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REDS Ranchi



A REDS student displays her artwork.

On April 19, the REDS children at Arogora Centre were given creative art tasks to perform. All the children at the centre participated. The children received chart paper, colors, paints, and whatever tools were needed for their creative work. Some children drew beautiful pictures, decorative things, and so on. The staff appreciated the children for their efforts in making some beautiful art works. It is notable that none of these children have any training in drawing or craft work, but their work was nearly professional.

REDS Bangalore

On April 23, REDS Bangalore organized a graduation ceremony in Infant Nilaya for 115 students of computer and tailoring. Fr. Nittamaria Varapasad was the chief guest, who spoke of the need to learn some skills to be self-sufficient in one's life, and how REDS



Bro. John Paul (*far left*), Frs. Nittamaria Varapasad, Varghese Manooparampil (*middle*), and Bro. Antony Xavier (*far right*) with the computer course graduates.

Bangalore is an agent of life-change to anyone who needs help to build such skills. The guests of honour were Bro. John Paul, Bro. Tony Xavier, Fr. Santhosh, and Fr. Chinna Rao, assistant parish priest at Infant Jesus Church. REDS provided tool kits for the tailoring students who had completed their studies. There were many cultural performances by the students that added color to the occasion. Some students expressed their gratitude to the teachers for imparting their knowledge and to REDS for providing the opportunity to become a better person in society with a sense of responsibility. The graduation ceremony concluded with festive meals for all the participants, prepared by the REDS staff. We wish all the graduates of the two programs the very best.

Prabhat Tara High/Middle School

Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the headmaster of Prabhat Tara High School, informs us that the school resumed the mid-day meal program on April 19. Every day about 986 students are given a midday meal through Mary's Meals program. The students greatly benefit from these midday



meals which reduce the financial burden on their parents of paying for them. The District



The students have their midday meals.

Administration is grateful to Bros. Sanjay Ekka and Vijay Minj for resuming the Mary's Meals program in the school.

Jubilee Celebration



The scholasticates honour Bro. Basant Kujur (*middle*) with a shawl.

On April 27, the Scholasticate Community organized a celebration to mark Bro. Basant Kujur 25th year of Marianist religious life. The religious Brothers, and priests from the nearby community participated in the celebration and congratulated Bro. Basant for his religious commitment to the Society of Mary.

Recollection & Volleyball Tournament

On April 8-9, the Brothers from Chaminade Nilaya spent time in prayer and recollection at the Scholasticate Community, Bangalore. Fr. Ignase Arulappen shared his reflections on Fr. Chaminade's spiritual wisdom. Brothers from Chaminade Nilaya community were grateful to

the Scholasticate Community for creating a prayerful space for them during their time of recollection and prayer.



The Brothers in action during the volleyball match.

On the evening of April 9, the Brothers from Chaminade Nilaya community and Infant Nilaya Community formed a team to play a volleyball match against the Scholasticate Community. Bro. Julius Tete refereed. The first two sets went in favor of the Scholasticate Community, but the third set was won by the Brothers from Chaminade Nilaya and Infant Nilaya. The tournament was concluded by refreshments for all the Brothers from Deepahalli.

1st Anniversary of Death

On April 26, the Brothers in the Ranchi area came together in Nirmal Deep for a prayer service to commemorate the first anniversary of Bro. Paulus Lakra's death. The participants offered a special prayer in the Nirmal Deep chapel, followed by a lighting of candles in the graveyard of Bro. Paulus.

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.

Kindly remember in your prayers our second-year novices Amit Dungkung, Binod Kerketta, Sunil Lakra, and Sushil Minj, who will make their first profession on May 1 in Nirmal Deep.

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

01 Manooparampil, Varghese
A., Balaswamy
03 Murmu, Britto
06 Majhi, George Stifen
10 Guria, Pratap
12 Dungdung, Ashok Kumar
Kerketta, Praween
20 Lucas, Dulare Lal
Muthukattil, Jinu
25 Tirkey, Dillp Kumar
28 Dungdung, James
30 Bara, Sebastian

