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## Annual Retreat



A group picture of the annual retreat participants along with Fr. Mathew Chapleny S.J., the retreat preacher and Fr. Sudhir Kujur (front row, in middle)

From October 1-8, an annual retreat was organized for the perpetual professed Brothers in the Jharna Spirituality Center, Namkum, Ranchi. 33 Marianists attended the retreat and found it to be a blessing. Fr. Mathew Chapleny S.J. was the retreat preacher and he guided the participants to contemplate topics about the consecrated life. The topics were well structured and relevant to the life and vocation of any consecrated person. Fr. Mathew simplified, guided, and walked with the participants very closely during the retreat days. The Brothers are grateful to him and the District Administration for planning and arranging the retreat.

## World Day of Prayer in Bangalore

On October 9, many Marianist Brothers and one Sister gathered in Deepahalli to celebrate the Marianist World Day of Prayer. Altogether, about sixty took part to make the day meaningful and prayerful. The day began with a presentation by Fr. Varghese Manooparampil about the significance of the World Day of Prayer's origin and the goodness of the Sanctuary Maria Salus Infirmorum of



A group picture of the World Day Prayer participants in Bangalore.

Scaldaferro. After the presentation, the participants said a rosary in a procession which ended at the Annai Velankanni grotto. Then followed a Solemn Mass, presided over by Fr. Santosh; the co-celebrants were Fr. Varghese and Deacon Peterpaul, who gave the homily about his experience visiting the Sanctuary. Afterwards, all the participants enjoyed a festive meal that was shared by all the communities in the Bangalore area. The World Day of Prayer concluded with the Three o'Clock Prayer.

## World Day of Prayer in Ranchi



A group picture of the World Day Prayer participants in Ranchi.

On October 16, the Marianist World Day of Prayer in Ranchi began with a Solemn Mass in



Nirmal Deep. The main celebrant and homilist was Fr. Birendra Kullu. After Mass, Fr. Santosh Tudu explained to the participants the interesting history of the Sanctuary Maria Salus Infirmorum of Scaldaferrro, and the Marianists' relation to the sanctuary. Then Mr. Sanjay Saraiya (an MLC member) shared his experience of attending the MLC international gathering in Spain. About two hundred twenty-five Marianist Brothers, Sisters, and MLC members participated in this joyful event. At 3:00 in the afternoon, the participants had a lunch that was offered to all the participants. The joyful day of prayer was concluded with high tea and tribal dancing.

### Prabhat Tara High School



Prabhat Tara High School students and their parents.

On October 22, Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the headmaster of Prabhat Tara High School, organized a parent-teachers' meeting at the school. The purpose was for the teachers to interact with the parents and share with them the progress made by their children on the first-term exams. Bro. Sanjay expressed his happiness about the success of the day and he is grateful to all the teachers.

### Chaminade School

On October 22, Bro. Johnpaul organized a workshop for the teaching staff of the school in Deepahalli, Bangalore. The theme of the workshop was "The Heritage of the Marianists: Where We Were Born" and "The Characteristics of Marianist Education." Fr. Ignase Arulappen was the workshop's presenter and he explained the two topics in the local context.



The school staff along with Bro. Johnpaul, Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu and Fr. Ignase Arulappen

The teachers expressed their deepest gratitude for helping them understand the significance of the characteristics of Marianist Education.

### REDS Ranchi



The participants of the camp.

From October 22-24, REDS Ranchi organized a three-day camp for children who study from the first standard to the sixth standard. On October 22, 283 students from the twelve REDS centres arrived at Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur, by 5:00 in the evening. The program began with various activities: fancy dress, bursting balloons, and puzzle competitions, followed by dinner and a dance program. On October 23, the day began with meditation and breakfast followed by various group activities and presentations by Fr. Justin Tirkey S.J and Fr. James Dungdung. The topics of the workshop were 'Coping with Studies' and 'I can, I will, I must.' In the evening, the REDS staff organized a cultural dance competition for all the students who were beautifully dressed and performed very well. October 24 again began with meditation followed by breakfast. All the

participants were given prizes for taking part in the various activities. Everyone left the venue in the morning with happiness for having successfully participated in the three-day REDS camp.

### **Maria Nilaya Community**



Fr. Rajesh Kandulna interacts with the students who received their First Communion.

On October 30, Maria Nilaya Community congratulated those who received their First Communion. Fr. Rajesh Kandulna interacted with them and explained the goodness of First Communion, and he encouraged them to regularly join the liturgical celebrations at the Maria Nilaya Community.

### **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 pray for Fr. Bhaskar Gallelli and Bro. Aievan Tete as they recuperate from knee surgery and medical procedures.

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

12 Lakra, Rajesh Kumar  
 21 Kumar, Vickey  
 23 Lugun, Marianus  
 24 Soreng, Sudhir

