participants came together for tribal dances which lasted till sunset. The jubilarians expressed their gratitude for their parents, siblings, the District Administration, formators, and all the Brothers who have helped them grow in their Marianist life. The District Administration is extremely grateful to the Maria Nivas Community, Budakata, for organizing the Silver Jubilee celebration with all its meticulous details.

Blessed Chaminade Parish



Fr. James Dungdung begins the feast day celebration with a prayer.

On February 27, Blessed Chaminade Parish organized a parish feast day. Every January 22 the parish usually has a grand celebration to mark Blessed Fr. Chaminade's day, but this year the pandemic and the local government's



restrictions made it difficult to do so, so the parishioners decided to host the parish celebration instead prior to the season of Lent. Fr. James Dungdung, the parish priest, the Marianists Brothers and Sisters from the local communities, and the parishioners came together for a Solemn Mass followed by cultural programs staged by the parishioners. The Catholic men's group organized a meal for all the parishioners, who departed home by rendering their service to clear up the parish. The parishioners expressed that the day was filled with blessings and joy.

Prabhat Tara Middle/High School



The local health officials verify the students' papers prior to the vaccination.

Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the headmaster of Prabhat Tara High School, organized another Covid vaccination drive along with local health officials during the month of February. About 100 students from the ages of 15-18 received their vaccination. The school administration is working its best to keep the children in good health so that they can take care of their education without illness.

Thanksgiving Mass

Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu celebrated a thanksgiving Mass in his hometown on February 25. His parents and the local parish priest organized this special occasion to thank God for his ordination and his vocation to the Society of Mary.



REDS Patna



Volunteers distribute bread to the children.

From February 7 onwards, REDS Patna re-opened the literacy and tuition classes for the children from the nearby community. About 35 children regularly participate in these classes. The REDS volunteers and Bro. Tony Nesam assisted the children in getting their math, science, and English classwork done.

REDS Ranchi



The REDS staff post banners in a slum.

In February, the REDS Ranchi staff, in collaboration with other organizations in the area, posted banners about Covid-19 vaccination awareness in many of the slums. The staff has been visiting the parents and children to improve awareness about the Covid vaccination.

Bro. Pratap Guria organized a motivational seminar for the tenth standard students. 17 boys and 15 girls participated in the seminar, where they were given suggestions for preparing for the final exams, the choice of future careers, and the ways to face the world after the completion of their tenth standard



A group picture of the motivational seminar participants.

studies. The students were given refreshments and meals during the day. They were energized by the seminar and grateful to Bro. Pratap and the REDS Ranchi for playing such a vital role in building their lives.

REDS Bangalore



The REDS staff are having a special computer class.

REDS Bangalore offered special coaching classes for the playschool teachers during the month of February. The teachers had an opportunity to improve their spoken English and computer skills during these coaching classes.

Vocation Directors' Meeting

From February 18, 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, the



Marianist vocation director for the south, participated in the meeting to learn about the recent updates in the Church's Canon Law related to formation and criteria for recruiting new vocations. About 30 diocesan and religious participants took part.

Chaminade School, Bangalore



Students of the Chaminade School.

Bro. Johnpaul, the headmaster of Chaminade School, informs us that the school reopened towards the end of January, and physical attendance has returned to normal. Most of the students have responded well with their class performance, even though the school was closed nearly for a year.

Prayer Requests

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

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

- 01 G., Darwin Joseph
- 09 R., Josephraj
- 10 M., Arul Raj
- 12 Naresh, Andugala
- 18 Kujur, Basant
- 21 Bilung, Marianus

