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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

Formation Council Meeting



Formation Council members with Frs. Sudhir Kujur and Marty Solma.

From November 4-7, the District Formation Council members, along with Fr. Martin Solma, met to review the District's Formation Manual, 2017. The Formation Council had a fruitful meeting discussing various topics related to the Formation Manual, and synthesizing the reflections from the communities to update goals 1 and 2 of the strategic plan document. The Formation Council is grateful to Fr. Marty for his tireless efforts in assisting them in working on the review of the District formation guide.

Directors' Workshop, Deepahalli

From November 15-17, Bro. Ed Violett guided a workshop for the community directors and District administration members at Deepahalli. This workshop offered an opportunity for them to deepen themselves in the tradition of Marianist leadership and the Founder's charism. Bro. Ed offered ample time for the participants to do group work in order to recognize the important characteristics of a Marianist leader. The directors' workshop was much awaited in the District, and the participants experienced it with immense



Bro. Johnpaul expresses words of gratitude to Bro. Ed Violett.

satisfaction. Both the community directors and the District administration members are grateful to Bro. Ed for conducting this workshop.

Renewal Program



The participants with Fr. Marty Solma.

From November 9-11, eleven members of the District met in Deepahalli for a renewal workshop. These Brothers form the second oldest cohort of professed in the District, having taken their first vows between 1994-1998. Fr. Martin Solma directed this renewal workshop with enthusiasm and joy. Daily presentations allowed the participants to



reflect deeply on important themes in Marianist life: holiness (based upon the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, “Gaudete and Exsultate”), prayer, aging with grace, chastity as “Empty and Poor for Christ,” and the joy of living God’s call in the Marianist community, ministry, and the Marianist Family. Fr. Marty encouraged the participants to be faithful to their Marianist call and cautious of age-related spiritual and health issues in their fifties and later. The participants were grateful to Fr. Marty for his generosity in sharing his wisdom and the joy of his call as a Marianist.

District Chapter 2022

On November 19-21, the 22nd District Chapter was held in Deepahalli. The Chapter has five members by right and eight by election. Bro. Ed Violetta assisted the chapter members with the necessary technical assistance for its smooth functioning.



The District Chapter 2022 participates with Bro. Ed Violetta.

Fr. Jinu Muthukattil and Bro. Balaswamy did an excellent job in taking care of the documentation work for the Chapter. Their service to the chapter was immensely appreciated. The District Chapter members are also grateful to the Scholasticate Community members for their assistance in setting up for the Chapter. The Acts of the District Chapter will be published after the Provincial Administration’s ratification.

Scholasticate Community



Scholastics and the staff welcome the guests with a welcome song.

The Scholasticate Community played a vital role in making the various District programs successful that were held in their community from November 4-21. Both the staff and scholastics were hospitable and kind to all the participants of various programs. The District Administration is grateful to the Scholasticate Community for hosting the programs successfully.

Children’s Day



Children's Day in India is celebrated every year on November 14th. The schools across the District organized their annual sports days and various other events to highlight the importance of the day.

Jacob Gapp School



The staff and the students.

Fr. Mariandu Belevendiran, the headmaster of the school, informs us that the staff organized a special celebration for the school children on November 14. The staff of the school performed various cultural shows along with the children, who were invited to participate in several competitions such as dancing, singing, and drawing. The winners were given prizes and sweets.

REDS Ranchi



The REDS children.

On November 14, St. Anthony School, Ranchi, invited the REDS Ranchi children for a celebration in honour of Children's Day. 265 children participated. The school children hosted various programs to make the REDS children happy, then the REDS children were given the stage to perform their own dances and musical skills. All the participants were given healthcare, clothes, and meals. The day was joyous for the REDS children because the school children made every effort to make the day's celebration a memorable festival.

REDS Bangalore



Fr. Sudhir Kujur and Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, enter the program venue.

On November 24, REDS Bengaluru held its Children's Day celebration at Corporation Pre-University College, Bangalore. The chief guests of the day were Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, the clergy from the Infant Jesus Shrine, Shri, N.A. Harris MLA, Shanthi Nagar, and the District Council members. About 1,500 children and their parents participated in the event. The Archbishop congratulated REDS Bengaluru's efforts to motivate the slum children to realize the importance of formal education. He invited the children to make every effort to make their lives successful by being faithful to their studies in the formal schools. The Archbishop awarded course competition certificates to the students who had completed courses in the REDS Bengaluru computer centre. Fr. Sudhir Kujur awarded course completion certificates for tailoring to the young women who had successfully finished their tailoring course in the REDS Bangalore.



Play school children perform a dance show.

The children from the REDS centres performed various cultural shows during the whole day of the event. The special invitees distributed prizes to all the children who performed. All Children's Day participants were given a grand lunch, then the day's celebration ended in the evening with rhythm of joy and success. Fr. Arulraj, the Director of REDS Bangalore Program, and Bro. Johnpaul, the Director of Infant Nilaya Community, are grateful to all the local donors who generously contributed to make this event successful and memorable. The District Administration congratulates Fr. Arulraj and the staff for successfully organizing

the Children's Day celebration after a two-year break due to the pandemic.

Blessed Chaminade Parish



The parishioners begin the celebration with a traditional dance.

On October 31, Bl. Chaminade Parish organized a special prayer service to celebrate Naya Khani. The word *naya* means new *khani* means food, so the celebration is for the farmers who are in possession of the newly harvested rice. The parish hosted this harvest festival with joy and excitement for the first time since its establishment. Fr. James Dungdung noted that about 800 parishioners participated and offered newly harvested rice to the parish. The parish celebration was filled with the fragrance of newly harvested rice and happiness.

Prabhat Tara High School



The winners.

On November 15, Prabhat Tara High School girls' football team won the fourth tournament held in honour of Fr. George Zewysen, SJ, at a Jesuit school in Dhurwa, Ranchi. Fr. George was the founder of Prabhat Tara School in Singhpur, as well as many other schools and parishes in Ranchi. Every year Prabhat Tara (a Jesuit institution), Dhurwa, holds a football

tournament in honour of Fr. Zewysen. The girls' team of Prabhat Tara High School won the tournament on November 15, which was an immense joy for the students and teachers at the school. Bro. Sanjay Ekka congratulated the players for their outstanding performance during the tournament and wished them many more successes in the coming days. Let us congratulate the Brothers and the teachers for their efforts in bringing joy and hope into the lives of the rural children.

CRDP, Binda



Tailoring students with their course completion certificates.

On November 21, CRDP, Binda, organized a graduation celebration for the nineteen students who completed the tailoring course of the program. It was a joyous occasion for the students and the staff who accompanied them during their training at CRDP, Binda.

Steering Committee

On November 30, Bro. Sukrit Tirkey initiated the first meeting of the steering committee that aims at working towards the creation of the Region. The Steering Committee will use this Advent season and beyond for its reflection and planning.



Personnel

From November 23-24, Bro. Basant Kujur represented the District in an annual joint meeting that was held between the RBC (Regional Bishops Conference), CDPI (Conference of Diocesan Priests), and CRI (Conference of Religious India) in Ranchi. The

theme of the meeting was "Post-Pandemic Revival of Catechism and Pastoral Apostolate."



The participants included the five bishops and three administrators of the Jharkhand and Andaman, major superiors of religious congregations, and several delegates of

various religious congregations. Bro. Basant found the meeting was very insightful and informative.

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.

Peter Guria, brother of Bro. Pratap Guria, SM who entered into eternal life on November 28. Let us extend our deepest condolences to Bro. Pratap and his family. May God grant eternal rest to the departed soul of Peter.

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

02 Dungdung, Suman
 Melwin Britto, B
 03 Dhanwar, Lalit
 07 Minj, Sushil
 08 Kerketta, Binod
 14 Ekka, Sanjay
 15 Soreng, George
 20 Surin, Augustus

