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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

### Aspirancy Program



Bro. Prakash Kujur, Fr. Ignase Arulappen, and Bro. Lalit Dhanwar (in middle) with the pre-novices.

On July 17, the Faustino Community organized a special Eucharistic celebration to witness the seven aspirants' entry into the pre-novitiate program. Fr. Ignase Arulappen was the main celebrant at the promise-day Eucharist. The Marianist Brothers from the Bangalore communities participated in the celebration to bless the newly promised pre-novices. The District Administration expresses its gratitude to the Faustino community staff for their dedicated service to the formation of our candidates.

### GLA Meeting in Rome

From July 2-23, Fr. Sudhir Kujur, the District Superior, participated in a workshop for the developing unit superiors and the General Leadership Assembly at the Society of Mary's Generalate in Rome. All eight developing units' superiors participated. The General Administration of the Society of Mary organized the workshop prior to the GLA meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and share with fellow superiors from other developing units about their work and responsibilities.



Participants of the developing unit superiors' workshop.

Though it was short, the workshop assisted the participants in a great way.

From July 10-23, the General Leadership Assembly brought all the major superiors to the Generalate of the Society of Mary in Rome. It was a two-week working meeting with reports from the three offices and zones. There were various presentations and discussions on given topics. Though days were hectic with business meetings, the participants were able to find time to have a get-together with the members of the General Chapter of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (FMI), along with their newly elected new Superior General and the Council. It was a great gathering of the Superiors who were eager to share their knowledge, expertise, and experiences.

### Annual Retreat

From July 1-9, Bros. Johnpaul, Jerin Pananthanam, Saju Chittadiyil, and Fr. Bhaskar Gallelli had their annual retreat in Dhyanaashrama Retreat house at Mount St. Joseph, Bangalore.



### MLC Meeting in Spain



Mr. Sanjay Saraiya and Fr. Fr. Nittamaria Varapasad with the Korea MLC members.

From July 23-30, Fr. Nittamaria Varapasad and Mr. Sanjay Saraiya (MLC) participated in the 8th International Marianist Lay Communities (MLC) meetings in Spain. The theme of the assembly was "Dreaming Together the Fraternity." About 120 MLC members, Marianist Sisters, and Brothers participated from all over the world. It was a wonderful opportunity for Sanjay to learn more about the functions of MLC in other places.

### REDS Ranchi



A participant interacts with the REDS staff.

On July 3, Ranchi REDS organized a workshop for parents in the Bargawa Centre. Bro. Pratap Guria and the staff interacted with the parents, explaining how to be responsible in bringing up their children. During this workshop the staff raised awareness about social issues such as child labor which would harm the growth of children in poor families. About fifty-six parents and thirty-nine children participated in the workshop.

### REDS Bangalore



The workshop participants.

On July 2, the staff from REDS Bangalore, REDS-STC, and Hosur gathered in Austin Town for a workshop. The theme of the workshop was "Management of Time and Teamwork." Twenty-nine staff participated and benefited from the workshop. Mrs. Pushpanjali of the Smile Foundation was the presenter and she helped the participants understand issues related to time management and teamwork, along with current social issues. The staff was extremely pleased with the workshop.

On July 9, REDS Bangalore organized another workshop for play-school teachers in the main office. Sr. Sudha, AMS, MSW, was the resource person for the workshop. She emphasized with the play-school teachers the four goals of being an effective teacher: quality learning, the whole community, expertise, and well-being.



Bro. Johnpaul along with Fr. Arulraj award a course completion certificate to a woman.

On July 16, REDS Bangalore organized a graduation ceremony for fifty-two women who completed their yearlong tailoring course. Bro John Paul, Bro. Lucian Tigga, Fr. Varghese, Fr. Xavier Raj, and Mr. Subhan were the guests of honour. Fr. Varghese, Bro. John Paul, and Bro. Lucian delivered a motivational speech, encouraged the graduates, and congratulated them for their success. Along with the certificates, the graduates were presented with a tailoring kit as a gift from REDS. Fr. Arul Raj, Program Director, thanked the participants, and wished the graduates every success and blessings. The graduation ceremony ended with a sumptuous meal for the participants.

### Personnel



Fr. Gyan Prakash, the director of Navjyoti Niketan, Patna with Bro. Tony Nesam.

From July 6-7, Bro. Tony Nesam participated in a workshop organized by Navjyoti Niketan, Patna. The workshop revolved about important social topics of the current time such as understanding community intelligence, steps in community development process, and strengths and strategies in building community resilience. Bro. Tony was very satisfied with the workshop, and he recommends these kinds of workshop for anyone who engages in the grassroots level of social work.

### Major Superiors' Meeting at Bangalore

The Karnataka Regional Conference of Religious (KRCR) held their Annual Assembly in Bangalore from July 7-9. The major superiors and their delegates from 130 Catholic

congregations of women and men religious participated in this assembly. The theme of this assembly was "Consecrated for Communion, Participation, and Mission." Fr. Nittamaria Varaprasad represented the Marianists, and it gave him an opportunity to interact with the Bishops and major superiors from many other religious congregations of Karnataka.

### 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.

Libin Minj, former Marianist, who entered eternal life on July 15. Let us pray for his soul and offer our deepest condolences to all those who miss him.

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

- 04 Lakra, Anuranjan
- 05 Mullangi, Mathew
- 08 S., Xavier Raj\*
- 10 Kujur, Anand Prakash  
Tudu, Santosh\*
- Kerketta, Oscar
- 18 L., John Paul
- 21 Kandulna, Rajesh Kumar\*
- 27 Kujur, Sudhir\*
- 29 A., Santhosh Savarimuthu\*
- 30 Minj, Pulkit

